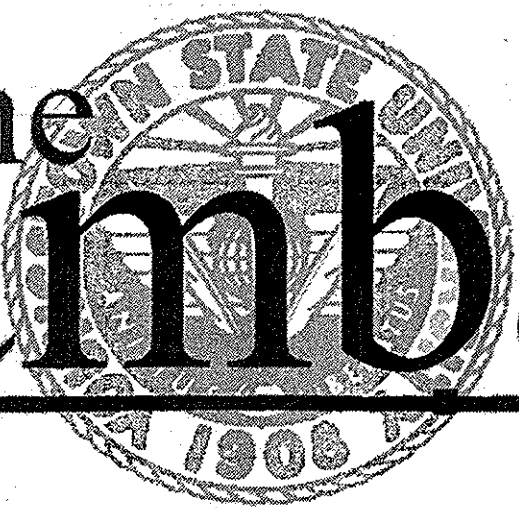


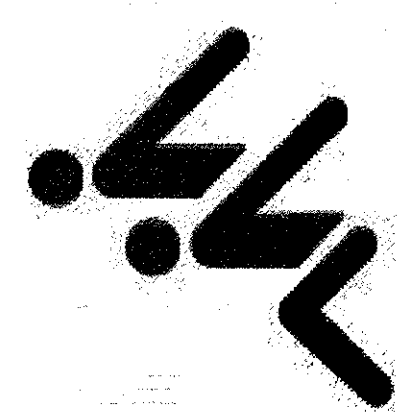
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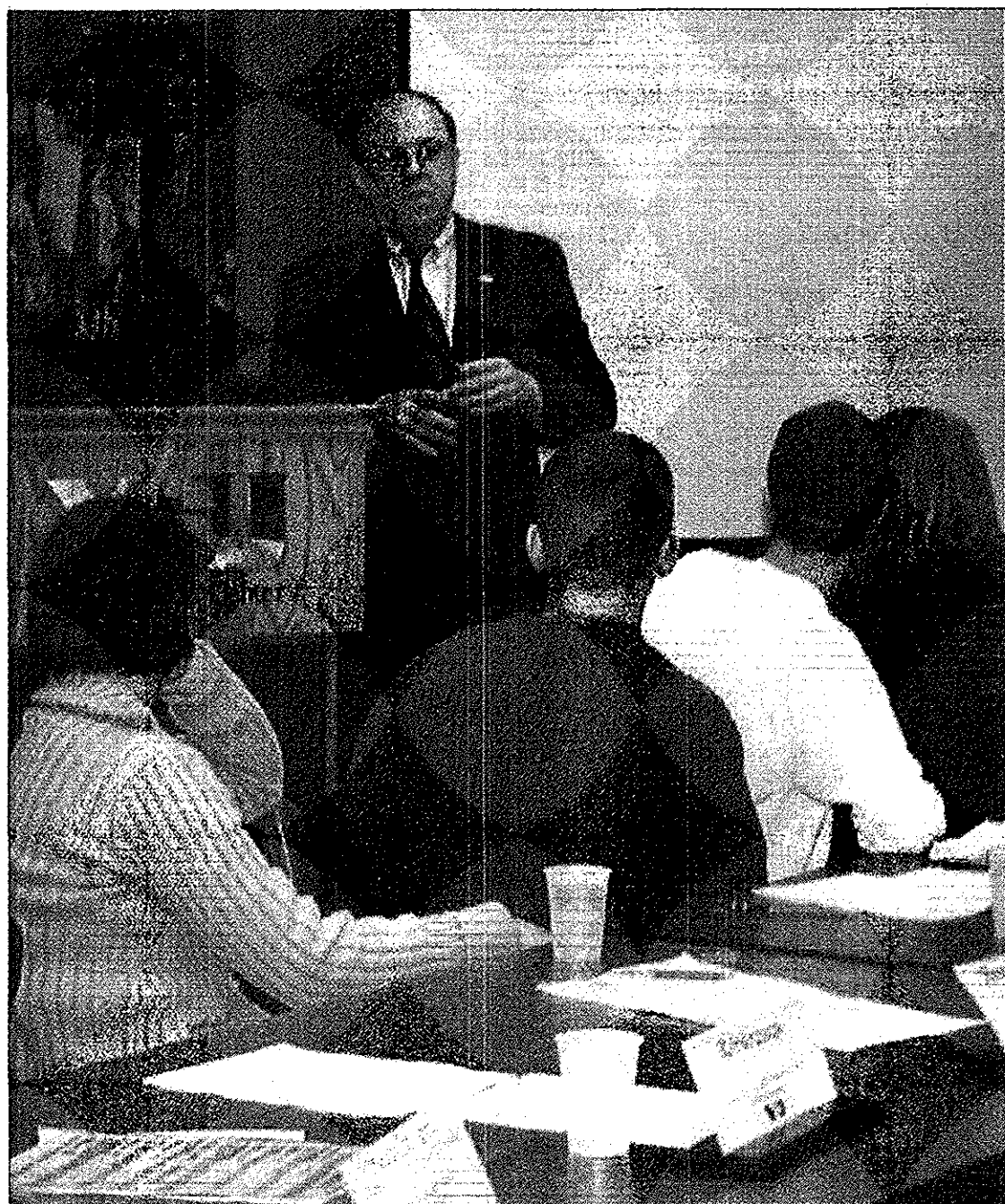
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INCREASING AWARENESS: President Sweet gives a budget presentation during yesterday's Student Government meeting. He will present the same proposal to university trustees today.

Sweet explains tuition increase

YSU students will be paying up to \$120 more this spring.

By VALERIE BANNER
Jambar Editor

Dr. David Sweet, university president, said he plans to present his strategy for coping with the \$3 million state budget cuts to the YSU Board of Trustees today at 1 p.m. He made the same presentation Monday afternoon at the Student Government meeting.

The plan includes a tuition hike of no more than \$120 per semester for a full-time undergraduate student, said Sweet. It also means cutting other areas of the budget, taking money from reserves and not hiring to fill some vacant positions, he said.

Some department chairs said not being able to fill positions could mean students would be closed out of classes they need next fall.

Sweet said he won't cut student wages or jobs on campus.

Sweet wasn't, however, able to defend faculty jobs as definitely.

"We will not lay off faculty or staff ... This will be our approach this time, but I can't guarantee it in the future," he said.

"We don't have a lot of faculty to cut out without reducing our quality to our students," said Sweet, echoing the opinions of deans and department chairs across campus.

Although there won't be any layoffs made at this time, they may not hire someone for a position that is currently open, according to Sweet. He said each dean will have to assign a priority to each position that needs to be filled based on recommendations made by department chairs.

Positions that receive a one rating will get hired, while positions that receive a three rating will most likely not get hired, said Sweet.

Dr. Karen Duda, chair, computer science and information systems, said she is worried that some students will not be able to take classes they need for graduation if she cannot hire someone in all four

openings in CSIS.

"Now for spring semester, we have a waiting list [for closed classes], and some of them are seniors," said Duda. "I can't put them in a room that holds 30 people when there's already 30 people in that class."

While Dr. John Yemma, dean, College of Health and Human Services, said he would use part-time faculty to teach the necessary classes if he cannot fill the college's four available positions, Duda said part-time faculty is not an option for her department.

"If it's a day class, it's hard to find part-time faculty who are available during the day," said Duda.

Dr. Martha Pallante, chair, history, said she's concerned about classes being closed as well.

She gave the example of not having someone to teach Ohio history when Dr. Fredrick Blue retires. Ohio history is a requirement for getting a license to teach middle school, she said.

"It was offered this semes-

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HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS, A TWO-PART SERIES

Muslim holiday rich in tradition

Fasting period for Ramadan to end in 2 weeks.

By SOMOUD NISER
AND KATIE BALESTRA
Jambar Editors

No food, no drink, no smoking, no sexual relations and no consumption of any kind from sun up until sun down will be permitted this

month for Muslims.

Beginning Nov. 16, Muslims throughout the world began celebrating the holy month of Ramadan.

Dawud Abdullah, Imam (similar to a priest or minister) of the Youngstown Islamic Center, said the fasting period will end either Dec. 15 or 16, depending on the lunar calendar and when the new moon comes in.

Abdullah said the month

of fasting is done to commemorate the Quran being revealed to Mohammed. He said many Muslims read a portion of the Quran every day, hoping to complete the entire document by the end of Ramadan.

At the end of the holiday, Abdullah said members of the Islamic community plan a celebration at the mosque. The celebration, called "Eid il fitar," which is the three-day holiday after the month of fasting,

means the celebration of food or eating, Abdullah said.

Muslims celebrate the accomplishment of fasting and observing the laws that God has established.

Susan Khawaja, assistant director of international student and scholar programs, said the international program and the Department of Islamic Studies planned a community

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Students set for celebration

By PATRECKA ADAMS
Jambar Assistant Editor
SARAH THOMPSON
Jambar Reporter

A top a mud cloth covered table sits a basket filled with colorful red and orange fruits and ears of crisp, yellow corn. A clear goblet holds its water behind the basket. Surrounding that basket and goblet are books celebrating black heritage.

An ebony mask of African origin stares back at spectators from its place among the spread.

Many in the audience know what Kwanzaa is, but some YSU students said they want those who don't know about it to have a clear understanding of what it is once they leave the program.

The Pan-African Student

Union held its Pre-Kwanzaa celebration 1 to 3 p.m. Friday in Kilcawley Center's presidential suites.

Towana Stevens, junior, medical technology, and president of PASU, took her place at the podium and welcomed the intimate crowd.

Dr. Victor Wan-Tatah, professor, religious studies and director of the Africana Studies program, served as the program's main speaker. Wan-Tatah gave historical background on the importance of Kwanzaa in African and African-American communities.

"Kwanzaa is a very important cultural celebration of Africanity, or what it means to be an African," he said. "It enables blacks to relate to their roots and to take pride in their identity, culture and civi-

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The Symbols of Kwanzaa:

Mazao (The Crops) Symbolic of African harvest celebrations and the rewards of productive and collective labor.	Mishumaa Saba (The Seven Candles) Symbolic of the Nguzo Saba.
Mkeka (The Mat) Symbolic of tradition and history.	Kikombe cha Umoja (The Unity Cup) Symbolic of the foundational principle and practice of unity.
Kinara (The Candle Holder) Symbolic of African roots.	Zawadi (The Gifts) Symbolic of the labor, love of parents and the commitments made and kept by the children.
Muhindi (The Corn) Symbolic of children and the future.	

The Benera (Flag):

Black for the people, red for the struggle, and green for the future and hope that comes from their struggle.

Nguzo Saba (Seven Principles):

Umoja or Unity	Ujamaa or Cooperative Economics
Kujichagulia or Self-Determination	Nia or Purpose
Ujima or Collective Work and Responsibility	Kuumba or Creativity
	Imani or Faith

Vansuch resigns his post

SG president says ex-parliamentarian was misunderstood.

By SOMOUD NISER
Jambar Editor

A small Post-it note reading "11-29-01 I resign, Matt," was the resignation given to Student Government President Joe Long by Matthew Vansuch, former parliamentarian.

Vansuch, senior, political science, officially resigned from SG and has been replaced by Dan Procopio, sophomore, business administration.

After a Jambar reporter identified herself on the telephone, Vansuch hung up.

Long said, "[The Post-it note] was kind of his way of saying, 'I wish I didn't have to do this.'"

Long said he thinks Vansuch "was definitely pressured into [resigning]; by whom is a different question." Long also said SG has taken a lot of time to talk about Vansuch's recent discipline hearing at its meetings instead of discussing issues like Career Services. And to Vansuch, that could be considered pressure enough, said Long.

He said, "Matt comes off as an a--hole, but he is one of the most caring individuals on this campus."

During Monday's SG meeting, Vice President Michelle Hettinga announced that Vansuch has resigned, and she introduced Procopio as the new parliamentarian.

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Dean sends requested letter to Jambar staff

By HENRY GOMEZ
Jambar Assistant Editor

Dr. Betty Jo Licata, dean, Williamson College of Business Administration, has responded to The Jambar's request for an apology after she admitted last month in a tape-recorded conversation to removing copies of the newspaper from a Williamson Hall location.

But editors of The Jambar say the dean's response is not the apology they were looking for. According to the Student Press Law Center, if Licata did remove copies of the newspaper, she would be partaking in censorship, a violation of federal First Amendment rights.

Mike Hiestand, an attorney with the SPLC, said courts usually take such matters very seriously.

In a letter dated Nov. 30, Licata states, "Three or four years ago, I may have moved copies of a Jambar issue from one location to another in Williamson Hall. If I moved these copies, I apologize for any impact this may have had on student access to those copies."

On Monday, Licata confirmed she had sent the letter, which Banner said she received close to 5 p.m. Friday. In the letter, Licata neither admits nor denies to moving copies of The Jambar, using only the words "may" and "if."

Banner said she is not happy with the dean's response.

"The one thing I wanted her to say was that she would not move [The Jambar] again," Banner said.

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lization and focus on the great accomplishments of its people."

Kwanzaa, or "first fruits of the harvest," has roots in West African culture. According to a PASU pamphlet, Kwanzaa is "based on traditional harvest festivals that are practiced in Africa."

The pamphlet goes on to say Dr. Maulana Ron Karenga created and introduced the celebration to America on Dec. 26, 1966, to foster a "[celebration] of traditional African-American principles and values."

Kwanzaa celebrations usually find families and friends of African descent gathering together to share and celebrate their common heritage while celebrating life and reflecting upon the Nguzo saba, or the seven principles of Kwanzaa.

Jimmie Kizer Rodgers, junior, religious studies and political science, said, "Kwanzaa is the enrichment and development of family, education, faith, love and community."

The observance commences the day after Christmas and ends Jan. 1.

Wan-Tatah said the "fruits" of Kwanzaa "are metaphors for

celebrating the achievements of people of African descent."

Eboni Bogan, sophomore, communication studies and new members orientator of PASU, said, "Kwanzaa allows us to look at the alternatives ... the principles and values of what makes us African-Americans."

Friday's event consisted of the pouring of libations, poetry readings, a group reading and discussion of the seven principles of Kwanzaa, the joining of hands and sharing of knowledge and a reception with cake and fruit punch.

During the joining of hands, Ty-Juan Young, sophomore, exercise science, offered what he had been taught in the brief time he was involved in the program.

"I've learned to help my brothers and sisters to climb that mountain - to be as one," he said from his place in the assembled circle.

Cynthia Carter, freshman, social work, said, "I think the principles [of Nguzo saba] should be enacted at all times throughout the year. Kwanzaa is the commutation of these

principles and its time of celebration as a community and family."

Rachel Gordon, junior, accounting, said the event was her first experience with Kwanzaa and that after listening to the speakers, her perception had changed.

"At first, I thought it was a celebration that replaced Christmas, but now I realize it can supplement Christmas. [My] interest in it has now been increased," said Gordon.

Gordon said she now sees Kwanzaa as "beneficial because it addresses blacks as a nation within a nation."

Cary Miller, junior, marketing management and PASU secretary, said YSU students can use the principles of Kwanzaa to encourage unity on campus.

"I think people need to work together to collaborate and communicate. People around here seem nonchalant about academics and social [issues]," he said.

"People will go to a party, but they won't attend something like this. I think [they] need to understand [Kwanzaa] is important."

Correction

In Thursday's issue of The Jambar, statistics on fall 2001 enrollment were incorrect.

Enrollment figures should have been as follows: College of Arts and Sciences: 3,080; Williamson College of Business Administration: 1,830; Beeghly College of Education: 1,921; William Rayen College of Engineering: 1,153; College of Fine and Performing Arts: 1,044; College of Health and Human Services: 2,160; School of Graduate Studies: 1,214. Total enrollment was 12,250.

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Hettinga said she had talked to Long about a possible candidate, and she said they both agreed Procopio is the most knowledgeable, experienced, intelligent and responsible person for the job.

Procopio addressed SG for the first time and said he was really excited about the position.

He also said he was open for suggestions from the organization.

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ter and filled by the second day of registration," Pallante said, adding that she has a list of 83 students who want to take that class.

Dr. Joseph Edwards, dean, Beeghly College of Education, said he would like to hire five people in his college. Even if he can't get those positions filled, "it won't mean canceling classes. We have few enough already," he said.

Dr. Ikram Khawaja, inter-

im dean, College of Arts and Sciences, said the college is in the process of compiling a list of the vacant positions.

He said that should be completed by Wednesday, and then the deans advisory council will make recommendations to Provost Tony Atwater next week.

Dr. Peter Woodlock, chair, accounting, said his department will hire the chair, paid for by the Andrew's fund.

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dinner off campus for students who are fasting.

Khawaja said the location of the event was not announced publicly for security purposes.

"When you have a group of people gathered together

who are under attack, it's not good to advertise it," said Khawaja.

The event was designed as a semi-public relations event, according to Khawaja. She said there is no structured group at the university

for people who are Islamic.

"A lot of people who observe [Ramadan] don't talk about it," she said. "It's like Lent; you don't really announce it because it defeats the purpose."

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Editorial & Opinion

What We Think Apology is less than satisfying

YSU enrollment increased this semester. Should we thank Dr. Betty Jo Licata?

The dean of the Williamson College of Business Administration has said she moved copies of The Jambar from a Williamson Hall location to shield prospective freshmen and their parents from what she said were front-page stories on off-campus crime.

In a tape-recorded conversation Licata had last month with a Jambar editor, the dean said she believed as an administration official that she was entitled not only to her own opinion, but to moving Jambars to a less-conspicuous spot.

"We got rid of those; we moved them," Licata said during the conversation. "Now, I wouldn't throw them away because I know that's wrong, but I certainly can choose not to have them on the ledge on the first floor [of Williamson Hall] by the elevator, where we've got a hundred parents and students coming in."

It's nice that Licata is trying her best to sell YSU to prospective students. But if she was telling the truth in her conversation last month, she was breaking the law.

Mike Hiestand, an attorney with the Student Press Law Center in Arlington, Va., said when a government official confiscates newspapers to keep other people from seeing them, it constitutes censorship, a violation of First Amendment rights.

"Judges usually take these things pretty seriously," Hiestand said. "And confiscation is pretty much about as serious as you can get."

Of course, now, Licata has backed off her original statements, which she did not know were being tape recorded. In a requested response received Friday by The Jambar, Licata apologized for any impact she may have had on student access to Jambars "if" she moved copies of the newspaper.

If?

A month ago Licata brushed off moving copies of The Jambar as no big deal. Her candid demeanor was captured on tape, and the only denials the dean offered were on the subject of throwing newspapers away.

Her recent written "apology" is a stark contrast from what she previously said.

But that is all we know. With the conflicting statements from Licata, and without proof she tampered with newspapers, our options are pretty limited.

What we have a hard time believing is that Licata doesn't seem to remember, exactly, what she did with any of the copies, but she sure remembers what she disliked so much about them. Her answers have blurred things even more.

Regardless of what Licata says she did and did not do, censorship is an issue that faces many campus newspapers today. Some administrators may feel they have a right to hide newspapers if they think it's better for the university.

But public universities fall under the First Amendment. Betty Jo Licata, every dean and every employee of this public institution must know that.

Administrators and faculty are not always going to agree with our opinion or our coverage. But that doesn't mean they can prevent other people from seeing it.

Freedom of speech is those encompassed under the First Amendment cannot be denied - not even by our teachers and administrators.

What You Think Should students come to class if they have a cold or the flu?



JOSHUA MARSH, senior, physical education and health

"Yeah, I don't see why not, as long as other people in class don't kiss you."



KETUAN BALDWIN, sophomore, computer information systems

"Yes, they might miss out on important info, but I think they should use some type of hankie so others don't catch it."



MICHAEL EDWARDS, junior, political science

"No. I don't want to get sick. I don't think it's healthy."



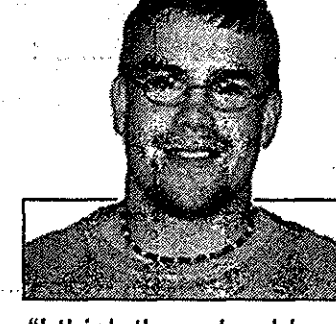
ADDEY ADGATE, freshman, dental hygiene

"No. Definately not, because then other people get it. It's contagious."



MIKE BANKS, sophomore, business finance

"They should. The real world doesn't stop when you have a cold."



KEVIN MILLER, sophomore, criminal justice

"I think they should as long as they take the proper precautions and it's not deadly."

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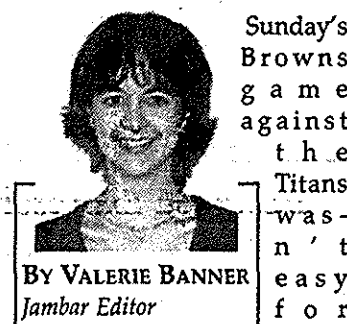
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Women have a place in football



By VALERIE BANNER, Jambar Editor

Cleveland fans to watch.

The Titans pummeled the Browns 31-15 in a game that the fans spent watching like a horror movie - with their hands over their faces.

It would have been nice to have an alternative. Say, perhaps, a women's football team to cheer on when the going got rough.

Tryouts for a women's full

contact professional football team were held in Cleveland about a month ago.

The ten-team league started its first season this year and is expected to have 20 teams by next season.

I think it's a great idea.

Although women's sports have not typically been as successful as men's sports, I still think it's necessary to have it as an option.

It shows young girls that they can do the same things

men can do and gives them encouragement to try a sport in which they might not otherwise be interested.

I'll admit that I don't like football. Given the choice, I'd prefer to watch almost any other sport.

But I think I'd actually like watching women's football. Knowing that it's not just a man's game and knowing that the only female participants aren't standing on the sidelines in short skirts might make me more interested in football.

Football remains the one sport that is still very much segregated by sexes. Most high schools and colleges have men's and women's basketball, baseball,

track, soccer, volleyball and swim teams.

However, high school and college football teams across the nation are beginning to have one or two women on their teams.

But they are typically in the position of kicker.

It seems like a small step, but letting women play football could empower them.

Having professional football teams for women might help younger girls become more interested in the sport.

Playing football will help girls become more assertive, which will help them later in life. Besides, it could just be fun.

So Cleveland fans, how about it? Could you welcome a women's football team?

Letter to the Editor

Reader questions effects of education

Editor:

Fewer than four in ten of the medical students in NEUOCOM's class of 2004 are white males of European extraction. The remaining 60% are women, African Americans, Asians—presumptively more robust exemplars of diversity.

But what does that mean for American medicine should they mostly choose to remain in the United States?

* Will they be more or less inclined, for example, to flout the restrictions of their HMO agreements to which they're signatories, and gouge their hapless patients with balance-

bill guarantor demands?

* Will they collectively engage the 75 million Americans who've lost all confidence in a basic sense of goodwill among the medical establishment, or will they join their professional peers in disingenuous hand-wringing about folks who just don't see the doctor as they ought to?

* Will they aspire to a vision of health care that may justify their hearty incomes in the court of public opinion, or retreat into personal excess behind a curtain of insurance forms and laboratory chatter?

* Should they specialize, will they have a decent regard

for the primary care physician of the patient they examine, or will they rattle the patient's morale by gratuitously arch jibes at the referring GP or internist?

* Will they instruct their receptionist, their assistants, and their billing service to trot out plausible reasons to screen out the uninsured, the underinsured, the socially marginal?

* Will they pander to their charges with fashionable prescriptions of therapeutically dubious value as a means of churning patients through appointments more quickly and boosting their incomes?

* Will they demonstrate a

becoming humility as the well-paid beneficiaries of a diabolically grotesque system of health care financing?

In a nutshell: the better your income, the more likely you are to be insured by an employer, less likely you are to pay for health care; the worse your income, the less likely you are to be insured by an employer, the more likely you'll pay for health care. But the more likely you'll have to pay for health care, the less likely you'll actually be permitted to do so.

Jack Labusch, Support Services

Professor clarifies committee's purpose

Editor:

In response to your editorial "Time for YSU administration to take action," I would like to point out that action of a certain sort is in fact being taken.

There is a current effort under way to rectify problems you describe pertaining to the investigation of cases of alleged professional misconduct of faculty or administrators.

As recommended by President Sweet, the Academic Senate has appointed an Ad Hoc Ethics Committee to review and revise an Ethics Statement adopted years earlier, so that YSU will have both clear policies on issues such as plagiarism and effective procedures for investigation and sanctioning of misconduct.

The Ethics Committee has a representative from each of the colleges, and I am its chair-

person. It has been meeting throughout the Fall Semester and hopes to complete its work sometime during the spring.

While this is of no help in resolving the particular complaints being advanced by The Jambar and others at this time, the committee hopes to provide a means for fair and unbiased resolution of such issues in the future.

Anyone who would like to provide input into this process

or to follow its development is invited to access the committee's WebCT site, by self-registering at

http://webcourses.yzu.edu and then adding the course "Academic Ethics Committee."

All communications with committee members should be made through this site.

Dr. J.-C. Smith, Professor, Philosophy & Religious Studies

Arts & Entertainment

Music keeps YSU students on edge

By KELLY WALSH
Jambar Editor

Music seems to breed certain types of people, or perhaps, people breed certain types of music. Whatever the case may be, there is some association to be made among listeners and their choice of music. In other words, there is a sort of subculture that goes along with different music classifications.

Bands like Papa Roach, Limp Bizkit, Linkin Park, etc., for whatever reason, carry the hackneyed responsibility of being the guiding light for disturbed and angry, ill-fitting teens.

Britney Spears, N'Sync and gang are just the opposite. These stars are idolized by those who revel in the disposition of pop culture. (These, of course are stereotypes.)

And there are some types of music, which may or may not be mainstream, that can be characterized as having followers who engage in drugs and alcohol and other types of behavior that can eventually be detrimental.

There are some music listeners who want nothing at all to do with these stereotypes, especially those that condone unhealthy lifestyles.

These people are known as being straight edge, and they have adopted a lifestyle that abstains from drug use, alcohol consumption and promiscuous sex. Much of this lifestyle can be attributed to the influence of hard-core punk music.

James Douglass, junior, biology, is one of these folks. He said, "I have always been free of illicit drugs, but I actually decided to take on the edge my freshman year of college. All throughout high school, I listened to punk

music, and it was only a matter of time before I ran across sxe (straight edge) hard-core and understood what the scene was about and that I wanted to be a part of it."

Dan Kuzma, junior, biology has adopted the sxe lifestyle as well. He was also influenced to become straight edge through hard core punk music. "At the time I became sxe, I was listening to bands like Pantera who blatantly promoted drugs, alcohol, etc."

"And then I heard Earth Crisis, who had a heavy sound. I read their lyrics and was amazed that they had a positive m e s -

ing those close to him die as a result of smoking. "I have always been against these things after watching those close to me die and continue to suffer from these personal choices they made."

Douglass believes that the mainstream culture — through music and advertising — doesn't offer real solutions but just palliate problems. "Take this drug, and you'll feel better," he mocked. "You'll forget about your problems. Numb yourself to what is really happening in the world."

His response to this frequent message is that he has "a deep burning hatred for the society that makes a drug-free, sexually responsible lifestyle a subculture instead of a status quo."

Of course, with this lifestyle and its associations with hard core music, stereotypes and misconceptions have popped up. Kuzma emphasized that "Straight edge is not a gang, and straight edge people do not hate those who are not straight edge."

"The most common misconception," said Douglass, "is that we are equivalent to a religion in terms of dogma and obedience. The exact opposite is true. There is no coercion involved; only positive support."

There are many people who follow a straight edge lifestyle, but do not consider themselves to be straight edge. Kuzma said that this could be because some people do not wish to be labeled as straight-edge or may not want to commit to that label.

Paul Mauch, junior, professional writing and editing, is one of those people who follows all of the lifestyle's guidelines, but does not consider himself to be straight edge. He said that he had never heard the term straight

sxe

sage," he

said.

The ideals and values that sxe carries may be foreign to stereotypical college life, but according to those who have taken on the edge, the benefits are huge compared to those who do drink and take drugs.

"Health wise, I couldn't be much better," said Douglass. "I don't have a smoker's cough, beer belly, back problems from eating acid, hangovers, cravings for a drug of choice, or loss of money to support a habit. What I do have is self respect, an unclouded view of the world around me and no fear of drug tests or D.U.I.s."

The drive to be straight edge, however, comes from more than just the influence of hard-core music. Both Douglass and Kuzma share a general disdain for the culture that at times embraces unhealthy lifestyles.

Kuzma said that he has always been against these lifestyles, especially after see-

Jay's new album is a bit too sweet to swallow

By KELLY WALSH
Jambar Editor

Gaggingly sweet lyrics coated with syrup-like music in Matthew Jay's latest release *Draw* only guarantees a stomachache after too many turns around the CD player.

The first listen of *Draw*, is actually quite pleasing. Jay has a soothing voice that presents just enough edge, which is sort of reminiscent of Raine Maida's voice from Our Lady Peace.

The music accompanying him offers a sort of relaxing backdrop to Jay's singing.

Jay's storytelling style of song also proves to be somewhat enjoyable. His style could be accredited to his folk upbringing in Wales, where his family often played together as recreation.

The uniqueness of the album lies in that Jay's lyrics don't constantly harbor those all-too-common whining topics of love or broken hearts or depression, but at the same time, (even though he does touch upon them) he is able to

offer touching perspectives through his stories.

"You're Always Going Too Soon" is a song where Jay reminisces on the loss of innocence through time and age.

He sings: "You were just a

All the happiness and joy and reveling in life's odd turns became too much to handle.

Too much of one thing is never good, and after a few listens, this becomes apparent.

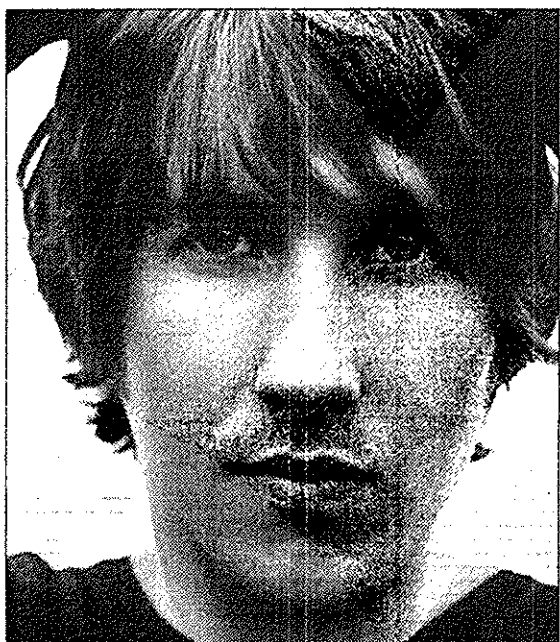
The album can be compared to one of those people who never seem to do anything wrong, one of those people whom everyone eventually secretly hates.

This person may seem nice and pleasant at first, but after getting to know he/she better your nerves start to grind.

The album, however, is not at all bad. It is great for people who are into the acoustic sound without all the melodrama that seems to come along with it.

Draw offers varieties in sound with the appearance of an eclectic mix of instruments. Accordion, piano, spacehopper and electric guitar, to name a few, add to the album's appeal.

But while listening, I couldn't help thinking that this album is a goody-two-shoes that invariably needs to be put in its place.



JAY BIRD: Matthew Jay, a native of South Wales, recently released his album, *Draw*.

boy. We were all so innocent. We never thought this kind of thing could happen in our lives."

But despite the pleasantness of my first impression of the album, and despite the album's topics of songs, *Draw* proves to be just too sweet.



GLEV FRIEDMAN/SPECIAL TO THE JAMBAR

HARD CORE: Ian MacKaye was the lead singer of the hard core punk band Minor Threat. This band is credited with starting the hard core straight edge movement.

edge before, but in high school, he was probably more straight edge but didn't realize it.

Although he does not plan on adopting the label, Mauch does regard straight edge punk rockers with more respect than those that are not.

"My impression of what they call themselves is that they are a more responsible variety of punk rockers."

It is undeniable that straight edge and hard-core punk music are intertwined because the straight edge movement can be attributed to

bands who started belting out lyrics that promoted anti-establishment, drug-free, healthy lifestyles.

It is a type of music that is in-your-face and militant, but it needs to be in order to get a message that is widely disregarded across.

This is the diary of...

Bill Brammer

By KELLY WALSH
Jambar Editor

The entertainment section started "The diary of..." in an attempt to highlight some of the students' uniqueness on this campus that may have been otherwise unrecognized.

Bill Brammer is a junior who is majoring in Computer Information Systems.

1. Why did you choose your major?
Computers have always fascinated me, and I figured I would go into the computer field.

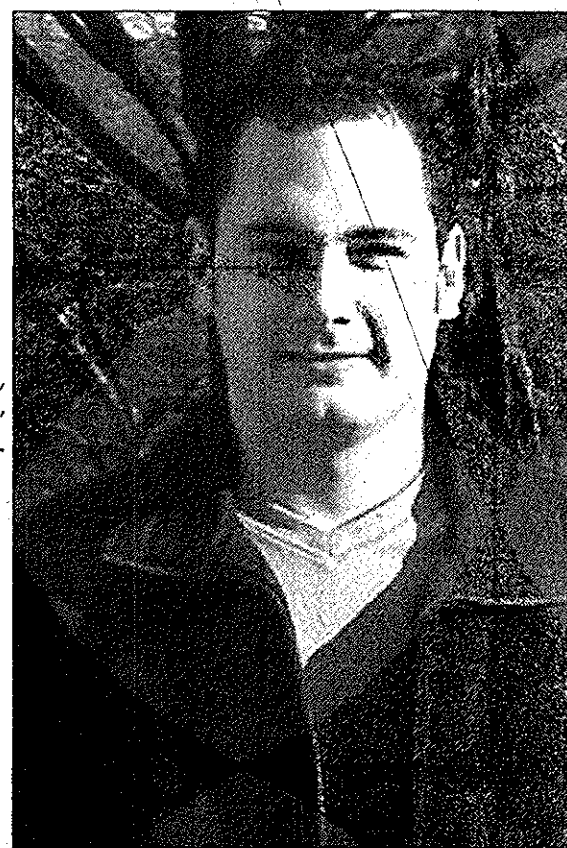
2. What is your greatest pet peeve?
Dishonest people.

3. What is the greatest regret you have ever had?
I have no regrets because you learn from your mistakes; therefore, they cannot be regrets.

4. What do you like at YSU?
I like the Cushwa study lounge; I can get all my work done in there.

5. What is your worst fear in life?
Being alone for the rest of my life.

6. If you were granted three wishes, what would you wish for (and you cannot ask for more wishes)?



SARAH THOMPSON/THE JAMBAR

To be successful, to be happy and have a 2002 convertible Spyder Eclipse (black).

7. What's your favorite past time?
Roller blading

8. What is the last CD you listened to?
Janet Jackson's new one featuring "Son of a Gun."

9. What is the best piece of advice you have ever received?
Live life like no one is watching. Do not care what others think of you. Be yourself.

Campus Calendar

Today:

The YSU Physical Therapy Program will host an informational session. Please join us anytime between noon and 1 p.m. in Room B085 in Cushman Hall for answers to your questions about the physical therapy program. There will be a continuously running Power Point presentation, informational materials to pick up and answers to your questions.

The Lesbian, Gay, Bi., Trans. student organization (LGBT) will have a meeting at 4 p.m. in Room 2036, Kilcawley Center. Non-gay allies are welcome and valued. Contact Jeff Boggs for more information at (330) 782-6919 or e-mail jeffbysu@aol.com.

The InterVarsity Christian Fellowship is holding a Bible study from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Room 2069, Kilcawley Center. All students and faculty are welcome. For more information contact John Angelis at studentYSU@aol.com.

The Gaming Guild is holding Anime Night from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. The 4 p.m. session will be held in Room 2057, Kilcawley Center. The 5 p.m. session will be held in Room 2000, Schwebel Auditorium, Mosher Hall. For more information contact James Seckler at (330) 534-4636 or e-mail gantoris@earthlink.net.

Wednesday:

The YSU Dance Club is having a Halloween Costume Party Dance from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Room 100, Beeghly Center. Prize for best costume! Also, there will be a lesson, free to first-time comers, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. For more information contact Amanda at DaDancingPsych@aol.com.

Thursday:

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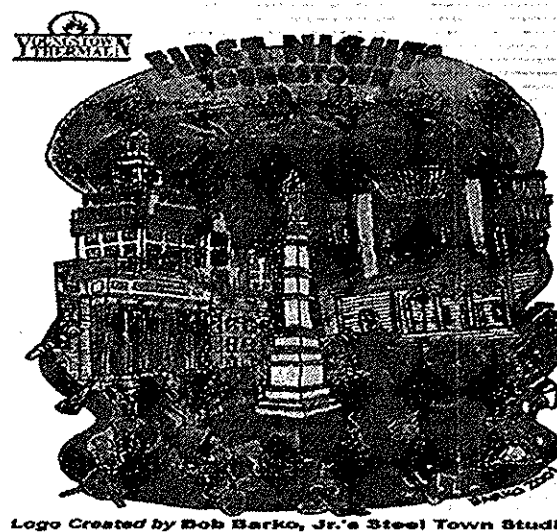
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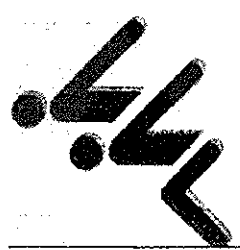
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Sports & Recreation

Swimming, diving place twelfth

By BJ LISKO
Jambar Editor



The Penguin swimming and diving team competed this past weekend at the Zippy Invitational in Akron.

Finishing twelfth out of fifteen teams at the event, the trip proved to be a learning experience for the very young YSU team.

"We've had a good deal of success so far this season with our young team," said Head Swimming and Diving Coach Jackie Bak. "The freshman have especially learned a lot from

this trip, and we've had strong leadership from our upperclassmen who are teaching them the way."

In the event, junior Mandie Small finished in fifth place in the one-meter dive event with a score of 212. Freshman Kathy Leveto scored 209 and placed seventh.

The Penguins also placed 22nd in the 200-yard medley and freestyle relays. While the trip may have been a learning experience, the Penguins are having one of their most successful seasons since the swimming and diving program was reinstated a few years ago.

This year the Penguins have defeated Ohio U., Mount Union, Baldwin Wallace, John Carroll, and Hillsdale, while losing to only St. Francis and Akron.

The Penguins will compete against Cleveland State on Jan. 17, in Cleveland.

Men lose to Valpo, Chicago

By BJ LISKO
Jambar Editor

Road woes continue for the YSU men's basketball team as it dropped both games last week, losing to Valparaiso 80-50 and Chicago State 81-72.

Last Wednesday against the Crusaders of Valpo, the Penguins got off to a rough start and never were able to recover. They shot just 37 percent from the field and committed 18 turnovers.

Four players were in double figures for Valpo, who also out rebounded the Penguins 45-34.

Freshman Doug Underwood and senior Stephen Flores led the Penguins in scoring, each totaling 12 points.

Chicago State snapped a four-game losing streak against YSU on Saturday, winning by nine points.

It was also the first time in nine attempts that the Cougars defeated YSU.

The Penguins led at the half by ten but in the dismal 20 minutes that followed, they shot just 26.7 percent.

With a little under two minutes remaining, the Penguins got within five, but the Cougars took control and put the game away.

"We just stopped playing in the second half," said coach John Robic, post-game on the Penguins sports radio network. "It's disappointing."

Foul trouble also hampered the Penguins late in the game. Three players, senior Rafael Cruz, sophomore Bill Malernee, and freshman Brian Radakovich, fouled out in the second half.

Clark Bone led the Cougars with 15 points and 12 rebounds. Five total players were in double figures for Chicago State.

Senior Ryan Patton led the Penguins with 15 points and ten assists. Underwood added 14, and Flores put up 13 of his own.

"There were no positives tonight - none at all," said Robic.

The Penguins (1-4) get most of the week off before hitting the gravel again to take on Toledo on Saturday.

Lady Pens fall to 2-2

By BJ LISKO
Jambar Editor

The Lady Penguins split last week, winning against the Akron Zips 70-47 on Wednesday, and losing to Chicago State 69-49.

In Akron, freshman Heather Harris put up a career-high 23 points, and freshman Jen Perugini owned the boards with 23 rebounds.

The Zips struggled all game, shooting just 29.5 percent from the field. They were able to get within seven not long after the second half began, but the Lady Penguins were just too much.

Senior Jenny Horner and sophomore Devin Novak each tallied 12 points for the Lady Penguins, and Horner also pulled down 11 rebounds.

Lindsay Hemmelgarn led the Zips with ten points.

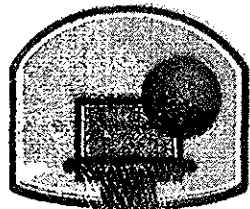
On Saturday, turnovers killed the Lady Penguins, who gave up the ball 31 times en route to a 69-49 road loss to Chicago State.

For the Penguins, Perugini had her fourth straight double-double of the year with 17 points and 11 rebounds. Harris had 12 points as well for the Lady Penguins, who dropped to 2-2 on the year.

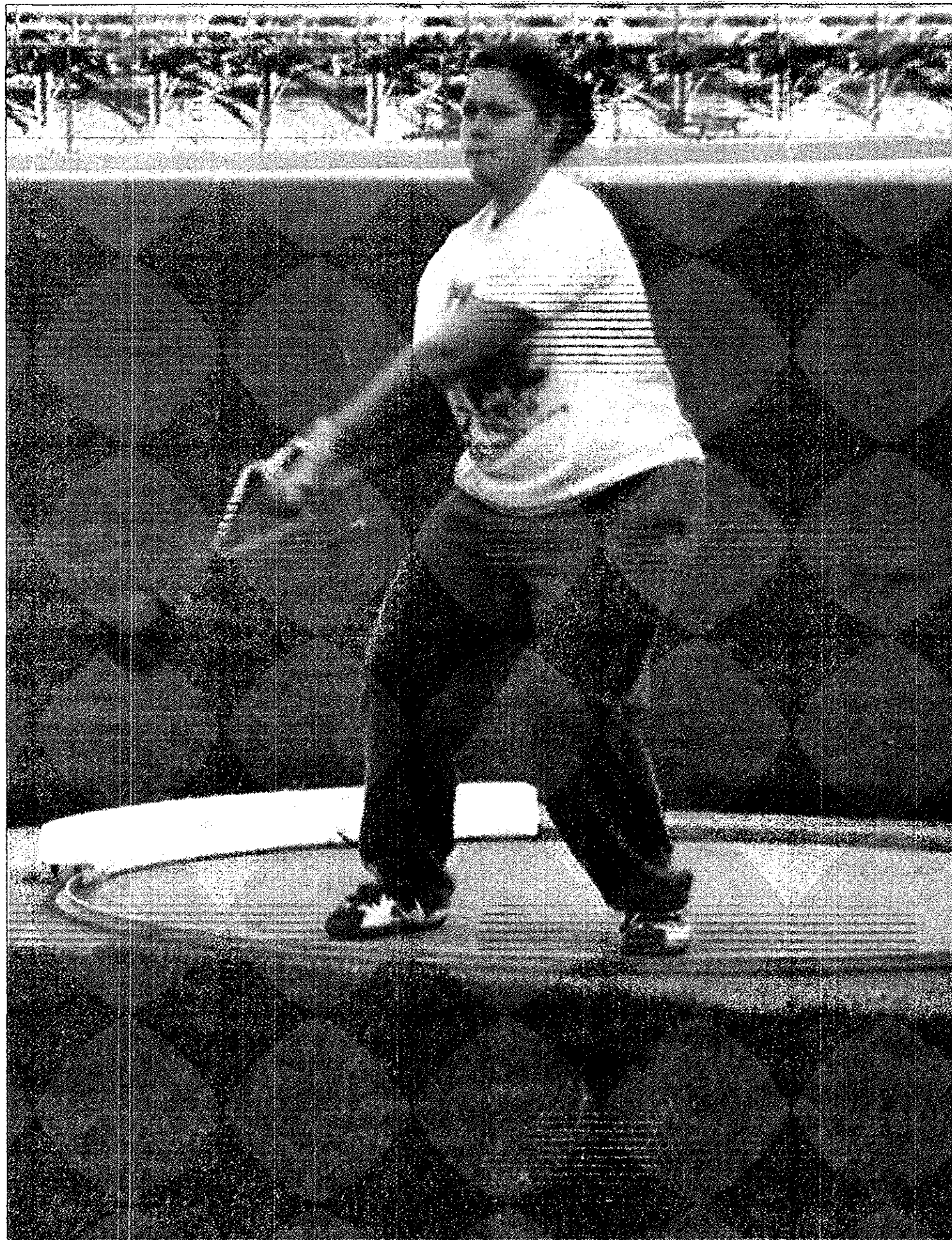
The Lady Penguins were down by 8 at the end of the first half, but a 29.2 shooting percentage from the field in the second half iced the deal for the Cougars.

Kristal Coleman led the Zips with a career-high 21 points.

The Lady Penguins next face the Buffalo Bulls on Wednesday on the road.



KEEPING TRACK OF DISTANCE



Sarah Thompson / The Jambar

PUSHING IT TO THE LIMIT: Danielle Sexton, junior, respiratory therapy, and member of the track team, throws what track coach Ed Wilson refers to as the "indoor version of the hammer," also known as the weight throw.

Notre Dame gives head coach Davie the boot

By ANDREW SOUKUP
The Observer (Notre Dame University)

(U-WIRE) SOUTH BEND, Ind. — When Bob Davie was named the Head Football Coach at Notre Dame five years ago, he received advice from a man who had been in his position before.

"I think back to the thing Ara Parseghian told me when I first took the job," Davie said. "Win." He didn't win nearly enough. Notre Dame Athletic Director Kevin White fired Davie on Sunday morning after Notre Dame's second losing season in three years.

"I felt we were in a place that I could no longer say that we could actually stand up and say that we were putting together a program in place that could contend, if not win, the national championship," White said. "I really believe we need to restart this thing."

Davie's 35-25 record is the third-worst winning percentage in Notre Dame history. Under Davie's tenure, the Irish produced only one first-round draft pick and zero first-team All-Americans. The NCAA also sanctioned the football program for the first time in school history during Davie's third year when Irish players were found to be having inappropriate relations with athletic booster Kim Dunbar during Lou Holtz's tenure.

Davie, who spoke for nearly a half-hour in a calm and composed voice, said that while he was disappointed with the decision, he was not bitter toward White, the athletic department or Notre Dame. He thanked his wife Joanne and his two children, Audra and Clay, for the support they have given him this season.

"One thing I'm not is a phony," Davie said. "It is hard for me to hide my disappointment that I won't be back as the head football coach of Notre Dame. But with that said, I accept the decision."

The stage was set for a dramatic showdown between White and Davie when the season ended. Three weeks ago, Davie said that he could not envision resigning his position under any circumstances, a stance he reiterated last week and again after Notre Dame's 24-18 win against Purdue Saturday night. And last week, Davie said that the only way he would leave was if Notre Dame fired him.

But when Davie spoke, there was no animosity toward White, only a calm understanding of White's responsibility and the difficulty of the decision he had to make.

"I want to do whatever gives this football team the best chance to win next year," he said. "If Notre Dame thinks that they can hire someone who can come in here and do a better job of winning

games than I can, that's certainly their prerogative to do that. I accept that and wish them well."

"Bob conducted himself with class and distinction through this entire football season," said White, who did not ask Davie to resign. "This has been a very, very painful year for Bob and his family."

The search for a new head coach only began after Davie was told he was fired, White said. Any contacts made before Sunday were made without White's authorization. And while White said he had a list of potential candidates for the head coaching job, he would not discuss who was on the list nor the criteria he would use to select the next coach.

"I do not expect to comment on any contacts that we will make during the course of the search," he said. "I appreciate the appetite for news and information about a search of this kind, but you don't hire good people by negotiating through the media."

All nine Notre Dame assistant coaches are still considered Notre Dame employees, but White said he made it clear to them that the new head coach would be able to select his own staff.

Davie is the first Notre Dame head football coach to be publicly fired. All other former football coaches have resigned. In addition, Davie continues the string of Notre Dame coaches to be fired or resign by their fifth year if they did not win a national championship in their third year, a streak that includes Terry Brennan, Joe Kuharich, Gerry Faust and Davie.

"I'd have to say I have evaluated the football program almost each and every day since I've been here," White said. "It's so critical to the entire University of Notre Dame, such an important aspect of the University. I can't tell you when it really dawned on me that I thought we were heading in the wrong direction."

Davie had always praised the academic accomplishments of his football teams. Last year, the football grade point average reached its two highest semester averages last year, and Notre Dame won the AFCA Academic Achievement Award for graduating 100 percent of its players, the first time the Irish reached the 100 percent mark since 1988.

"However," White said. "We also expect and intend to excel on the field, and there, unfortunately, our results and progress have been disappointing."

"I've talked to our football team every single day, and it's not the bad things that happen to you that's important, it's how you handle them," Davie said. "And I am in no way bitter. No way will I have a chip on my shoulder as I leave Notre Dame. I am not the least bit embarrassed. I'm going to walk out of here with my head held high and am really proud of what we have done."