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President Cochran takes driver's seat

By PAUL CURL
News Editor

Dr. Leslie Cochran was very busy yesterday as he formally assumed his office as president of YSU.

"I think it's important to feel comfortable at the desk," said Cochran who had several meetings as well as received his parking sticker, YSU I.D. and prepared a memo for the local media.

Cochran would like to increase the university's ability to attract people from other areas and enlarge the residential population.

His priorities are to look at attracting high school students who have scored high on college entrance exams and performed well throughout their high school careers.

"The first thing I'm going to be looking at is our scholarship," he said regarding a streamlining of YSU's recruiting efforts.

He plans on building an enrollment management team consisting of deans and enrollment services who will decide eligibility for scholarships.

Cochran said the team would be used to find out how far away YSU is able to attract potential students and "get



Dr. Leslie Cochran

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an understanding of where we are recruiting from."

Another immediate concern is the building up of the university's fundraising abilities by providing a formalized way for the public to contribute to YSU.

According to Cochran, many people in the Youngstown area have confided in

him that they would be glad to help the university financially if there was only a formalized way to do so.

Cochran encourages everyone to voice their concerns to him directly, either by making an appointment with him or by talking to him as he walks across campus. According to Cochran, tension will be

alleviated between his office and the students if they approach him on a one-to-one basis to make their opinions known.

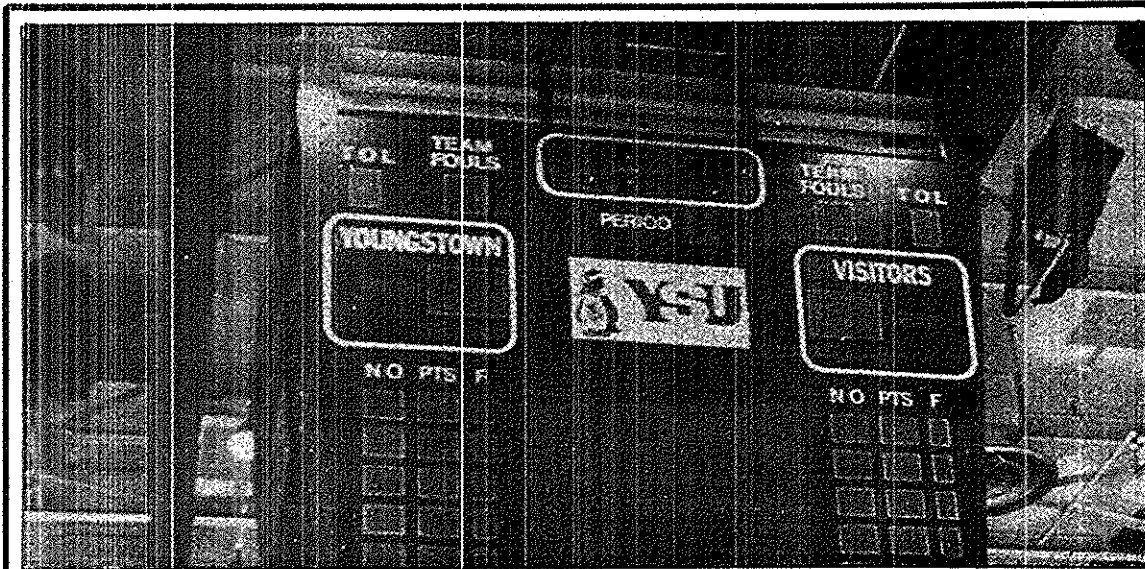
"That's going to be helpful to get to know people," he said.

Due to the friction between the administration and other areas of the university, he will attempt to resolve conflicts by having those groups talk with one another to find a common ground.

Cochran will ask the people involved in any discrepancy to take a greater role in the solution of their problems, since they have a much greater understanding of the problems, rather than having the president or any other member of the administration solve the conflict.

"For the most part I would hope to be a facilitator rather than coming up with a solution," said Cochran.

"I think everyone wants YSU to move forward in a positive way," said Cochran, who has some ideas of where he wants YSU to go. However, he wants to have input from students and faculty as to where they would like to see the university go in the next decade.



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New scoreboard: YSU will have a new look with the addition of a new scoreboard financed by the Penguin Club.

Penguin Club buys new scoreboard

By APRIL BOTT
Managing Editor

For 20 years, the scoreboard of Beeghly Center has kept track of things high above the hardwood. During its tenure, many things have changed: coaches have come and gone, stars and teams have dominated the hardwood and the Youngstown Pride went from an idea to reality.

However, last Thursday marked the end of an era as the original scoreboard was dismantled from Beeghly's ceiling and a new state of the art electronic scoreboard was assembled and installed by two local companies.

Because of the severity state budget cuts have had on YSU, many people are questioning the purchase of such a piece of high-tech equipment.

However, according to Dan O'Connell, Assistant Athletic Director/Marketing, neither the athletic department nor the university funded the new scoreboard.

"No athletic department money was involved," said O'Connell. "It was financed by the Penguin Club."

O'Connell continued to explain that the Penguin Club, a tertiary support system of YSU athletics, took out a loan to purchase the scoreboard for Beeghly.

He then explained that there are panels on the board which will be available for advertisements. The revenues from these ads will cover the Penguin Club's initial cost for the board, thereby allowing the club to pay off its loan.

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Trustees approve cuts in budget at meeting

YSU — YSU's Board of Trustees has approved an \$89.1 million budget for 1992-93 that preserves the teaching resources of the university while anticipating an unprecedented reduction in state support for higher education.

The budget was built on the assumption that state support for YSU will be reduced by 15 percent, or \$6.4 million, from the state budget bill. Through a judicious streamlining process however, the administration was able to construct a budget that contains only 3.68 percent less than the total funds budgeted for 1991-92.

Dr. G.L. Mears, executive director of the budget, said that administration strove to preserve the university's teaching resources, minimize employee layoffs and maintain or improve research funding.

"The budget for 1992-93 achieves these objectives in a balanced manner in the face of severe constraints on available funds," he said.

The equivalent of 109 full-time positions university-wide have been cut by the elimination of both full and part-time faculty positions, professional/administrative staff positions and classified staff positions.

The faculty saw reductions of 29 full-service positions, all of which were vacant. Seventeen professional/administrative staff positions and 48 classified staff positions have been eliminated.

Many but not all of the professional/administrative staff and classified staff positions were vacant. As a result, 32 employees will be laid off.

The university cut its Student Services budget by 24.7 percent of \$784,461, primarily by moving several services into the group of programs funded by the General Fee.

Public Services were cut 10.35 percent, or \$68,613. The allocation to plant maintenance and operation was reduced by 10.2 percent, or \$878,752. Intercollegiate athletics saw a cut of 3.72 percent, or \$143,176.

The trustees approved an agreement with the YSU-Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, which represents university police, that calls for no pay raise and the implementation of a new medical insurance plan that will save the university \$1,688 a month. Twenty-five employees are affected. The agreement is effective retroactive to April 1, 1992.

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Welcome to YSU, Dr. Cochran

Who's this new kid on the block? His name is Dr. Leslie Cochran and he has been the YSU president for only one day.

Even before taking over the reins of this enormous education wagon, Cochran has been quite visible in the local media. *The Jambar*, along with the local papers and television stations, have flocked around to ask this man from Southeast Missouri State questions—lots of questions—searching and sifting through the answers for any clues to the character of the man who will lead YSU.

By being visible around town and willing to answer questions, he has taken the first steps in making himself known. Of course, this is a natural response, especially for someone who's new. Cochran's presence on and off campus, in the local papers and on television has made a strong statement about his visibility to the YSU administration, faculty, staff, students, their parents and the people of the Steel Valley. Everyone has their own leadership style. Former YSU President Dr. Neil D. Humphrey said in a recent *Vindicator* article that his more reserved style has made him a target of some critics who say "he should have been more visible as YSU's leader."

For Cochran, lack of visibility hasn't been a problem. In fact, a colleague of mine who attended a YSU function that Cochran also attended said she was quite impressed with Cochran, who came up to her and a friend, looked at their name tags, then introduced himself as Les and introduced his wife. (My colleague admitted that she didn't realize that "Les" was in fact the new YSU president).

Well, Dr. Cochran, keep up the visibility. It's exactly what the YSU campus is craving. Although you probably won't have much time, especially since you are taking over at possibly one of the worst financial times known to YSU, don't let this heavy burden keep you chained to your desk.

Get to know the campus and the people by sitting in on different classes. Try parking in the Wick or Lincoln decks this fall on a Wednesday between the hours of 9 and 10 a.m. (Goodluck!) Do lunch at Arby's. If you want to know what the students need and want and what is on their minds, ask THEM.

In a previous *Jambar* article Cochran said, "You'll see me visible in buildings, meetings, popping in on editors and reporters. And I hope that students feel free to call me over and say 'Hey, can you come over and talk about this...?'"

Welcome to YSU, Dr. Cochran. Hope to see you coming into the *Jambar* office soon!

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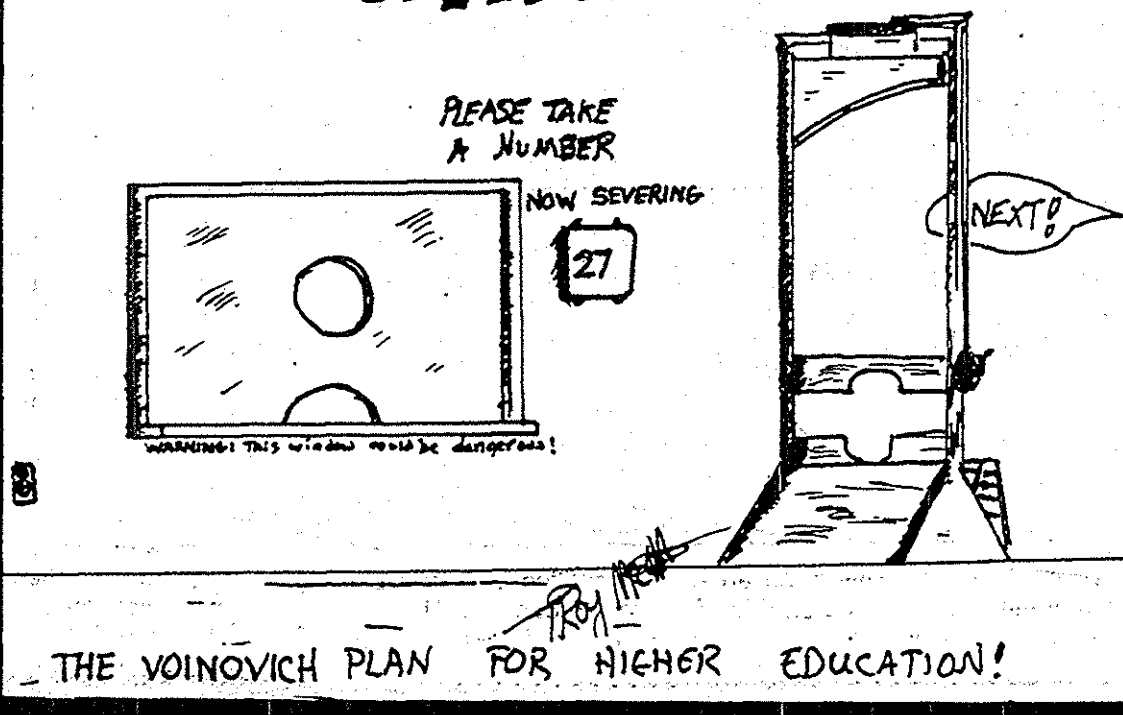
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Tough guy falls into 90s nice-guy trap



Joel M. Lewis
Staff Reporter

A startling revelation hit me the other day while I was doing housework. The fact that I was washing dishes, dusting and vacuuming the carpets brought this revelation to mind like the impact of a large caliber bullet. Ten years ago I wouldn't be caught dead doing this sort of thing—this was women's work.

Later, while planting some pretty, pink flowers next to the house, the revelation hit me once again, just as hard and painful as the first time. What is this incredible revelation? I have become a sensitive 90s kind of guy.

Oh my God, this is terrible, I thought. What have I done to

bring myself to such a lowly state? I used to laugh at and occasionally stomp wimps like I've apparently become. At that point I became a whimpering mess, so I took two Tylenol with ibuprofen, made myself a nice cup of tea and settled down on the couch to watch Oprah. AARRRGHHH!!! Someone help me before I start running around the house wearing an apron with daisies on it.

A short 10 years ago I was a completely different person. In 1982 I was a tough paratrooper serving with the Green Berets. My stomach was flat and my muscles were hard—I did what I wanted, when I wanted and took no guff from anyone. My opinions were very strong and if someone was foolish enough to disagree with me, chances are they would be beaten into agreement.

I was a man's man, strong and independent. What happened in 10 short years? I couldn't answer this question so I sought the help of an old Army buddy.

Steve and I served in the same unit through our four years of active duty. He was just as wild

as I was, and the only person truly capable of helping me out of this 90s wimp trap I'm caught in. Or so I thought.

I arranged to visit Steve at his home in southern Maryland and I was shocked and dismayed at what I'd found. As I pulled into

his driveway I saw Steve, (his gut grown to similar proportions as mine), watering the petunias in his frontyard. His voice and

manner had softened along with his gut and I could see that my buddy Steve, a former tough Special Forces sergeant had also

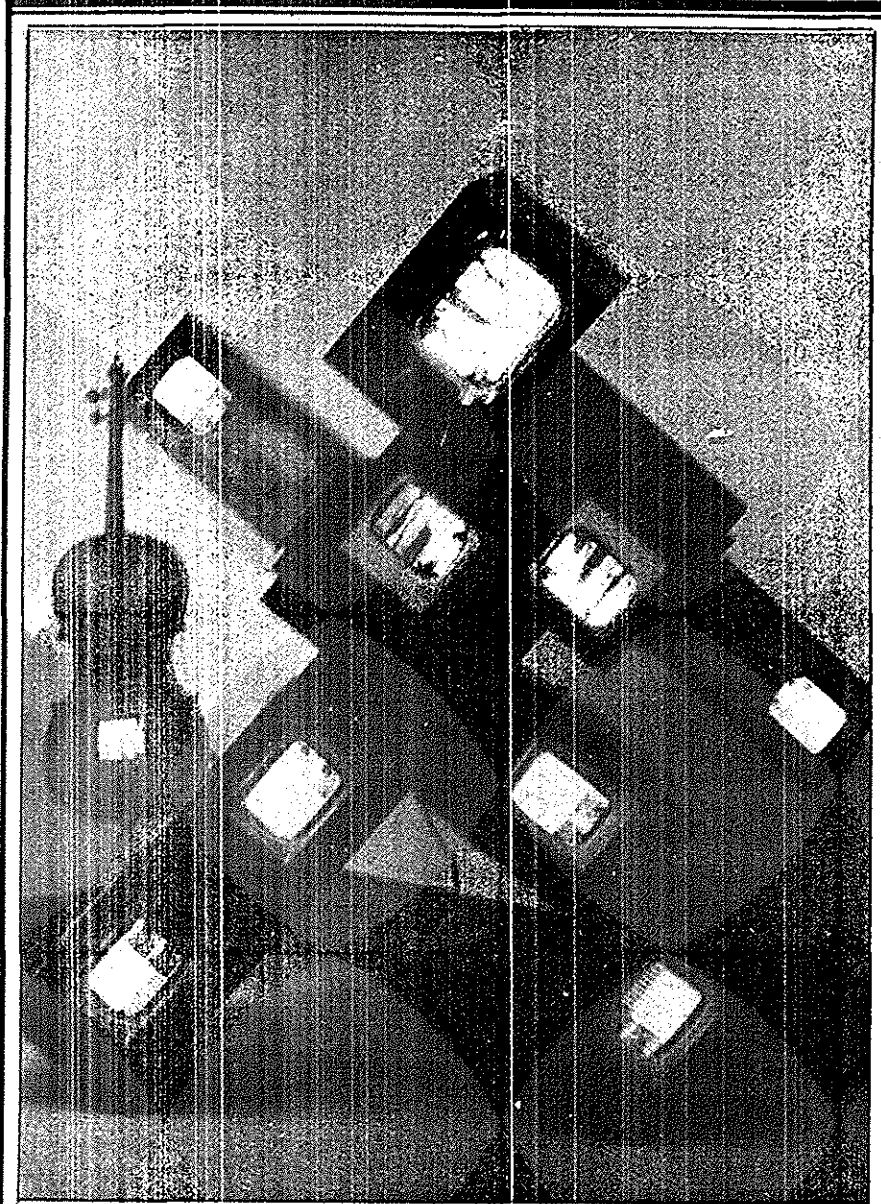
succumbed to the 90s wimpishness. We commiserated on our inexplicable slide into the sensitive 90s-guy trap while drinking General Foods International Coffees.

As hard as we tried neither Steve nor I could find the answer to our problem—a problem, we are sure, is shared by men across the country. But we vow to keep searching until we find the reason or reasons why we've changed so drastically.

Hey, maybe we should ask our wives.

Letters, commentaries/ submissions

The Jambar encourages letters and opinion submissions. All letters must be typed, double-spaced, signed and must include the writer's telephone number, which is used for confirmation purposes and will not be published. Proper identification is needed when submitting materials. *The Jambar* reserves the right to reject or edit any or all submissions. All submissions must be delivered to the *Jambar* offices by noon Tuesday for Thursday's edition.



A new view: This is an art exhibit entitled *Charlotte* being featured at the Butler located on Wick Avenue. Korean-born Nam June Paik created the exhibit which is expected to remain displayed until November.

Student delivers God's message

By ED MAHONEY
Staff Reporter

In an era where immorality is the accepted way of life, Emmitt Nevels, 21, a management major at YSU, is a breath of fresh air.

Nevels has devoted his life to his church and his community. Over a decade ago, he said, "We started the church with just my four sisters, my parents and myself. With our faith in God we built up a congregation of about 100 people and operated out of a storefront on Jefferson Street."

In 1979 the congregation, under the leadership of Pastor Nevels, Emmitt's father, moved up to the present location of Nevels temple on Elm Street. The current congregation has grown to about 400 people.

His love for music is evident. So evident in fact that he is considering changing his major from management to music with a minor in theology. Nevels is currently a choir leader and drummer of the church and is in the process of recording a gospel album with his group 'N-Tyme'.

"We provide a wide variety of gospel music rather than focusing on just one type," said Nevels. "We want everyone to listen to our music and hear our message."

With such a busy schedule, Nevels doesn't have time to sit around and relax.

"I don't like to sit and do nothing," said Nevels. "I have to be doing something all the time or I feel like I am wasting precious time."

Nevels wants to help the young people find their way to the right course in life.

"I feel that today's youth lack positive role models," he said. "I want to show them that there are good people and I want to be there

to guide them through the difficulties in today's society."

Therefore, this summer, Nevels and some of his friends plan to take to the streets of Youngstown and offer kids alternatives to the life of drugs and crime.

"God helps you if you pray to Him and ask for help," said Nevels. "My family has achieved our position through prayer and dedication to our faith."

Living in an area which has seen a decline in all aspects of living, Nevels is not discouraged by the future.

"We won't move our church out of the area it's in now," he said. "These people are the ones who need help the most and we are here for them."

Nevels plans to follow in his father's footsteps and continue the progress the family has made.

"I want to be a preacher," he said. "I am used to being in front of large crowds when I sing and preaching will be an extension of that."

Nevels' temple is a church of God in Christ. The religion is similar to Pentecostalism and resembles the practices of the Assemblies of God.

"We accept the word of God in the Bible and believe in a literal interpretation of the Bible," said Nevels. "We use the Bible as a foundation for our services. I was taught to always make time for the Bible and to study it often."

Nevels plans to stay in Youngstown and continue his education at YSU.

"I want to grow in the church and help the community whenever and however I can," he said.

At 21, Nevels has achieved an attitude which some never reach in a lifetime.

Saudi students enroll in Fall EMT courses

YSU — YSU will enroll 10 students from Saudi Arabia this fall in what may be the beginning of an on-going relationship with the Saudi government.

Dr. Charles McBriarty, vice president for Student Services, said the 10 students have enrolled in YSU's Emergency Medical Technology program. They have been arriving on campus this week to begin a summer prerequisite course developed especially for them through the office of University Outreach.

"The reputation of the EMT program is what attracted these students," said McBriarty. However, a group of cooperative university officials is what resulted in their arrival and enrollment.

The government of Saudi Arabia contracted university officials because they had heard of YSU's EMT program and were in the process of sending 50 students to the United States for EMT training.

Assisting in the effort to secure the enrollment of the

students were Dr. Harold Yiannaki, director of Enrollment Services; Dr. John J. Yemma, acting dean of the college of Applied Science and Technology; Joseph J. Mistovich, head of the EMT program; Denise Walters-Dobson, assistant director of admissions; Dr. John Loch, director of University Outreach; Jack Fahay, director of Housing Services; and Phil Hirsch, director of Student Activities and Auxiliary Services.

McBriarty said these officials went out of their way to expedite the enrollment process and accommodate the students' housing and dietary needs.

"The Saudi government officials have expressed their delight at how cooperative YSU officials have been throughout this process," he said. "They have indicated that they would like to increase the number of students they sponsor in the future, and that if they are successful, Youngstown State could see more Saudi students enrolled in the future."

Score

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"Anywhere from 10-12 panels should pay off the loan," O'Connell said, "and the remaining money from the additional panels will probably be donated to athletics."

There are 12 advertising panels available for sale on the scoreboard and an additional eight panels available on the two endzone scoreboards for a total of 20.

"Right now the board itself is owned by the banks in the name of the Penguin Club," O'Connell said. "The bottom line is that the board doesn't belong to the athletic department but the

Penguin Club."

According to a press release, the panels are already being sold at a cost of 5,000 dollars per year or 4,000 dollars if the advertiser agrees to a five-year contract.

Editor's Note: In an article previously written by another

Jambar editor, it was inaccurately stated that the scoreboard cost \$3 million to purchase. As stated in the above article, the correct cost of the scoreboard is 130,000 dollars.

The Jambar regrets any inconvenience the mistake may have caused.

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"Campus Quotes"

What advice would you give President Cochran?



"Put more money into the engineering department labs."

PAUL MARADO
Sr., Materials Engineering



"They should offer more courses with qualified professors. He should think about academics instead of athletics."

THERESA SAHLI
Soph., Nursing



"They should have a study lounge where students are able to smoke. There should be a beer machine with the other vending machines."

GREGG BAKER
Fr., Engineering



"He should talk to the students about their needs. It seems like there are a lot of classes that are being cut."

CINDY BROWN
Sr., Computer Science

Concert Review

'Regular Joe' Diffie performs at Ponderosa Park

By APRIL BOTT
Managing Editor

Country music sensation Joe Diffie was in town recently to perform songs off his new release, "Regular Joe," and from earlier recordings in front of an appreciative crowd at Ponderosa Park in Salem.

Diffie and his six-member band, who had just trekked to Ohio from the Alabama Jam prior to the concert, performed a strong 17 songs in the two-hour show.

"I was in Alabama last night doing a show," said Diffie as he greeted the audience, "and this morning I got out of bed and the bus was here. And--it's awfully good to be here with you folks."

He then jumped into his first set which included such contemporary hits as "Regular Joe," "Old Flame" and his signature sensation "Home (was a swim-

ming hole)."

After a powerful beginning, Diffie slowed things down a bit and explained that he would be doing a couple of songs which had influenced him in his younger years.

"I know you all like good ol' country music," he said, leading into his rendition of the classic Hank Williams ballad "Together Again."

After the crowd had shown its appreciation, Diffie said that the next song was a favorite of his band's which they had recently performed on TNN's popular show *Crook and Chase*.

"It's an old Beatles song that we used to sing on the bus," said Diffie, "so, we just decided to do it for you all."

Harmonizing briefly, Diffie and his band members slid right into an acappella version of "Yesterday" which had the crowd singing along.

The next set kicked off with his hit "Is

It Cold in Here" and included new songs like "Here Comes the Train" and his upcoming single "Long Gone."

He then finished the show with his current top 10 ballad, "Ships (that don't come in)" after telling the crowd, "If you think you have it bad, just look around."

Diffie then left the stage saying, "I'd like to thank all of you for helping my ship come in."

However, his hiatus was brief as the audience chanted for more. Diffie returned to stage one last time to perform the song that made him a true blue Nashville star, "If the Devil Danced in Empty Pockets."

After the show, people were encouraged to stay around and get autographs from Diffie, his band and opening act Cissie Lynn, daughter of the country legend Loretta Lynn. And even a heavy downpour of rain didn't keep the masses from lining up to get autographs and

pictures.

During a few brief moments when rain was keeping most of the fans away from Diffie's tent, he had a few minutes to talk about the concert and what is up next for him.

"I really enjoyed playing here today," Diffie said. "The people are nice and real knowledgeable."

He also said that he always enjoys travelling through Ohio because the countryside is so pretty.

Diffie then said that he was heading back to Nashville to work on a new album which will be out sometime next year.

When asked what format the album will contain, whether straight country, bluegrass, or the newer, hipper sounds of rising stars like Billy Ray Cyrus, Diffie stated that he would be true to his style and his musical background.

Bernie's back in town



CHARLIE DEITCH/The Jambar

Can we have your autograph? Bernie Kosar, quarterback for the Cleveland Browns, was on hand to sign autographs for fans. Kosar was the guest coach at last Sunday's YSU football camp. The camp ran last week for local high school athletes.

Budget

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employees who contribute to the Public Employees Retirement System will be eligible for a

three-year buyout approved by the trustees today. The buyout could cost YSU \$60,000 over the three years, said G.L. Mears, executive director of the budget, but unfilled vacancies may erase that loss.

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