

Reps say engineering ads are lies

By MELISSA MOSCHELLA
The Jambar



FABRIZIO
SGA said the YSU engi-

neering degree — said to be a four-year degree — is unachievable.

There is absolutely no way that any engineering student can graduate without going over full-time in certain semesters," said Ellen Fabrizio, SGA College of Engineering Representative.

Fabrizio said the curriculum calls for a student to take up to 19 credit hours per

semester.

University President David Sweet said he is looking into this matter.

"What I was concerned about is that the program is being advertised incorrectly," Sweet said. "I am looking into how we are marketing the major."

Sweet acknowledged that his son, who graduated from The Ohio State University, had

to go take classes during three summer terms in addition to regular full-time status to graduate with a bachelor's degree in engineering in four years.

Sweet said the curriculum in engineering is more extensive and YSU wants to maintain proper accreditation for the program.

"The engineering disciplines have the curriculum set up so that it shows a student

what they have to take per year instead of per semester," Fabrizio said.

Fabrizio said that SGA has a plan of action for this matter. Fabrizio and fellow SGA College of Engineering Representative Mehmet Ergezer brought a resolution to a recent SGA meeting for approval.

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Evicted students charge racism

By ALICIA HOUSTON
The Jambar

Two black students said housing officials forced them to move from university dorms because of their race.

Housing Services officials refuse to comment on the cases regarding Raymisha Williams and Charmel McDonald, both of Cleveland. Both said they are contemplating legal action because they were unfairly dismissed — Williams from Lyden House, McDonald from Kilcawley.

Williams and McDonald acknowledged they were written up for violating minor housing rules, but each said they believe racism played a part in their dismissal.

"I'm not saying I was right, but I think it was very unfair," Williams said. "It was very disrespectful; they made a fool out of me."

Officials in each of the students' cases declined to comment on both incidents. Williams and McDonald, now roommates, said they will struggle to make rent in their new home.

Williams said that on Wednesday, Nov. 20, at approximately 4:50 p.m., she was leaving her dorm room for work when she received a letter from Lyden House Coordinator Harry Meyer.

The letter explained the charges against her and informed her she had to be moved out of her room by 10 p.m. that night.

In the past, Williams said she had been written up once or twice for singing at the front desk of the dorms without an ID card and for violating quiet hours.

After receiving the letter, Williams said she went to Meyer's office to discuss the situation. She said Meyer told her she had been written up for the last time for disrespecting her resident assistant and for singing in the shower.

Williams said there were other residents in the bathrooms that were singing in the shower who were not reprimanded.

Williams' roommate, freshman Pamela Powell, was present the day Williams said she was forced to leave the dorm.

Powell said another black student, who recently moved to Lyden House from Kilcawley, also received a similar letter that day but was given an extra day to make other housing arrangements.

Powell said Williams was unjustly forced to leave the dorms.

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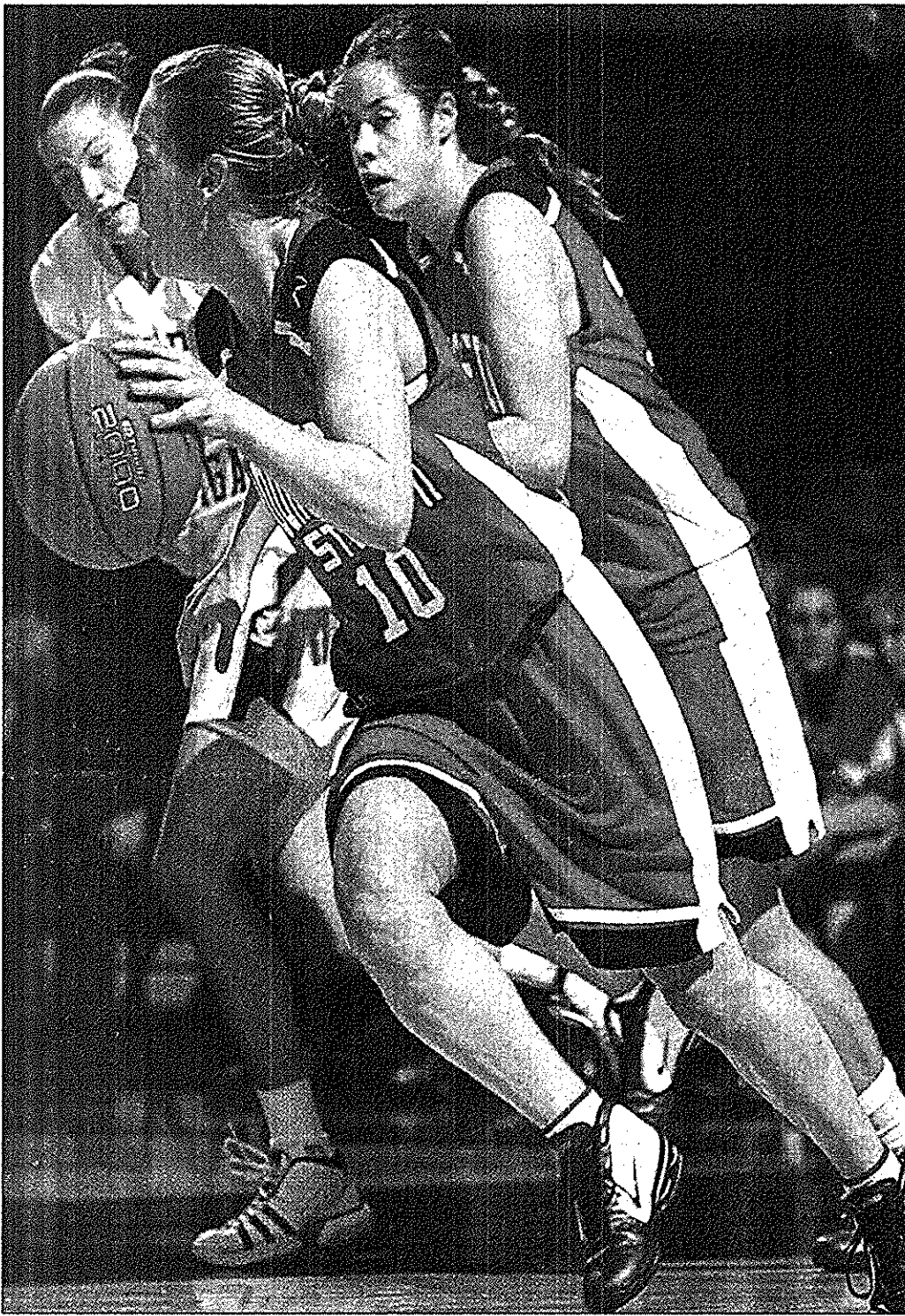


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FAST BREAK: YSU senior Maggie Johnston leads a fast break for the Lady Penguins basketball team during the First Tennessee Tournament in Nashville. Full story on Sports, Page 6

Professor bounces back from tragedy

By KATRINA WEIZER
The Jambar



HEMMINGER

Center and reflected on a colder day that changed the human performance and exercise science professor's life.

It was Christmas Day. Hemminger and her husband were driving on a busy Boston street in between visits with family members. Hemminger, who was driving the vehicle, said she pulled over because she felt faint.

Shortly after pulling over, she went into a seizure.

Now, 13 years later, Hemminger remembers the day that could have ruined her life. But she has spent the time since rehabilitating herself and working herself back from pains that often can be much more than just physical.

After her seizure, Hemminger complained of severe headaches.

She had a brain aneurysm. She became conscious after her

seizure. She said she only remembers wanting to go to Christmas at her family's.

But that was not to happen.

Hemminger had to go through a nine-hour surgery to stop the bleeding in her brain. After her surgery, while in recovery, Hemminger suffered a stroke.

She said she has no memory of the next 10 days.

She was never confused about why she was in the hospital — the hospital staff reminded her daily of what had happened.

But there were times when she was scared.

While in intensive care, Hemminger overheard some nurses talking about how they thought a patient was going to die.

"I thought they were talking about me," she said. "That was the only time I was afraid."

Hemminger was in a rehabilitation hospital for two months. The stroke had left half of her body paralyzed.

Upon returning to Youngstown, Hemminger endured two years of physical therapy with physical therapist Gretchen Murphy.

Murphy said Hemminger was overwhelmed by her disability but very motivated to

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University to play role in redevelopment project

By LA'EL HUGHES
The Jambar

YSU will be at the center of Youngstown's urban renewal, several members of the Youngstown 2010 committee said.

Youngstown 2010 is a committee-formed project that follows two strategic plans created in 1957 and 1974. Members of the committee said they pro-

vide a comprehensive guide to maintain Youngstown's positive attributes while revitalizing the city's decaying areas.

"YSU shares in the vision created by the city of Youngstown and will work hand and hand with the objectives created by the city by creating a master plan for the university reflecting the city's objectives," said University President David Sweet, a mem-

ber of the committee.

The committee's project addresses issues such as Youngstown's place in a changing economy, realizing the city's limitations and improving Youngstown's image. The plan will be introduced to the public at 7 p.m. Dec. 16 at Stambaugh Auditorium.

Youngstown Mayor George McKelvey and Sweet

will be at the city's official unveiling of the plan, and each will help to introduce a few key elements.

There are some general questions listed in the committee plan pertaining specifically to YSU's relationship with the city: How do we convince faculty and students to stay in Youngstown? How does [Youngstown] keep students in the area once they graduate?

How [can we] link YSU's teachings with the needs of the local economy?

Jay Williams, director of Community Development Planning, said one of the most important groups for Youngstown 2010 would be YSU students.

"We want students to stay here," Williams said. "All the reasons that a student might

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Isaiah Jackson selected as a Scholar-in-residence Page 2



Officials excited about Jackson's selection

By JOLENE POWELL
The Jambar

University officials said they hope the academic expertise of an alumnus of Stanford, Harvard and Juilliard, will help bolster programs at YSU.

Isaiah Jackson, a former artist-in-residence at University of Dayton, has been selected as what is believed to be the university's first scholar-in-residence.

Jackson will be involved in a variety of activities at YSU. Officials said he would lecture on such topics as acoustics, plagiarism, music in the Islamic tradition and the political role of opera in the Italian Risorgimento, among other topics.

Jackson will give his lectures to classes in nine departments. Among the departments are Physics, Mathematics, Africana Studies, Religious Studies, Italian and English.

Jackson will extend his classroom participation with

team-teaching in a philosophy of art class. Outside the classroom, he will take part in the English Festival and the University Outreach program.

Thomas Shipka, chair of Philosophy and Religious Studies, said before Jackson got this new position he held weekend seminars for YSU's Honors Program for about four years.

Shipka also said that Jackson held a similar position as the Artist-in-Residence at the University of Dayton.

A scholar-in-residence is "a person with expertise who is invited to a campus to participate in one or more academic programs," Shipka said.

Jackson has a bachelor's degree in Russian history and literature from Harvard University, a master's degree from Stanford University and a master's degree and doctor of music arts from the Juilliard School of Music in New York City.

"We want to tap Dr. Jackson's interdisciplinary

background," Shipka said.

Jackson is also music director of the Youngstown Symphony Orchestra and the Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra of Boston where he lives, according to a press release.

Shipka said Jackson's appointment would likely extend beyond this year.

Jackson's resume includes his job of founding conductor of the New Amsterdam Chamber Music Society and the Juilliard String Ensemble. Jackson has conducted around the world in countries such as Australia, South Africa, Sweden, Canada, Czech Republic and Taiwan.

"[Jackson] is mesmerizing, charismatic, charming, witty and brilliant," Shipka said.

Nathan Ritchey, chair of the math department, said that Jackson "is not only a great musician, but he is also a wise scholar."

Call Jolene Powell at (330) 941-1913.



SCHOLAR: University officials are hoping Isaiah Jackson will bring knowledge from Harvard, Stanford and Juilliard — all schools from which he has received degrees — to YSU in his new position as scholar-in-residence.

Fraternity promotes violence awareness

By ALICIA HOUSTON
The Jambar

The YSU Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity is sponsoring its second annual Domestic Violence Week.

The event will run daily from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Friday at Kilcawley Center.

Throughout the week, the brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon will distribute information on domestic violence and raising money to provide Christmas gifts and much needed supplies for the children of the Sojourner House, an anonymous safe house for women and children who are victims of domestic violence.

According to the American Institute on Domestic Violence, a woman is beaten in the United States every nine seconds. Between three million and four million women are battered each year. Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women.

"There are a lot of people who are afraid to come out and say that they are being abused," said Scott Minadeo, president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. "They don't know where to go. We want to get the word out about where to go if someone is being abused."

Last year the fraternity collected more than \$1,200, which was used to purchase toys and supplies on the "Wish List" of children from the Sojourner House.

"The whole idea is to bring awareness about domestic violence and raise money for battered women in the shelter," said Minadeo. "We want to get the information out there and let people know where to go. People don't realize how many people are affected by domestic violence."

The fraternity will be accepting unwrapped gifts for children and donations. This year, they said they hope to make Domestic Violence Week the largest nonprofit benefit at YSU in 2002.

Call Alicia Houston at (330) 941-3758.

Quartet qualifies for regional event

By REBECCA MARQUIS
The Jambar

A regional competition is next for the YSU Saxophone Quartet after its win at a state competition last month in Cincinnati.

Sophomore Greg Pflugh, Senior Durk Huttmacher and graduate students Allen Cordingley and Angel Negrin took home first place from the Ohio Music Teachers' National Association's Collegiate Chamber Music Competition.

James Umble, who coached the quartet that formed last September, said that to his knowledge this is the first chamber music ensemble from YSU to place first in a competition.

Students from the Dana School of Music, however, have won the solo category in previous competitions, he said.

Pflugh, the youngest member of the group, said that the competition experience has been very gratifying.

"A successful performance and win in the MTNA event was very rewarding because it proved to me that I could play on the same artistic level as students four and five years older than me," Pflugh said. "I'm extremely proud to be a part of the quartet because of the many performance opportunities we get, and also because of the very high standard of excellence the group sets for itself."

The winners of January's regional competition will go on to compete in the National competition to be held in Salt Lake City.

Call Rebecca Marquis at (330) 941-1811.

Student Life sponsors Giving Tree

By ALICIA HOUSTON
The Jambar

The Office of Student Life has put up a special Christmas tree this year to provide Christmas gifts for needy children.

The Giving Tree is a community service project sponsored by the Emerging Leaders Program and the residence halls.

The Giving Tree contains 49 names of children being sheltered at the Beatitude House, a place that provides shelter and financial support for women and their children.

Melanie Koontz, graduate programing assistant in the Office of Student Life and an administrative support provider for the Emerging Leaders Program, said the students in the program were excited to continue the idea of the project after another student organization discontinued it.

Koontz said she called the Beatitude House and received the names and ages of the children who are sheltered there. Those

who wish to participate in the project can choose a name off the tree and purchase an appropriate Christmas gift for that child and return the gift to the Office of Student Life by Dec. 13.

Koontz said she expects the project to be successful.

"We hope to get a gift for every child," Koontz said. "This is the season of giving, people should be willing to sponsor a child."

Sophomore Will Tate, Emerging Leaders Program member, said that the Giving Tree is one of the numerous community service projects that the program sponsors throughout the year.

"It's about giving back to the community," Tate said. "We're trying to get Christmas gifts for families that can't afford to provide gifts."

Tate said Emerging Leaders Program is asking everyone to sponsor a child.

Call Alicia Houston at

News in brief

Departments collecting items for Christmas

YSU Recycling and YSU Housing will provide boxes to the five residence halls as students leave for the holiday in an effort to collect unwanted and reusable items.

The collection will begin Dec. 9 and continue through noon Dec. 14. Boxes will be placed on each floor of the residence halls.

All of the materials collected will be

donated to local charities to help the needy. Some items that could be collected are clothing, hats, shoes, coats, gloves, linens and blankets, holiday decorations, toys and games, unopened food containers and working electronics.

For more information call YSU Recycling at (330) 941-2294.

Gospel Choir to present its annual concert

The YSU Gospel Choir will present its annual winter benefit concert next week at Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room.

Admission to the 7 p.m. Dec. 9 show is free, but members of the choir ask that concert-goers donate at the door. All donations collected will benefit the Mahoning Valley

Salvation Army, the choir said in a news release.

Included in the evening's entertainment will be a performance by the Gospel Choir's Mime Team.

For more information, call the choir's office at (330) 941-3597.

Band and music school concert set for Thursday

The Henry H. Stambaugh Youth Band along with the YSU Dana School of Music will present their second annual holiday concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday Dec. 5 at Stambaugh Auditorium.

The concert, under the direction of Stephen Gage of the YSU Dana School of

Music, will feature soloists including Boardman High School senior French horn player Shannon McFadden and special guests from the YSU Dana School of Music.

Donations will be \$4 for adults and \$1 for students. For more information contact Stambaugh Auditorium at (330) 747-5175.

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Today's Editorials

SGA rights itself after rocky start

We love to be proven wrong, and as the semester comes to an end, it is clear the Student Government Association is doing just that.

SGA is, for the first time in recent memory, really sticking up for the students.

When the semester began, this newspaper chided the leaders, including President Jeff Parks, for not responding more to student needs and concerns.

We were skeptical of the student government's ability and desire to change its name from Student Government to Student Government Association.

We were not pleased with the incomplete Web site or the sketchy adoption of a new Constitution.

But this, in a matter of weeks, has all changed.

Nazim Wahab, SGA chief of staff, and Christa Natoli, secretary of Intergovernmental (whatever that is) and Community Affairs, have been two of the hardest workers on campus. They have met with concerned students and helped the representative body come up with ideas for legislation.

The representatives sent a much-needed student-powered message to YSU trustees, who in August spurned faculty's attempt to achieve health benefits for same-sex partners.

After a student protest of higher tuition, higher administrative salaries and low student wages, Parks and Wahab began to address ways SGA could recommend a student wage increase to University President David Sweet.

College of Arts & Sciences Representative Mike Phillips has been a refreshing voice at meetings, refusing to let university rhetoric and jargon sway him.

And the Web site is not only updated, it is a useful tool for students who need information about their representatives and SGA agenda items.

Because of SGA's dialogue at recent meetings, students again are finding a voice on this campus. We strongly urge Parks and his team to stay focused in the second semester and follow through on plans for higher wages.

And, we strongly urge students foreign to the SGA experience to visit their representatives during office hours and attend biweekly meetings. The current administration has made it clear that when students come forward with problems, it will work to solve them.

SGA has turned itself around this semester. But the work is not over yet.

We hope the newfound commitment to representation continues.

Campus Conversation requires student voices

University President David Sweet will address students, staff and faculty in one of his trademark Campus Conversations at 4 p.m. today.

Despite the terrible time slot — how many students actually are on campus at this time? — everyone should make every effort to hear the president out on his agenda, which has caused much debate in the media this year.

Sweet likely will discuss the financial projections for YSU. The outlook, as reported by The Jambor, shows an \$8.1 million deficit next fall that undoubtedly will spark a tuition increase.

At the center of the financial debates have been the questions of Sweet's raise.

Students must take this opportunity to ask Sweet why he and his top administrators are accepting raises at a time when students must dig deeper into their pockets.

The president, who has wavered before with his logic on this subject, will finally be forced to explain why he is richer and they are poorer.

Now, there's a conversation we'd like to see.

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Finals throw everything out of whack

BETWEEN THE LINES



By Henry Gomez

Ahhhhhh!
Two more weeks and I will breathe once again.

In the last few weeks, I have become good friends with PowerPoint, strengthened my relationship with QuarkXPress and wished bad things upon all things Adobe.

I have written enough memos to satisfy Peter Gibbons' lowly character in "Office Space."

Yup, it's that time of the year again — the time when not even a Chicken Tender Melt from Perkins or a Bud Light from Buffalo Wild Wings can pull me away from my computer screen.

So why the hell am I writing this column?

OK, OK ... sorry for venting back there. You know how it is when it's crunch time — finals time, that is.

When I glanced at my syllabi months ago, I figured I had it made. All my senior-level professional writing and journalism courses had projects not exams. It would be simple, yes?

Except for that fun but awful thing called procrastination.

It's not that I haven't stayed on top of my assignments. I have. But when you are stuck in final exam mentality and are not used to preparing until, well, right about now, these projects and papers sneak up on you.

I began giving up my Sundays three weeks ago. I'd roll myself out of bed at some ungodly hour before noon and drive half-asleep down to campus to work on the computer programs I don't have at home.

And now I am still scrambling to put finishing touches on presentations, research papers and even a mock trial.

I'm sure you all feel the pinch, too. For me, it ruins everything. I can't even begin my holiday shopping until I have turned in my last assignment. Worrying about schoolwork and money at the same time is just too much.

And when I was watching that classic OSU-Michigan game two weekends ago, I could not escape the guilt of putting off my two newsletter projects.

"All my senior-level professional writing and journalism courses had projects not exams. It would be simple, yes? Except for that fun but awful thing called procrastination."

I actually found myself shopping on the busiest retail weekend of the year — to buy a photo album for my senior project portfolio. And I'll tell you, those avid Michael's shoppers are not fun to contend with when all you want is an album.

But soon this will all be over.

I am not sure what I will do to celebrate — and even then the celebration might be short-lived if I take a huge hit on any of these final projects. Either way, I'm sure it will involve a long nap (oh, how I miss those) and maybe even a Chicken Tender Melt.

So, good luck on your finals, exams or projects. See you next year ... maybe.

Call Henry Gomez at (330) 941-1991.

Sorry, professor, heterophobia is not a word

By Rebecca Marquis
The Jambor

Random House Webster's College Dictionary defines homophobia as "unreasonable fear of or antipathy toward homosexuals and homosexuality."

Imagine my surprise when I looked up the word Phil Munro coined in his letter to the editor, "heterophobia," and discovered that it does not exist. So I double-checked Dictionary.com — nope, no heterophobia. Why, I asked myself, does such a word not exist?

Logically, it makes sense. If there is a word for fearing gay people, there must be a word for fear of those who are straight.

So I looked a little deeper at the definition and found the key — the word "unrea-

soning." And so, as logic would dictate, the definition for heterophobia (should such a word exist) would also indicate an unreasonable fear.

The ending "phobia" implies as much. However, gay people do not fear straight people for no reason.

In fact, most gays probably don't fear them at all. It is, after all, only the homophobes they fear.

Perhaps instead of "heterophobia," Munro should have used the term "homophobe-phobia."

But that isn't a word, either. Nor should it be.

How is it unreasonable for gay people to fear those who loathe them?

Is it unreasonable to be afraid after watching someone who is just like you get beaten, tied to a fence and left for dead, just

because they share your preferences? Is it wrong to want to protect yourself and those you love from similar horrors?

Munro even admitted in his letter that there are reasons for "heterophobia" that need to be recognized — I can only assume that he is referring to gay bashers and the like.

Unfortunately for him, he contradicted his own point with that sentence.

The good professor also asked why our world cannot stop war and hate.

Why, indeed.

Perhaps a good long look in the mirror would help him to answer that question.

After all, it is the twisted nature of fear and intolerance that spawn most of the world's heartache.

Call Rebecca Marquis at (330) 941-1811.

Letters to the Editor

Sweet should be able to enjoy his raise

Editor:

I am writing in response to the November 26 editorial: "Administrators should pay, too."

The author states that administrators should "give at least some of their pay raise back" in order to avoid high tuition increases. This suggestion is unrealistic and foolish.

If highly qualified administrators are expected to stay at YSU, they must be compensated accordingly.

It is my understanding that Dr. Sweet is, in comparison to other university presidents, being compensated by YSU accordingly, not extravagantly. Furthermore, I would like to respond to the comment regarding Dr. Sweet's having "more cash to wine and dine at his Liberty home."

First of all, this suggests that Dr. Sweet has "cash" as a dinner

guest. I believe the author meant to say "more cash with which to fund his wining and dining."

That said, I am tired of hearing students criticize Dr. Sweet for being paid well and having a nice house. Dr. Sweet is educated and experienced.

His position requires him to perform administrative tasks that few people are able to perform.

He does his job well and is compensated accordingly. However, students seem hell-bent on making him feel guilty for his success.

Dr. Sweet is not a criminal. He earns his money and ought to be able to enjoy it.

Richard W. Barner III
Senior, Telecommunications and Religious Studies

Newspaper's 'gay agenda' will get nowhere

Editor:

I am a 1990 graduate of Youngstown State University that occasionally picks up a Jambor to keep in touch with the happenings at YSU.

It lately seems like there is not very much going on in the world that is very noteworthy other than some gay agenda that a very few people at YSU like to hear themselves proclaim.

With all of the current events right now that will change the world forever for the better, why bash Katz and anyone else that disagrees with furthering an agenda for men that have sex with men, and women that have sex with women.

Don't get so angry with the few that have publically disagreed with you, they are in the silent majority. Most people think that it is "morally repugnant, odious and perverted" for men to have sex with men as they should because the bible and the church tell us

it is wrong.

We must accept all people for being humans and creations of God, but we do not have to accept deviated behavior. The gay man that wrote an open letter to the YSU community tried to show us that he is very human and a caring person to those around him in need and to judge him on that instead of having sex with other men.

The problem with that is he identifies himself as a man that has sex with men and that is how he is going to be perceived by society.

Society's view on this is not going to change with this Jambor campaign, so let's move on and discuss some of the many important issues that are facing our society.

James Stein
1990 graduate, Business Administration

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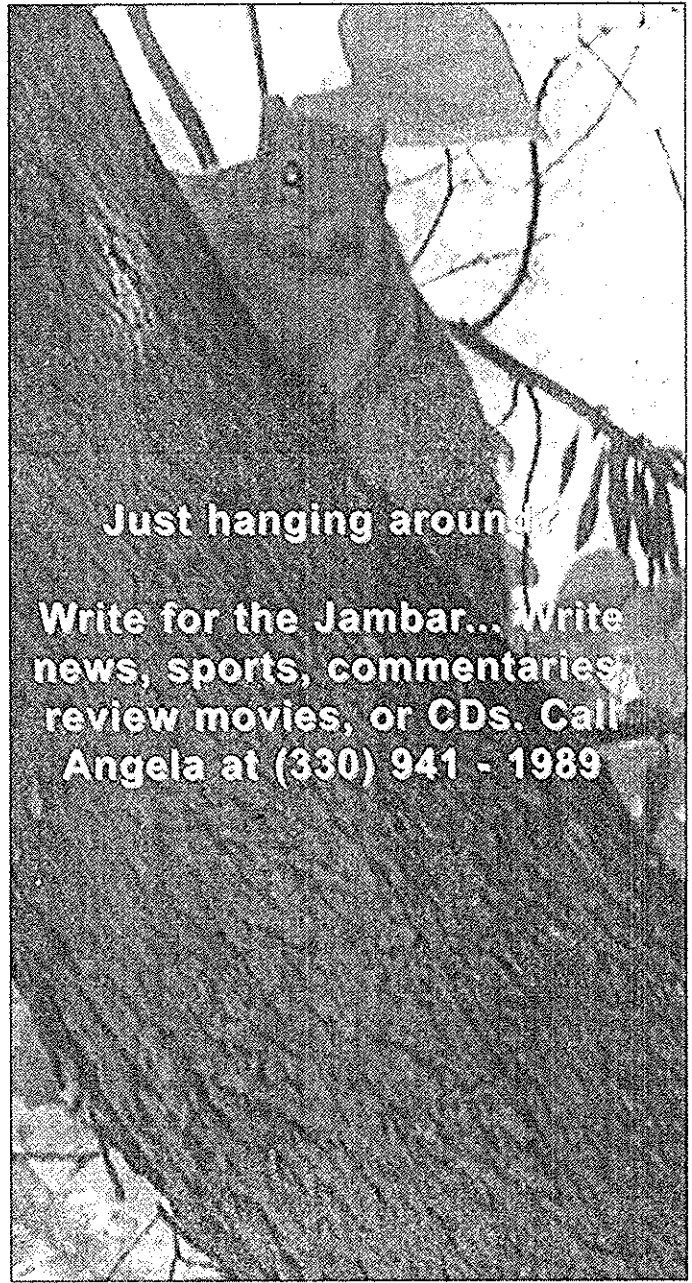
SGA representatives plan to meet with University Provost Tony Atwater later this week to further discuss problems with the engineering curriculum.

Fabrizio said SGA Vice President Emily Eckman is helping to bring these resolutions to the attention of the

Academic Senate. She said they also have the support of College of Engineering Dean Cynthia Hirtzel.

Hirtzel was unavailable for comment.

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Just hanging around

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leave Youngstown after they graduate, we want to eliminate those reasons."

Sweet said a few of the specific details of the plan might include YSU receiving expansions in its medical curriculum. The Y-2010 project calls for continued development around St. Elizabeth Health Center.

This would give YSU an opportunity to participate in the increased development in the city's human health services by producing more projects and programs where YSU students can work along side with the medical community.

"Human health services is a growing area and we can be apart of that growth," Sweet said.

With continued expansion in and around the hospital, Sweet said the university may be able to provide more course offerings and projects for YSU medical students to help meet the needs made available from the project.

Sweet said some of the developments around the city's North Side might include building up a residential area for the doctors and medical students.

"The developments that the 2010 project wish to put in place could be compared to that of the Cleveland Clinic area, where that area has developed a series of medical institutions and quality residential areas," Sweet said.

Said Williams: "It is possible that city's North Side will become a medical corridor."

Tom Finnerty, associate

director for YSU Urban Studies, said YSU has been a part of the Youngstown 2010 project since the beginning of its inception. Finnerty has been one of many YSU officials that has been involved and sat on the committee since the early planning stages.

"YSU has been with the city through the whole process," Finnerty said. "We were apart of the selection process for the committee and we have been a part of the vision."

Finnerty said that after the meeting on Dec. 16 the actual implementation for the project might not occur until May 2003.

Chief Planner Anthony Kobak said some of the projects might include simple plans, such as fixing windows of buildings and acquiring tax delinquent properties.

While Williams said much of the plan is still in its visionary stage, much of the funding for Y-2010 is already accessible.

"We have hundreds of millions already," Williams said. "What the university and the city will have to do is reprioritize where their money will go."

"So the money is already there, but some state monies will need to be secured."

Bill D'Avignon, deputy director of Planning, agreed with Williams.

He said he hopes the project will make Youngstown attractive and most of all competitive for students.

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"Other people do the same thing she did," Powell said. "She was written up for having our music up loud, but other people do the same thing during quiet hours."

"I can understand her getting written up for cussing at the resident assistant, but most of the time she got in trouble over stupid stuff."

Williams said when she explained to Meyer that she had no car and nowhere to move, he said he could not help her and suggested that she check into a hotel.

Williams, who lived on the fourth floor of Lyden House, said she then called several friends to ask for help. That night, she said she was forced to sit outside in the parking lot until approximately 1 a.m., when a friend came to pick her up.

Williams said she did not feel as though an appeal would help her case. She stayed with friends before joining McDonald in an apartment search.

McDonald said she was forced to leave Kilcawley House for violating quiet hours, however, said she had no knowledge of any prior dis-

ciplinary notices against her.

McDonald, unlike Williams, filed an appeal in order to continue to live in the dorms until a hearing, which was held on Monday, Nov. 18.

McDonald said she was embarrassed to hear the false testimonies of the resident assistants from Kilcawley House.

She said she was given an extension until Thanksgiving break to move out of her room.

McDonald said she feels as though she was simply in the wrong place at the wrong time when her resident assistant caught a group of residents violating quiet hours.

"I feel they were discriminating against me," McDonald said. "The RA didn't give any warnings or ask who was actually talking."

Williams and McDonald have recently found an apartment to rent together, although they say it will be a struggle to afford it.

Williams said because of this situation, both she and McDonald do not plan to return to YSU next year.

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get better.

"She was very determined that this wasn't going to bring her down," Murphy said.

"I was lucky to be young, healthy and fit when it happened."

Hemminger said she had to once again learn how to sit up, balance, walk and manage with a now paralyzed hand.

"The world is made for two hands," she said.

Although Hemminger said everything in her life has been affected by her paralysis, the only modifications needed in her home were railings on the stairs.

He life required few modifications, as well.

Hemminger only took two and a half years off of work following her stroke.

"The first dream I remember having was about coming back to work," Hemminger said.

As a human performance and exercise science professor, however, she was worried.

"Lyn was bound and determined that she was going to teach," Murphy said.

Hemminger said her style of teaching is a lot different

now.

"I used to be hands-on," she said. "Now I have to be more creative in the descriptions. It's really frustrating."

Hemminger no longer needs physical therapy, but Murphy said she continues to ask for suggestions about activities that would help her. Hemminger said she exercises everyday.

And, she said after three years, she was able to get back into a regular routine, which consists mostly of walking.

Murphy said she is not surprised by how well Hemminger had done.

"She was an ideal patient," Murphy said.

Hemminger said she belongs to a stroke support group and has been able to help others to let them know they can get better.

"Teaching here is a good example that you can overcome life's problems if you try hard," she said.

Above all, Hemminger said she has a positive attitude about that cold December day.

"I'm not sure I know all the good that has come from it."

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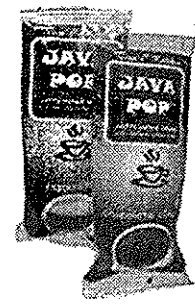
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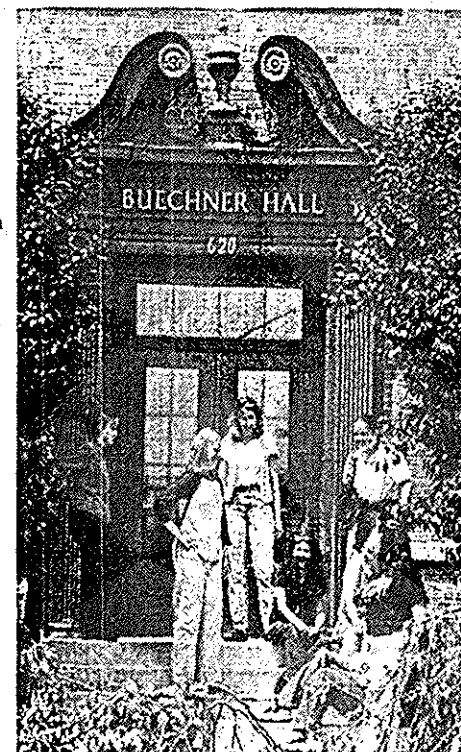


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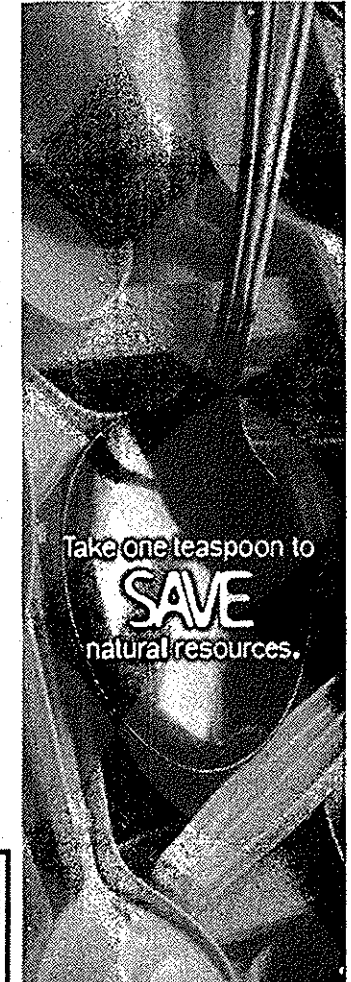
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Sports & Recreation

Basketball teams net mixed opening results

By JOE SIMON
The Jambar



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Both the men and women's basketball seasons have commenced, and the teams are moving in contrasting directions.

The men's team — picked to finish last in the Horizon League in a pre-season poll — is 2-1 and coming off an impressive 69-61 victory over the Toledo Rockets, a team the Penguins have never beat in eight past attempts.

After dropping their season opener to Indiana State, the men have won two straight games including their home opener against Slippery Rock.

The Penguins pounded Slippery Rock by more than 20 points and had four different players score in double figures, but the team also had 26 turnovers and head coach John Robic was not exactly pleased with the performance of his team.

"I'm happy to get the win, but we have to value the basketball more," Robic said. "We're not going to win many games when we turn the ball over 26 times."

Saturday against Toledo, the Penguins committed just nine turnovers, compared to the Rockets 20. The team also capitalized on its opponent's mishaps, scoring a combined 25 points off Rocket turnovers.

The defense of the Penguins has been tough so far and has already accomplished a feat that took last year's team 25 games to achieve. The Penguins held each of their first two opponents under 40 percent shooting — something that they accomplished just once all of last year.

Last season the Penguins were last in the Horizon League in opponent's field goal percentage, 48 percent. The turn around is important and coach Robic says the team is off to a good start.

"If you hold someone to 38 percent field goal percentage, that's solid and it's something that we've stressed," Robic said.

"We've gotten off to a good start and maybe our defense is a little bit ahead of our offense, but you know what that's okay, because it doesn't matter what sport you play, defense is going

to win championships."

In the win over Toledo the Penguins were led by Marlon Williamson, the only senior on the team, who had a career-high 23 points. Williamson also made five of his six 3-point attempts and dished out five assists.

Wednesday the men travel to Pennsylvania to take on St. Francis. Tip off is set for 7 p.m.

As for the women, after winning their season opener against Bowling Green in dramatic style — the Lady Penguins have dropped three straight.

Their most recent losses occurred in the First Tennessee Tournament, one from the top 10 nationally ranked Vanderbilt Commodores and another against Central Michigan.

In the season opener against Bowling Green the team received clutch shooting from sophomore Jessica Olmstead. Tied at 64 and with under a minute to play, Olmstead connected from downtown to give the Penguins a three point lead.

Olmstead then grabbed the clinching rebound to give the Penguins their first victory in Bowling Green in more than 10 years.

Their latest 56-51 defeat to Central Michigan featured a Penguin comeback that just fell short. After trailing by as many as 13 in the first half, the Lady Penguins fought back to tie the game at 48. CMU then hit a 3-pointer and got a big offensive rebound for a score to put the game out of reach.

Afterwards, head coach Ed DiGregorio was proud to see the team fight back but believes the Penguins missed some opportunities.

"We fought back to tie the game but we missed several scoring opportunities and that really hurt us," DiGregorio said. "We never put pressure on (CMU) after we tied the game. The opportunities were there but we could not convert."

Barb Fabianova leads the team in scoring averaging 12.3 points per game. Fabianova tied a career high with six 3-pointers, while scoring 20 points against Vanderbilt. Lone senior Maggie Johnston is averaging four assists a game to lead the team and is second in 3-pointers.

The women return home Wednesday to take on Robert Morris at 7 p.m. in Beeghly Center.

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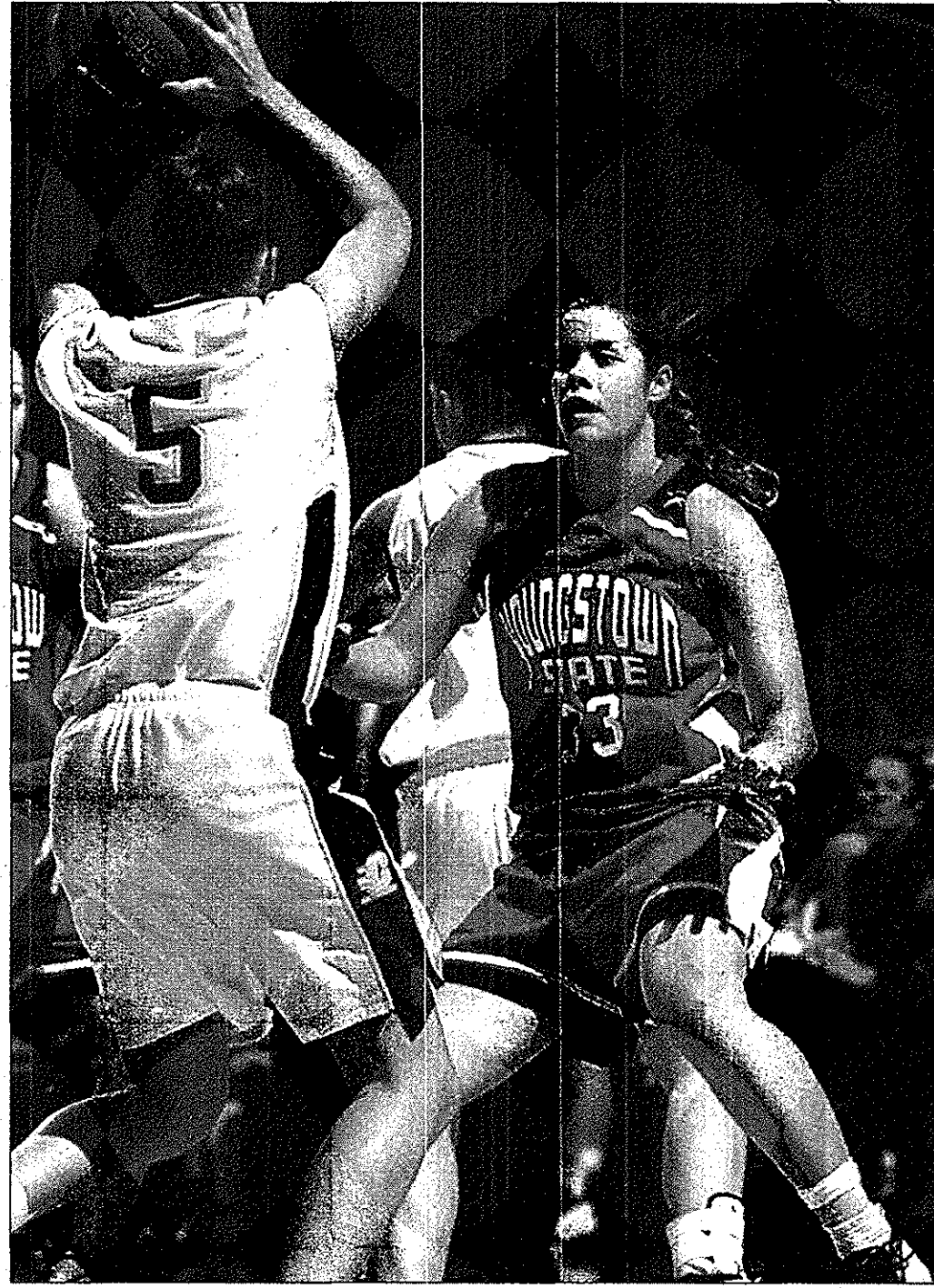


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HANDS UP: YSU Lady Penguins sophomore Barb Fabianova defends against Laurie Henderson of Central Michigan during the First Tennessee tournament in Nashville. YSU lost the game 56-51. They will next face Robert Morris Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Beeghly Center.

Conroy blames losing season on growing pains

By DAVE DEVEREUX
The Jambar

YSU head volleyball coach Joe Conroy said he knew what the overriding theme to this year's team would be.

Early on, Conroy said the Penguins would be a talented squad yet young and inexperienced due to the loss of four starters from a year ago.

Throughout the 2002 campaign, Conroy's foresight became apparent as the Penguins predominantly youthful squad suffered through some growing pains.

After a promising start, which included non-conference victories over Duquesne and North Carolina State, the Penguins would drop all 14 Horizon League matches, resulting in a last place finish.

Conroy said the Penguins (8-24 overall) played about as good as they could play this season, however, he said the lack of experience was the ultimate factor in the team's inability to pull out victories in their competitive league.

"We have our work cut out for us," Conroy said about his team's future chances against league foes. "We have a young team with the talent and the ability, but we're playing some very good teams and we haven't yet learned how to get across the finish line."

Despite the disappointing second-half slide, Conroy remains optimistic about the program's future — thanks in large part to the performances of fresh-

"We have a young team with the talent and the ability, but we're playing some very good teams and we haven't yet learned how to get across the finish line."



— JOE CONROY
YSU head volleyball coach

men Nickole Kennedy and Angie Pasquinelli. Recently, Kennedy and Pasquinelli were rewarded for their efforts and named to the 2002 Horizon League All-Newcomer Team — a post-season honor voted on by the league's head coaches.

"It definitely gives you something to build on when you have two good freshmen enter the program at the same time," Conroy said.

Kennedy, a 6-foot-1 right-side hitter from Sunbury Big Walnut High School, averaged 2.73 kills and 0.70 blocks per game overall. She tallied an average of 3.12 kills and 0.73 blocks per game against Horizon League opponents.

Her 292 kills for the season was the second high-

est total by a freshman in Penguins history.

Pasquinelli, who Conroy labels "the quarterback of the team," is a 5-foot-7 setter from Toledo Central Catholic High School. Pasquinelli made her own history by becoming only the second player in school history to reach the 1,000 assist mark in their first season.

Pasquinelli, who already ranks sixth on the school's all-time assists chart, finished her freshman campaign averaging 8.88 assists per game.

"Those two were great impact players for us this season," Conroy added. "Both of them will be a major part of the future growth of this program."

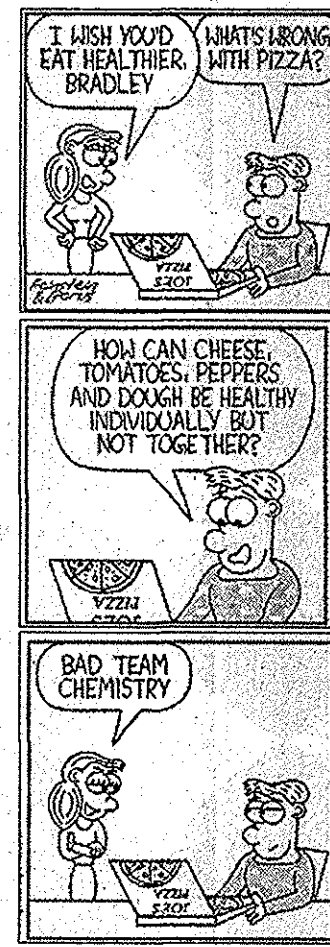
After an impressive performance from this year's freshmen class, Conroy stressed the importance of recruiting as being pivotal in the team's ascent to the top of the mountain in the Horizon League.

Conroy got a head start on recruiting for the 2003 season with the early signing of Cari Leslie, a 5-foot-8 outside hitter from Midview High School in Grafton.

Conroy says Leslie is similar and comparable to Kennedy and Pasquinelli because she brings a wealth of talent to the team both offensively and defensively.

"Leslie is the same caliber of athlete, a very good well-rounded player," Conroy said. "She has excellent recovery skills on defense as well as being a great ball control kid."

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Sports Commentary

Thome's exit could spell disaster for the Cleveland Indians

By JOE SIMON
The Jambar

Last season was tough for Tribe fans, and with all-star man Jim Thome — the top free agent in Major League Baseball — bolting for Philadelphia, things could get even worse.

The news coming out of Philadelphia on Monday — rumors of Thome accepting the Phillies' whopper of an offer — was not exactly encouraging.

Thome has spent his entire 11-year career, to date, with the Tribe and has been a fan favorite in Cleveland for years.

With many of the team's best players leaving over the past years

and management being criticized for some bizarre decisions, Thome might be the last hope for Tribe fans.

The loss of Thome would result in a significant decline in attendance and revenue. General Manager Mark Shapiro a highly detested person in Cleveland.

The Indians initial offer to Thome, reported to be in the area of four years and \$48 million, was drastically outdone by the Phillies five-year \$75 million deal. Yet, the Tribe left room for improvement and increased their offer to five years worth a reported \$60 million.

This was expected to be the Indians final offer, yet the Phillies quickly matched the deal by adding a sixth year and even more money to

their first offer, topping off at nearly \$100 million.

After taking a few days to consider their options, Indians general manager Mark Shapiro again improved the team's offer. According to ESPN.com, the team added some "variations" to the contract that could include a sixth year of guaranteed money and would also allow him to reach financial incentives easier.

Shapiro understands what Thome has meant to this team and the city of Cleveland and has repeatedly said that signing Thome was the team's number one off-season priority.

Thome is hitting the market after two of the best seasons in his career, too. Last year he batted .304 and hit a club record 52 home runs. In the past

two years, only Alex Rodriguez, Sammy Sosa and Barry Bonds have more home runs than Thome.

Last year Thome also led the American League in slugging percentage, walks and was second in on-base percentage. The point is he is 32 years old and in the prime of his career. Losing that type of offensive production would make the Indians current rebuilding process much more difficult — not to mention there would be a gaping hole the team would have to fill.

Signing Thome would have healed some of the team's past wounds and would undoubtedly have kept fans in the Jake. Thome also would be a cornerstone player on a team that needs veteran leadership to guide all of the young talent. His

presence in the clubhouse is invaluable and his late-inning home runs have made him one of the best clutch hitters in baseball.

Thome and shortstop Omar Vizquel were the only two players that were with the Tribe the last time they went to the World Series in 1997.

With visions of getting back to the post-season and essentially the World Series, it is vital that the team retains some experience to facilitate the striving young prospects.

What is left of the Tribe faithful are hoping and praying that this off-season is not as painful as years past. That wish will soon perish, as will thousands of Tribe fans if Thome does, in fact, become a Phillie.

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