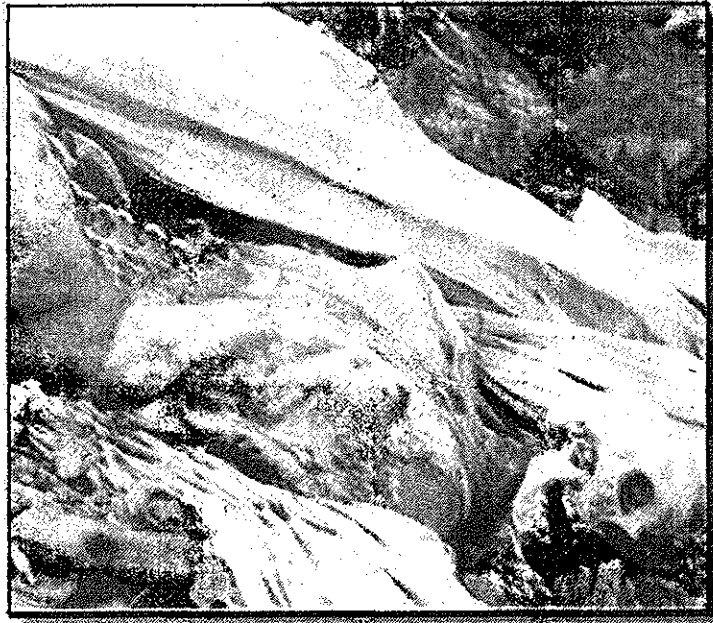


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BODY FARM



A cadaver from the University of Tennessee's Anthropological Research Facility, more commonly known as The Body Farm, shows signs of decomposition after several weeks exposed to the elements. Youngstown State University recently killed plans to open up a similar facility in Ashtabula County.

Plans for YSU body farm bite the dust

By: Leonard Glenn Crist
EDITOR IN CHIEF

A Youngstown State University plan to develop a forensics science research and education facility, popularly known as a body farm, has died following significant public outcry.

Dean John Yemma of YSU's Bitonte College of Health and Human Services announced Tuesday that YSU will not take the lead in developing a body farm.

"We are not capable at this time of running an operation of this sort," Yemma was quoted in a university press release.

The plan came under fire after it was revealed last week that YSU was looking into buying a three-acre property in Ashtabula County for the farm. According to media reports, more than 150 local residents attended a meeting in Richmond Township Monday to protest the proposed facility, citing declining property values and potential health risks as concerns.

Yemma said Tuesday YSU would not open such a facility in Ashtabula County.

"We will not move forward with any plans with-

out the full support of the residents of the area," Yemma said.

A body farm is a facility that studies decomposing human corpses for the purposes of training and educating law enforcement officials, coroners, pathologists and police rescue dogs. The research done at a body farm can also help determine how long a murder victim has been exposed to the elements.

YSU's plan called for modeling a facility on the Anthropological Research Facility at the University of Tennessee, which was created in 1971 by professor William Bass, a forensic anthropologist. The term "body farm" was popularized by novelist Patricia Cornwell, who, while researching her 1994 novel "The Body Farm," overheard police officers morbidly refer to the Tennessee facility by the gruesome nickname.

According to a university press release, an agent from the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation approached YSU's Criminal Justice Department last fall with the idea to open a body farm. Last month, faculty

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SGA

Ballots cast for SGA candidates

By: Cheryl Thompson
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Though the last Student Government Association presidential election votes were cast at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Youngstown State University students will have to wait until Friday morning officially find out if Chad Miller with Sarah Vansuch or Wayne Penny Jr. with Andrew Eich won.

Some students said Wednesday the best way to earn their vote is to campaign aggressively and have a good platform to

back it up. For others personal relationships and access to the polls influenced their votes.

Senior Stef Gott said she based her vote on the amount of time she said she perceived the candidates put into their campaigns and platforms.

"I looked up both candidate's platforms and I liked the candidates that put their word out there," Gott said.

Sophomore Krista Barr said she based her vote on the quality of the candidate's platforms.

"I voted for Miller/Vansuch, because, to

"I just voted for the guy that was in my stats class. He was the only one I knew running."



Shamarian Coleman,
Sophomore

me, their platform was better," Barr said.

Sophomore Amber Bibey said she voted based on information from last weeks debates.

"After the debates, people talked a ton. I think the debates changed a lot of people's minds," Bibey

said. While some students based their choices on knowing the presidential hopeful's platform, other said they voted for the nominee they knew on a personal basis.

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NATIONAL



Picture courtesy KRT

Riki Wilchins, GenderPAC's executive director, stands in front of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., on March 30, 2006.

Transgendered emerge from shadows

By: Bonnie Miller Rubin
CHICAGO TRIBUNE
(KRT)

CHICAGO — Shawn Coleman bristles when an application poses the question "male or female?" as if there are only two choices.

When it comes to sexual identity, the 23-year-old Shawn born Patricia sees a broad spectrum, a man-to-woman or a woman-to-man continuum with many stops along the way. Think gender without borders. He (the preferred pronoun) looks male but not completely. He is not a lesbian, a cross-dresser or contemplating a sex-change operation any time soon.

"I always knew I was different than other girls," explained Coleman. "I was never a fan of Barbie but liked playing sports with my two older brothers. People were always telling me to act more feminine — that I should sit with my legs crossed but I found that stuff incredibly difficult. It wasn't the way I felt inside."

A graduate student at Iowa State University, Coleman is a transgender young adult and at the forefront of a movement that some say represents a new edge of grass-roots activism. Frequently lumped together with gays and lesbians, who have not always been welcoming, transgender people are carving

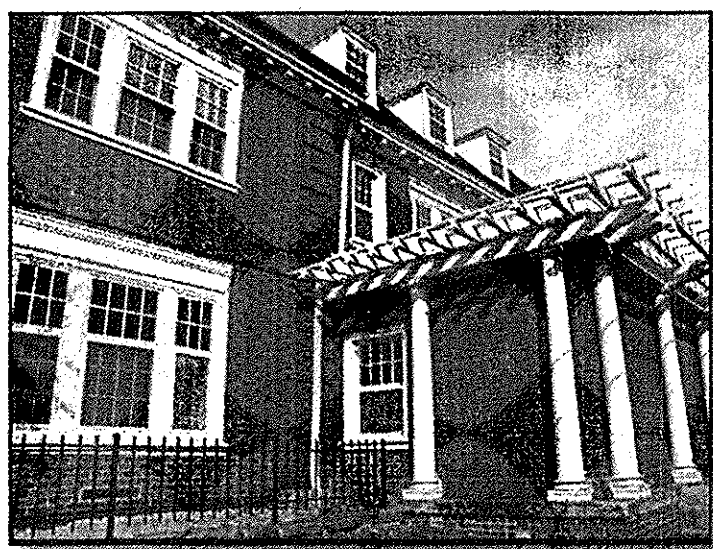
a separate profile and flexing new political clout from campuses to corporations.

Transgender is an umbrella term that refers to people whose sexual identity differs from conventional expectations of what it means to be a man or a woman. It includes transsexuals, who have surgically moved from one sex to another. It includes those who have had electrolysis and take hormones. It also encompasses people like Coleman who identify and express themselves differently from the sex indicated on their birth certificates.

Because of the range of definitions and the stigma, reliable statis-

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WICK HOUSE



The Wick House, home of Disability Services, is celebrating its 100th anniversary. The original owner died in the Titanic.

Wick House centennial celebrated with tours

By: Steve Lettau
REPORTER

The Wick House, at the intersection of Wick Avenue and the off ramp for U.S. Route 422, stands as one of the many historical structures that line campus.

Construction of the Wick House, currently the home of Disability Services, was completed in 1906 — marking 2006 its centennial anniversary. Donna

DeBlasio, associate history professor, said Wick House is one of nine buildings registered in a historical district around YSU.

"It's not individually listed. It's under the whole Wick Avenue historical district that used to include Wick Oval," DeBlasio said.

DeBlasio said the district starts at Route 422 and continues to Spring Street. From

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DISABILITIES WEEK

Week aims to increase disability awareness at YSU

By: Maysoun Abdelrasul
FEATURES REPORTER

Sophomore Tom Pugh needs help getting from class to class because he could have a seizure at anytime.

He uses a wheelchair to get across campus and Youngstown State University's Escort Services assist him.

There are many students at YSU that have dis-

orders and receive the attention they need through the Center for Student Progress Disability and Escort Services.

April 10-17 is Disability Awareness Week at YSU aimed at making people aware of the different disabilities and the services that are offered. Disability Services is located in the

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friday: rain 70 / 48

saturday: cloudy 70 / 45

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Education alumni honored

The Beeghly College of Education will honor four alumni at the Fourth Annual Outstanding Alumni Awards Banquet at 6:30 p.m. on April 27 in Beeghly Hall's McKay Auditorium. Educators receiving awards include James Hall, Ron Marian, Charles Swindler and Marie Viglio. It

costs \$40 per person to attend the banquet. Seating is limited and reservations must be made by April 20. Reservations can be made by calling Cheryl Massek at (330) 941-3215.

YSU honors Earth Day

Youngstown State University's Annual Earth Day Festival will be 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Wednesday, April

19 in front of Kilcawley Center. The event will feature displays by NASA, the Ohio EPA, Mahoning County Green Team, Mahoning County Health Department, Youngstown Litter Control and Recycling, Youngstown Cityscape, Evergreen and the YSU Environmental and Animal Rights Coalition.

There will also be a talk for local high school students by Alan Jacobs, chair of the Geological and Environmental Studies Department, from 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday in DeBartolo Hall Room 132. For more information, call Dan Kuzma at (330) 941-2294.

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tics are difficult to find. Pop culture has helped "trans" issues gain more visibility. Felicity Huffman's performance in "TransAmerica" grabbed the headlines, and a "best actress" Oscar nomination but "Rent" and "Breakfast on Pluto" included such characters last year as well. On the Sundance Channel, a documentary series called "Transgeneration" followed four college students who morphed from one sex to the other. VHI's "Surreal Life" also features transgender celebrity Alexis Arquette.

The sports world, too, is seeing more fluidity. There's Terri O'Connell, a male-to-female transsexual and the only NASCAR driver to compete as both a man (T.J. Hayes) and as a woman. Canadian cyclist Kristen Worley, who also changed from male to female, currently is vying for a spot in the 2008 Olympics. The International Olympic Committee allows transsexual athletes to compete if two years has elapsed since surgery. The NCAA is studying a similar proposal.

More visibility has fostered more understanding. "It used to be that when journalists called, the first question was about surgery," said Mara Keisling, 46, executive director of the National Center for Transgender Equality, who was born Mark and "transitioned" six years ago. "Now reporters are acknowl-

ing the humanity." Seven states have transgender-inclusive anti-discrimination laws. Even the business world, while not exactly rolling out the welcome mat, is becoming more receptive. More than 100 major corporations, 40 in the last year alone, now include gender identity as part of their non-discrimination policies. That's up from eight firms just five years ago.

Gender Public Advocacy Coalition, a human-rights group, held a benefit in Chicago recently, sponsored by such buttoned-down firms as IBM Corp., JP Morgan Chase and Citigroup.

"It's the next big social movement," said Riki Wilchins, GenderPAC's executive director. Wilchins compares these efforts to those waged by blacks in the 1960s, women in the '70s and gays and lesbians in the '80s.

Nowhere is the activity more evident than on the nation's campuses. In 2003, students organized GenderPAC's first youth chapters to help combat bullying and discrimination. Today, there are 40 campus chapters in 25 states.

"More than 200 schools have reached out to us," Wilchins said. "It just shows the breadth of interest right now."

Veterans of the movement such as Wilchins, 53, who transitioned to female in 1978 but answers to either pronoun, are heartened by the growing acceptance. Attending a gay

youth conference in Des Moines two years ago, Wilchins was greeted by more than 1,000 cheering, stomping "genderqueers," an increasingly popular term used to refer to anything off the binary gender map.

"All these kids were just so gender non-conforming and testing the limits," Wilchins said. "I asked them, 'How do you do this in Iowa?' But kids always get there about 10 years before everyone else."

One of those kids was Shawn Coleman, who says he had problems with only one roommate during college and that his mom considers this "a phase."

He currently favors close-cropped hair, baggy jeans and polo shirts purchased in men's departments. Sometimes, he binds his chest with an ACE bandage to conceal the silhouette of breasts, but usually comfort wins out. No artifice can quite disguise the high-pitched giggle.

For Coleman, it's as much about power as gender.

"I feel more entitled as a guy... I have the right to be more aggressive, to do and say whatever I want," said Coleman, who is living in Chicago's Edgewater community while working on his master's thesis in sociology.

Is sex-reassignment surgery in the future?

"Not at all," he says, without hesitation. "I am about so much more than anatomy."

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Shamarian Coleman, a sophomore, said she voted for a candidate whom she knew from a class.

"I just voted for the guy that was in my stats class. He was the only one I knew running," Coleman said.

Junior Brandon Martin gave the same reason behind his decision.

"I voted for Wayne, because I have a class with him and I know him," Martin said.

Whether students voted on platforms or acquaintances, voter turnout for SGA debates has been traditionally low. Students who didn't vote said either they didn't know about the elections or didn't care.

Jenny Musgrave, a first semester freshman, said she had no idea elections were going on until Wednesday.

"When I first saw the chalk drawings, I thought 'people must be really bored,' but then I looked closer and saw elections were coming up," Musgrave said.

Some students said YSU's status as a com-

muter college may play a role and other students said they are simply apathetic toward campus politics.

Freshmen Tony Darkakdis and Ben Johnston said they rarely pay attention to campus events.

"I didn't really care to find out what happens around here. I just come to this building for class and go home," Darkakdis said pointing at Moser Hall.

Dave Moanis, a freshman, said he doesn't care about the SGA elections.

"I'm just here to get my education and get out of Youngstown," Moanis said.

Another factor leading to low voter turnout is students not knowing how to use Cue-mail.

Chase Callion, a sophomore, who works in the Student Diversity Office, said he had a number of students come to him with Cue-mail problems.

"A lot of students are having trouble because they can't sign-on to vote," Callion said.

SGA presidential

candidate Wayne Penny Jr. said he has seen flaws in the electronic voting system first hand.

"About 50 students came to me and said that put their password in but the vote didn't come up. There are bugs in the system," Penny said.

Penny said voting booths with paper ballots would help alleviate the problem.

"Not everyone has cue mail set up," Penny said.

SGA presidential candidate Chad Miller said he realizes there are some things to work out with the computerized voting but thinks it will help increase the number of

v o t e s . "I think voter turnout will probably be low. There are not as many candidates running this year, but the online voting could help increase commuter student votes," Miller said.

Call Cheryl Thompson at (330) 941-1913.

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there "it swings around" to Bryson Street. Included in the district are Sweeney Hall, the Alumni House, Coffett Hall and the Arms Museum.

Wick House was designed by Charles F. Owsley in the early 19th century in a colonial renaissance style. Owsley also designed the most noticeable building on the Youngstown skyline, The Home Savings and Loan Building.

"Its architectural style is Georgian revival, which is a subdivision of the colonial revival. Its an imitation of a style that was popular in 18th century America and Great Britain," DeBlasio said.

The house was originally the home of Colonel George Dennick Wick and his family. Wick was a long time figure in the Youngstown steel industrial areas, co-founding and serving as the first

president of the Youngstown Steel and Tube Company.

Wick moved his family into the house in 1908 but did not spend much time in the house.

"George D. Wick and his wife Mary and their daughter — I believe Natalie — lived there and it's kind of cool if you look around, George's initials are somewhere on that building," DeBlasio said. "There is a very interesting history of the place and poor George."

After vacationing in Europe with his family, Wick began his voyage back to the United States on the Titanic on April 15, 1912. Wick's wife, daughter, maid and other relatives were all rescued aboard life rafts, but Wick himself went down with the ship.

"Wick lost his life in the icy cold waters of the North Atlantic," DeBlasio said. YSU bought the house to

use as dorms for students in the 1980s. The house closed for upgrades and renovations in 2005 and reopened with a branch of the Center of Student Progress moving into the house.

Jain Savage, Wick House coordinator, said she was aware of the historical significance of the building she works in.

"This is the original Wick family mansion, you can see the cornerstone out there on the house says 1906 and of course the story of Mr. Wick going down on the Titanic," Savage said.

Remnants of the old remain: Chandeliers hang on the ceiling and the creaking of the old wooden floors remind those that step into Savage's office the significance and history of Wick.

"Its just a wonderful place," Savage said.

Wick House will be open for tours 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday to celebrate its 100th birthday.

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members from YSU's biology, chemistry, anthropology and criminal justice departments met with local coroners and law enforcement agencies about the idea. YSU spokesperson Ron

Cole referred to these meetings as "very preliminary discussions." Tammy King, chair of the criminal justice department, called the proposed body farm "a dead issue."

"It probably would

have been a good project, or I never would have pursued it," King said. "But I think its best just to let it fade away."

Call Leonard Glenn Crist at (330) 941-1991.

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Wick house on YSU's campus.

Jain Savage, coordinator for CSP Disability Services, said there are 585 students registered with disabilities at YSU. Close to 300 have learning disabilities and others have physical disabilities.

"To look at them you wouldn't know. You wouldn't know that they have cancer and that they are undergoing chemotherapy. You wouldn't know some of the very bizarre diseases that are out there and that these kids are suffering with," Savage said.

Savage said many students have the impression that people with disabilities shouldn't be on a college campus.

"They don't understand how capable they are," she said. "They just need some special assistance."

Many students with less

apparent disabilities don't want to be identified she said.

"Confidentiality is important and highly stressed," she said. "We don't identify them."

Savage said she knows students get panicky and don't want to sign up with services because they think it will go on their permanent record and employers will find out. She said when students sign up it does not go on the record.

Pugh said he had to show documentation of his disability when he signed up. The service requires the documentation to be accurately dated and signed by the professional who conducted the evaluation.

As part of the sign-up process, Pugh said he made out a schedule for when he needs help around campus and for the most part the

escort services are always prepared and ready.

"They will pick me up at my dad's car and take me to my dad's car," Pugh said.

Senior Josh R. Wilson is one of the escorts that help Pugh. He said he's worked with YSU Escort Services for a year and half and is dedicated to his work.

"It's our job to get them from point A to point B on time," he said.

Wilson said the escorts pick the students up and take them to their desired location. If the students get done early they call the escort services and someone gets them.

Disability Services will also have an open house at Wick House on the YSU campus 4 to 6 p.m. today.

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OUR SIDE

If we were SGA president: Ideas for the next pres

Voting for next year's Student Government Association president ended Wednesday. We can only hope that this year's numbers show an increase of student involvement over last year's dismal 599-voter turnout.

Results of the elections will be revealed on Friday, so we don't know who the future SGA president will be. However, we do have some issues we hope the future SGA administration will tackle.

• **Fight for tuition** — We encourage the future SGA president to reach out to our state representatives and senators for help as Ohio keeps slashing the amount of funding it provides for our educations and futures. This is an election year, which means it is the ideal time for Ohio college students to rise up and be heard. This could also mean rallying our all-too-apatetic campus population and linking YSU's SGA with student governments on other campuses in the interest of more affordable tuition. They also need to work with administration closely to watch spending and ensure campus leaders are looking out for students.

• **Aggressively seek student involvement in campus issues** — Tuition won't get better until Ohio's students start standing up for themselves. Unfortunately, we live on a campus where an SGA candidate is chalking the sidewalk to support his or her campaign and students assume that that person is bored. Mass Cue-mails don't reach students who don't check their e-mail. Paper mailings are often immediately thrown into the recycling bin. SGA needs an information campaign that's far less passive-aggressive. We recommend SGA hold open forums while taking to the campus core to inform students about university issues. The Christians, animal rights activists and College Republicans have no problem with this concept. We don't see why SGA should be squeamish about it.

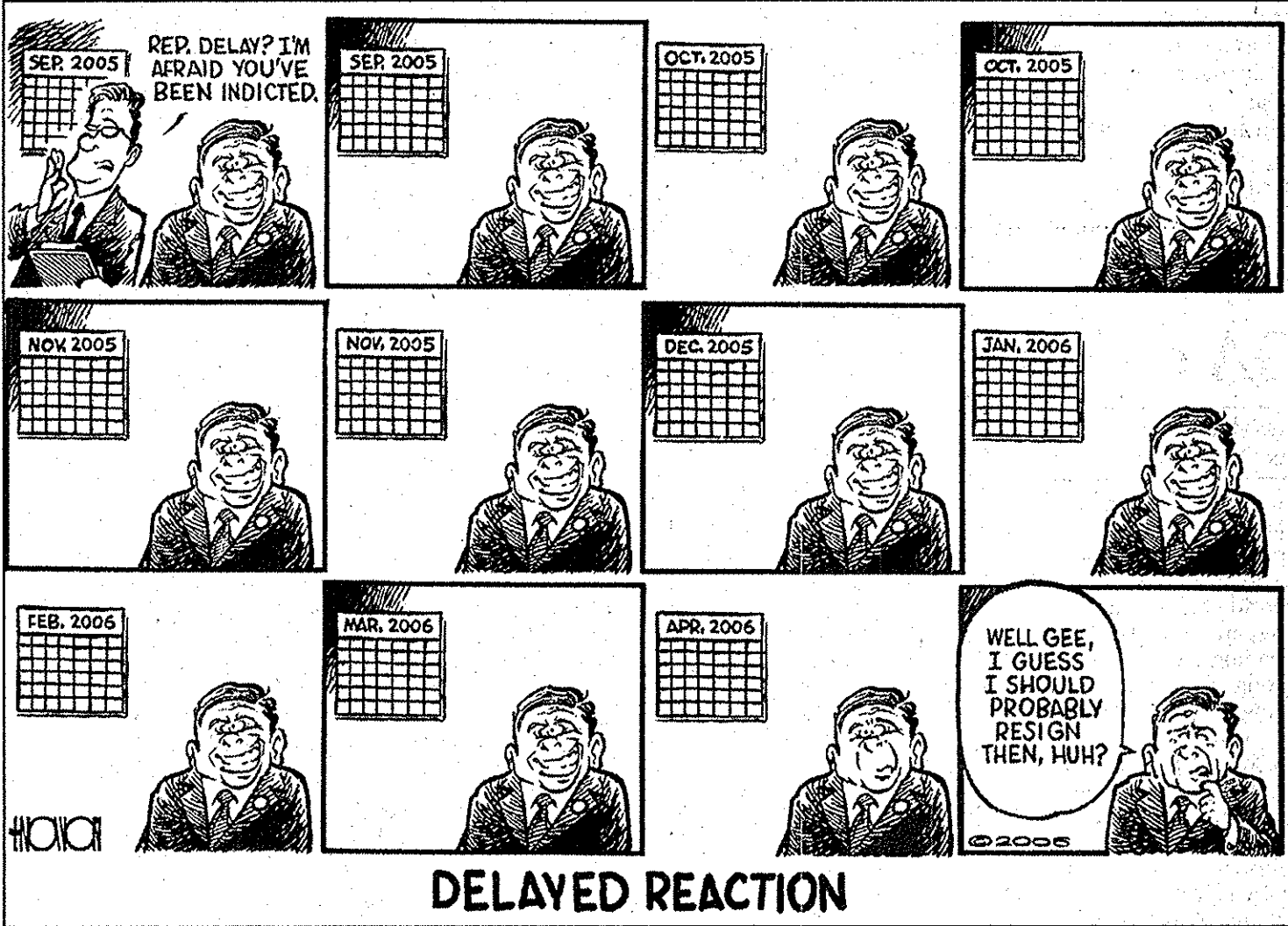
• **Become involved with the administration and trustees** — There should be an SGA representative or cabinet member at every single meeting of the YSU Board of Trustees. We also suggest the president and his cabinet regularly schedule meetings with YSU President David Sweet and his cabinet to discuss student concerns and how the administration intends to respond. This will improve the poor lines of communication across campus and will act as a force prompting Sweet to respond to the will of the students.

• **Help keep campus beautiful** — We saw SGA representatives cleaning off year-old chalk drawings from the side of campus buildings on Wednesday. While we don't want the organization to become a servant group, beautification projects such as the chalk cleanup and the proposed cigarette-butt cleanup project help make this university pleasant to attend.

We hope the future SGA president, whoever he may be, will take these recommendations to heart. We encourage the future SGA president to make student government the powerful tool it could easily become at YSU.

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DELAYED REACTION

COMMENTARY

through the looking glass

By: Mike Pingree
KRT CAMPUS

YOU'RE NOT MAD, ARE YOU SWEETIE ... AIEEE!

A man and his girlfriend were out drinking at a pub in Thatcham, England, when a stripper began performing at a nearby stag party. The man used the girlfriend's cell phone to take a picture of the naked lady. When they got home, she registered her displeasure by stabbing him several times.

HEY, I'M UP HERE!

A woman in Cardiff, Wales, had her breasts enlarged from a B-cup to a whopping Double-D, because she wasn't getting enough attention from men. After returning to work, she filed a complaint against her boss for paying too much attention to her.

DON'T WORRY MA'AM, WE'RE ON THE CASE

Due to a malfunction, a civil defense siren started blaring in a neighborhood in Lahaina, Hawaii. After fielding numerous angry calls, workers tried to solve the problem electronically, but this set off every siren in the county.

I THINK IT'S AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE

A drunk driver in central

Australia pulled over and flagged down police late at night to ask directions to Uluru, a 1,000-foot-high rock that is billed as the world's greatest monolith. This immediately alerted them to the fact that he was drunk because the mountainous rock was right in front of him and his headlights were shining on it.

NOW COMES THE REAL PUNISHMENT

The accountant of a New York heart disease charity was caught embezzling more than \$237,000. He used the money to pay a professional dominatrix to punish him. He is going to jail, and his wife is divorcing him.

I HOPE YOU STILL LOVE ME HONEY ... HONEY?

During a wedding in Swaziland, a private detective came in and repossessed the wedding rings. He was sent by the jeweler, after the groom's check bounced.

HEY BABY, TAKE A LOOK AT ... CRASH!

A man in Hamburg, Germany, borrowed a Ferrari 360 Modena and took it out for a drive when he spotted a beautiful woman walking along the street. To impress her, he hit the gas, showing her that he was a man in full control of a very powerful and expensive piece of auto-

motive machinery. The car bounced off a tree, hit a road sign, went through a fence and smashed into a lamp-post.

MAY I USE YOUR BATHROOM, SIR?

A woman got into a heated argument with some relatives at their Utah home, during which she ripped off her clothes, got into her car and drove away. She was apprehended a short time later taking a shower in a stranger's home nearby. Police suspect she was under the influence of methamphetamines.

IT JUST DIDN'T WORK OUT

A falconer in Malham, England, sold his pet African tawny eagle, named Lucy, for \$4,500 to a fellow bird guy in Reading, 200 miles to the south. But as soon as the new owner took Lucy out spread her wings, the bird took off and flew back to her old home. The previous owner refunded the money and kept her.

EXCUSE ME, WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN MY HOUSE?

Unbeknownst to her estranged husband, a woman in Ajax, Ontario, sold her husband's house by forging his name. She then had a relative impersonate him and sign the final documents at a lawyer's office. The husband discovered this when he

arrived home from a trip and found other people living there.

AND MERMAIDS DON'T COME CHEAP

A businesswoman in Zimbabwe, anxious to recover her stolen luxury car, went to a witch doctor for help. The witch doctor said she needed to hire "mermaids" from England to help in the search and to put them up in a hotel. She charged the woman \$30,000. The car was not recovered. The witch doctor was arrested.

I WANT YOU NOW, YOU VIRILE OLD CODGER

After their wedding in Bergamo, Italy, an older couple couldn't wait to consummate the marriage. They were pulled over a few miles from the reception because their car was swerving from one side of the road to the other. Police discovered the 59-year-old bride completely naked and straddling her heavily intoxicated 70-year-old groom.

SHOPLIFTERS' RULE NUMBER ONE: BLEND IN

A man was caught shoplifting a DVD and a video game at a K-Mart in Fairborn, Ohio. Store employees had their eye on him because he was wearing a Superman costume at the time.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mag and Ted's excellent adventure

Editor:
So there I was, actually moving through Time and Mag smugly smiling because he had proved me wrong. I'm not sure what I saw, because we were moving so fast, but passing November 4, 2004, minutes before Kerry conceded to Bush, I saw guys dressed like ninjas carrying boxes in Cleveland, Columbus, and Youngstown to freighters bound for Dubai. I could make out the letters 'BAL'; but why send balls to Dubai? And, too, Mag's agitated state made me very suspicious with him screaming: "Keep your eyes

in front! That's the Past!"

Me not being a Jebbudite Ranger like Mag, shortly I fainted away due to the pressures of Time Warp.

Soon Mag was shaking me to wake, but it had to be his bad breath that did it.

He shoosed me to be quiet: "We're in a spiritual state." "You mean Heaven?" "Hush! We're not supposed to be here." "Where?" "Where Moses's gonna git the 10 Orders." "You mean Commandments?" "Look, smart ass, you CAN'T walk to Ohio." "Ok, Ok.... Can we get closer?"

We edged closer; it had to be Mag's breath that caused my state of delirium, because I could've sworn that behind a rock, there was a scene

right out of the Wizard of Oz; a guy working gadgets, talking through that cone-shaped Pope hat, saying, "...I told you don't ask questions like that. . . . Sure, I could've stopped Pharaoh from killing so many babies trying to kill you—and you keep questioning—What! . . . See my face?"

We were out of there so fast that Mag was ashen white and trembling and took a wrong turn in Time, landing us in a Humongous Auditorium with a banner over the stage that read: 'Brainstorming for Future Events,' and another just below it that read: Mission Accomplished.

Seated on one side, people wore Red T-shirts who had

made it into Heaven; they numbered in the hundreds of thousands, while the Blue T-Shirt side exhausted me after counting beyond five trillion.

Someone shouted: ". . . illegal or not, I say the Mexicans use the Discoverer bit—

Another asserted: "Yeah, let'em sign a bunch of treaties and show up every November with Popcorn and Turkey...saying something about Manifest Destiny."

The Red side thundered: "They're not like tennis players from China, ballet dancers from Russia—or scientists from Nazi Germany the CIA and FBI helped get here...."

Ted Williams

System makes tracking progress easier

By: TaShelia McCruse
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

Students will be able to track their academic progress and course requirements much with a new Degree Audit System, which is expected to be accessible to students and academic departments by next year.

According to Marie Cullen, director of Degree Audit, the system is software from Miami University in Ohio that

tracks students' coursework leading up to a degree and graduation. The system provides students and advisers with a detailed report of coursework that the student has completed and needs to complete in order to meet graduation requirements. Records are taken from students' transcript and plugged into the system, which determines the courses that count toward the general education requirements and major. It also calculates the overall

GPA and the GPA in courses for the major. The work is done electronically and provides relevant information without students or advisers having to do it by hand.

For students who need recommendations or need to meet a certain GPA requirement, Cullen said the new system is a quick resource that displays the student's academic information including GPA just like a transcript. It is not an official transcript and it is only able to help assist in

determining a student's academic progress. Because the system was designed to help assist students in their academic progress it also offers them the opportunity to "degree shop," Cullen said, which allows them to change their major and find out how their previous coursework would apply to a new major.

"The degree audit system is beneficial for students because it provides a dynamic and concise report, can be viewed in a hard

copy or online eventually over the web, is an advisement tool and can also be used for final certification for graduation," Cullen said.

The degree audit system will have the same log on procedures as YSU's Student Information Display page, according to Cullen. In some cases, there are exceptions to the system where advisers can manually go into the system to plug info-related coursework that may have not been

applied. Cullen advises students to understand that it is the academic colleges that have the final authority to certify if all requirements have been met, and not the degree audit system.

"The only problem that I see is not understanding the audit and having to realize that it is simply a tool and students still need to see their advisers. I wouldn't want students to use the degree audit and not work with their academic adviser," Cullen said.

SGA considers a legal approach to download music on campus

By: Cheryl Thompson
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Student Government Association representatives appropriated the remainder of the organization's funds and considered the idea of bringing an online music-downloading service to campus during Monday's general meeting.

The company, called Ruckus, would provide students with free and legal music, movie and television downloads, granted Youngstown State University enters a one-year contract and signs up a minimum of 3,000 students to the service. Failure to meet the quota would result in the university footing a \$10,000 bill to pay for the server.

If introduced to campus, students would create accounts using their YSU CUE-mail address and passwords in an interface similar to Facebook. It would then be free for students to download songs onto their computers. Songs can be burned to CDs and MP3 players for an extra fee. However, downloads are not compatible with Apple iTunes and cannot be played on an

Apple iPod. After a song is downloaded onto the computer, it will stay there for a month before the license has to be renewed.

Also available for download are DVD quality movies and television shows that have been released on DVD. Unlike the songs, which can be renewed month after month, movies and television shows are set to automatically delete after three days.

Parliamentarian Chad Miller introduced the service and said though Ruckus, which students can use from any computer, could be a viable way to avoid legal problems from illegal downloading; the company has some catches.

"With any proposal that sounds this good, there are bound to be some drawbacks," Miller said.

The Tech Desk currently has some systems implemented that stop Internet users on YSU's server from downloading music illegally.

After a brief online tour during the meeting, the body debated the pros and cons of setting up Ruckus on campus.

One positive aspect of the service is that it would provide students with a legal alternative to sites such as Limewire.

Although Jon Jenyk, secretary of technology, suggested tabling discussion, he said something like Ruckus is needed and could help residence hall students avoid having their Internet service revoked as punishment for visiting illegal downloading sites.

"Many of the students who come to the Help Desk are there because they had their Internet cut off because of illegal downloading," Jenyk said.

Josh Taylor, Secretary of

Student Affairs, said he would not back Ruckus because it would only benefit students who live on campus.

"People outside of campus have their own ways to download music, whether they are legal or illegal, I only see this benefiting residents — which is about 800," Taylor said.

Josh Hiznay, Secretary of Financial Affairs, said the body may not be giving Ruckus due justice.

"It's an upgrade from streaming music and it's free. Totally free downloading doesn't exist," Hiznay said.

The body voted to move

the discussion on Ruckus to the Student Affairs Committee.

In other SGA business, representatives voted for canceling plans for a final movie night, moving the funds to go toward the proposed Cherry Monroe concert, which Heather Baltic, secretary of student life, said is still in the works.

With the remainder of appropriation funds, SGA granted:

•\$210 of \$450 requested to Alpha Kappa Alpha to defray costs for the "Women for a New Millennium... In Transition."

•\$300 of \$1,000 requested to the Institute of Electrical

and Electronics Engineers to provide food for S-PAC, which will bring two engineering speakers to campus.

•\$300 of \$300 requested to the Youngstown State Environmental and Animal Rights Coalition to bring a speaker to talk about Angels Gate, an animal shelter in New York.

•\$817.39 of \$1,500 requested to Students Against Drunk Driving to sponsor DD4Hire, a company that provides designated drivers, to provide services for students during finals week.

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YSU

Committee explores community college

By: Bill Rodgers
NEWS EDITOR

After a retreat last month to Mill Creek Park, Youngstown State University trustees decided to form a committee to study the benefits and risks a Youngstown community college could bring to YSU.

Associate Provost Nate Ritchey is chairing a five-member committee to study the idea. Ritchey said the committee would have to find whether a community college is really in YSU's best interest.

"We will weigh the risks and benefits and will move forward if it's in the best interest of the university," Ritchey said.

The decision comes after Governor Bob Taft proposed that all Ohio students be required to complete a core high school curriculum of English and mathematics to be admitted into college. The governor proposed that all remedial education be moved to two-year campuses such as community col-

leges. An Ohio Board of Regents Report highlighted remedial classes as an area of improvement for YSU. Sixty-one percent of YSU's first year students needed remedial classes in math, English or both.

Ritchey said his committee will study the issue for one year before making a recommendation to the trustees. He said they will begin by studying different models and deciding if one of those models worked best for YSU, or if the university could create its own.

"We must decide what's appropriate for Youngstown State," Ritchey said.

YSU Trustee John Pogue said the community college could result in a higher enrollment for YSU.

"Counties with community colleges have a level of degree achievement twice as high as counties that don't. So, the benefit to YSU would be more folks interested in attending," Pogue said.

Ritchey said the community college could focus on

giving students remedial education.

"YSU could have an arm that concentrated on developmental education," Ritchey said.

He also said there was a large risk involved with a community college.

"There's a large potential risk. What do we do if half the students leave YSU for the community college?" Ritchey said.

Ritchey said if the trustees decided to go through with creating the college, it would have to be crafted in such a way to provide the greatest benefit to the university.

A press release from YSU said the community college would likely be developed in cooperation with Jefferson Community College in Steubenville, the Columbiana County Career and Technical Center in Lisbon, Lorain Community College and Cuyahoga Community College.

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YSU

Domhoff gets new position

By: Cheryl Thompson
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Christine Domhoff, Youngstown State University's Association of Classified Employees union president, has been elected as secretary/treasurer of The National Council for Higher Education.

While the NCHE has had representatives and executive council members from Ohio, Domhoff is the first elected officer from the state. Ohio does have NCHE representatives and has had past members serve on the executive board.

NCHE is the wing of the National Education Association dealing with education on the college and university level. The organization is responsible for bringing higher education issues to congress.

Members of NCHE include representatives from the ACE union, the Ohio Education Association faculty union and administrators.

"My position will include a lot of lobbying, both in Washington D.C. and from here through cyber-lobbying," Domhoff said.

Domhoff said she plans to lobby to increase the Federal Pell grant, a form of student financial aid, and convince congress of the social benefits of higher

education. "The more congress is able to realize that when education support improves that the college or university isn't the only institution receiving benefits, the area around the school improves as well," Domhoff said.

Domhoff, who was elected to the post March 3, said she does not begin her duties until June. Domhoff said the delay gives her a chance to become more familiar with her new role. As secretary/treasurer, Domhoff is in charge of keeping the updated versions of the NCHE Rules and Policies and Procedures Manual and performing other duties as listed in the NCHE Constitution.

Though she has not served as an officer previously, Domhoff cites 24 years of involvement in higher education and graduation from the NCHE's Emerging Leader Program as qualifications for the position.

"All that time has given me an understanding of how higher education institutions operate," Domhoff said.

In addition to attending meetings, Domhoff said she also has had the opportunity to give presentations.

While Domhoff said that she does receive direct pay

for her services as secretary/treasurer of NCHE, the organization will cover travel costs for lobbying trips to D.C.

Domhoff, who was removed from university employment from her position as director of YSU's Sisco Networking Academy last year, is awaiting the outcome of the arbitration hearings that were held March 16 during spring break. The results will decide if the university will reemploy Domhoff.

Domhoff said she doesn't know if she will return to the university, but said she wouldn't mind coming back.

"It's hard to say how the arbitration will go. Of course I think it is going favorably, but I may be wrong," Domhoff said.

"I would like to come back," she added.

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COMMENTARY

'Snakes on a Plane:' Our 'Star Wars'

By: Bob Mackey
COLUMNIST

Every once in a while, a film comes out that defines a generation. The Baby Boomers had Star Wars. Generation X also had Star Wars. An attempt was made to give Star Wars to Generation Y — my generation — but we returned it for store credit after realizing the new trilogy sucked on toast. For a while, it looked like Generation Y would have no cinematic treasure that summed up our general purpose in life. Movie studios tried everything to cater to us, from talking babies and CGI dinosaurs to employing Whoopi Goldberg, but we've been just too busy being jaded, cynical, and having promiscuous sex in middle school to give a damn.

New Line Cinemas has taken note of our worldview and will deliver the ultimate in ironic enjoyment this August. "What's ironic enjoyment," you ask? In college dorms, shouts of, "Hey guys, you need to watch this Chuck Norris cartoon! It totally sucks! It's awesome!" should answer your question. Since we are far too cool to enjoy any kind of entertainment legitimately, the only pleasure to be found is in mockery. All of this is why — for us — "Snakes on a Plane" may be the best movie ever.

The title "Snakes on a Plane" isn't a metaphor where the snakes are a

minority group, the plane is society, and we all learn something in the end, unrelated to snakes. The movie is actually about snakes being on a plane. I find this literal take on titles to be refreshing, since I often get ripped off by misleading movie names. I assumed "Million Dollar Baby" was about the infant black market, and that "The Constant Gardener" was about someone with a green thumb and an OCD. What's even more refreshing about the movie is that New Line has actually listened to preemptive fans of the movie on the Internet, where "Snakes on a Plane" mania has taken hold. This may sound like a bad idea, but it will only increase the movie's awfulness, which will make it more enjoyable. Don't you get it?

Since I am a prominent force on the Internet, I imagine that the producers of "Snakes on a Plane" will no doubt see my ideas. And even though it may be too late to work my concepts into "Snakes," New Line can work them into the sequels, of which there will be many. As you can see, my pairing of animals and places will no doubt keep society from collapsing, at least for another decade, as we turn our hatred away from each other, towards much more deserving targets. New Line, please make the following movies:

"Cougars on a Bus:" It's Darrell Wilkins' (Jamie Foxx) first day on the job as



Art by Nick Daniel

a bus driver for the Metropolitan Transit Community. It's "Next stop: cougars!" when Darrell makes an unplanned stop at the San Diego Zoo. While the bus doesn't have to go a certain speed to stay unexploded, Wilkins can't end his shift until those cougars pay up — and none of them have exact change! Actually, the bus can't stop moving, because it's a little known fact that cougars get carsick, and no one wants to clean that up. Can city bankers distribute change to the cougars before Wilkins becomes dinner? You probably will want to find out!

"Goats on a Boat:" Chip Anderson (Morgan Freeman) has just one day

left until his retirement from the police force, so he decides to unwind by taking a little cruise around Antarctica. When Chip discovers his boat filled with goats, it's a race against time to get back to New York! The goats may not be carnivorous, and aren't carrying deadly viruses, but their cuteness is causing productivity of ship workers to drop by at least 20 percent! Also, goats kind of smell. Can Chip convince the crew that goats really aren't that cute so he can make it to his retirement party in time? Will anyone save cake for him? Is there at least the slim possibility of icebergs?

"Cat on a Countertop:" This is just "Garfield 2."

"Tapir on a Go-Kart:" Day 125 of Saul Weinberg's (Will Smith) job as a go-kart track attendee was as normal as any other: the smell of burning rubber, exhaust fumes, and the sound of children being paralyzed far before an age where it isn't tragic. Normal, that is, except for one furry customer no one can quite figure out. Is it a baby elephant? Some kind of mutant seal? Could it be an abomination of nature? Whatever it is, Will Smith will certainly have some of his trademark wisecracks saved up for the occasion! Bring your closest cryptozoologist friend and get ready to laugh at "Tapir on a Go-Kart." Note: please do not

give away the twist ending of "Tapir on a Go-Kart."

"Elephant in a Submarine:" Sadly, this will not be a movie available to the viewing public. Instead, it will be used as evidence in the animal cruelty case "The State of California v. 'Elephant in a Submarine' Production Committee." I guess you can show up at the trial if you really want to see it, but remember that the number one rule in the American legal system is "no outside food."

Bob Mackey is so jaded that he gets up early every morning just to criticize the sunrise. He can be reached at (330) 941-1913.

YSU GOLF

Young women's golf team plays older to win

By: Justin Smolkovich
SPORTS REPORTER

With only two meets remaining in the season, the Youngstown State University women's golf team has decided to step up their game at exactly the right time.

The Penguins won the Loyola Ramblers invitational that wrapped up Tuesday afternoon, and included a field of five teams.

Two individual performances led the Penguins to the victory, which is their only first place finish this season. Their previous best was a third place finish at both the YSU Taco Bell Invitational and the IPFW

Fall Classic.

Sophomore Adrianna DiLorenzo paced the Penguins winning the invitational with a tally of 154 for the two-day event. DiLorenzo's score was only four strokes better than the Penguins next finisher, Brittany Jones who helped the Penguins' effort with a second place finish with 158.

The Penguins were also spurred along by Felicia Ciotola who finished at the 15 spot shooting a 173 and Mollie Boney who finished at 23.

Women's head coach Roseann Schwartz said that despite being young, her team is loaded with talent.

"They are young and I really do feel that they have a lot of talent," Schwartz said.

"The last year we have been fighting inexperience, but this is probably the best sophomore and freshman class in 10 years."

Inexperience has been a problem and understandably so. The Penguins roster contains only one junior and boasts not one senior. The Penguins have five sophomores and two freshmen.

Luckily for Schwartz, the inexperience seems to have subsided at least for the time being, and the timing for the Penguins maturation could not have come at a more opportune moment. The Penguins have only one match left before the season culminates with the league tournament on May 1.

The Penguins will use this weekend's

match at Toledo to tune up before entering the Horizon League championships.

"The teams we play this weekend will be stronger," Schwartz said of her team's challenge in Toledo this weekend. "Hopefully with all this behind us we are going to play some good golf."

Schwartz also said the weekend trip to Toledo should be entertaining, but the coach said she is expecting anything and everything.

"If the girls play well it should give them a feeling of confidence. This will be an important weekend, but anything can happen," Schwartz said.

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YSU BASEBALL

YSU baseball slumps to 12-20

By: Justin Smolkovich
SPORTS REPORTER

Three homeruns weren't enough for the Youngstown State baseball squad Wednesday afternoon as they dropped their fourth game in a row.

The loss, which dropped the team to 12-20 overall, came at the hands of regional rival Kent State by a score of 11-7.

The Penguins once again gave up huge innings to the Flashes, as they were outscored by a tally of 11-1 through six innings.

YSU was led offensively by three home-runs by three different Penguins. Erich Diedrich hit his seventh of the season, while Justin Banks drilled his third on the campaign and freshman John Koehnlein hit his first career homerun.

The Penguins remained close through the early innings, knotting the game at two apiece in the second inning, but were unable to hold onto the tie.

The recent four-game slump for the Penguins comes after coming into this week with a 3-1 record over their past four

games.

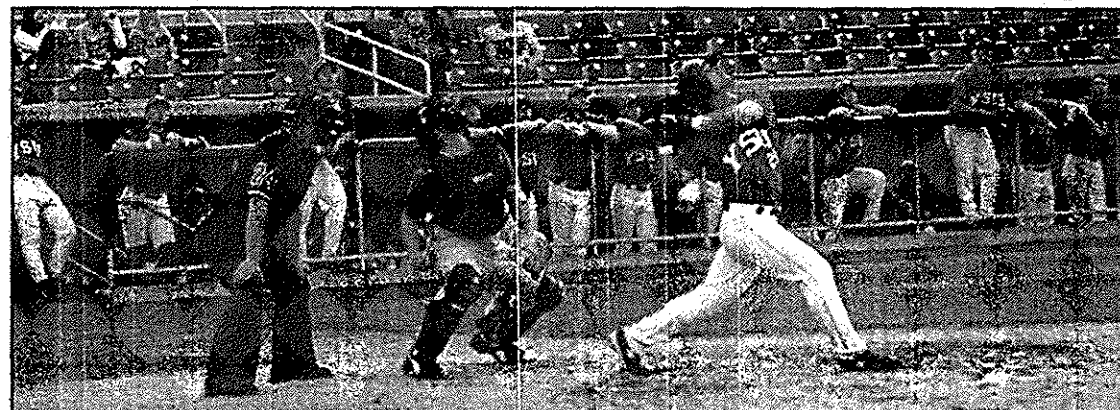
On Tuesday, the Penguins dropped a doubleheader against in-state rival Cleveland State 5-7 and 5-11.

The Penguins were unable to match the unprecedented Vikings' offensive day. The Vikings had previously been on an 18-game drought until Sunday, and with the sweep of the Penguins Wednesday brought their win total to 4-21 and 3-8 in the conference.

The Vikings took advantage of the situation in both games on the afternoon, having five-run innings in both games.

Offensively, the Penguins were once again on fire — recording nine hits in the first game and 13 in the nightcap. However, the Penguins could not match the 24 hits in two games for the Vikings. Leading the way for the Penguins in the first game were Brent Parks, Justin Banks and Erich Diedrich who each connected on two hits apiece. The second game the Penguins were led by Josh Page and John Koehnlein who both scored three hits.

The Penguins pitching took a hit as Kevin Libeg picked up his fourth loss of



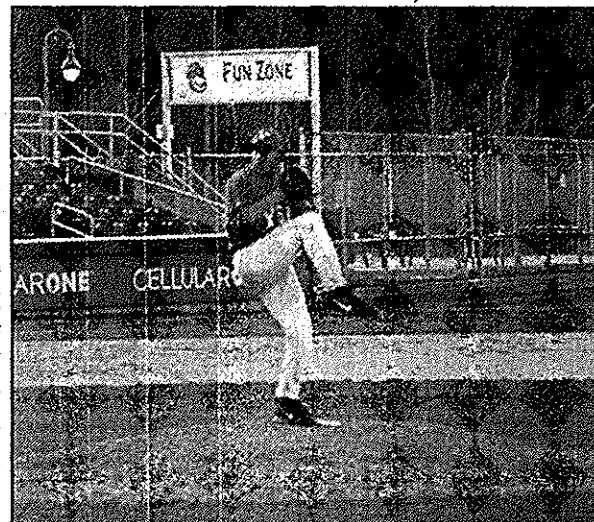
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ABOVE: Sophomore Erich Diedrich watches with a Cleveland State catcher and umpire as he hits a foul during Tuesday's doubleheader. RIGHT: Justin Banks winds up for a pitch during Tuesday's game.

the season in game one while game two saw Chris Dennis drop his record to 1-2. Early in game two Dennis had six strikeouts in the first two innings before giving up six runs in a little more than four innings.

The Penguins will begin a three-game series against Horizon League opponents UW-Milwaukee this weekend in Minnesota.

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