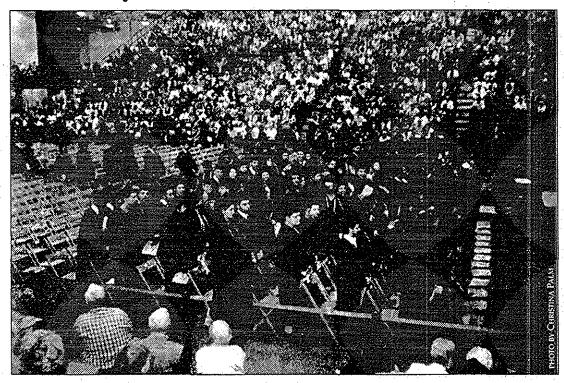


They're outta here



GRADUATION DAY: The spring class of 2001 files in for graduation. Commencement took place Saturday in Beeghley Center. Former YSU Coach Jim Tressel delivered the keynote address.

Midwestern Collegiate Conference

Performance assessment recommends changes

By SHANNON WALLS Jambar Editor

President David Sweet and State Auditor Jim Petro held a press conference May 14 to discuss the YSU performance assessment report. William Bresnahan, president of Hynes Industries, Inc. and chair of the YSU Operations of it." Improvement Task Force Executive Committee was also in attendance.

The 143-page report listed recommendations for the improvement of university operations, and according to a press release, the recommendations have been divided into three sections.

The first section con

John Habat, special assistant to the president, said not all of the recommendations will be adopted,

"The purpose of the assessment is to see how to identify potential cost-saving and operating efficiencies," Habat said. "I think a lot of good things will come

The improvement of labor relations recommendation was number three of the 20 most crucial issues of the assessment. It focused on the lack of trust between management and labor and stressed the need to rebuild this relationship. The YSU Labor Summit, which took place in April, marked the beginning of discussions issues of enrollment, strategic among labor union members and planning, labor-management relaadministration. tions, diversity, technology and

but most of them will be pursued.

wins praise from athletes at YSU

By SUSAN KELLY Jambar Editor

YSU athletes will reap the benefit of hard work and commitment beginning July 1, when the switch from the Mid Continent Conference to the Midwestern Collegiate Conference becomes official. Administration and coaching staffs agree the new conference tion director, said, "The move is a gives the university position and power.

President David Sweet admits to getting the ball rolling when his longtime friend, John Konstantinos, athletic director of Cleveland State University, called him to suggest that YSU consider joining MCC. They contacted John LeCrone, MCC commissioner, and the switch was set in motion.

LeCrone believes YSU's position as the ninth member of the conference will help to make it "one of the extraordinary athletic

conferences in the country." The move does not affect the football team, which stays in the Gateway Conference. All other exposure. university sports will benefit as a result of the conference outreach.

Trevor Parks, sports informateam will gain an automatic qualification as a result of joining MCC step up in competition. With and "maybe men's tennis, too," she President Sweet's desire to increase said enrollment, the added exposure in

media coverage may attract more young athletes to YSU. We'll have exposure in Cleveland, Wisconsin, Chicago and other cities, as well as exposure through ESPN and other broadcast affiliates of the MCC." In a press conference here May 22, LeCronè said there were 80 Penguin fans.

budget planning; the second section included issues pertaining to sports events televised through departments or groups; and the ESPN and mentioned the possibilithird section covered recommenty of televised events on Fox. dations with specific functions. The added media coverage will enable the coaching staffs to

Kim Norris, spokesperson for the state auditor's office, said perrecruit players from a bigger pool formance assessment reports for of athletes and afford YSU constant urban schools have been released in the past, but YSU was the first Pauline Saternow, interim athamong universities in the area to letic director, said the women's golf be assessed.

> "YSU must become responsive to its needs," Norris said in reference to the assessment.

"It is important for YSU to According to Joe Conroy, YSU keep the students it has by mentorvolleyball coach, "it's a major step ing and coaching, and it is imporforward," for all university sports. tant to encourage more nontradi-Basketball coach John Robic tional students to further their edunow has a large pool of possible, cations at YSU," she said. "This recruits to consider. In addition the helps the community and economadministration and coaching staff. ic development by turning out hope to increase attendance by graduates."

According to the assessment, President Sweet said in his first State of the University address, "YSU suffers from the perception that it is not diversity friendly."

The assessment addressed YSU's lack of diversity and the need to develop effective ways of encouraging diversity on campus.

Another of the top 20 areas in urgent need of attention concerned the closing of empty buildings on campus. According to the assessment, the classroom utilization rate is less than 40 percent, and the lab utilization rate is 15 percent due to decreased enrollment. It suggested alternative usage of this space for student housing, with closing down as a last resort.

Norris said the assessment provided recommendations, and any decision making is left to the university.

Mahoning County reports 10 percent increase in cancer cases

By SOMOUD NISER Jambar Reporter

It is a disease plaguing the United States and especially Mahoning County. Cancer cases have increased in the area during thel990s.

According to the District Board of Health, Mahoning County reported to Ohio's cancer registry a 10 percent increase in cancer cases

According to the Web site www.mahoning-health.org/advisories breast cancer deaths are the prominent form of cancer found in women, and prostate and colon cancer are the leading types of death in men. The over-

all cancer deaths in the Mahoning County reporting the cancer cases, and the numbers vent the spreading of the cancer. According led with lung cancer. Cancer is second only to heart disease as a leading cause of death for residents of Mahoning County.

According to the Board, better compliance with cancer reporting requirements, identification of more cancer cases through screening and detection programs, and real changes in cancer incidence are all factors involved in the number of cancer cases reported each year.

Matthew Stefanek, Mahoning County health commissioner, said. "The facts are obvious. There is just better reporting of these cases now by both physicians and hospitals."

In past years, health officials were not

seemed to be very low when it came to Mahoning County. According to Stefanek, the numbers are

steady, and there does not seem to be an epidemic in the area. "You have to look at the type of cancers," he said. "Some of these are preventa-

ble diseases or could be caught early in their stages." A total of 1,506 new cases of invasive

cancer were reported in Mahoning County in 1997. With the exception of prostate cancer, the cancers of breast, lung and colorectal all increased between 1922 and 1997, according to the Board.

Screening of these diseases can help pre-

to the Amencan Cancer Society Web site, prevention and early detection are two of the most important and effective strategies for reaching the society's goals of saving lives lost from cancer, diminishing suffering due to cancer, and eliminating cancer as a major health problem.

According to an article written by Dr. Donald D. Hensrud, director of the Mayo Clinic executive health program, "If a polyp or colon cancer is detected early enough, it can be removed and a life can be saved. But because colon cancer rarely shows symptoms in early stages we recommend regular

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screening to discover it."

Cancer Center in Canfield, said they see anywhere from 80 to 90 patients a day.

"Lung cancer can be reduced

the air," he said. Dr. Kim Mortensen, manager for retail planning at the American Cancer Society said there are many factors for increased cancer inci-

"I don't believe the numbers

to receive vital colorectal and prostate cancer screening.

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process.

McClure, chief executive officer of save lives.

mation on the statistics in the Mahoning County, check out the District Board of Health's Web site at www.mahoning-health.org/advisories.





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Editorial

YSU athletes will benefit from MCC alignments

By steering YSU to the Midwestern Collegiate Conference, President Sweet and the administration and coaching staffs have raised the bar on attainable academic goals for our athletes.

Thanks to the efforts, of the administration, coaching staffs, and the Penguin Club, the change means student athletes have a far better chance of maintaining good grades and excelling in sports at the same time.

Travel time has forced many athletes to choose excellence in the sport of choice over classroom excellence. In addition to the commitment to training, practice and actual game time, athletes have had to add studying in a bouncing bus or airplane to the list of things to balance. Through it all, they must maintain good grades and hold up under the pressure of competition.

According to Steven Flores, senior, physical education, starting forward for the basketball team, "The switch is good for everyone. Travel was a big issue in the Mid Continent Conference. As a student, less travel time means more time to study and keep on track."

The baseball team has maintained an overall 2.8 GPA, despite a schedule of 56 games this season. Their grades reflect dedication and commitment to getting the job done.

With the new travel schedules in the MCC, students will be able to maintain good grades without added pressure of deadlines and logistical limitations. Additional benefits to the university include media coverage by ESPN, possibly Fox, and exposure to audiences in college towns affiliated with the MCC.

Some may say a quarter of a million is too hefty a price to pay for entrance into the MCC. The Penguin Club has seen to it that the \$200,000 exit-fee will be paid in two increments to the Mid-Con, and the university will take on the \$50,000 start-up to the MCC.

Pauline Saternow, interim athletic director, addressed the issue of leaving the Mid-Con during the press conference May 22, saying all attempts have been made by the university to make sure any holes in scheduling have been filled.

Classroom chatter Chatterboxes beware: is so annoying

the teachers off. If students are conwas, sitting in class listening stantly talking, the teacher has to stop and tell them to quiet down, to my teacher which totally side tracks the lecgive an excelture. Some teachers just try to ent lecture on ignore or talk over the noise. This is assimilation and pluralwhat my teacher tried to do. That is when disgruntled stuism when dents like me look over at yippy the lecture BY JACKIE SPENCE the yacking yedi and shoot him or was disrupted by her the dirtiest look possible only to turn around two minutes later to some girl talking in a repeat the same procedure.

high-pitched voice that resembled Secondly, it makes some stua caribou mating call. dents mad. Believe it or not, there

There I

Just then I reached an are actually some students who go epiphany: I realized that students to school to learn during their pay a lot of money, not to learn, but classes Those are the students who to have a gossip hour.

There are a couple problems know that gossip has its place

with this situation. For one, it ticks before and after class and not during an important lecture. I happen to fit into this category - I am one of those students who practices, the fine art of learning. I realize that I am paying the equivilant of a Mitsubishi Eclipse to get a piece of flamable paper, so I feel that it is important to learn my \$17,000 worth of education.

I'm sure I can go on and on about the many other problems yacking students can cause for the university.

If you happen to run into one of these rude ramblers, please practice benevolance, and tell them to shut their mouths. It will surely please students and teachers who want to learn and teach at this uni-

versity

The Green mile Tom Green is paving the way for a classic case of denial



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it that Green later said he did not was only 13 at the time they mar-Is ethically and know that he could be prosecuted ried, and cohabited with four other morally cor- for bigamy... rect for one choice but to convict Green?

women, according to Melissa Did the jury have any other Beutler, reporter for The Daily

Working together toward a common goal is a healthy move for the university. It pulls everyone together and gives a central focus and goal.

Since academia is what we are all about, this move forward is a positive example of cooperation and commitment by the administration. The new athletic programs stand to benefit everyone in the long run.

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to have **By Shannon Walls** umbar Editor

time and have 29 children to them as long as he doesn't legal-

ly marry every one of them? Tom Green saw nothing wrong with it, but his lifestyle

caught up to him when he was found guilty of four counts of bigamy and one count of criminal non-support Friday in Utah.

Jeremy Cox, reporter for The Daily Universe, Brigham Young University, said that Monte Stewart, one of the prosecuting attorneys, told the court Green admitted he was aware he could be charged with bigamy, adultery and marry more than one of them. He incest.

He also reminded the court was married to Linda Kunz, who

Absolutely not. How could he be relationbelieved? He actually said he didships n't know he was married to any of with five the women. If it's true he didn't women at know he was married to them, the same why did he say he knew he could be prosecuted?

Green has appeared on Dateline and talk shows displaying his guilt-free attitude toward his relationships with the women but claims he doesn't understand why

he was prosecuted. He said he was not guilty of bigamy because he wasn't legally

married to each of the women. So, he's saying it's okay for him to live with five women and have intimate relationships and children with each of them just as long as he does not actually marry more than one of them.

ego The problem is that he did

have possibly been a father to each of his children. He didn't even provide for his so-called family. Cox said in his article, Green

cent of the family income but claimed he was responsible for all of the money that supported the family.

prosecuted, why would he brag about his lifestyle to the public on television? All he wanted was publicity, and he got it.

marriage with each of these women, but it was nothing more than an excuse to boost his male

ing he was something he's not.

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Focus on WYSU, 88.5 FM: "The Tuskegee Airmen: Pilots of Diversity," with Eugene Guiton and Thomas Austin, original Tuskegee airmen, and Eldora Lavert, member of the Northeast Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen Association. 7 p.m. Host: Victor Wan-Tatah.

YSU Intervarsity Christian Fellowship will be meeting from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Bresnahan Suites, Kilcawley Center, All students are welcome!! For information, contact DeMaine Kitchen at (330) 744-1558.

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