

Professors discuss Columbia tragedy

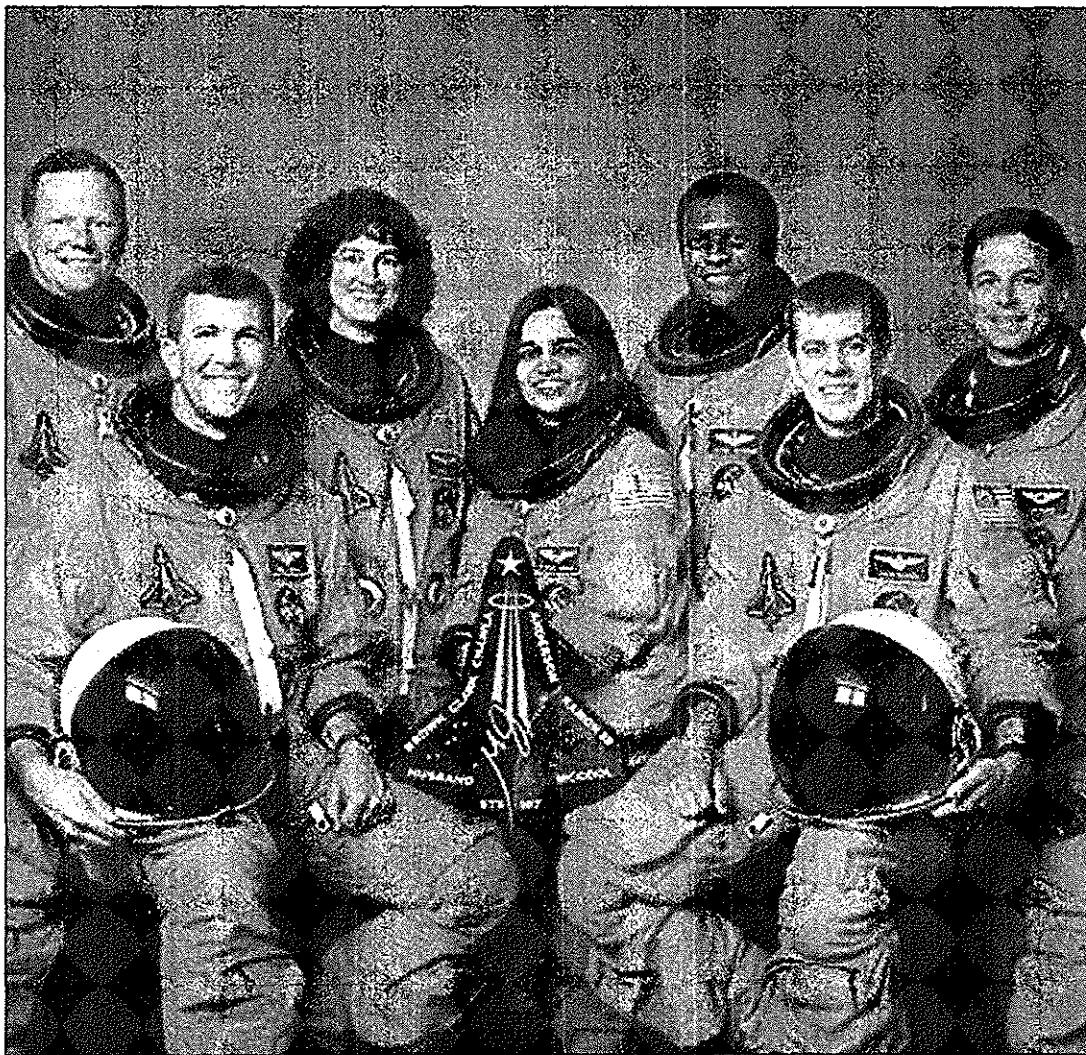


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CREW: Seven members of the Columbia crew (pictured left) died Saturday morning, minutes before the shuttle was expected to land. Warren Young, chair of physics and astronomy (right), points to a picture of the space shuttle Columbia taken by a former YSU student. Young offered his feelings on the crash in an interview Monday.

BY RYAN MCCABE
The Jambar

The seven astronauts aboard the space shuttle Columbia knew the risks they were taking, and several YSU physics and astronomy professors feel NASA should continue with the space program.

The scientists discussed the tragedy Monday and offered insight, opinions and predictions. Some reflected on a similar disaster 17 years ago and tried to draw parallels between then and now.

James Andrews, an associate professor of physics and astronomy, said he was sad about the tragedy, but noted the importance of continuing

with the space program.

"The people involved are aware there are significant risks, but no one expects something like this to happen," he said.

Warren Young, chair of physics and astronomy, said he was walking through his kitchen Saturday, listening to WYSU when he heard the news. He said he initially felt disbelief and then he thought, "Oh no, not again," he remembered thinking, referring to the Challenger disaster of 1986.

Edwin Bishop, another department professor, said he felt a great sense of loss.

"These are seven highly trained astronauts who are so

incredibly visible in the public eye right now and it will most certainly have a real impact on society," Bishop said.

But, he added, there are reasons to move forward.

"There are two very important aspects to consider," he said. "First, we as a race of intelligent, curious beings do as a part of our nature, tend to be builders and explorers. The only question is whether it's going to be now or the next generation that explores space.

"It might as well be now than later."

Bishop said it was important to not allow the tragedy to scare NASA from future space exploration.

"It's kind of like a falling

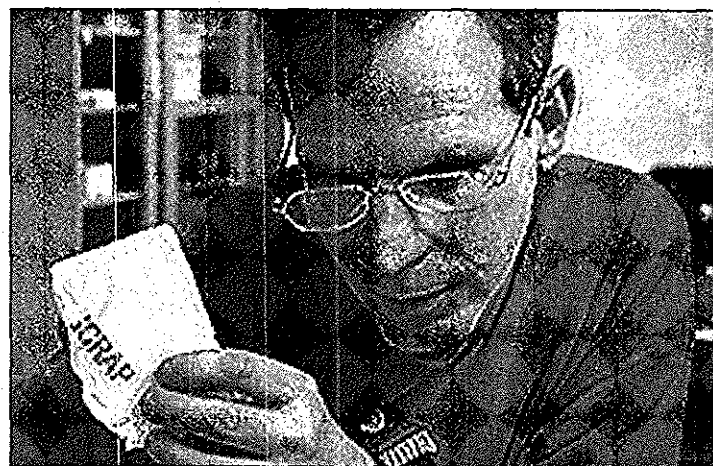
off the horse and getting back on kind of thing," he said.

Young described what he knew about the early investigations into the Columbia's disintegration.

"They're focusing the study on two things," Young said. "One is tile on the left wing getting hit by insulation from the main tank, and the second problem is that sensors in the wheel well went dead and then the temperature sensors started going up. At the time there was drag on the left wing causing the shuttle to angle to the right."

Young said the drag could have been related to missing

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THEORIES: Richard Pirko, producer and technician of the Ward Beecher Planetarium, holds a tile similar to the one which broke off the space shuttle Columbia when launched. NASA is investigating if the tile contributed to the shuttle tragedy.

YSU budget hinges on Taft proposals

BY LA'EL HUGHES
The Jambar

University President David Sweet and his colleagues at other state universities will be paying close attention to the developments in Columbus over the next few weeks.

Gov. Bob Taft has threatened to cut education spending by 2.5 percent if legislators do not pass his tax reform bill, which calls for surcharges on anything from cigarettes to hair cuts. He also has proposed



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a tuition cap for Ohio's colleges.

Sweet said YSU's budget depends on the outcome of the two plans and is readying the university for more cuts if Taft imposes the cuts and cap.

"I hope Taft's revenue enhancement package is voted on by the end of February," Sweet said. "We are preparing for the best and the worst case scenario."

Taft's tax reform includes expanding the sales tax on services such as real estate, cable TV, dry cleaning and event admissions. In a news release last week Taft said that

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Some question resolution

BY HEATHER SHAW
The Jambar

A political science professor and several other members of the faculty union are questioning why its former president is proposing a resolution opposing a war against Iraq.

John Russo last week asked members of the YSU-Ohio Education Association to pass a resolution urging the U.S. not to take any military action against Iraq.

Faculty will vote this week on the resolution, and the action has sparked a debate among faculty about the proper role of the union.

Paul Sracic, an associate professor of political science on sabbatical, said the role of the

"The city council in Cleveland has passed a resolution dealing with relationships as well as labor unions and churches."

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Professor



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Professor

proposed resolution. The resolution states that the YSU-OEA opposes war with Iraq and urges President Bush to continue seeking a peaceful resolution with Iraq in a diplomatic matter while continuing to support the men and women serving in the armed forces.

Russo, who acknowledged that Sracic is not the only faculty member questioning the appropriateness of the resolution, said he was offended.

"Other non-government groups are passing resolutions," Russo said. "The city council in Cleveland has passed a resolution dealing with relationships with war and public policy as well as

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Eckman cites need for help groups

BY ROXANNE TORELLA
The Jambar

Several students are trying to start a support group for students, but campus officials are warning about the dangers of dispensing psychological advice without a license.

Student Government Association Vice President Emily Eckman hopes to start support groups and informa-

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Brian Gorby has high hopes for Penguin track and field teams. **Page 6**



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tiles or because the looseness of the wheel well.

Richard Pirko, producer and technician of the Ward Beecher Planetarium, has a small piece of surplus space shuttle tile that was provided to him by a manufacturer for education purposes.

"It's extremely lightweight, a piece of it six inches square would weigh less than an empty Coke can, but it is also of a material that does not transfer heat," Pirko said. "You can take a blowtorch to one side of it and put your fingers on the opposite side and not feel a thing."

Pirko also noted the difficulty in keeping the tiles on the shuttles.

"This is such a very lightweight, fragile material that you can't put any fasteners in it

and the only way to attach it to the skin of the aircraft is with glue," he explained. "These things are literally glued on ... now and then the load on the tile will exceed the strength of the glue and that's when these things come off."

"This kind of tile is relatively new to the shuttles. The Mercury, Gemini and Apollo capsules had insulation, but it was a different type that was meant to burn away."

Bishop said the loss of any tile on the nose and bottom half of the shuttle would essentially be a "kiss of death," since those areas endure the most friction upon reentry into the atmosphere.

"When those tiles are missing its just like an ordinary airplane underneath there and the aluminum will melt at

those high temperatures," he said.

Bishop said he knew there would not be any survivors.

"Right away, when you see any signs of breaking up, you know its (the shuttle) gone. After they lost radio contact, the crew probably knew they were in trouble a few seconds or few minutes before they died," he said.

Contrary to initial media reports about the possibility of the crew cabin possibly remaining intact, Bishop said the cabin would burn up no matter what.

"The shuttle's reentering the atmosphere at 18 times the speed of sound, the air's too thin, and friction causes the structure to evaporate," he said.

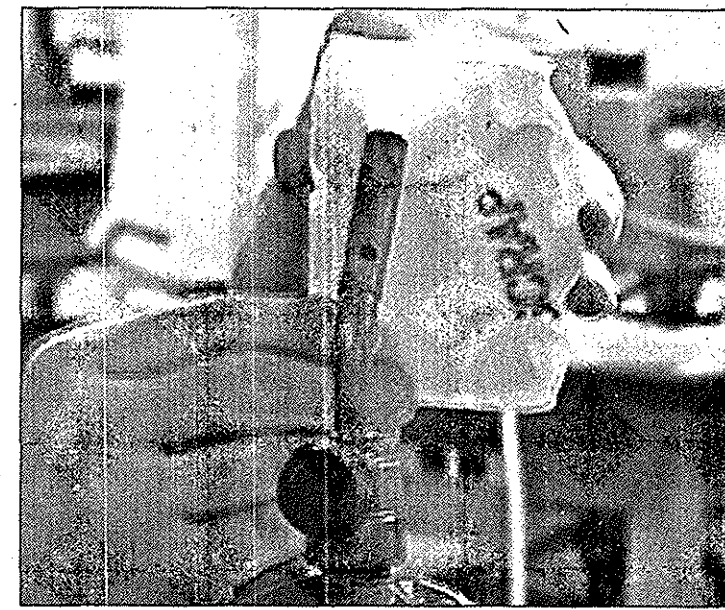
There are still three astro-

nauts aboard the International Space Station: two Americans and one Russian, but the professors said they don't appear to be in any immediate danger.

"They have enough supplies to last until sometime in June," Young said. "They just had a Russian shuttle deliver them supplies Sunday."

Young also said the astronauts did not come home on the Russian shuttle because they are completing a mission that isn't supposed to be finished until March 1.

Pirko said if there were an emergency of any kind that there is a return capsule attached to the space station that could reenter the atmosphere and essentially serve as a lifeboat.



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HEATLESS: Richard Pirko demonstrates how heat is not transferred through the tile, similar to that on the outside of the space shuttle Columbia.

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without additional revenue, state aid to schools and higher education will receive a reduction of \$175 million.

Taft also has proposed the tuition cap, press secretary Orest Houbec said.

"Taft will 're-impose a tuition cap, which was eliminated in 2001 but had not been around for almost 10 years before then," Houbec said.

Houbec said Taft hoped to hear word on his proposal before the end of February.

Sweet said the university is still trying to fully understand the possibility of further budget cuts and was uncertain what, specifically, the cuts would affect. Sweet, however,

said the university already has responded to Taft's proposal for a tuition cap.

The Inter-University Council of State Colleges and University Presidents, on which Sweet sits, sent a proposal to Taft in January stating their opposition to the cap.

"The university presidents are unanimous that a tuition cap is not the appropriate way to go," Sweet said.

Sweet said he would have to study increases in student charges, such as parking and lab fees, if the governor imposes the cap.

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labor unions and churches."

The resolution acknowledges that military action against Iraq will cost billions of dollars at a time when not only the American economy is struggling, but also the state of Ohio has been facing budget constraints which affects Ohio's public schools and universities.

"Faculty should be concerned with this war and the impact it will have on higher education and state funding which will directly affect YSU," Russo said.

Another political science professor, David Porter, said he intends to support the reso-

lution.

"I agree we should not take unilateral action," said Porter, who teaches classes dealing with international relations and is adviser to the Model United Nations team. "It is far too risky and will drag in other issues from the state."

The results of the mail-in vote are expected by Wednesday.

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News in brief

Meet the provost today

Student Government Association members are sponsoring an open forum Wednesday with the university's vice president for Academic Affairs.

"Meet the Provost" will allow students a chance to ask

Tony Atwater questions about class advisement and tuition, SGA Vice President Emily Eckman said. The forum will be from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Presidential Suite at Kilcawley Center.

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Today's Editorials

We missed the joke at SGA's meeting

We were unpleasantly surprised last week to learn of a Student Government Association meeting gone awry.

By all accounts and even the admissions of its president, the Jan. 27 meeting was an unproductive lesson in student mockery. Representatives laughed at the notion of a "Hula the Night Away" beach party planned by the Student Programming Board.

At large Representative Michael Iannetti went as far as to suggest the programming board receive "negative \$100" out of its \$826 funding request.

This behavior is inexcusable. We strongly encourage SGA President Jeff Parks to make a public statement condemning such comments from our representatives and to look into a reprimand or sanction against Iannetti for his completely childish response.

It is funny that this is the same body that almost two years ago disqualified the winning president/vice president ticket because the candidates did not follow the rules. SGA is supposed to be a service to students, but when mockery comes into play, it is anything but.

Quite the contrary, SGA let down its constituency last week and suffered a hit to its credibility. This is one reason why a strong statement from Parks is a must.

The second reason is that funding student organizations is the one major task SGA has. To make light of this process insinuates that SGA has no real power, other than to devalue the passion and progress of some hard-working students.

Tony Spano, student coordinator of the Student Programming Board, has spent more than two years trying to devise activities that will encourage students to become more involved on campus.

A hula night may not be the best way to drum up student interest, but SGA certainly should not mock it as well as the process.

Aside from Spano, many other student leaders petition SGA for funds each week. Last week's behavior sends these leaders a strong message that SGA laughs off some of the more unconventional ideas. Students may start looking elsewhere for funds and support, effectively making SGA political deadweight on campus.

We do not want to see this happen. Parks and SGA members have proven this year that they truly do care about some of this campus' most pressing issues. One meeting should not destroy their credibility, but Parks and Iannetti must make amends.

Put this distraction to rest with an apology and let's move on with business.

Remember science's heroes

The loss Saturday morning of the space shuttle Columbia was just one more reminder of how uncertain life is.

Seven astronauts — five men, two women — were set to return from several weeks of routine science experiments. But upon re-entry into the earth's atmosphere, something went wrong, and the shuttle went up in flames over central Texas.

Our thoughts are with the families of the deceased, Michael Anderson, David Brown, Kalpana Chawla, Laurel Clark, Rick Husband, William McCool and Ilan Ramon. At a time like this, all we can do is hope for a quick, conclusive investigation and peace for those left behind.

NASA is not failsafe — Saturday's explosion brought with it an eerie reminder of the 1986 Challenger disaster — but its missions provide the U.S. with a wealth of knowledge about outer space.

These seven astronauts may not have been casualties of war or police officers killed in the line of duty, but they risked their lives for the advancement of science in a country that relies more and more on those advancements each day.

They each died a hero's death. No one should forget that.

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A report card for the president

Between the

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By Henry Gomez



There are whispers on campus that perhaps University President David Sweet receives more credit than he deserves for increasing enrollment and other YSU accolades.

As one longtime university employee bemoaned to me a couple months ago: "What? Were we supposed to stoop for him when he came here or something?"

Perhaps not stoop, but Sweet's constant flaunting of "his accomplishments" in recent months has been hard to notice. He whipped out a list of them last fall before and after the Board of Trustees approved his hefty pay and housing allowance raise.

He talked again about the successes last month, when the Ohio Board of Regents released an evaluation — termed a report card by Sweet — that showed high marks for YSU.

But how often does Cynthia Anderson, vice president for Student Affairs, receive praise for her tireless efforts in enrollment? How often does Student Activities Director William Blake, who promised me last week I was more than welcome to attend last month's leadership retreat, receive recognition for his efforts to get more students involved?

So, in step with the state's "report card," I have decided to compile a personal report card for our president. I looked at several areas of his job and assigned a letter grade to them. So get out your red pens and follow along with me.

ENROLLMENT: There is no better place to start than with the goal Sweet stresses the most and the one for which he takes most credit. Enrollment increases have been small but sure in his two-plus years at YSU. Closer looks at the numbers, however, show that while YSU has been successful in plucking students away from higher-costing schools, freshman enrollment has not been as stellar.

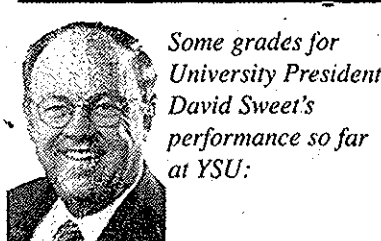
Perhaps marketing campaigns are not working well enough with a high school demographic, but we'll address public relations later. Either way, YSU's enrollment increases are moderate and the coincidental continued rise of tuition makes it unlikely that these trends will continue.

SWEET'S GRADE: C+
UNIVERSITY DEVELOPMENT: This is one of Sweet's finer marks, as he has been proactive in securing funds for schol-

arships and new buildings. The health and wellness center is on the way to construction (thanks, though, in large part to student efforts), and Sweet's vision of more near-campus housing is coming to fruition on the Wick Oval. The Courtyard Apartments could be Sweet's biggest success so far, but that will all depend on if students pay to live there. Either way, it has helped inject some traffic and movement on a more desolate side of campus.

GRADE: B
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Sweet has been very active in the Youngstown and Mahoning Valley communities, pledging support to the Youngstown 2010 campaign and working to revitalize the Smoky Hollow neighborhood. The chamber of commerce loves this

The Sweet Report



Some grades for University President David Sweet's performance so far at YSU:

- Enrollment: C+**
- University development: B**
- Outside development: A-**
- Hirings/Personnel: D-**
- Diversity: D**
- Labor relations: F**
- Public relations: C-**

guy, and it's hard for them not to sing his praises. Here is someone genuinely excited about waking up Youngstown from its long post-steel slumber. The long-range success of Sweet's involvement, however, depends on progress. **GRADE: A-**

HIRINGS/PERSONNEL: This one is going to hurt Sweet's grade-point average. The president has brought some old buddies from his Cleveland days to join him in high ranks. John Habat was hired as vice president for Administration over the summer without a national search. Sweet thumbed his nose at protocol and said Habat, a friend, was best for the job. Such a stunning rise to the top for a Cleveland attorney who served a year as Sweet's special assistant before the shocking promotion. Why Sweet even needs two special assistants is even more of a concern.

The diamond in the rough has been Terry Ondreyka, a talented man who has impressed me with his knowledge of budget issues and his ability to crunch numbers. But because of Sweet's blatant disregard of national searches, I rate him a

D-
DIVERSITY: See above snippets on hirings/personnel and do not forget Sweet's reluctance to support domestic partner health benefits in last year's contract negotiations. When he came to YSU, Sweet promised a commitment to diversity. However, when he found out diversity meant keeping his friends out of jobs and supporting alternative lifestyles, he balked. **GRADE: D**

LABOR RELATIONS: You know it's pretty bad when faculty members are openly saying that you are worse than Les Cochran ever was. When the former university president left in 2000, union members were hoping a new president would bring new results and, most importantly, better contract negotiations.

It didn't happen.

The summer of 2002 was a stormy affair for Sweet as he tried to argue against pay raises and then accepted his own raise a month later. Domestic partners became a source of constant discussion and John Russo, YSU-OEA chief negotiator, had said his union had pretty much lost trust in Sweet. A settlement averted a faculty strike, but the damage is done. **GRADE: F**

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Someone should be fired over the way Sweet reacted to the public outcry over his pay and housing allowance raises. His linear argument — which basically goes to the tune of "everyone else is doing it, so why can't I?" — did not rightly explain to 12,000 poor college students why their president was receiving a raise when they were receiving a tuition increase.

Additionally, the Success Stories campaign has become more of a joke than an effective marketing tool. More emphasis needs to be placed on programs rather than students. One high note of public relations, as of late, has been the hiring of Ron Cole as director of news and information. Cole, a former newspaper reporter, has been tenacious in informing local media about university events and has a good writing style for the university's publications. **GRADE: C-**

Still with me? If you average these grades out, Sweet comes out somewhere between a D+ and C. Not exactly glowing marks for a president about whom trustees have gushed. Not exactly glowing marks for a president who received such a large raise and a three-year contract extension.

But there is definitely time for Sweet to redeem himself and bring up the grades: It is just too bad that being a nice guy is not something we're ranked on in life because Sweet certainly is a nice guy, and I think he means well.

There are just some major areas in which he needs to do more work and improve his scores.

Call Henry Gomez at (330) 941-1991.

Letter to the Editor

Vice presidents are consistent on vacancies

Editor:

In a recent Jambar editorial, it was suggested that the university administration does not have a consistent vision and approach to managing staff/faculty replacement and vacancy savings. We strongly disagree with this presumption. As university officers, we are working together to identify and execute the best budget modification solutions possible in order to resolve a very difficult economic situation.

This difficult economic and budget situation is continually changing both at the state and university level. As vice presidents, we remain committed to achieving at least \$500,000 in budgeted vacancy savings. As the university's organizational and personnel circumstances change, we have agreed to permit changes to vacancy savings commitments for specific positions which were identified in the fall.

Budgeted vacancy "savings" occur when a budgeted position remains vacant for a period of time. For example, a position budgeted at an annual salary of \$50,000 that remains vacant for six months would generate \$25,000 in vacancy savings. When Youngstown State University was informed on July 2, 2002, that our State Share of Instruction would be reduced by an additional \$2.7 million, President Sweet, after consultation with the Cabinet, Board of Trustees, and others, immediately approved an action plan to ensure that the University would address the budget shortfall. One element of the University's plan was to recover at least \$500,000 in vacancy savings.

To guarantee that a target level of savings was achieved, each Cabinet officer: 1) reviewed the vacant positions in their division; 2) prioritized each position; and 3) identified those positions to remain vacant for part or all of the fiscal year. The October 2002 review of 38 vacancies resulted in 12 positions held vacant until January 2003 and an additional 12 positions held vacant until June 30, 2003. The remaining 14 vacant positions were authorized to be filled. This institutional process secured over \$500,000 in savings.

We assure The Jambar staff and the university community that the \$500,000 has, in fact, been removed from the university's budget and will be saved.

— TONY ATWATER AND TERRY ONDREYKA
university vice presidents

the \$500,000 has, in fact, been removed from the university's budget and will be saved. Despite the lack of an electronically integrated position control system, manual controls continue to ensure that funds are available before a position can be filled. We also assure you that those entrusted with managing the financial affairs of the university take their responsibility very seriously and will continue to monitor financial circumstances at the state and the university.

The nation's, the state's and the university's economic and budget condition is continuously changing, and we remain committed to managing the crisis in the most effective manner possible.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tony Atwater, provost/vice president for Academic Affairs and
Terry R. Ondreyka, vice president for Financial Affairs

Official gives computers 'clean bill of health'

By Dave Devereux
The Jambar

Kilcawley Center Director Matt Novotny said students should not fear using a computer at Bytes 'N' Pieces.

"They've been given a clean bill of health," Novotny said. "They all work." In a report by The Jambar last month, several students said certain computers in the second-floor Kilcawley lab were crashing, causing them to lose important documents.

The article then sparked a war of words in The Jambar. Students questioned both the services at Bytes 'N' Pieces as well as the integrity of the newspaper for covering the complaints.

In a recent interview, however, Novotny said he was upset at the way these problems were handled, noting that students should have contacted

him first.

"It's being debated in The Jambar, and in a sarcastic way," Novotny replied. "I felt like I was being sucker punched!"

"If there are any problems, come and tell me. We don't like that there are problems but we will address them immediately."

Novotny said John Young, coordinator of Bytes 'N' Pieces, as well as other staff members addressed the concerns by thoroughly inspecting each PC to ensure they're running up to standard.

"There is a strong emphasis here on being 'customer-oriented,'" Novotny said. "We all take a lot of pride in making sure these computers run as they did when we unpacked them."

Novotny said the current computers are two years old and the lab uses a

"Ghost" program, which restores them to an almost clean image. Novotny noted that Young, who runs the area, checks the computers weekly and sometimes more often than that.

"He takes the maintenance seriously, he treats them like one of his kids," Novotny said.

Cory Blankenship, a student employee at Bytes 'N' Pieces said he's asked to respond to problems once or twice a week on average, however, he said if something happens students should ask for assistance.

"Ask for help," Blankenship replied. "People complain about errors and losing documents but when you see a warning you can't just click buttons and hope it goes away."

Novotny said often times when students claim that their data is lost, they are able to restore it. However, he

said there are situations that occur where individuals have to be accountable as well.

Novotny said when warning messages come on the screen such as ones concerning saving documents or restarting the computer, students should ask for assistance.

He said some students would ignore them and continue pushing keys causing the PC to overload, and possibly crash.

"We're constantly working on these computers and they all work but that guarantee is only good per minute," he said. "With 500 people using these labs per day, human error has to be figured into the equation."

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tional weeks for "body image," anxiety and depression later this semester.

Eckman, along with Victoria White of the Beeghly Counseling Center, and other SGA members want a support group for peers concerned with body image. The director of the campus counseling center said a licensed psychologist should be working with them.

Eckman is also proceeding with plans to start a peer support group for students with anxiety and depression on campus later this semester.

"Students may feel freer relating to other peers, rather than a counselor, however it is deficient advice and it is non-professional, other peers are not trained to be counselors and another peers' advice could lead to destructive guidance," Miller said.

Although Eckman said they are playing with ideas right now, Eckman and Dr. White are meeting later this week in hopes to hold a "body image week" in March or early April for both men and women on campus.

This week will include brochures and information dealing with eating disorders and body image concerns.

Eckman said she also wants to hold seminars with speakers willing to assist students dealing with emotional and physical problems concerning body image that week. "Eating disorders and body image are major issues for many," Eckman said.

Kenneth Miller, head of the Beeghly Counseling Center, said eating disorders are very common among college students, both in students not wanting to eat at all, and those whom over eat. Though eating disorders are common, they are not often directly dealt with, according to Miller.

"In fact, the hardest thing for many students to discuss are eating disorders," Miller said. Another goal for Eckman is starting an anxiety and depression support group. This peer support group will consist of several students sharing problems and helping each other.

Sophomore Hollie Saccora said, "I think a peer support group is a good idea, I would feel more at ease talking to people who can relate."

Although Eckman is not sure where the group will meet, Terri Lee of the Women's Center offered her Kilcawley Center offices to Eckman. Lee said she hopes to be actively involved in the group.

"I'm filling out a form to be an advisor for the support group," Lee said.

However, after speaking to Miller, Eckman ran into the problem of liabilities with peer counseling. Eckman said if the anxiety and depression group does come about, then she would have to seek a licensed counselor, which would have to be paid for.

Miller said he does agree students may feel more comfortable relating problems with other students, however, he sees many problems resulting from peer counseling.

Miller said anxiety and depression are the two major reasons YSU students visit the counseling center. Other common concerns on campus include relationship problems, substance abuse and emancipation issues when students first move away from home.

"Anxiety and depression are universally true throughout the U.S. and on campus," Miller said.

Miller supports the idea of having co-led groups consisting of peers and licensed counselors.

"There will be more value in creating a group led by a licensed clinician," he said.

Despite the problems in creating the support group, Eckman said she plans on moving forward with the project. "A lot of details need to be panned out for the support group, but this is something I really want to get started on this semester."

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Second trial underway Events set for Black History Month

STAFF REPORT
The Jambar

Monday marked the beginning of the second trial for the 2002 murder of a YSU student.

Jury selection began in the trial of William Vaughn, who is charged with aggravated murder and aggravated robbery in connection with the shooting death of Justin Treasic.

Vaughn's trial follows the trial of Freddie Lewis, who was convicted of complicity to commit aggravated murder and aggravated robbery on Wednesday.

The jury who will be hearing evidence in Vaughn's trial are not those who heard the evidence in Lewis' trial.

During Lewis' trial, defense attorney Ron Yarwood alleged that Vaughn, who is also Lewis' cousin, was the person who pulled the trigger on Justin Treasic. Lewis, he claimed, was scared of Vaughn.

After the shooting, the two allegedly drove back to Lewis' house to smoke marijuana they had obtained from Treasic.

Opening statements from Lou DeFabio, defense attorney and Kelly Johns, prosecutor, are expected to begin today at 9 a.m.

Treasic was discovered on Feb. 21 in a field on the North Side of Youngstown. He had been shot once in the head and once in the arm. He died the following day at St. Elizabeth Health Care center.

STAFF REPORT
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The annual African-American History Month Celebration at YSU will include several exciting events, including an African Marketplace, dances, films, panel discussions, and speakers.

The events will educate and celebrate the accomplishments and history of African-Americans.

Events scheduled for this week include "Spirituals in African-American Experience," which will take place at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room. Isaiah Jackson, director of the Youngstown Symphony Orchestra and scholar-in-residence at YSU, will be presenting a workshop on spirituals.

The Youngstown Club will be hosting "First Fridays" this Friday downtown at 6:30 p.m. at the Youngstown Club. This social gathering for African-American professionals from diverse backgrounds, which takes place every week, will

include music, dinner, and live entertainment.

The African Marketplace will take place from noon to 7 p.m. Saturday in the Chestnut Room. The marketplace offers a wide variety of African and African-American clothing, jewelry, ancient artifacts, and writings. The Harambee Dance Group and the YSU Gospel Choir will be performing.

Next week, The African Soul Dance Theater of Cleveland will be presenting an African musical dance extravaganza at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10 in the Chestnut Room. This event offers entertainment from those who have specialized in African drumming and songs, as well as a wide variety of dances from different parts of Africa.

A lecture given by Emmanuel Babatunde, titled "Traditional Values at Work," will be held 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14 in the Humphrey Room at Kilcawley Center.

Babatunde, a professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and director of the Honors Program at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, will speak on "Preparing African-American Adolescents for Civil Society: Traditional Values at Work."

Other events scheduled for the African-American History Month Celebration include an African-American relationships lecture by Brenda Verner at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18 in the Galley, Kilcawley Center. Verner will speak on "African-American Men and

Women: Courtship, Marriage and Family."

The powerful documentary film by Raoul Peck about the legendary African political figure whom led the Congo to independence from Belgium in 1960, titled "A Forgotten Hero: Patrice Lumumba," will be broadcast Saturday, Feb. 22 in the Jones Room, Kilcawley Center.

Black-Jewish Relations, a lecture by Rebecca Walker, will take place in the Chestnut Room at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25.

Walker, the daughter of Alice Walker, author of "The Color Purple," is considered one of the most audible voices of the young women's movement.

A comedic performance by Happy Cole will take place at noon in Peaberry's in Kilcawley Center Thursday, Feb. 27. Cole, who was voted comedian of the year in Central Florida and has been showcased in the National Association of Campus Activities, has performed at comedy clubs and colleges around the country.

"Media Images of African-Americans," a lecture on the exhibit by Charles Simmons, will take place at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28 in the Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center.

The exhibit will run from Feb. 24 to 28 in the Gallery in Kilcawley Center. Simmons, from Eastern Michigan University, explores the media images and misinformation about African Americans and women.

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Wednesday: The History Club will meet at noon in Room 2069, Kilcawley Center. Dr. Lowell Stare, director of graduate studies in History, and two graduate assistants, will talk about the M.A. program in History. The public is invited, please feel free to bring a lunch.

Tuesday, Feb. 11: The Student Social Work Association is having a monthly meeting from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. in Bresnahan Suite, Kilcawley Center. The meeting is to discuss the Social Work Field Fair and The Relay for Life. If you are interested in getting involved, please attend or contact Salima Dunn or Ron Davis at SalimaDunn@aol.com or REDAVIS2@yahoo.com. Also, we are taking donations for the Relay for Life.

Wednesday, Feb. 12: The YSU Women's Club Spring Luncheon will be held from 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center. Guest Speakers: Ventriloquist, Bill Lisby and his incredibly funny "dummy buddies." In keeping with our patriotic theme, members and guests are invited to wear Red, White and Blue. DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2003 AT 5 P.M. Reservations can be submitted to Mary Lynn Pavone, Membership Chair, Dept. of Geological & Environmental Sciences, ext. 3612 or mpavone@ysu.edu. Checks made payable to YSU Women's Club in the amount of \$15.95 for members and \$16.95 for guests. GUESTS ARE WELCOME!

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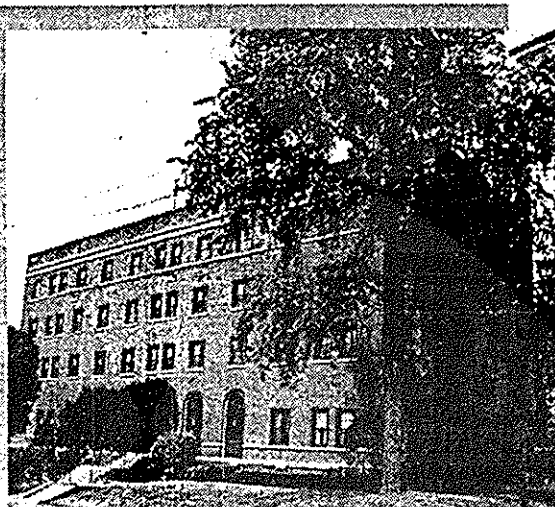
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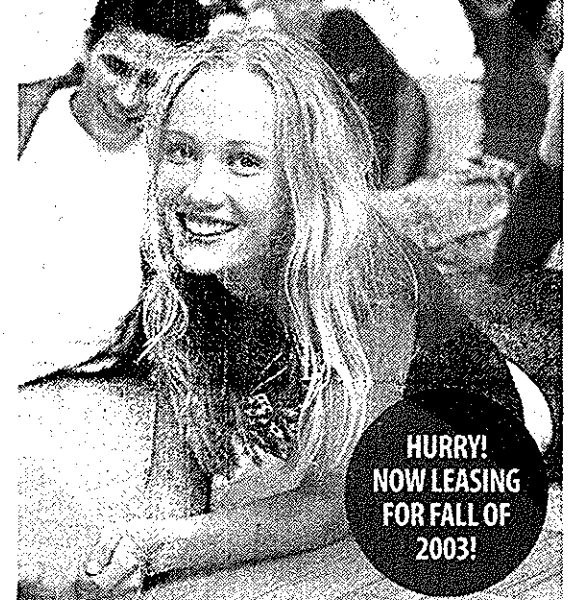
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Sports & Recreation



Diving teammates lead Penguins charge

By DAVE DEVEREUX
The Jambar

The secret to success as a diver, YSU diving coach Nick Gavolas says, is the ability to resist fear.

"How you deal with fear is what separates every athlete from the rest," Gavolas said. "We deal with fear management on a daily basis."

Perhaps that explains the performances of YSU diving team members, senior Mandie Smail and sophomore Kayln Leveto.

They fear no one — except maybe each other.

On Jan. 22, Leveto set the one-meter diving record with a score of 296.02 and won both the one and three-meter diving events in a dual meet with Cleveland State.

Leveto's record-setting score surpassed teammate Smail's record of 286.75 that was set two years ago.

So far this season, Smail and Leveto have finished first or second at all of the Penguins diving meets giving the tandem reason to be optimistic heading into the final stretch of the season.

"Kayln and I are about the same," said Smail, a Canfield High graduate and Diving Team Captain. "We're always back and forth with first and second so we push each other to be the best. That's been very beneficial."

Smail said her teammate, Leveto, has come along way in her second season and feels Leveto's development at the collegiate level, in many ways, parallels her own.

"Me and her are similar in a lot of ways," Smail said. "My freshman year was just like hers. I was just really burned out and overwhelmed with how much we work out, how much conditioning we do, and all the schoolwork on top of that."

"I think she's learned a lot because this year she is more confident because she knows how to balance her time better."

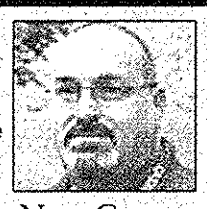
Leveto agreed with her teammate's assessment. "Individually, I think it's going really well now. It's been a lot easier than the first year," she said.

Smail recently placed first in one-meter diving and the 400-yard freestyle in a dual meet with Akron. She also earned two second place finishes on YSU's senior day against Canisius with seasonal-best scores in both one and three-meter diving.

Despite the record-breaking success of her teammate, Smail said she has come a long way since last year. "I'm doing a lot better and I have a lot more confidence this year," she said.

In the Penguins first meet of the season against Marshall, Leveto won the one-meter competition with a

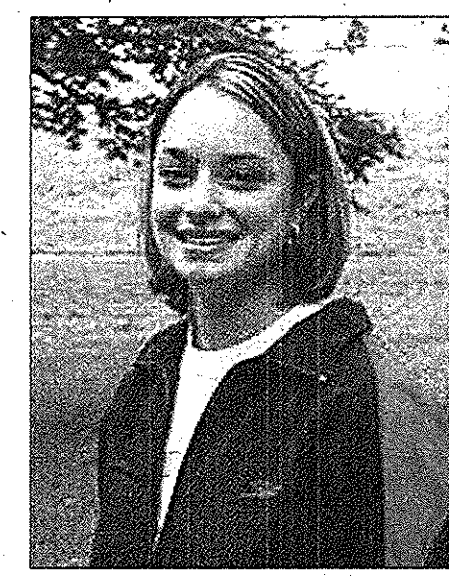
"How you deal with fear is what separates every athlete from the rest."



— NICK GAVOLAS
YSU assistant diving coach

score of 252.90 and Smail finished second with a score of 234.69. However, in the three-meter competition Smail captured first place with a score of 235.43 while Leveto came in second with a score of 234.08.

In the following meet against Clarion, Smail earned the win in the



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one-meter competition while Leveto led the way in the three-meter event.

Throughout the campaign, these back-and-forth results have become a recurring theme, giving the diving team a legitimate shot to capture the conference championship.

"The first half of the season our divers have done quite well — they've won every event. That's a tribute to Mandie and Kayln," said Gavolas, who is in his seventh season as coach.

"They've done everything I've asked them to do. They've competed

well and scored some new times this year," he added. "Right now we're on the right track for conferences."

Smail said the biggest challenge thus far has been the competitive rivalry that exists between herself and Leveto. She said there are other good divers out there but realistically, they usually end up aiming for one another.

"When we go to meets there is competition, but not at our level, so we just use each other to keep us going," Smail said. "When one of us gets a good dive, the other one becomes more focused and wants to do better than that."

Leveto said her relationship with Smail, both friendly and competitively, goes back a long way. Despite being two years apart, Leveto said they were apart of the same gymnastics team growing up.

"We've been competing against each other and with each other for awhile," said Leveto, a Warren native. "We get along well, we really do. We have our different points of view at times but we dive well together and push each other. We're a good team."

In addition to pursuing team goals, including a Horizon League Championship, both Smail and Leveto have qualified for the NCAA Zone C Championships, which will take place March 13 through 15 at Indiana University.

Gavolas said the Zone Championships is where divers attempt to qualify for the National Championships. He said usually only the top four or five qualify.

Gavolas said the majority of the 40-45 who will be competing are from primarily Big Ten schools.

"There will be tons of bigger schools than we are," Gavolas said. "To go there it means out of our zone, they're in the top 40-45 of about 500 divers. So it's a big thing."

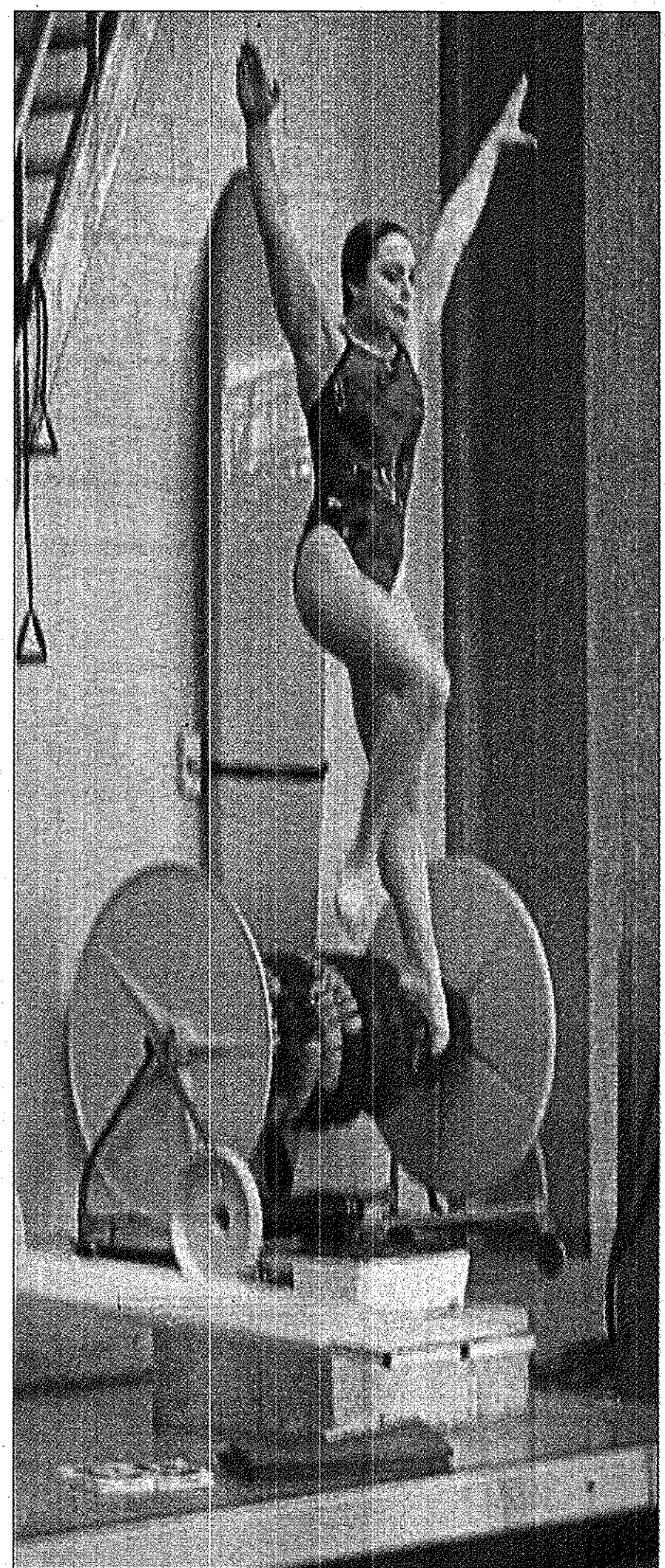
Smail, who will be making her fourth consecutive trip to the Zone Championships, finished 23rd last year in the three-meter competition. Smail, usually confident in her talent, said it can be a "scary" experience.

"Oh my God, it's very intimidating," she said with a laugh.

Leveto, qualifying for the second time, said going to the Zone Championships and competing against top level divers, gives her a perspective on where she must set the bar.

"It was an interesting experience seeing all those awesome divers," Leveto said. "It helps you set goals for the following season because you realize — there are girls better."

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BIG LEAP: Sophomore Karyn Leveto takes a dive at a recent swimming and diving competition. Alongside teammate senior Mandie Smail, the Penguins have racked up some impressive statistics so far this season.

Gorby has championship hopes for track and field squads

By JOE SIMON
The Jambar

Members of this year's indoor track and field teams already have broken two school records, and their coach thinks the teams have a shot at a Horizon League crown.

After respectable showings in their first year in the league, Penguins coach Brian Gorby said the team figures to be competitive at the Horizon League Championships in March.

"It would be great to get that first title and officially break into the Horizon League," Gorby said. "[Our team] definitely has an opportunity to make a run at it."

Winning conference championships is nothing new for Gorby, who won the Mid-Continent Conference Championship in 1996 with the women and in 1997 with the men.

This season Gorby says the team's most stringent competition should come from the host of the tournament, University of Wisconsin-

Milwaukee. "Milwaukee is very, very powerful and we're definitely going to have our hands full," Gorby said.

The Penguins have been contending with nationally recognized competition throughout the season and have been able to race with some of the nations best runners. Gorby and his staff feel that this will help the teams' confidence when they head to Milwaukee for the championship in March.

"The tough schedule will make sure we're not intimidated and help us break through any mental barriers," Gorby said. "We have a very committed coaching staff with championship experience and we want our team to have a no fear attitude heading into Milwaukee."

Gorby said nine players have already achieved personal best accolades this season and two school records have been broken.

One record was broken at the Penn State National Open. Lindsay Frontz, Aaliyah

"Milwaukee is very, very powerful and we're definitely going to have our hands full."



— BRIAN GORBY
YSU track and field coach

Gillespie, Racheal Albert and Emily Schmitkey combined to set the school record in the women's distance medley relay.

Their time of 12:13.69 placed them 10th and broke the record that was set last year.

Last season the women's second place overall finish in the league championship was by just five points, and Gorby said those five points have been driving the team all year.

"Those five points have been our

motivation and have inspired us throughout the year," said Gorby, a two-time indoor track Coach of the Year. "This season we've challenged the girls to do even better."

As a freshman, Jeanna Cunningham was named Newcomer of the Year last season for finishing second in the 200-meter dash, finishing third in the 400-meter dash and anchoring the winning 4x400-meter relay. Gorby said Cunningham has been hampered by injuries the past weeks but should be near 100 percent this week at Kent.

For the men, Kurt Michaelis nearly qualified for the NCAA Championships this weekend in the 800-meter run.

Michaelis, ranked as one of the top 40 runners in the nation by Track and Field news — called "the Sports Illustrated of track" by Gorby — just missed qualifying and setting another school record. His time of 1:50.81 was just hundreds of seconds behind the national qualifying time of 1:50.20, the YSU school record is 1:50.19.

Michaelis has already set one school record this season. At the Golden Flash Gala at Kent State University, Michaelis set the 1,000-meter record with a time of 2:28.23.

Michaelis currently owns the school mark in the mile by sprinting to a 4:03.95 time. Although the mile isn't considered a sprint, the word sprinting is used because jogging doesn't achieve the ever-hailed four-minute mile, something Gorby says Michaelis expects to accomplish in the coming weeks.

The school records being set are no run of the mill performances. YSU harriers, specifically under coach Gorby, have been nationally ranked and have competed in the NCAA Championships for the past decade.

The Penguins will continue their record-breaking season this weekend when they travel to Kent State to compete in the Doug Raymond Invitational.

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Penguin Sportswire

Indianapolis. — Youngstown State sophomore Jen Perugini has been named the Horizon League Player of the Week, the League announced on Monday. Perugini averaged 23.5 points, including back-to-back career scoring highs, and 14.0 rebounds while shooting 54.1 percent from the floor in two games.

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