

YSU enrollment up for summer

By JAMI BONINSEGNA
Jambar Reporter

As of Monday morning, the first day of summer classes, Tom Vukovich, interim executive director of Enrollment Services, said that enrollment has increased 13.7 percent for summer 2002.

This is the third consecutive semester YSU has seen an increase in enrollment numbers, since University President Dr. David Sweet made enrollment his number-

one priority.

Vukovich said the final numbers will not be released until the fourteenth day of classes but so far summer enrollment is up a total of 541 students.

"The number of students has increased in every one of the categories we have. New students is up 54 students from 61 to 115. Former students is up 32 people and the undergraduate population is up 150 students."

Walt Ulbricht, executive

director of Marketing and Communications, said, "It's difficult to ascertain the cause of the increase but one factor may be the current marketing campaign."

Ulbricht said he was referring to "The Success Story", a comprehensive campaign YSU is using to increase enrollment. The campaign uses billboards, radio, TV and selected magazines featuring the stories of successful YSU students.

"Although the campaign is meant for fall enrollment, it

may have had an effect on summer," Ulbricht said.

Vukovich said he believes the enrollment increase could be accredited to an increase in motivation by students, as well as an increased effort by administration.

"Students are realizing it is important to progress in their education and get done with college earlier because of the increase in competition in the job market. Students see the importance of completing their degrees sooner than later."

Vukovich added that their has been an increased effort by the deans and provosts to offer a wider range of courses and times the courses are offered, and students are taking advantage of this.

Bill Countryman, university Registrar, said there are 57 additional sections offered in summer 2002 compared to summer 2001.

"The number of classes has increased from 582 to 639, although some classes still may end up closed."

Former SG pres faces charges

Joe Long was arrested April 6 for an open container, and marijuana possession.

By ANGELA OLIN
Jambar Editor

A former Student Government President, Joseph Long, and another YSU student, William Sowers, were both arrested on April 6, according to a Beaver County Police report.

A traffic violation, an open container and possession of marijuana are the three charges Long faces in court in late June.

Long officially retired as student government president two weeks ago at the end of spring semester. Long was also the recent topic of a Vindicator editorial when he was lobbying to have alcohol in the YSU dorms for those 21 years and older.

Long said while driving home from a friend's house in Beaver County, he was pulled over for a traffic violation. "I was followed for a long time. The officer said I changed lanes without a signal," he said.

According to the police report, after further investigation Long was found to be in possession of marijuana and an open container, what Long said was beer.

The report also states the passenger in the car, Sowers, was also arrested for an open container.

Long said the marijuana found by police was a small amount. When asked if it was his own, he said he had no comment. "I don't want to point fingers."

Long said he has hired a lawyer, Gerald J. Ingram, to represent his case in court in late June. He said, "There are other extenuating circumstances that hopefully will be remedied in court."

New dean appointed

By JOLENE POWELL
Jambar Editor

The appointment of the new dean to the College of Arts and Sciences has stirred up some controversy among the committee that chose the finalists.

One member of the search committee praised the decision, another disagreed, and another expressed surprise.

The committee, made up of YSU faculty members, student representatives and community members, narrowed the candidates from the 93 that applied to four finalists. The finalists included Dr. Robert Bolla from St. Louis University, Dr. Harry Gafney from City University of New York, Dr. Harold Omes from Southern Utah University and Dr. Carol Blackshire-Belay from Indiana State University.

According to Dr. Paul Peterson, search committee chair, the four finalists were narrowed down to two top candidates. These two candidates' names were then passed on to Dr. Tony Atwater, university provost, and Dr. David Sweet, university president. These two administrators chose Bolla. Blackshire-Belay was the other top candidate.

Peterson said, "Bolla brings a very strong interdisciplinary background to YSU, with experience in both humanities and sciences. This is important to the College of Arts and Sciences."

"Bolla has a breadth of new experiences to move the university to a new level," said Peterson.

Bolla also has an interest in general education courses and is "strongly committed to the first year student experience" he added.

Dr. Victor Wan-Tatah, another search committee member, disagrees with this assessment of Bolla. Wan-Tatah said he thinks Blackshire-Belay was the more qualified candidate.

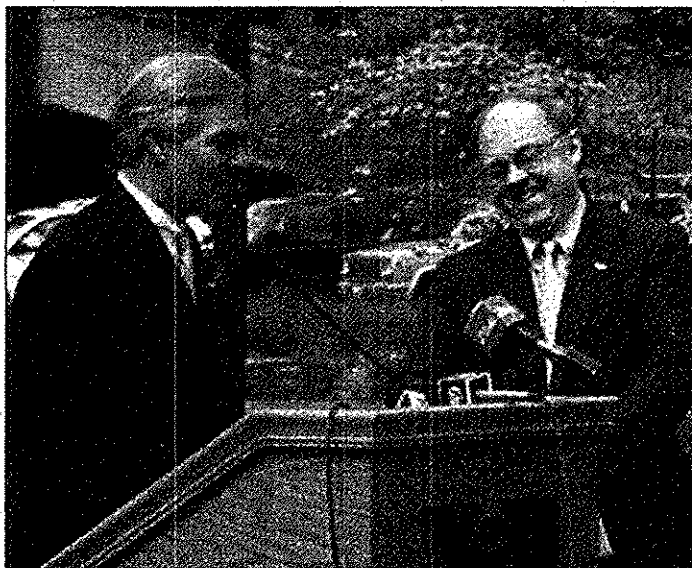
"Blackshire-Belay was more versed with general education requirements than Bolla. We missed out on a big opportunity by letting Blackshire-Belay go. Her credentials were more compelling and luminous than Bolla's," said Wan-Tatah.

Wan-Tatah also said he felt the odds were stacked against Blackshire-Belay from the beginning and one of the reasons for this adversity is that Blackshire-Belay is a black female. Wan-Tatah added that for a university that claims to promote diversity it must not really matter.

According to the affirmative action plan from the office of equal opportunity, YSU hires in accordance with federal and state affirmative action and equal opportunity laws. The plan also says YSU's hiring procedures are "designed to ensure that YSU makes a 'good faith' effort to employ the best qualified and diverse administrative-professional staff."

However, according to the office of Equal Opportunity six of the seven deans of the colleges on campus are white. The

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NEW APARTMENTS: Youngstown Mayor George McKelvey and University President David Sweet meet at the groundbreaking of the new apartments at Wick Oval on Thursday. The apartment complex will consist of three buildings with 130 units for 408 students. The complex is scheduled for completion by August 2003.

Confrontation in Kilcawley Center

By ANGELA OLIN
Jambar Editor

The Schwebel lounge in Kilcawley Center was the site for a verbal confrontation between two female and one male student on May 3.

One of the female students claimed the confrontation was caused by a racial prejudice directed toward the two black females.

However, the male student involved in the incident said it had absolutely nothing to do with the women's race and the women's side of the story is "a concoction of lies."

Jeanne White, 65, senior, said Renee Johnson, 50, grad student, and herself were studying for a test in the Schwebel room when they were confronted about the amount of noise they were making.

"We were sitting side by side. We weren't talking loudly," said White. "He said excuse me, this is a quiet

lounge."

White said the male continued to call the two women "dumb, stupid and ignorant." She said he told the two women, "I don't know why you're trying to study because you are dumb, stupid and ignorant. You don't belong in here."

The report, however, by YSU police Officer Round, states, "The incident escalated into a shouting match" and states nothing about a racial argument.

YSU police Chief John Gocala said, "If there were any racial comments said, Round would have put it in (the report)."

Brandon Hingel, freshman, said he never called the two women dumb or stupid. "I

did call them ignorant but it had nothing to do with their race."

Hingel said he was lying on the couch in the Schwebel lounge when he decided to confront the women on the

amount of noise they were making. "I was very polite. I said excuse me ladies this is a quiet lounge. Before I

could even finish my sentence, they got loud and obnoxious with me," he said.

"We started to go back and forth verbally," he said. "I said, 'you are being ignorant by not respecting the rules of the lounge. If you can't be quiet, you shouldn't be here.'"

Both parties involved

agreed the incident escalated when Johnson said to Hingel, "Your mama's ignorant." However, they disagreed on what happened after the statement.

White said after Johnson made the comment to Hingel, Hingel reached over the table toward Johnson. "He bumped my shoulder. I began to fall back and my hand came up," she said.

"I had my pencil in my hand and it hit him in his face," she said. "He ran out of the room and said he was assaulted."

However, Hingel told a different side of the story. "I reached over the table to flip her book closed. Jeanne stood up. I never came close to touching her. She stood up and swung at me," he said.

"Renee grabbed Jeanne and said, 'No, no, Jeanne. You don't want to do this,'" Hingel said. "Why did Renee say that

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Weather



It will be partly cloudy today, high near 80. Low near 45. Scattered Thunderstorms on Friday. High in the mid-70s. Low in the 40s.

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Graduates plan for the future

By LA'EL HUGHES
Jambar Reporter

Some YSU graduates plan on staying in Youngstown while other graduating students will look for job opportunities elsewhere.

Saturday was YSU's spring graduation ceremony, and some students said that they will be attending YSU in the fall to further their education, but other students said that Youngstown had no opportunities.

Wille Rogers, bachelor's of arts and bachelor's of science, said "I plan to stay in Youngstown." Rogers said he did not currently have a job lined up, "I know I won't have one in the near future." Rogers blamed his current unemployment on radio station conglomerates.

Sebb Booker, 52, bache-

lor's of science, said he will try to stay in Youngstown. Booker said it took him 20 years to graduate because of a spinal cord injury.

He said he was at home one day sitting around and decided he would like to work with computers.

Booker said he then decided to sign up at YSU. He reiterated that he did not wish to leave Youngstown, but if opportunities arose elsewhere, he would.

Some students have already planned on staying in Youngstown to get a master's at YSU.

"I'm staying in Youngstown. My experience at YSU was very positive."

— Tysa Egleton
YSU Graduate

Tovy Thomas, bachelor's of arts in business information management, said "I will be here for another 2 years to get a master's in business."

Tysa Egleton, bachelor's of science, said, "I'm staying in Youngstown. My experience at YSU was very positive."

"My campus involvement was very important to my time here." Egleton said she has a scholarship and wishes to work at a higher education institution such as YSU when she graduates.

Vesterine White, associate's of arts in computer information systems, said that cam-

pus employment and advisers gave her the support she needed.

White said, "I will be coming back to YSU for my bachelor degree. I was raising two boys and two girls while attending YSU and drudging through a divorce after eight years of marriage."

She said that the faculty, staff and students were key in attaining her degree. She said, "As a non-traditional student I was invited to everything. I feel like I'm part of a community."

Yet, Cristal Cioci, bachelor's of arts in Psychology, feels that Youngstown is not offering enough for her to stay here.

Cioci said, "I do not have any job prospects here. I don't feel that Youngstown has a lot of opportunities." She said that she will be moving to Florida to find a job in social services.

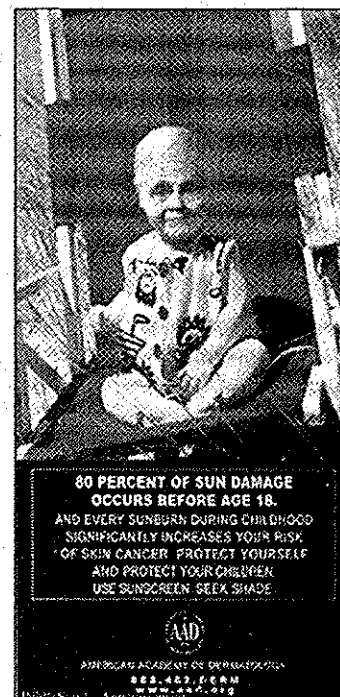
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to Jeanne if it was just an accident?"

Hingel said he had a small scratch on his chin from the pencil White was holding in her hand.

According to the YSU police department, the report has been sent to the prosecutor's office and the prosecutor will decide if there are any criminal charges filed.

When asked if he will file a criminal charge against the ladies Hingel said, "I don't see how they could file one on me. I suppose I could and maybe I should, but I've been too busy to even think about it."



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seventh dean is Asian and is the interim dean until Bolla starts on July 1, 2002.

Yet other members of the search committee remain neutral. Dr. Nathan Ritchey said, "We were very fortunate to have two great candidates. I

looked forward to working under either one."

Ritchey did say he was a "bit surprised about the decision given the diversity issues."

One of the committee's two student representatives,

who wishes to remain anonymous, said she would have preferred Blackshire-Belay, but Bolla will do a good job too."

Bolla is the former chair of the department of biology at St. Louis University. According to YSU's candidate search com-

mittee, Bolla received his Ph.D. in zoology from the University of Massachusetts in 1967.

Bolla is replacing retired dean Dr. Barbara Brothers. Brothers retired last July. Dr. Ikram Khawaja has been interim dean since July 1, 2001.

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Editorial & Opinion

What We Think

Scheduling needs overhaul

Many students at YSU have either had problems registering or most likely know someone who has. One of the most common problems students encounter, especially during summer semester, is trying to register for classes that have been cancelled.

It is not uncommon for students to receive their course offerings booklets and select the classes they want to take, only to find out when it comes time to register that a class they want has been canceled, with no explanation of why.

Administration and Enrollment Services has celebrated yet another consecutive semester with an increase in enrollment numbers, which is probably partially due to the increase in course offerings, but this means nothing for the students at YSU.

Yes, enrollment is up. And, yes, there are 57 additional classes offered for summer 2002 compared to summer 2001. But, what effect does that have on students if the administration is going to end up canceling so many of these classes.

The only effect it does have is it give the administration the feeling that they have accomplished something, but it is at the expense of students. The reason more students sign up for summer classes is because there are more classes offered, but then these classes are taken away.

It makes you wonder, why are these classes being cancelled? If enrollment is up 13.7 percent for summer 2002 then there are obviously more students to fill up classes. So, are classes being cancelled because there are no faculty members to teach these classes?

If so, perhaps the university deans and provosts need to refocus. Maybe it is time to put enrollment on the back burner and work toward finding faculty members to teach the classes that students are led to believe will be offered.

Banners are a welcome site

Recently, YSU administration kicked off a new marketing campaign in an effort to increase enrollment in future semesters. The administration has finally taken the step of accomplishing their enrollment goals and this time it is not at the expense of its students. The campaign actually honors students and recognizes the accomplishments they have made.

YSU "Success Stories" is an administrative effort to project the success of recent graduates in achieving personal dreams and career goals while still trying to attain their goal of attracting student interest in YSU and increasing enrollment.

The YSU Success Stories Campaign goes a step further, too. The campaign has made a successful attempt to be cost effective. This shows an added effort by YSU to not only benefit themselves but to not make students pay for it.

The campaign is simply well-thought-out, sophisticated, and considerate. Most importantly though, the bright banners, attractive billboards, and convincing radio ads will help to foster a positive attitude about YSU as well as the surrounding areas.

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What You Think

What can YSU do to better serve their students in terms of class offerings?



Mike Kubina,
junior, engineering

"Make it so classes are available to take in a continuous cycle."



Tonya Payne
junior, business

"Have a professor who can answer questions online."



Lee Cencia
secretary, nursing dept.

"The faculty could pay more attention to the commitments students have in their lives."



Tim Oberle
junior, political science

"Make classes available without long breaks in between for the convenience of students."



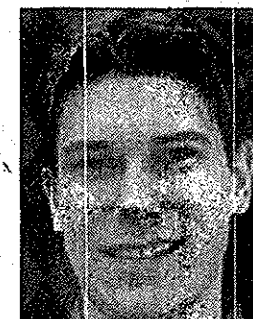
Jillian Treleven,
freshman, pre-nursing

"Offer more classes, because students end up getting behind."



Jenifer Karpacs,
graduate, education

"Offer the same classes at different times for more of a variety in scheduling."



Tom Pasquarella,
senior, accounting

"See which classes more students are willing to take to help out the most people."



Nick Demetrios,
senior, accounting

"There should be more and better times for upper division classes."

Letter to the Editor

Student supports disability services

Editor:
I am writing in regards to the recent slam of Disability Services.

If you want to talk about "time" as you seem to stress in this recent article, I feel your staff should invest a little in your job. It appears to me that the Jambar did a lack-luster job at representing Disability Services in the recent edition. The research end of this article was limited to a one-time conversation with Jain Savage - a conversation that was completely misrepresented by the Jambar.

If you are going to present the "collegiate opinion" it might be a good idea to talk to a few collegiatemembers, not limit your sources to an employee who did not do his/her homework.

Disability Services does offer a disability lab that is equipped with computers with adaptive software. This lab, if anyone had cared enough to research, is

located on the first floor of Cushwa. Students with disabilities are not limited to this lab, however. The office will install adaptive software in other labs if this is necessary.

I question why there was a lack of information regarding the services provided through the Disability Services' office. Disability Services tends to the needs of hundreds of individuals with disabilities who are attending YSU. The coordinator, Jain Savage, has only been at this position for one year. In that time she has

increased awareness of professor responsibilities through many meetings with chairpersons. Further research would show you that there will be a teleconference to educate professors on their responsibilities and the laws pertaining to colleges and disabilities. This, if you ask any student with a disability, is one of the largest roads blocks to education.

Students registered with Disability Services can receive textbooks in alternate formats, assistance in scheduling classes, quiet rooms for test taking, mediation with professors, early registration, classroom modification, adaptive software, readers and scribes and much more based on individual need. Disability Services may not be as well equipped to assist students with disabilities as Ohio State or others mentioned in your article, but for the lack of substance in your past articles it doesn't look like the Jambar is soaring to the heights of journalism.

By the way, her name is spelled 'Jain' not Jane. Come on guys, information isn't that hard to find.

C.
Education Major
Graduate 2003

Letter to the Editor

Student says name should be excluded

I would like to say that the article "ROTC examines allegations" was terrible.

Obviously, the ROTC didn't want to put the accused's name in the paper so as not to ruin his reputation and name until they know for sure if the allegations are true.

Angela Olin had no right to go and put the man's name in her disgraceful article. It wasn't put in there for a reason. I know the man whose name was used in the article, and he is one of the nicest people I have ever met. He is a true gentleman, and didn't

deserve what Olin did to him and his reputation.

Over the summer Olin needs to spend less time trying to be a "blood-sucking" member of the media and spend more time growing a little compassion for her fellow humans.

Stacey Mallen
Undecided
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Sports & Entertainment

Local Music

Area punk rock band stays true to its roots

By BJ LISKO
Jambor Editor

Punk rock has undoubtedly taken a different direction in recent years. The Ramones and Sex Pistols of the world have been replaced with MTV friendly music, complete with green hair, plaid pants, Vans, and chain wallets. One area band, however, remains true to the original idea of what punk rock was meant to be.

Johnie 3 plays an infectious brand of punk, and are the thorn in the side of an area bogged down with mainstream sounds.

"We just play our songs," said bassist Myke Rosati. "If people like it that's cool, if not, oh well."

The band got its start a little over a year ago and has no intention of trying to fit in with the new punk scene, or the music scene in Youngstown.

"I've come to understand that a lot of people are puppets and do what they are told," said guitarist/vocalist Jay Dorbish. "Just cause it's on MTV doesn't mean it's good, kids."

With influences ranging from The Ramones to the Queers to Screaming Weasel to the Huntingtons, Johnie 3 leans a bit towards the poppier side of punk. Make no mistake though, while their sound may not be as harsh and abrasive as Minor Threat, or the Damned, they still have no room for punk's new wave.

"A lot of people I talk to in Youngstown think punk rock is Sum 41 and Alien Ant Farm," said Dorbish. "You mention bands like the Queers and Mr. T Experience and they are like 'who?' But that's the way it is

in a lot of places nowadays. You can like what you like, just don't think your punk because you got a Rancid T-shirt on."

Rosati agrees saying, "Hopefully modern punk is just a fad that will wear off. You can't call yourself a punk band and be on MTV, that just doesn't go together."

While it would be easy for the band members to be quite frustrated with their surroundings, Johnie 3 really doesn't seem to mind that much.

"There have been shows in Youngstown where we play to 10-15 people, but there has been some really crowded shows too," said Rosati. "It just gives us more people to laugh at cause they are so brainless and don't have a clue as to what's going on."

In addition to playing in the area, the band recently recorded their debut album, "Sit on it." The disc features 12 tracks of three-chord rock, complete with your standard punk essentials. Songs like, "Fat crux dig me," "Shoot your school up," and "If I was a girl (I'd touch my t---)," are derived straight from the bands musical and everyday life influences.

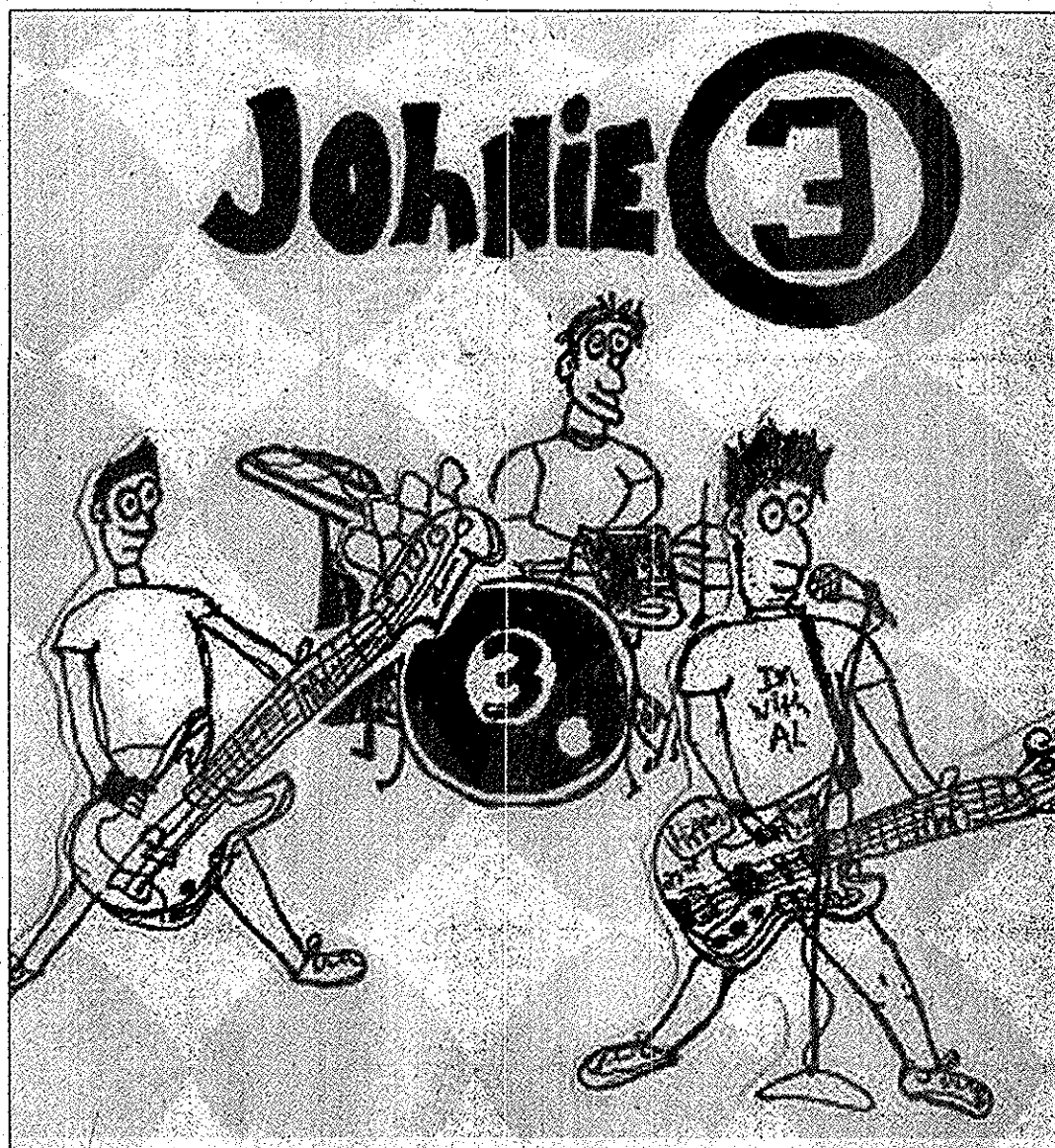
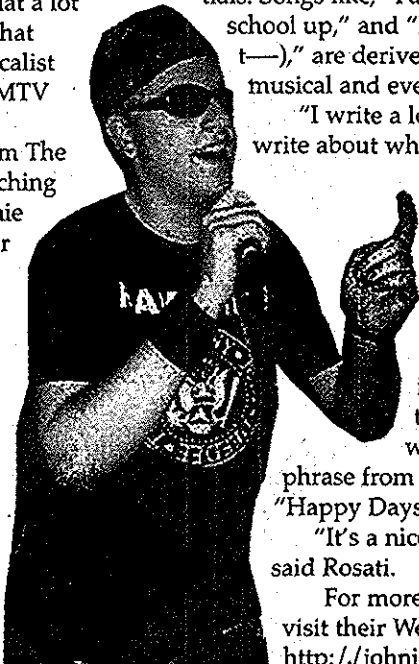
"I write a lot of the lyrics and just write about what we know," said Jay.

"Things like not getting the girl, or how school is such a waste of time. The songs are fun and we don't take things too serious."

An ode to that attitude is obviously present in the title of the band's album, which Jay said is a catch phrase from the classic television series, "Happy Days."

"It's a nice way of saying, eat s---," said Rosati.

For more information on Johnie 3, visit their Web site at <http://johnie3.iuna.com>.



Pictures and artwork courtesy of Johnie 3

ROCK 'N' ROLL: Local punk rock band Johnie 3 recently recorded their debut album "Sit on it." The band has played numerous times locally and according to bassist Myke Rosati will be touring cities in the Northeastern portion of the country this summer.

Weekend Calendar

Cedars Sunday, The Infidels

The Cellar Friday, Arsenic, Sic, Tempo, Tantrum, Saturday, Ugly Stick.

Plaza Cafe Friday, Raul, Alias, Queef, Saturday, Via Sahara, December, Sunday, Ash Blanket.

Plyatt St Saturday, Underglow.

Varsity Club Saturday, Battle of the Bands.

Heavy rock festival kicks off Friday

By BJ LISKO
Jambor Editor

Thirty-five touring acts will make up three days of rock 'n' roll beginning Friday at the Nyabinghi on Salt Springs Road.

The fourth annual Emissions from the Monolith festival is reported to be one of the biggest stoner rock events in the world. It has received press from High Times Magazine, KNAC.com, MTV2, Alternative Press, and Metal Maniacs to name a few.

Festival promoter and Nyabinghi owner Greg Barratt conceived the idea for Emissions in 1999, which he said was a way to have all his

favorite stoner and heavy rock bands play in a comfortable environment among like-minded musicians.

According to Barratt, last year the event drew close to 800 people and he expects to sell out crowds every night of this year's festival.

Disengage and Spirit Caravan will headline the opening night, with Electric Frankenstein heading night two, and Orange Goblin and Alabama Thunder Pussy taking last slot duties on Sunday.

Tickets for the weekend are \$45 and less for individual nights. For more info visit <http://www.emissionsfromthemonolith.com>.

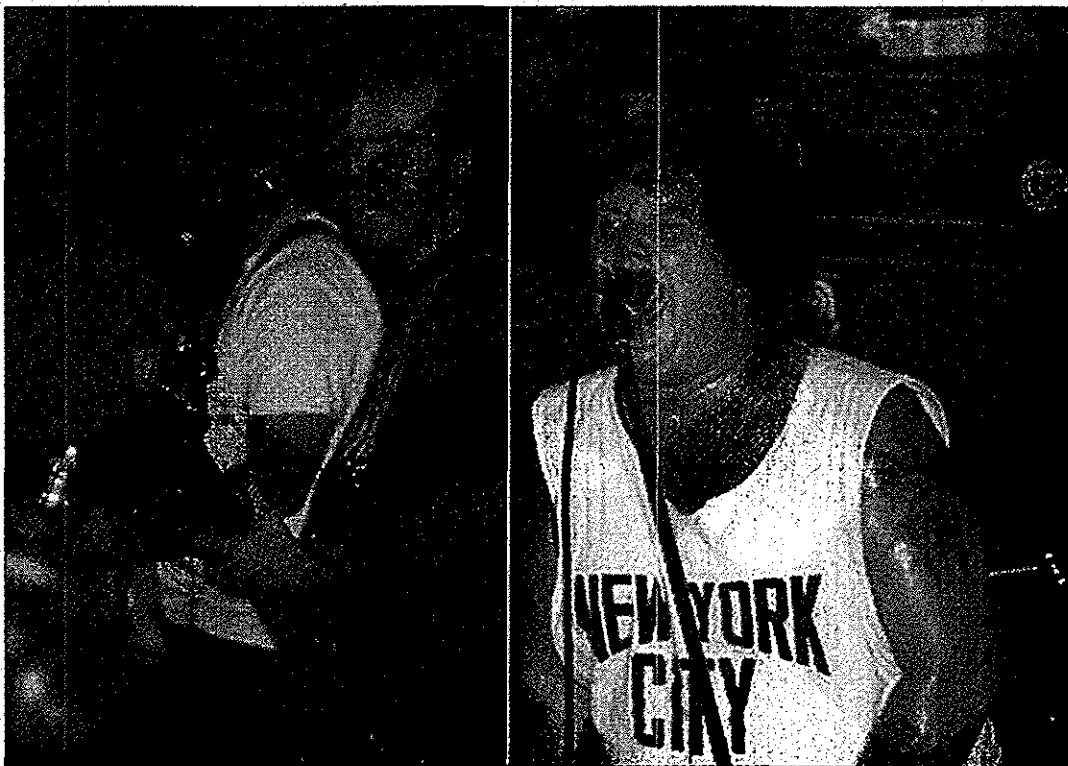


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HEADLINERS: New Jersey's own Electric Frankenstein will headline night two of local promoter Greg Barratt's Emissions of the Monolith festival. The event is in its fourth year and will feature 35 bands over three days.

Sports

Canseco shouldn't expect hall to call

Nagging injuries and falling statistics may keep the former slugger out of the hall

By DAVE DEVEREUX
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When Jose Canseco announced his retirement from Major League Baseball last week I, for a brief moment, felt dumb.

I know, I know, nothing unusual about that. But I don't make it a priority to follow the off-season movements of washed-up journeymen. I had no idea what happened to Canseco after last season and I didn't think he was still playing baseball... anywhere!

Apparently Canseco tried out for the Montreal Expos in spring training, failed to make the club, wound up in the Chicago White Sox farm system and after batting just .178 at Triple-A Charlotte, he decided to call it a career after 17 years.

What a sad ending for one of the most talented baseball players ever.

Canseco was a member of the Oakland A's from 1985 to 1992 but he played in only 29 games in '85 and was traded halfway through the '92 season.

From '86-'91, Canseco was the biggest name and arguably the best player in the game. In that time, Canseco smacked 204 homers and had 634 RBIs, an average of 34 homers and 105 RBIs per season. Canseco was on an impressive

pace to someday challenge the games most prolific power hitters.

In Canseco's official rookie season of '86, he captured Rookie of the Year honors after hitting 33 homers and driving in 117 RBIs. In 1988, he became the first player in major league history to hit 40 homers and steal 40 bases in a season.

He teamed with fellow young slugger, Mark McGwire, to form the "Bash Brothers" and together they led the A's to three consecutive American League titles and a World Championship in 1989.

Canseco was an all-around impact player and he also passed the image test. His bulging biceps and imposing 6'5" 240-pound frame made him an intimidating presence for pitchers. Fans came to watch Canseco crush the ball into the stands or even further, and he often didn't disappoint them. In the last ten years and pretty much since Canseco first left Oakland, his candle burned out and in this case, the legend did too.

Since '93, Canseco bounced around from Texas to Boston to Oakland to Toronto to Tampa Bay to New York to Chicago. Nagging injuries seemed to be a recurring theme at every stop.

He played in an average of only 101 games per season in that stretch. His strikeouts increased while his average often dipped to .240 or worse.

If Canseco has one legitimate claim to hang his hat on it's that he always remained a slugger. He hit 31 homers in '94, 46 in '98 and 34 in '99. However, he

was more an extra bat with some pop than an impact player, which is evident in the fact that he only made one all-star appearance since '93.

Although Canseco finished his career with 462 home runs — and many of which were majestic tape measure shots — his overall career leaves some doubt about whether or not he'll land in baseball's promised land, the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.

His lifetime average dropped to .266 and he finished with 1,942 career strikeouts, second highest in league history.

Whenever someone is known as a power hitter they're usually given an excuse that they can strike out a lot too, but Canseco didn't make up enough ground in the other areas.

If you follow baseball, you are probably aware that anything can happen when it comes to the Hall of Fame selection committee.

For years they have kept some "borderline" candidates out and let some in and there are no set criteria to make any distinction as to why they vote as they do.

If there is any doubt about a player being in the Hall of Fame, he is not a Hall of Famer.

So sorry Jose, there is doubt. Therefore, you're out.

Canseco had the tools and all the ability to put up Ruthian type power numbers and to be that type of icon in the eyes of baseball fans.

Unfortunately, his injury-plagued career left him, for the better part of a decade, only a shadow of his former self. In the end, the numbers and the hero faded and that should cost Canseco a spot in Cooperstown.

Commentary

Penguin Sportswire

Men's Basketball

Head basketball coach John Robic announced the addition of Dolph Garco, former Yavapai Junior college head coach, to the Penguins as an assistant for next season.

YSU

The YSU athletic department announced their new partnership with Clear Channel Radio Youngstown.

Penguin football will be broadcast live on WBBQ 106.1 and Penguin basketball will air on 1390 WNIO-AM.

Head coaches John Robic and Jon Heacock will also host their own shows throughout the season broadcast on WNIO-AM.