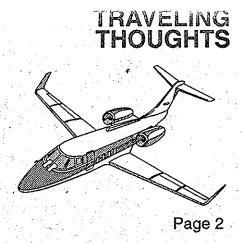


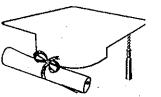
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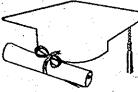
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# Spring Commencement 1999



# Chancellor speaks of a decade past

■Roderick G.W. Chu was granted an honorary doctorate of Humane Letters degree as part of Saturday's ceremony.

MEGAN E. WALSH News Editor

A sigh of relief was in the air as 895 graduates received their diplomas during YSU's spring commencement June 19.

To add to this feeling, commencement speaker Roderick G.W. Chu, chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents, spoke of developments made throughout the decade.

As a part of commencement, Chu was granted an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree.

In his speech, Chu discussed what he learned about YSU during his visit a few weeks earlier.

"I learned about the rock, although I was disappointed that I didn't have enough time to add my

the rich diversity of students and faculty on campus" he said.

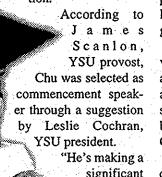
He also talked about what he thought was the most significant development at YSU.

"I think the development of the 90s, with really the most significant impact on you while at YSU, has been your football team. In winning four national titles...the Penguins provided you with a rousing way to spend Saturday afternoons in the fall," he said.

Happy Grads: Fine and Performing Arts graduates Stacy Lucas and John Partridge prior to the ceremony.

important development of the millennium has been the university.

dents' lives. Chu himself is an example of He said that the gradexcellence as YSU recognizes him uates are examas a chief figure in educaples of



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significant

According to Chu, the most the success of the university's pri- bution to higher education and the state through providing leadership in connection with education in grades K-12," Scanlon said.

> According to Cochran, the University is interested in bringing prominent leaders to campus and let them get to know YSU as we get to know them.

"I was impressed with his previsit to meet with students, faculty, and staff. He was willing to listen and learn, and wanted to focus his speech toward the graduates because it was their day," said Cochran.

His life accomplishments also display that Chu always strives to be ahead of the game.

Chu, a native of New York City, has his hands full with ideas of higher education and economic

Graduation

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# Graduating against all odds

Judi Schepka faced more than schoolwork while attending YSU.

EMILY D. CRONK Editor in Chief



Graduation for most brings thoughts of life's greatest endeavors that are yet to come. But for one YSU student, life itself is the

endeavor. Judi Schepka, senior, English, graduated Saturday against all odds.

Over the past few years, Schepka was battling more than pop quizzes and reading ten books a quarter. Her greatest challenges were passing tests. And not the ones in biology or English. These tests were for cancer.

"I began my battle with cancer SOn." in 1998 when it was discovered that I had thyroid cancer," Schepka said. "And my struggles with this disease have continued even to this when cancer was discovered again. point in my life. Colon cancer is the last thing I ever thought I would be facing."

Facing the pain of cancer is difficult in itself, but several YSU faculty and staff members joined together to form a support system for Schepka.

"Everyone here at the univer-

sity has been so supportive," Schepka said. "Dr. Bowers came and saw me at the hospital twice, and several of my professors made my work load easier by cutting it in half. They didn't have to do that, but I appreciated it so much."

Working to stay enrolled at YSU was no easy feat for Schepka. She had to drop out in '91, after attending classes for four quarters

"She had some really rough moments and then she had some good moments ... but we tried to give her all the help and support we possibly could because she is such a wonderful per-

> Leon Stennis University Relations

"She had some really rough moments and then she had some good moments," Leon Stennis, university relations said. "It, unfortunately, was a day-to-day thing for her, but we tried to give her all the help and support we possibly could because she is such a wonderful person."

Schepka was able to work from her home and continue writing news stories and features for Stennis and the university relations

"Leon has been such an inspirational mentor and teacher for me," Schepka said. "Everyone at university relations was so helpful. And what made it even more special was that they never treated me like I was a work study student. They treated me like I was a staff member. Even when I worked

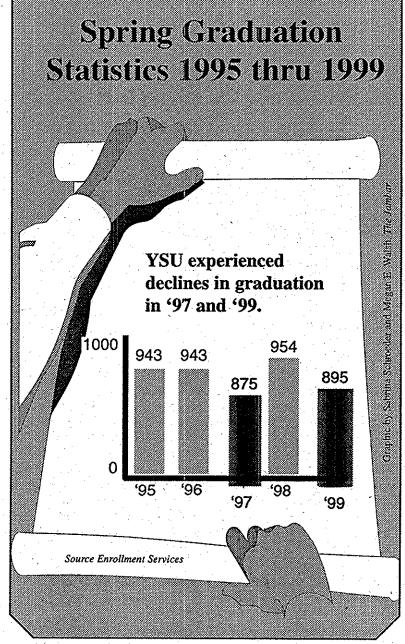
from my home." Having cancer has kept Schepka home a lot over the past few years. As of late she has to wear a special bag, which is a 24hour chemo-pump that administers her medicine to her throughout the

"With all the chemo treatments, and now that I have to wear a bag, I was just so excited to have finally completed all my necessary courses that would allow me to graduate this spring," Schepka said. "I couldn't have done it without my friends and family and everyone at YSU."

Schepka received her bachelor's degree in English Saturday,

### Schepka

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### Edmoral

### Attracting students or contractors?

The road to hell is paved with good intentions. And Campus 2000 was a good idea initially but YSU officials lost sight of what was important. They became more concerned about attracting contractors than they were about bringing in prospective students.

YSU has spent \$17.5 million in state capital funds not to mention an additional \$9.5 million for campus renovations and the job still isn't

An expansion that includes several new buildings, a few arches and prettier flowers isn't. going to attract students. A better curriculum and several different majors, not already included here at YSU would.

According to university records, there are 2,273 fewer students enrolled, and 112 fewer employees since Cochran began his presidency YSU should ve been putting their thoughts and efforts, not to mention those millions of dollars, into something that would benefit the student body and provide more jobs for the community. Instead they were worried about where they were going to plant the next tree.

YSU should worry more about the internal structure of the campus and its curriculums. rather than building new buildings and beautify ing a campus for those many students who will never attend this university.

### A STARE VIEW

SABRINA SCHROEDER Managing Editor



# Traveling brings terrific thoughts

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now."

Whether traveling by plane, train or automobile, time spent in any mode of transportation gives way to hours of thinking terrific thoughts.

Tennessee to visit my boyfriend and with eight members of his family, 10 his family, the plane trip gave me time to T was told not to sit and think about the wonderful things feel like his family going on in my life at

this time. Thoughts of a new job, terrific relationship, friends and a new niece or nephew who will arrive in August traveled through my mind as the plane soared like an eagle

across the sky.

I dwelled on ... thoughts for the three hours that I was in the sky. Five days later, the return trip home brought the same, along with thoughts pertaining to the many members of John's extended family, who were also in town at the same time as I.

Relatives from Texas, Illinois and Missouri were on hand throughout the weekend to meet and greet, eat and drink, celebrate a birthday and just simply have fun. It was one of the few times that John's father's side of the family was able to be together in the same place for an extended period of time.

I am sure anyone who knows

what it is like to be bombarded with meeting the family all at one time can appreciate what I went through that weekend. Even more so considering Recently, on an excursion to the fact that I stayed at John's house

if you count his parents.

Thankfully, my travels ended well with tearful good-byes and many wishes of seeing was pushing us each other again. It was down the aisle or a good weekend for everyone that was there, anything, but including me.

I guess it should be taken as a good sign that aunts, uncles and cousins seemed to welcome me into their family with open arms.

I was told not feel like his family was

pushing us down the aisle or anything, but they were all excited to see how happy he is with his life right now. There have been things in the past that have led him to not have much happiness, so for his family to see him as happy as he is, and to speak about, it is a great compliment

The time to travel is something that not everyone has, but I encourage everyone who can get away for even just a few days to do so.

You will be amazed at the things that flow through your mind while you await your final destination.

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### Lerrers To The Edition

### Professor criticizes article

I am writing as a faculty member and former administrator to criticize the article titled, 'Faculty ratify new contract,' which appeared in the June 17 issue of The Jambar. While the article featured detailed quotes from three members of the YSU-OEA negotiating team, principles of journalistic fairness required that the reporter secure and print reactions. from representatives of the university as well. Without that, the article turned out to be one-sided and left the reader illinformed about the difficult issues which had to be addressed by the two parties in these negotiations. Moreover, the article. left a number of false or misleading statements unchallenged.

A Conspicuous among these were the derogatory comments attributed to Dr. Palmer-Fernandez about administrators being "out of touch with the staff" and

with students. Such comments, assuming they were reported accurately, display a shocking level of ignorance, arrogance, and immaturity by an individual entrusted the responsibility of representing the

For his information, and The Jambar's, all department chairpersons and a number of deans stay in touch with students regularly by teaching classes and by dealing with other student matters.

For what it's worth, I wish to make it clear that I do not, share Dr. Palmer Fernandez's views on this matter, nor do I believe, does the majority of the YSU fac-

**Stephan Hanzely** professor

Physics and Astronomy dept..

### **Opinion needs optimism**

I am writing in response to the article, "Flyers offer financial opportunities for The two students whose students." The author seems to assume this business opportunity is not legitimate

the job entails. Although many of these iob opportunities may not be the best way to earn money, they may be the only way for some students to manage a

and doesn't even give com-

plete information about what

job and a full load at school. I understand these things must be investigated, but I feel the story puts a very negative light on the company

and doesn't even give the

company the chance to fully explain what it is offering.

opinions were quoted may not have had to resort to alternative moneymaking methods.

I feel the author of the article should have put something positive in that particular piece. And if not, they should have at least included the opinion of someone who was not so doubtful.

Tracey Gura senior, PW&E

## Chinese sculptor displays replica of ancient warrior in Bliss Hall

LYNN NICKELS Contributing Writer

There are more than 8,000 of them. Fierce, life-size, warriors lined up in battle formation. Horses and weapons at the ready.

They are the sculptures of the long-dead warriors who fought during China's Qin Dynasty more than 2,000 years ago.

Chinese artist Hou Rong, known for his replications of these famous warriors, is demonstrating his work as part of the Visiting Artist Series at Youngstown State University this week.

Hou is completing his replica of a terra-cotta warrior from Emperor Qin Shi Huangdi's tomb in Bliss Hall's new art gallery. The sculpture, on display this week in the gallery, will be moved for permanent display to the dean's conference room, said Greg Moring, YSU art professor.

A native of Beijing, Hou has been sculpting professionally for 24 years, becoming fascinated with this ancient art as a boy growing up in Tibet. He's in the process now of moving to Round Lake, Ill.

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As appointed chancellor, Chu has managed state appropriations have received \$2.3 billion this Ohio's college libraries to one vear. He also meets with the governor and General Assembly to discuss higher education, and creates programs for the 179 public and private colleges in Ohio.

"This is a great opportunity for YSU to really compete for money on their merits, respond to grant requests, and write a proposal," said Chu.

In recent accomplishments, Chu was highly instrumental in creating the Access, Success Challenge programs with YSU that froze tuition for freshmen and

"My grandfather was from China and my grandmother was from Tibet," Hou said. "I lived for nine years in Tibet and used to watch the sculptors make Buddhas. I knew I wanted to do it, so I learned from a Buddhamaker."

in middle and high school, but ended up becoming a farmer for four years. Hou eventually studied sculpture at the Xian Fine Arts Academy, graduating with a bachelor's degree in sculpture in 1973.

His love of sculpture continued to grow, taking a turn in the famous terra-cotta warriors' direction when he was asked to construct an exhibit for a museum to be built near the tomb site.

"The government wanted to build a museum and needed an artist to construct the exhibit," Hou said.

"Many artists thought it was too far to go because it was far from the city. The curator asked me to come for one year to prepare for the opening of the museum in 1979. And I said 'yes,'" he added. Hou stayed five years, work-

ing in the tomb and restoring the

sophomores, and encourages "at-

graduate at YSU, the more money

YSU gets," Chu said.

"As more 'at-risk' students

The Board of Regents also set

"There are 24 million books

as opposed to going to some out-

of-state college where there may

be only a million or less," said

another one of Chu's missions

Elevating K-12 education is

Before becoming chancellor,

Chu worked at Arthur Anderson

and Company Consulting, was a

trustee of the State of New York

and was the New York State

Commissioner of Taxation and

Finance, all from 1971 to 1997.

warrior scultures while he was

He began replicating the sculptures, and the museum asked him to stay on and make souvenirs of his replications for the museum dueto the large amount of tourism.

Hou said the site was discov-Hou said he studied sculpture ered by farmers in 1974. While digging a well, the farmers found fragments of body pieces of a war-

> "They found a finger and part of a face. They thought it was Buddah underground," said Hou.

News of the find traveled quickly to the city, and an archeologist was called in, said Hou.

The huge underground tomb has since begun to be excavated, although the burial chamber itself has not yet been touched.

Three pits containing more than 8,000 life-size warriors and horses have been found to date, representing the battle formations of the Qin Dynasty army.

This is Hou's second visit to YSU. He was here in May to construct the mold for the sculpture.

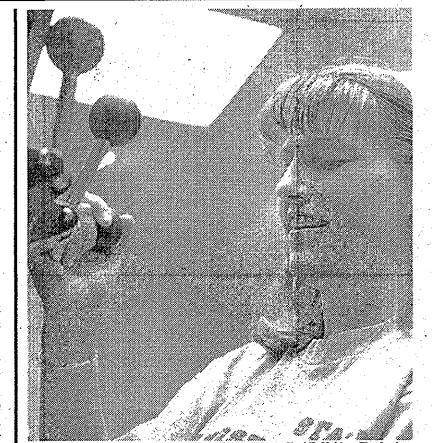
A reception was held in the artist's honor Wednesday in the new Bliss Hall Art Gallery.

Laura Massie, spokeswomann for the Ohio Board of Regents, said that the biggest turning point in Chu's life was the death of his father in 1994.

"Most of the people at his for 61 public colleges in Ohio that up Ohiolink which links all of father's funeral were those whose lives he touched doing civil duties. He decided to change career paths and that education was the key to success of making a difference." she said.

> That is when Chu gave up his career at Anderson and focused his efforts on higher education and economic development. He was appointed chancellor in December 1997.

> He earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics and physics from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and his master's from Cornell University.



Serve it up: Christy Carson, graduate, psychology and sociology, makes an ice cream treat Wednesday at the Polar Penguin inside Kilcawley Center.

## The Kilcawley shuffle

Many different things are occurring this summer inside Kilcawley Center.

SABRINA SCHROEDER Managing Editor

More changes are happening inside Kilcawley Center this summer. Peaberry's is closed until fall, Polar Penguin has opened once again, Disc Go Round is closed and Graphic Services is moving back to the space it occupied before the addition of Disc Go Round.

Peaberry's is closed for the summer to students and faculty and will reopen for fall quarter.

K.J. Satrum, executive director of student services, Kilcawley Center, said, "Peaberry's will be used for breakfast and lunch for the kids on campus participating in Program."

With Peaberry's closed, Polar Penguin, located inside Arby's, will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., to serve various coffees and ice cream treats. Before the addition of Peaberry's last year, the Polar Penguin was open every day to serve students, faculty, staff and

Graphic Services will be in place by the beginning of fall and will reoccupy the space it had before Disc Go Round came to Kathy Leeper, graphic servic-

es coordinator, said, "I have always liked change. It makes we have moved has been a nice change. That is why I like being in Kilcawley, because it is always changing."

When Leeper began working with Graphic Services, the office was located on the second floor of the National Youth Sports Kilcawley Center in a u-shaped room now occupied by Pan Atlas Travel and the Women's Center.

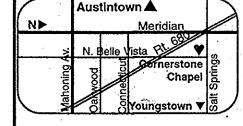
> The space now occupied by Graphic Services will eventually be turned into a paper storage room for Comdoc.

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#### Schepka

continued from page 1 and was well enough to walk in the procession with the rest of her friends while her mentors watched.

"It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for me and I worked really hard to get there," Schepka said. "I had been waiting for that

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moment for so long and what made it even nicer was the fact that I disconnected my chemo-pump for the ceremony. I didn't have it weighing me down. Nothing was going to keep me down Saturday. I'm still not giving up on any of my dreams despite my ailments."

Schepka is making plans to attend YSU once again in the fall YSU," she added.

as a graduate student.

"I applied for a grad assistantship and I know there's ten openings. All I can do is hope for the best," Schepka said.

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## Cohort program graduates 40 at YSU

■Teachers and administrators from Ashtabula County were among the graduates Saturday.

#### MEGAN E. WALSH News Editor

Among the 895 graduates at the June 19 commencement, 40 graduates YSU/Ashtabula County

Master's Degree about quality courses Cohort Program. This program is and services... offered through YSU's Between 1996 and University Outreach Program, and presents teachers and courses in graduate administrators have

ested in a master's program." degree for teachers and administrators Ashtabula County. In September, YSU is planning to add the

educational administration master's degree in order to fulfill the increasing interest in this program. ment, Dr. John Loch, director of University Outreach, said, "The

1999, more than 70 teachers and

"The word spread

1999, more than 70 studies for those inter- enrolled in the degree

According to a prepared stateword spread about quality courses and services...Between 1996 and administrators have enrolled in the degree program."

In a prepared statement, Dr Linda Wesson, chair of the department of educational administrathe tion, research, and foundation at YSU, said, "Basec

on our experience ir. the last three years. our faculty has a high interest in returning Ashtabula County...to serve the education community."

For more than Dr. John Loch 30 educational University Outreach administration graddirector uates, a post-master's degree certifi-

> cation will also be available to those who qualify, according to Wesson.

> Without leaving Ashtabula County, the program enables students to take exams, participate in orientation, apply for admission, be advised, and register for class-

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

### June 24

Fitness Center: The Fitness Center has returned to Beeghly, room 212. Summer hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. For further information, call ext. 2330.

WYSU, 88.5 FM, will be broadcasting "Commentary Cafe," with hosts Bill Binning and Bob Fitzer at 7 p.m. The show will feature daytime radio talk show host, Louie Free.

June 29

WYSU, 88.5 FM, will be broadcasting "Focus" with Dale Harrison at 7 p.m. The topic will be "Going to Birmingham," with author Chris Curtis and English Festival Chair, Gary Salvner.

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