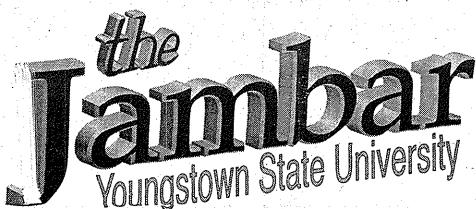
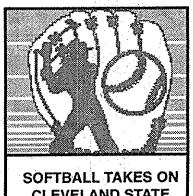


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## Student Government applications are available

Elections for next year's offices are May 9 and 10.

LARISSA THEODORE Assistant News Editor

Applications for all Student Government positions were available for the new school year beginning Monday. Applications for these positions are obtainable in the Student Government office, located on the second floor of Kilcawley Center.

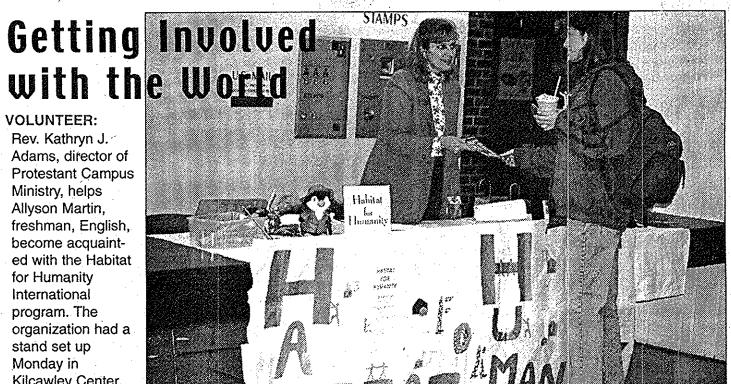
Student Government President Robert Harvey, senior, political science, said, "This is a perfect opportunity for students to get involved. We're viewed as the sole legitimate representative of the student body. Administration interested in what students are turn Government."

Student Government, as defined by its constitution, exer-'cises concurrently with the university faculty and administration certain powers delegated to it by the YSU Board of Trustees, president and faculty.

The preamble of Student Government as written in the constitution is "to better represent the students of YSU, and to unite more closely the interests of undergraduates, graduates, faculty, and staff, to obtain the best leadership for guidance to higher goals and ideals, and to provide for the most efficient and successful management of all student activities." Student Government Second

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**VOLUNTEER:** Rev. Kathryn J. Adams, director of **Protestant Campus** Ministry, helps Allyson Martin, freshman, English, become acquainted with the Habitat for Humanity International program. The organization had a stand set up Monday in Kilcawley Center.



# Professor liability discussed at Academic Senate meeting

Professors said they fear giving students wrong information about the Q2S transition.

JAHI M. HARVEY

Assistant News Editor

- Academic Senate passed a resolution Wednesday to look at the legal liabilities of YSU advisers when students are given false been an issue since it was first aired during the February senate meeting.

Dr. James Morrison, professor and chair of psychology, is also the chair of the Academic

"The concern is that there is not enough information," said Morrison.

Dr. David Porter, associate professor, political science, initially brought up the issue in February's senate meeting.

"My fundamental concern is that we're being told to advise students without the proper are always being sent out to update something. documents," said Porter. "This creates two con- I could give the best advice and it could be

cerns. The first is accurate advising, the second being accurate documents with which to advise

Porter said lawsuits have happened over improper advisement in the past.

Dr. William Jenkins, professor, history, information. The subject of adviser liability has serves as parliamentarian on the Academic Senate. Jenkins said there are places to find the information if it is looked for. He said most changes apply to freshmen students coming in and their general education requirements for the upcoming year.

"There are plenty of places to go for this information," said Jenkins. "There is the Advisory Manual, the student schedule and the Web site.'

Porter said, "I think the Web site is very useful. I have a printed copy of it. But memos

wrong in three weeks."

Jenkins said he sent the Advisory Manual to all of the departments, and set up workshops to inform advisers and faculty of the changes.

"I am not against the resolution, but I am strenuously against the notion that the information isn't available," said Jenkins. "There are numerous references. I am a reference. I gave my phone number out at the meetings for any questions people may have."

Porter said, "I'm glad that the resolution passed. I'm not worried about getting sued, our contracts in the union take care of that. I just think the entire change was handled very badly, and it should be recognized so it doesn't happen

Morrison said, "The motion was passed and I'll be transmitting the resolution to the president. Then it will be up to him whether to bring the issue up to University Counsel."

## Cisco training brings jobs to Youngstown area

Hopes of YSU faculty are that more students will be brought to the university through the training.

ANGELA GIANOGLIO Managing Editor

Cisco Systems announced in October its plan to join with YSU and provide training and jobs in the Mahoning Valley.

For the YSU computer science and information systems department, this news brings with it mixed blessings.

Concern has been generated among the CSIS faculty and administration that students will opt for Cisco training right out of high school rather than go for a four-year degree through CSIS.

Dr. Kriss Schueller, chair of CSIS department, said there is concern, and although the size of the problem is uncertain, he doubts it will be extensive.

"Those who become involved in Cisco may not have wanted a four-year degree," Schueller said. "So it will be students we wouldn't have had anyway."

Schueller added the CSIS department is also looking to possibly offer class credit for Cisco

trainees who decide to get their degree through CSIS.

Robert Meyers, Cisco regional instructor, said the presence of the Cisco training academy will help the CSIS department, not hurt it.

"Large groups of students will be attracted to YSU. It will increase interest and traffic to the university. It can only help. There are enough students out there for all of us," Meyers said.

Dr. Paul Mullins, associate professor, CSIS, disagrees.

"I don't see how [Cisco] can

YSU for students, but is another education stream," Mullins said. "It is a potential reason not to go to college."

Schueller said, "For people who want a job, Cisco training is good, but for those who want the opportunity of a four-year degree, they can't get that through Cisco."

Schueller added that the number of students in the CSIS program has almost doubled in five years.

Mullins added that the Cisco Meyers said.

help. It doesn't act as a draw to training will only offer information useful to a specific type of job, and will not result in a degree from an accredited university.

> Another point Meyers focused on was the proximity of YSU competitors who would like to get Cisco at their schools.

"Kent [State University] and [the University of] Akron would be glad to do it and that's when it will hurt the department here," he said.

"I see [Cisco] as something that can only help the university,"

# Nuggets

Judaic/Holocaust Studies is holding the Conference on Holocaust and Genocide. Panel discussions begin at 8 a.m. today in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center. Call Saul Friedman at 742-3452 for details.

Multicultural Film Festival: "Celluloid Closet" directed by Jeffery and Robert Friedman and "It's Elementary: Talking about Gay Issues in School" directed by Debra Chasnoff at 7 p.m., Thursday at the McDonough Museum of Art.

Center for Working-Class Studies Lecture Series: "What Discriminates: The Politics of Words and Meanings in the U.S., 1960s" with Alice Kessler-Harris, professor, history, Columbia University, will be at 7:30 p.m., Thursday in Kilcawley Center. Call 742-2976 for details.

The Virginia Coalition band will perform in Peaberry's from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday.

## Spelling bee cancelled

■ Proceeds from the contest were to go to the Rich Center for Autism.

CHRISTINA PALM

Copy Editor "Bee for the Valley," spelling bee sponsored by the Paula and Anthony Rich Center for the Study and Treatment of Autism, was cancelled due to lack of interest, according to Georgia

Backus, director of the center. "There wasn't the response the committee had hoped for. The spelling bee has been shelved until it can regroup again," said Backus.

The adult spelling bee was to be the first annual held May 21 in Stambaugh Auditorium. Proceeds were to be used in educational programs at the center.

"The funds were desperately needed for center operations," said

The event was also to be sponsored by The Vindicator.

According to a pamphlet provided by the Rich Center, the center "is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals with autism by providing innovative education, research and support to professionals

and families."

The center strives to increase awareness, change community attitudes and enhance opportunities for children with autism to achieve their potential, according to the pamphlet.

The Rich Center has other events going on throughout the summer and the rest of the year. There are individual consulting sessions for school personnel and families, educational presentations, workshops and inservices on a variety of topics.

In June, the center offers a Summer Training Program to train teachers and related personnel to use research-tested strategies for educating children with autism. Teachers can enroll for graduate credit through the program.

The courses are listed in the YSU Spring/Summer 2000 Schedule of Classes under 965X and 965Y.

The center also offers internship and student teaching opportunities through the courses.

For more information, contact Backus at 742-1927.

## Test measures bone density, disease

to find out

something

before

Osteoporosis is a serious disease that needs to be caught early through bone density testing.

LARISSA THEODORE Assistant News Editor

Free bone density screening tests were available Friday, from 10 a.m. to noon in the Student Health Clinic of Beeghly Center. The measurements were done by ultrasound and performed by Dr. Joan Boyd, health professions.

"We find that there's a lot of people with osteoporosis and who

are not aware of a few signs and symptoms 661t's important porosis is thought of of the disease. It is insidious and it creeps up on you," Boyd. According to

Carol Eustice, expert adviser at about.com, osteoporosis, which means "porous bone," is a disease characterized by progressive bone thinning. The deterioration of bone

tissue can lead to bone fragility and fracture, especially of the hip, spine and wrist. Osteoporosis is regarded as a "silent disease" since damage occurs over a period of years without evident symptoms.

The disease can remain undiagnosed until so advanced that the weakened bones are easily fractured. Osteoporosis is the cause of 1.5 million fractures each year.

"Sometimes when you do find out, it's by a fracture of some sort. Many people don't know they have the condition until they fall and have to get checked out," Boyd said.

The test takes only two minutes, is non-invasive, and is not

painful. The only requirement is to complete an application form and

remove a shoe, sock, or stocking. According to a pamphlet on osteoporosis published by Merck and Co., women age 45 and older and people over 50 years of age are at the greatest risk. Women past menopause are also at risk for osteoporosis. After menopause, most women experience bone loss, which can eventually lead to osteoporosis. As it progresses,

fractures can occur, especially in the spine, wrists and hipbones.

It's estimated that there are over 25 million women in America with osteoporosis, 80 percent of whom are women, according to Eustice. Relatively few have been diagnosed or treated. It has been estimated that one out of every two women and one out of five men will experience an osteoporosisrelated fracture sometime in their

life. Though osteoas an old person's disease, it can strike at any age. It's important to know that many effects of bone happens, [in loss are silent. A few signs and

order to symptoms of osteoprevent it. 99 porosis, according to Eustice, are family Dr. Joan Boyd, history, low testos-Health Professions terone levels, anorexia, low calcium diet,

> lack of exercise, smoking and excessive use of alcohol or caffeine.

"It's important to find out before something happens, [in order to] prevent it. It costs millions to treat the conditions once there is a fracture," Boyd said.

The free screenings that took place in the Student Health Clinic were a part of a research project to pick up individuals in the community with osteoporosis.

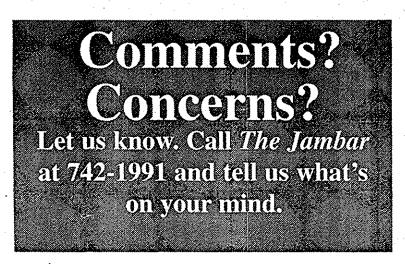
Joyce Henneman, senior, theater and English, said, "I basically came here out of curiosity and because it's free."

Carol Trube, data manager, Center for Urban Studies, said, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.'

The bone density is measured in the heel using ultrasound, or sound waves. It is a screening test for osteoporosis. It is about 80 percent accurate in determining the true bone density of a patient.

Several new treatments are now available to help patients with osteoporosis.

Those treatments include the use of calcium and additional prescription medicines.



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## **EDITORIAL**

## Interest is important during elections

While many students are concentrating on classes and what they need to graduate college, quite a few will also be thinking about what they need to do to win the student body vote for a position on Student Government for next year.

This week marks the beginning of the fourweek time frame in which the candidates are allowed to advertise in. Not everyone running for an office will be seen soliciting votes, but each team running for president and vice president will be out there to convince the students on this campus to vote for

Students must first take an interest in campus politics before deciding who they will vote for, according to current Student Government President Robert Harvey.

"This is something [students] should be interested in. It is important for students to be represented on campus and they should be informed about those representing them," Harvey said.

Each group of candidates will have different aspects of campus life that they will address and it is important for those students who decide to vote to figure out what is important to them personally and then listen to what each of the candidates has to say

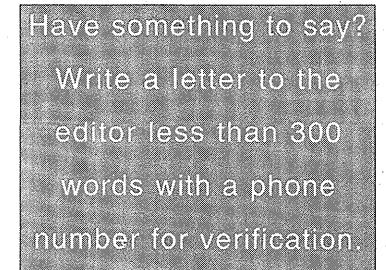
Students need to take the time to go out and listen to what those leaders running for office have to say. When there are debates scheduled, go listen to what is being said and ask questions if you don't like

This is the only way to ensure that you know where the candidates stand on issues that are important to you.

The positions on Student Government are paid positions, and the representatives have an office in Kilcawley Center. They are paid to represent the student body, but the only way they can do this is if students go out and vote.

This election should not be a popularity contest, but a vote on who is the better candidate for the job.

If the students of YSU do not go out and take an active interest in those running for the powerful positions of Student Government, this campus may end up with leaders who cannot be identified by the student body and whom students may disagree with on important topics.





## Angela Gianoglio A new generation

of drugs

In a Newsweek magazine a few weeks, ago I read a story that reportscription drugs quadrupled between 1991 and 1995.

didn't mean drugs for the flu or other viruses, but Ritalin, Prozac or other mood altering drugs.

Dr. Lawrence Diller, M.D. has written several books, including "Running on Ritalin," Bantam, Doubleday, Dell, 1998, on the subject of prescribing drugs to children. Diller is a behavioral pediatrician in Walnut Creek, Calif.

"Here we have the American Dream where anyone can be the next Bill Gates. We also believe in a 'medical utopia' where all the problems of life can be solved by visiting the doctor and taking a pill," Diller writes in 3 his article, "Ritalin and the Intolerance Diversity America."

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According to an We don't even article titled "A Nation of Kids Running on Ritalin," by Diller on his Web s i t e', www.docdiller.com, the number of children under nine who are taking prescripmedicine tion increased by 1,200 percent in five years. I can barely imagine the number of those kids who are under five.

Diller conducted surveys that found that most of the children on Ritalin come from white, upper-middle class suburban homes.

Since the beginning of the last decade the U.S. has seen a drastic increase of children with Attention Deficit Disorder and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. Although these disorders are legitimate biological problems for some people, they are no excuse for quadrupling the number of prescription drugs used on toddlers.

Diller wrote in his article, "Ritalin will allow anyone, child or adult, ADD or not, to perform better and become more methodical with tasks they find boring or difficult."

Prescribing these drugs has become an excuse, an easy out.

The result: Parents who don't want to deal with rambunctious 2year-olds, doctors who aren't evaluating each child individually and using what Newsweek called "checklist diagnosis" and children who are barely old enough to take Flintstones Vitamins are on mood-altering pre-

It's appalling and repulsive! We the thought makes me sick.

don't even know the long-term affects of these drugs on children that young. ed the number of toddlers (children It's bad enough that we call the most between the ages of 2 and 4) on pre-formative years in a child's development the "terrible twos" and "trying threes," but now we are trying to sup-That is a scary thought. They press that developmental stage by restricting a child's boundary testing, curiosity, playfulness and mental development.

A 3-year-old who can't sit still for two hours is not abnormal, a 4year-old who screams for mommy before his/her first day of preschool does not need Ritalin to be calmed and a child's desire to run around five minutes before bedtime is nothing

But to parents who have to be at work at 14 hours a day to afford their \$500,000-a-year lifestyle, can't afford to take time raise a child, so they use the drugs to make the job easier.

And then there's the issue of of Temperament responsibility. It's a lot easier to say

- little Janie requires "special treatment" than to admit the child may just need some old-fashioned discipline.

If the child does act up the parent can rely affects of these on the availability of the drugs as an excuse both for the child and for themselves. Not to mention their child is "special" and so therefore is never at fault. Everyone from

the daycare supervisor to teachers to family friends must cater to the child for fear of setting of a temper tantrum that time and proper rearing, not drugs, has a better chance of rectify-

ADD is a valid condition that's diagnosis has solved problems for many people, but not for toddlers whose very nature it is to be hyper and inquisitive. They are learning the ropes of society and testing the boundaries, of acceptable behavior. Parents have to take the time to raise their child and not expect a prescription to ease the responsibility.

It's difficult to believe that the medical world reports that the number of cases of Down's Syndrome, multiple sclerosis, depression, schizophrenia, and other mental and hysterical diseases are on the decline, but almost every other child in the United States requires prescriptions to make them "normal."

It's not consistent, not when statistics like that in Newsweek are being reported. And those statistics are four years old. Figures for 1996 through 1999 were not mentioned. I can just imagine what the number is now, and

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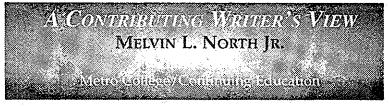
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## Disruption in public needs to stop

I am an African-American. and a member of YSU's community. Recently, I witnessed an incident that has compelled me to speak out against a situation existing for too long. The issue involves negative behavior and language displayed by a handful of African-Americans, who sort of "hang out" on the first floor of Kilcawley Center. I'm told that often times, the people congregating in this area are non-students.

Let me underscore that it is only just a handful of individuals, and basically I think it's the same people causing most, if not all, of the trouble. I have also been informed that at times, this small group's conduct can be so rowdy and offensive that it's not only embarrassing but poses a real danger; someone could be injured. This kind of activity cannot be tolerated or ignored. Use of loud profanity and negative behavior has to be addressed, if for no other reason than because it is definitely not what being an intelligent adult is all about. It's not what Martin Luther King Jr., Sojourner Truth, Malcolm X, Harriet Tubman, or our own late, beloved Mr. Robert Peterson, executive director of WYSU-FM, inspired.

It has to be challenged because it gives the wrong message, reinforcing negative stereotypes and infringing on the rights of others. It has to be challenged because it's stupid, ignorant and reflects the type of things that are wrong with this area. Honestly, such behavior is not conducive to

promoting education and learning. I urge African-American fac-

ulty/staff, black organizations and other African-American students who agree with this view to support curtailing and changing this kind of nonsense. I urge parents of black students who attend YSU to visit Kilcawley Center, and assist us in monitoring this situation.

Kilcawley Center is a public facility. There is no room for profanity, loud offensive music, fighting, public intoxication and blatant misconduct. I encourage campus security to take appropriate action when necessary. From where I sit, if you do your job properly, no reasonable person will construe this as racially motivated.

Hopefully, it will not take someone going to jail, or being banned from the university before this small group gets the message. In Youngstown, collectively, black people are still struggling, struggling too long and too hard to be misrepresented by the senseless and immature conduct of a few. This is not about imitating or portraying what critics want. This is not about creating a ghetto.

Tragically, on the day I witnessed this incident, one of the individuals causing the problem was an African-American woman. This represents a bad reflection for all women, particularly African-

I hope those who hang out at this location especially read this letter. Believe me, I don't fault you! In my opinion, you are a victim of a community and university that lacks the command of real leadership. I hope you are honest with yourself and govern yourself accordingly. Let's stop it!

## JAHI M. HARVEY

## Was Thatcher the right choice?

I was excited both as a student and a journalist when I heard that Lady Margaret Thatcher was coming to Powers Auditorium to speak. I wanted to take the opportunity of this possibly once-in-alifetime event to see the woman for myself. I wanted to see and hear this woman who ran Great Britain for 11 years. I knew it would be an experience.

It was definitely an experience, and I wouldn't trade it for anything in the world. But instead of seeing triumph and greatness, the only thing visible to me was a woman grasping onto an old and worn belief system.

I sat as she explained to the audience the glorious triumphs of the "English-speaking peoples" of the world.

She spoke of Argentinean soldiers captured by the British army, writing letters about how well they were treated and how it was so much better than home. Soon after, the Argentinean dictatorship was overthrown, all due to military action.

She also spoke of Ronald Reagan, who lead the development of a missile capable of destroying a nuclear missile in air.

"The Russians knew that they could not develop such a missile,"

Apparently had the missile never been developed, the Soviet Union wouldn't have collapsed. choice, though. The Cold War would still be alive and well today.

free-market society, the whole the Valley are who frighten me the campus at YSU.

country will prosper because we know they are such "naturally hard workers."

I looked at her while she was saying these things. I utterly believe this was indeed a speech. but the words she was saying came directly from her heart. She actually believed it.

What shocked me even more was how most people in attendance seemed to nod their heads in agreement and approval.

I knew they had all come to hear Thatcher speak, like me. But were they actually listening? I asked myself this as I sat there looking at the waves of applause circulating through the audience as she spoke.

In the excitement, the phrase "English-speaking peoples" must have briefly left her.

"And we as Anglo-Saxons... I'm sorry, may I call you Anglo-Saxons?" she asked, receiving a very enthusiastic yes from the audience.

I'm not Anglo-Saxon, which became evident if you read the name at the top of the column. I looked at the reporter next to me, and neither was she. We looked at each other almost to ask, did I hear that right?

She probably excluded over 1/3 of her audience and our campus in that one sentence. No one seemed to bat an eye at her word

worst part of the evening. After all, She told us of her talks with she boarded a flight destined for That's not disputed. But perhaps Deng Xiaoping, China's former home a few hours later. Those in president. Thatcher explained to attendance who agreed with her someone whose message could us how once China becomes a and returned to their homes here in appeal to the diversity seen on

I don't consider myself naive. I know the world isn't the Land of Oz or make-believe. But I did expect Thatcher to be something more. I did expect that the general audience would be more informed than to agree with her blatantly elitist and sometimes racist viewpoints. I was somewhat disappointed on both counts.

Why would someone like this be selected to come and share their views on a campus that claims to promote diversity?

I may be a minority in this country, and maybe I am in the minority in the view of her and her speech. Most would probably say I'm blowing this way out of proportion. But am I?

Is it wrong to question that after 40 years of a Cold War, one president and one missile brought it all to an end? Is it wrong to question that soldiers being treated well in a POW camp brought down the dictatorship in Argentina? I think it would be a greater wrong not to.

We should use this college education to view every speaker's words under heavy scrutiny, regardless of the person's stature or greatness. I think most people paid too much attention to Thatcher's status to really analyze what she was saying.

Lady Thatcher has done many astounding things in her life, female prime minister of England. those responsible could've chosen

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Campus can profit from Indians of the Six Nations

alike can profit by the following letter which was written in 1744 by the Indians of the Six Nations at Provinces. They were instructed in Lancaster, Pa., who were invited to all your sciences, but when they send students to William and Mary College:

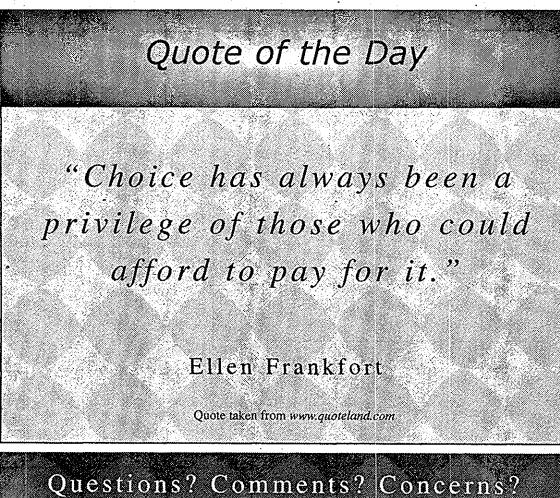
We know that you highly esteem the kind of learning taught in those colleges and the maintenance of our young men, while with you, would be very expensive to you. We are convinced that you mean to do us good by your proposal, and we thank you heartily. But you, who are wise, must know. that different Nations have different conceptions of things, and you will therefore not take it amiss if our ideas of this kind of education happen not to be the same as

We have had some experience

I think students and faculty of it. Several of our young people were formerly brought up at the colleges of the Northern came back to us, they were bad runners, ignorant of every means of living in the woods ... neither fit for hunters, warriors, nor counselors; they were totally good for

nothing. We are, however, not the less obliged by your kind offer, though we decline accepting it. To show our grateful sense of it, if the Gentlemen of Virginia will send us a dozen of their Sons, we will take care of their education, instruct them in all we know and make Men of them.

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Sullivan joined the Naval

on Space, the press release said.

Reserve in 1988 while still at

NASA. She also is a licensed pri-

vate pilot, a certified scuba diver

and an adjunct professor of geo-

logical sciences and education at

Sullivan believes that there are

many women who work in labs

and research outposts where the

important discoveries of the sci-

strides in the past century, and

have set a wonderful example for

others who choose to pursue a

career in science or technology,"

ment and mentoring to foster their

interest at an early age," she added.

as the keynote speaker after hear-

ing her speak before at an

Inventors' Hall of Fame in Akron.

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being a teacher," Willis said.

"Young girls need encourage-

Willis said she chose Sullivan

"She was really good and had

Willis said she hopes the par-

According to the press release.

"Women have made great

The Ohio State University.

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she said.

## Workshop features female scientists

Middle and high school students will listen to panel discussions and participate in workshops.

## MEGAN E. WALSH

News Editor

YSU is holding its third annual Women in Science Career Workshop, 9 a.m., Saturday in Kilcawley Center. The workshop is open to girls in grades six through 12 from Mahoning and Trumbull Counties.

According to Courtenay Willis, assistant professor, biological sciences, and workshop organizer, the conference is for middle and high school girls.

"At first it was the high school, girls only but we felt that middle school girls aren't fixed in or have closed doors to anything," she said.

Willis said the conference has gotten a flood of participants since its beginnings three years ago.

"The first year we only had 60 participants and the second year it doubled to 120 participants. We are hoping to get over 100 participants this year," said Willis.

The conference will consist of the keynote speech given by Dr. Kathryn Sullivan, president and CEO of the Center for Ohio Science and Industry, "The Fascination Destination," panel discussions in the morning and hands-on lab workshops in the

afternoon, according to Willis. The students will break out into two panel discussions

in the morning.

"Two to four female scientists will sit on a panel and will talk about their careers including salary and day-to-day activities," said

The hands-on lab workshops will include a choice of six different labs in different fields of sci-

"The labs are meant to give the girls an idea of what they might be doing in that particular career," Willis said.

"The girls get their hands dirty and get to do things," she added.

A new activity on the workshop's agenda is a planetarium show titled "Women Hold Up Half the Sky." Students from Chabot Space and Science Center's Women in Astronomy program produced the show.

"We added it because it goes hand-in-hand with Dr. Sullivan's speech and the role of women scientists," Willis said.

According to a press release from COSI, Sullivan has been the president and CEO of COSI since 1996, and became a NASA. Mission Specialist in 1978.

She has flown three shuttle missions and logged more than 500 hours in space. Her missions included the Challenger in 1984. Discovery in 1990 and Atlantis in

Sullivan is the first American

## **Applications** Continued from page 1

Vice President Tara Mauch, senior, political science, said, "Being on Student Government has been a very fulfilling experience and is definitely something that students should consider getting involved in if they care about what happens on campus."

Students who are interested in filling a position on student government next semester should get their applications as soon as possi-

There are two phases to the application process. Applicants will have two parts to complete before becoming official on the ballot.

"Student Representatives, for example, must fill out an application, attend at least two Student Government meetings before the deadline, and get 50 signatures from other students to be placed on the ballot," Harvey said.

Student Government Vice President Marla Carano, junior, secondary education, said, "Student Government has a lot of responsibility to make decisions about things that affect the daily lives of students. If students don't run they should at least vote for the people they believe are good for the job."

Anyone who runs for the positions of president and vice president must run as a team, but positions for student representatives and academic senate at-large are also available.

Current members of Student

Government are required to reapply for any positions which they

"Make sure to see the receptionist in the Student Government office and she'll give you a packet and a paper to sign to receive the constitution," Harvey said.

Elections are open to the entire student body and voting will take place May 9 and 10. Booths will be set up for students in Kilcawley Center, Wick Avenue Bridge, and Christman Dining Hall. Students must have a valid YSU ID to vote.

According to Harvey, the ballots this year will be on scantron sheets to try eliminate the problems that occured last year when there was an 18 vote discrepancy in the results.

Other issues will also be placed on the election ballot, including a proposal to amend the Student Government constitution to create a new position for secretary of computing technology.

"There are so many different ways which computers affect our lives. Student Government should have one person designated to keep up on that and coordinate administration, so that has to be voted on by the students to create that position," Harvey said.

For students who are looking for a way to become involved in university affairs, Government may be one possible avenue, according to Harvey.

"This is a perfect opportunity for students to get involved. This is really the only way that they can make sure their voices are being

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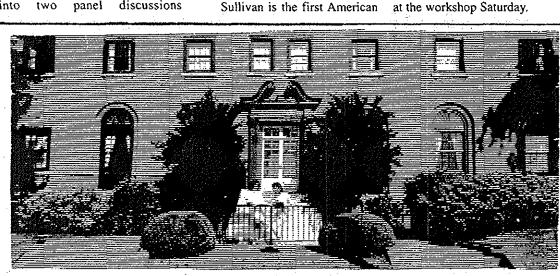
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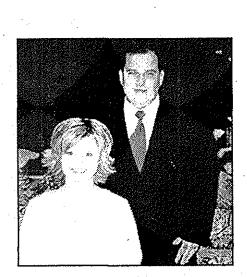
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## YSU creates dance club

The club promotes ballroom dancing and provides on-campus social dances.

MARK LAVERNUICK Contributing Writer

For those who only dance alone behind locked doors, freedom of self-expression has arrived. YSU has officially become a member of the Youngstown-Warren Ohio chapter of the USABDA - not some Swedish rock group, but the United States Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association.

The membership and a corresponding Dance Club are new to the university.

In its first year of operation, the goal of the club, as mentioned in its charter, is to promote competitive and social ballroom dancing and to provide on-campus social dances for dancers of all skill levels.

Joining the Dance Club requires a \$9 fee and is open to all students, faculty and alumni of YSU. Anyone interested in joining can attend one of the meetings or send an e-mail to ysudanceclub@hotmail.com.

Megan Thickey, sophomore, vocal education, said, "Dance Club is a great way to meet new friends and just have fun."

And with a female to male ratio of about four to one, she adds, "there's always room for

One of the biggest benefits to being a member of the Dance Club is the opportunity to take dance

lessons from professional instructors at the discounted rate of \$5 per lesson - a one-hour lesson at a private studio typically runs \$60 per couple.

These group lessons are held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Beeghly-Center room 100. The Dance Club also meets in the same place Fridays from 7 to 10 p.m.

The student-run Friday session is free and open to all, mem-

Kristen Funelli, freshman, telecommunications, said, "I came to the lessons not knowing how to dance at all, but everybody was so nice and helpful,"

Professional competitors Jim Ferris and Suzanne Gelinas instruct the lessons.

Both have won numerous awards, including first place at the Eastern United States Dance Championships and at the Royal Cup of Canada, and operate their own studio, "Always Dancin'," located in Columbiana.

The first competition for the club was March 17 and 18.

Dance Club President Jen Pratt, sophomore, electrical engineering, said, "Once the club grows, we look forward to competitions, not only in the U.S. but in Europe as well."

The club returned from watching a competition at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland Feb. 11.

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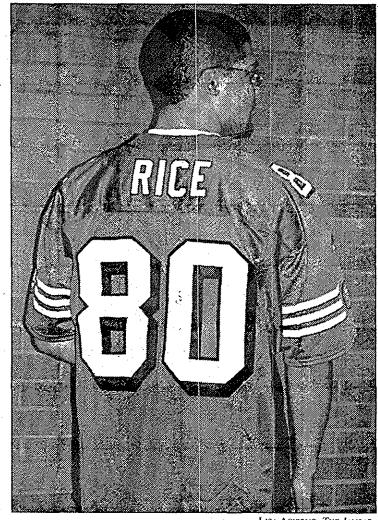
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## Parking upgrades fall behind schedule

■ Both the Student Government president and the director of Support Services say the number of spaces available is not a problem.

JACKIE SPENCE Contributing Writer

The Campus 2000 plans for improving parking on campus have been moved back until 2003, said Student Government President Robert Harvey, senior, political science.

In response to complaints about parking, especially in the M2 deck, Harvey said, "We are doing what we can about parking, but it is not the quantity of spaces that is the problem."

Joseph Scarnecchia, director, Support Services, agrees with Harvey and said he does not think crowded parking is a problem, but

it is usually a common complaint. "People want to park in a place that is convenient," said Scarnecchia, which attributes to some of the crowded lots.

As for new parking developments, Scarnecchia said, "We will have to wait and find out, but we do have plans."

Scarnecchia said there are a few options YSU is working on to improve parking in the Lincoln

some parking in the Lincoln Deck. as slide lots, on the west side of "One option is to operate half of the deck," said Scarnecchia, other lots. "which means the parking spots

turn the deck into a surface lot."

Scarnecchia added, "All the options would be very costly, so plans would have to wait for a few more years until money is readily available said Scarnecchia.

Scarnecchia also mentioned renovating or knocking the whole thing down and rebuilding it, but the future of the deck is still

Scarnecchia said the deck is inspected yearly, just like all of the other lots, and students should not worry on the safety or parking space size.

As for rumors about the deck moving to a different location because it is assembled in separate pieces, Scarnecchia said, "The deck is built and designed to stay there."

He said the deck is built especially for the sloping design of the ground and the pieces make it easier to renovate.

If it were moved to flat land, it would not be able to stand up, he

The Lincoln Deck is just one lot YSU is planning to tackle. According to Scarnecchia, some of One option is to eliminate the gravel lots, otherwise known campus might be paved like the

Scarnecchia said, that depends on money and future development "Other options would be to of the west side of campus.

Women's track and field took seven first-place finishes at Saturday's home Invitational.

The baseball team won one of its two Mid-Continent Conference games against Utah April 8.

## The way



JESS TREMAYNE

Sports Editor

The way athletics are funded is not well advertized to the general public. The reason for this is unknown.

Many people have questioned me about the reasons behind the athletes spending their spare time standing behind a concession stand or screaming "peanuts" at a football game, or better yet sitting for hours calling people to ask them to donate money for their sport at a telethon.

I have a phrase to share with them that I've been hearing for a long time: "Anything worth hav ing is worth working for."

Why should it be the athlete's job to fund a sport they pardo is compete?

Before these athletes became involved in their particular sport in college, they should have beer well aware of the stipulations that sport will bring to their lives

However, many athletes are not informed of what their duties will be before they sign onto a

Debate is often made about the luxuries certain sports have over others. People wonder why some sports struggle to purchase uniforms or why they have to ride a bus for 20 hours when they should be able to hop on a flight.

I want to say to these people that it is very unfortunate that the sport these athletes have chosen is not well funded by spectators, but the college cannot provide enough money for any organiza tion these days.

The reasons behind that is a whole other story.

My point is that the sports that are provided with airline flights or new uniforms and equipment are not to blame for taking advantage of the system or the system showing favor to them. It's purely due to the amount of money that the sport brings into the athletic department as a whole.

Many clubs that rely on funding outside of their budget have other outlets of retrieving these funds by their own means.

However, it sometimes gets dreary spending about five hours a week working on ways to play your sport.

## Penguins playing cold

**GERALD BENSON** Contributing Writer

A Cleveland State University rally in the seventh inning discouraged a YSU comeback as the Vikings beat the Penguins 4-1 in game one of Monday's softball doubleheader.

"We got a lot of things from a Head Coach Julie Jones. "It's hard out three and walking eight.

to come off the bench and contribute, but they came off very relaxed and confident and got production from both pinch hitters and run-

Chrissy Cameron YSU Head Coach Christy

-Head Coach

"What I stress is you

hard all the time ... '

have to go out and play

Cleveland Sate. "Defensively, we played great ball. Offensively, we hit the ball hard but just didn't get any breaks when we needed them," Cameron

Cameron credits her team with

playing great defense against

Cleveland State took an 1-0 lead in the top of the second inning after a solo home run from junior Tiffany Nofziger, her second of the year.

Sara Fleet got a YSU rally started in the bottom of the sixth inning with a single to right field. Senior Holly Royal got a single with one out in the inning to move Fleet to second base.

YSU's Katie Marsh, sopholot of different people," said CSU more, went seven innings, striking

Game two had Penguins locked into a tie at zero until the top of the sixth inning when a costly error put runners in scoring posi-

"What I stress is you have to go out and play hard all the time and mistakes will happen because they are just part of the game,' said Cameron.

"We're really not machines are we're not perfect and if that was the case, the game wouldn't be any fun," she added.

The Penguins had four players in scoring position all day, including three in the second game. When they were in position,

ey struggled, hitting .189 as a team.



Team Spirit: Encouragement between the innings was given at a YSU game March 8 at Cafaro Field.

## Baseball is back at bat

JESS TREMAYNE

Sports Editor A rough road has hit the bats of the baseball team this year, with

a record that is hard to claim at 6-After a 12-game losing streak, they beat out Southern

Utah in game one of a Mid-Continent doubleheader Saturday. However, the joy was short homeruns.

lived with a 10-6 loss in the night-

The bats were dusted off and cracking for the first time this sea-

Not all was awash for the team. Eight homeruns were recorded, and teamwork was well in the running with Clint Ford, freshman, driving in four runs in the two games, and Steve Mefferd, junior, driving in three runs.

After the third inning of game one, they were at a 6-1 lead. Brad Hennessey, sophomore, hit a

homerun and Andrew Clough, senior, hit a two-run shot.

Kyle Sobecki, sophomore, acquired his first win, pitching six innings straight. The second game of the

evening was lost to the Thunderbirds 14-4, as they hit five Defeat came hard and swift to

the Penguins, giving them little time to enjoy their first win out of a dozen games.

Todd' Santore, junior, hit a single homerun in the seventh inning of game two.

However, it was not enough to pull the Red and White out of the dugout for a second win of the

The Penguins will travel to Valparaiso for another league series doubleheader at noon

## What's Happening in YSU Sports

Track and Field Women's track and field earned seven first-place finishes at their home Invitational April 8. Jasmine Reynolds, senior, placed first in the 100meter dash with a time of *13.0*.

Suzy Thompson, senior, won first in the 100-meter with a time of 26.6. Janae Stephens, freshman, won first in the 400-meter, with a time of 59.0. Rachael Albert, freshman, finished first in the 800meter with a time of 2:31. Andrea Cohol, senior, won first place in the 5,000meter run with a time of

*4:53*. The women's 4x100 relay finished first with a time of 48:62.

Amy Wilson, freshman, placed first in the long jump, with a mark of four feet five inches. Kofi Owusu-Ansah, senior, placed first in the 100meter dash, 11.0, and in the 200-meter dash, 22.9. Dan Brown, senior, placed second in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 4:13. Eugine Harris, freshman, placed second in the 200meter dash, with a time of *23.0.* Will Edwards, sophomore,

## Baseball

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The team lost a Mid-Continent Conference doubleheader against West Virginia, 14-4, 7-1, April 5.

placed third in the 5,000-

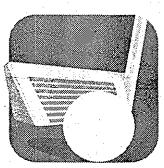
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What was a 12 game losing streak turned around with a win against Utah after eight homeruns April 8. The second game of the night was a loss for the Penguins, 10-6. Steve Mefferd, junior, and Clint Ford, freshman, each hit two homeruns for the day.

## Softball<sup>®</sup>

Lacey Reichert, a senior at Amherst High School, signed a National Letter-of-Intent to play at YSU. Reichert was named to the Fastpitch World All-American Team in 1999 and second-team Division I All-Ohio in 1998. A Mid-Continent Conference game was lost to Oakland, 3-1. Jen Humphries, junior, pitched a whole game with two strikeouts on Sunday.

Women's Golf Defeated Chicago State, 348-514 at Avalon South April 7. Stephanie Matasek, sophomore, shot 42-36 for a total of 78.



Men's Tennis A home match against St. Bonaventure dropped a 6-1 decision. Praveen Perni, junior, won at No. 2 singles. April 14, at 3 p.m., a home match will be held against Illinois-Chicago.



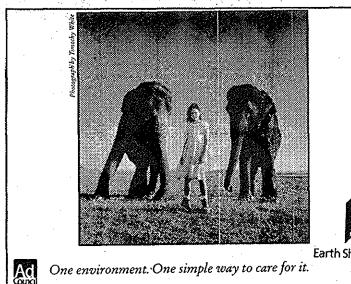
Women's Tennis A improvement of 8-5 was taken after defeating Dayton Saturday 4-3. Annie Marino, freshman, won at No.5 singles, 6-3, 6-4. Shana Young, junior, won No.6 singles, 6-2, 6-2. Leslie Banks, freshman, won 7-6, 6-4, at No. 4 singles, and teaming with Abby Vens, junior, for No.1 doubles, won 8-4. Marci Russ, junior, and Jen Vodhanel, sophomore, combined to win 9-8 at No. 2 doubles.

## Runner's High



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**FINISH LINE:** Senior Dan Brown took second place in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 4.13 minutes during the YSU invitational track meet Saturday against The

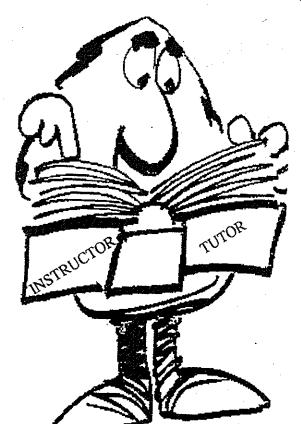


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The Pan-African Student Union is having a meeting at 1 p.m. in Room 2069 of Kilcawley Center. Meetings are held every Tuesday. For more information, contact pasu\_ysu@hotmail.com, or contact Eboni Bogan at 742-3595.

Focus will be on on WYSU, 88.5 FM at 7 p.m. The topic is "The Dynamics of Diversity" with Clarice Perry, YSU diversity coordinator. Host is Victor Wan-Tatah.

## Wednesday

LGBT — the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender society — is having a meeting at 4 p.m. in the Bresnahan Reception Suite in Kilcawley Center. Meetings are every Wednesday, and any supporters, gay or non-gay, are welcome. Contact Jeff Boggs at jeffbysu@aol.com.

The Greek System is celebrating the "Week of the Scholar" this week. There will be a study night from 5 to 10 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room in Cafaro House. A study hours contest will be held throughout the week between the sororities and fraternities. Good luck all Greeks! Contact Angela Lordi, Delta Zeta, for more information.

The Diversity Conference Planning Committee is having a meeting at 4 p.m. to plan the Diversity Conference for October 2000. The meeting will be held in the Women's Center, Room 2114 of Kilcalwey Center. Contact Jill Edwards at 742-2311 for more information.

The Outdoor Adventure Club is having a Nelson's Ledges trip beginning Friday with camping, ending Saturday with a day hike. Saturday morning, for the hike only, it will begin at 8 a.m. at McDonald's. Contact Mike Ciccone at 480-8069 or cicconemike@hotmail.com or Beth Hudach at 788-4236 or erthgrl111@aol.com for more details.

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