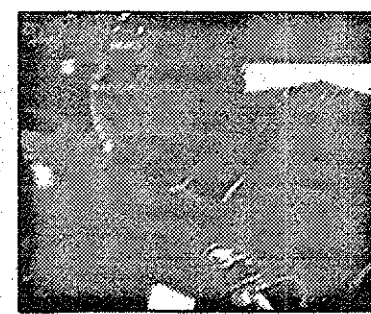




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## Wielkommen aus Deutschland (Welcome to Germany)

■ YSU physics students journey to Germany and perform cutting edge research.



**DEUTSCHLAND:** Left to right, Yuki Kaneko, former YSU student; Peter von Neumann-Cosel, senior scientist at the Technical University of Darmstadt; and Kate Boyle, former student, are surrounded by the Super Conducting Darmstadt Linear Accelerator, which is located at the University of Stuttgart in Germany. Kaneko and Boyle traveled to Germany last year.

By SOMOUD NISER  
Jambar Reporter

The word physics might scare some students away, but for others, it is an opportunity to discover new things and possibly travel while doing so. Some students on campus have been given the opportunity to visit Germany to conduct experiments, get experience in their field and possibly discover scientific breakthroughs.

Dr. Jeff Carroll, associate professor, physics, accompanies the students on the trip each year.

"It's cutting edge research that gives the students hands-on experience," said Carroll.

The students have the opportunity to visit the cities of Stuttgart and Darmstadt during their trip, according to Carroll.

Former YSU student Yuki Kaneko took the trip last year.

"It's not possible for undergraduate physics students to be granted such opportunities, so if there is a chance, it's definitely worth taking," said Kaneko.

The students learn various things, not only scientifically but also culturally.

"Since it was my first time to visit another nuclear physics lab, I was able to confirm that what we had been doing at YSU was no dif-

ferent from what other people do in other labs around the world," said Kaneko. "It is very valuable to see other labs as well as meet other people in the same field."

Rick Toman, senior, physics, just returned from the trip to Germany a few weeks ago. Toman said he recommends the trip to anyone who is granted the opportunity. He said "would love to do it again."

"It's nice to get a well-rounded perception of a field. I got to interface with different physicists and doctorate students on differ-

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## B-ball star shares talent

By KATIE BALESTRA  
Jambar Assistant Editor  
AND DAVID EDWARDS  
Jambar Reporter

Red-white-and-blue balls soar through the air as rubber tennis shoes skid across the court. The smell of sweat is thick in the air — spotlights gleam across the shiny wooden floor. As men in red-white-and-blue uniforms, practice spinning basketballs on the tips of their fingers and then roll them around their arms, toss them up in the air over their backs, through their legs and finally around their waists, one man emerges from the locker room.

His name is Curley Johnson, and, according to Head Coach Charles Harrison, this 5-foot-11-inch player is one of the most "eccentric" players on the Harlem Globetrotters team. He has been on the team for 13 years and according to the team's official Web site, [www.harlemglobetrotters.com](http://www.harlemglobetrotters.com), he is also one of the greatest dribblers in team history.

"When I was a kid, my dad played basketball in college with two guys who played for the Globetrotters. I got to be the water-boy/ballboy for the [Globetrotters], and I really admired the guys," Johnson said.

"When I got out of college, I was looking to play ball, but I had gone to a small school, so I didn't get enough exposure. But the Globetrotters showed me the most interest, so I took the position. It was the best decision I ever made."

Johnson said the tradition of the Globetrotters goes deep within him.

"My approach is a little different than most of the other guys. I take [playing for the team] very serious," he said.

Being a Harlem Globetrotter, however, has a few setbacks, according to Johnson.

"We travel all year. I don't have a family right now because of this," he said. "But when I signed the contract at the very beginning, I said I was going to give 100 percent of myself. This is what I want to do with my life, so sacrifices have to be made."

As for learning the "tricks of the trade," Johnson said he got started early in his life.

"I knew a lot of trick dribbling when I was in grade school. The passing [tricks] came about in high school," he said. "[But] we have guys who are extremely accurate in half-court shots. It takes tremendous strength. We even have a guy

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## YSU grads look for jobs elsewhere

■ Jobs in Youngstown, however, are expected to increase by 2006.

By MARK GRILLIS  
Jambar Reporter

Boarded windows, broken glass and decades-old "For Lease," "Closed" and "We Have Moved" signs cover deserted buildings on the streets where people once walked and shopped. Youngstown's downtown area looks as though the plague struck, leaving only a few select businesses to continue.

Youngstown was devastated by the loss of thousands of jobs

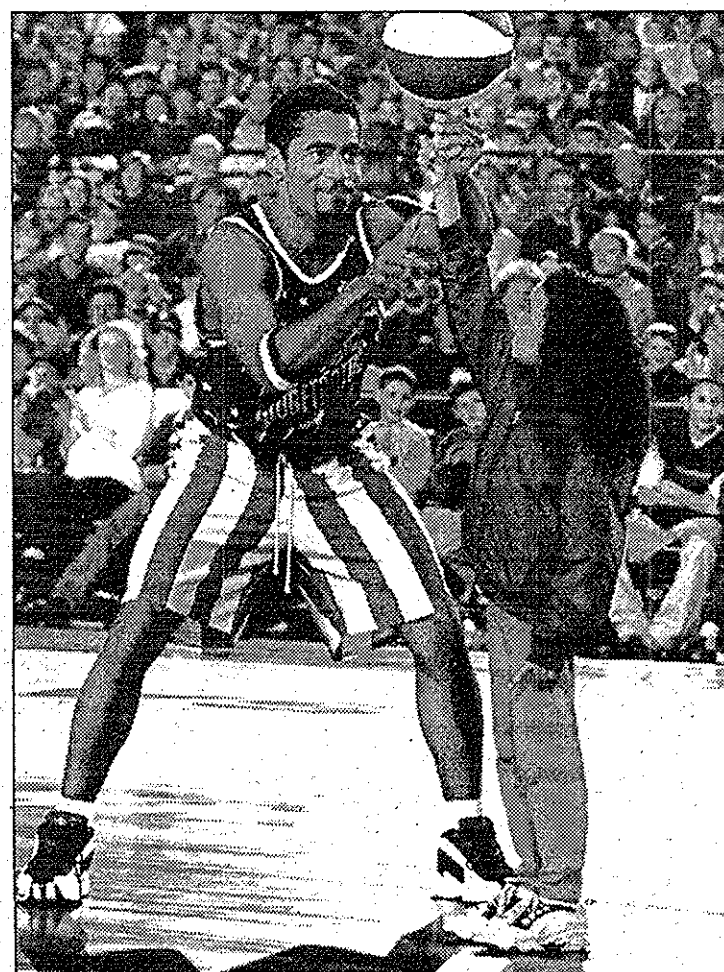
when the steel mills closed in the late 1970s, but after nearly 20 years the employment situation is expected to improve with the addition of nearly 21,000 jobs through the year 2006, according to a study by the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services.

While the economic situation in the Mahoning Valley shows signs of turning around, other complications loom. There may not be qualified employees to fill the positions, said experts who study the local job scene.

One explanation experts cite for why many positions are going unfilled is the fact that many YSU graduates leave the area once they complete their education.

Donald Curry, labor market analyst, ODJFS, suggests that many graduates seek employment outside of the area primarily because of higher wages, inability to find current job openings, or simply for a change in scenery. Curry said many of the jobs that

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**SHOWING OFF:** The Harlem Globetrotter show encompasses more than just fancy basketball skills. The players also interact with the audience, as Curley Johnson demonstrates in a past game.

### NEWS BRIEFS

The American Cancer Society announced that 30 \$1,000 scholarships are available to college-bound cancer survivors. Scholarship applicants must be residents of Ohio, younger than 25, diagnosed with cancer before they were 21 and plan to attend an accredited university or community college in Ohio. Applications must be received by March 31.

The office of Human Resources is looking for students, staff, faculty and alumni to sub-

mit nominations for the 2001 Distinguished Service Awards. Up to 10 awards are given each year. Professional and administrative employees are eligible for the award. Nominations may be submitted to Human Resources by calling (330) 742-3470 or by stopping in Room 3025, Jones Hall. The deadline is March 1.

A man who used a computer in a lab in Meshel Hall to send a threatening e-mail to Louisiana Governor Michael Foster was

indicted by the Mahoning County grand jury on federal charges. Jeffrey C. Nelson, 23, of 226 Phelps St. in Youngstown, was indicted Thursday for breaking and entering, unauthorized access to a computer and aggravated menacing. Foster is not a YSU student. YSU police, the Ohio State Highway Patrol and the Louisiana state police were involved in the investigation. Nelson sent the e-mail, which threatened the governor if he moved the New Orleans Saints football team, on Jan. 22.

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ent topics and experiments," said Toman.

The main point of the trip is to conduct experiments using a particle accelerator to assist in research dealing with radioactive isomers. The end result is a high-energy release from a low-energy triggering, according to Toman.

Carroll said, "It's exciting to work on these projects because we do not know what the answer is until we are done with our research."

The physics department is conducting research in various fields of study and just received information that it will be granted a large sum of money to help pay for new equipment for its research, according to Carroll.

Toman said, "I think part of the problem is that [students] don't know the research is there. My advice to students in their first few years of college is to get involved. The research is plentiful, and the professors are always looking for students to help out."

The U.S. Air Force funds the research trips to Germany.



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**PHYSICS AT WORK:** Rick Toman, senior, physics, is standing by the Stuttgart Dynamitron at the University of Stuttgart in Germany. The machine is an x-ray source with higher energy than a normal x-ray machine.

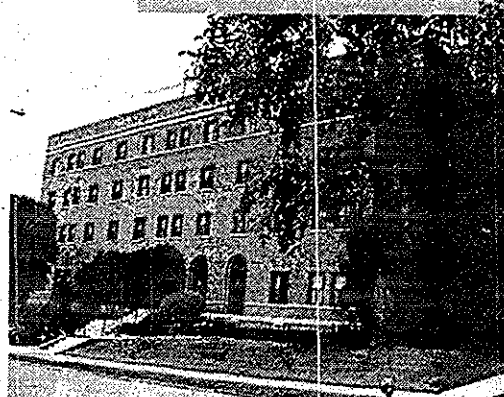
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that can do a half-court jump shot."

Johnson said the Globetrotters change their routines continually because the head coach wants variety.

"We change our routines all of the time. Our coach is very sponta-

neous, but players also come up with tricks," he said.

As for the high turnover in team members, Johnson said, "All of us have a common goal, to entertain these fans. Whoever is here, 100 percent is demanded of them."

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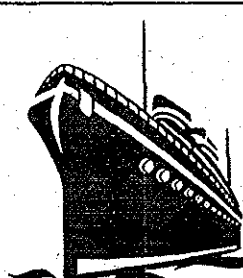
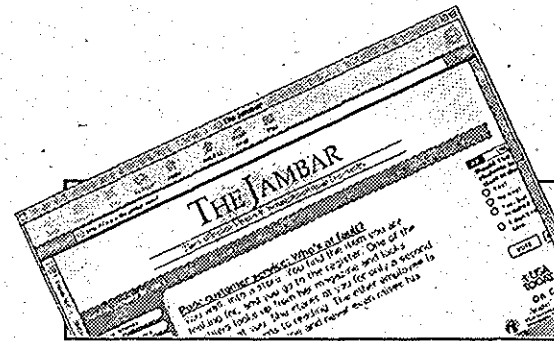
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## Editorial

### Problem lies with parents, not TV

There is no legal age of reasoning in the United States. However, one would think that by age 13 a person would know better than to set his or her self on fire.

Unfortunately, that was not the case for Jason Lind, who is now being touted by many as a victim of violence on television.

Lind decided to mimic a stunt he saw performed by MTV's favorite jackass Johnny Knoxville, who hosts his reality show by the same name.

The main difference between Knoxville and Lind is that Knoxville wore a flame-resistant suit and was surrounded by people waiting to put the flames out. Lind had his two friends and a regular pair of pants.

Rather than taking responsibility for not properly educating his son about the difference between television and reality, Lind's father is doing what any modern parent would do — he's pointing fingers, namely at MTV.

And he's not the only one pointing fingers. In Florida, another 13-year-old boy was convicted last week of killing a 6-year-old girl.

Lionel Tate's attorney argued that the boy shouldn't be held responsible because he was acting out what he saw professional wrestlers do on the WWF.

Nevermind that Tate's mother was asleep upstairs while her son was body slamming a girl 100 pounds lighter, and seven years younger, than him.

Sure, television is violent, and if these boys watched the nightly news instead of MTV and wrestling, who knows what they would have reenacted.

And didn't parents lobby along with Tipper Gore to get ratings for television shows? Lot of good ratings do when parents don't even take the time to find out what their kids are watching or to check the ratings for that matter.

It is not MTV's responsibility to make sure their programming is appropriate for young teens. That is not their target audience nor is it Johnny Knoxville's. "Jackass" has numerous disclaimers and warnings throughout the show and airs a "TV-MA" rating.

What else can parents expect? Total censorship? Unfortunately for them, that is not the way our country operates.

Johnny Knoxville and Vince McMahon have every right to air their shows, just as every parent in the country has the right to allow or prohibit his or her child from watching — should he or she choose to notice.

### Magazine gives men bad advice



By ANGELA GIANOGGIO  
Jambar Editor

As a feminist, it is slightly embarrassing for me to admit that my boyfriend has a growing pile of Playboy magazines in his room. However, I am willing to forgo this indiscretion because I know he espouses more feminist ideals than this collection would indicate (and that he is willing to admit).

Sure, Playboy is the complete and utter objectification of women, but so is cheerleading, and we allow that in junior high school. Women are objectified in every ad on television, every episode of the WWF and in most publications that claim to target a female audience.

Is this an excuse for my boyfriend? A justification? Hell, no. But when he defends me to his friends who call me nasty feminist names, and when he chooses not to pass along a racist joke he heard at work, and when he challenges his co-worker's opinion that gay people are evil, I count my blessings that his only diversion from the PC track is looking at pictures of naked women.

So, on to my point. Some of the best advice I was ever given was to know my enemy's strategy. That in mind, I couldn't help but scan the pages of Hugh Hefner's brainchild. And I was surprised at what I found.

Laced among pictures of Pamela Anderson Lee and political tidbits about President Dubya (the magazine is surprisingly liberal) was some of the worst advice that could ever be given to a guy.

Objectification be damned. What got my ire up was the not-so-covert suggestions that the way to deal with women is to pacify them. And this phenomenon is not unique to Playboy.

I saw the same type of advice given in Maxim, another popular magazine for men, which includes pictures of only half-naked women.

This particular article was about the Miranda Rights for men. For instance, if a woman asks a man "Do these jeans make me look fat?" the man should automatically inact his right to request legal advice and suffer any consequences should he choose to answer. The recommended advice in such a situation was to fake a vomit attack to distract the vain female.

Likewise, if a woman asks if her male companion thought another passing female was attractive, he should immediately distract her and change the subject.

Now, on the huge off-chance I ask Andy if my butt looks fat and he lies about it, I would be more upset about that than if he'd said "That's not your most flattering color."

My immediate response was to lash out at these obviously shallow stereotypes of women's ques-

tions. My second response was to lash out at the obviously shallow stereotypes of women's reactions.

Relationships are not about keeping each other happy and avoiding rough spots at all costs. If you can't be honest with the person you call partner, wife, boyfriend or fiancée, who can you talk to?

And if you prefer that kind of shallowness, don't enter into a relationship that requires honesty.

Men who think the easiest way to deal with a woman is to say, "yes, dear," will soon find out exactly how shallow, unrewarding and empty their relationships are.

It wouldn't be so bad if the most popular magazine in the world for men wasn't perpetuating such archaic ideas.

You'd think, if Hugh had his readers' best interests at heart, he would be giving useful, realistic, honest advice to the gullible men who read his magazine.

But no, he insists on degrading women in both imagery and print. No wonder we females don't like Playboy.

So, Playboy might have the reputation of having good articles (I wouldn't know because I got so mad at the advice I stopped reading), but it needs to bring its advice into the 21st century.

Pacifying a woman just reveals what you really think of her, and that will cause more heartache than honesty ever would — regardless of what the Hugh-god says.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Diversity class expands knowledge

Dear Editor,

After reading the letter to the editor that was submitted by Sean Voorhies, I felt compelled to respond to his remarks on the subject of diversity courses. Voorhies stated he would "enjoy taking this course, so I could destroy its dogmas with hard facts and knowledge." Yet, through his entire letter, not one knowledgeable fact was stated.

Voorhies said the idea was "anti-intellectual nonsense;" however, the whole purpose of the

course is to gain intelligence. In Webster's dictionary, intellect is defined as the power of knowing as distinguished from the power to feel and to will: the capacity for knowledge.

How can a course that teaches one to understand that there are people in the world who are different (and different doesn't mean worse) be defined as "anti-intellectual nonsense"?

A diversity course is a great idea if we expect our future generations to be better than we are now. Understanding and acceptance are

important when one is trying to build something great. And Voorhies, courses like this are set up to break down the set of pre-selected beliefs about the occupants on this earth.

Voorhies, I'm glad I am going to be in the social work profession because with you being in the secondary education field, I'm going to have to help all the children you and your ill-bred opinions have corrupted.

Tiffany Nelms  
sophomore, pre social work

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### Find evaluations in dean's office

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to the letter written by Matthew Vansuch in Thursday's issue of The Jambar.

Vansuch said in his letter that students are encouraged to visit the office of Human Resources to view the teaching evaluations summaries they filled out in previ-

ous academic sessions. This statement is not correct. The YSU/YSU-OEA Agreement states, "Students shall have the opportunity to inspect copies of the Student Evaluation of Teaching Summary in the offices of the academic deans; photocopies of transcriptions of these reports shall not be permitted as part of this access."

In conformity with the agreement, students who stop by the office of Human Resources will be directed instead to visit the office of academic deans to examine student evaluations of teaching results.

Carol Kordupel  
Human Resources associate

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graduates seek in the local area might not be available until the following year. Civil Engineers Cory Carfora and Jason Haus, both YSU graduates, said job availability was the primary factor when they accepted jobs in Cincinnati.

"It was the first place that hired me," said Haus.

Both Carfora and Haus agreed the physical aspects of the Youngstown area were major deciding factors as well.

"The demeanor of [Youngstown] was not of prosperity," Carfora said.

Haus said, "It's much nicer here. [It's] newer. My car doesn't fall in to holes anymore."

Statistics from a 1990 to 1993 study conducted by Career Services show nearly 20 percent of YSU graduates move at least 50 miles away from Youngstown, with nearly 12 of that 20 percent relocating more than 100 miles away. According to this study, men are more likely than women to seek employment outside of the Youngstown area.

The statistics show relocation rates are highest among graduates with degrees in engineering (40 percent relocation), arts and sciences (24 percent relocation),

and fine and performing arts (21 percent relocation). Collectively, about 15.6 percent of graduates with education, business and graduate degrees find employment outside of the metropolitan area.

Many graduates who move out of the area argue that there are no jobs available in their field in Youngstown, but the study shows otherwise.

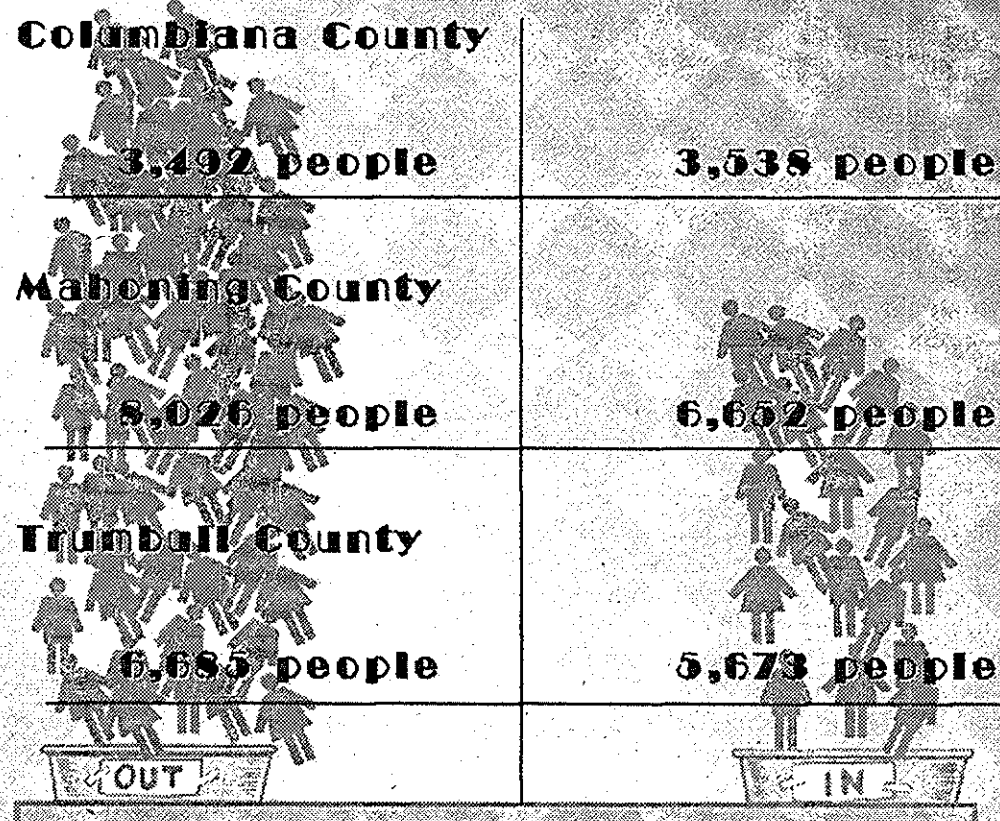
About 2,510 positions in managerial occupations, 7,200 positions in professional specialty occupations, 3,980 positions in marketing and sales occupations, and 2,200 positions in administrative support and clerical occupations are expected to become available within the next six years, according to the statistics provided by the OBES.

Curry said the relocation of YSU's graduates to other areas is having a negative effect on the area's economy. He said Youngstown could prosper if more students would stay in the area upon completing their education.

Carfora said, "The revitalization of industry in the Mahoning Valley would attract people to stay if the city had something to offer."

**Migration trends for Mahoning Valley**

**Out Migration      In Migration**  
(1996 - 1997)



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# Sports & Recreation

## INTERIM DIRECTOR ASSUMES POST

By BREANNA DEMARCO  
Jambar Editor

Athletic department fixture Pauline Saternow has been appointed to interim director of athletics.

She will assume the duties of director of athletics immediately and will be the department's top official until a search committee can hire a permanent athletic director.

"For more than 24 years I have been fortunate to work in one of the finest collegiate environments in the nation. I have learned so many things from working with mentors such as Mel Berry at Thiel College and YSU's directors of athletics," she said.

Before she came to YSU, Saternow was a teacher coach and administrator in high school settings and at the college level.

Saternow was a teacher and a men's tennis and women's volleyball coach at Thiel College for three years.

She joined the YSU staff in 1976.

Serving as the assistant director of athletics in charge of women's sports, she also spent four seasons as the softball coach.

Saternow coached championship teams in 1978 and 1979.

She became the assistant athletic director for the entire athletic department assisting Bill Narduzzi in 1981.

In 1991, her job title changed to associate director of athletics and became YSU's senior woman administrator in athletics.

She has been the SWA for the past decade, and in 1994, her job description changed when she became the associate executive director of athletics under Jim Tressel.

In a bigger capacity, she was a member and chairwoman of numerous Mid-Continent Conference and NCAA committees.

She is a reviewer for the NCAA Committee on Athletics Certification and was a member of the NCAA Strategic Planning Committee.

She is a former chairwoman of the Mid-Continent Conference Directors Council and of the Mid-Con Golf Coaches Committee and Women's Basketball Coaches Committee.

Saternow is also actively involved with the YSU Administrative Advisory Council and Athletics Hall of Fame Committee.

## Penguin hockey on the rise

By CORINNE OLLOM  
Jambar Reporter

The excitement brewed at the Ice Zone Friday night when the YSU men's hockey team, along with almost 200 fans, came away with a nail biting 8-7 victory over Edinboro University.

YSU fans showed their support, throwing chants back and forth with the fans from Edinboro.

Todd Smith, freshman, said, "We want to thank the fans for their support Friday night ... their spirit really kept us in the game. We hope the support will continue to grow."

The Penguins came out strong in the first period, scoring their first three goals within three minutes of each other.

The three scorers in the first period were Conor Keating, freshman; Matt Cerimele, junior; and Kevin Kane, freshman.

In the first period, Edinboro was only able to answer with one goal by Chris Morgan, but by the end of the first period, the Penguins were up by two.

They would go on to hold the game close for the next two periods.

YSU didn't waste any time in the second period when Nick DeChristofaro, senior, scored within the first 31 seconds of the period.

Edinboro tried to put the pressure on by coming back with a goal, but YSU increased its lead with back-to-back goals scored by Smith and Tom Skook, freshman.

The Penguins led 6-3 at the end of the second period, and Edinboro was starting to show signs of fatigue.

Things got tense in the final period.

Between the two teams there were seven penalties handed out, one of which was a 10-minute misconduct for Edinboro, which benched Travis Fenati for the rest of the game.

YSU took advantage of a power play when Skook scored in the first 2:15 of the third period.

Smith had the assist.

Edinboro tried to make a comeback both on the ice and in the stands with a goal that brought the game to seven apiece.

However, Penguin supporters came back with an even more powerful cheer for victory.

Thirteen seconds later Smith secured the winning goal for YSU, and the Penguins went on to hold Edinboro for the last nine minutes of the game to solidify the win.

The team members were pleased with how well they were able to stick together and hang on for the win.

Skook said, "I finally saw the team play as 'one' and not individuals. We were able to play good in a key situation ... we came through in the clutch."

The Penguins certainly did come through in the clutch, as the win Friday was necessary in keeping them in contention for the playoffs.

Mike Drozda, sophomore, said, "We came together as a team to keep our playoff hopes alive."

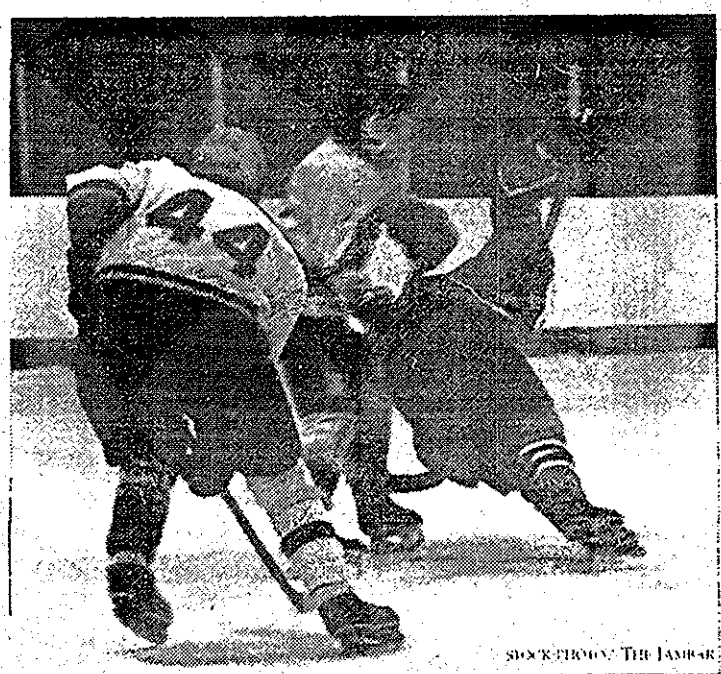


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## Harris sprints at the Golden Flash Open

YSU indoor track and field sophomore Eugene Harris ran a personal-best time of 6.87 seconds to take home a win in the 60-meter dash at the Kent State Golden Flash Open Saturday.

The YSU men's and women's indoor track and field teams had a strong weekend in KSU, recording numerous personal-best times across the board.

Delores Gaines, sophomore, placed ninth in the weight throw with a personal-best launch of 46 feet, 2 1/2 inches.

Beth Hochstetler, sophomore, finished close behind in 16th place with a throw of 43-4 while Danielle Sexton, sophomore, placed 20th with a measure of 42-6.

Lindsay Frontz, sophomore, finished the 800-meter run with a time of 2 minutes, 23 seconds to improve her personal-best time while Rachel Albert, freshman, clocked in with a time of 2:34.

In the mile, Courtney Houck, sophomore, also gave a solid performance as she recorded a personal-best time of 5:35 to place 20th overall.

In the men's triple jump, Michael Cameron, freshman, leaped to record a measure of 44-2, a personal best, to place seventh.

In the long jump, Edwin Jackson, freshman, placed sixth with a mark of 21-8.

In the 800-meter run, Kurt Michaelis, sophomore, placed 10th with a time of 1:55 while Tim Tataraka, junior, placed 38th with 2:00, and Jeri Hull, junior, finished 42nd with 2:00.

The YSU men's and women's indoor track and field team will travel Saturday to Findlay to compete in the All-Ohio Championships.

## Penguins baseball coming soon

By CORINNE OLLOM  
Jambar Reporter

Tired of winter and staying indoors? Not to worry — baseball season is just around the corner.

The YSU men's baseball team is gearing up for its 2001 season.

The team's first game is scheduled for March 6 against West Liberty State College at Cafaro Field.

Head baseball coach Mike Florak said he is looking forward to a productive season.

"We want to win the conference — there's no ands, ifs or buts about it," he said.

Todd Santore, senior catcher for the Penguins, agreed with Florak's goal.

"We set a goal as a team to win the conference championship and make our first appearance in the regional tournament. As long as we stay healthy and play hard, I don't see any reason why we can't accomplish our goals," he said.

Florak said pitching is definitely the team's strong point right now, and the team is working hard on improving its defense.

"We expect big things from all the guys on the team this year," said Florak.

Leading the charge on the mound this season is Brad Hennessey, junior; Corey Ohalek, junior; Kyle Sobecki, junior; Matt Brumit, junior; Rusty Bendle, senior; and Mike Abdalla, senior.

Abdalla decided to return for one more year with the Penguins after turning down a professional contract with the Kansas City Royals.

Kellen Dixon, sophomore, is coming back after a tremendous freshman year, hitting more than 300 last season.

Florak has high expectations for Santore and Steve Mefferd, senior outfielder.

"We expect Santore and Mefferd to have big years. They are offensively and defensively solid up the middle," said Florak.

This is Florak's third year coaching Penguins baseball and the team's second year returning to the newly built Cafaro Field in Niles.

"It's great playing there. It makes you feel like going to work everyday," said Florak.

Former YSU baseball player and current Montreal Expos minor leaguer Mark Thomas is pleased to see that YSU finally has a decent facility to play in.

"I remember looking forward to going on road trips rather than playing at home because most of the teams we would play had much better fields than we did," said Thomas.

With the start of the season just one month away, Florak encourages fans to come out and watch.

"We hope people will come out and see us ... we have the kind of people on our team that the community and university would be proud to have represent them," he said.

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## Local teachers win awards

Dr. Sweet spoke Thursday at the annual meeting of the Industrial Information Institute for Education Inc. about the importance of education to the economy of the Mahoning and Shenango Valleys. Educators from the area were also recognized for their contributions to education.

Twelve educators were selected by the Ohio Academy of Science to receive the Governor's Award for Excellence in Youth Science Opportunities. They are:

Mary Ann Augustyn, Reed Middle School, Hubbard Public

Gary Capone, Volney Rogers Junior High School, Youngstown City

Mary Ann Chambers, Volney Rogers Junior High School, Youngstown City

Charlotte Eskay, Holy Family School, Diocese of Youngstown

Patricia Fagundes, Reed Middle School, Hubbard Public

Veronica Harpman, Volney Rogers Junior High School, Youngstown City

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Nick McGinnis, Reed Middle School, Hubbard Public

Sharon Nicastro, St. Joseph Elementary School, Diocese of Youngstown

Gary Orosz, Byzantine Catholic Central School, Diocese of Youngstown

Marie Viglio, St. Christine Elementary School, Diocese of Youngstown

Jean Wargo, Holy Family School, Diocese of Youngstown

Three educators received mathematics, science and technology education grants from Ohio Edison. They are:

Ruth Baker, Salem Junior High School, Salem City

Fran Compton, Alden Elementary School, Warren City

Joyce Zitkovich, Boardman Local Schools

Other teachers who were recognized include:

Anthony Augustine, McKinley High School, Niles City.

Brenda Barton, Choffin Career Center, Youngstown City

Donna Beckwith, Mercer Area Elementary School, Mercer Area

Greg Burbick, Columbiana County Career Center, Columbiana County JVS

Claudette Richardson, Clinkscales, West Elementary School, Youngstown City

Lona Cramer, Western Reserve High School, Western Reserve Local

Donna DeBonis, D.A.B. Educational Service Center, Sharon City

Christine Gibowicz, East Middle School, Warren City

Cindy Helms, Knox Elementary School, West Branch Local

Marilyn Humphrey, United High School, United Local

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Ellen King, W.S. Guy Middle School, Liberty Local

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## Professor enjoys economics, helping students

By VALERIE BANNER  
Jambar Editor

Amid the clutter of his office is one organized area. Sitting on top of a filing cabinet are picture frames. Three smiling boys are in one frame, and a young woman is in a second frame.

"My children," says Dr. Ebenge Usip, professor, economics. He is smiling.

Usip, who was born and raised in Nigeria, is recalling his most recent trip home. This trip included his family, who had never seen Nigeria. Usip says he thinks his sons enjoyed the trip, meeting more of their family and seeing the country in which their father was raised.

Usip says he always enjoys going back to Nigeria. But he's also happy to be at YSU.

"I love what I do. I love teaching. I love economics. I love teaching economics," he says, with a true passion.

"It's a good thing he's here," said Clyde Morris, professor, economics, of his colleague. "He's here a lot with students. He's very concerned with what goes on in the classroom."

"I'm approachable," Usip reiterates. He says he's always willing to help a student who is taking an economics course, even if he's not the one teaching that class.

Usip stumbled into economics when he first began studying in the United States.

He says he arrived as a student of business, expecting to study marketing at Albany State University.

Instead, he says, he fell in love with economics. He was required to take principals of economics, but he took more than just that course. And "the more I took those classes, the more I loved and enjoyed them," he remembers.

He ended up double majoring in economics and marketing.

More difficult than the classes he took, however, was the challenge of assimilating into American culture.

"It wasn't a wonderful experience," he says seriously. "I was excited for the challenge of being in a new culture, but I wasn't prepared for the challenge — and it is a challenge — of going to a new place, of adapting to the culture of the new place. That's what makes us who we are."

Usip was fortunate enough to



DR. EBENGE USIP

know the language. He says he had been taught English in school.

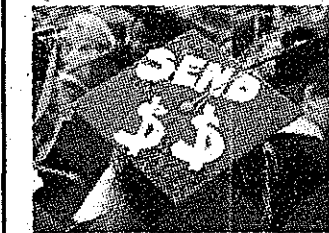
His father, he says, always encouraged him. Usip knew how important it was for his father to see him go overseas — to the United States or England — to study.

He says he's always handled

challenges or set-backs with common sense. And each experience has made him stronger.

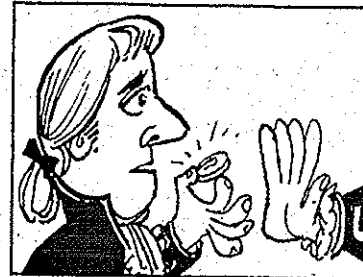
Usip tells students the best way to be successful is to "know who you are. Have your dream and go for it. The payoff will come as a recognition of being able to fulfill that dream."

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## CAMPUS CALENDAR

### Today

"Best of Focus" on WYSU, 88.5 FM: "The Dynamics of Diversity," with Clarice Perry, YSU diversity coordinator. 7 p.m. Host Dr. Victor Wan-Tatah (Originally aired April 11, 2000).

"Special Edition of Focus" on WYSU, 88.5 FM: "Nurturing America through the Nonprofit Sector," with Elaine Chao, U.S. labor secretary and former director of the Peace Corps and president of the United Way. 7:30 p.m. Host Dale Harrison (Originally aired Nov. 17, 1998).

Alpha Phi Sigma will be having a meeting at 2:30 p.m. in Room 2024, Cushman Hall. All criminal justice majors and minors are invited to attend. We will be discussing plans for spring semester. For information e-mail Heidi Hallas at HBH214@aol.com.

YSU Interservice Christian Fellowship will be having a meeting from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Breshegan Suites, Kilcawley Center. All students are welcome!! For information call Demaine Kitchen at (330) 744-1558.

Reading and Study Skills, Center for Student Progress and the University Counseling Center will be having a workshop at 2 p.m. in Room 3322, Beeghly College of Education. The topic will be learning styles. For more information contact Julie at (330) 742-3554.

### Wednesday

Golden Key National Honor Society will be having a meeting and social at 7 p.m. in the Newman Center. For information contact Angela Barwick at (330) 799-1705.

YSU Dance Club will be having beginning ballroom dance lessons from 5:30 to 7 p.m. every Wednesday in Room 100, Beeghly Center. Anyone who wants to learn swing, Latin or ballroom dancing is welcome. The lessons are free! For all inquiries contact Jen at (330) 742-6213 or Phill at (330) 742-6095.

### Thursday

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Bet Alpha Psi will be having a meeting at 4 p.m. in the Cafaro Suite, Williamson Hall. The discussion will be "Regional and National Accounting Firms: which is the best for you?" The speaker will be John Donchess of Pauker Thomas. For information call (330) 219-4817.

Pan African Student Union will be meeting from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Coffelt Room, Kilcawley Center. Contact Towana at (330) 742-3595.

### Feb 14

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