

## Report clears Habat, points to relative

BY HENRY GOMEZ  
The Jambar



HABAT

A forensic survey of John Habat's university-issued laptop has turned up repeated personal use of the com-

puter by someone else living in the vice president's Cleveland home.

Last week an independent committee cleared Habat of violating the Board of Trustees' computer-use policy after a six-week investigation into allegations Habat used the university's laptop to access

pornography.

Based on a report from a YSU computer analyst and testimony from one of Habat's close family members, committee members decided Habat was not responsible for the questionable content. The

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## Palmer-Fernandez wary of retaliation

BY HENRY GOMEZ  
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PALMER

The professor who informed University President David Sweet of allegations against John Habat is afraid

administrators will retaliate against him for going after one of their own.

Gabriel Palmer-Fernandez, direc-

tor of the Dale Ethics Center and a professor of philosophy and religious studies, refused to talk to reporters Thursday after a Sweet-appointed committee cleared Habat of using

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## SGA hopefuls kick campaigns in gear

BY ROXANNE TORELLA  
The Jambar

The chair of the political science department said he is pleased with the amount of interest and participation Student Government Association applicants are showing for this year's election.

With elections set for April 16 and 17, campaigns are just beginning for the eight pairs of candidates campaigning for president and vice president. Some teams are campaigning with flyers and personal contact with students, while others have their own Web site listing their qualifications.

William Binning, professor and chair of political science, said the influx of activity is encouraging.

"With so many candidates, this offers a lot of choices for students - both good and bad,"

Binning said. Running for SGA's two top spots are the teams of Brad Adair and Joseph Trocci, Heidi Critser and Thomas "T.R." Corey, Emily Eckman and Adam Vukovic, Trevor McAleer and Courtney Trimacco, Jessica Moss and Colette Tabet, Roy Palumbo and Gino La Rocca, Matt Pastier and Jaymin Patel, and Tony Spano and Melissa Morvay.

Elections history shows that candidates have always targeted various Greek organizations. Binning said these organizations are very influential to winning.

"Students don't vote - organizations do," he said. "With this many candidates running, it can maybe divide the voting up from the Greek organizations between many

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## YSU guitar teacher worried about future



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STRUMMIN': Guitarist Brian Quinn performs at The Butler Institute of American art as part of the Dana Guitar Ensemble program.

BY HENRY GOMEZ  
The Jambar

Jim Boyce flipped through the three thick manila folders, all overflowing with colored paper held together by a tangled collection of staples and paper clips.

"This," the guitar instructor said as he patted the stack,

"is what they've done in three years."

The folders are a collection of accomplishments, gigs and memories for a group of about 10 music performance students hoping to advance their careers through the small but accomplished guitar program

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## Celebrating the 'Colors of India'



Chuck Rogers/The Jambar

HAPPY FEET: The second annual Colors of India Festival was held Saturday night in Kilcawley Center. The event celebrated Indian culture, highlighting Indian dance, music and fashion.

BY ALICIA HOUSTON  
The Jambar

The second annual Colors of India festival celebrated Indian culture by highlighting Indian dance, music and fashion.

The second-annual performance, which took place Saturday night at the Chestnut Room in Kilcawley Center, brought to life the colorful Indian culture.

Sophomore Jaymin Patel and Nikki Ghiya - both of the Indian National Student Association that sponsored the



event with Student Activities - planned the event. Colors of India won the Shoestring Award last month in Atlanta for demonstrating what cultural programs should be like on campus.

Throughout the celebration, interesting facts about India were shared with the crowd, such as the Taj Mahal, which is the most magnificent monument mankind has ever seen; and that an Indian marriage consists of a ceremony that lasts one-and-a-half days.

Colors of India began with a choreographed dance per-

formance by students from the Northeast Ohio Universities College of Medicine (NEOUCOM) to songs by Daler Mehndi, one of India's most popular music icons.

After the performance Ghiya explained to the audience the significance of the colors of India, which are saffron, white, green and blue. She said saffron stands for piety and patriotism, white stands for purity and peace, green stands for prosperity, and blue stands for progress.

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## Student activist loses fight to cancer

BY REBECCA MARQUIS  
The Jambar

The people that knew her all use the same words. Courageous, optimistic and spunky - a girl who wanted to get the most out of her life.

Even when the ovarian cancer she was diagnosed with at 17 years old put her in a wheelchair, junior Kimberly DeOnofrio refused to let it get her down. She died of the cancer at University Hospital in Cleveland on March 30.

John Yemma, dean of Health and Human Services, said DeOnofrio was a good worker for him in the dean's office.

"I never knew for a long while," he said.

After blood clots in her legs necessitated a wheelchair for her to get around, DeOnofrio still went to work.

"I didn't come here to lay down," she said. She wanted to be known as Kimberley, not Kimberley the girl with Cancer," DeOnofrio's mother, Mary, said.

"She never let the grass grow under her feet."

The 21-year-old was active both on campus and off. She started a chapter of Colleges against Cancer at YSU. She was part of the YSU Dance club, helped organize the Relay for Life at YSU and in Austintown.

Mary DeOnofrio said her daughter loved music of all kinds.

"She tried out for a band in Salem - a 70s rock band," she said [That was] the day her hair fell out [from chemotherapy]. She put on a wig and went out."

The band called DeOnofrio back after the audition. In addition to singing, DeOnofrio also wrote her own music and played the organ, accordion and was beginning to learn the guitar.

"Mom, a lot of bands like you to know an instrument and sing," Mary DeOnofrio remembered her daughter saying.

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## ACE union claims victory in labor dispute

By LA'EL HUGHES  
The Jambor

YSU-Association of Classified Employees discussed past victory and future battles at a meeting, while touting their win against the university.

ACE President Roman Swerdan told members that they won a judgement stating YSU was unfair in their decision to remove the Employee Certification Program, which allowed classified employees to take classes during work hours.

At the same meeting ACE members said they are also concerned about the implementation of House Bill 94, which would eliminate several protections enjoyed by civil service employees.

The unfair labor practice regarding the Employee Certification Program was

filed on June 12, 2002 and did not receive a ruling until March 19. The State Employee Relations Board passed a verdict saying YSU did violate fair labor practices by eliminating this particular employee program.

ACE Vice President Christine Domhoff said "this ruling is good news." However, Swerdan said he has yet to receive an official or unofficial comment from the university regarding the verdict.

John Habat, vice president for Administration, was asked to respond to the SERB decision, but was unavailable for comment.

SERB's ruling says YSU must cease and desist from, "interfering with, restraining or coercing employees in the exercise of their rights guaranteed in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4117 by unilaterally eliminating the Employee

Certification Program, and from otherwise violating Ohio Revised Code Section..."

Swerdan said he and the other members of ACE are waiting to see if the university will agree with the ruling or appeal.

The program allows classified employees to take training courses for their jobs or classes for personal development such as a bachelor's, master's or Ph.D. In the meantime, Domhoff said the ACE members who wanted to participate in this program have had a difficult time trying to schedule classes after work.

"All departments are not understanding when you ask to schedule time to attend a class," Domhoff said. "Some of the employees taking classes have children and have found it difficult to adjust their schedules. This is why having the Employee Certification Program is so important."

The program was originally initiated under former university president Leslie Cochran, but Domhoff said President David Sweet's administration, "tried to say the program did not exist, but [ACE] had several documents proving that it did."

Another issue facing ACE is House Bill 94. Ivan Maldonado, ACE member, said if the bill is implemented, "it will take away all the protection of civil service employees."

In an e-mail letter Matthew Dobson, Ohio Education Association-Governmental Service Division, said, "The bill's broad range of reform provisions would pose a threat to many rights and protections for classified civil service employees and reduce oversight and accountability in favor of management and flexibility. The impact of the provi-

sions in the legislation span elements of hiring and promotion, classification and compensation, layoffs and appeals and due process."

Also in the e-mail, which was sent out to all OEA staff and district presidents, Dobson said the provisions would allow employers to reduce employees to part-time status up to ten weeks "for short-term fiscal relief."

Swerdan said he opposes the bill and said he believes other civil service employees are going to Columbus to lobby against House Bill 94.

In an interview last week, a representative from the OEA-Governmental Service Division said, "I do believe this bill may be due in part to the current fiscal situation the state is facing. There could be large savings in the future."

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## Professor lends his poetry to collection

By HEATHER SHAW  
The Jambor



GREENWAY

William Greenway, an English professor and long-time poet, will share space in a poetry collection with storied writers Robert Frost and T.S. Eliot.

"Anniversary" is one of 20,000 poems selected to appear in "The Poetry Anthology: 1912-2002," which houses famous works from the likes of Frost, Eliot and now Greenway.

Eliot's "The Love Song of Alfred Prufrock," and Frost's "The Witch of Coos" also appear in the book. Although Greenway is featured alongside some of the most influential poets in history, he said his strongest influence came from folk music.

"Back in the 60s while everyone was listening to The Beatles, I was really into folk music," he said. "I thought the lyrics of Bob Dylan and Joan Baez were really beautiful. I began writing songs and then eventually moved into writing poetry." When asked how he begins writing a poem, Greenway said ideas could happen to him anywhere.

"A poem can happen to me anywhere, taking a walk, talking with a friend, or watching TV, when suddenly something I see or hear attracts feelings in me I wasn't aware of, and they rush to that particular image and organize themselves around it," Greenway said.

"I think poets are just people who've trained themselves to listen to that part of themselves we usually only hear from when our logical mind is asleep, what I guess you could call our dream mind."

Greenway is a native of Atlanta, where he received his bachelor's degree from Georgia State. He has Ph. D. in modern literature and poetry from Tulane University and has taught at YSU since 1986. During this time he has been awarded Distinguished Professorships in both Teaching and Scholarship.

Greenway said he began his career as a folk singer but realized his writing skills were far better than his singing.

Greenway, however, said he has not completely given up on music, he plays in a Celtic music group called Brady's Leap, which is currently recording an album.

While Greenway has had many other works published, his seventh book of poetry will be published in June. The publication will consist of a collection of poems titled, "Ascending Order."

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## YSU math students earn international honors

Seven teams of students participated, and ranked above universities such as Harvard, and California Institute of Technology.

By ELIZABETH TABAK  
The Jambor

The small study lounge on the first floor of Cushman Hall may look just like any of the other study lounges found on campus - however, this lounge is quite different.

The small room is reserved for math majors to study and prepare for the day's classes. Recently, the prepara-

tion done inside the room has produced some remarkable results.

In February, seven teams of YSU students participated in the Consortium for Mathematics and its Applications International Mathematical competition. In March the team comprised of seniors Chris Jones, Sarah Grove and Joel Lepak, learned that they had won sixth place in the competition, and the highest ranking of "outstanding". This put the team in the top one percent of the world.

The team's ranking placed them above universities such as Harvard and California Institute of Technology.

Nathan Ritchey, chairman of the Mathematics and Statistics department, explained that the team competed against over 600 international teams from 300 schools.

"This is great...we always do pretty well by making it into the top 20 teams, we've never been in the top 10 before," Ritchey said.

The annual competition is made up of three mathematical modeling problems. Each team works on one problem. The problems were sent to the team members via email at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 6. Team members were given until 8 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 10 to work on the problems.

Solutions to the problems are first presented in the abstract. The abstract summarizes the solution to the problem given. Composing a good abstract was the focus in practice, said Angela Spalsbury, the teams' coach.

"We started preparation a month ahead of time working on problem solving sessions," Spalsbury said. "We also spent a lot of time writing abstract solutions...that's really the big issue."

Spalsbury explained that the judges focus mostly on the abstract, it is what they see first, and helps them make the judgement in looking further into the problem.

Grove and Jones showed off a sam-

ple abstract, explaining that theirs was 18 pages long.

"We put about 80 hours into this," Jones said, speaking of the four days of constant competition.

However, the team is used to this level of competition. The three members have taken part in the competition for four years. Last year the team made it into the top 20 percent.

This year, Spalsbury said, she is not surprised at the outcome.

"It was a wonderful experience...I am so proud of them. I knew they could do it," she said.

The students were equally happy with the outcome.

"It's great...we beat Harvard," Jones said.

Grove agreed. "This is definitely the highlight of my career at YSU."

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The flag is the essence of India and is considered to be one of the most beautiful flags in the whole world, said Ghiya.

Sophomore Ami Mehta and Patel performed the song "Aati Kya Khandala" from the movie "Ghulam."

The song depicted a man trying to flirt with a girl, asking her to come to "khandala" with him, a vacation getaway.

"The film industry in India is huge, and if an actor made it big in films, he would be as famous as Michael Jordan is in the states," Ghiya said. "Hindi films are an integral part of the everyday lives of Indians."

Patel also performed a Bhangra dance with Vikram Dhillon.

Bhangra is a dance style popular in India that has its roots in the state of Punjab. It is known for utilizing every part of the body.

Students from the University of Akron joined in the celebration of Indian culture by also performing a Bhangra dance.

The dance combined modern American songs with Indian sounds to create a tribute to Indian dance and music.

The University of Akron won first place in the dance competition and gave an encore performance at the end of the festival. The second place performance went to NEOUCOM.

Following the dances and songs was a fashion show that included vibrant

Indian saris, formal wear, semi-formal wear and casual wear.

After the performance, Patel said that he was pleased with the program but wished it would have received more support from the YSU community.

"I feel the students were able to pull it together," Patel said. "We put on a good show."

He added that Colors of India received a number of good reviews.

"I only wish more people were here to support it."

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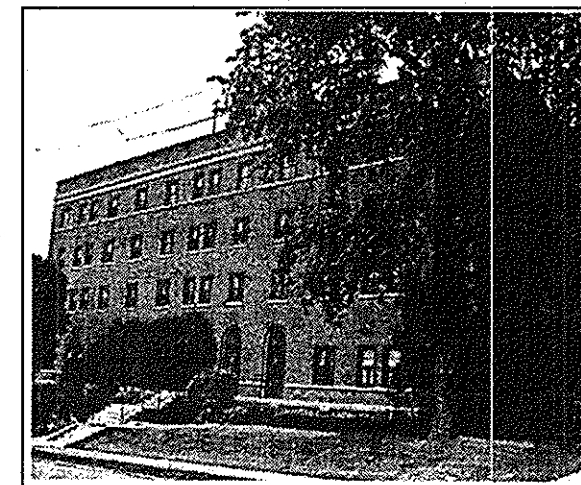
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## TODAY'S EDITORIAL

### Wanted: A leader to stand up to Sweet

With eight teams running for Student Government Association's top spots, the next week will be a whirlwind of campaign signs, empty promises and, most likely, general apathy.

About 10 percent of the student population bothers to vote in the SGA elections, usually because of a lack of interest in the candidates and their messages.

We have heard it all before: Reconnection, more involvement, more things to do on campus, more entertainment, more leadership and experience.

And you know what? None of it really mattered.

This year, we will be looking for the team that separates itself from others by pledging to work with administrators on academic standards and university funding in times of economic disparity. We will be looking for the team that separates itself from others by actually boasting concrete plans to reach out to students.

We will be looking for the team that separates itself from others by showing a desire to actually help — not bolster resumes.

The next SGA president must be someone who can challenge University President David Sweet — not someone who is afraid to rock the boat. This year's SGA was too silent when Sweet raised tuition then raised his own paycheck. We need someone willing to show that SGA does not just fight within, it actually fights for the students who elected the representation.

The next SGA president must be someone who can rally support for poor college students at YSU and the state of Ohio. Until last month, lawmakers in Columbus had heard little from YSU students. Sure, they had heard from Sweet, but it isn't easy to listen to a man who accepted a hefty raise plead poverty at his school.

The next SGA president must be someone who moves SGA beyond the role of financial appropriations and actually uses the body to serve as a forum for student concerns. We need creative ideas to improve technology and online communication. And, we need people who will stick with such ideas and allow them to grow.

What we don't need is a president who rests on his or her laurels. We don't need a president who only looks out for his or her own interests. We need a president with an eye for detail, a flare for success and passion for politics.

This is YSU. If we've learned anything in the last year, it is that YSU is political. You need to know how to work the system in your favor.

So listen up in the next week as the eight teams hit the campaign trail hard. Listen for the team that will counter Sweet's

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### YSU POLICE:

#### Sarcastic letter was offensive

Editor:

To the response of YSU student John G. Shanks' parking incident at Cafaro, as a police officer, I know we are supposed to be thick-skinned and take all criticisms with a smile.

It is unfortunate that Mr. Shanks' experience with that YSU police officer was not a pleasant one, and to him that his complaint is legitimate but also his statement that we harass students as a hobby is not warranted. If he feels that he was not treated fairly, there is a complaint process that he is entitled to at the YSU Police Department. As for the suggestion that YSU police officers take up playing a magnetic game of checkers while on duty — it is sarcasm at its worst.

I along with many other officers have great compassion for all of YSU students, employees and visitors. Yes, our job is to SERVE AND TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY, and that means with our life if we have to.

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## So, you want to be SGA president?



**Between The Lines**  
Henry Gomez

Assuming they all can fit on stage, the 16 candidates for Student Government Association president and vice president will square off Monday, April 14 at Peaberry's.

The debate will be crucial as it comes on the eve of the 2003 SGA elections and will be the only time students are able to listen to and ask questions of those running for high office.

This year's crop of candidates includes a mix of experienced SGA insiders, anti-establishment hopefuls and others who think they can take advantage of a crowded field — the most crowded field in recent history.

Unfortunately, it may not be enough to boost poor overall poll showings for SGA. And that is a shame because there are serious questions that need to be answered this year. With that, here are some questions I hope to hear at Monday's debate.

**Brad Adair and Joseph Trocci:** You are relatively unknown outside the SGA circle — what are the benefits and downsides to being outsiders?

**Heidi Critser and Thomas Corey:** Heidi, coming from YSU Greek Life is



**CRITSER**  
Emily Eckman and Adam Vukovic: Emily, you already have served as vice president. Most recent vice presidents have decided one year is enough. What more could you accomplish if voters elevate you to president? To Adam: As a Scholar, what do you think about SGA's \$2,000+ allocation to the University Scholars?

**Trevor McAleer and Courtney Trimacco:** As political science students, what do you hope to accomplish between YSU, its administration and the legislators and governor in Columbus? Is it impossible to politically motivate this campus to lobby for economic change?

**Jessica Moss and Colette Tabet:** Many students think, because of your campaign posters, that you are not taking this campaign seriously and only are trying to divert attention with high-school tactics. Do you really care about this election? How can you help SGA be more in touch with the students and administration?

**Roy Palumbo and Gino La Rocca:**

bound to score you some votes around campus. But how will you relate to the majority of YSU students who are not involved in student activities and care more about their bottom line?

What is SGA's main role? Coming from the outside, how do you profess to understand its function and daily duties?

**Matt Pastier and Jaymin Patel:** Matt, as SGA's vice president for finance, you allowed representatives to allocate more than \$2,000 to University Scholars for a formal not open to all YSU students. As this in many ways contradicts the financial path of SGA, how would you respond to students who feel slighted by SGA? Also, as a student trustee, how vocal were you in this year's talk about raising tuition as well as President Sweet's salary?

**Tony Spano and Melissa Morvay:** Tony, your big thing has been Student Programming and the attraction of more entertainment to campus. Clearly, however, students are more concerned about tuition, parking, administrative procedure and academics. As someone whose primary experience comes from Student Programming, how will you fight for these more pressing student interests?

Keep these and other questions — as well as their answers — fresh in your mind as you pick new leadership.

Call Henry Gomez at (330) 941-1991.

## READERS' LETTERS

### Student's opinion draws mixed reactions

#### YSPAN rhetoric forms illogical base ...

Editor:

I am writing this note to applaud the critical thinking and writing skills exhibited by YSU junior Leslie Werek. Although I cannot presume these skills are the result of our new and improved gen ed program, what a wonderful thing it would be! Leslie's ability to see what is real and to cut through the diatribe surpasses that of some faculty on this campus!

Our troops support our president (and all that entails in the Pentagon, intelligence gathering, etc) to the extent of offering their lives. We support, with a passion, our troops. If A, then B. If B, then C. Hence, if A, then C. It is logical to support our president/leadership, respect their hard decisions, and value those that enforce it. This is logic. Stating that one supports our troops while fighting our government's leadership is illogical, yet these very vocal individuals were barking into microphones the other day. In addition, I believe it is naive, immature, and self-serving to spew the antiwar dribble I hear too often. I am thankful to our president and the brave soldiers for reducing the chances of my babies getting gassed someday, or otherwise being victims of terrorism. All babies of the world are safer, even those in Iraq; our armed forces are doing an admirable job of trying to minimize civilian deaths even though the opponent is using human shields and putting its soldiers in civilian dress. Over half of our country supports our president. Tony Blair is putting his own political career on the line for information that he has and believes in; perhaps he is not impressed with the track record of Germany and France, either.

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Apparently they wish to reject digital images proving the hiding of "suspicious" containers buried in sand dunes just before inspection teams arrive, and "missing" scientists and engineers. Apparently there is a bigger attraction to view a war motivated by "oil and drugs", according to YSPAN speakers outside Kilcawley. I heard YSPAN say: If A, then B, but B's are stupid. If B, then maybe there is some undefined relation to C. So, they conclude, C must be impassionate against A!

When a child whines and complains about something without an understanding of their options, choices made, and ramifications of their choices, the tantrum usually ends in a "time-out." A good parent wants their child to learn how to be part of a family, and that their actions affect everyone else in the family; the same lessons follow that child through working in a profession and in their own family someday. Scale this up; isn't international politics for all religions and creeds quite similar? Wasn't Iraq given its choices clearly by the UN because its WMD could affect everyone else in the world? Can you even imagine the horror a suicide-driven terrorist could evoke in a tantrum?

I hope more graduates such as Leslie proudly broadcast themselves as YSU graduates. This will do more for our enrollment and funding than anything else I can think of!

Jeanette Garr  
Chemical Engineering

#### Don't question Harver's patriotism ...

Editor:

Whether purposely or unintentionally, the positioning of the articles on page 3 of the April 3rd Jambar could not have been better. Leslie Werek's letter is a perfect illustration of the points Mr. Liller wrote on in the adjacent article and was perfectly suited to follow it.

As much as the pro-war rhetoric is anti-Saddam and "Remember 9/11," her letter is anti-Harver and pro-America with just as little evidence as to why. Her letter is an attack on Mr. Harver that had no support other than "I say so," and is backed wholly by empty arguments recycled from the rubbish that comes from Donald Rumsfeld's mouth (right down to the clever use of

the buzz word 'embedded') and is a shining example of what happens when people believe what they see on Fox News and stop questioning what is true.

She does, however, make one good point in saying, "you should consider the fact that both this country and the First Amendment to our Constitution afford you the opportunity to expound your mindless discourse and ad-nauseum in The Jambar." Truer words were never spoken, Leslie. If this is your thesis, the rest of your letter did a fantastic job of supporting it.

Kevin Sturdevant  
Senior

Editor:

Having read Leslie Werek's letter questioning the patriotism of Jacob Harver, YSPAN members and others opposed to the Iraq war, I feel compelled to reply.

Ms. Werek accuses Jacob Harver of hating America because he speaks out against this administration's policies. I suppose she would accuse me of the same thing. However, it precisely because I LOVE America that I feel it is my patriotic obligation to speak out. True patriotism means standing up for the ethical values this country was founded on, even if it contrasts with our government's policies.

Ms. Werek goes on to invite Mr. Harver, and by association, all those who oppose war, to exile themselves to a foreign land. Understand this Ms. Werek: those of us who love this country are

going nowhere. We will continue to criticize our government when the need arises because it is our patriotic duty to do so. Those who would stifle dissent by questioning fellow American's patriotism and suggesting exile should realize they themselves might be happier in a totalitarian regime where there was no freedom to question our leaders. I proudly wave the American flag while promoting the values of peace and free speech. If you can't handle those basic American liberties, Ms. Werek, please leave. May I suggest to YOU there's plenty of other countries where you can blindly wave a flag to demonstrate your unwavering allegiance to its ruler.

Ed Budde  
PTE, Biological Sciences



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committee did, however, ask University President David Sweet to rethink the board's policy and discuss with Habat the vice president's use of university equipment.

In his report to committee members, Mark Welton, network security analyst, speculated a female between the ages of 16 and 23 used the laptop to surf the Internet and visit sites, which in turn may have led to unsolicited pop-ups for adult sites.

"All such usage appears to be a single individual who was then a minor child in the Habat household," the committee's report stated. "This activity has been confirmed by that family member in an interview with a member of the panel."

Habat, who oversees Human Resources and makes \$129,500 a year, issued a written statement lashing out at those he felt pursued the investigation.

"When we treat people as targets rather than as human beings, we need to look inside our souls to see what is motivating us," he said.

**WHAT WAS FOUND**

Welton, also a Mahoning County civil sheriff's deputy, conducted the forensic analysis of Habat's laptop. In a four-page summary submitted to the committee, Welton reports that:

- Two trojans and one worm were found on the hard drive. One trojan created a desktop icon for four Web sites that James Morrison, chair of the committee, said were labeled as "fine art sites."

- Most of the questionable surfing occurred on evenings between June and October 2002.

- Numerous Juno and AOL accounts that include e-mails suggesting repeated use by a "female about 16 to 23 years of age."

- All Internet surfing was done through a Cleveland-area dial-up. The university's computer system was not used at all.

Morrison, who met with reporters Thursday at a Kilcawley Center news conference, said there was no proof the sites were purposefully accessed.

That, along with the findings that the university's Web lines were not used and the family member's confession, led the committee to deduce Habat was not guilty of wrongdoing.

Morrison, however, said many would have considered the Web sites in question to be inappropriate.

"I think most reasonable people would guess that, yeah, these are pornographic sites," Morrison said.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

In its report, Morrison and committee members Darla Funk and George Letchworth asked University President David Sweet to:

- Discuss Habat's judgment in allowing family members to use his university computer. Habat had admitted to making a "mistake in judgment."
- To review policies for university employees, such as

computer technicians, who may come across sensitive material. Ron Krauss, a university computer technician, found the desktop icon when servicing Habat's computer in November. He was unsure of to whom, if anyone, he should report it. Krauss has since said he believed Habat should be exonerated.

- Review the Board of Trustees' computer-use policies to clarify language to deal with "sensitive" subjects such as pornography. The current policy bans the viewing of child pornography and other "obscene" material. The committee did not feel the sites involved represented that.

**ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE**

In a written statement released Thursday, Sweet said the committee's judgment "clearly vindicates" Habat, his longtime associate, of the allegations.

"I deeply regret any pain that this allegation, unfounded rumors and innuendo have caused John and his family," Sweet said. "John is a key and valued member of my administrative team. I greatly appreciate that he has maintained focus and has made progress on numerous issues confronting the university during the past weeks since these allegations surfaced."

Board of Trustees Chairman Joseph Nohra said he was delighted Habat was exonerated.

Nohra also said he thought the complaint and investigation were handled

appropriately.

"I don't think there was anything wrong about filing the complaint," Nohra said. "There was a question of possible misconduct. We should encourage people to go forward. I don't want to discourage anyone."

Habat came to YSU with Sweet in 2000, then serving as a special assistant to the man he met while working for former Cleveland Mayor George Voinovich. Sweet drew criticism for promoting Habat to vice president for Administration last summer without conducting a national search.

The allegations against Habat officially surfaced in February when Gabriel Palmer-Fernandez, a philosophy and religious studies professor and director of the Dale Ethics Center, e-mailed Sweet to report that a university employee had direct knowledge of porn on Habat's laptop.

Several days later, Sweet called on Morrison, chair of psychology, to chair the panel. Palmer-Fernandez claimed he knew of three people who had knowledge of the laptop's contents.

The committee reported that Krauss appeared to be the only university employee with direct, first-hand knowledge.

*La'el Hughes contributed to this article.*

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DeOnofrio also made candles, which she gave as gifts, and was an avid wrestler fan and would-be pro-wrestler.

But her real passion, said her mother, was helping others.

Mary DeOnofrio recalled how when their family's church collected food for the rescue mission, her daughter always made sure it was full, even if she had to buy the

items to fill it herself.

She also worked with the American Cancer Society, sometimes traveling across the country, once to Dallas, to speak to cancer survivors.

Locally, she volunteered her time at St. Elizabeth's Health Center as well as organizing several Relay for Life fundraisers.

More than anything else, her mother said, DeOnofrio

wanted to graduate from YSU. After graduating in December, she planned to move to Cleveland and attend Case Western University's graduate program.

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his university laptop to access pornography.

His lawyer, he said, has advised him to stay quiet.

"It has been already made clear to me from one top-level administrator that plans are underway to 'get me' and that I need protection from retaliation by your administration," Palmer-Fernandez wrote in a March 19 e-mail to Sweet. "Will you kindly let me know how your administration intends to retaliate so I can prepare myself, or will it be a surprise attack?"

On March 28, Sweet fired back: "In my forty year professional career, I have never managed in a mode of retaliation and I do not intend to start now."

Palmer-Fernandez, however, said he is not sure. After learning he was cleared, Habat issued a written statement that suggested he was the victim of a personal attack.

"When we treat people as targets rather than as human beings, we need to look inside our souls to see what is motivating us," Habat said.

Walt Ulbricht, executive director of Marketing and Communications, said he did not think Habat's comment was a jab at Palmer-Fernandez.

Palmer-Fernandez was skeptical and deferred questions to his boss, Thomas Shipka.

"Based on all the facts available to me, Dr. Gabriel Palmer-Fernandez acted responsibly and without any personal animus toward Mr. Habat or any other member of the administration," said Shipka, chair of philosophy and religious studies. "Dr. Palmer-Fernandez made no allegations of wrongdoing by Mr. Habat or anyone else. He merely passed along to the president and provost a report of potential wrongdoing that was given to him by another university employee."

**PAST COMPLAINTS**

In the past, Palmer-Fernandez has been critical of the Sweet administration's personnel decisions and blasted last summer's decision to promote Habat to vice president without a national search. Habat previously was a special assistant to Sweet, who he met while a dean at Cleveland State University.

In a January e-mail to Sweet, Palmer-Fernandez said he heard allegations that a top administrator used a university computer to look at porn. The professor did not name Habat and followed up with a

February e-mail, this time revealing that his source identified Habat as the administrator.

Palmer-Fernandez never claimed direct knowledge of the alleged pornography and said he was relaying the concerns of three individuals who claimed to know of the laptop's contents.

He said he never intended to become such a major focus of the committee's investigation. Yet, committee chairman James Morrison called him to testify.

Palmer-Fernandez brought with him a written statement that discussed his suspicions of the administration's intent and possible retaliation. In it, he described his initial meeting with Sweet and University General Counsel Sandra Denman.

"At one point in the meeting, Ms. Denman began to interrogate me," Palmer-Fernandez said. "Firmly but politely I inquired of the president whether I was there to be interrogated by his counsel. He never responded. Ms. Denman ceased her interrogation."

Following his meeting with the committee, Palmer-Fernandez became enraged by questions from member George Letchworth, retired director of the Counseling Center. Letchworth, he wrote in an e-mail to Morrison and Sweet, questioned his ethics.

"I made it clear to your panel that I did not want to be there but would cooperate and be truthful," Palmer-Fernandez wrote. "But the personal attack against me warns me against any future cooperation."

He concluded the e-mail by writing: "President Sweet ought to disband this panel for its prejudice and start again."

At a news conference last week, Morrison defended the committee's work and said Palmer-Fernandez and Letchworth must have had a misunderstanding during the meeting. The committee, Morrison said, was fair.

Palmer-Fernandez and Habat refused to comment further. But Palmer-Fernandez made clear his feelings to Sweet in a March 31 e-mail—two days before the report was finished.

"I have spoken with my attorney about this matter and we will use the law in its fullest and just sense."

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# Cuomo stresses need for Democratic ideals

BY HENRY GOMEZ  
The Jambor

Former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo wants a quick war with Iraq and said President Bush must set forth a domestic agenda to help the U.S. survive economically once military action ends.

Cuomo voiced these and other core Democratic beliefs Wednesday as he addressed a Chestnut Room crowded with students, professors, administrators and local political officials. Cuomo, the longest-serving governor in modern New York history, was this year's Skeggs lecturer.

In his speech, Cuomo focused heavily on foreign relations and economics and the need to return to more Democratic policymaking.

"You need to work as hard as you can," he urged audience members. "And then, they will try as hard as they can to help you."

Cuomo talked about his childhood and the quirky relationships he shared with his mother and father. Mom was stubbornly resistant when it came to complimenting her son. Dad underestimated Cuomo's financial needs when he learned his son was going into politics.

"I told him I would need money to run for office," Cuomo recalled. His father thought it over for a day, called him back and brought out an old savings account Cuomo's parents had kept. There was about \$700 saved.

"There

you go," he told me with a smile. "Now you don't have to ask anyone else for money."

Many of Cuomo's stories brought laughter from the large crowd, but as the almost two-hour speech continued, the former governor took a serious tone when chastising Bush's policies.

"You told us: 'Leave no child behind,'" Cuomo said in reference to a 2000 Republican campaign theme. "Then you left them behind."

Education, Cuomo said, is the key component toward rebuilding an economy that has turned sour since President Clinton left office. Cuomo blamed Republicans in the House and Senate and Bush for the fast digression.

"You know what tough shape the economy is in here in Youngstown," Cuomo said. "When Clinton left, we had the biggest surplus in history. Now, we have the biggest deficit in history — two years later! And the biggest debt!"

Cuomo contended that the \$450 billion tax plan put forth by Bush would be better spent on individual states, health care and education.

One topic on which Cuomo agreed with Bush was the war in Iraq.

"Saddam's tyrannical regime will be

ended," he said. "And then, we'll turn to a new chapter in the book of history. It will be a hopeful new chapter."

That new chapter, Cuomo said, must be fueled by different tax and spend programs. He blamed Bush for looking out for America's upper-crust of wealth with tax cuts and encouraged more breaks for the middle-, working-class.

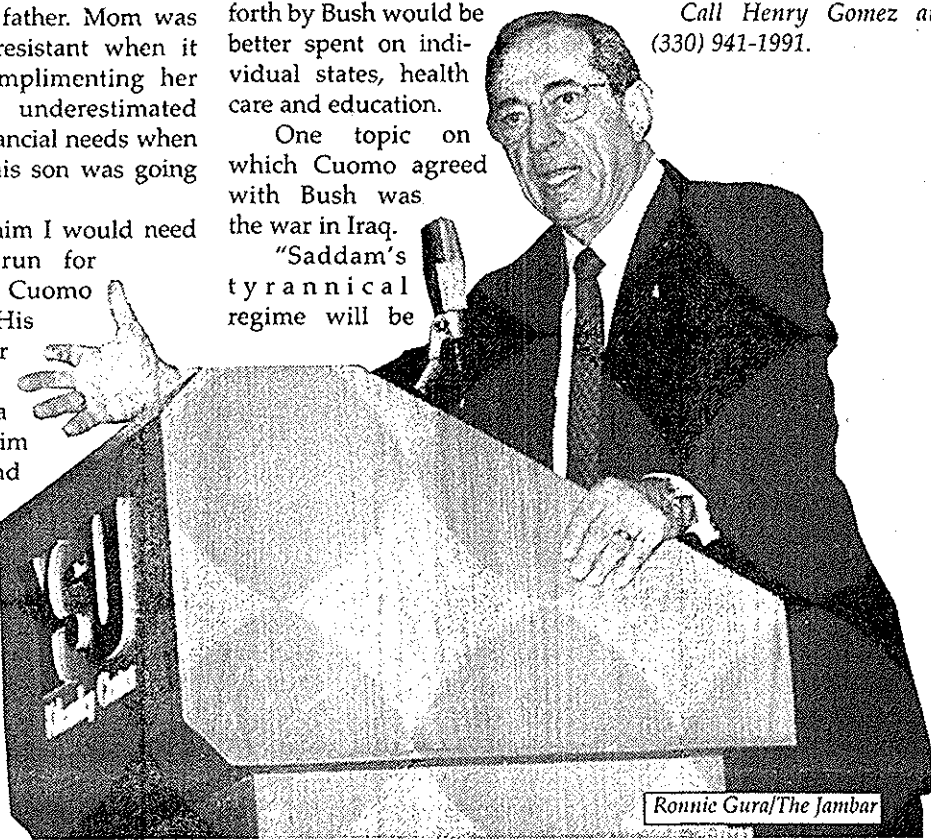
The consumers, he said, are those who work — not those who play the stock market.

"Seventy percent of our economy is consumption," he said.

Audience questions ranged from the war to why Cuomo would not run for president. A high school student in the crowd, Ben Clayman of Liberty, asked Cuomo what advice he had for young people interested in politics.

"It depends on what your passion is," Cuomo responded. "I never thought I'd be a politician. But this is what my passion is."

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signed Derek Jeter this year thinking that they'd be set for a .290 average, 20 homeruns, and 85 RBI's. But you can't predict that he'd get hurt and be out for six weeks.

With that, there comes another side of fantasy baseball. There's strategy needed for the draft. The basic strategy says to have a list of players you want and a limit to what you're willing to pay for each of them. But once the season starts, it's not over. You don't get to just sit back and read box scores. There are trades to be made and free agents to sign.

It becomes an obsession. But there are worse things to be obsessed with.

Sure, sitting in a room while smoking, drinking beer, making fun of each other, and each other's picks, isn't exactly the healthiest thing in the world, but nobody gets hurt.

Basically, we sit in a half circle, each of us holding rosters, paper, pens, and countless magazines with numerous scouting reports. Players are put on the board and bid on until everyone has a full roster.

The draft itself produces quite a bit of humor and revelry.

One guy kept skipping the person before him and shouting his bets out. One guy spent 80 percent of his salary cap on two players — you need 14.

Another player was down to his last nickel, so he kept putting players on the board with an opening bid of a nickel that ended up going for several dollars.

When I look back at my time in college, those are the kinds of things I want to remember.

We all spend enough of our time sitting in class, filling ourselves to the saturation point with knowledge hoping, worrying, wondering about the future and stressing over the important things.

Baseball is my release. For six months, I get to have a distraction from the real world — so what if it's an obsession?

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candidates."

Binning suggested an option that has been done in the past. He said for other candidates to get behind various sport groups, for example, offering referendums on the student fitness center.

On the down side of many teams running, it is possible that the winner does not have a real mandate of votes, however, Binning suggested the key to success is to "mobilize votes."

Adair and Trocci said they plan to spend whatever is necessary on their campaign.

"We have no set budget, whatever it costs," Adair said.

Adair and Trocci plan to campaign with flyers posted around campus, as well as a list of their qualifications on their own Web site.

Adair said he has been a certified Web master since the age of 16, so they have eliminated that cost from their budget.

"Within the next couple of days I hope to have the site up and running," Adair said.

The team will actually go out on campus and personally

campaign and greet students when the election date draws closer, he added.

Crister and Corey are taking a more hands-on approach. Crister said that she and Corey are going to pass out flyers and get in touch with those students who sometimes get left out.

"With TR living in a residence hall, we can reach them easier," Crister said.

Crister said she is going to distribute buttons and stickers promoting the team, as well as give student supporters shirts to wear.

Crister and Corey are trying to create a Web site promoting their campaign, however, may not have the financial support it takes.

"We are campaigning with our own money, with some help from our family and friends," Crister said. "We want students to realize this is the first time eight different groups are running. We just want students to get out and vote."

Eckman and Vukovic have flyers posted throughout campus supporting their cam-

paign. Although Eckman is hoping to seek the president's position next year, she said she is also campaigning for the future of SGA's entire body.

"Our target is the entire campus," Eckman said. "Our campaigning is a request for all student organizations and the diverse demographic population to seek office in an attempt to increase both voter turnout and diversity on next year's body."

McAleer and Trimacco want to focus on all students, getting everyone on campus involved, McAleer said.

They also have flyers posted throughout campus in support of their campaign. Both take on the similar theme of getting students to participate in this election.

"We want students involved, not only the elite few," McAleer said.

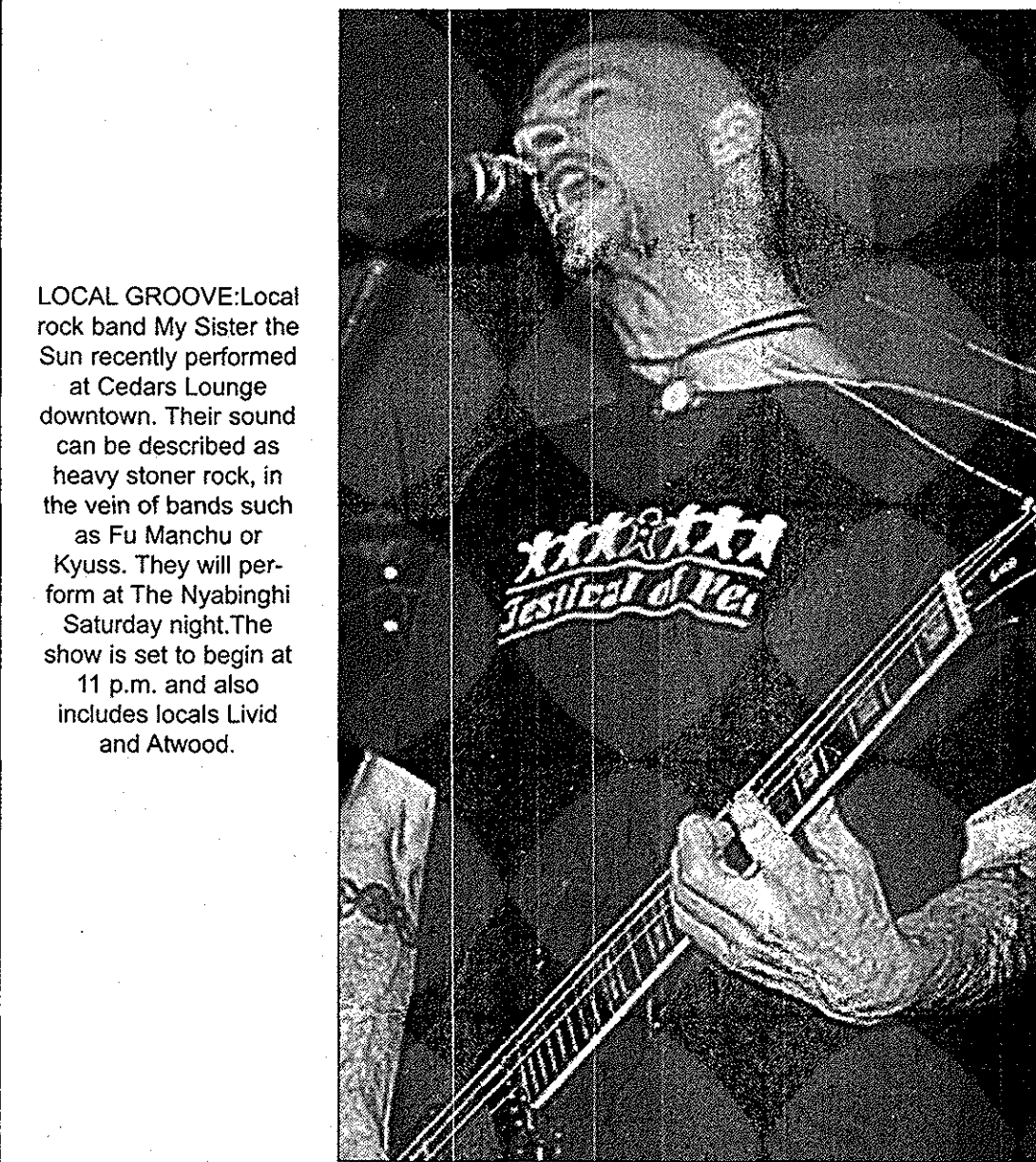
Moss and Tabet are producing handouts in support of their team, which contain information they received from students, while getting signatures for their petition, Moss said.

Moss said she hopes to get

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LOCAL GROOVE: Local rock band My Sister the Sun recently performed at Cedars Lounge downtown. Their sound can be described as heavy stoner rock, in the vein of bands such as Fu Manchu or Kyuss. They will perform at The Nyabinghi Saturday night. The show is set to begin at 11 p.m. and also includes locals Livid and Atwood.

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## Alliance holds dinner

By ALICIA HOUSTON  
The Jambar

The Leadership Alliance, established in 2000 for student leaders in the Northeast Ohio and Western Pennsylvania area, held their Leadership Recognition Banquet last week in the Ohio Room in Kilcawley Center.

The alliance consists of YSU, Thiel College, Walsh University, Westminster College, Lake Erie College and their newest member, Slippery Rock University.

"The alliance offers a networking opportunity for students," Director of Student Activities William Blake said. "It also allows them to learn leadership skills."

Senior Eboni Williams, member of the Leadership Alliance, said that the purpose of the alliance is to unite leaders to improve campus conditions.

This year, the Alliance has

been instrumental in reformulating advisement letters and making additions in the schedule of classes to inform students in how to become better advised.

"It gives an opportunity for students to work on their leadership skills."



— DAVID SWEET  
University President

multiple institutions. I am pleased with the program and the real benefits of the alliance."

Members of the Leadership Alliance received proclamations from their respective governors and mayors for their efforts.

"It's a great experience," Sweet said. "I'm glad we can support it."

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## 25th English Festival begins Wednesday

By MELISSA MOSCHELLA  
The Jambar

This year marks the 25th annual English Festival at YSU.

Mary Lou Henneman, a English Festival committee member, said she expects more than 3,000 students to attend this year's festival. She said these students will be coming to the university from 170 different schools.

The festival will begin 9 a.m. Wednesday in Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room with a welcome session led by Gary Salvner, co-chair of English Festival Committee, and continue with activities until April 11.

Special sessions for teachers, librarians and parents will be held in the Trustees' Room in Tod Hall each morning. These sessions will be hosted by featured authors, Chris Crutcher, author of "Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes" and "Whale Talk," Sue Ellen Bridgers, author of "Home Before Dark" and "All We Know of Heaven," and Norma Fox Mazer, author of "After the Rain" and "When She Was Good."

These authors, along with Sharon Dennis Wyeth, author

of "A Piece of Heaven," will also be speaking to groups of students over the three days of the festival. Students will have a chance to ask questions and express concerns on topics deriving from the Festival Booklist at these sessions.

Other events scheduled for the festival include impromptu writing contests, language and writing games and poetry and prose workshops.

A journalism workshop will also be held to introduce students to interviewing techniques through participating in a press conference.

Winning entries for the 2003 English Festival Art Contest will be on display on campus during the week of the festival.

The English Festival runs from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. each day in Kilcawley Center. Participating students from grades 10 through 12 will attend on Wednesday April 9 and students from grades seven through nine will attend on Thursday April 10 and Friday April 11.

Any questions about the English Festival should be directed to Julia Gergits or Mary Lou Henneman in the English Department.

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## Finney will head YSU-OEA

By MELISSA MOSCHELLA  
The Jambar

The newly elected president of YSU's faculty union said improving relations with administrators is the top goal he has for the next two years.

Michael Finney, an associate professor of English, will replace current YSU-OEA Education Association President Bob Hogue in August.

Finney said he would like to see all contract negotiations completed before Spring semester of 2005. This, he said, would require positive relations between the union and administration.

Returning union Secretary Howard Mettee echoed Finney's wishes, saying working closer with administrators is a goal he shares.

"To try to preserve the integrity of relationships with the current administration and hope that it does not go in the wrong direction for one reason or another," Mettee said as he described his initiatives for the next term.

Mettee, however, said

some of the goals he and other officers have set for the next two years may be hard to meet because of recent cuts in higher education.

"As far as my goals are concerned, I think we have to look after the interest of our bargaining unit and try to preserve the integrity of our contract, which we recently negotiated," Mettee said. "And it might be very difficult because of the conditions that exist in higher education in Ohio today."

Mettee was speaking of the state subsidy that comes to universities being reduced systematically by legislation.

"This puts a lot of pressure on not only YSU but all public higher education institutions in the state," Mettee said.

He said officers can not ignore this goal simply because it is difficult. The YSU-OEA, Mettee said, plans to raise the public's interest in higher education by focusing on the importance it can play 10 to 20 years down the road in building a stable economic infrastructure.

Mettee said he worries

convincing state legislators will be even harder.

"It is a very general sort of goal, but we have to pay attention to it and try to influence Ohio taxpayers and the legislature as well and they are so inclined the other way that it is very difficult," he said.

Mettee said YSU-OEA officers will also be looking out for new issues in higher education such as long-distance learning - something he said the union has been looking into for years.

Other officers for the 2003-05 term include First Vice President James Schramer, a professor of English; Second Vice President Ray Beirsdorfer, an associate professor of geology; and Treasurer Kathylynn Feld, a professor of health professions.

Feld said she also would seek to maintain good relations with administration.

"I will be continuing on as treasurer to serve members of the bargaining unit a best as possible," she said. "I will follow what the union represents and have a working relationship with administration."

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at YSU.

They have shared the stage with renowned classical guitarists, been called to play at community events and plays, and have represented the university at national ensembles across the country.

Come next fall, however, Boyce could be out of a job, and his students could be without a program due to proposed state and university budget cuts.

"I'm at the end of what they call a three-year, temporary contract," Boyce said. "As far as I know, there are no plans to have a full-time guitar instructor next year."

Boyce said such a decision, which administrators in the Dana School of Music, College of Fine & Performing Arts and Provost's office must make, would handicap the guitar program that began to solidify when Boyce came to YSU three years ago.

"It takes about 10 years to create a great program," Boyce said. "We've done a good job in three."

Now, Boyce said he and his students are trying anything they can to save the guitar program from extinction. Students have met with officials in the Dana School. Boyce said he has spoken with union leaders and fellow faculty.

No one really wants to see the program go, but Joseph Edwards, associate dean of the College of Fine & Performing Arts, said university administrators may have no choice.

"This is a temporary position that needs to be reviewed," Edwards said. "We're in that process now, but there certainly isn't a problem with the teacher."

"But with the budget as it is, that's one of the positions we are reviewing. I'm hopeful that all the faculty positions would be renewed."

"It takes about 10 years to create a great program."

— JIM BOYCE  
Guitar Instructor

Boyce, however, said the guitar program could lose a numbers game when stacked against other departments with more majors. The instructor said the guitar program's worth should be measured on criteria other than its enrollment. Two of his students agreed.

"I think [prospective guitar students] wouldn't even have heard of this place if it weren't for the full-time position and program created by Jim," Lake Baum, a junior performance major, said. "How can I honestly get a student ready for what isn't going to be here?"

Baum and classmate Brian Quinn, a senior performance major, help Boyce recruit new students. Boyce said he has three incoming students who have tremendous potential. They want to come to YSU, he said, because of the recognition the program has received.

"It's a university taking [the students'] money and not providing them with what they want," Boyce said about the possible cuts.

Last month, nationally known guitarist Eliot Fisk per-

formed with YSU students. Fisk, who according to his Web site has performed for former President Clinton and made many recordings, has sent a letter to administrators encouraging the university to stick with Boyce and the guitar program.

"It would be a real tragedy if Mr. Boyce and the guitar program were to be reduced or even curtailed at the very moment when his program is posed to assure an even more prominent and inspirational role in the life of Youngstown State University and the greater community it serves," Fisk wrote.

Boyce said he has been encouraged to look for other employment, but he said he wants to do what's best for his students.

Edwards said while he appreciates the work and passion of Boyce and his students, the program was able to begin its excellence before Boyce's temporary position was created.

"I think there's a high level of enthusiasm among the students," Edwards said. "And I do think that reflects the level of teaching. But that level of enthusiasm for guitar has been going on for about five years."

Boyce said he is hoping for immediate answers from the administration. He is considering talking with local politicians, but he said his main objective is to get the word out about how valuable he thinks the guitar program is.

"This is what I live for," he said. "I'm not a fighter by nature."

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## Committee looks into campaign complaints

By ROXANNE TORELLA  
The Jambar

Student Government Association's Elections Committee has taken action on "unofficial" complaints as eight teams for president and vice president deal with the crowded campaigning space available.

During the first week of SGA campaigning, already several unofficial complaints have been made to the election's board dealing with candidates breaking rules.

Although no formal action is being made, candidates can face exclusion from the election if warnings are ignored, Elections Board Chairman Don Rudolph said.

Chalked writing supporting Trevor McAleer and Courtney Trimacco was reported on a wall outside of Cushman Hall. Rudolph contacted the two, stating that "writing on the buildings is not allowed, as a matter of University policy."

McAleer responded to Rudolph, apologizing for violating this rule. He said he was not aware he and Trimacco were breaking any rules and promised that the writing will be "taken care of."

Also, several fliers in support of Jessica Moss and Collette Tabet were reported as being covered up with fliers supporting other candidates.

Some others were taken down, as a result of the fliers not being placed in the assigned areas. Applicants can only place their fliers on student bulletin boards and on the walls of campus buildings.

Also, Rudolph said signs promoting Emily Eckman and Adam Vukovic are suspected to have been taken down. He said he does not know who is responsible.

All such activity is prohibited, according to campaign rules set by the elections committee and will not be tolerated, Rudolph said.

Rudolph sent an e-mail to all candidates warning each of the campaigning rules.

"Even if you did not personally deface or cover your opponents signs, you are responsible for the actions of your supporters," he wrote.

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2:00 p.m. in Cafaro Suite in Williamson Hall/YSU

Michelle Decker, originally from Pennsylvania, joined Leisure Industries after a 23-year career of pioneering new ebusiness technologies. Before joining Leisure Industries Ms. Decker served as chief technology officer for two diverse organizations known as Twenty-First Century Financial Systems and Expedia.com/Travelscope.com. She was responsible for fully integrating an ASP application to provide a cost-effective migration from traditional systems to state of the art technology. She also supervised network design and administration, application development and deployment, and technical support. Ms. Decker oversaw large budgets and led multiple acquisitions and merger projects.

The September 2000 edition of Eweek Magazine named Ms. Decker an "eBusiness Woman to Watch."

Ms. Decker received her Mini-Masters in Software Design and Development from St. Thomas University, an MBA in Finance and Accounting from Youngstown State University, and a BS in Accounting and Computer Science from Slippery Rock State University.

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**Campus Calendar**

**Wednesday:** The Social Work Department is organizing a trip to Columbus for Rally/Lobby Day from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. to lobby against the budget cuts in Education and Health and Human Services. Any student who is interested should sign up on the Student Social Work Association bulletin board, 3rd floor Cushman Hall, outside room 3028.

**Tuesday, April 15:** Dr. Tessier, YSU Philosophy and Religious Studies, will present a lecture entitled: "Religious Issues that Affect Our Responses to the Environment" beginning at noon in Kilcawley Center, Room 2068. On Wednesday, April 16, Dr. Gordiejew, Sociology and Anthropology, will present a lecture at noon in Kilcawley Center, Cochran Room, followed at 2 p.m. with Dr. Fowler, Physics, with a lecture in the Planetarium. These lectures are part of the YSU Earth Day Lecture Series, and are free and open to the public. More information may be obtained by phoning YSU Support Services - Recycling at ext. 2294.

**Friday, April 25:** The Nonprofit Leadership Organization is meeting at 3 p.m. in Cafaro Suite, Williamson Hall (5th floor). For more information contact Dr. Jane Reid at 330-941-1870.

**Notices:**

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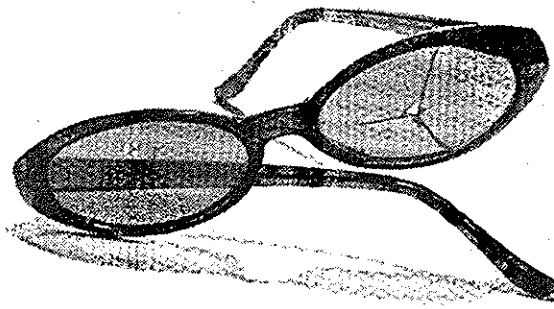
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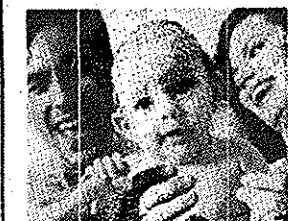
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# Sports & Recreation



## Lady Penguins atop Horizon League

**Sports  
Commentary**

*Baseball  
thrills  
without  
the chills*

BY MARK STEVENS  
The Jambar

Despite the chill in the air and the fact that, as I write this, there is a winter weather advisory, you should be aware that it is indeed spring.

Ah, the joys of spring. Hitters, pitchers, and catchers, oh my!

Poetic it may not be, but let's be honest. Who cares about warmer weather, blooming flowers and chirping birds when there's plenty of baseball on TV and highlights all day long?

OK, so maybe that was too far. I do enjoy warmer weather.

After all, baseball is pretty tough to play in the snow.

So, in honor of the most precious rite of spring, it's time to talk about baseball fans. Baseball fans are a curiously spectacular group of people.

Who else would change their work schedule to sit in a small living room for almost four hours on a Sunday when the sun is shining bright outside with a bunch of other guys to play pretend?

Confused? I apologize. I'm talking about fantasy drafts. Don't know what a fantasy draft is? Allow me a moment to paint a picture for you then.

We're talking about seven grown men — with real lives, jobs, school, some have kids — sitting in a living room pouring over rosters and bidding on baseball players.

For a fantasy league, you have to make a roster out of Major League Baseball players. You bid on the players, and following the draft, you earn points for the statistics that the players have. There's a salary cap, so each person has an allotted amount of money that they have to build their team from.

And this is where both the spectacular and curious aspects of a baseball fan's personality are most obvious.

We're talking average guys. Sure, we were all jocks in high school and some of the other guys have even played college sports. But in the end we're just regular guys, students mostly.

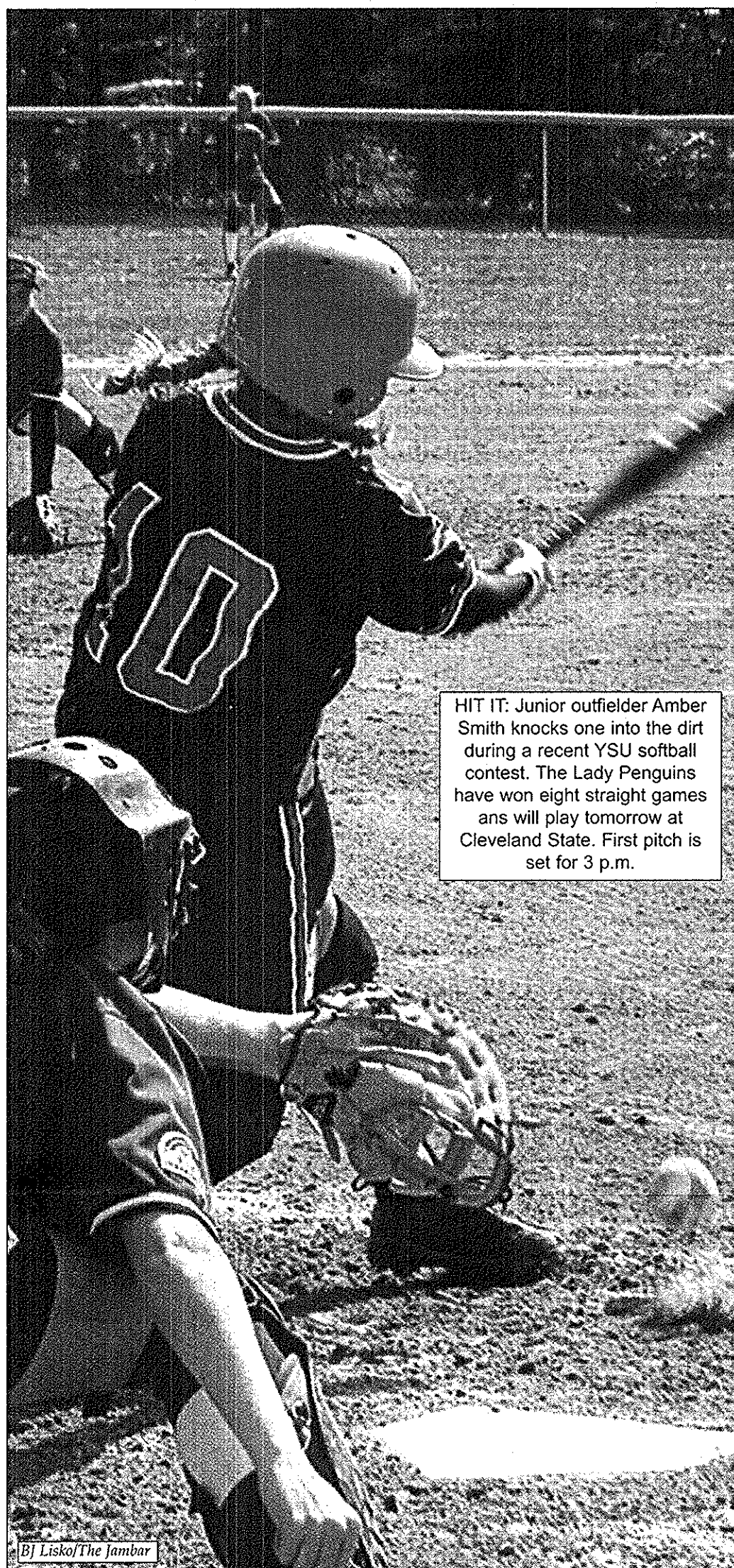
Some of us are better students than the others, but you'd be amazed at the level of baseball knowledge that can come from this room.

See, it's not just about reading statistics and signing Barry Bonds because he's on TV a lot. You have to analyze the data, make educated guesses, and hope for a lot of luck.

We're talking about guys who might not be able to write a critical literary essay without help from their girlfriends, but you better believe they know that Rafael Palmeiro is averaging 43 homeruns over the past few seasons.

Anybody could have

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HIT IT: Junior outfielder Amber Smith knocks one into the dirt during a recent YSU softball contest. The Lady Penguins have won eight straight games and will play tomorrow at Cleveland State. First pitch is set for 3 p.m.

BJ Liskof/The Jambar

BY JOE SIMON  
The Jambar

This weekend the YSU softball team continued its colossal turn around from last season at Wright State University.

The Penguins (17-9-1, 3-0-1 Horizon League) completed a 3-game sweep of WSU on Sunday, their first sweep in the Horizon League.

The team has now won five straight games and continues a major rekindling that began in the fall season.

"A good fall season gave us some momentum heading into the spring and it showed us how good we can be," said head coach Christy Cameron.

The Penguins were 12-4 in the fall, which was especially encouraging since last season the team finished with an 11-32 record and won just one league game.

This year, however, things have made a significant turn for the best, as the team is currently atop the Horizon League and looking to capture their first ever division crown.

The Penguins have had major production both on the mound and at the plate. The team is second in the Horizon League in both team batting, with a .276 average and team pitching with a 2.26 ERA. The team is also third in the league in team defense, with a .956 fielding percentage.

"Good pitching and strong defense is how you win championships," Cameron said. "Continuing to play well in those areas is the key to maintaining our success throughout the season."

While it has been a team effort in winning 17 games throughout the first half of the year, freshmen sensations Liz Holt and Kelly Murphy have played especially well and have made major contributions to the team.

"[Murphy and Holt] are both extremely hard workers," Cameron said.

"Kelly is very composed; if you're at a game and you look at her you wouldn't know if we were winning or losing because she keeps herself so controlled on the mound."

Murphy is at the top in many league statistics. She fans

an average of 7.02 hitters per game, top in the Horizon League; and has an 11-3 record, the best in the league, five more than her teammate Stephanie Hartman, a senior whose currently in second place in wins, as well as leading the league in saves. Murphy's also second in total strikeouts, shutouts, games started and third in innings pitched and complete games.

"Liz is the same way, she's a very hard worker and she doesn't get too high or low when she plays," Cameron added. "They're both easy to coach and have played very well this season."

Holt currently leads the league in six major offensive categories: hitting, with a .386 average, hits, 34, home runs, 6, total bases, 57, slugging percentage with a daunting .648 percentage — more than 50 points higher than her next closest competitor — and is tied for the lead league in RBI with teammate Amanda Berry, 20.

Berry, a junior, along with Holt, freshman Tiffany Patterson and junior Lacey Reichert are all batting over .300 and have helped contribute to the Penguins resurgence. Reichert is seventh in the league in batting with a .338 mark.

This weekend was much of the same as Murphy struck out nine and allowed just three hits in the final game of the series. Hartman came on in relief in the seventh inning and did not allow a hit to add yet another save.

The team has significantly improved in every aspect of their game this season and Cameron says that much of the improvement was developed during the fall.

"We were able to work out our weaknesses and make many improvements in our game during the fall," Cameron said.

Cameron is in her fourth season as YSU head coach and is hoping to capture her first winning season with the Penguins and the programs first since 1996.

The team will continue league play tomorrow at Cleveland State. First pitch is scheduled for 3 p.m., weather permitting.

Call Joe Simon at (330) 941-3758.

## Baseball squad boasts eight-game winning streak

BY JOE SIMON  
The Jambar

It didn't take long for the Penguins baseball team to start enjoying the "fruits of their labor," as coach Mike Florak put it.

After a disappointing 3-9 start, the Penguins have fought back and just recently concluded an impressive 8-game winning streak.

The team began the season with a rather difficult non-conference schedule, facing teams such as Big 12 opponent Missouri Tigers, and other upper-echelon programs such as Tennessee Tech, Ohio University, Duquesne University and most recently Big East powerhouse Pittsburgh Panthers.

The Penguins "stuck together" said Florak, and fought through a demanding schedule and a poor start. Following a loss to Niagara on March 20, the Penguins won eight straight games — all home games — and gathered some much-needed momentum heading into league play.

"We got to a point where we felt we lost some games we shouldn't have," Florak said. "But we didn't panic, we

stuck together and now we're enjoying the fruits of our labor."

Florak said the rigorous schedule is something he wanted his team to experience and hopes the tactic will prepare the Penguins for Horizon League play, which began this weekend in Chicago.

"I wanted a strong schedule," Florak said. "I wanted us to be challenged early on in the season."

"Facing good teams like Pitt and Tennessee Tech forces us to elevate our game and that's what you need to do in crunch time and in the conference."

While the Penguins head into conference play with a full head of steam, the team is also facing many nagging injuries, especially the pitching staff.

Senior pitcher Clint Ford pitched a total of just three innings before he suffered an elbow injury; Florak said his return date is uncertain.

"...we didn't panic, we stuck together and now we're enjoying the fruits of our labor."



— MIKE FLORAK  
YSU head baseball coach

Florak said. "We have a very strong and deep staff, so we should be able to get by."

Florak said several other players are also hurting but are playing through their injuries.

The team started league play this weekend in Chicago against UIC. The Penguins were initially supposed to play a doubleheader on Friday and Saturday, yet the weather prohibited play on Friday.

Chicago banged out a total of 19 runs on day one, while holding the Penguins to just two. Flames pitcher Ryan Ghering pitched his third consecutive shutout in game one and the Penguins stranded 12 runners in game two, losing both contests 7-0, and 12-2.

Freshman pitcher Kevin Libeg has a sprained ankle and missed this weekend's match-up with UIC.

"Injuries are part of the challenge,"

The team's hitting woes continued on Sunday as they lost a pair of 5-1 match-ups. Six Penguin errors resulted in five Chicago runs in game one and the Flames steady offensive attack didn't fade away in game two, as they scored a run in each of the first four innings.

As of April 5, the Penguins ranked fourth in the league in batting, with a .276 team average and have several players ranking at the top of the leagues offensive categories.

Junior Adam Cox leads the league in both home runs with six, and RBI with 20, and is second in slugging percentage at .616.

Freshman Brandon Caipen is in the top 10 in batting, clipping at a .347 mark, while junior outfielder Kendall Schlabach is right on his heels with a .329 average.

The Penguins receive a quick break from league play tomorrow when they travel to Akron to take on the Zips. The team will then play a three game series with Detroit. The series is at home in Cafaro Field, starting on Friday and running through Sunday.

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### Penguin Sportswire

#### Baseball

— Clear Channel Radio has agreed to broadcast four Youngstown State baseball games for the 2003 season at Cafaro Field, YSU Associate Director of Athletics Rick Love and Clear Channel

Sports Director Jim Campbell announced.

WNIO 1390 AM will broadcast YSU's games against Detroit on April 11, Butler on April 25, Kent State on April 29, and Wright State on May 2. All broadcasts will be called by Chad Krispinsky and will begin at 7:00 p.m. with first pitch set for 7:05 p.m.

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Girls and Sports by Andrew Boris and Justin Feinstein