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## Rush party results in frat arrests

Two men face charges of felonious assault for a fight Friday night.

By VALERIE BANNER  
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A student has been suspended, and a fraternity has had its charter temporarily revoked after a weekend fight that sent another student to the hospital.

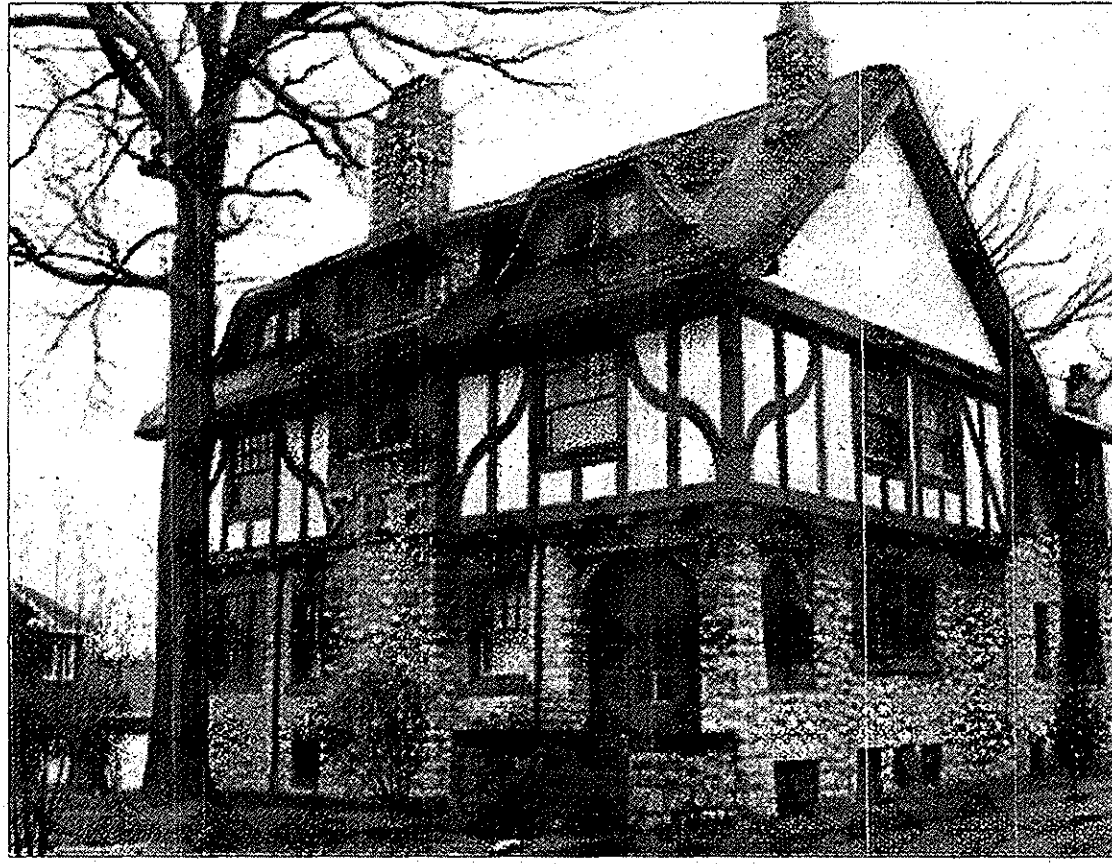
Robert Householder, former student and member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, and Sherard Scales, freshman, secondary education and also a member of the fraternity, have been charged with felonious assault. They are expected to appear in Youngstown Municipal Court for a preliminary hearing on Monday.

A fight broke out late

Friday night at the Sigma Phi Epsilon house, 45 Indiana Ave., during the fraternity's rush party, according to police reports.

Nick Branyan, freshman, education, was knocked unconscious and was bleeding from the face and ears when police said they found him several blocks away. Police said he was taken by ambulance to St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where he was treated and released.

Scales and Branyan did not respond to requests for comment, but Householder offered a different version of events and said he is not guilty of anything except defending



Anthony Mitzel / The Jambar

**RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT:** Sigma Phi Epsilon house on Indiana Avenue still has reminders from the weekend fight, including a broken window and a kicked-in door.

his fraternity brothers.

In an interview with The Jambar on Wednesday evening, Householder alleged that others started the fight, including those listed as witnesses on police reports.

Youngstown police took a statement from Luke Sturdevent, freshman, pre-engineering, Sturdevent mentioned Andrew Daly, freshman, criminal justice, and Eric Cook, freshman, pre-commu-

nication, as assisting Branyan after he'd been injured.

The YSU athletic Web site listed Cook and Daly as YSU baseball players.

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## Tribute honors late jazz teacher

Tony Leonardi is remembered by students for his dedication.

By ANGELA OLIN  
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Jambar Reporters

People crowded the halls beyond the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center on Monday evening, 1,000 friends, faculty and students joined together to honor the late Tony Leonardi, former YSU alumnus, at the Leonardi legacy concert.

Leonardi, who created the YSU Jazz Ensemble as a student in 1969 and continued as the coordinator of Jazz Studies, died July 12, 2001 at the age of 62.

Bobbing their heads to the sounds of Leonardi's former students' music, along with the YSU All-Star Alumni Jazz Ensemble, people remembered and listened to how Leonardi touched lives of students and peers at the university.

Kent Engelhardt, coordinator of Jazz Studies, said Leonardi has had a tremendous impact on his life since the moment he met him when he was 17 years old.

"I met him when I was still in high school, and he came to hear me play. He said that he wanted me to come to YSU," said Engelhardt.

"We got to be friends ... It

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## SG split on budget finances

By PATRECKA ADAMS  
Jambar Assistant Editor

One Student Government representative has recently come forward with criticism of SG spending, but the SG president and the secretary of finance both say there's no need for students to be concerned.

Jeff Parks, senior, criminal justice and chair of Student Affairs, said the current balance shows that SG has done little to help the student body as a whole.

During Monday's SG meeting, Parks said he attempted to bring up the budget issue but was met with swift opposition.

"SG has no flexibility to offer any other services to students at this point," he said. "I think students should be upset."

Parks is speaking of the SG financial information, dated Jan. 28, that he submitted to The Jambar that shows approximately \$3,100 left in SG's office budget. According to Parks' information, the budget for the 2001-02 academic year began with \$29,687.

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## Weather

There will be showers today. High around 50. Low in the mid-30s. Flurries on Friday. High in the mid-40s. Low in the mid-teens. Flurries on Saturday. High around 30. Low in the mid-teens.

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## Speechless

YSU has been without a speech team since 1999, but two brothers say they hope to change that.

By HENRY GOMEZ  
Jambar Assistant Editor

John and Nick Angelis are putting their money where their mouths are.

Literally. With funds from their own pockets, the brothers have already attended several college speech tournaments independently. They say they are trying to recruit more YSU students to join them, in hopes of reviving a YSU forensics team cut by the College of Fine and Performing Arts in 1999.

"We are keeping a Spartan budget," said Nick, sophomore, pre-nursing. "Although it's tough knowing that some teams we compete with spent thousands just to attend one tournament."

For the Angelis brothers, speech is to them as football is to others. Nick likens a competitive YSU speech team to a national championship Penguins football team.

But, the brothers said, there is little help and little money from

the university.

Dr. Daniel O'Neill, professor and chair, communication, said the speech team was folded after the 1998-99 school year, when longtime director David Robinson retired.

O'Neill said he is working with students such as the Angelis brothers, hoping to find funding to revive the program.

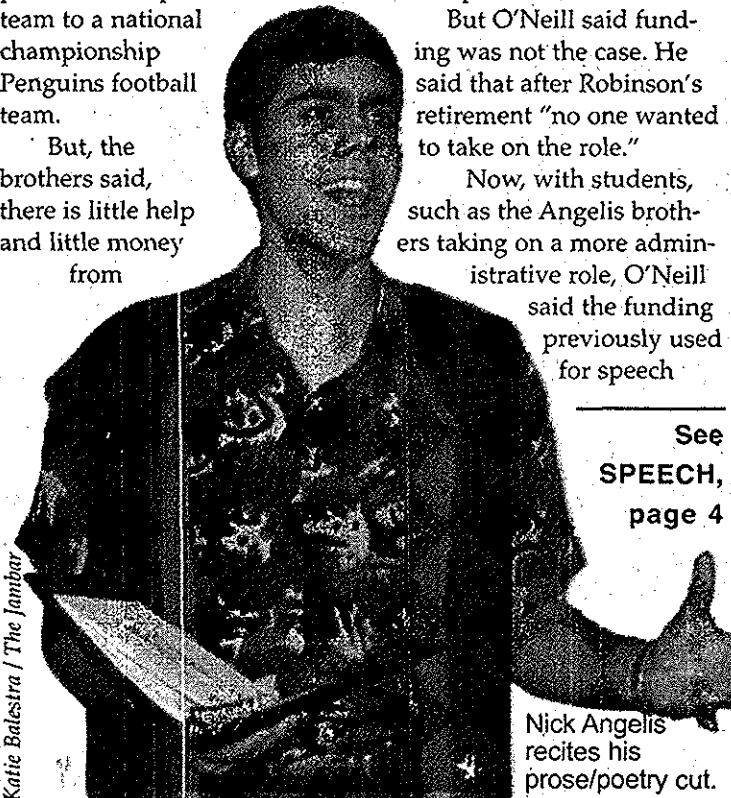
"I've been trying to just scrape some money together," O'Neill said.

Jason Genaro, junior, psychology, competed during the 1998-99 season, his freshman year at YSU. He said he believed the team was folded because of money.

"We were told the reason our funding was cut was because the communication department wanted to use that money toward a new Web page, and since we were a small group, they decided we were expendable," Genaro said. But O'Neill said funding was not the case. He said that after Robinson's retirement "no one wanted to take on the role."

Now, with students, such as the Angelis brothers taking on a more administrative role, O'Neill said the funding previously used for speech

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Katie Balestra / The Jambar

Nick Angelis recites his prose/poetry cut.



Katie Balestra / The Jambar

**MATTER OF SPEAK:** John Angelis, senior, engineering, practices a speech last week. Angelis, along with his brother Nick is trying to revive the YSU speech team.

## No longer a laughing matter

By HENRY GOMEZ  
Jambar Assistant Editor

He stood — sometimes on one foot — on a stage in front of thousands, screaming about Shakespeare, rapping about Othello.

And when it was all over, Jason Genaro — then a senior at Niles McKinley High School — had won the national championship in humorous interpretation, helping him secure a \$1,200 scholarship to study and compete in speech at YSU.

"It was because YSU had a speech team and because of my speech scholarship that I decided to come here in the first place," Genaro said.

But that was 1998. After Genaro's freshman year on the YSU speech team, the College of Fine and Performing Arts cut the program. Genaro was out of a scholarship.

"I now regret not going to

Ohio State," he said.

Genaro is not alone. Dr. Daniel O'Neill, professor and chair, communication, said that each year a handful of students enroll at YSU, having completed successful high school speech careers.

"We have kids coming in with state championships and national championships from high school," O'Neill said, adding that high school speech is particularly popular in the Youngstown area.

"It's sad we have nothing to offer them."

Brothers John and Nick Angelis are trying to revive the YSU speech team, but they are doing things Genaro and other former team members said they, too, have tried before.

Genaro said he was so upset with the way the College of Fine and Performing Arts handled the speech situation that he

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## University passes on Enron firm

By HENRY GOMEZ  
Jambar Assistant Editor

A division of the controversial accounting firm Arthur Andersen will not be serving as a consultant for a YSU salary equity study.

Dr. David Sweet, university president, said a committee has reconsidered its original recommendation of Andersen Consulting in light of "recent developments."

Arthur Andersen was a longtime auditor for the bankrupt Enron Corp. Both are currently at the center of a U.S. Justice Department criminal investigation. Sweet said the university has retained Buck Consultants to help in salary equity studies.

When called two weeks ago by a Jambar reporter, Sweet said he was unsure of the university's relationship with Andersen Consulting and would check into it.

Dr. G.L. Mears, executive vice president, is in charge of the committee, which recommended the switch to Buck. Mears, who will also head a salary equity committee that works with Buck, was unavailable

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## Nominations sought

YSU is now accepting nominations for the 2002 Distinguished Service Awards for professional/administrative staff members.

There will be a total of 10 awards received, and the recipients will receive a \$1,200 stipend

added to his or her salary. Dr. David Sweet, university president, will announce the winners.

The Office of Health and Human Resources will be accepting nominations until 5 p.m. Feb. 18.

## YSU hosts security forum

Businessmen, law enforcement and members of the health care community gathered for a briefing led by the Ohio Homeland Security Forums, concerning security planning for local business and industry leaders.

The briefing was held 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 24.

The briefing, held in McKay Auditorium of the Beeghly College of Education, was originally to be headed by Lt. Gov. Maureen O'Connor. However, O'Connor was in Washington with President

Bush, discussing the issues of homeland security.

The briefing began with a 10-minute video made earlier by O'Connor, discussing how the state is dealing with the issues of terrorism and security.

Other speakers at the briefing included J. Nick Baird, M.D., the director of the Ohio Department of Health; Dale Shipley, the executive director of the Ohio Emergency Management Agency; and major general John Smith of the Adjutant General's Department.

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was such a deep relationship. We were musical colleagues, teacher-mentor, and he taught me to teach.

"Honestly, he was my best friend. He gave me my career," he said.

Tarcisio Braga, sophomore, music performance, agreed that Leonardi "touched everyone's life that walked through the door."

"I only knew [Leonardi] six months, and he changed my life," said Braga. "He always recognized everything you did good, but when you were wrong, he would say that too, because he was a great teacher."

Leonardi received numerous awards throughout his career. He won the distin-

guished professor award at YSU two times, the International Association of Jazz Educators Award, and his band won an outstanding performance award in 2000 under his direction.

Engelhardt said, "Tony was almost embarrassed by awards. He used to say his biggest award was what his former students were doing today because his biggest investment was in people."

The two masters of ceremonies and former YSU students, Grammy Award winner Bill Bodine and award-winning songwriter Bob DiPiero, told the audience of their own experiences with Leonardi.

Bodine praised Leonardi for teaching him the essentials

of becoming a successful, well-educated jazz player.

DiPiero said, "Tony Leonardi stood for truth and passion."

Engelhardt agreed that Leonardi's passion was one of his distinguished traits.

"It was contagious with him," said Engelhardt. "He made everyone do their fullest ... he expected excellence and greatness from all."

The gathering gave people a chance to experience the musical legacy that Leonardi created, as well as collect funds toward the Tony Leonardi Jazz Scholarship Fund.

Jambar reporter Yesenia Rivera contributed to this article.

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YSU Head Baseball Coach Mike Florak said the baseball players were not involved with the incident.

Sturdevent told police that Daly came to find him at the Sigma Chi house, which is next door to the Sigma Phi Epsilon house, according to a police report.

"I walked outside and saw Nick thrown into a corner. Nick was then kicked repeatedly in the head," Sturdevent said in a written statement to police.

Sturdevent wrote that Householder threw a cinder block at Branyan, striking him in the face.

"Nick was not moving or responding before he was struck with the cinder block," he wrote.

Householder told The Jambar that he will be asking the court to appoint a lawyer for him. He said several people, who were considering joining Sigma Phi Epsilon, began assaulting his brothers and were asked several times to leave.

He said his friend called the police when the others

would not leave and began kicking cars. He said someone threw a brick through a window and someone else hit a fraternity member. He said a fight between five or six people erupted as the police began to arrive.

He said he did hit some people and that he held others back.

"In my opinion, brothers I consider to be defenseless, I defended," said Householder.

Four days after the fight, a large dent was still visible in the lower left corner of a back door.

According to the police report, Householder and Scales were beating Branyan, including hitting him in the head and chest with a cement block, even after he had been knocked unconscious.

Householder denied hitting him with the cement block.

"I'm 6 feet 5 inches, 350 pounds; if I hit someone in the head with a cinder block, they would be brain dead and unconscious," he said.

"This kid was never unconscious. He got up and

ran away."

According to the Youngstown City Police report, Householder admitted to hitting Branyan in the head with the cement block.

Householder told The Jambar, "When [Branyan] was running away, I threw it at him to stop him from running."

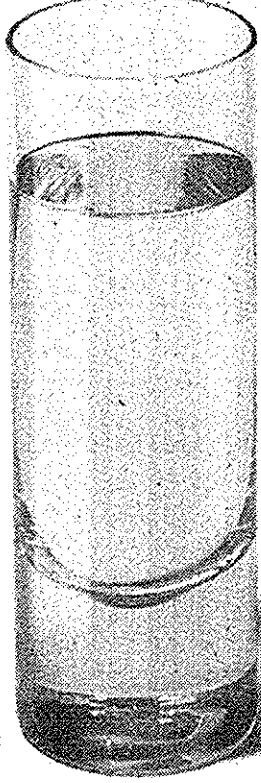
Householder said he thinks some of the police witnesses were biased because they are Sigma Chi fraternity members, which is the Sigma Phi Epsilon's rival fraternity.

Kathy Johnston, national director of chapter safety, said the national chapter is investigating the incident, but the fraternity's charter has been suspended.

Prosecutor Anthony Farris said the penalty for a felonious assault is two to eight years.

A university official confirmed that students involved have been temporarily suspended from the university.

Johnston said Householder is listed as an alumnus of the fraternity and Scales is listed as vice president of development.



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## Group plans fashion show

Career-oriented clothing for both men and women will be featured at the "Dress for Success" fashion show at noon on Tuesday at Peaberry's Café, Kilcawley Center.

The Eastwood Mall Dillard's and Nanette Lapore, YSU graduate and New York designer, will feature career clothing and business casual wear based for students who are interested in learning to project an image at a future job interview. Casal's De Spa and Salon will be there to help with hair and makeup for the models.

"Students in Fashion" and Student Government are sponsoring the event. Students, faculty and staff, YSU alumni and anyone else interested can attend.

For more information, contact Virginia Draa, coordinator, merchandising: fashion and interiors at (330) 742-2975 or e-mail [vadraa@cc.yosu.edu](mailto:vadraa@cc.yosu.edu).

## YSU to hold day of dance

The YSU Dance Ensemble will present the second annual day of dance from 9 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. on Saturday in Rooms 119 and 100, Beeghly Physical Education Center.

The workshop, which costs \$30, will include four master classes and an informal concert. It is open to all persons ages 13 and up.

Dance professionals Dennis Birkes, Jennifer Keller, Richard Dickenson, Troy Jansen and Kristen Jansen will be the guest artists at the festival.


Pre-registration is required for persons interested. For more information contact Christine Cobb at (330) 742-1896, or e-mail [cobb@cc.yosu.edu](mailto:cobb@cc.yosu.edu).

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able for comment Wednesday evening.

Dr. Cynthia Anderson, vice president Student Affairs, said the salary equity committee will be working with consultants to review Association of Professional and Administrative Staff contracts at YSU.


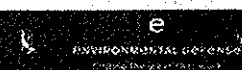
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# Editorial & Opinion

## What We Think Traficant's trial important to YSU

On Monday, the Mahoning Valley makes a dubious splash into history.

A sitting congressman will go to trial for a 10-count federal indictment on bribery and racketeering charges.

And for all the complaints centered around Jim Traficant — especially from cynical students — it's doubtful many will pay attention to his trial when it begins next week in Cleveland.

This is unfortunate because this trial has the potential to change Valley politics and, effectively, the political landscape surrounding YSU.

Redistricting has split the 17th Congressional District that Traficant, D-Poland, currently represents. He has said he will seek re-election but has not said for which seat. The 17th split has brought parts of Akron and Portage County into a new 17th District. The split also puts Traficant's house in Poland in the new 6th District.

With this change in the political map, monitoring of Traficant's trial becomes that much more crucial.

We are tired of hearing students complain about where they live and who represents them in Washington. Now, more than ever, the Valley has a chance to elect new leadership — in both the new 17th and 6th districts.

If Traficant decides to run in the 17th, he will face announced candidates Robert Hagan and Anthony Latell, both state legislators. He also could face current U.S. Rep. Thomas Sawyer, D-Akron. If Traficant sticks close to home in the 6th, he will likely face Mahoning County Treasurer John Reardon and current U.S. Rep. Ted Strickland, D-Lucasville.

The formidable challengers are there. Now, all voters need is a reason to dump Traficant.

There is a reason Traficant has been elected and re-elected since the 1980s — people admire his resilience and his bombastic demeanor. He found a sympathetic ear with the working-class Valley residents, and they have retained him ever since.

But younger residents have seen through the congressman. They have heard the allegations. They have witnessed his inability to really represent this area in his latest term, primarily because he broke with Democrats to support Republican House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert, costing him a committee assignment.

The trial will likely give people one more reason not to support Traficant, but only if the people pay attention.

We respect that Traficant is innocent until proven guilty, and we are confident Judge Lesley Brooks Wells will run the trial with an iron, yet fair, fist. But we hope YSU students take advantage of the opportunity to see a sitting congressman on trial for bribery and racketeering — if for no other reason — to learn.

Traficant's time may be running out. But a lot of that depends on you.

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## What You Think Should gambling be legal?



DENNY RILEY, senior, engineering/finance

"Yes, it's already happening so why not make it legal."



AMY MANHOLLAN, sophomore, early childhood education

"People do it anyways, so it doesn't matter."



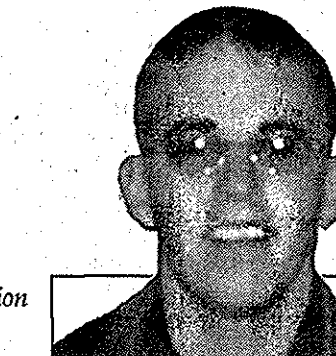
JOSHUA JOKL, junior, criminal justice

"Yeah, just because someone does it openly, it's legal? But if they do it on the side, it's illegal?"



REGINA PASCALE, junior, communication

"If you want to do it, do it; if you don't, don't. Other types of gambling are legal."



JARED BIBBEE, junior, CIS

"Yes, don't see it as being a problem if you're secure with your money."



BAHYA ALGHAMEE, senior, criminal justice

"No, cause I'm a police officer, and it's illegal."

Compiled by Angela Olin/The Jambar

## Snowboarding: Thrills and spills



BY KELLY WALSH  
Jambar Editor

It never hurts to try something new.

Well, actually, sometimes it does.

If you are eating a type of food for the first time or maybe trying out a new method of studying, then most likely, no bodily harm can be expected.

But if you are trying something a little more physical for the first time, plan on feeling

some pain.

At least that was my experience when I recently tried snowboarding for the first time. I didn't break a leg or get a concussion, but it was still a pretty painful experience.

I've been skiing plenty of times, and I would even go as far to say that I am a good skier.

So for some reason, I thought that snowboarding would come easier to me than for someone who is not acquainted with winter sports.

After eating lots of snow, it was clear that this was not the case.

Of course I expected to fall my first few times down the hill, but I also thought I would get better as the day went on.

The exact opposite seemed to happen, and the only thing that I got better at was how to brace myself for more snow in my face.

It didn't really hurt that much to fall — it actually started to feel somewhat natural; but after about 42 times of landing on either my knees or my butt, I really started to feel it.

When the night was over, and I was on my two feet again, I could feel that my body had

taken a beating.

But even though I had to walk the next day a little slower and my knees are still bruised up, that is not what I remember most from snowboarding.

Of course, I remember falling a lot, but more importantly and more vividly, I remember the feeling of adventure in trying something new and the feeling of spending time with people I care about.

Sure, sometimes it hurts to try something new, but it feels a lot better than never even trying it at all.

## Letter to the Editor

### Coordinator clarifies advising article

Editor:

I would like to clarify what was written about me in The Jambar on Tuesday.

First of all, I am NOT Stacie Markel's adviser, and she is not a fashion merchandising major. Markel was a fashion design major at Kent State but apparently changed her major to nutrition.

Markel made an appointment to see me in the winter quarter of 2000. She brought me her transcripts and course descriptions from Kent State and asked me what she needed to complete a minor in merchandising.

I reviewed her transcripts and wrote her a letter listing equates for her Kent State course work in fashion to our

courses in merchandising. At that time we were still on the quarter system, and Markel's course work at Kent equated a minor in merchandising at YSU, which is what the letter stated.

Although I told Ms. Balestra that I would release a copy of the letter to Markel to The Jambar if I received a signed release from Markel, I received no such release and therefore cannot provide you with all the facts.

Markel enrolled in ONE course in merchandising and ONE course in marketing in the fall semester 2000, which would only amount to a few hundred dollars, not thousands, and only two text books, not many.

The merchandising class

met on Monday evenings, so only one class was held before Labor Day. Markel attended two classes.

I cannot disclose the exact facts of the situation since Markel's record, like all students', is held confidential; however, let me simply say the facts as reported are not the true facts of the situation.

As I reread the letter I sent to Markel in 2000, I can only say students need to read everything related to their academic program CAREFULLY.

I do my best to advise students. I provide them with a program sheet. I help them plan out their programs so that they can graduate in four years.

I should not be blamed because students do not read, do not enroll in classes in

sequence or drop classes that are only offered once a year. While Markel's situation is unfortunate, it is one of her own making.

I also have students and graduates who will tell you that I saved them money and time because they followed my advice.

Only students who have fewer than 32 semester hours accumulated credit require an adviser's approval, so for those who don't require adviser approval, there is little an adviser can do to assure that students follow their programs and keep track of their progress.

Virginia Draa  
Coordinator,  
Merchandising: Fashion and Interiors

### Graduate says Jambar is contradictory

Editor:

I read with extreme interest the debates about censorship that were printed in The Jambar during the fall semester.

The gist of these debates was that university officials were guilty of violating First Amendment rights by moving copies of the paper during an open house period.

Thursday, Jan. 24, when I

arrived on campus, I looked (as I always do on Tuesdays and Thursdays) for the day's edition . . . and couldn't find any. Oh well, I figured, it's 9 a.m. — maybe they haven't been distributed yet.

So, I went to class and went looking again after class. To my surprise, at 2 p.m. I still couldn't find any. Apparently no one ever bothered to put them out. I eventually found a stack, undistributed, outside of

Kilcawley Center.

So, I ask, dear editor, who is censoring you now? Did someone deliberately hide the news from me, or were your distributors just too lazy to put them out?

I find it quite hypocritical that an organization would spend three months whining about a minor incident that happened over five years ago and then not do its own job when it comes to distributing

that very newspaper.

In conclusion, dear editor, I must say my hunt for the news was not worth the effort. As usual, The Jambar was lacking any news fit to print.

Maybe your distributors are simply trying to spare the student body the agony of reading your work.

Don Rudolph  
Post-graduate  
Education



# WebCheck program new to YSU campus

By ANGELA OLIN  
Jambar Reporter

The YSU Police Department, along with a new computer program, is helping to play a role in lowering the risk of violence in schools by checking all YSU student teachers for a criminal background.

WebCheck is an innovative way of using the Web to conduct civilian background checks for agencies such as schools, nursing homes and daycare centers. With this program, the YSU police can provide timely and accurate information for those who work with children.

The YSU police department first received the program in the fall and since then has done background checks on over 100 YSU student teachers; it discovered only one person with a minor criminal background.

Before WebCheck, ink and a card were the tools used for taking fingerprints for criminal history checks. Using this method, the results would take up to six weeks to come back, but with WebCheck it takes 24 hours.

YSU Police Sgt. Michael Cretella said there is no comparison between the two methods.

"For the time that it takes, it's worth it," said Cretella. "Do you want to wait six weeks for your results or one day?"

Chrissy Gibson, a YSU graduate in English education and a student teacher at Cardinal Mooney High School, recently underwent the WebCheck test.

She said, "It was nice and easy, not messy like before, and you have your results so quick - in 24 hours."

WebCheck operators require training to run the program correctly. Cretella, Sgt. Bryan Remias and Officer Dennis Godoy all received training in London, Ohio, where the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation is located.

After training, the YSU police department set up a computer, single digit fingerprint scanner, a driver's license magnetic strip reader, software programming and Internet access in order to use the program.

With this equipment, they can first obtain information from the applicant's driver's license by swiping it through the magnetic strip reader. Then four fingerprints, the left and right thumbs and the left and right index fingers, are electronically transferred through

the Internet to the BCI.

There are eight categories of crimes in which an individual may be withheld from his or her teaching certification. A few of these include all felonies, whether state or federal; any offense of violence, such as murder, kidnapping or rape; any theft offense, robbery or burglary; and any drug offense, such as trafficking or drug abuse.

If a person is cleared of all eight of the different categories of crime, then the next day the results will state so in the computer.

However, if the applicant was found to have committed any of those crimes, the computer will only state that the results will be sent through the mail; it will not disclose the specifics of the crime.

Sergeant Cretella said there are some very minor crimes, such as being involved in a bar fight, that will withhold a teacher's certification. The applicant does have a right to appeal, explain his or her side and ask for reconsideration of certification from the Division of Teacher Certification in Columbus.

Cretella said he expects that everyone will have to go through WebCheck in the future.

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cannot be found.

"Where did the money go?" O'Neill asked. "[John and Nick] are kind of doing this on a shoestring on their own."

John and Nick have posted fliers in campus buildings, inviting other students to join them at tournaments. However, they admit only so much can be done on the "shoestring."

Genaro said he'd "certainly love" to compete on a new YSU team; however, "If we can't get funding [from the university], then we simply can't afford to fund ourselves. Almost every tournament requires a community mode of transportation and paying for a hotel room since the tourna-

ment usually occupies a Friday or Saturday.

"Not to mention the cost of food, gas and tournament fee as well," Genaro said, rattling off a list of expenses he said any student would be forced to pay without the university's support.

"Most of us who are interested are working, so it requires that we take that weekend off," Genaro added. "If we have to fund ourselves, we're not only losing the money we would be making at work but also the money that the university should be allotting to us in the first place."

O'Neill echoed Genaro's concerns. "They really need some

support," he said. "Maybe from Student Government. The university is not going to hire somebody to coach forensics [as Robinson did]. I don't know where all the money went. I just hope it goes on in some fashion."

Nick said there is plenty of talent at YSU because of the strong speech programs in the Mahoning Valley.

He said he's optimistic a YSU team would be immediately competitive - possibly even contenders for national championships.

"Speech requires creativity, and there's a dearth of that at YSU," he said. "YSU not having speech is like YSU dropping football - and that's being mild."

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Of that, \$23,177.56 is already allocated for other purposes, said Parks.

Matt Stiffler, senior, economics, and secretary of finance, said there is over \$2,200 left to be allocated in the budget.

Parks said he blames some high-priced fall semester disbursements for the current budget situation.

SG sent four of its members to San Diego at a cost of \$4,246, according to the financial statement.

The report also shows SG spent \$3,600 of its office fund to build a rock garden near Christman Dining Commons.

The office budget is spent at the discretion of SG President Joe Long.

Long, senior, political science, said that though the money is meant for running the office, he tried to use it to benefit students by supporting campus events.

He cited bringing former "The Real World" cast members, building the rock garden and holding a cookout during Welcome Week as proof of his commitment to helping students.

"I'm glad money was spent to put on events at the beginning of the year," he said. "We tried to take the extra money and use it proactively to help students."

Long said the disapproving people who are venting their concerns do not deter him from wanting to help students.

"Whenever you try to do something to help people, you'll be criticized," he said. "It comes with the territory."

Long also said he thinks that last year's election controversy is one reason why people are so critical of his administration.

Stiffler said there's really no need for people to worry because the budget is fine.

"I think people are trying to

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

According to Jeff Parks, SG chair of Student Affairs  
\*as reviewed by Judith Gaines, director, Student Life

### Five highest office budget expenditures

• Trip to San Diego (4 SG members)	\$4,246
• SG rock garden	\$3,600
• Welcome Week cookout	\$2,190
• Trip to Boston (2 SG members)	\$1,844
• SG administration gala	\$1,235

\* SG office budget funds available at the start of 2001 to 2002: **\$29,687**

\* SG office budget funds available at the beginning of Spring 2002: **\$3,100**

### SG budget according to Matt Stiffler, SG secretary of Financial Affairs

#### Other money accounted for in the SG budget

• Student office worker wages	\$4,228
• Student wages stipend	\$1,000
• Fringes	\$93
• Phase 2 completion of rock garden	\$1,400
• Student Activities banquet	\$2,500
• SG stipend positions	\$13,951

\* SG office Budget Funds currently available: **\$2,220**

make a mountain out of a molehill. There's no need to be an alarmist this early in the semester," he said.

"There's still 40 percent left to spend."

Stiffler said he approached Parks and requested to meet to discuss Parks' budget concerns.

Stiffler said they never convened and he was "disappointed [Parks] brought the budget issues to the SG body before first bringing it to [him]."

However, Parks said that when he approached Stiffler, he was told there was nothing to worry about and there was no cause to be concerned.

Stiffler and Long both said students shouldn't think the budget will be depleted because the money in the account shows that SG is doing more things to help students than previous administrations.

"To say there's only \$3,000 left to spend on discretionary spending halfway through the year is a positive thing," said Stiffler.

"Joe and I have a complete

handle on the spending. We are not concerned in the least about the budget. This is more of a manufactured problem."

Parks said SG belongs to the students, and if they are concerned, they should take an active approach.

"First, they should check out the numbers."

"It's all public record, and if they do that they'll come to the same unfortunate conclusion," Parks said.

"Next, they should also come to meetings, talk to the group and demand accountability," he said. "Ask what has SG done for them lately."

"Lastly, I encourage as many students as possible to run for positions on SG because the only way to make things better is from within. I encourage them to seriously consider who they vote for in the next election."

Parks said SG spending is monitored by Judith Gaines. Gaines, director, Office of Student Life, could not be reached for comment.

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changed his major.

"I decided to change over from communications to psychology because the communications department obviously no longer cared about what was important to the few students who have been involved with forensics since the beginning of their high school careers," said Genaro, now a junior.

Some of those students Genaro mentioned still frequent the high school speech scene as coaches or judges.

Josh Wolk, a 1998 graduate of Cardinal Mooney High School, has returned to his alma mater as an assistant coach. Genaro himself has coached and judged for Niles.

At a recent high school tournament the friends reminisced about their days on the

YSU team.

"We had some fun times," said Wolk, who, like Genaro, competed in the 1998 national speech tournament.

Wolk, sophomore, education, said he joined the YSU team his freshman year because he enjoyed competing in high school.

"It's something I loved in high school," he said. "I wanted to keep doing it."

Wolk recalled road trips with the YSU team as well as his trips to state and national competitions with Genaro.

Both laughed as they told stories about bad rounds and missed opportunities during competition. But both agreed they have missed more opportunities by not being able to compete anymore.

"I'm more tightly

strapped financially," said Genaro, referring to his lost scholarship.

"But most of all, I simply miss doing what I enjoy most."

Genaro said that he, like the Angelis brothers, has made efforts to restart a YSU team.

Last year, he said, he addressed Student Government, seeking help. While some guidance was offered, Genaro said that without support of the College of Fine and Performing Arts, nothing concrete was accomplished.

Genaro added that he is pessimistic in the Angelis brothers' efforts, saying he doubts the university will ever allocate the funds necessary to build a competitive program.

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Stop by one of our tables for information on financial aid for the 2002-2003 academic year. The priority deadline to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), Renewal FAFSA or FAFSA on the Web and the Institutional Aid Application is Feb. 15, 2002.

The following is a list of places, dates and times when staff from the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships will be available to distribute forms and answer questions:

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**Tuesday:**  
The YSU Bible study will be meeting from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Bresnahan Suite, Kilcawley Center. For more information, contact Matt Mager at (330) 792-6467 or Josiah32@juno.com

**Wednesday:**  
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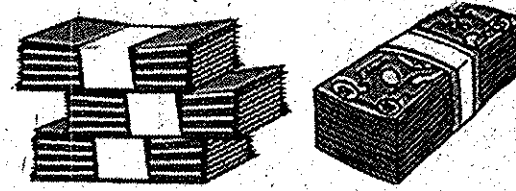
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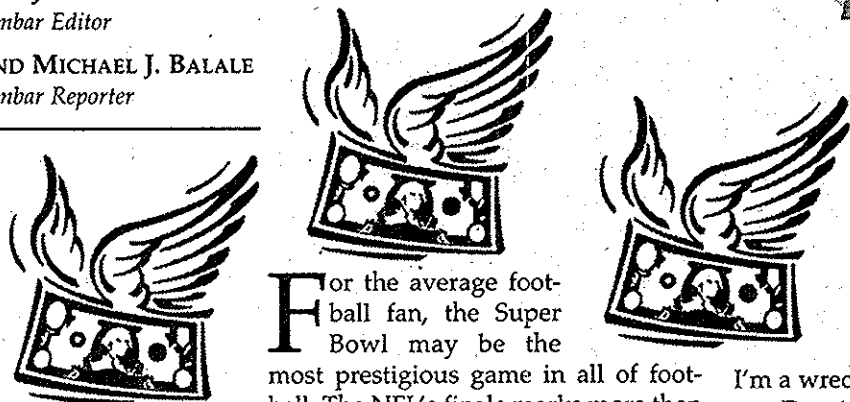
# Sports & Recreation

## What's the \$ Spread???



By BJ LISKO  
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Jambar Reporter



Sports gambling is very apparent among YSU students

For the average football fan, the Super Bowl may be the most prestigious game in all of football. The NFL's finale marks more than four months of football action and settles once and for all who is the best of the best in professional athletics.

For the spectators all around the nation, it marks who will have team bragging rights for the long off-season.

For the sports gambler, though, much more may be on the line than boasting his or her team's victory.

Sports gambling is not uncommon. Stories of striking it rich quick or betting the house away come hand-in-hand with every professional sports season. The debate to legalize sports gambling nationwide rages on with it.

Youngstown is no exception to either.

Many students of YSU, past and present, are smack in the middle of the gambling world on a daily basis. For some it's a quick way to make a buck. For others it's a way to make the game more interesting. For some it's a way of life.

"Sports gambling should be legal," said John, a 2000 YSU graduate and 11-year sports gambling veteran. "Only stupid people get hurt by it. Intelligent people keep it under control."

With money on the line, John said that every minute of every game turns into a thrill ride.

"It's just the thrill of winning or losing. I don't generally bet more than \$50 on a game, though. It's just too unpredictable."

Lee, a YSU senior, agreed.

"There are so many things worse than sports gambling that are legal that there's no reason for it not to be legal as well. It makes the game more interesting," he said. "I can see, though, how people can get easily caught up in it. It gets more and more addictive with each bet."

Lee said he keeps his betting quite mild in comparison to many other sports gamblers.

"I'm a pretty low-skill gambler, so I don't go above \$20 a bet."

Nick, another YSU senior, said he also looks at sports gambling much like John and Lee. "It's a good form of entertainment. It gives you a reason to watch games you wouldn't normally care about."

A sports gambler for two years, Nick said he'll stop one day but has no plans to quit anytime soon.

"I bet around \$100 to \$200 a game and have lost as much as \$400 in a single week, but I'm confident that overall I'll be successful," he said.

Nick said he plans to bet on this week's big game.

"I've been saving my money because my big payday will be Super Bowl Sunday."

For YSU graduate Peter, gambling is not only fun, but also a

way of life.

"I'd have the shakes if I couldn't bet on football. I'm a wreck the week after the season ends."

Despite his love for sports betting, Peter said he doesn't look to sports gambling as a steady income.

"It's no way to make a living," he said.

Peter said he's lost up to \$700 on a single game and won up to \$300.

"Depending on how confident I am determines how much I bet a game. It's usually between \$50 and \$150."

Despite having lots of supporters, sports gambling has its opponents as well.

"You'll get addicted to gambling and eventually lose all your money," said Melissa Gregorino, a Boardman High School graduate.

"I don't know anybody who has gambled once and then just stopped. It's like throwing your money away. Even if you win, in most cases you're getting back money you've already lost instead of making a profit."

Sooner or later it's gonna put you on the street," said Gregorino.

Gregorino said she has seen her share of people lose badly in their bout with the gambling bug.

"I know people who gamble their money away all the time. Some people I know have lost up to \$1000 on a single game," she said.

Some people who become addicted to sports gambling turn to Gamblers Anonymous for help.

"It turns into a problem when people get outside of their means," said Joe, an employee of Youngstown Gamblers Anonymous for 18 years.

"We're not opposed to gambling; we just want to help people who are out of control," he said.

Joe said calls from younger bet-

ters do come in to GA but it's rare that college or college-aged students follow up the first call.

"Recovering from gambling is much the same as recovering from alcoholism," said Joe. "The first step is to get people to admit they have a problem and attend a meeting."

The GA Web site, [www.gamblersanonymous.org](http://www.gamblersanonymous.org), states, "the compulsive gambler needs to be willing to accept the fact that he or she is in the grip of a progressive illness and has a desire to get well."

"This is a big gambling week," said Joe. "More people bet on the Super Bowl than any other sporting event."

Joe said anyone who feels he or she has a gambling problem should call Gamblers Anonymous at (330) 793-6893.

"I've been doing this for 18 years," said Joe. "I've never seen anyone quit gambling without attending a GA meeting."

Editors Note: The full names of the individuals have not been used to protect their privacy as students.

### How Sports Gambling Works

\*\* There are all kinds of different bets people can make, depending on who they're betting with or where they're betting at. This is a general overview to help people understand how betting will work for the Super Bowl.

#### The Spread

**DEFINITION:** The amount of points a particular team is favored by.

**EXAMPLE:** This weekend the St. Louis Rams are favored by 14 points. So if you were to bet on the Rams, in order for you to win, they would have to win by more than 14 points. If you were to bet the New England Patriots, they could lose the game by as many as 13 points, and you would still win your bet.

#### Over / Under (Totals Play)

**DEFINITION:** Betting above or below, the combined score between both teams.

**EXAMPLE:** If a gambler chooses to bet the totals play, he or she will choose one of two options, over or under. For example, the totals play for the Super Bowl is 53 points. If a gambler was to bet the over, combined New England and St. Louis would have to score more than 53 points for the gambler to win. If a gambler bet the under, they would have to combine for a score less than 53.

#### Teasing Games

**DEFINITION:** To tease you can improve the spread or the totals play by six points. However, you must win both the new spread and the totals play in order to win your bet.

**EXAMPLE:** If a gambler wanted to tease St. Louis and the over, the spread for the bet would drop to 8, and the totals play would drop to 47. However in order for the gambler to win his bet, St. Louis would have to win by more than 8, and the combined score for the game would have to be more than 47. The gambler must win both, against the spread, and the totals play in order to win his bet.

#### Juice

**DEFINITION:** The juice is how bookies make their money.

**EXAMPLE:** If a gambler places \$100 on St. Louis, and they win against the spread, then the gambler wins 100\$. However if the gambler loses he must pay the money he bet, as well as an extra 10 percent fee to the bookie, resulting in a total loss of \$110. The percent of juice often differs with each bookie.

## Football's own 'rainman'

Pete Michaels knows football scores like the back of his hand.

By BJ LISKO  
Jambar Editor

Casually sitting in his Texas A&M jersey, Pete Michaels looks like the typical middle-aged football fan. A 1981 YSU graduate and an Aggie supporter most of his life, Michaels grew up with a family that loved football.

However, no one would have guessed Michaels to be the fountain of football knowledge he has become over the past 30 years.

Michaels is a statistical machine when it comes to the pigskin. Rattle off a college bowl game, a Super Bowl, a playoff game or any other football contest in the last 30 years, and Michaels will tell you who won and everything that happened.

"I remember all the scores because most of the games I watched," said Michaels. "I also review every week, game by game, at the end of the college and professional seasons."

Michaels was certainly up for a little football quiz.

The 1978 Rose Bowl. "Washington beat Michigan 27-20, with Warren Moon at quarterback."

The 1977 Orange Bowl. "Ohio State beat Colorado 27-10. Woody Hayes was

their coach, and Ohio State had a pretty good team that year."

The 1983 AFC Championship. "Oakland beat Seattle 30-14. They led from start to finish. Marcus Allen was their running back."

The 1979 Cotton Bowl. "Notre Dame beat Houston 35-34. Joe Montana was quarterback for Notre Dame. Notre Dame was down 34-12 and came back to win."

1980 NFL Wild Card Weekend. "There were only two wild card games that year. The Raiders beat Houston 27-7, and Dallas beat the Los Angeles Rams 34-13. Both teams dominated. Oakland went to the Super Bowl that year. Jim Plunkett was their quarterback. No. 16."

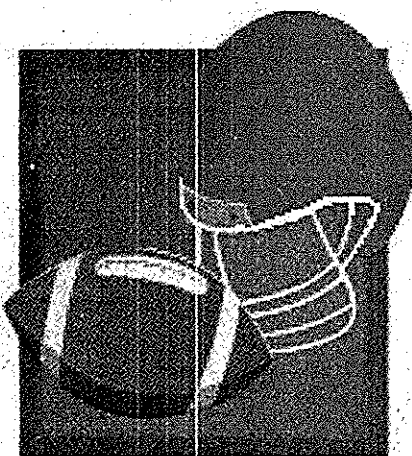
The 1986 NFC Championship. The Giants beat Washington 17-0. That was on the same day as John Elway's famous drive against Cleveland."

Right down the list, Michaels answered every question correctly. Football's own "Rainman," Michaels knows all the scores but is still more interested in the play of his beloved Texas A&M team.

"I've always liked A&M and their tradition and loyalty, as well as the tradition of football in the state of Texas."

From the minute the season ends, Michaels counts down the days until he can add more scores to the highlight reel in his head.

"Only seven more months 'til football season starts again," he said.



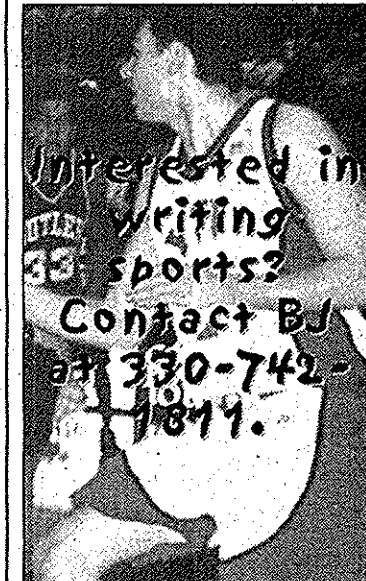
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### Men's Basketball

A desperation 4-pointer by freshman Doug Underwood fell just short at the buzzer as Youngstown State lost to UWGB on Monday, 53-50. For the Penguins, freshman Jimmy Moore scored a game-high 16 points.

### Women's Basketball

Junior Maggie Johnston scored a career high 21 points, and nailed five 3-pointers in YSU's win over Illinois-Chicago on Monday, 77-62. The lady Penguins shot a season best 52.9 percent from the field.



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