

Finalists await word on coaching vacancy

By JOE SIMON
The Jambar



STROLLO

The four finalists for the YSU women's basketball head coaching position have

been interviewed by the university and according to Athletic Director Ron Strollo a decision should be made in the coming days.

Last week each candidate was individually brought to campus and interviewed by the selection committee, as

well as Strollo, and former head coach Ed DiGregorio. The applicants then took a tour of the university and met with the media to answer questions. Jodi Kest, head coach at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, was the first to make the trip to Youngstown. Kest,

an Ohio native, has 11 years of head coaching experience.

She finished her first season as head coach for Texas just last year, finishing at 15-12. She was previously at the helm of Gannon University, as well as Wilkes University. At Gannon, she spent six seasons as head

coach, leading the Lady Knights to three consecutive NCAA Division II tournaments in 2000, 2001 and 2002.

The seven-person search committee assembled to seek the new coach, was headed by Elaine Jacobs, associate athletics director.

Jacobs said Kest was a finalist because of her Division I experience, her success at Gannon and her reputation, based on references, as a "phenomenal recruiter." Jacobs also mentioned that Kest's ties in

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Springer speaks with local Dems

By MARK STEVENS
The Jambar

WARREN—Jerry Springer stepped away from his reputation as a trashy talk show host Friday and tried to prove to local Democrats that he has some serious opinions on politics—particularly those in the state of Ohio.

Speaking as a guest of the Trumbull County Democratic Party at DiVieste's Banquet Center, Springer said he has not officially decided whether or not he will run for the U.S. Senate during the next election.

If he should decide to run, Springer said his message is strong enough for people who may not like him because of his talk show, to see that his interest is in helping all people, particularly those of less fortunate financial situations.

"We have an elitist government and I have noticed that...all the tax laws are written to benefit the wealthy," Springer said.

Debbie Bindas, the president of the Trumbull County AFL-CIO, said that she

agreed with Springer. "He was right on point," she said, stating that the elitists in Washington, D.C., do not help anyone making less than \$80,000 annually.

Springer also commented on the current state of higher education.

"In this part of the state, unless we start to make a massive commitment to our schools, there will never be a turnaround in the economy," Springer said. "First, you gotta have great schools, then people will want to move here and live here, then they'll want to bring their jobs here and their businesses here."

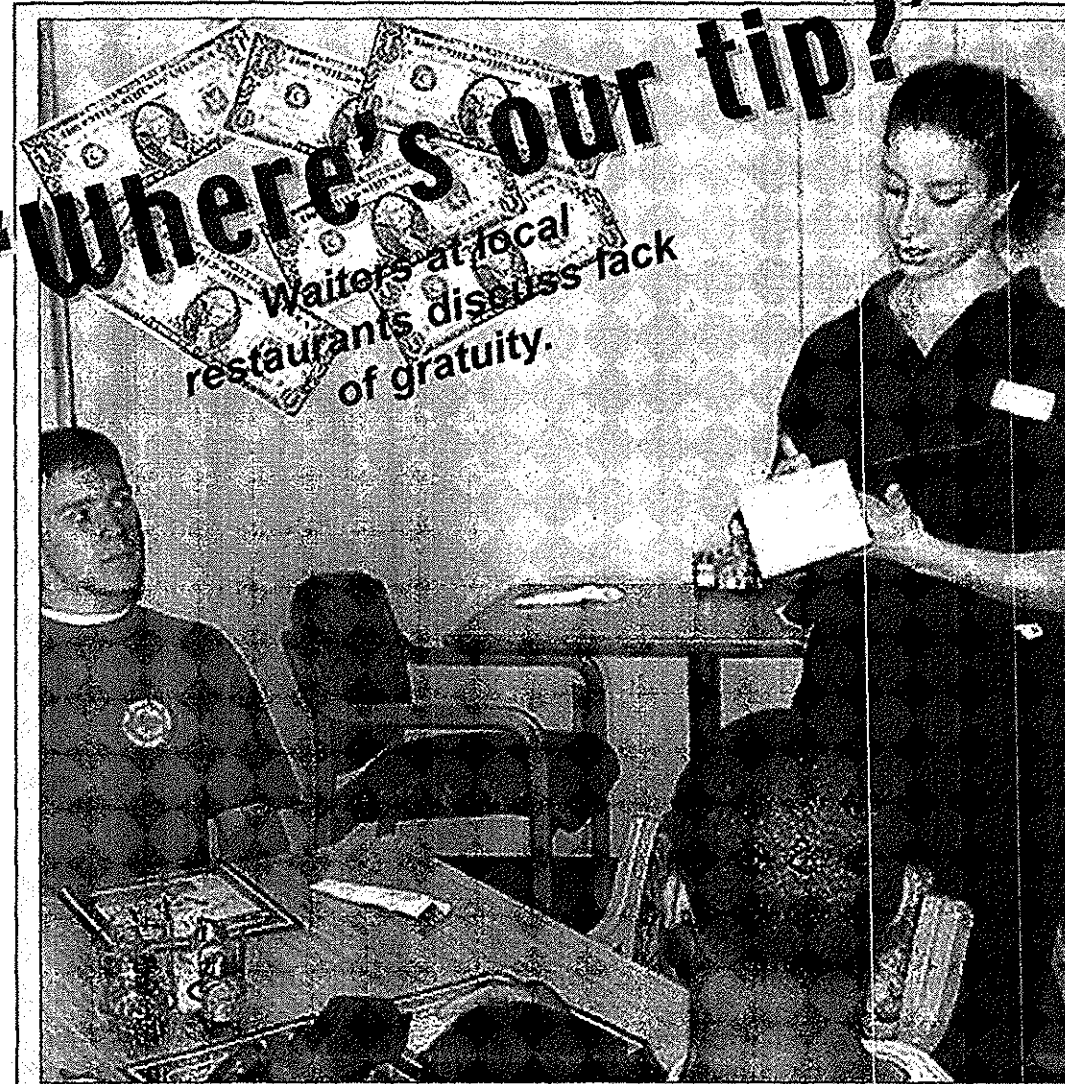
We spend so much on a national defense, it's time to start spending money on a national offense, and our offense is our minds," Springer said. "We're looking for Osama bin Laden, we gotta find the next Thomas Edison."

Jim Calko, a YSU junior who has been active in local politics, said he enjoyed Springer's speech.

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TWENTY PERCENT: Senior Cathy Rouhana, a waitress at Noodles, takes an order from customers yesterday. A common complaint among area servers is a lack of tips.

By ELIZABETH TABAK
The Jambar

It's lunchtime, and hungry students looking for something other than the cafeteria-style meal, or the all-too-familiar fast food, opt for a relaxed sit down meal before they rush off to their next class.

Of the restaurants and bar and grilles that are located around campus, servers at area restaurants said they are not being adequately tipped. Most often, they said, students are to blame.

Lynn Shuller, a server at Noodles in Kilcawley Center, explained that many of the students that dine there use their meal plans to pay. However, those that pay cash still neg-

lect to tip.

"This isn't a real restaurant" is the comment I get from a lot of students," Shuller said. Shuller said that for a table of four students, depending on the time of year it is, an average tip is usually no more than \$1.50. This is in contrast to the standard 15 to 20 percent tip that is left by most professors that dine there.

"Tips are usually really nice after Christmas because everyone has money, but around February it tends to go back down," Shuller said, in between filling orders and quickly setting up tables.

John Vag, general manager of Dining Services, said that generally most servers do

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Students scramble to finish projects

By DAVE DEVEREUX
The Jambar

Around campus, as one chair describes it, "hell" seems to be an appropriate term for students scrambling to get all their work completed on time.

While one class requires an 8 to 10 page paper, another calls for a final project and presentation, and at the same time there are usually two, three, maybe four more finals that are vastly approaching.

Department chairs at YSU expressed their thoughts on this subject, saying that it's unfortunate for the students, but it's the best way to set up the courses.

"The biggest projects we have are the student directed one-act plays. They're a major undertaking for our people," Daniel O'Neil, chair of communication and theater, said. "Along with the more traditional projects and finals, the one-act plays are a lot of hell at the end of the semester."

"In engineering and technology, the preparing of projects is an important part of the curriculum," William Wood, director of Engineering & Technology, said. "The design is to do a project and make a presentation. It's the best way to culminate what you've done all semester."

Julia Gergits, chair of the English department, said

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Students participate in mock U.N. conference

By HEATHER SHAW
The Jambar

Students from local area high schools filled Kilcawley Center on Friday for the 15th annual YSU Regional High School Model United Nations Conference.

Dressed in professional business attire, 403 delegates from various schools came to discuss issues directly impacting individuals, countries, regions and the world. Students were divided into groups and represented committees from various countries to discuss and solve worldly

issues. Secretary-General Matt Robson, sophomore, said the Model U.N. allows students to obtain a better understanding on international relations and will help them with their careers in the future.

"While we may call this a Model U.N., in the not so distant future you may be called upon to assume roles and positions with actual responsibility," Robson said. "A concession then may lead to a famine in eastern Africa or a well-constructed agreement may finally

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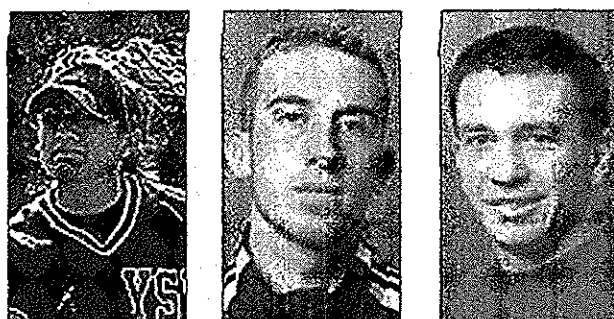
MODEL STUDENTS: High school students work with YSU political science students Friday at the 15th annual YSU High School Model United Nations Conference.

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not discuss tips at the end of the day.

"You have your students that are very good about tipping and students that aren't," Vag said. "It's the same as the general public."

Cedar's Café, located just off campus, is another spot that many YSU students frequent for lunch. It's also another restaurant where many students leave little or no gratuity.

Connie Berardino, a server at Cedar's, said that business from YSU students is appreciated, but disappointing because many continue to neglect a tip.

"They're real nice, but I know a lot of them don't tip," Berardino said. "It bothers me. I have been a server all of my life and there is a lot of tension and pressure in it."

"There was this one time when this groups of kids came in and just ordered drinks and drinks and drinks," Berardino

said. "Their bill was over \$100, and they only left us a few, maybe about six or seven dollars."

Heading a little further away from campus, however, it seems as if students are recognized for leaving better tips.

Buffalo Wild Wings is another popular hang out for students. Employees of the downtown bar and grille say that they see a different trend in tipping.

"For the most part it's not bad," Michelle Miller, a bartender there, said. "I find a lot of times it's the older people that don't tip."

"A lot of the fraternities come down here, and they tip well," she said. "I really don't have any complaints."

Manager Doug Esenwein also said that he noticed students usually were better at tipping.

"It's kind of known that some do tip and some don't."

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"[Springer] genuinely comes off as a passionate person about the issues," Calko said.

Calko ran as a Republican for the state House last year but recently has switched parties, saying Democrats are more in touch with what young people need.

Calko said that he felt Springer's affiliation with his show was a "double-edged sword," in that it could help him and hurt him at the same time.

Bindas said that she felt there might be a certain age group, older people mostly,

that would look at his show negatively.

Springer said that he would reach a decision on whether or not he would run in July.

Speaking with regards to his chances of being elected, Springer dismissed the notion that his "silly show" would have any negative impact on the minds of the voters.

"I believe that somehow, whether it's through the silly show or whatever, I connect with a whole bunch of people that probably connect more with me than to a traditional politician."

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regardless of whether it's an upper- or lower-level course, the approach is usually the same.

"You want the students to develop over the entire time; that usually leads to four courses with gigantic projects at the end," Gergits said. "It has been this way for as long as I can remember."

Gergits said when it comes to capstone courses, an even bigger emphasis is placed on final projects.

"The capstone courses are designed that way to show the development over the course of the semester," she said. "The big projects show what the students have learned in their major."

Another department chair, Nathan Ritchey, mathematics and statistics, said it usually takes a good part of the course to develop the knowledge needed to form a final project. He calls it the "natural consequence of learning."

"I would say we have courses designed so the work culminates at the end," Ritchey said. "For example, in senior project, the final draft will defend the problem or thesis. There might be drafts due throughout the semester to see ideas as they form. That's very normal."

Ritchey added that although there are usually larger projects at the end that shouldn't mean that the rest of the classes are irrelevant.

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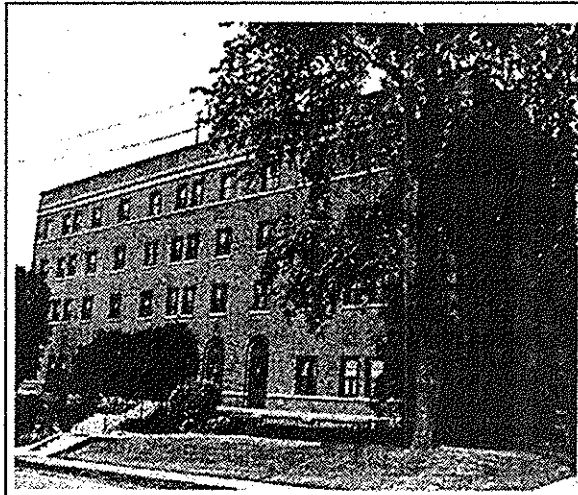
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TODAY'S EDITORIAL

Springer brings cash, attention to Dems

Style over substance?
That will be the question Democrats must ask themselves in the next year if Jerry Springer officially decides to jump into a U.S. Senate primary against state Sen. Eric Fingerhut, D-Cleveland.

Springer, known for his raucous and irreverent trash talk show, has been stumping in the Buckeye State for months now. With him he brings a surprisingly fresh perspective on the issues of the day, but he also brings with him the baggage of a program that prides itself on silicone and incestuous romps.

But make no mistake about it: Jerry Springer is just what the doctor ordered for the lifeless state of Democratic politics in Ohio.

We're not saying Springer is prepared or even qualified to play spoiler to Fingerhut's quest for the nomination. But his involvement in the race alone would help prop up voting numbers and interest for a party that has lost its stronghold over a fairly blue-collar state.

Springer's reputation among young people — he has long been a mainstay at MTV's Spring Break locales — will help attract college-aged voters to the polls. The 18-24 demographic has notoriously been the worst come election time, and it is one of the reasons why Republicans have cruised so easily to victory in the last 10 years.

He also brings name recognition. Fingerhut, although more politically qualified for the job, is a relative unknown outside Cleveland, despite a previous stint in Congress. Fingerhut may be the more polished politician, but he does not have the cult-following to match Springer.

Springer will have the ability to raise cash, too. And cash is what the Ohio Democratic Party so badly needs. It should be no surprise that county party leaders across the state are clamoring for "Jer-ee!" to speak at their meetings, at which they serve a pasta dinner and charge \$50 for entry.

Indeed, Springer is the biggest jolt the party has had in years, and Democratic leaders are going to ride this jolt as long as they can.

But do not overlook Springer's political experience. It does not rival Fingerhut's, but Springer is a former Cincinnati mayor and flirter with runs for governor. Prostitution scandals, however, ruined Springer's political reputation and he next surfaced as the cog of a highly charged, highly sexual and oftentimes violent talk show.

It could be the same penchant for smut that ruins Springer again, but at least this time he will be able to help the Democrats.

Sex sells — and so does Jerry Springer.

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YSU offers educated comedy



Between The Lines
Henry Gomez

For just a moment, if I may, I'd like to tell you that they don't make movies about college newspapers. But if they did, "The Jambar Story" would be a great one to film.

I have some really great suggestions for both the movie and the soundtrack.

As the camera pans down during the opening credits, we hear Ben Folds Five's "Battle of Who Could Care Less" playing in the background. "Battle of Who Could Care Less" is symbolic of the student apathy felt (or not felt) on campus this year.

As the song hits its first chorus, Tony Spano — played by Ryan Reynolds of "Van Wilder" fame — pulls his special-issue golf cart up to Kilcawley Center. Greg Gulas ("Seinfeld's" Jason Alexander) is waiting for him at the main entrance.

"Hurry, Tony!" he barks. "The Student Leadership Summit is about to begin!"

Inside the Chestnut Room, The Jambar's editor in chief makes his first appearance. "American Pie" star Jason Biggs (a stretch, I know) introduces himself to the crowd. Start caring about the big issues like tuition and diversity, the editor in chief urges as "Battle of Who Could Care Less" hits its final note and the opening credits cease.

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We fast-forward some to September, and we hear Guns 'N' Roses' "Welcome to the Jungle" play as two Jambar editors pull up to a Hubbard home disguised by overgrown weeds and tacky Christmas lights. The professor, played by a disheveled Michael "Kramer" Richards, answers the door.

"Get out of here!" he bellows as Billy Joel's "Captain Jack" plays over the stereo inside his home.

CASH MONEY

The scene shifts to Tod Hall, where trustees have just awarded President David Sweet some major bling bling.

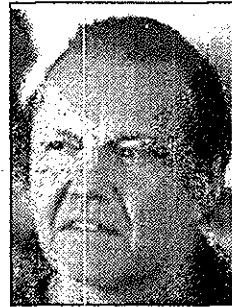
As Sweet, played by Jon Voight (mean football coach in "Varsity Blues"), shakes the hand of Joseph Nohra (surprise cameo by the Rev. Jerry Falwell), the late Notorious B.I.G. smash, "Mo Money, Mo Problems," is cued.

Back at Feder Hall, once Gomez hears word of the raise, a montage of shots

CAST of CHARACTERS



Jason Biggs
neurotic editor in chief



Jon Voight
mean university president



John Ritter
as Vice President John Habat



Michael Richards
as Dr. Gary Fry

begins with the editor in chief pounding furiously at his keyboard. The scene shifts back and forth between The Jambar editor typing away and President Sweet at his home, entertaining guests with Grey Goose — as Sarah MacLachlen sings "Sweet Surrender."

EVERYBODY WAS KUNG-FU FIGHTING

Every movie needs a good fight scene. And for that we will shift to Jay Jay's, every Penguin's favorite watering hole. Upset with the editorial coverage of his father, a hot-tempered, unnamed student (Seann William "Stifler" Scott), begins throwing punches at the editor in chief.

The two quarrel for several minutes as LL Cool J performs a new song: "Daddy Said Knock You Out." The fight is broken up by SGA Parliamentarian Dan Procopio (Fred Savage) who can only say: "Henry Gomez! I don't want to get arrested!"

ACT TWO — SPRING

Spring semester begins with Mick Jagger lamenting: "You can't always get what you want. But if you try sometimes, you might find you get what you need." Sweet has just announced another tuition increase to begin in the summer as students continue to sweat out the rising cost of higher education.

The obligatory Don Henley track comes from "The End of the Innocence," an ode to President Bush's decision to

wage war against Iraq. "The End of the Innocence" also is symbolic of the heated tensions in Youngstown and on campus because of the war.

In a series of scenes shifting back and forth, two respected comedians interpret the emotions of professors Keith Lepak (Jim Carrey) and John Russo (Will Ferrell) as the two trade bars at each other on The Jambar's editorial page. Zhane's "Sending My Love" is audible in the background.

EARNING THE "R" RATING

What good is a movie without sex? "The Jambar Story" has a lot of it to work with. A six-week investigation into the computer use of John Habat (John Ritter) introduces us to new characters like university spokesman Walt Ulbricht (Billy Bob Thornton) and philosophy professor Gabriel Palmer-Fernandez (Jimmy Smits).

Smits, former star of "NYPD Blue" and "L.A. Law" has a solo with Bobby Darin's "Rain on My Parade."

As our movie comes to a close, The Jambar editor in chief sits at his desk, wondering just what to do for his last column. How will he leave his mark? How does he want to be remembered? What piece of cheesy advice can he give this time? Will people listen anyway?

At any rate, he is relieved the year is over. He takes some pride in what he has done. But he knows this city just doesn't mix well with his own personality.

The final credits roll and "Must Get Out" by Maroon 5 plays.

"This city has made us crazy," the up-and-coming band sings.

"And we must get out."

Call Henry Gomez at (330) 941-1991.

READERS' LETTERS

McAleer, Trimacco offered a breath of fresh air

Editor:

If you felt a breath of fresh air blowing through the campus core during SGA elections, then may I encourage you to take the time to thank Trevor McAleer, Courtney Trimacco and their entire campaign team, because they were responsible for it.

In what can only be described as a heated contest, the McAleer-Trimacco team made the conscious effort to maintain a positive attitude. It was their hugs, their smiles, their jokes and their kind words that often cooled off a fiery temper or relaxed a stressful situation.

They were always the first to congratulate, the first to console and the first to encourage — and in every aspect of the election, they were a class act.

Why were they able to do this? I believe this was for a couple reasons. Primarily, it's just who they are. If you have the privilege of knowing Trevor, Courtney or any member of their team, their actions during the campaign would have been no surprise to you; they do it all the time.

However, during this year's election, it was their ability to separate politics from friendships that made the difference. They weren't looking for insults to hurl at other candidates, they

weren't looking for reasons to file grievances. They were looking for problems that needed fixed and new students to get involved with the elections process through voting.

These are the kinds of student leaders we need on campus. Believe it or not, Student Government elections aren't about criticism, slander or arguments. It's not about campaign promises, T-shirts, stickers, buttons or sidewalk chalking. Student Government elections are about the student body speaking out and selecting whom they believe will be the best leaders.

Elections are now over. I hope this is the last editorial printed in The Jambar about them. Now is the time for the student leaders on campus, including the leaders who ran but were not elected, to rally around their new leader and to start working for the student body.

Not surprisingly, Trevor and Courtney have already said they are going to do so. To both of you, your campaign team and to all those who ran with the right attitude and motivations, I say thank you. Not only for what you have already done, but for what I know you are going to do to make YSU a better place.

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Don't be so quick to judge the University Scholars

Editor:

If you had published your latest Scholar bashing editorial in late October, you would not have had a bigger supporter against the Scholars getting money than this Scholar.

I was shocked to discover that we are awarded more money than just about any other student organization.

Outraged, thinking that I knew everything, went to the Scholar Trustee meetings (open to everyone) to have my voice heard. I let them know I was adamantly against us getting money for the formal dance.

Professionally, they addressed my concerns and encouraged me to keep attending the meetings, which I did. Then, after about two meetings, I realized that we honestly did "earn" some

money.

Our 10,500 hours of community service, the hundreds of events that we attend, the 3.5 grade-point average we must maintain, and the hundreds of honors credit that we accumulate must be worth something. I can honestly say now that I've become the biggest proponent of the Scholar Program.

If you want to get the facts and make an educated comment, come to our meetings. Don't be like me and embarrass yourself by making outrageous claims. If you don't think we've "earned" \$2,050 dollars, what do you think we should get?

Josh Hiznay
University Scholar

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bring peace to a war-torn region.

"The importance of this model is to bring global awareness to students as well as helping them build communication skills."

With the biggest turnout to date, this year's Model U.N. included eight new schools and students said they have been preparing since August.

Model U.N. is open to any student or school who wished to participate, and has no academic requirements on who can attend. Awards were given to select students and YSU will be sending a four-person delegation to The Hague in early July to participate in a larger UN.

One particular discussion

Friday involving the International Court of Justice II, was based on an actual case, Spratly, Vietnam vs. China. The case discussed land and territory issues between the two countries. Students, acting as representatives from various countries, presented facts, prepared opening and closing arguments. Through research, the students were to make an educated vote to resolve land, water and military problems between Vietnam and China.

YSU senior Zain Awadallah, advocate for China, said the Model U.N. is a great way for students to become involved in politics.

"Students looking to become involved in politics can learn a lot and gain experi-

ence from this day," Awadallah said. "Many students who want to be lawyers, or poli-sci majors gain experience and [Model U.N.] allows a head start in future scholastic events like this."

Senior Amy Cancel agrees with Awadallah, and said this is a learning experience for students.

"A lot of students who are looking to be active in politics will have a good head start," Cancel said. "They are learning hands-on and also develop good communication skills."

Monica Selak, who is in her senior year at Ursuline High School, said this is a chance for the youth of America to participate in the future.

"The Model U.N. gives us a chance to debate various issues, and to see the youth of America are going to be able to participate in issues involving the future," Selak said.

Daniel Mikus, also a senior at Ursuline, said he agrees with Selak on the importance of preparing for the future.

"Participating in the Model U.N. allows you to have a better understanding of what is really happening," Mikus said. "How resolutions are really passed, how issues become resolved. There is also a wealth of information here as well about the U.N."

Call Heather Shaw at (330) 941-1811.

News in brief

The Hospitality Management Society will sponsor its 6th annual "Celebrating Hospitality Day" outside Kilcawley Center on Tuesday, April 29, from 10 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

The event features a live radio broadcast, a silent auction, food, exhibits and activities for students and staff. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Jermaine Hopkins Scholarship Fund, which was set up by Professor Robert Campbell shortly after the death of hospitality student and all-American football player Jermaine Hopkins.

Key businesses from the area contribute thousands of dollars in merchandise and services for the auction, like hotel get-away packages, dining certificates, boat ride vouchers, amusement park tickets and train rides.

For more information, contact the Hospitality Management Society at (330) 941-1485.

Correction

The remaining list of winners of the Honors Convocation awards will run in Thursday's Jambar.

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game, you wouldn't know if we were up or down. She stays very even keel."

Murphy came to YSU from North Olmsted High School, where she was a two-time All-Ohio selection. But along with an outstanding pitching repertoire, Cameron said Murphy had a reputation for constantly trying to improve.

Cameron said she knew what type of individual she was recruiting; therefore, she hasn't been that surprised in the results.

"She was a very good player out of high school," Cameron said. "And knowing her family and her work ethic, I felt she would come in here and be successful."

Murphy said heading into the season she never got into setting statistical goals such as how many games she would try to win. Instead she placed a heavy emphasis on being physically prepared so she would have plenty of opportunities to start.

"I just wanted to throw well everyday," she said. "I wanted to step up and win the starting job and just stay consistent the whole season."

"I worked out a lot," she said. "I was in the weight room a lot extra and I ran all the time. I pitched everyday but I probably pitched too much. I ended up hurting my finger and my foot. I just wanted to throw."

Not only did Murphy secure a starting spot but she has gone on to become the team's workhorse on the mound, starting 27 games.

Murphy said when she takes the mound all the hard work she put in during the off-season becomes a psychological advantage.

"When you go out there you have to have some reason for you to win, like why you

"I just wanted to throw well everyday."



— KELY MURPHY
YSU freshman pitcher

should win," Murphy said. "I get my confidence from my work ethic."

Along with Murphy, Senior Stephanie Hartman has a 10-6 record and 1.64 ERA with 7 saves, while sophomore Ashlee Lockmiller has posted a 4-2 mark, solidifying arguably the best staff in school history.

Keeping hitters off-balance

Cameron said another one of Murphy's strengths on the mound is her ability to throw different pitches but all with good control.

"She does a great job changing speeds and she hits her locations," Cameron said. "She keeps hitters off-balance."

In order to keep the batters guessing Murphy said she throws primarily a rise and change-up but also mixes in other pitches such as a drop and a fastball.

"I can throw it either in or out wherever I need to, just as long as I make sure I have my control," she said.

Murphy said after this season is over, she plans on continuing to work hard and improve as much as she can; however, for now she said the focus is entirely on this moment in time. The Penguins are finishing up a storybook regular season and are hoping to add another chapter of success at the upcoming Horizon League Tournament.

"This season I think has been different than last in that this team expects to win every time we go on the field," Murphy said.

"We know we're talented and we all work really hard. It's been fun. Winning is fun."

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cross country and both indoor/outdoor track and field. Needless to say he's pretty good at all of them.

Michaelis said that the hardest part about competing in so many sports is balancing schoolwork with travel, training and competition. He emphasized the myth that all athletes are "dumb jocks" and teachers just give them a good grade.

"It's not like that at all, I'm getting so far behind in some classes that I have to skip other classes to try and catch up," Michaelis jokingly said. "It's like there's not enough time in the day."

Michaelis currently has a 3.5 GPA. He is an exercise science major and hopes to become a physical therapist. Michaelis said he especially wants to work with athletes, mostly because he is fascinated with how the human body works.

Michaelis said this season has been unimaginable and that he was shocked to be named Horizon League Athlete of the Year.

"I couldn't have imagined achieving the success I've had

this year... It was amazing just to be at nationals, becoming an All-American was icing on the cake."

Head coach Brian Gorby said Michaelis' work ethic is unmatched and called him an ambassador for YSU.

"He has a passion and a drive that is unlike anyone else in the program," Gorby said.

"He sets a goal and will not let up until it's achieved."

Gorby also said that Michaelis' is "very team oriented" and believes he can one day compete as an Olympian.

Since he was red-shirted as a freshman in both cross country and outdoor track and field, Michaelis is still eligible to compete next year.

Michaelis, who won the mile at State as a sophomore, says he contemplated going to Kentucky and NC State out of high school, but YSU offered a better scholarship and also had a great program.

"I just felt [YSU] was the right fit for me, now I couldn't imagine [competing] anywhere else."

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"I just felt YSU was the right fit for me..."



— KURT MICHAELIS
YSU senior, track and field

Sports in Brief
Stuvaints signs with Steelers

PITTSBURGH — Former Youngstown State linebacker Russell Stuvaints (McKeesport, Pa.) signed as a free agent with the Pittsburgh Steelers on Sunday night, the organization announced.



STUVAINTS

Stuvaints, an honorable-mention All-Gateway selection last year and a second-team pick as a junior, played for the Penguins from 1999 through 2002. He recorded 194 tackles in his career, including a career-best 91 as a senior. He had a team-best 62 unassisted stops for the 7-4 Penguins. He was also an honorable-mention All-American as a junior.

Stuvaints will attend a rookie orientation camp this weekend. The 6-foot, 208-pounder told the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review that he spoke with Steelers secondary coach Willy Robinson and assistant secondary coach Darren Perry after he agreed to terms on a two-year contract. Stuvaints played linebacker in college but was told he will be tried out as a strong safety.

Source: ysu.edu/sports

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He said he was distraught and said he was totally spent from all the running, competing in three different events.

He said he was distraught and seriously doubting his future success in the mile. He said Gorby then talked to him and mentioned how he competed in three different events, placing in each of them, and how he significantly helped the team in the meet.

He said that conversation was extremely helpful in his mindset for nationals the next week. There he ran a 4:07, decreasing nearly 13 seconds from the week before and placed ninth in the nation.

"When you have a coach that believes in you, then it makes it so much easier to believe in yourself," Michaelis said.

Gorby said that while winning the Horizon League this season was "the apex of our career" for he and his staff, he knows how hard it will be to stay on top. "Maintaining success is always tough when you get to the top."

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to arch rival Pittsburgh Steelers, 33-36.

Putting the cherry on the cake, long time Browns owner Art Modell moved the franchise to Baltimore after the 1995 season and left Cleveland with no sports team for four seasons. Just to pour one last grain of salt in Browns fans wounds, most of the 1995 Browns did win a Super Bowl, just two years after the Browns suspended operation — they were wearing Baltimore Raven uniforms.

Moving on to basketball, the Cleveland Cavaliers have never won an NBA championship, however they did have the potential to make a couple of runs had fate been on our side.

In 1975-76, the Cavs finished the regular season with a 49-33 record and advanced to the second round of the playoffs against the Celtics. In what should have been a Cavs-dominated series, the Cavs lost starting center Jim Chones to freak injury just before game one and the Cavs lost the series 4-2.

Proving how hindsight is 20/20, we'll quickly ignore the draft day trade that sent future hall-of-famer Charles Oakley packing out of Cleveland - before he got there for the well forgotten names of Keith Lee and Ennis Wheatley, or the Ron Harper and Brad Daugherty era that was quite short lived due to injury. And let's not forget the Michael Jordan era.

The Cavs, not unlike many other teams, got their taste of Jordan, once in 1988, when the 57-25 Cavs were labeled a playoff threat. Rising star Michael Jordan made that short lived — his buzzer beater over Craig Ehlo is

still haunting Richfield Coliseum.

Once more in 1992, the red hot Bulls, led by Jordan sent the Cavs home on yet another Jordan shot as time expired, this time victimizing Gerald Wilkins on the highlight reel.

In baseball now, we must first say that the Cleveland Indians did win championships in 1920 and 1948 so we won't be as hard on them. The Tribe did win a pennant in 1954, but more was expected as they finished the regular season with 111 wins only to be swept in the World Series in 4 games against the Giants.

The Indians didn't touch another pennant until 1995 when they played the hard throwing Atlanta Braves in the World Series, as Atlanta overtook the tribe due to the youth and tenacity of Tom Glavine, John Smoltz and Steve Avery on the mound.

What is sad however is how the Indians lost the World Series in 1997 to the ever-aging Florida Marlins. Realistically, the series should have never gone more than six games but the Marlins pulled it out with two outs left in game seven as our closers couldn't get the job done from the day the series started giving the Marlins their first World Series in the team's short existence.

You almost wish that when an Ohio sports team makes it to the post season, they either win big or get demolished. Then at least we can carry out our day as normal, not have to be overcome with mixed emotions with our hearts ending up on the floor and our brains throbbing of agony when the final whistle blows and

we've just given up a big lead or lost in some unimaginable way.

As much credit that should be given to the scarlet and grey of Ohio State, lets not take for granted the road it took to bring home the championship this past season. First and foremost, coach Tressel got his chance because of John Cooper's inability to beat a Michigan team if a messiah strapped on a grey OSU helmet.

In 1995, 97, 98, the Buckeyes would have been undefeated and had a chance to play for the championship had it not been for losing to Michigan twice, and a less than mediocre Michigan State squad in 1998.

The Buckeyes scratched and crawled their way through the 2002 season to finish unbeaten, and more importantly, separating themselves from the lack luster performances of Ohio sports teams from years past.

Many Ohio sports teams have tried but few have prevailed. In professional sports, the state of Ohio is long over due. A professional championship has eluded our state since before many of us were born.

When will the Browns win their Super Bowl? When will the Cavs ever win a championship, (or be good for that matter)? And can the Tribe ever win it all again?

Although we'll have to wait to get these questions answered, the Buckeyes have given us hope for something we'd never thought we'd see. Hopefully, they've paved the way for many Ohio titles to come in the future, let's just see who is going to step up and take the torch.

OHIO SPORTS TIMELINE OF EVENTS

1946-50 — Browns win 5 championship titles (before Super Bowls existed)

1954-55 — 2 more Browns pre-Super Bowl championships

1954 — Tribe gets swept in World Series after winning 111 games in regular season

1964 — Browns last championship win, also pre-Super Bowl era

1965 — Browns lose in championship, last championship before Super Bowls were implemented.

1975 — Cavs lose in east finals when Chone gets hurt in practice

1980 — Browns "mistake on the lake" against Oakland Raiders

1985 — Cavs trade Charles Oakley on draft day for Keith Lee and Ennis Wheatley

1986 — Browns "the fumble" Earnest Byner fumbles on the 3-yard line

1987 — Denver "the drive" Elway drives 96 yards in 1 minute to beat Cleveland 33-33

1988 — Cavs lose on Jordan buzzer beater over Craig Ehlo

1992 — Cavs lose again on Jordan buzzer beater

1995 — Tribe loses World Series to Atlanta

1995 — Buckeyes 1 loss to Michigan to get knocked out of championship game

1997 — Buckeyes 1 loss to Michigan; don't make championship game

1997 — Tribe gets upset by Marlins in game 7 to lose World Series

1998 — Buckeyes get upset by Michigan State to get knocked out of championship game

2002 — Browns lose 17-point lead in Pittsburgh

2003 — Tribe hasn't won series in 55 years

2003 — Browns have never been to a Super Bowl

2003 — Cavs have never been to a championship

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the Midwest are factored into the decision.

At her press conference, Kest said if she were to become head coach at YSU, she would begin by looking for players to fit her style of play.

"My job is to go out and find the best players possible to fit my system," Kest said. "I look for athletic kids. I would first take the smarter, shorter girl rather than tall and uncoordinated."

Kest also said that she could implement her "system" to the players currently on the team and would look for consistent improvement.

Kest has a bachelor's degree in physical education from Slippery Rock in 1984 and a master's degree in education in 1986 from Northwest Missouri State. She holds a career record of 168-125.

The next interviewee was West Virginia University assistant coach Joanna Bernabei.

Bernabei recently completed her second season as the top assistant and recruiting coordinator at WVU. She helped the Mountaineers to a two-year mark of 29-27. Prior to joining WVU's staff, Bernabei spent two seasons as an assistant coach at Eastern Kentucky and

one year as head coach at West Virginia Wesleyan. At Wesleyan, Bernabei served as the school's senior women's administrator, as well as head coach.

Bernabei was a three-time Division II All-American, was named the WVIAC Player of the Year in 1997 and holds NCAA Division II records in career assists (1,107) and single-game assists (24).

Jacobs said Bernabei was chosen because of her great success both as a recruiting instructor and as a coach, and also because of her proximity at West Virginia. Jacobs also said that she believed Bernabei "enhanced her [coaching] capabilities by going to WVU."

Bernabei said she looks for more than just talent in her players and that she has a "realistic" outlook on recruiting.

"I look for both skill and character," Bernabei said. "I want players I can trust and who are honest, because that's the respect I will treat them with."

Bernabei said the position is intriguing because of the past success of the program and it's also close to her West Virginia home.

"There are extremely big shoes to fill," Bernabei said, referring to DiGregorio's long-standing success. "The tools are in place for more success."

Bernabei earned her bachelor's degree in exercise physiology from West Liberty State in 1997 and her master's degree in physical education from Eastern Kentucky in 1999.

Liz Grzesk, former YSU player and an alumna of the university, was on campus last Thursday for her interview.

Grzesk is a native of Boardman and just finished her first season as an assistant coach at UW-Green Bay. There she helped the Phoenix to a school-best 28-4 record and an appearance in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

Prior to joining the staff at UWGB, Grzesk spent four seasons as an assistant coach at YSU, helping the Penguins to an overall record of 64-55, including a 22-9 mark and an NCAA Tournament appearance in 1999-2000.

Grzesk said she's learned much during her time at U-W Green Bay that will assist her as a head coach.

"I've learned a lot in the past year that will help me in

my philosophy and style of play," Grzesk said. "Kevin Borseth, head coach at Green Bay, is probably one of the best women's basketball coaches in the country. He carries an enthusiasm, a preparation and an execution that are unmatched by anyone else."

Grzesk has never been a head coach before, but said she would relish the opportunity to start her head-coaching career at YSU.

"What better place to have experience and get a Division I head coaching job than your own hometown," Grzesk said. "Nobody wants this program to succeed more than I do. My roots, my family, my dream are all factors on why I want to be the next head coach at YSU."

"I don't want to be on the opposing bench anymore," Grzesk said of coaching against the Penguins at Green Bay. "I want to be in my hometown, I want to be in my alma mater."

Grzesk helped lead the Penguins to their first NCAA Tournament appearance in 1995-96 and ranks eighth in school history with 1,468 career points. She was named the Mid-Continent Conference Player of the Year in 1997.

She earned her bachelor's degree in accounting from YSU in 1997 and a master's degree in business administration from YSU in 2002.

The last candidate was Tisha Hill, an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Ball State.

Hill helped the Cardinals to two straight 20-win seasons and two consecutive appearances in the Women's National Invitational Tournament. Hill also spent four seasons as an assistant coach at Virginia Tech and two seasons as an assistant coach at both UW-Green Bay and Indiana. At Virginia, Hill helped aid the Hokies to the NCAA Sweet 16 in 1999.

Jacobs said that Hill's "progressive phenomenal experiences" was a reason for her to be a finalist. Jacobs added that Hill's work with successful programs and coaches also factored into the decision.

Hill said her communication skills are one of her main assets. "I've always considered myself a great communicator, especially with my players," Hill said.

Hill also said that her playing style consists of strong defense and a quick pace.

"[I would have] a defensive oriented team," she said. "I like a controlled, up tempo style of play."

Hill said she would look for immediate success and wouldn't stop with a just a good showing in the league.

"I want us to exceed expectations of our league and not just finish at a mediocre status," she said. "I want to be at a top tier, a top 1,2,3 in our conference, and that is something that can certainly be done here."

Hill established career-school records for assists and steals at Indiana University. She also led the Hoosiers to a runner-up finish in the 1992 Women's National Invitational Tournament. She earned her bachelor's degree in sport management from Indiana in 1993 and a master's degree in kinesiology from Indiana in 1995.

The head coaching position became available last month when DiGregorio, a 20-year coach at YSU, resigned.

Strollo said a decision should be made, at the latest, by Thursday.

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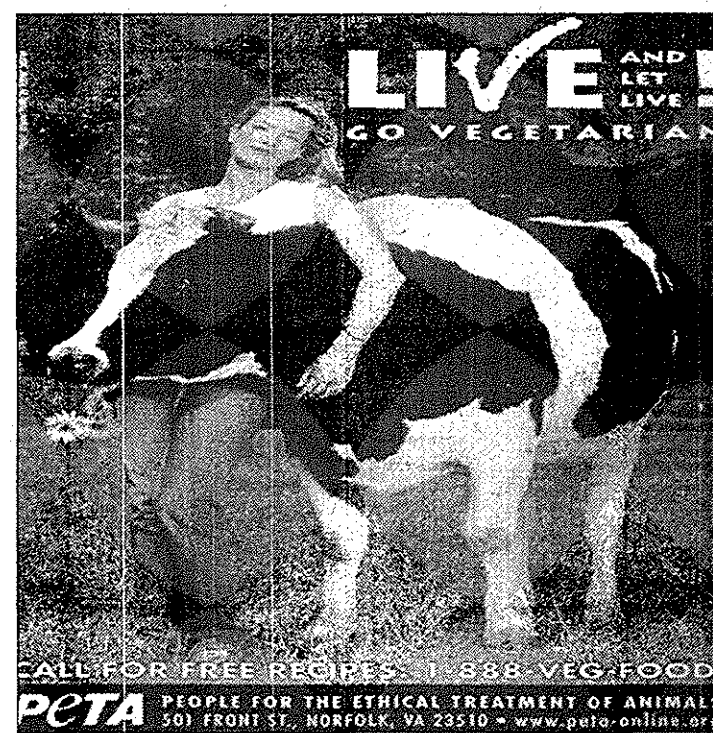
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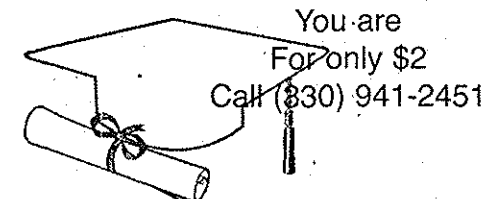
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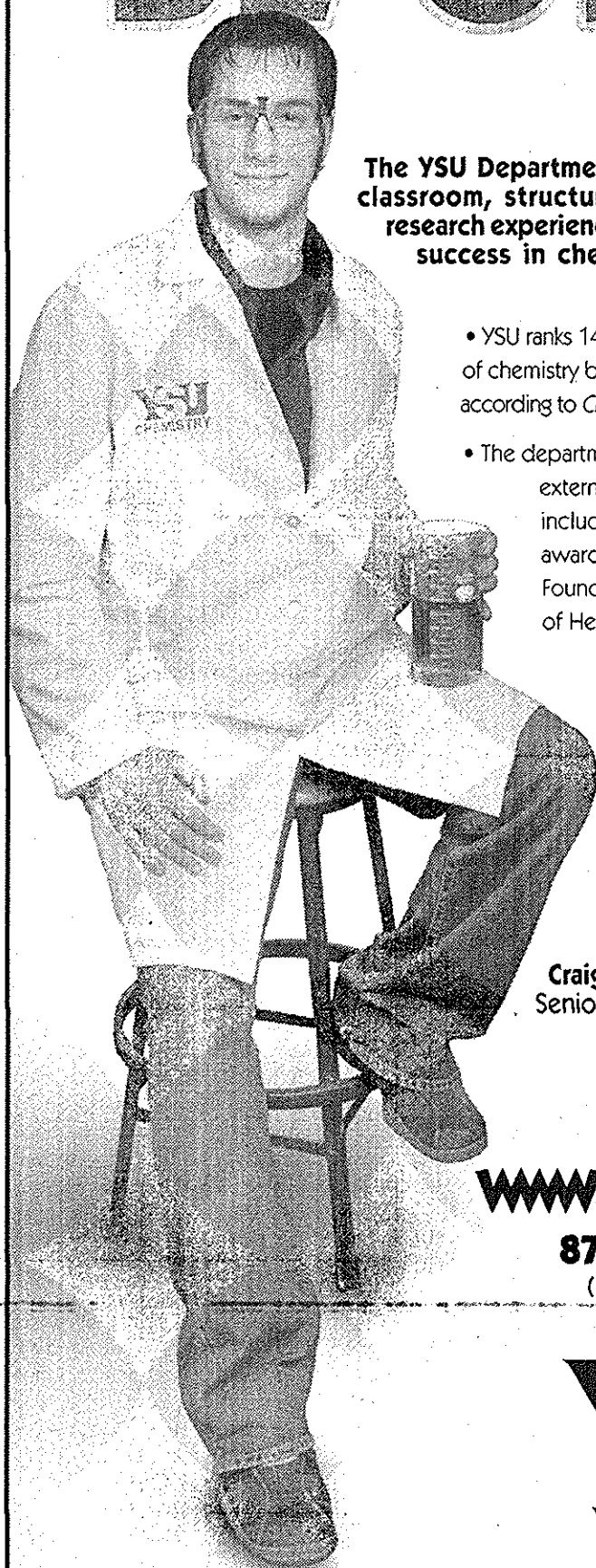
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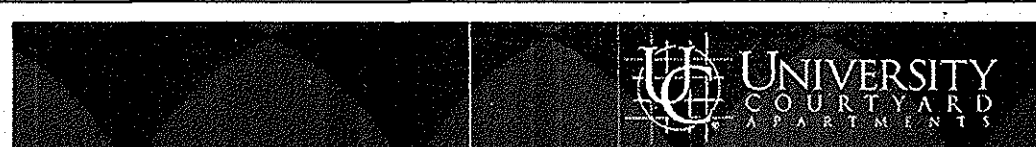
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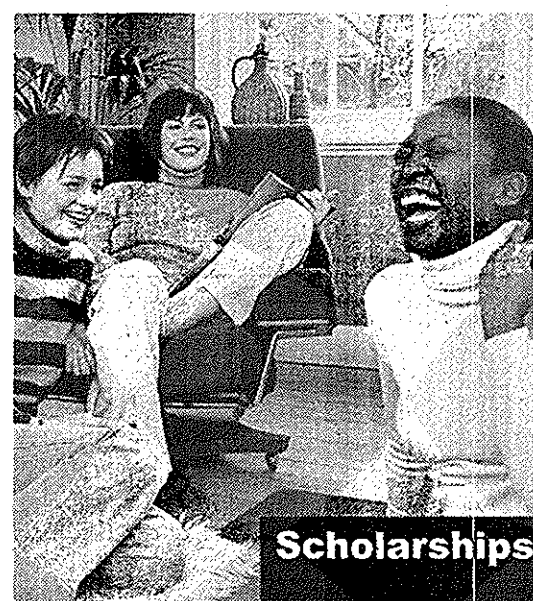
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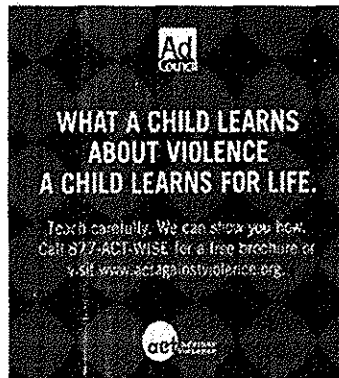
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Thursday: Crosswalk Ministries is holding Thursday Night Live at 8:00 p.m. in Peaberry's Cafe, Kilcawley Center. For more information contact Vicky Nusbaume at 330-941-6171 or email thursdaynightlive@hotmail.com.

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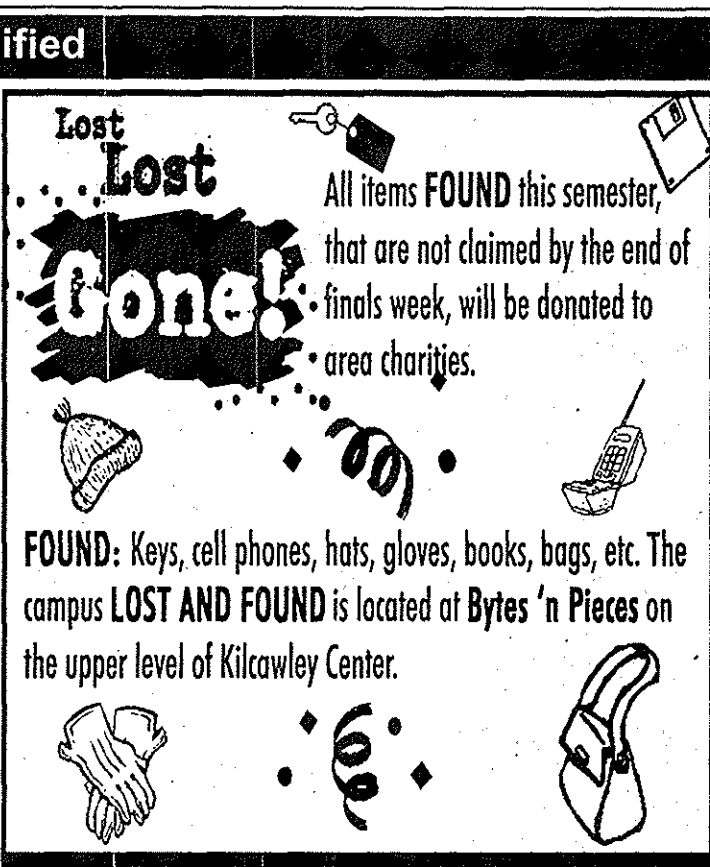
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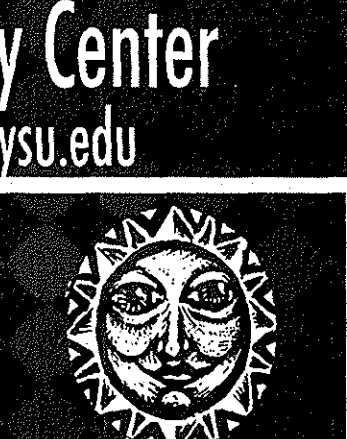
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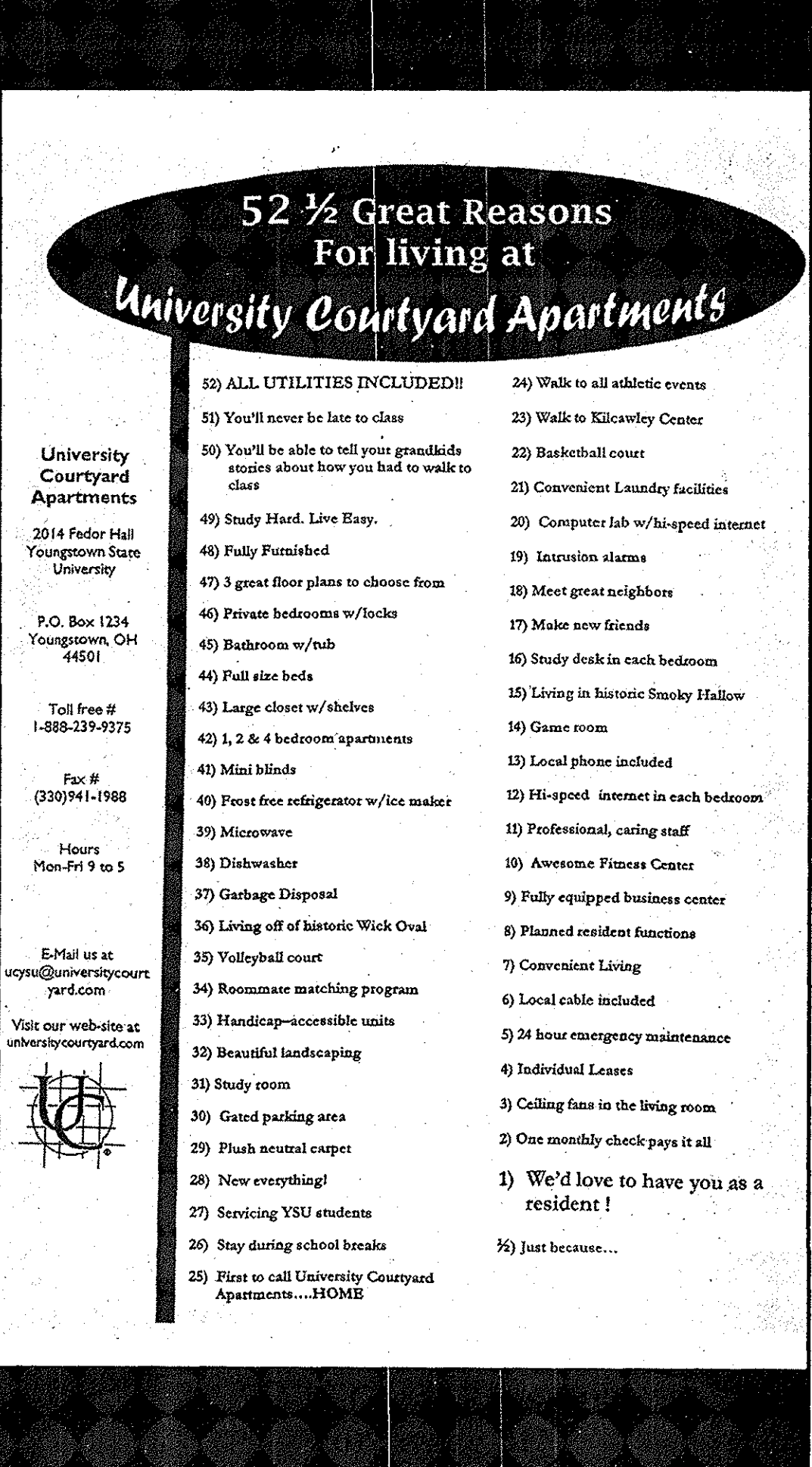
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Sports & Recreation



Sports Commentaries

Kurt Michaelis, Kelly Murphy named Jambar Penguin Athletes of the Year



Photo courtesy of Sports Information

WINNING THE RACE: YSU senior Kurt Michaelis broke numerous school records this year, and was named the Horizon League Indoor Track and Field Athlete of the year.

By JOE SIMON
The Jambar

It has been a storybook season for senior track and field/cross country runner Kurt Michaelis.

Michaelis edged out senior running back P.J. Mays for The Jambar's Male Athlete of the Year. Mays broke the Horizon League record for career touchdowns.

For those of you not familiar with Michaelis, he had one of the best individual seasons in YSU history, consisting of a ninth place finish at the NCAA Championships, making him YSU's first Division I All-American.

He was named the Horizon League Indoor Track and Field Athlete of the Year. During the season, he received Athlete of the Week accolades three consecutive times, and also set the school record in the mile (4:02.71) and the 1,000-meter run (2:28.23).

Yet, what is most important to Michaelis is that he and his team captured the 2003 Indoor Track and Field Horizon League Crown. Michaelis not only finished first in the mile, but also helped guide his team to victory with his leadership on the track.

"The team winning the conference is by far the biggest thrill of my career thus far," Michaelis said. "With individual accomplishments you rely totally on yourself and all the pressure is on you; you dictate how well you do. But when the team wins, everyone comes together and is able to enjoy the victory."

Michaelis competes in

See MICHAELIS, page 5

By DAVE DEVEREUX
The Jambar

YSU Penguins pitcher Kelly Murphy is taking her freshman season in stride.

In the softball team's 7-2 triumph over Cleveland State on April 23, Murphy notched her 15th victory of the season, breaking YSU's all-time single-season mark for wins.

Despite the accomplishment, Murphy said she never thought about breaking the record.

"It's pretty cool," Murphy said. "But, I guess I don't really shoot for records. To me a win is a win."

Throughout this season, it has been Murphy's work ethic and commitment to winning, which has made her a stabilizing and sometimes dominating force for the Horizon League-leading Penguin softball team.

To go along with an 18-4 record, the 5-foot-4-inch Murphy has 13 complete games, 160 strikeouts and a 1.45 ERA. Perhaps more importantly, she has helped guide the Penguins to a 32-12 record, the most wins in school history.

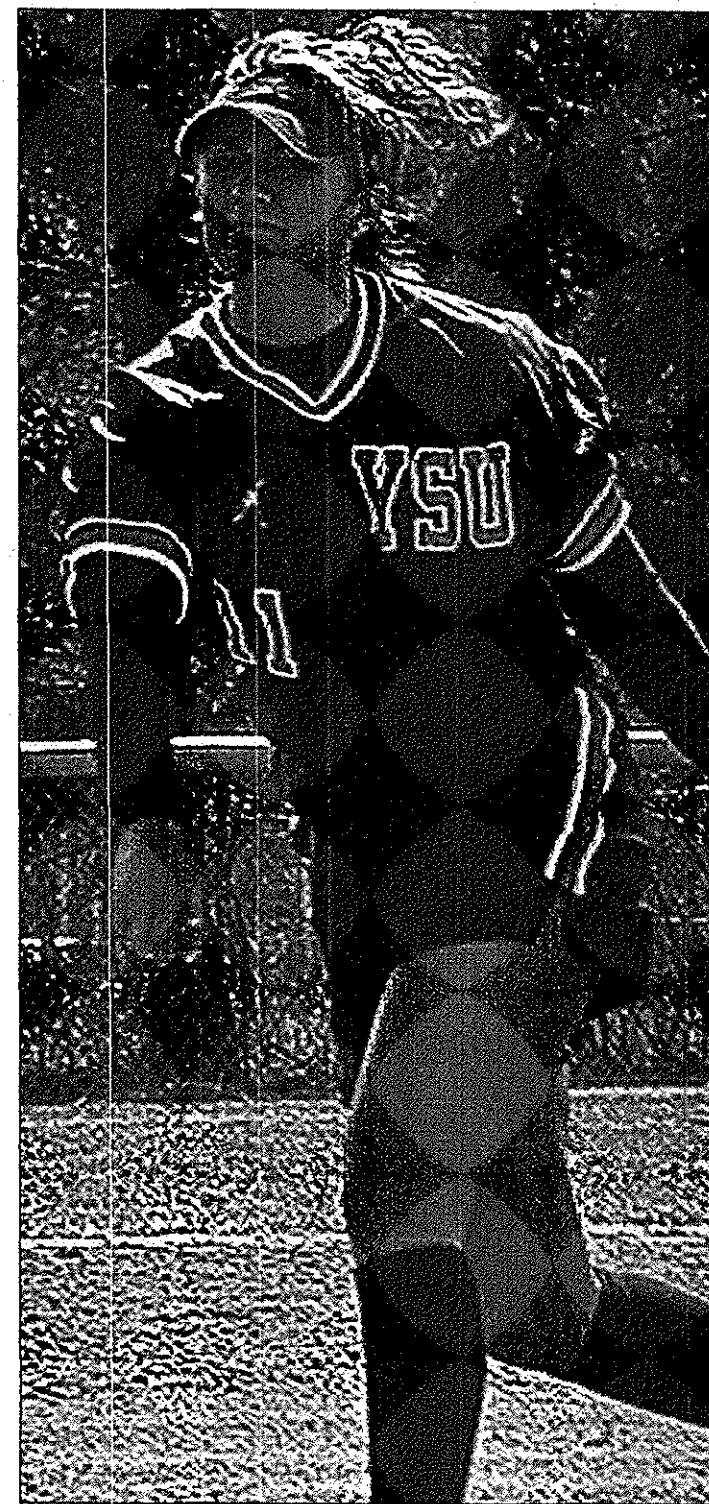
For her efforts, Murphy has been named The Jambar's Female Athlete of the Year.

Work Ethic:

Softball coach Crispy Cameron said it has been Murphy's hardworking mentality, which has catapulted her toward swift success at the collegiate level.

"[Murphy] has a great work ethic and attitude," Cameron said. "If you watch a

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BJ Lisko/The Jambar

RECORD SETTING: Freshman pitcher Kelly Murphy has an 18-4 record thus far, and has helped guide the Penguins to 32 wins this season, the most in school history.

Gorby's leadership raises the bar for YSU track program

By JOE SIMON
The Jambar

He's the cross country coach, he's the indoor and outdoor track and field coach, and he's The Jambar's 2003 Coach of the Year.



GORBY

Now, entering his 15th season as a member of the YSU track and field and cross country programs, Brian Gorby has built one of the most solid programs in Ohio.

During the 90s Gorby won a total of eight Mid-Continent conference

championships and recently grabbed YSU's first ever Horizon League Championship, when the indoor track and field team won it in March.

Gorby said he has learned many of his tactics from both his father and another rather successful coach from YSU, Jim Tressel. Gorby said he thinks of himself as a very hard working coach, as he reminisced about leaving his office at one in the morning and seeing Tressel still hard at work.

"You have to be committed and work hard to be successful; sacrifice always equals success," the nine-year coach said. "You need to find out what motivates a kid and then push

him or her as far as they're willing to go."

After earning three letters as an athlete from 1987-90, Gorby served as an assistant coach in both cross country and track before being promoted to the helm of cross country team in August 1993. He was named head track and field coach in July of the following year.

This year's Horizon League Coach of the Year recently coached Kurt Michaelis — our male Athlete of the Year — to a ninth-place finish at the 2003 NCAA Championships in the mile. With the finish, Michaelis became YSU's first ever Division I All-

American.

Gorby devotes much of the program's success to his staff and feels they are a main reason the program has made such enormous strides since his induction in 1993.

"I feel that our coaches can motivate people better than anyone else. Our focus is to always raise the bar of competition and I feel, with Kurt competing nationally, that we are definitely achieving our goal."

Gorby said his mental coaching philosophy is totally based on positives.

"Success breeds success and we always try to keep the kid's focusing

on the positive aspects of their race."

Michaelis agrees and said Gorby has been instrumental in his success.

"My first two years at YSU I struggled and even though I doubted myself, he was constantly telling me 'It's going to work out; good things take time' and it did work out and I'm where I am now particularly because of his positive outlook."

Michaelis remembered a time this year, a week before he competed in nationals, when he ran the worst time of his career in the mile, a 4:20, and said he was totally spent from all the running, competing in three different

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Browns, Buckeyes, Cavs and more fall to the Ohio sports curse

By MICHAEL BALALE
The Jambar

When you have lived the duration of life as an Ohioan, you tend to have somewhat of a different outlook on things most people take for granted, sports being a very important one.

The state of Ohio, with all of the tradition and past success that we have seen throughout the years, has had more last minute heartbreaks than any other state. Close finishes are inevitable in any sport, but Ohio fans have been on the losing end of enough dramatic losses in memorable situations than we'd like to recall.

Take our very own Cleveland Browns for example. Most critics, and Steeler fans, remember them for being a franchise that just can't catch a break. The Browns, winners of eight titles and four coming in the AAFC (All-American Football Conference), ironically enough won their last championship just two years before the "Super Bowl" came into existence.

Of course, we hear only of the fact that the Browns never went to the Super Bowl, but let's take that ever so

painful walk down memory lane and figure out why.

In 1980, the Browns were one of the most memorable, better known as "the Kardiak Kids" because 12 of their

16 regular season games were decided by seven points or less. They took an impressive 11-5 record into the playoffs.

The first of the Browns curses came on a sub-zero night known today only as "The mistake on the lake."

With the Browns trailing the Oakland Raiders 12-14, and less than two minutes remaining, Cleveland was threatening to score at any given moment as they approached the 10-yard line.

Brian Sipe then dropped back and threw the ill-fated pass heard around the world. The play, still remembered today only by die-hard

Brown fans, was Red Right 88. The pass was intercepted in the back of the end zone and Oakland went on to win the Super Bowl that year.

In the 1986 season, Cleveland sent one of its best teams of all time into the playoffs with home field advantage and an impressive 12-4 record. Here is where the Denver Bronco curse began.

In what went down as one of the best playoff games in NFL history, the Cleveland Browns, led by hometown hero Bernie Kosar,

came nine feet from reaching their first Super Bowl in franchise history. Earnest Byner, on his way into the end zone, with one minute left in regulation, fumbled the ball on the three yard line and Denver finished off the deflated Browns in overtime, 23-20.

Quite impressive — that is unless

you compare the game to its encore just one year later.

This time, the setting was Mile High Stadium, in Denver; our never say Browns took a 2-point lead into the last 60 seconds of the AFC championship game and successfully played the worst defense ever thought imaginable.

Not a Browns fan in the world could justify why Cleveland played a prevent defense on an explosive John Elway. Elway orchestrated his overachieving Bronco offense 96 yards in one minute to over throw the Browns 33-38 and once again rip out the Super Bowl dreams from Browns fans' hearts for the second year in a row.

As time passed on to this past NFL season, let's fast forward to the playoffs. As agonizing to watch as it was, you almost weren't even sur-



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CLEVELAND: Former Cleveland Browns quarterback Bernie Kosar gets ready to hand off the ball.

prised to see the outcome. The Browns proved once again how much they hate winning when it counts, as they lost a 17-point lead in the fourth quarter and eventually lost the game

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PRESS DAY 2003



Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Youngstown State University

Clifton: Know your rights

SPECIAL PRESS DAY REPORT

One of the biggest assets a reporter has is his or her right to public records, Doug Clifton, editor of The Plain Dealer, said.

Clifton, recently named Editor of the Year by Editor and Publisher, will be the keynote speaker at today's YSU-TCJA Press Day. He said he plans to use his time to encourage students to learn open records laws.

"Freedom of information is the biggest obstacle reporters today face," Clifton said in a recent interview. "I'm going to discuss the value of public records with the students. I want to give them the knowledge of why it matters."

Editor and Publisher executives said it was Clifton's dedication to freedom of information that helped seal his selection as Editor of the Year.

Clifton said he knew about the honor about a month before the magazine went to press. He said he was excited to be selected.

"It was something of a thrill," he said. "But you know ... it doesn't make your job any easier or any harder."

Clifton said he keeps close contact with The Plain Dealer's reporters and encour-

ages the staff to pursue all legal outlets to obtain information.

"We have a very aggressive policy on requesting information and making sure we get it," he said. "Sometimes you're asking for volumes of information."

Another obstacle for reporters, Clifton said, is the proliferation of online communication, including e-mails.

This, however, did not stop The Plain Dealer from requesting and receiving e-

mail assignments at The Herald, including city editor and deputy managing editor. He came to The Plain Dealer in 1999.

He served as news editor of Knight Ridder's Washington bureau and as managing editor of The Charlotte Observer, another Knight Ridder newspaper.

Clifton returned to The Miami Herald in 1991 as executive editor. Under his leadership, The Herald won three Pulitzer Prizes, one for meritorious public service in 1992 for coverage of Hurricane Andrew, a second for commentary and a third for investigative reporting.

During that time The Herald also was a Pulitzer finalist in feature writing, commentary, investigative reporting and twice in photography.

This year, under Clifton's leadership, The Plain Dealer was a Pulitzer finalist for feature writing.

Clifton, originally from Brooklyn, New York, graduated from Dowling College in Long Island, with a political science degree and served three years in the U.S. Army, including a year as an artillery officer in Vietnam in the late 1960s.

Doug and Peg Clifton have two adult children and three grandchildren. They live in Bratenahl.



"Freedom of information is the biggest obstacle reporters today face."

— Doug Clifton
Editor, The Plain Dealer

mails between former Mayor Michael White and his top department leaders.

"E-mails have been found to be public record because they are simple, electronic records of what you had on paper."

Clifton began his newspaper career in 1970 at The Miami Herald's Action Line.

He held a variety of reporting and edit-

Press Day 2003: By the Numbers

25 schools

540 students

44 advisers

Advisers and Speakers:

Breakfast served until
10:30 a.m. in the
Ohio Room.

Lunch will be served
at 11:40 in the Ohio
Room.

Students may eat at
any of the Kilcawley
Center eateries.

Catch Doug Clifton's keynote speech at 12:30 p.m. in the Chestnut Room.

An official Press Day welcome

By CHALET SEIDEL
Press Day Staff

Benjamin Bradlee is often credited for calling the news, "the first rough draft of history."

Bradlee held the post of executive editor at The Washington Post during an undeniably historic age. In the 1960s and 70s the Post covered wars and assassinations and broke a story that led to a president's impeachment.

It is the journalist's calling to notice the events future generations will regard as history. It is their calling to render these events into stories that help the rest of the world notice too.

In the last few years, we've witnessed terrorist attack, elections, war and legislation that impacts our most basic freedoms. Clearly, we live history every day. And journalists are there to capture it. At the same time, new opportunities and challenges are altering the rules for how journalists get the story and the conventions for how they present it.

We'll be talking about some of those opportunities and challenges at Press Day 2003. We'll also talk about the nuts and bolts of our craft—

from writing news stories to designing pages. There will be workshops and speeches for student journalists working in all media. It should be an exciting and educational day.

Special thanks goes to Doug Clifton, our keynote speaker. He set the theme for today's event. This day is made possible because of the time and energy donated by countless journalists and educators who judge competitions and lead sessions. They,

along with the Press Day Advisory Board, embody the spirit of Press Day. But you embody the promise. So a special word of thanks goes to you, the journalists whose collected voices are the student press.

I must note here that Bradlee attributed his famous quote to his former boss, Washington Post publisher Philip Graham. According to Simpson's Modern Quotations, Graham said, "So let us drudge on about our inescapably impossible task of providing every week a first rough draft of a history that will never be completed about a world we can never understand."

Every age is an historic one, including our own. Don't stop noticing. Don't stop writing the story.

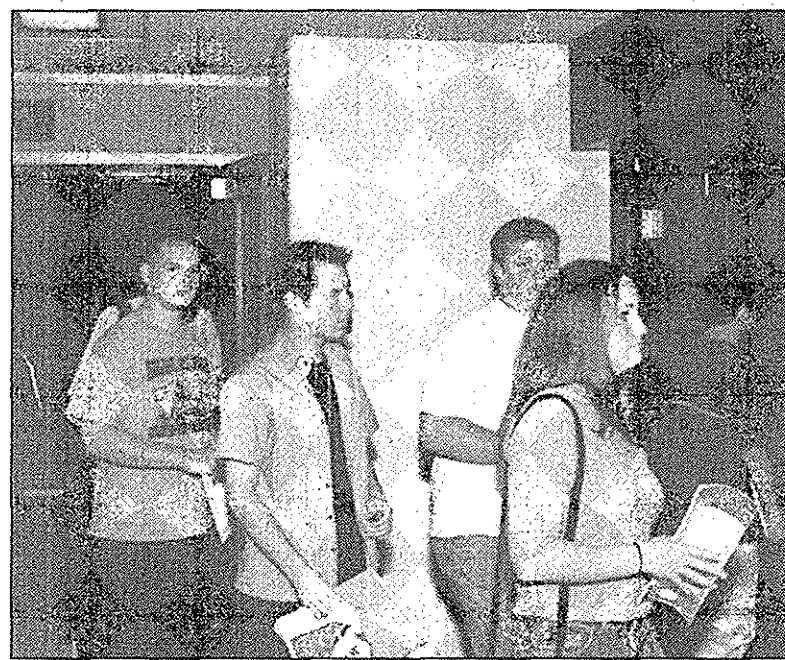


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WELCOME: High school students from across the Mahoning Valley will crowd Kilcawley Center today for YSU-TCJA Press Day. A variety of sessions and workshops are planned for today's event.

Back to Youngstown

Professor returns armed with advice

By HENRY GOMEZ
Press Day Staff

Dale Harrison knows the frustrations many high school journalists feel.

Controversy occurs at high schools across the country, but Harrison said the students in these schools often are held back by administrators who want more positive news and a minimalist's approach to controversy.

Harrison, former director

of Journalism at Youngstown State and now chair of the School of Journalism and Communications at Auburn University, said high school journalists need to be patient and know that college will open them up to their full freedoms.

While praising YSU's student-run newspaper, The Jambar, Harrison cited the success of Auburn's weekly, which received its 21st Pacemaker Award - the collegiate equivalent of a Pulitzer - this year.

"It's a meaty paper," Harrison said. "Nationally, it's incredibly competitive. It's very much the kind of newspaper I think Youngstown is going to become."

State colleges have much more freedom and opportunity, Harrison said, because they are open to freedom of information laws and guidelines.

Harrison was featured in this year's Freedom Forum calendar. His quote details his feelings about college newspapers.

"The only free press is that which is shielded from government control, private interests and public pressure."

— Dale Harrison
Auburn University



"The only free press is that which is shielded from government control, private interests and public pressure."

are lots of first-generation college students at Youngstown: You rarely see that at Auburn."

"I would tell them: 'hold your breath,'" Harrison said in a telephone interview prior to his visit today at TCJA Press Day 2003. "Hold your breath until you get to college, because if you go to a state-supported school, you'll have the most freedom you'll ever have as a journalist."

Harrison left YSU in December 2001 to take a similar position at Auburn.

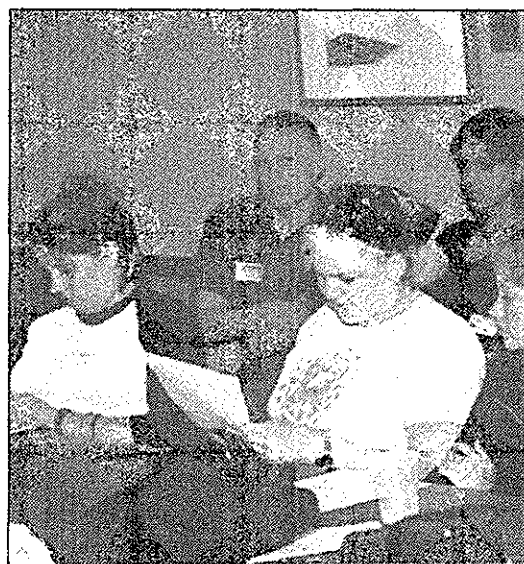
"One of the things that attracted me to Auburn is that it was the kind of program I was building at Youngstown," he said. "And I do believe Youngstown is on its way to having the type of program we have here."

The Auburn program,

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Complete schedule of Press Day events **Page 2**

A list of students registered for the Staged News Event. **Page 3**



Press Day 2003 — **Session Schedule**

ROOM	SESSION ONE 9:30 - 10:10 a.m.	SESSION TWO 10:15 - 10:55 a.m.	SESSION THREE 11 - 11:40 a.m.
Chestnut Room	Basic Sports Reporting <i>Dana Balash, WFMJ-TV 21</i> Learn how the sports story you see on TV makes it from the playing field to the screen.	Weather Forecasting <i>Frank Marzullo, WFMJ-TV 21</i> From radar weather systems to the viewers' ears, this veteran weatherman shares secrets.	Radio Broadcasting <i>A.C. & Kelly, WHOT-101 FM</i> The people behind the voices bring entertaining information about the field of radio broadcast.
Art Gallery	School Scandals <i>Henry Gomez & Jami Boninsegna, The Jambar</i> There's trouble at your school and you, as the reporter, have an obligation to report it.	Censorship: A Panel Discussion <i>John Bowen & Dale Harrison</i> Censorship is the greatest danger affecting	War Games: What is the media's role? <i>Dale Harrison, Auburn University; Jeff Sheban, The Dispatch; & Lisa Solley, Tribune Chronicle</i>
Presidential Suites	Staged News Event <i>Tribune Chronicle staff</i> Get ready, get set, report on deadline.	Continuation of Staged News Event from Session One. <i>You must start this in Session One.</i>	Broadcast News <i>Renee Murphy, TV 21</i> Get the scoop on an anchor's life in front of the camera.
Jones Room	Basic Yearbook Design Techniques & Trends <i>Rob Ranier, Walsworth</i> A refreshing look at what's hot in yearbook design and trends. Bring your enthusiasm and an open mind.	The Road to Baghdad: So you want to be an international reporter? <i>Jeff Sheban, The Dispatch</i> This former international correspondent shares his war stories.	Poetry Workshop <i>William Greenway, YSU</i> Sharpen your skills on the creative side of writing poetry.
Room 2068	Write it right! <i>Lois Kazenski, Herff Jones</i> Yearbooks need to be accurate and interesting. Come learn from a professional and get the tips to make it "right."	The Good, the bad, the ugly: Tips for a winning yearbook <i>Kim Carter, Herff Jones</i> Discuss basics of layout and design with a professional who calls yearbooks her "life-long passion."	Adobe's InDesign: The Future of Desktop Publishing <i>Mandy Barney, Walsworth</i> Learn the exciting capabilities of InDesign that are more flexible, creative, quicker and easier than PageMaker.
Room 2036	Getting the news online: an introduction to Web design <i>Jay Gordon, YSU</i> You don't need to be an expert to attend.	Yearbook Themes <i>Terry Leek, Jostens</i> Learn how to develop concepts that will tie your memories together.	What were you watching? <i>Debora Shaulis, The Vindicator</i> We'll analyze how movie critics reach different conclusions about the same movies as we review the basics of entertainment critiques.
Room 2069	Editorial Writing <i>Dennis Mangan, The Vindicator</i> Find out how to write opinions with conviction and support.	Minorities in Journalism <i>La'el Hughes, The Jambar & Larissa Theodore, The Herald</i> Diversity plays a critical role for newspapers.	Preparing for a Career in Journalism <i>A panel discussion</i> It's not too early to begin preparing for a career in journalism.
Room 2057	Journalism Ethics <i>Dale Harrison, Auburn University</i> Journalists have a special code.	Reminder: Be sure to see your adviser to look at the winners' packet.	Infographics <i>Rick Logan, The Vindicator</i> Learn to present information visually.
Room 2067	Joining Page One <i>Guy Coviello, Tribune Chronicle</i> Launch a journalism career now. Work with professionals before you get to college.	Brainstorming Story Ideas, <i>Alyssa Lenhoff, YSU</i> How to find story ideas even when you are sure you've already covered it all.	Reminder: Doug Clifton's keynote speech begins at 12:30 p.m. in the Chestnut Room.
Cochran Room	Advising or teaching? An idea-sharing session <i>Cathi RaubCarney, Columbiana H.S.</i> Share your ideas and frustrations.	Page Design <i>Michael A. Braun, The Vindicator</i> Making your pages visually appealing.	Legal Issues <i>Dorma Tolson, The Morning Journal</i> How to avoid libel and deal with censorship.
Breshnahan Reception	Literary Magazines <i>The Penguin Review</i> Publishing a literary magazine on a shoestring budget.	Vindicator Teen Page <i>JoAnne Viviano, The Vindicator</i> Launch a journalism career now. Work with professionals before you get to college.	News writing 101 <i>Anthony Paglia, The Vindicator</i> Learn the basics of how to report and write news.
Breshnahan III	Breaking into Sports Radio <i>George Brown, 1570-WANR & Robb Schmidt, WKBN-TV 27</i> Explore some of the careers available in sports broadcasting.	Hot Headlines <i>Rick Logan, The Vindicator</i> Capture the readers' attention even before they read the story.	Creating an Award-winning paper <i>Pat Shively, Mineral Ridge H.S.</i> Especially helpful for new advisers, learn to build a paper from the ground up. Including dealing with staffing, technology and new ideas.
Breshnahan I & II	Copyediting <i>Jeff Schoch, The Vindicator</i> Nothing turns readers off more than mistakes. Learn tips for avoiding errors.	Basic Sports Reporting <i>Dana Balash, WFMJ-TV 21</i> Learn how the sports story you see on TV makes it from the playing field to the screen.	Video Critiques <i>Dr. Fred Owens, YSU & Jim Stipetich, YSU</i> Gather tips to improve your video productions.
Schwebel Reception	Videography <i>Vince Shivers, WFMJ-TV 21</i> Capturing people on film is just as important as writing the story.	On air with NewsOhio <i>Candace Perkins-Bowen, Kent State University</i> Those attending this session may appear on Thursday's show at 2 p.m. on PBS 45/49.	Reporting to Remember <i>Laura Steele, WFMJ-TV 21</i> Developing your writing, presentation and use of video to create a story viewers will be talking about the next day.

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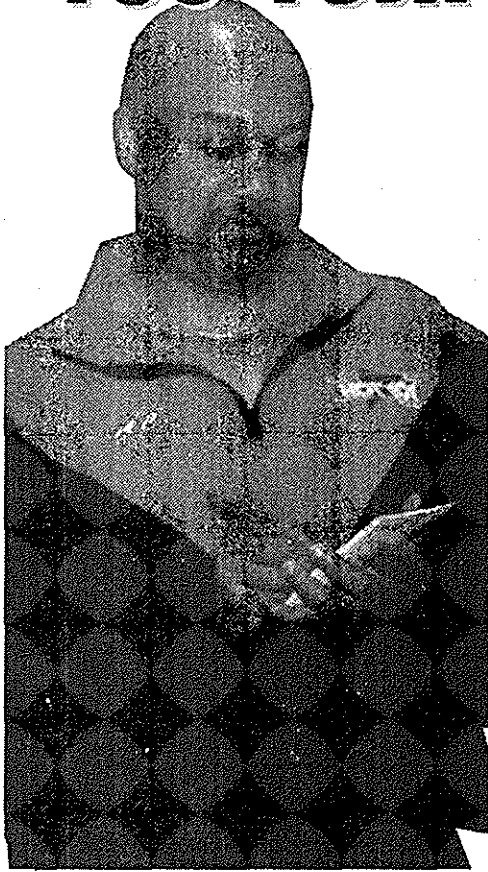
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YSU-TCJA Press Day



For years, TCJA Press Day at YSU has attracted media celebrities from the Mahoning Valley — such as HOT-101 Hot Jock **A.C. McCollough** (left) — and across the country. At right, Channel One News Anchor **Seth Doane** poses with Mineral Ridge High School Adviser **Pat Shively**. Doane was the keynote speaker at the 2002 TCJA Press Day. A young journalist, Doane encouraged high schoolers to be tenacious in their reporting and to never be afraid of asking questions.



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Staged News Event Participants

The Almanac Youth

April Brucker
Brenna Brucker

Boardman High School

Annie Frank
Melody Joachim
Kory Trolio

Canfield High School

Louise Popio
Samantha Crum
Grazia Sorice

Cardinal Mooney High School

Jenn Gonda
Mike Quigley
Katie Stabi

Columbiana High School

Dara Levendosky
Nate Shaw
Nick Sposato

East Liverpool High School

Nick Hull
Danielle Kiger
Sam Albright

Girard High School

Christy Kalna

Greenville High School

Brittany Bennett

Harding High School

Daniel Parsons
Franklin Bosak
Dillon Fishel

Howland High School

Julie Johnson
Marissa Murphy
Hollie Rawl

Hubbard High School

Andrew Tucciarone
Mary Sivulich
Rachel Brant

Lakeview High School

Brandon Vogrin
Richard Bocchia
Rachel Abbey

Leetonia High School

James Ziegler
Justin Maynard
David Duke

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Austin Trunick
Nick Kupensky

The Raven School

Melissa Holland
Emili Donato
Coretta Rutledge

Salem High School

Rachel Fink
Chris Frank
Elizabeth Tussey

Springfield Local High School

Ashley Long
Katie Houk
Jennifer Romack

Struthers High School

Ed Mozingo
Aubi Garchar
Angela McMurray

Wilmington Area High School

Kylie Mackeness
Lauren Foltz
Brandon Phillian

On-site critique schedule

listed in alphabetical order by newspaper title

The Almanac Youth April Brucker, Brenna Brucker

Anthony Paglia, The Vindicator, 10:15 - 10:30 a.m.

The Beakon, (Cardinal Mooney) Kacie Kubik, Sheena Dohar, Jenn-Finnerty

Critiqued by Dorma Tolson, The (Lisbon) Morning Journal, 10:35 - 10:55

Blue and Gold (and Extra), (Wilmington) Kara Meyer, Lindsay McCoy, Jesse Duncan

Richard Logan, The Vindicator, 9:50 - 10:05 a.m.

The Bugle, (Boardman High School)

Richard Logan, The Vindicator 9:30 - 9:45 a.m.

Bulldog Bulletin, (Lakeview High School) Abbey Crouse, Beth Finan, Julie Hogues

Dorma Tolson, The Morning Journal, 10:15 - 10:30

The Cardinal, (Canfield High School) Bethan Eynon, Ryan Kuchmaner, Andrew Price

Guy Vogrin, Tribune Chronicle 11:20 - 11:35 a.m.

The Clip, (Columbiana High School) Dara Levendosky, Ryan Schmidt, Brittany Sanders

Stephanie Ujhelyi, The Morning Journal 10:15 - 10:30

Devil's Den, (Western Reserve High School)

Guy Coviello, Tribune Chronicle, 11:20 - 11:35 a.m.

The Hickory Leaf, (Hickory High School) Anthony Hita, Jessica Pawluk, Jessica Stroup

Christyne Kotel, Tribune Chronicle 11:20 - 11:35 a.m.

The Hub, (Hubbard High School) Julia Domascieno, Mary Sivulich, Kristin Gilida

Michael Braun, The Vindicator 9:30 - 9:45 a.m.

Indian Beat, (Girard High School) Nichole Brooks, Christy Kalna, Chris McKee

Guy Vogrin, Tribune Chronicle 11 - 11:15 a.m.

Keramos Echo, (East Liverpool) Danielle Kiger, Nick Hull, Brianna McPherson

Kimberly Emeigh, Tribune Chronicle 11:20 - 11:35

The Quaker, (Salem High School) Jon Buckoski, Rachel Fink, Chris Frank

Kimberly Emeigh, Tribune Chronicle 11 - 11:15 a.m.

The Rocketeer, (Lowellville Local School) Ashlee Chmura, Danielle Hvidsak, Tom Haren

Michael Braun, The Vindicator 9:50 - 10:05 a.m.

The Sentinel, (Springfield Local) Danielle Champney, Stephanie Day, Ashley Long

Anthony Paglia, The Vindicator 10:35 - 10:50 a.m.

The Student Prints, (Struthers High School) Barb Gender, Stephanie Monus, Jenni Vaio

Jeff Schoch, The Vindicator 10:15 - 10:30 a.m.

The Troy Times, (Greenville High School)

Stephanie Ujhelyi, The Morning Journal 10:35 - 10:50 a.m.

Union Tribune, (Union Area High School) Amber Shoaff, Katie Bromley

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The Wave, (Howland High school) Julie Johnson, Sarah Vansuch, Emily Barba

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Dana Balash has been at WFMJ TV-21 for the past 18 years, including the last 11 as the 6 and 11pm sports anchor. Prior to his days in sports, Balash was a general assignment news reporter for two years, also at WFMJ.

In 2002, WFMJ Sports was named "Outstanding Sports Operation" and "Best Regularly Scheduled Sports" by the Associated Press. Balash also was nominated for an Emmy Award in 1999 by the Cleveland Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

As an editor in high school, as an intern in college and now as yearbook representative for Walsworth, **Mandy Barney** has been involved with some aspect of the yearbook process for nearly five years. Mandy enjoys learning, teaching and assisting with all aspects of the yearbook process especially the technology behind desktop design and digital imaging.

Jami Boninsegna is the copy editor for The Jambar, YSU's student-run newspaper.

Boninsegna has had a variety of roles in her two years as a college journalist, including service as editor in chief for Summer 2002. She has covered the administration and local politics and writes a regular relationship column, "Student Bodies."

A senior, Boninsegna will graduate in May.

Candace Perkins Bowen taught high school journalism and advised student newspapers and yearbooks in suburban Chicago and Washington, D.C., for more than 20 years before moving to Kent State in 1995. She is the Scholastic Media Program coordinator, directing both the Northeast Ohio Scholastic Press Association (NOSPA), at Kent State for 65 years, and Journalism Association of Ohio Schools (JAOS) for more than 60 years.

Last year, she also began working with a 30-minute weekly program on PBS 45/49 by KSU students for high school and middle school students. A past president of the Journalism Education Association and currently on the board of the Student Press Law Center, Perkins Bowen is a former Dow Jones Newspaper Fund High School Journalism Teacher of the Year.

John Bowen is a member of the board of directors of the Student Press Law Center and an adjunct instructor at Kent State University. He recently retired after 32 years teaching journalism and social studies at Lakewood High School.

Michael A. Braun has been the chief design editor of The Vindicator since 1998. He has worked for the paper for 23 years, having started as a general assignment reporter and later working the labor and energy beats. He has worked on the re-write desk, copy desk, was Sunday editor and assistant chief design editor. He also has been outdoor editor for the past 18 years.

Ernest A. Brown Jr. is the assistant regional editor at The Vindicator. He started his career at the Youngstown newspaper in 1976 as a general assignment reporter. Since he has covered the Mahoning County Courthouse and government before his promotion in 1986.

George Brown has been in the media world for the past seven years, beginning in the radio business. Starting in 1996 at the age of 11, George got into the radio scene at WRRD AM 1440 in Warren.

He is the creator of "Talkin' Tribe," a 30-minute pre-game show that aired prior to Cleveland Indians broadcasts on the radio station. Brown serves as the sports director for WANR Radio, and hosts "Valley Sports Line," a daily sports talk show. He also does coverage of high football, baseball and basketball, doing play-by-play and production for high school athletics on WANR.

Brown is a senior at Warren G. Harding High School. He plans on attending Youngstown State University in the fall of 2003 to continue to pursue his broadcasting career.

Kim Carter brings years of scholastic journalism experience to Press Day at YSU. She has worked in both newspaper and yearbook mediums. At Michigan State University, Kim was one of a handful of students who saved a ninety-eight year old yearbook publication after it had been cancelled. Starting late, and with a shoestring budget, the team of students produced a quality publication which won an "All-American" rating from the Associated Collegiate Press.

After graduating from the University of Pittsburgh, Kim brought her talents to the classroom as a teacher and yearbook adviser.

Guy Coviello is an assistant managing editor for the Tribune Chronicle and previously worked at the Warren newspaper as a copy editor and news and sports writer. An award-winning writer, he is a part-time journalism instructor at YSU and is director and adviser of the Tribune's teen journalism program, Page One.

Jay Crumbacher is the poetry/prose editor for the 2003 Penguin Review and will hold the position of senior editor next year. He is a senior at YSU, double majoring in English and philosophy.

Henry Gomez is the editor in chief of The Jambar, YSU's student-run newspaper.

He has covered a variety of news stories in his two years of experience, including politics, government and the Newton Falls/Lordstown beat for the Tribune Chronicle.

He was a 2002 recipient of the Pulliam Journalism Fellowship, a prestigious award that allowed him the chance to spend 10 weeks reporting for The Indianapolis Star.

A senior, Gomez will graduate in May and start a 12-week internship with The Sacramento Bee in California.

Dr. Jay L. Gordon teaches both undergraduate and graduate courses in the Professional Writing and Editing program at YSU. He received his PhD from the Rhetoric program at Carnegie Mellon and is interested in the connections between technology, writing and visual design. Originally from Rockville, Md., he has lived and taught various writing courses in Pittsburgh and Milwaukee as well at YSU.

William Greenway has won the Ohioana Poetry Award, the Larry Levis Editors' Prize from Missouri Review, the Open Voice Poetry Award from The Writer's Voice, the State Street Press Chapbook Competition, an Ohio Arts Council Grant, and was 1994 Georgia Author of the Year.

His seventh collection is "Ascending Order," forthcoming from the University of Akron Press Poetry Series, which also published I Have My Own Song For It: Modern Poems of Ohio, which he co-edited. His poems have appeared in "Poetry," "American Poetry Review," "Southern Review," "Poetry Northwest," "Shenandoah," and "Prairie Schooner."

Greenway is a professor of English at Youngstown State University, where he has been awarded Distinguished Professorships in both Teaching and Scholarship.

W. Dale Harrison is the chair of Journalism and Communications at Auburn University in Alabama. He formerly taught at YSU as director of the Journalism major. He has newsroom experience and recently commissioned a survey into Alabama state offices and their compliance with open records laws.

Catherine Hilston is the senior editor for the 2003 Penguin Review and will hold the position of layout editor for the 2004 issue. She is a senior at YSU, majoring in professional writing and editing.

La'el Hughes is a junior at Youngstown State University majoring in journalism and political science.

She is the assistant news editor of The Jambar, YSU's student-run newspaper, where she has covered the administration, tuition increases and the Board of Trustees. In the summer, La'el will take over as lead news editor for The Jambar.

Lois Dota Kazenski has been a yearbook specialist for Herff-Jones Yearbooks for 18 years in the western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio areas. A former high school English teacher in the Schaler school district, Kazenski has a bachelor's degree and M.Ed. in English education. Kazenski was a freelance writer for The Moon Township Record and worked for Sewickley Magazine.

Terry Leek has been the Jostens' yearbook representative for 18 years, including coverage in Mahoning, Trumbull, Columbiana, Portage and Stark counties. She has a bachelor's degree from Kent State University and formerly taught at Canfield Middle School. She specializes in digital photography and desktop publishing.

Alyssa Lenhoff is the director of Journalism at Youngstown State University.

A longtime reporter and editor for the Tribune Chronicle in Warren, Lenhoff has won numerous awards for stories about the bankruptcy of Phar-Mor and other business issues.

Rick Logan is a news editor at The Vindicator. He has more than 20 years of newspaper experience and is an instructor in journalism and basic writing at YSU. He is a graduate of Kent State University and The American University.

Dennis Mangan has been editorial page editor at The Vindicator since 1989. He attended YSU and joined The Vindicator staff as a reporter in 1971 and has served as Trumbull County editor and city editor.

Frank Marzullo is a member of the Storm Tracker 21 Weather Team and is the weather anchor on WFMJ Today and the 21 News Midday Report. Before coming to 21 News, he served as the weekend weather anchor at WTAP in Parkersburg, W.Va. He is a communications student at YSU and in the fall will work toward the completion of his meteorology degree.

A.C. McCullough has been a morning personality for WHOT-101 radio for 30 years. McCullough is a graduate of the former East High School in Youngstown and attended YSU for two years, majoring in speech.

Anthony G. Paglia is the senior regional editor for The Vindicator. He has been in charge of the local news operation for The Vindicator since 1989. He supervises five editors and 22 reporters covering Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana counties in Ohio and Mercer and Lawrence counties in Pennsylvania. He also teaches journalism at YSU.

Larisa Piwtorak is a member of the 2003 Penguin Review staff. She will graduate from YSU in May with a degree in English. She plans to pursue law school in the fall.

Rob Ranier has been a yearbook representative with Walsworth Publishing since 1986 in western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio. He is one of Walsworth's top 10 representative's nationwide having consistently earned honors for sales and service performance. Additionally, he serves on the Walsworth Action Council and Mentor Training Team.

Carol RaubCarney teaches at Columbiana High School. She was named Advisor of the Year at Press Day 2002 for her work with The Clip, CHS' student newspaper.

Jeff Schoch is chief copy editor at The Vindicator, where he has worked for 13 years. Before joining The Vindicator, he was a reporter at newspapers in Columbiana County. He also teaches news writing at YSU.

Debora Shaulis grew up in Niles and graduated in 1989 from Youngstown State University. She immediately began working at The Vindicator, first as a general assignment reporter, then as the Boardman-Poland beat reporter.

In May, she will mark her 10th anniversary as Entertainment Editor. She especially enjoys producing the weekly Entertainment Extra magazine-style section that is published on Thursdays. She was named Best Critic in 2001 by the Ohio chapter of Society of Professional Journalists.

Jeff Sheban has been business editor of The Dispatch since 1998. He also has covered Wall Street for Dow Jones News Service, general assignment for The Hartford Courant, business news and editorial writing for The Vindicator, and free-lance reporting in the Middle East for The Christian Science Monitor, Canadian Press, Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel and other publications.

A 1978 graduate of Boardman High School, Sheban has an undergraduate degree in journalism from Ohio State and a master's degree in international affairs from Columbia University.

Pat Shively has advised award-winning student newspapers at Mineral Ridge High School and Liberty High School. A former Press Day adviser, Shively teaches English and journalism at Mineral Ridge.

Vince Shivers is an award-winning videographer with the National Press Photographers Association. He has a videographer for WFMJ TV-21 for eight years. He earned a bachelor's degree in telecommunications from YSU.

Lindsay Sinkovich is the assistant editor of the 2003 Penguin Review. She is a senior at Youngstown State, majoring in Integrated Language Arts.

Lisa Solley is managing editor at the Tribune Chronicle, where she has worked since 1986, excluding a short period she spent at The Vindicator design desk. She is a YSU graduate and has earned many awards, including honors from the Associated Press in news feature, column and sports writing.

Laura Steele attended Malone College in Canton and began her career as a morning drive co-host on WHLO radio in Akron while still in college. She started in TV news at WAKC-TV in Akron and later moved to WFMJ-TV 21 in Youngstown in 1996. Since 1998, she has been paired with Bob Black as the weekday anchor for 6 and 11 p.m. news broadcasts.

Kelly Stevens is a co-host of the morning radio show on WHOT-101 with A.C. McCullough. Stevens has a bachelor's degree in speech and telecommunications from YSU.

Jim Stipetich is an instructor in the Communication and Theatre department at YSU. He joined the university after working in the TV news industry.

Larissa Theodore is a December 2002 graduate of Youngstown State University, having obtained a bachelor's degree in journalism with a minor in American Studies. She served in various editing positions with The Jambar, YSU's student newspaper, and has interned at The Buffalo News. Currently, she covers the Farrell and Wheatland areas for The Sharon Herald.

Dorma J. Tolson has been the editor of The Lisbon Morning Journal for 13 years and has a total of 25 years at the Columbiana County newspaper.

JoAnne Viviano is the education writer at The Vindicator.

She also has performed as a general assignment reporter there, covering a range of police and municipal beats in Mahoning County.

Prior to working in Youngstown, Viviano had state courthouse and municipal beats at The New Haven (Conn.) Register. She also worked on municipal beats and as a special projects/features writer at The Macomb Daily in Mt. Clemens, Mich.

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