

Hagan, Taft look for votes in Valley

BY LA'EL HUGHES
The Jambar



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Gubernatorial candidates are trying to win the votes of YSU students, faculty and staff. Some, however, said the choice is obvious.

Candidate Tim Hagan, a Youngstown native, is scheduled to hold a news conference 10 a.m. today at the Center for Working Class Studies. Incumbent Bob Taft visited campus Saturday to meet tailgaters before the Penguin's game against Indiana State.

"Gov. Taft came to YSU's tailgate party for 45 minutes on Saturday and took photos with people who were there," Taft spokesman Aaron McClear said.

Taft did not stay for the game.

At his news conference, Hagan plans to address issues including higher education, tuition increases for students and the Hope Scholarship.

"That's typical of Bob Taft to show up at all the fun events, shake hands, and pretend everything is OK," Hagan spokesman Austin Jenkins said. "If Hagan was governor, maybe all we would have to worry about is YSU football games."

Some YSU faculty members have decided to cast an early vote by endorsing Hagan in this year's race. The YSU chapter of the Ohio Education Association for teachers sent a Sept. 20 letter to Hagan that said they were pleased to endorse Hagan as their candidate for governor.

"The executive committee has decided to endorse Tim Hagan because the funding of higher education has been dropping for at least 10 years, including years from Gov. (George) Voinovich," said YSU-OEA President John Russo, who added that tuition continues to increase as a result.

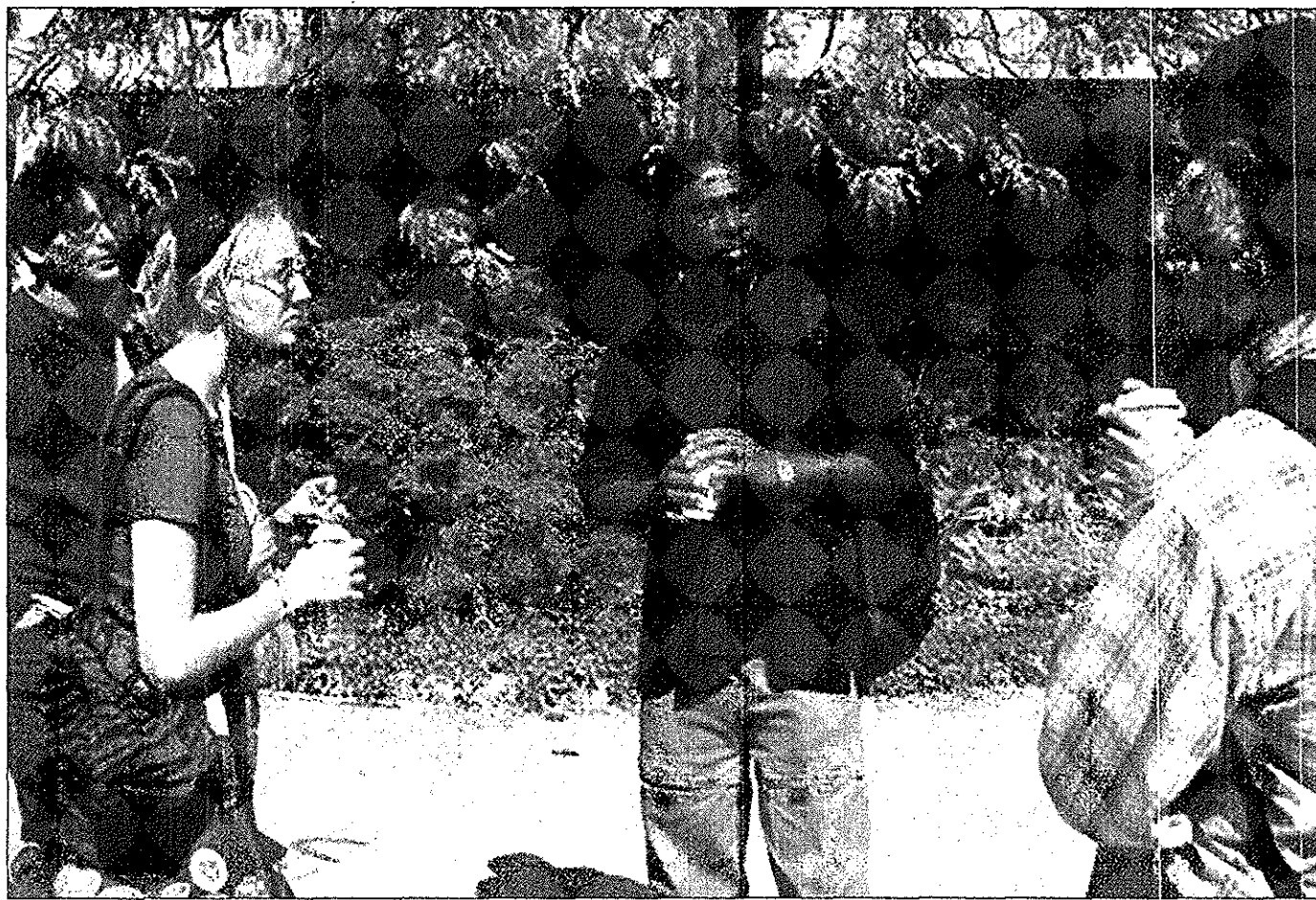
Jenkins said the "Taft Hikes" are hurting the students.

"We live in a knowledge economy, where we need to provide students with an affordable education," Jenkins said. "College students and parents need to be outraged for what Gov. Taft is doing."

David Porter, an associate professor of political science,

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Students consider protest



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PROTEST TALK: Members of the YSU Peace Action Network met at the Rock outside Kilcawley Center on Monday to discuss plans for a protest of the recent pay raise of University President David Sweet, as well as the president's stance on diversity. The group has yet to set a date for the protest, which would take place outside Kilcawley Center.

BY ANGELA OLIN
The Jambar

Only three YSU students showed up Monday afternoon to organize an upcoming protest in response to key university issues, including University President David Sweet's increase in salary.

The students, also members of the Youngstown State Peace Action Network (Y-SPAN) said they want students to be more involved in administrative decisions, such as Sweet's raise.

The three student members and two advisors present at the meeting discussed how to set up the protest planned to

take place in front of Kilcawley sometime next week.

"The students and faculty need to play a bigger role at this university," said freshmen Jacob Harver. "We should be the ones making decisions for the university."

"This is not just about Sweet, but also about the state budget cuts," Harver added. "We need to get the state to stop cutting back funding."

The organization does not just want a reaction from students, but student movement, as well, Harver said.

Lesley Harmon, YSU alumna and a part-time advisor of Y-SPAN, added that the university and state need to

talk about how we can rebuild education in Ohio colleges.

At the meeting, members of Y-SPAN also discussed a recent comment Sweet made in his State of the University address, stating that YSU would not be a leader in diversity.

They said this would be one point that would be covered at the protest next week.

Tom Sabatini, part-time faculty advisor of the group, said there are four areas Y-SPAN will cover at the protest — funding priorities at the state and national level, diversity, student rights and a democratic versus corporate model for the university.

In response to Sweet's 6 percent increase in salary last week by the board of trustees, Harver said the university is wrong in justifying the raise based on retaining him as our university president.

"We are making it out as though we need to rely on one person as our savior," Harver said.

Harver added that YSU student employees are paid minimum wage at \$5.15 an hour, which he said may or may not be under Ohio's average for student employees.

He said, "If we are going to compare Sweet's salary to

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Council pledges to lead in diversity

BY ALICIA HOUSTON
The Jambar

With controversial comments from university officials fresh in their minds, the YSU Diversity Council has regrouped to discuss its initiatives to promote diversity on campus.

In his State of the University last month, University President David Sweet said YSU would not be a leader in diversity.

Sophomore Jaymin Patel, president of the Diversity Council, said if Sweet will not lead, the students must.

"It's in our hands as students to be a leader," Patel said, responding to Sweet's comment. "We, as students, need to take the lead on diversity issues."

Patel said all of the members of the Diversity Council are active in making a difference on campus and believes that, together, the council will produce positive results.

William Blake, director of Student Activities, agreed.

"I hope that there is some very positive and constructive programming around issues of diversity that could evolve from this committee," Blake said. "Clearly, around our campus, there is a great need for us to use some education in terms of diversity issues."

According to the council's by-laws, its purpose is to "promote an awareness of the different on campus cultures and celebrate the contributions that these cultures make to our campus, our community, and our great country."

Blake said the council first began five years ago.

As a result of the formation of the council, former University President Leslie Cochran initiated the Leslie Cochran Diversity Fund, which allocated annual funds to the council to be used toward sponsoring diversity programs.

The money is delegated through the Signature Authority, which is currently the Elaine Ruse, director of Financial Aid and Scholarships. The fund has not been utilized in two years and has now doubled.

Patel said he plans to use the money to sponsor several programs throughout the year.

One of the programs the Diversity Council plans for this semester is a film festival that will show films about different cultures.

Then, the council will have discussions about the film. Topics will include cultural values as they stand in

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Iraq concerns Model UN members

BY ELIZABETH TABAK
The Jambar

Student members of the YSU Model United Nations team said a war with Iraq would be wrong.

The team, which is part of the Political Science Department's Global Education Program, participates in mock debates at conferences across North America. The real United Nations has been debating what to do with Iraq for weeks.

Three of the team's members criticized the United States' position on Iraq, the Mideast country led by Saddam Hussein. Team advisor David Porter, associate professor of Political Science, said President Bush has failed to find the right solution.

"We should be responsible to bring order to chaos," Porter said as he questioned whether

war would bring order.

Iraq is a target in the United States' war on terrorism. Bush and his advisers have said Hussein has been producing biological weapons, which could not only harm the U.S., but other nations, as well.

Sophomore Dan Griesemer, a member of the Model UN team, said the real UN has a chance to solve the problem peacefully. He said the U.S. has an invincibility complex that makes it more aggressive when it comes to war.

"There is a real opportunity for the UN to throw some weight down and back down

the U.S.," Griesemer said.

Another team member, sophomore Kelli Vogt agreed. She said she felt the U.S. was on a power trip.

"Our mindset is that we're the United States and that we should take over everything."

— KELLI VOGT
Sophomore, Model UN team member

"Our mindset is that we're the United States and that we should take over everything," Vogt said.

Later this month, the team will travel north to Kent State University

Ashtabula Campus for the KSUAC Model United Nations conference.

Senior Matt Robson said recent events with Iraq, the U.S. and the UN would play a part in debates there.

"Most of those topics will in some way ... revolve around Iraq," Robson said. "Model UN has a wonderful forum for people to debate these topics and not feel out of place."

As for his personal feelings about Iraq, Robson agreed with Griesemer and Vogt.

"President Bush is using the new fear of terrorism and newfound patriotism expressed by many Americans and using it to mask his domestic problems," Robson said.

All three students said the real U.N. could play a pivotal role in resolving the conflict.

Porter, however, said Bush might be inclined to ignore the U.N. and begin a war that has been much talked about in the press.

"It may make Bush look weak if we go with the U.N.," Porter said.

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other schools, we need to do the same for students."

Another issue discussed was the role of student government as student leaders for the university.

"They are the yes-men for the administration," Harver said.

The members said they would organize and research these key areas before next week in order to effectively get their points across to the stu-

dents. Another meeting for all members of Y-SPAN, as well as other interested students, is scheduled for Wednesday at 7 p.m. in room 2057 in Kilcawley Center.

At the meeting, the members said they would decide on a date to hold the protest next week.

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said it was not a surprise the YSU-OEA decided to endorse Hagan.

"(YSU-OEA) has been in close relationship with his brother (state Sen. Bob Hagan, D-Youngstown) for a long time," Porter said. "And what has Gov. Taft done for higher education?"

Jenkins said Hagan wants to interest students in the voting process, and has been on a week-long campaign trail where he is visiting colleges throughout the area.

Jenkins said Hagan has

family members who live in Youngstown.

Hagan attended school at YSU for two years before being drafted, Jenkins added.

But Porter, despite backing Hagan, said the Democrat has his work cut out for him against an incumbent with more money to spend.

"This area has been traditionally democratic, and Hagan needs to take all the votes in this area to win."

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the nation and the community, how certain values apply to certain situations, how things have changed, and how to accept them.

Next semester, the Diversity Council will invite other campuses to host a diversity forum, which will include keynote speakers who will discuss diversity in the community.

They also plan to host a Multicultural Festival, in which they will invite area high school students.

Blake said all the events will help to make YSU more diverse.

"My prospective as a social scientist is that diversity is just like a patchwork quilt," he said.

"It takes every patch in the

quilt to make it a quilt, it takes every patch in our diverse community to make this a diverse community.

Blake said YSU has denied other people's cultures and traditions and it must begin to celebrate those things.

"We have to celebrate diversity because that's what makes us the rich society that we are," he said.

"The one thing we have to celebrate is the fact that we have the freedom to celebrate diversity."

The Diversity Council is open to all students and will meet at 2 p.m. Oct. 11 in room 2068, Kilcawley Center.

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News in brief

YSU professor named orchestra conductor

Youngstown State University professor Michael Gelfand was recently named musical director/conductor of the Greenville Symphony Orchestra.

Gelfand, who has been the director/conductor of the Ashtabula Area Orchestra for eleven years, has been a professor of music at YSU since 1975. He has also performed as a solo

cellist throughout the United States, and in concertos with orchestras in Ohio, New York, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Michigan.

Gelfand's directing and conducting credits also include leading The Richmond Chamber Orchestra, West Virginia All State Orchestra, Pittsburgh District 5 High School Orchestra and International String Conference Orchestras.

Fraternity to host event

This week the Zeta Tau Alpha fraternity for women will hold its first "Zeta's All American Man" or ZAAM competition, where fraternities will compete for the title of ZAAM. The fraternity to win the title will receive \$150 donation to their philanthropy.

Events will include a paint the rock competition in front of the Zeta House, a Zeta Trivia Competition, "Penny Wars," and a Spaghetti Dinner held from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Newman Center. It is \$5.00 all you can eat.

Proceeds from the events will be donated to breast cancer awareness, research and education, since this month is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Students may also visit the fraternity's "Think Pink" table in Kilcawley from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday Oct. 9 to get free candy and breast cancer ribbons.

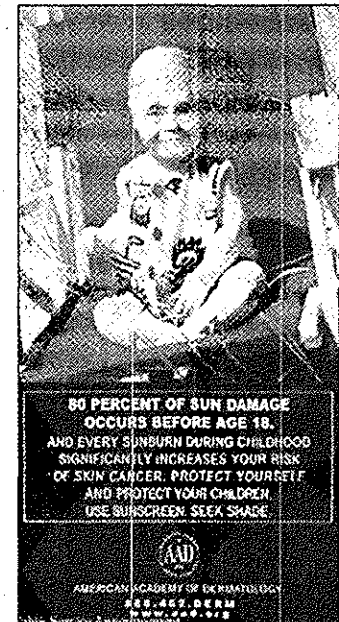
DREAM will hold meeting Tuesday afternoon

DREAM, an organization formed to promote unity among the minority students on campus and educational achievement and

advancement, will be having their first meeting Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the Bresnahan Suite in Kilcawley Center.

Correction

Sunsation Fitness and Tanning, a gym profiled in the Oct. 1 issue of The Jambor, is located in Campbell. The article stated the gym was located in Struthers.



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Today's Editorial

Protest efforts must be stronger

Call it a missed opportunity for YSU students and teachers. University President David Sweet and Ohio Gov. Bob Taft joined Penguin football fans before Saturday's game against Indiana State.

The fans and tailgaters welcomed Sweet and Taft — the two men most responsible for YSU's financial gloom — with open arms.

Why? Since Sweet and his top assistants received retroactive raises, students and teachers have jammed The Jambar's voice mail and e-mail accounts with angry messages.

But where were these angry people Saturday? Photo opportunities abound, no critics took advantage of the joint appearance by YSU's twins of economic disarray: Sweet and Taft.

No longer can students complain about the management of this university without taking some sort of action themselves. The YSU Peace Action Network's plan to protest Sweet and his lackluster leadership presents one more opportunity to be heard. Students — and teachers and university staff members — must take it. Unfortunately, only a handful of students attended Tuesday's Peace Action meeting to plan a protest.

Sweet's raise, as well as the raises given to his top assistants, is an outrage. No matter what his contemporaries at other Ohio universities make, Sweet is president of a university in a city devastated by recession.

Sophomore Hannah Foster, a member of the Peace Action Network, said it is important for all students and staff to unite against the pay raises.

"We basically don't think it is justified when looking at working-class students in this area," Foster told The Jambar on Thursday. "Most are struggling."

We agree. Now it is up to students to join Peace Action in its efforts. We like that a few students are being courageous. But we'd like to see many more.

The Jambar has stood firmly against Sweet and his raise. He has given no indication that he will return his raise or spend it on scholarships, as several of his contemporaries have.

We know the students and faculty and staff on campus are upset. We hear it every day on our voice mails. Even on local TV and in the local newspapers, students and staff are criticizing the president for accepting his raise.

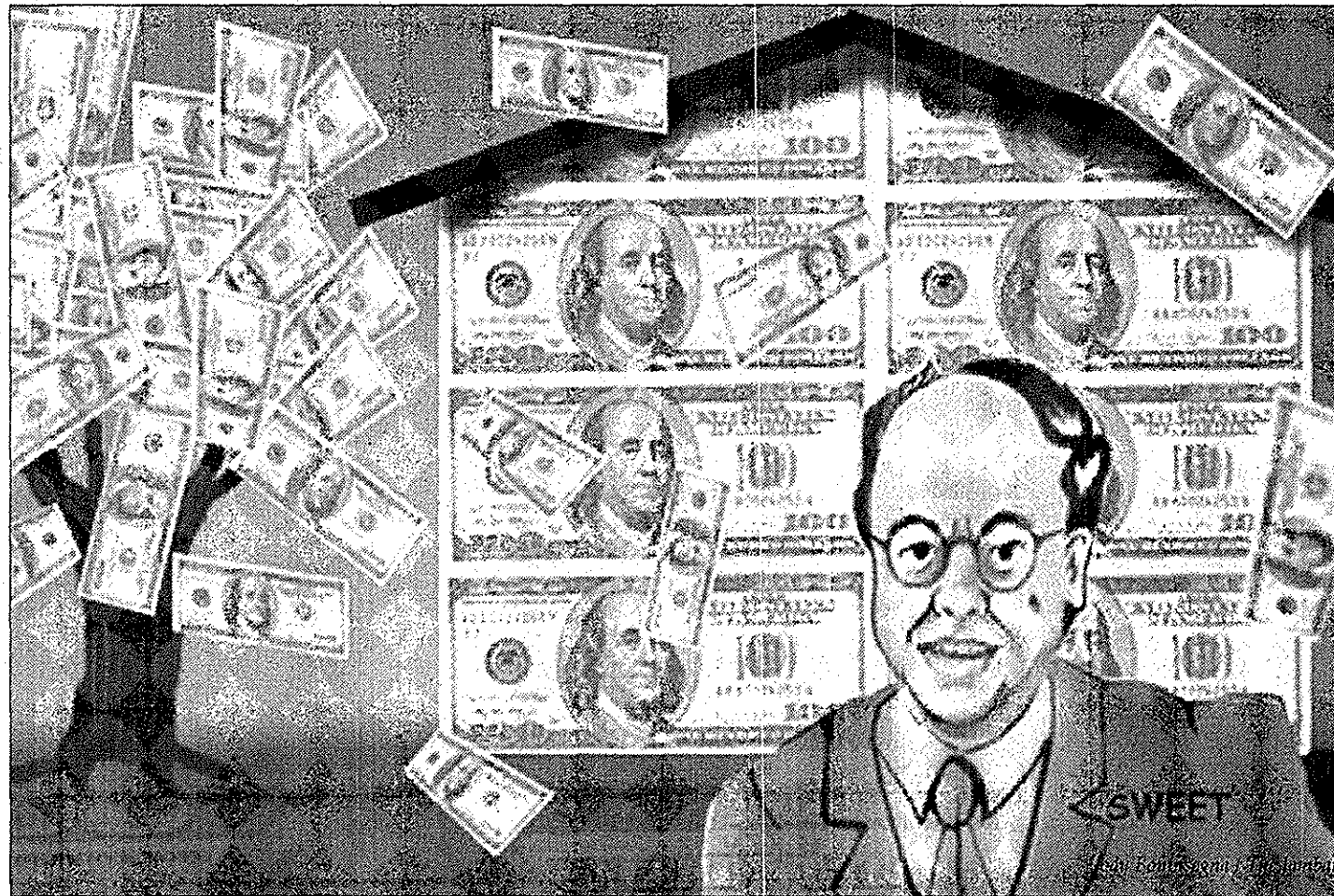
But until Sweet sees a substantial movement of protest, he will pocket the money without a second thought.

Do not be afraid of punishment. Protest peacefully and civilly, but strongly and effectively.

Your money is being spent foolishly now, which means you could spend even more later when spring semester comes.

So, do what Sweet and his assistants refuse to do. Just say no. We will not have this.

Success Stories ... Part Two



Sweet defense goes contemporary

BETWEEN THE LINES



By Henry Gomez

He wants desperately to believe he deserves his latest raise. He desperately wants you to believe it, too.

He will stop at nothing to spin it to the press and sell it to his angry students.

And, as a result of it all, University President David Sweet is so disconnected from the YSU community.

I suppose it only was a matter of time, but last Wednesday, Sweet summoned me to his Tod Hall office to discuss The Jambar's coverage of his salary and housing allowance increases. Sweet told me up front that he respected freedom of the press.

"But I think things need to be put more into context," he said.

The context Sweet offered over the next half hour included three handouts detailing the salaries and housing plans for other university presidents and an explanation about his controversial State of the University address.

"If I had to do it all over again, I probably would have left that part out," Sweet said with a smile as he alluded to his comment that YSU would not be a leader in diversity issues.

His admission of a faux pas complete, Sweet began his defense of the raise that has everyone on campus talking. And the defense, as illogical as it sounded to me, was simply stated.

"This is what university presidents do," Sweet said.

Thus was the theme for each of Sweet's handouts. University presidents across Ohio have received raises consistent with the raises Sweet has received.

But these are different times, different people and different universities to which Sweet has compared his situation. I suggested this to him.

I told him how at \$203,520, he is one of the richest men in Youngstown. I told him how he also receives a \$50,000 housing allowance, a figure questioned by students who have pointed out that the Youngstown area is an inexpensive place to live.

Sweet, however, stood by the raise in housing allowance, saying his contemporaries often receive an actual house as part of their salary and perks packages. He said the \$50,000 is essential because of mortgages and other variables he said I would know more about "in 30 years."

"We use our house to entertain prospective donors. I feel (\$50,000) is a justified support to offset the expenses," Sweet said.

As for mortgages and home finance, I told Sweet about several faculty union members who have commented to me in the last week about the raise. One member said she has two home mortgages, both of which must be paid for out of her comparatively low salary.

Sweet did not care much for that comparison.

"Compare faculty members to faculty members and university presidents to university presidents," he said.

But what about comparing Sweet to the people in the area he works? Sweet mistakes me and others by assuming we want to rob him of something he feels he deserves.

I want what is fair. I want a university president who is not afraid to take a bold stand when he has gone so public about state budget cuts to higher education. Instead, we have a president who metaphorically has abandoned a sinking ship.

"Why can't you say: 'Hey, I don't need \$14,000 extra dollars to maintain my house this year. I'll put the money into scholarships?'" I asked Sweet.

"Well, we contribute to various charities," he said with that smile of his. "It's not like we're not giving back to the community we are a part of."

Sweet now has the context he sought for coverage of his raise. But at the end of his linear argument, I find myself lacking respect for the man I once admired for honesty and vision.

"We all operate within a market for our services," Sweet said. "I think the board was being fair with me."

So keep the karma rolling, President Sweet. Be fair to the students, teachers and staff at YSU.

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THE \$203,520 QUESTION



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Students criticize president's raise

Editor:

I am writing in reference to the story in the Oct. 1, 2002, issue of The Jambar: Top administrators receive raises.

I find it outrageous that after all the statements made over the last few months by the YSU administration regarding the unstable financial situation of the university, President Sweet and Mr. John Habat are awarded such substantial salary increases.

Does the Board of Trustees have its head in the sand? Who is holding them accountable for these decisions and the state of the university? I strongly feel YSU not only have a Board of Trustees, but is in dire need of a Board of Ethics. It is apparent another governing body is needed to monitor the actions of the Board of Trustees.

What I found to be even more alarming in the article is the large salary discrepancies between the three vice presidents. As stated in The Jambar's article, Dr. Cynthia Anderson earns \$16,036 less than Habat and \$23,011 less than Mr. Terry Ondreyka.

According to Rita Roberts in Human Resources, Anderson has held the position of vice president of Student Affairs since July 1, 1995, and has an original hire date of Sept. 15, 1979. Both Mr. Ondreyka and Mr. Habat began their YSU careers after President Sweet took office in 2000. The discrepancy in salaries is obviously

not a seniority issue.

Perhaps it's the level of education? Neither Ondreyka nor Habat hold a Ph.D., but Dr. Anderson does. So, no, it's not a matter of education, either.

Could it be that the level of responsibilities and accountabilities differ between vice presidents? Well, I don't think so. Otherwise, the title of vice president would not be applied to the position or deemed appropriate.

Maybe the administration doesn't value the position of vice president of Student Affairs as much as it values the positions of vice president of Administration and vice president of Financial Affairs. Why should they?

Finally, is the salary discrepancy possible because Dr. Anderson lacks the male genitalia required for membership to The Tod Hall Club for Good Ol' Boys? One is left to wonder.

If any administrator were to qualify for a sizeable salary increase, it's obviously Dr. Anderson. It would make logical sense her salary be comparable with Mr. Habat's and Mr. Ondreyka's. After all, they're all vice presidents at the same university.

John Paul DeSimone
Junior, Psychology

Editor:

I'd like to ask just what Sweet did to raise enrollment.

Was it really something so spectacular and out of the ordinary that he deserves extra money not just now but for years to come? Did he sit at his desk and call potential students? Has he asked any of us why we chose YSU? Has he done anything but sit back and waste our money? I think not.

If anyone deserves credit it is the faculty, staff and students. The faculty and staff make this university what it is. They and us students who work for them know who does all the "real" work at this university. It's not the man who can take money from his

own school and community.

If he wishes to leave our college, then please let him go. We do not want or need a president who is more concerned with his salary than what he can do for his university. I ask the board: Why do you want someone to run YSU who only is here for the money? It is apparent he does not care about you or us.

Next time the board wishes to thank someone for what they give to the university, perhaps they should look at those who truly deserve the credit — the faculty, staff, and students.

Heather A. Klesch
Junior, Chemical Engineering

'Light the Night Walk' helps fight disease

By LA'EL HUGHES
The Jambor

More than 400 people from Youngstown and surrounding areas participated in the "Light the Night Walk" held Thursday at YSU.

"Light the Night Walk" is a nationwide event held by the Society for Leukemia and Lymphoma. As an evening walk, it raises funds to help cure diseases such as Hodgkin's, myeloma, lymphoma, and leukemia.

According to 2001 statistics from the Northern Ohio Chapter, 109,500 people were diagnosed with lymphoma, myeloma, or leukemia.

YSU was asked by the Northern Ohio Chapter for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to hold the first "Light the Night Walk" in Youngstown.

Nathaniel Cross, executive director of the chapter, said the event was held to help the large number of patients in the Mahoning Valley that the chapter serves.

"We haven't had a 'Light the Night Walk' in this area before and we have a lot of patients we are serving here," Cross said. "So we thought it would be a great opportunity to have YSU participate in such an important cause."

Cross said Thursday's walk would raise between \$25,000 and \$30,000 and YSU is

one of five "Light the Night Walks" in Ohio.

By the end of the fifth "Light the Night Walk," he said his chapter will raise between \$152,000 and \$200,000.

Marie Hault, a participant from the Youngstown area, brought two of her children to walk with her around YSU's campus.

"I came out here to support this cause because it is an important one," Hault said. "I am glad to see YSU taking initiative in a cause that affects so many people."

"I hope that with organizations such as the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society people can be saved."

Cross said the next walk would be in Cleveland on Oct. 21 and then Six Flags Amusement Park.

Participants from YSU, local stores in Boardman and residents from Warren came out to support patients and family members that have been affected with leukemia.

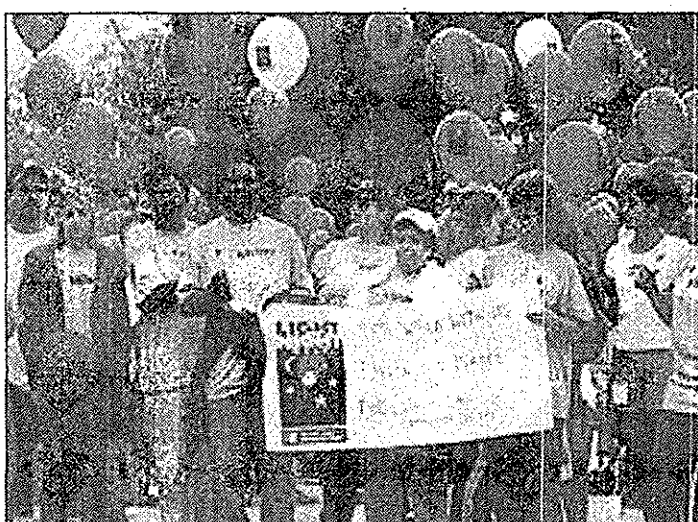
"We have 30 teams that signed up for this event, and many of the teams members are friends or family member that have been affected with this disease," said Stacey Bene, patient service manager for the Northern Ohio Chapter.

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WALKING TO CURE DISEASE: More than 400 people participated in the 'Light the Night Walk' on YSU campus Thursday. The nationwide event is held by the Society for Leukemia and Lymphoma and will raise between \$152,000 and \$200,000 according to Executive Director Nathaniel Cross.



Police work to stop car break-ins

By REBECCA MARQUIS
The Jambor

YSU Police said they are cooperating with Youngstown Police Department and police officials at St. Elizabeth Health Center to find those responsible for recent car break-ins on and around campus.

Youngstown Police Lt. Rod Foley said the collaboration began about a week ago as a result of an increased number of car thefts and break-ins on the North Side of Youngstown.

Foley said most of the suspects are teens, although a few adults are also suspected.

In September, YSU police responded to two incidents, in which people were allegedly trying to force entry into vehicles, YSU Police Sgt. Michael Cretella said.

The first complaint came on Sept. 24 at 6:30 a.m. when a resident of Lyden house, whose name was not released, phoned the police station after witnessing a young black male entering a vehicle.

The dispatcher, Linda Johnson, kept the caller on the line while officers responded.

The suspect, a juvenile, was picked up on Wick Avenue, claiming he was going to steal a coat that he saw in the car.

He was charged with trespassing in a motor vehicle and was taken to the Mahoning County Juvenile Justice Center, Cretella said.

On Sept. 26, YSU police Sgt. John Spencer found two juveniles in the parking lot of Lyden house, allegedly attempting to break into a vehicle using screwdrivers, which Cretella said they dropped as they fled.

Spencer recognized one of the suspects, whose charges pending include trespassing in a motor vehicle, attempted theft and possession of criminal tools.

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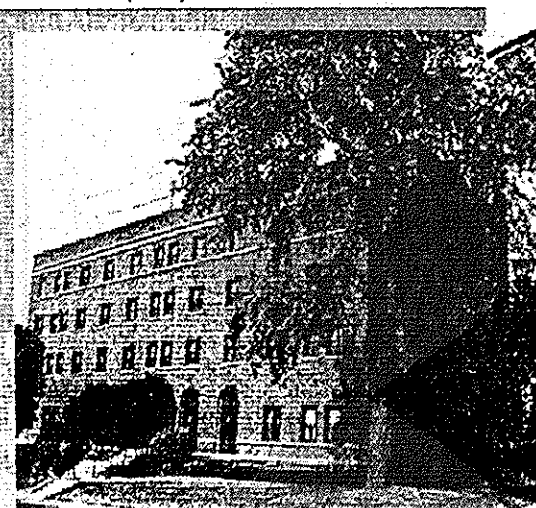
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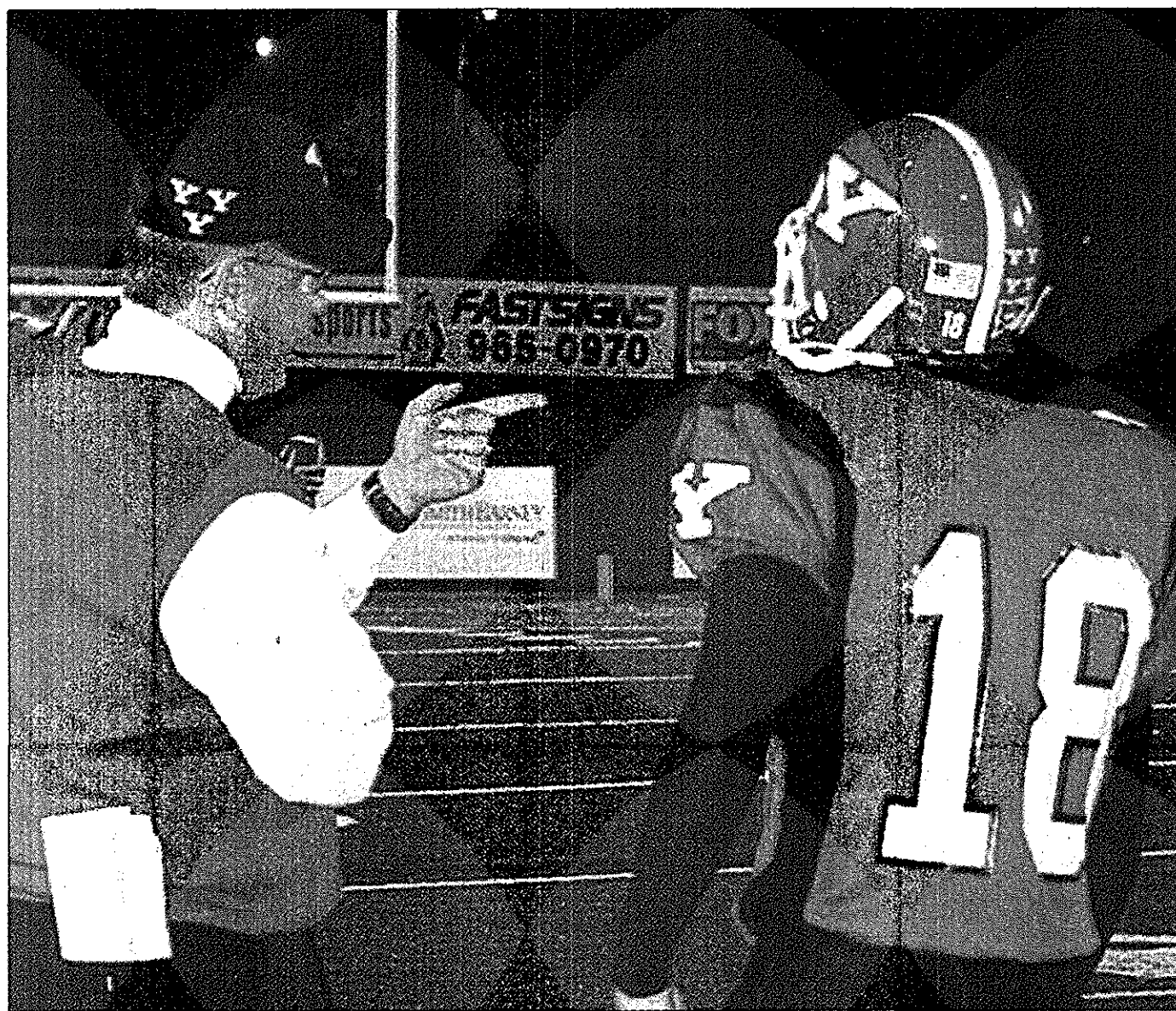
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Sports & Recreation



Rushing attack leads to win



PENGUIN FOOTBALL: YSU head coach Jon Heacock gives some instruction to punter Kostas Karapetsas during YSU's home game Saturday. The Penguins defeated Indiana State 31-16.

By DAVE DEVEREUX
The Jambar

Play good, solid defense and special teams and win the turnover margin. It's the classic blueprint for success that carried the YSU football program to four national championships in the 1990s.

It's also the blueprint the YSU Penguins used Saturday night in their 31-16 victory over the Indiana State Sycamores.

In front of a crowd of 18,187 at Stadium Stadium, the Penguins (3-2, 2-1 in the Gateway Conference) captured their second consecutive victory thanks to strong efforts from their offense, defense and special teams.

On offense, the Penguins controlled the line of scrimmage against the Sycamores (2-4, 0-1), amassing 250 yards rushing.

Senior tailback E.J. Mays led the way with 176 yards on 30 carries and a touchdown.

Junior Josiah Doby finished the game with six carries for 39 yards and two touchdowns, while freshman quarterback Aaron Marshall added 33 yards rushing on 14 carries.

Defensively, the Penguins collected four sacks and forced five Sycamore turnovers, giving them nine takeaways in the past two games.

Senior linebacker Justin Dellarose led the defensive effort with seven tackles, one sack, two pass deflections and a key forced fumble, while senior defensive tackle Guy Mazard added a sack, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery for a touchdown.

The special teams also made several key plays in the game. Senior Matt Stachowicz blocked a field goal attempt by the Sycamores and Penguins punter Kostas Karapetsas' 39-yard punt in the first quarter pinned the Sycamores at their own four-yard line.

On the second play after the punt, the Sycamores fumbled the handoff and Mazard pounced on the ball in the end

zone, giving the Penguins the lead they would never relinquish.

The special teams unit also managed to shut down Soso Dede, one of the more dangerous return men in the Gateway Conference. In fact, Dede never touched the ball on a punt or kickoff return.

Penguins Head Coach Jon Heacock said that was part of the plan.

"We kept Soso Dede out of the kicking game," Heacock said. "He's talented and our guys did a great job of skying it and keeping it away from him. We weren't about to kick him the football."

Early in the game it appeared the Penguins weren't ready to accept any gifts from the Sycamores.

Despite three turnovers by the Sycamores in their first three possessions, the Penguins would capitalize only once on the fumble recovery by Mazard and led 7-0 at the end of the first quarter.

After the Sycamores got on the board with a field goal early in the second quarter, the Penguins would fail to score on their ensuing possession.

The Sycamores would then march 61 yards in 16 plays to the YSU 29-yard line.

However, on a fourth and eight, Mike Megyesi's 47-yard field goal attempt was blocked by Stachowicz, turning back the Sycamores at a crucial moment in the game.

Jake Stewart would tack on a 40-yard field goal for the Penguins, giving them a 10-3 lead at halftime.

In the second half, the Penguins came out with a purpose of driving the ball down the Sycamores' throat.

On their first possession in the third quarter, Mays set the tone, carrying the ball at one point six times in a row. He would finish off the nine-play, 51-yard drive with a one yard plunge putting the Penguins up 17-3.

The Penguins would continue to grind at and wear down the Sycamores' defense. In the second half alone, Mays carried the ball 23 times for 114 yards, while Doby capped off two fourth-quarter scoring drives with touchdown runs of 9

and 12 yards.

Mays credited the team's rushing success to the guys up front.

"On offensive line, they really moved guys around and gave us opportunities," said Mays, who now has 652 yards rushing through the team's first five contests.

"These guys got us out into the open so we could do our thing," he added.

Marshall, who made his second career start at quarterback, finished the game only 2-of-7 for 44 yards passing. However, Heacock said he feels Marshall is making progress along with the rest of the offense. "Aaron's getting more comfortable," Heacock said. "He got the ball to EJ and Joe, and he was running early and that allows you to spread things out and it keeps the defense wondering a little bit."

Heacock also said he was impressed with the play of the Penguins' defense who held the Sycamores to only a field goal until quarterback Julian Reese threw two fourth quarter touchdown passes to James Braden, when the game was out of reach.

Heacock said heading into the game the focus was on containing Reese and overall he felt the Penguins defense accomplished their objective.

"He made some big plays at the end getting out of the pocket but give him credit, he's a talented guy," Heacock said. "The key was we didn't let the other guys get in the game."

After stumbling to a 12-2 start, the Penguins have now won back-to-back games and have positioned themselves back in the Gateway Conference race.

Heacock said he believes this was his team's best overall performance of the year but they must now continue to play at a high level.

"We won but we have to keep winning," Heacock said. "Our backs are flat against it."

The Penguins play on the road this Saturday at Florida Atlantic and will return home Oct. 19 for a critical Gateway Conference clash with Northern Iowa

Sports Commentaries

Twins give hope to pro baseball

By DAVE DEVEREUX
The Jambar

Don't ever count out the Minnesota Twins.

And, I guess, don't count out Major League Baseball, either.

Despite disappointing seasons from the Pittsburgh Pirates and Cleveland Indians, along with constant talks concerning a potential work stoppage and a ridiculous All Star Game tie, the Twins have managed once again to give some shred of hope back to all baseball fans.

They've proven that the small market team can still compete for a championship. And they've done this before.

Back in 1987, the Twins weren't considered to be a playoff contender, but came out of nowhere to win the World Series over the St. Louis Cardinals.

In a thrilling series, the Twins triumphed 4-3 behind ace starting pitcher Frank Viola, All-Star outfielder Kirby Puckett and a long list of blue-collar grinders like Greg Gagne, Dan Gladden, Kent Hrbek and Gary Gaetti.

Four years later in 1991, the Twins won another World Championship in dramatic fashion over the Atlanta Braves.

The seven-game series was one of the best ever played.

There were five one-run games and four of them were won on the game's final play, including Game 7 when the Twins' Gene Larkin slapped a single to left-field in the bottom of the 10th inning.

Gladden raced home from third where he was mobbed by all his teammates.

In both trips to the World Series, the Twins benefited from an almost deafening home crowd along with the heart and never-say-die attitude of several players. In Game 7 against the Braves, 36-year old Jack Morris took the ball and pitched 10 shutout innings.

That type of determination has been evident once again in this year's team.

After talks circulated prior to the season about the Twins franchise possibly being contracted, the Twins rallied behind the fans and first-year manager Ron Gardenhire to win 94 games and finish in first place in the American League Central Division.

In the Division Series against Oakland, the Twins rallied from a 2-1 series deficit to knock off the Athletics in five games and earn a spot in the ALCS.

The Twins will meet the Anaheim Angels, who disposed of the New York

Yankees, in a four-game division series, setting up a matchup not many people predicted back in spring training.

The Twins entered the season with a team payroll of approximately \$40 million, the fourth lowest in baseball. The Angels team payroll is around \$60 million — near the middle of the pack.

Compare those numbers to the Yankees, who have a payroll of nearly \$125 million and you'll figure out that the Yankees misspent an awful lot of money.

In this match-up both teams have an awful lot of talent but some players who probably don't get the attention they deserve.

Offensively, the Twins most potent hitters are outfielders Torii Hunter (CF) and Jacque Jones (LF).

Hunter, who is already one of the game's premier fielding centerfielders, is coming off a career year, where he slugged 29 home runs and drove in 96 RBI's.

Jones batted .300 with 27 home runs and 85 RBI's. Other notable offensive players for the Twins are Cristian Guzman (SS), Corey Koskie (3B), David Ortiz (DH), and Doug Mientkiewicz (1B).

The Twins pitching rotation in the division series was Brad Radke (9-5), Joe Mays (4-8), Rick Reed (15-7), and Eric Milton (13-9).

Radke, considered the team's top starter, struggled through an up-and-down regular season but responded in the division series winning both of his starts including Game 5.

The Twins' closer Eddie Guardado finished the season with 45 saves.

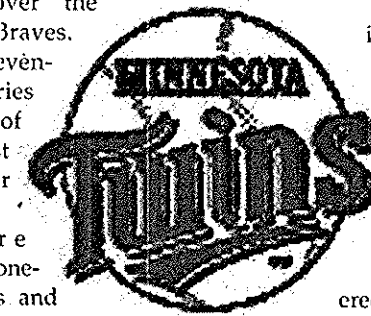
For the Angels, All-Star third baseman Troy Glaus leads the offensive attack. Glaus hit 30 home runs and drove in 111 RBI's during the regular season and smacked three more home runs against the Yankees in the division series.

In addition to Glaus, the Angels other big sluggers include outfielders Garret Anderson and Tim Salmon, who finished the season with 29 and 22 home runs, respectively.

The Angels pitching rotation consists of Jarrod Washburn (18-6), Ramon Ortiz (15-9), and Kevin Appier (14-12).

Their closer, Troy Percival is regarded as one of league's best. He saved 40 games during the regular season and finished with a 1.92 ERA.

The ALCS begins Tuesday in Minnesota. Game time is 8:20 p.m. and will be televised on Fox.



Penguin cross country competes in national competition

By JOE SIMON
The Jambar

Both the men and women's cross country team did its best to gain national recognition this weekend at the Notre Dame Invitational in South Bend, Ind., against some of the nations top competition. The women's team finished 11th while the men weren't far behind coming in 18th.

Sophomore Emily Schnitkey was impressive as she led all Penguin harriers to a third place finish and a 5K time

of 18:34. For the men, senior Will Edwards guided the way for the other Penguin runners, finishing with a team best 8K time of 25:48.

Following Schnitkey on the Burke Memorial Golf Course was freshman Lindsay Wojciak, the second Penguin runner to cross the finish line. Wojciak finished 43rd overall with a time of 19:33.

Right on her tail was junior Andrea Bardy. Bardy was 44th overall, just one second behind Wojciak.

Junior Lindsay Frontz and

freshman Katie Krupko completed the women's scoring, finishing with times of 19:48 and 20:04, respectively. The 90-second gap between the runners is their lowest all season and shows the team is improving.

Schnitkey was one of three women runners from the Horizon League to finish in the top ten at the Notre Dame Invitational. University of Illinois Chicago's Jenni Goebel won the individual title, finishing with a 5K time of 18:03; Schnitkey placed third while

UIC's Lizet Diaz finished sixth (18:45).

Wright State University led the women's five-team contingent from the Horizon League with a sixth-place finish. UIC was eighth followed by YSU, UW-Milwaukee (13th) and UW-Green Bay (15th). Ohio State University won the event with 63 points.

On the men's side, it was the fourth consecutive week that Edwards led the way. His senior leadership and past experience seems to be paying dividends to the rest of the

team, as well.

Freshman Nick Kruse ran a great race, the best in his career with a time of 26:06. Behind Kruse was junior Kurt Michaelis with a time of 26:23 and Tony Orcena, 26:28, who also had his best race of the season.

Sophomore Nick Smith, wound up the men's scoring with a time of 26:31. Again, the team's improvement is visible as they posted just a 43-second gap between finishes.

Stanford, the number one ranked team in the nation, won

the men's 21-team meet with 33 points. Michigan and Notre Dame followed them.

Other nationally recognized teams competing in the meet were Purdue, Cincinnati, Saint Joseph's, and nationally ranked Washington.

The meet should be a positive building block for both teams, as they look forward to compete in the All-Ohio Championships Friday in Delaware, Ohio.

Call Joe Simon at (330) 941-1758.