

Sweet meets with fellow leaders

By JOLENE POWELL
The Jambar



SWEET

University President David Sweet last week attended a monthly meeting of 15 Ohio university presidents to discuss funding issues.

Sweet said one of the main issues discussed was the reallocation of state funding.

"There is a series of negotiations seeking the redistribution of funds," he said. "The vice-chancellor of the Board of Regents wants to resolve the issue and finish negotiations by the board's November meeting."

Sweet said investing more money in higher education is

more important than simply reallocating the existing money.

"There is a uniform agreement that the state of Ohio is not investing sufficiently in higher education," Sweet said.

Another topic discussed was subsidies provided by the state for out-of-state graduate students, Sweet said.

"From the YSU point of view five percent of credit

hours are at the graduate level, that's \$90 million in play," he said. "Legislation could decide to spend the \$90 million in the current fashion or not."

Sweet said that if legislators decided to spend the money on undergraduate students, it would benefit YSU.

"The current funding formula is tilted toward graduate education," he said. "Anything done for under-

graduate students is a step toward betterment."

Sweet said another issue the presidents discussed was ways to measure college completion rates.

He said further monitoring of data would create a more accurate picture of completion rates because many students transfer from one uni-

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Student protest set for Thursday

By ROBERT RHOADS
The Jambar

Students upset with state budget cuts to higher education and other university issues will protest Thursday.

The Youngstown State Peace Action Network (YSPAN) met last week in Kilcawley Center to organize the protest, as well as discuss possible tuition increases and other economic concerns. About 15 students attended the meeting.

The protest will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday at the Rock outside Kilcawley Center. Issues to be discussed will include state and federal economic priorities concerning higher education, the YSU administrative stance on diversity and student grievances.

"The issue of tuition is the biggest one concerning students right now," said freshman Corrie Lynn. "It's already almost impossible for me to make tuition."

Lynn, a single mother of one, works full-time from her home doing graphic design. She said she makes \$15 an hour but needs financial aid to stay enrolled in school.

"It's cheaper to live on the campus of Kent State than it is at YSU," Lynn said. "And if tuition goes up too much more, what's to stop students from leaving YSU to go there?"

Freshman Jacob Harver, a member of YSPAN, said the students' voice must be heard.

"It is the students and faculty that are the soul of this university," Harver said. "Everything that happens on campus ultimately has its affect on us, and we've got to make our voices heard."

Harver said plans to answer University President David Sweet's State of the University Address by offering a Student State of the University Address, with the hopes that it will become as regular as the president's annual speech.

The catalyst for the YSPAN action is the recent pay raise given to Sweet, as well as raises for other members of the administration. YSPAN members, however said the problem goes much farther than the administration.

Keith Lepak, an associate professor of political science who did not attend last week's meeting, said it is the symbolism of the raises that has students angry.

"The raises are not the significant factor here, they are largely symbolic of the current financial situations that stu-

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Freshmen compete in engineering contest

By REBECCA MARQUIS
The Jambar

A foghorn blows, warning all those nearby to stand back.

A mousetrap slams shut, setting in motion a bowling ball which barrels down a semi-circular ramp and flies up its opposite side, becoming airborne before landing in a huge bucket.

The bucket, in turn, pulls a string which causes a five gallon bottle of spring water to tip

over and begin dripping slowly into another bucket. Drip, drip, drip. One minute goes by, then two minutes.

Finally the weight of the water in the bucket triggers another noise-maker, signaling three minutes,

and the end of the machine's brief but useful life.

This machine is one of 40 such contraptions built by teams of freshmen engineering students participating in YSU's annual Rube Goldberg contest.

Oct. 8 and Oct. 10 the halls of Moser Hall were lined with students and their contraptions, all designed to time as close to three minutes as they could without exceeding the time limit. Rube Goldberg's original intent for the three-minute timer was to time how long it took to hard boil an egg.

Goldberg (1883-1970) was a journalist, Pulitzer Prize winning cartoonist and engineer famous for finding the hardest possible solution to fairly simple problems.

"It's really wild when you see all the projects going. You're just overwhelmed by the creativity of the students."

— HAZEL PIERSON
Engineering Instructor

One of his cartoons pictured a man walking down the street followed by a contraption to help him remember to mail a letter.

A boot kicks a football, which lands in a bucket, which triggers a sprinkling can to wet down the man's starched coat-tails, which frees a bird that eats a worm that is attached to a piece of paper, which unravels the note in front of the man and reminds him to mail the letter.

"[Goldberg's machinery] was the inspiration for the mousetrap game," said Hazel Pierson, coordinator of the competition and engineering instructor.

Pierson said that all the projects were extremely creative.

"It's really wild when you see all the projects going," Pierson said. "You're just overwhelmed with the creativity of the students."

Pierson has been overseeing the competition here at YSU for three years, and for two years before that in Akron, and said she has never seen the same machine used twice.

Angela Condo was one of the students that participated in the competition. Even though her team suffered the loss of one of its members, she said she enjoyed competing.

"I love doing this stuff," Condo said.

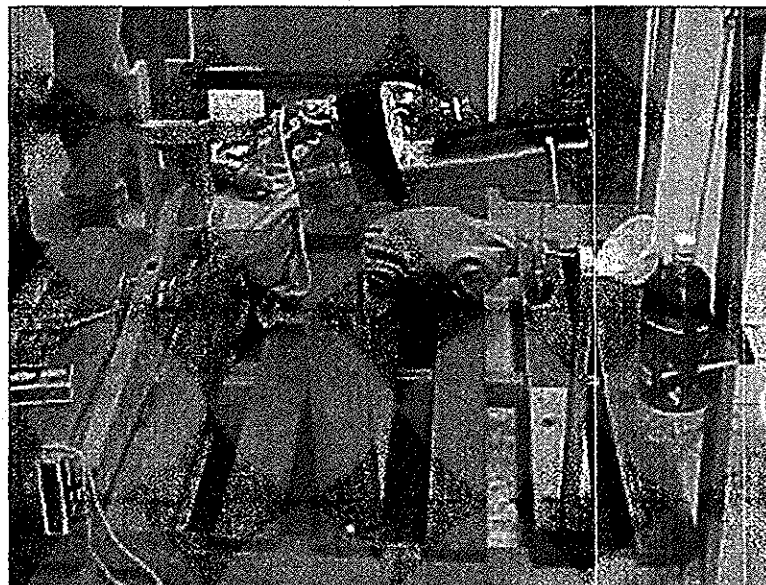
Condo and her teammates, Matt Iannarelli and Jim

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Photo courtesy of YSU Engineering Department

BUILD IT: YSU Freshmen engineering students participate in the annual Rube Goldberg contest. The contest is designed for students to build a timer to come as close to three minutes as possible, without exceeding it.



YSU professor says Traficant may cause Ryan problems

By LA'EL HUGHES
The Jambar



RYAN

The chair of YSU's Political Science department said a jailed former congressman will be an important player in the Nov. 5 election.

James A. Traficant Jr., who represented the Mahoning Valley in Congress for 17 years before being expelled in July, is serving a prison sentence in Pennsylvania.

Traficant, elected nine times as a Democrat, is running as an independent in November's election against state Senator Tim Ryan, a Democrat, and Republican state Representative Ann

Womer Benjamin.

William Binning, chair of Political Science, said Traficant might cause problems for Ryan.

"Traficant is expected to get 10 to 15 percent of the votes," Binning said. "Traficant being allowed on the ballot for this race can prove to be an upset for Ryan."

In an interview with The Jambar earlier this year, Ryan

said he would represent a fresh start. Ryan said he wants to bring jobs to the area so younger generations do not have to move away.

Ryan said voting for him would be an "opportunity for young people in the community to be apart of something special."

Womer Benjamin said higher education has always been a top priority for her.

"Over the last eight years I have sat on the Ohio House of Finance committee," she said. "I have continually supported higher education at the state level. And there has been improvements in the last eight years."

Womer Benjamin cited incentives that her committee has offered to colleges.

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versity to another before completing a degree.

During a recent trip to Florida, Sweet said he spoke to alumni and university presidents. He said the state of Florida funds 75 percent of public university money and students fund 25 percent.

"There is no question we need to look at other states," he said. "Some has been done, but the idea hasn't been bought into by legislation. States that are growing have been invest-

ing in higher education." Sweet said the issue of university presidents' raises was not formally discussed at the meeting but was talked about informally between the presidents.

Sweet has said he plans to keep a 6 percent raise granted to him by the Board of Trustees.

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Doughtery, created a machine that used a pinball which toppled a line of dominoes, the last domino hitting the final bell.

Condo said that her team received the grade they wanted.

Grading on the project, which Pierson said was the first design project of the semester, rewarded students whose machines timed as close as possible to three minutes without going over.

Pierson said that since the machine is supposed to be an elaborate egg-timer, if it went over three minutes the egg would burn, and if it was too far below three minutes it wouldn't be thoroughly cooked.

The rules of the competition were strict: each team received just two time trials, the better one counting towards the competition. Students had to make the device out of household mate-

rials, spending no more than ten dollars for the entire machine. No electricity, compressed air, or commercial timers were allowed. Students were also required to submit a report on their project.

But YSU doesn't have the Rube market cornered by any means. The contest has gained national attention. According to the Rube Goldberg Machine contest web site, the first national competition was held at Purdue University, and some

winners of the early competitions appeared on talk shows including The Tonight Show and the Today Show.

Other colleges and engineering schools around the country have similar competitions, said Pierson.

Pierson said, as of Friday, there wasn't a winner declared at the YSU challenge since the reports were not yet graded.

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-dents face," Lepak said.

According to the Ohio state budget report, the Ohio Board of Regents cut \$2.9 million from state university funding, leaving \$4.8 million to be divided 13 ways.

While the state of Ohio is cutting education, the Bush administration's federal budget report for the coming fiscal year allocates 7 cents of every tax dollar to higher education, while setting aside 52 cents of every dollar to national defense.

Thomas Sabatini, a part-time faculty adviser for YSPAN, said he was "ecstatic at the student turnout" at the meeting.

Sabatini also noted that the people involved seem to be "committed to and excited about the task at hand."

"The students want to commit to the bigger world, and tie their struggles to the struggles of other people," he said.

All YSU students are welcome to join YSPAN in their protest on Thursday.

"Without numbers, the students' voices will never be heard," Lepak said.

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"We have the Special Challenge, we have the Success Challenge, the Access Challenge, among other challenges," she said. "There are incentives given to colleges that graduate their students and encourage students to enroll with special grants."

Although Binning said Traficant is an important player in the race, he does not believe Traficant can serve in Congress because he is currently serving an eight-year jail sentence. He said Congress might not let Traficant sit.

Staffers at Traficant's campaign headquarters, however, said Traficant is getting a lot of support from the community.

"We get a lot of people coming in and out of here," a spokeswoman for the expelled congressman said. "We have a mixture. We get a lot of elderly and college students who come in here asking for signs."

The spokeswoman, who declined to give her name, said she recently had seven teachers request signs, as well.

"They come from all over - Ravenna, Youngstown and Girard," she said. "A lot of people are supporting him because they felt that the government railroaded him."

Representatives from the Traficant headquarters said Traficant would soon come out with commercials. Binning

said he had also heard the same information.

"He is supposed to have a modest buy," Binning said. "I heard he had \$8,000 to spend. And the last reports I heard said he had \$30,000 to \$40,000 in his campaign fund."

Binning said with Traficant in the picture, Womer Benjamin "may have better odds."

"The more votes Traficant gets the better the chance for Ann Womer," he said.

Jim Calko, a member of the YSU College Republicans, organized a voter registration drive earlier this year that Womer Benjamin attended. Calko is running as a

Republican for the 65th District State House of Representatives seat.

"It is great that the state Representative Ann Womer Benjamin recognizes the importance of higher education and is coming out to listen to the students," Calko said. "Ann Womer Benjamin is truly going to offer a strong, new voice for the people of the 17th District."

Binning said, in the past, Womer has tried to cast doubt among voters about her opponent, Ryan.

"Womer likes to elude to her experiences in passing legislation," Binning said, "She has also cast some doubt about

Tim Ryan being so young."

Womer commented in a press release that she sees college students being left behind by politicians.

"Voting is one of the most important aspects of democracy and college students are often neglected by politicians," she said. "Their voices need to be heard and I am listening."

Binning said he feels this congressional race will be highly anticipated.

"This is definitely a race," Binning said. "I believe it will be a very intense race, and everyone will be watching to see who wins."

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Missing four-year starter Matt Mechling, who is battling a bad case of poison ivy, the defense was equal to the task. It allowed only 52 total rushing yards on 44 carries and compiled eight sacks. Senior line-backer Russell Stuvivants led the pack with team best 13 tackles and two sacks.

The squad denied the Owl's offense from capitalizing on two Penguin turnovers and continued to play great, as they've done all year long. The offense was very impressive in the first half but was shutout for the final two quarters of play. To start the game the Penguins drove 56 yards on 11 plays and scored on a one yard run by Mays. After a Mike Bracken intercep-

tion, the offense was back at it, this time settling for a Jake Stewart 32-yard field goal.

After FAU matched the Penguin's field goal with one of their own, the offense had another impressive scoring drive. P.J. Mays capped off a 10 play 74-yard drive with an 11-yard touchdown run.

Special teams weren't going to be overshadowed by the offense and the defense. FAU punter Andy Rosas lost a bad snap and YSU's Mike Andrews picked up the loose ball and rumbled seven yards for the touchdown. That would make the score 24-3 in favor of the Penguins and end the scoring for the team.

FAU came out and played great in the second half, keep-

ing YSU from getting any points and scoring 14 of their own.

Both of the Owls fourth-quarter touchdowns were set up by good field position. The punting game struggled some, as a 23-yard punt by the Penguins set up FAU's first score of the game, a 15-yard touchdown run by Daveon Barron. Then, a blocked punt put the Owls at YSU's 38-yard line and assisted Jared Allen in scoring from a yard out.

The offense refused to let the game slip away as they sealed the victory with two key first downs. Heacock was pleased with another win on the road but knows the team needs to finish teams off.

"Anytime you can win on

the road it's a big win, but we didn't do a lot of things," said Heacock. "I'm proud of these kids ... we didn't play real fundamental in the second half ... they're a tired group but we have to get back home and win and get ready to go"

Heacock was also content with the play of freshman quarterback Aaron Marshall, who despite two fumbles and only going 4-7 with 52 yards, played well, and more importantly, continued to lead the Penguins to victory.

Heacock said, "[Marshall] did a nice job, he got out on a couple of the naked boots and had a good ball game." Marshall finished the game with 18 carries for 47 yards and went four of five passing the

ball in the first half.

YSU comes home next week to play a vital conference game against Northern Iowa. The Panthers of Northern Iowa have lost two straight conference games and dropped nine spots from 12th to 21st in the Sports Network's I-AA College Football Poll.

The Penguins on the other hand have won three straight games and jumped five spots from 22nd to 17th. It's sure to be a battle between two of the conference's top teams. Kickoff is set for 4:00 p.m. on Saturday at Stambaugh Stadium.

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Long and kept the Browns from even crossing mid-field until early in the fourth quarter.

Dennis Northcutt did put the Browns into Bucs' territory with a 30-yard punt return, but that was quickly erased a few plays later by a 15-yard chop-blocking penalty against wide receiver Kevin Johnson.

The Browns failed to mount any offense and were run over by monster running back Mike Alstott for most of the game. The Browns have had trouble stopping the run all year and continue to struggle on offense, particularly running the football.

The Browns have a game left with both the Steelers and Ravens and still have a shot to win the division.

After two games against teams with losing records, the Browns head to Pittsburgh in another key match-up with the Steelers.

From there things are really going to get tough as the Browns face a number of top notch football teams, including two division leaders and several other teams jockeying for a playoff berth.

The Browns really need to get hot if they're going to make it to the playoffs and contend for a division championship. All I can say is good luck and god help us (that's to all the Browns fans, not the team.)

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Today's Editorial

Quest for crown needs royal flush

Here is a message to this year's Homecoming king and queen candidates: Stop being a royal waste of time.

For years, the annual campaign to make the court has become nothing more than an over-hyped popularity contest with an emphasis on style rather than substance. Already, pictures of the prospects have been posted in Kilcawley Center for all to see.

We prefer to ask why. In itself, Homecoming week is a wonderful blend of activities and programs that promote school spirit and bring out the good in YSU. The jockeying that takes place for a crown, however, is the black mark that hangs over the weeklong celebration.

Each time out, the hopefuls are a selection of YSU's student leaders, nominated by the clubs to which they belong. Instead of focusing on how they can positively represent YSU, candidates often focus on their expensive wardrobe or, worse, their cleavage.

It can be argued that a Homecoming king and queen contest is not politics, so the candidates need not focus on leadership qualities. If the contest is not political, why do many of the candidates campaign as if they are Tim Ryan?

What's next — friends of the candidates holding sandwich boards outside Kilcawley Center? It's getting close.

Last year, candidates stood outside Kilcawley passing out papers with their names on it, as well as candy.

Don't tell us it's not political. So, considering the degenerate nature of the YSU Homecoming competition, let's recognize it for the political hobnobbing that it is.

And if we do, can we ask that the stakes be legitimized a bit more? If you are going to put your heart and soul into a campaign, at least offer something of worth to the students who vote for you. By worth, we do mean something more than a piece of candy.

We mean service. Something. Anything. We don't ask you to be the Student Government president, but we'd at least like to see something besides the usual grips and grins.

Homecoming week, indeed, is a great time for students and staff at YSU. We enjoy it very much. And the king and queen race may just be a rite of passage that will not go away.

But can't we at least fine-tune the process? We are not in high school anymore. We would hope that candidates for Homecoming king and queen forgo the superficial tactics and make this year's race actually stand for something.

Luke Samuels, the 2000 Homecoming king, always argued the king has a job to be an ambassador between YSU and the City of Youngstown.

Samuels cited "celebrity" bartending at BW-3 as an example. Samuels spent a lot of his own money to earn bragging rights as a BW-3 celebrity bartender.

Ah yes, YSU most definitely reaped the benefits of that victory.

We hope the stakes are much higher this year.

Decisions, decisions



Candidates gear up for November

BETWEEN THE LINES

By Henry Gomez



Gubernatorial hopeful Tim Hagan has many intriguing ideas in his campaign to put Ohio out of the misery endured under three-plus years of Bob Taft.

He talks a big game when it comes to higher education, an area in which Taft has been less than impressive. Hagan also realizes what social and economic reform is necessary to at least attempt to dig out of Taft's hole.

And, at times, Hagan has shown flashes of brilliance on the campaign trail. Ohio Democrats have enlisted the help of popular talk-show host Jerry Springer, and Hagan seems genuinely interested in capturing the attention of younger voters.

So why not spend a little more time at YSU?

Youngstown, because of its strong Democratic base, is an important area for Hagan and other Democrats challenging for state offices in November. For Hagan, Youngstown is even more significant because he is a native of the Mahoning Valley.

But, for the most part, Hagan has been anonymous to students at YSU. As part of his college campus tour, the candidate has stumped at Bowling Green State University, Oberlin College and the University of Toledo.

There was a Hagan appearance on campus last week — sort of.

Hagan stopped by the Center for Working Class Studies to pick up an endorsement from the YSU - Ohio Education Association's faculty union. And while the support of the teachers is significant, Hagan would serve himself well by getting to know some of the students at this public, commuter college.

His brother, state Sen. Bob Hagan, D-Youngstown, has been quite critical of University President David Sweet and Taft in recent interviews. It is clear that there is anger in the area, particularly focused around Taft's budget cuts and Sweet's \$25,000 raise.

It would be a perfect opportunity for Tim Hagan. He could energize the students about what is wrong in this state and encourage them to vote and make some changes.

In other campaign news, the race for the new 17th District congressional seat is heating up. Republican Ann Womer Benjamin, a state representative from Aurora, is hoping to convey an image of the only law-abiding candidate in the race.

In recent TV spots, paid for by the National Republican Congressional Committee, Democrat Tim Ryan is taken to task for a history of arrests while a student at Bowling Green.

"Voters could resent the judgmental nature of the NRCC ad and Womer Benjamin's recent public comments."



TIM RYAN
Democrat
Niles



ANN WOMER BENJAMIN
Republican
Aurora

With the independent candidate in the race, convicted felon James A. Traficant Jr., in a Pennsylvania prison, Womer Benjamin is hoping to play on the fears that Ryan is the second-coming of Traficant.

The strategy could be ill fated. As an outsider to Mahoning and Trumbull Counties, Womer Benjamin must first connect with the voters here before boasting a comparatively clean record.

Voters could resent the judgmental nature of the NRCC ad and Womer Benjamin's recent public comments.

Ryan refused to let allegations of an illegal loan phase him during his primary campaign against incumbent Tom Sawyer and a field of local hopefuls.

To win again, he must keep the emphasis away from issues of crime prevention. He is at his best when he talks of education reform.

It will be an interesting home stretch for the candidates as the election nears. Keep your eyes and ears open.

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Letter to the Editor

President's raise is none of our business

Editor:

After reading the recent articles in The Jambar I have come to a conclusion some of you might agree with.

That such conclusion would be that, Youngstown State University has some of the biggest babies, complainers, whiners and nosiest people on the face of this earth.

I mean come on some of you complain about parking, diversity, and salaries so much it's ridiculous. If you would take a minute and harness that energy to something positive, I don't know maybe your schoolwork; you would have a 4.0.

It is none of our business who is making what. How about concentrating on your own business and leave people alone. You all think that Dr. Sweet doesn't do anything but sit up in his office in his high back cushioned chair. Well why don't you try being president and sit up their why being scrutinized?

Some of you say that Dr. Sweet hasn't done anything to make this school a great school, you're kidding right. Do you feel safe when you come to school? Thank you Dr. Sweet for continuing to budget for our very own police force. Do you see a clean nicely groomed campus? Once again, I would like to extend my hand to

Dr. Sweet.

How can any of you say that he doesn't do anything? Do you like that nice study lounge on the second floor of Kilcawley? How would you like it if you walked in tomorrow and it was a mess?

Dr. Sweet deserves every penny if not more of his recent cost of living increase. He has continued to give us all of the amenities in which we have grown accustomed. So how about taking your nose out of someone else's business and putting it in a book.

On a final note I would just like to say that I think that a strike would be so helpful in getting you heard ... well not really. Why would you strike? I mean haven't you already paid your tuition? That will show them, let's strike even though they already have our money. Oh and a student job strike... come on don't you think there are 50 more kids waiting for a seat to open so they can work on campus.

Let's be logical. Give it up, it's none of our business.

Pauline Ervin
Early childhood education

Watkins returns to hometown, visits YSU

By JAMIE MERLO
The Jambar

Youngstown native and author Mel Watkins met with students last week to discuss his life in Youngstown and outside the area.

Watkins sat on a conference table in front of about 15 to 20 student reporters in the basement of Fedor Hall and answered questions about his book, his youth in Youngstown and his career as an editor and writer in New York.

Watkins described his book "Dancing with Strangers" as a recollection about Youngstown as a place in which to grow up. He said it is a story of a young black man growing up in the Midwest as opposed to the South, Chicago or New York.

"Dancing with Strangers" spans from Watkins' childhood up to his graduation from Colgate University.

"Youngstown was probably one of the best places to grow up at that time," he recalls about growing up in the 1940s and 50s.

Watkins said he particularly remembers Mill Creek Park and days when he and his friends would play there all day eating fruit from the abundant fruit trees and drinking spring water from natural springs in the park.

Watkins also talked about his high school days at South High, where he was a star basketball player and did well academically.

"I was shy and bookish off the basketball court," he said. "I did a lot of reading and I began thinking differently."

"In 1958," Watkins explained, "segregation was still in existence; only one theater in Youngstown allowed blacks to sit downstairs."

"At that time the mills were thriving," he continued. "People, both black and white, were making the same money but wouldn't live in the same neighborhoods. It was bizarre to me that people would accept [segregation and prejudice]. I could not allow such boundaries to

dictate my life."

Although Watkins never aspired to go to college, he received a full academic scholarship from Colgate University and left Youngstown in 1958. After college, he moved to Syracuse where he met and married his wife.

He then moved to New York City where he worked as a claims examiner for the Social Security office but said he found it extremely boring.

He took a job as copy boy for the New York Times in 1964 and by 1967 he was the first black editor of the New York Times Sunday Book Review.

Although he said he knew he had to break away, he always felt "some haunting connection to Youngstown."

"I lost part of my childhood," Watkins said. "Coming back for me was reuniting myself with something from my childhood. Coming back was always a connection with the culture of my family."

Watkins said he would return often to visit family. He has two sisters and a brother living in Youngstown. After his parents died in the 1990s, he has visited less frequently.

This book is an attempt to "transcend" his experience and "make it available to readers both black and white and an attempt to reconcile two selves, one that felt drawn to Youngstown and one that had to break away from the rigid boundaries in Youngstown," he said.

Watkins said writing the book and speaking about it at YSU will settle some issues and give him some closure.

"After this speech, I can let all of it go," he said. "I need to close things in a way."

In 1987, Watkins left the New York Times to become a freelance writer. Watkins has two new books out this year, "African American Humor: the Best Black Comedy from Slavery to Today" and "Who Killed Tiffany Jones."



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CHATting: Author Mel Watkins chats with university administrators outside of Kilcawley Center. Watkins visited YSU last week and talked with 15 to 20 students in the basement of Fedor Hall, about his life growing up in Youngstown.

SG asks students to vote on Constitution changes

By MELISSA MOSCHELLA
The Jambar

Students will be asked to vote this week on Student Government's proposal to amend its constitution.

The question of whether or not SG should amend their constitution to restructure the president's cabinet and the executive board will appear on this year's ballot for Homecoming king and queen. Voting will take place today and Wednesday.

If amended, the number of Cabinet members would be reduced from nine to five members.

"A lot of the responsibility that each Cabinet member has had in the past can be handled by fewer people," SG President Jeff Parks said.

Parks said SG will place an easel, illustrating the breakdown of the changes to the cabinet they are proposing, on the first floor of Kilcawley Center. The easel will be located alongside the easel displaying pictures of this year's nominees for Homecoming king and queen.

SG also will ask students

to rename the organization Student Government Association.

"The Student Government Association is defined as a governing body set forth in this Constitution, all admini-

stration," he said. "They are based on interaction. We are making changes so that our structure looks like the university's structure."

Parks said the administration has asked SG to consult with them on any changes they make to their constitution.

Cynthia Anderson, vice president of Student Affairs, said she has been kept informed of the proposals.

"We had asked that myself and Judy Gaines [executive director of Student Life] at least have an idea of what is going on," she said.

Anderson said that last year she had lengthy discussions with former SG president Joe Long and parliamentarian Matt Vansuch regarding the constitution that was at that time "75 to 85 percent complete."

"It was my understanding that Parks was to complete it," Anderson said. "I am very hopeful that they get the changes they want."

Call Melissa Moschella at (330) 941-1811.

Changes we made are not based on input from the administration. We are making changes so that our structure looks like the university's structure.



—JEFF PARKS
Student Government President

trative agencies established by legislation, and student representatives," the proposed amendment states.

Parks said that it is the students' decision, not the administration's, to approve any amendments to the constitution.

"Changes we made are not based on input from the

Lectures, mixer, fair, movies all part of Diversity Week

By JOLENE POWELL
The Jambar

Housing Services' Diversity Week began on Monday. The week consists of lectures, a multicultural mixer, a campus organization fair, movies and other events.

Nikki Ghiya, one of the two coordinators for the week-long fair, said Diversity Week is primarily aimed at campus residents but all students are welcome to participate in the events.

Ghiya said she wanted many groups on campus to be a part of the events.

"I want students organizations, the diversity office, disability services, everybody to be involved," Ghiya said. "The organization's only concern was having people to sit at the

tables or attend other events."

Ghiya said she would consider the week a success "if students just recognize, come to watch the movies [and] attend in general."

She said one of the purposes for the week is to open the lines of communication on campus. Ghiya said the week gives students more opportunities to get involved and gain knowledge.

"Attendance is just the beginning, students can broaden perspectives."

"This is a great way to meet people," Ghiya said. "It's an open thing. I don't think we have a set goal, we're just hoping for a great turn out."

Erin Driscoll, the other coordinator for the events, said in a university press release that the week was planned "in

an effort to educate and open the minds of residents and students."

She also said Housing Services hopes to encourage discussion among students and impact their perceptions and participation in our community.

Diversity Week began with a discussion with Noah Midamba, interim administrator of YSU's Center for International Studies and Programs. The discussion's focus was topics of race, prejudice, power and stereotypes.

For a list of events this week, call Housing Services at (330) 941-3547.

Call Jolene Powell at (330) 941-1913.

Reps ask trustees to reconsider

By ROXANNE TORELLA
The Jambar

Student Government will ask YSU trustees to rethink their opposition to domestic partner benefits for staff and faculty.

Domestic partners became an issue during negotiations for YSU faculty and staff this summer. In a new three-year contract, members of the YSU-Ohio Education Association faculty union were denied benefits for domestic partners.

At a meeting last week, SG leaders voted to ask trustees to reconsider.

Junior Mike Phillips, a SG representative for the College of Arts & Sciences, proposed the resolution.

Phillips said he proposed the resolution after many students raised concern over the issue of domestic partners.

"We are the voice for students and we want to make this campus an inclusive environment for everyone," Phillips said.

SG raised the issue of other colleges providing domestic partner benefits.

Student Government representatives said YSU should follow the path already set by

other colleges including Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Michigan State and Carnegie Mellon in Pittsburgh.

"This decision is necessary," Phillips said. "It is like diversity versus (University President David) Sweet; diversity is a necessary part of how this university and society functions."

This proposal also was cosponsored by second vice president Dan Procopio and College of Education Representative Matt Knight.

Further details will be discussed at next Monday's meeting.

News in brief

Laptop loan program in effect at Maag

A new laptop loan program will now allow YSU students to use a Dell Inspiron 8200 laptop computer in Maag Library. Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, Front Page, and Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) are some of the available programs on the laptops.

The computers were originally acquired through funding from Success Challenge.

Funding from Success Challenge also supports tutors and computer-based testing for incoming students.

When the 50 computers are not being used for testing, they will be available for use by the general student population. There will be a sign in Maag library giving days and times the computer will not be available.

Women's Center begins mini film festival

YSU Women's Center began the second annual International Women's Mini-Film Festival on Monday. It will continue through Oct. 31. The topic of this year's festival is "Challenging Conventions."

"All About My Mother," a Spanish film directed by Pedro Almodovar, won the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film. The film deals with a mother's search to find her son's identity. It will be shown at 7 p.m. on Oct. 17 in the Humphrey and Coffelt Rooms of Kilcawley Center.

"In the Time of Butterflies" is based on the award-winning novel by Julia Alvarez and is a true account of two sisters fight with the Rafael Trujillo dictatorship in the Dominican Republic.

It will show at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Oct. 22 in Bresnahan I and II in Kilcawley Center.

"Cry Me a Baby" is a dramatic comedy about a midwife's desire to have her own child. It will run at 7 p.m. on Oct. 30 and 2:30 p.m. Oct. 31 in the Humphrey and Coffelt Rooms of Kilcawley Center and is co-sponsored by the Department of African Studies.

There will be free popcorn and a discussion after each film.

The YSU Women's Center is located in room 2114 of Kilcawley Center, next to the YSU Bookstore. The Center can be reached at (330) 742-2311 and office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

YSU play auditions to begin next week

Students will perform "The V-Day 2003 College Campaign," a college version of Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues" in March.

The performance will be produced, acted and directed only with college students. Seniors Stena Buck and Jennifer Leigh Windle will produce, and Junior James Cherrington will direct.

Auditions for the YSU play will be held

from 4 to 8 p.m. Oct. 23, and from 4 to 7 p.m. Oct. 24 in the Theater Department's Green Room, located on the first floor of Bliss Hall.

Money raised from the performance will be donated to various women's shelters around the area.

For more information, call Windle at (330) 207-3973.

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Campus Calendar

Wednesday: The Golden Key International Honor Society is having a chapter meeting at 4:00 in the Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center. The meeting is for all general members.

Thursday: Every Thursday the Non-Traditional Student Organization will meet at 3:30 p.m. in the Center for Student Progress, Kilcawley Center. Call Angie for more information at (330) 941-3538.

Notices:

Tongzhi - A Gay/Straight Alliance will have a business meeting every other week, alternating with a social get-together in Peaberry's. Both will be on Tuesdays at 4 p.m. All LGBT people and straight allies are welcome to attend. The upcoming dates are as follows:
 Tuesday, 10/15: Meeting in Bresnahan Reception
 Tuesday, 10/22: Social in Peaberry's Cafe

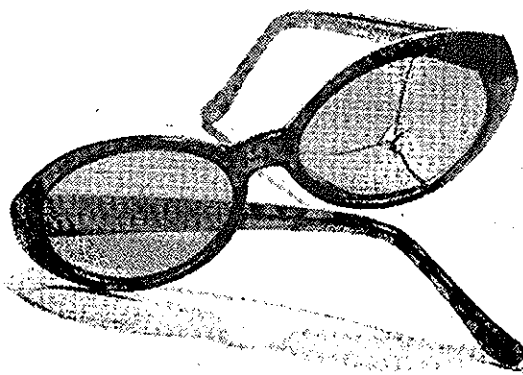
The Department of Physical Therapy will host informational meetings for students who are interested in the Master of Physical Therapy Program. The dates for those informational meetings are Oct. 3, Nov. 1, and Dec. 2, from 11:30 - 1 in Cushman Hall, Bo46. Advisors welcome.

The **YSU Dance Club** offers free lessons in swing, ballroom, and latin dancing. Lessons are every Thursday from 6:30 - 7:30 in Room 100 of Beeghly Center. For more information contact Jaime at 330-941-6158 or ysdanceclub@hotmail.com

YSU Women's Center Presents: The Second Annual International Women's Mini-Film Festival "Challenging Conventions" Following is a list of shows and show times: *All About My Mother* (Spain): Monday, Oct. 14, 2002 @ 11:00 a.m.; Thursday, Oct. 17, 2002 @ 7:00 p.m. Discussions will follow. Showing in the Humphrey Room, Kilcawley Center. *In the Time of the Butterflies* (Dominican Republic) Tuesday, Oct. 22 2002 @ 2:30 and 7:00 p.m. Discussion to follow. Showing in Bresnahan I&II, Kilcawley Center. *Cry Me a Baby* (Soveto, South Africa) Co-Sponsored by the Dept. of African Studies. Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2002 @ 7:00 p.m. and Thursday Oct. 31, 2002 @ 2:30 p.m. Discussions will follow. Showing both days in the Humphrey Room/Coffelt Room, Kilcawley Center.

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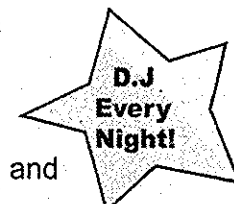
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Sports & Recreation

Penguin soccer, golf roll through fall

BY DAVE DEVEREUX
The Jambar

Soccer

Despite nine saves from freshman goalkeeper Caitlin Bestart, the YSU women's soccer team fell to the Wisconsin-Green Bay Phoenix 1-0 Sunday on a rainy afternoon at Stambaugh Stadium. The loss drops the Penguins to 1-12 overall and 0-3 in the Horizon League.

The Penguins began this season showing signs of a possible turnaround from last season when they finished 1-19. In their opener against Radford, sophomore Lauren Ausmundson scored her first career goal while managing to send the game to overtime.

The Penguins would eventually lose to Radford 2-1; however, they would bounce back with a dominating 14-0 victory over the Delaware State Hornets on Sept. 4.

Leading the Penguins' rout were freshman Maura Patton and sophomore Hannah Lawther, who each tallied three goals apiece. Sophomore Cerid Irvine added two first-half goals, while freshmen Katie Deprey and Brianna Kochunas each added their first career goals in the second half.

Also scoring for the Penguins were sophomore Diane Fellabaum and seniors Rachel Wilds, Lauren Roseman, and Kate McHugh. Freshman goalkeeper Jennifer Jennings recorded her first career shutout.

Following that performance the Penguins were 1-1; however, since then, the team has been marred in a scoring drought, getting outscored 52-3 in a stretch where the team has now lost 11 straight games.

Leading the Penguins offense so far this season has been Patton with five goals, followed by Lawther with three. Irvine and Fellabaum each have two goals apiece, while freshman Jessica Yarter has collected a team-high 18 shots.

The Penguins will continue their six-game home stand and look for their second win of the season when they host Akron at 4 p.m. on Friday.

Men's Golf

At last week's Golden Grizzly Invitational, hosted by Oakland University, the men's golf team finished seventh place after posting a team score of 969. Oakland won the event with a team score of 910.

Leading the Penguins was red-shirt freshman Josh Zarlenga, who carded a three-round score of 237 (82-79-76), while senior David Johnstone finished with a three-round total of 239 (78-82-79).

At the ECU Colonial Classic, which ended on Sept. 28, the Penguins placed eighth out of a 19-team field. Johnstone was the top finisher for YSU placing 22nd with a 147 (70-77), while senior Jonah Karzmer placed 28th with a 148 (78-70).

The men's team is currently playing at the Ironhorse Intercollegiate in Tuscola, Ill., which is their final tournament of the fall season.

Women's Golf

At last weekend's ECU Fall Invitational, the women's golf team posted a 36-hole team score of 633, good enough for sixth place out of a 14-team field.

Leading the way for the Penguins was sophomore Gina Abbruzzino, who placed 14th with a 154 (74-80). Senior Jennifer Grossi finished 17th with a 156 (77-79), while junior Lori Hatcher was 24th after carding a 158 (76-82).

Hatcher was named the Horizon League Women's Golf Athlete of the Week after her third place finish at the Golden Grizzly Invitational Championship on Oct. 8. Hatcher shot a 165 (80-85), leading the Penguins' team to a first place finish at this event.

The women's team wraps up fall play on Oct. 21 and 22 at the Adidas Fall Invitational in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

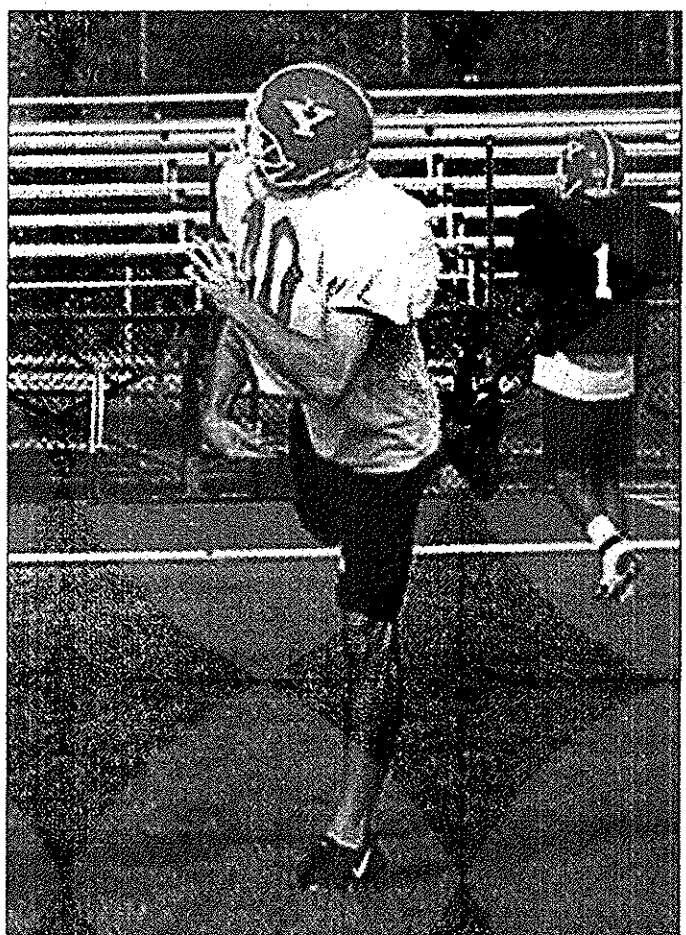


By Lisko/The Jambar

PASS IT: Junior Kate McHugh (no. 5) passes the ball to freshman Maura Patton during The Penguins game Wednesday at Stambaugh stadium. YSU lost the game 4-0. Right, Penguin soccer players work on ball control during their practice Thursday. YSU will next host Akron, 4 p.m. Friday.



YSU Football team grabs fourth win



By Lisko/The Jambar

TOSSIN THE PIGSKIN: Sophomore YSU quarterback Matt Rycraft throws a pass during a recent Penguin football practice. YSU will next host Northern Iowa 4 p.m. Saturday, at Stambaugh stadium.

BY JOE SIMON
The Jambar

After a disappointing 1-2 start, the Youngstown State football team won its third straight game Saturday when they defeated Florida Atlantic 24-17. It was the Penguins first win in five chances in the Sunshine State, and their first appearance there in four years.

Last time the Penguins were in Florida (1998), they lost 44-32 to a Central Florida team that had NFL Pro-Bowl quarterback Daunte Culpepper. This time, however, there was no Culpepper and no defeat, as the Penguins relied on ball control and tough running by P.J. Mays to continue their winning ways and stay near the top in a suddenly wide-open Gateway Conference.

In Pro Player Stadium, the home of the Miami Dolphins, YSU scored on its first three possessions of the game, jumping out to an early 17-3 lead.

The Penguins then added another touchdown when Damian Wright stripped the ball from FAU punter Andy Rosas and Mike Andrews returned the fumble seven

yards to give the team a 24-3 lead.

In the second half, Florida Atlantic fought back with two fourth-quarter touchdowns. The Owls tailback Daveon Barron scored from 15-yards out and on fourth-and-goal with time running out quarterback Jared Allen scored on a controversial one-yard keeper.

Allen was hammered at the goal line by linebacker Jon Tekac, yet, according to the officials, was able to get the ball across the plain and keep the Owls alive.

The Penguins were able to hold on as senior tailback P.J. Mays and freshman quarterback Aaron Marshall combined to get two key first downs to run out the clock and halt the Owls chance at a fourth quarter comeback.

Mays had another great game, amounting 130 yards on 27 carries and scoring twice. The workhorse of the YSU running game has over 300 yards in his past two games and continues to show why he's a Walter Payton Award candidate, the award for the best player in Division I-AA college football.

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Browns fail to live up to expectations

BY JOE SIMON
The Jambar

Coming into the 2002 football season, the word in Cleveland was that the Browns were on their way to stardom and to becoming a force in the National Football League.

Unfortunately for Browns fans, such as myself, things haven't really gone as planned.

While the Brownies still have an outside shot to get to the playoffs, thanks to an extremely weak division, it's beginning to become apparent that the team will not reach the high expectations anticipated at the outset of the season.

The Browns have had a number of wacky and disappointing losses this year and Sunday Cleveland was looking to avoid losing their third straight game.

The offense had another meager effort as the under-achieving Browns (2-4) were thoroughly dominated in a 17-3 loss to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (5-1).

The Browns are quickly dropping in the standings and can look forward to an extremely difficult schedule for the second half of the season.

The team could very well be 5-1 after Sunday's loss to Tampa Bay but instead have

three last second heartbreaking losses. The first because of a ridiculous helmet-heaving penalty, another on a strange second field goal attempt and the last one on an interception in the opposing team's end zone.

After nearly being booed off the field last week, when the Browns were held in check for 90 percent of the football game, the team's offense was manhandled again in Sunday's thrashing to the Bucs.

A swarming Tampa Bay defense delivered bone-crushing hits and overmatched an inconsistent Browns offense that could only amass a 50-yard field goal by Phil Dawson.

While Tampa Bay does have one of the best defenses in the league — only giving up an average of 10.6 points per game — the Browns constantly shoot themselves in the foot. With eight penalties for 66 yards, Sunday was also the second straight week the Browns failed to score a single point until the fourth quarter.

And, 66 yards of penalties may not seem like a whole lot, but six of the eight penalties occurred when the Browns were on offense, constantly putting themselves in difficult and predictable situations.

The Buccaneers tenacious defense wrecked havoc all day

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