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Departments discuss budget

By LA'EL HUGHES
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As the state budget continues to teeter into fiscal uncertainty, university facilities and departments discuss how they are affected by shrinking finances.

In a meeting last Thursday, a proposed budget by Terry Ondreyka, vice president for financial affairs, was given to the Board of Trustees Finance and Facilities Committee. The document contained more than a handful of reductions.

For the 2004 fiscal year, student tuition fees and

charges flip the bill for 60 percent of the general fund, which includes personnel and operating expenses, while the state makes up 38 percent.

Within the 24-page document, classified by General, Auxiliary and Capital funds, there were some deductions totaling millions of dollars.

Academic support was reduced by \$2,031,898 for the 2004 fiscal year. Ondreyka said each department within academic support, such as the Office of the Provost, met with deans and department heads to discuss, "how each depart-

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Department finances before and after budget cuts

	FY03	FY04
Academic Support	\$17,478,120	\$15,446,222
Administrative Service	\$7,614,159	\$7,501,268
Enrollment Services	\$3,377,803	\$3,273,058
Housing Operating Budget	\$3,719,687	\$3,166,407
Equipment and Library Acquisitions	\$82,034,035	\$1,580,104
Parking Services	\$2,079,500	\$1,938,000
Student Assistants	\$1,801,558	\$1,678,724
Student Supervisors	\$446,548	\$36,324
Student Aid and Scholarships	\$1,235,980	\$1,180,104
Office of the President	\$1,288,984	\$1,192,870
Cisco	\$180,000	\$135,000

Source: Office of Financial Affairs

Rec center may cause move in parking lot

STAFF REPORT
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In the preliminary design stages of the recreation and wellness center, the F-2 parking lot, located near DeBartolo Hall, may be eliminated, according to officials.

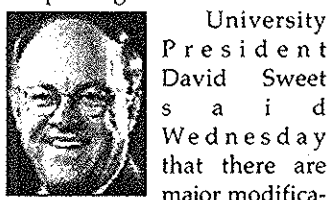
John Hyden, director of facilities, said design plans would be final by the end of the year. But in very rough layouts, the DeBartolo lot is the prime site.

The new building, projected to be nearly 70,000 square feet, will house among other facilities; gymnasiums, a theater, a cardio center, dance studios, an indoor track and racquetball courts.

One faculty member has mixed feelings about the elimination of the lot.

Dr. Daniel Ayana, associate professor of history, said that the removal of the lot is inconvenient for both students and faculty. He parks in the F-2 lot everyday and thinks that this change will cause overflow of parking in other decks and lots.

He said he would like to know where he and others who used the lot will now go for parking.



University President David Sweet said Wednesday that there are major modifications in parking.

"There will be alternative accommodations," Sweet assured.

Dr. Michael Finney, YSU-OHIO Education Association president elect, met with special assistant to the president Thomas Maraffa Wednesday morning to discuss plans for the parking lot.

Finney said Maraffa assured him that the same number of parking spaces now available in the F-2 lot, would also be accessible in another location nearby for faculty.

"I will contact the YSU-OEA to inform them of the university's plans," Finney said.

One other faculty member supports the replacement of

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CRASH

CLEAN UP: Youngstown fire fighters begin to clean up wreckage from an accident in front of the Beeghly Education Center Wednesday. Sophomore Rebekah Tremayne attempted to turn left into the M-3 parking lot, but did not have enough clearance and was struck by an oncoming vehicle, causing her car to flip. No one was seriously hurt in the accident.

By Lisko/The Jambar

Former Ms. Ohio looks back on quest

By KATHY KOCAN
The Jambar

Tall and graceful, dark hair and eyes shining, she walks toward the restaurant, a smile on her face for no one in particular.

As she reaches to open the door, a well-dressed gentleman grabs the handle, smiles and bids her hello, then gestures for her to enter before him. The smile she already wears grows brighter as she turns to thank him.

She approaches the table and says good morning, sits down and effortlessly crosses her legs. The former Ms. Ohio US of A, dressed in blue jeans, a crisp white blouse and leather sandals, immediately leans in and begins talking. The ice is broken, or in this case, melted. Barbara Lyras smiles and welcomes you into

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'They just told me to kick the thing'

Former YSU kicker/punter Kostas Karapetsas reflects on his career, and his experience trying out for the NFL

By JAMIE TRINA
The Jambar

As the sun dipped itself behind the empty seats of Stambaugh Stadium, echoes of thumps and bangs were being heard throughout the chilled evening. A voice rose from the thundering blasts of feet making unyielding contact with a football.

"Hang on," said Kosta Karapetsas, as he tilted his body, trying to control the football through the goalposts.

Karapetsas, Penguins starting punter in 2001, and Nick Terracina, the Penguins current kicker, were practicing

together earlier this month in preparation for the upcoming season.

The next week, Karapetsas left for an NFL tryout at Towson University in Baltimore, Md., in an attempt to embark on a professional career.

After the June 8 tryouts, coaches and scouts informed players whether or not they would be making the NFL roster. Unfortunately, Karapetsas was not selected to compete for a position on a NFL team.

"I didn't do great," Karapetsas said. "I didn't go expecting a lot. I was a little disappointed, but I was

happy for the experience."

In an interview during his training with Terracina though, Karapetsas said, although his leg has taken him to an NFL tryout,

football was never in his future plans when he began. As the son of two Greek immigrants, Karapetsas said he had little knowledge of the game of football.

"My mom came in the 60s, and my dad came in 1970," he said as he glanced across the field. "My dad is a big sports fan. He played soccer, and doesn't understand the 'x's and o's' of football, but he still watches it. He is just a fan of the game."

His mother, Kelly, said in a phone interview this week that she is very proud of her son. "I think he's doing good," Kelly said. "He's very bright, determined and tries hard. I think he is doing very well."

Football began as just a hobby for Karapetsas. He said his actual talents were first displayed on the soccer field. He was a three-time All-Steel Valley goalkeeper and second-team All-Ohio selection in 1996. Scuffing his foot on the turf, Karapetsas remembered how he began kick-

ing — just because he wondered how far he could kick it, he says.

With his leg extending high over his head, the ball soaring through the blue sky, and traveling through the gold uprights of the goalposts, Karapetsas believed he could be a promising kicker.

After toying around with the notion of joining the football team, and without any knowledge of the

game, he became a high school football player.

With an easy smile, Karapetsas continued the story of the birth of his football career.

"I just wanted to [kick]," he said. "At first, because it was fun, but after my junior year, I realized I was getting pretty good. I didn't understand [football] at all. I was like any kid watching it. There still are things I don't understand. They just told me to kick the thing."

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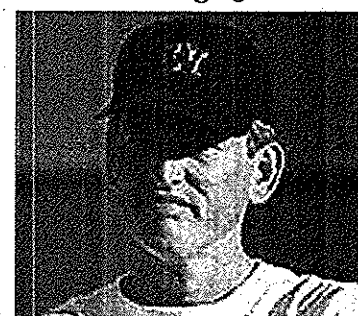


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Staffer says coaches need to be more responsible on and off the field. Page 3



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ment unit could meet their target," in dealing with budget reductions.

Other departments included under academic support are Maag library, institutional research, the Metro Colleges, Graduate Assistantship and the Center for International Studies.

Cisco, also apart of academic support, lost \$45,000 putting it at \$135,000 for the next fiscal year.

The YSU athletics department was not safe from budget cuts in FY04. Ron Strollo, athletics director, said the department received an \$80,000 cut in their operations budget. But he also said with the 9.5 percent tuition increase "we got hit twice." Strollo said athletics would have to raise \$250,000 in order to provide scholarships and other types of financial aid.

There are 350 student athletes and Strollo said many of these students receive some type of financial assistance

from athletics.

Additional cuts included a 4.52 percent deduction from student aid and awards. However, James Stanger, associate director for technology and support services for financial aid and scholarships, said the cut has not caused any major modifications.

However, one change included the elimination of fee application waivers. Stanger said when YSU goes to visit high schools, the fee waiver is no longer an option. He said students were signing applications just because it was free, but said all the students who signed up did not always attend YSU.

Stanger also cited the more than \$1 million raised by the university as one of the reasons financial aid was able to offset its deductions.

There was also a reduction in student supervisors by 21.96 percent. Part of the reduction, Ondreyka said, included the closing of the four metro col-

leges. He said the university has tried to re-distribute the student supervisors throughout campus, but may be unsuccessful.

Student assistants were also reduced by 6.82 percent. Ondreyka described it as a shift in dollars. He said the university would focus on work-study eligible students, who are paid with state money instead of university money. However, Ondreyka did not have figures on whether there were more work-study eligible students than non-work study eligible students.

The YSU Maag library equipment and acquisitions was another area hit by a fiscal blow, being cut by 22.31 percent. Janice Schnall, interim director of the library, said they would be examining several areas.

"There may just be books we won't be able to buy," she said.

Schnall said the library would also need to look at

their periodical and magazine subscriptions. Anything that is available on-line, she said, the library will stop subscribing to in print. Schnall added that Maag would have to reduce the number of book copies available.

The cut came in the middle of discussions to place a café in Maag's lobby area. Schnall said the library was looking into adding a Peaberry's café in the lobby, but said it will have to be postponed.

William Binning, chair of political science, said he is waiting until the state budget is finally approved. However, he said he knows his department will also have to tighten its belt.

"I expect us to pull our weight," he said. "I expect this to be a difficult year."

Binning said he would make efforts to tap into other resources. "We will end up hitting up our successful alumni. We can't keep hitting up our students."

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Dr. Raymond Beiersdorfer, associate professor of geological and environmental sciences, said he parks in the F-2 lot 90 percent of the time he drives, but said finding another parking spot will not be a problem. He said there are plenty of other places to park.

"I think the health and wellness center is a fantastic idea and if we have to move a faculty parking lot to do it, then move the parking lot," Beiersdorfer said.

"The minor inconvenience of having to walk an extra block is miniscule compared to the benefits of a university health and wellness center."

Correction

In the Thursday May 29 edition of The Jambar, the article "Committee studies bookstore changes," three bookstore contractors were listed. Follett was incorrectly spelled.

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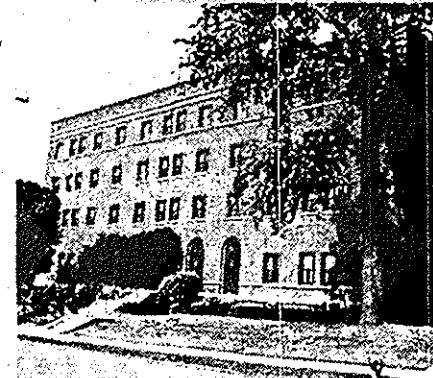
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Today's Editorials

University needs to help excelling faculty members

This is a challenge. Listen up. For years, YSU has been perceived as a second-rate commuter school — a kind of 13th grade. It's time to make perception match reality. YSU has countless jewels whose work is advancing society, who should be used to enhance the university's often unfairly portrayed public image.

Robert Bolla, dean of Arts and Sciences, is working on a way to use soy in making plastic and wood sealant and taking "those nasty solvents" out of fiberglass, replacing it with soy.

Chet Cooper and others in the biology department are trying to discover how penicillium marneffeii, a fungus that deforms the human body, is transmitted — research that reaches all the way to Thailand, where the disease infects AIDS patients, as well as others.

Gary Walker is researching rippling muscle disease, which is associated with myasthenia gravis, a fairly common disease. His work could lead to better treatment and diagnosis of rippling muscle, and might even relate to muscular dystrophy.

And there are so many more not mentioned.

The challenge to YSU administrators is to support these faculty members who are capable and interested in this kind of work.

If it means reassigning classroom teaching so that faculty has time to conduct research, then YSU must do it.

If it means adding assistants to help carry the workload, then it must be done.

If it is a matter of dollars, then YSU must do everything it can to support or find grants for the projects.

YSU must become an institution that encourages research, and as such will become an institution that thrives on it.

If this school is ever going to outgrow its nickname "you suck university," we need to give more credit, more time and more money to the faculty members who are trying to make a difference.

YSU ceased to be a second rate institution a long time ago. The challenge now is to make the public aware of this fact.

Letter to the editor

Taft disregarding city

Like many people, I have been waiting several months to hear who was to be appointed to Governor Taft's new Commission on Higher Education and the Economy. The names were announced this past week, and from what I can determine from the list, the results are disappointing.

While I certainly do not wish to minimize the importance or qualifications of anyone who was appointed, I would like to note the following:

Of the 33 members of the commission, there is not one person from YSU or, as far as I can tell, from anywhere in Mahoning County.

There is not a single student or faculty member in the group, from any of the universities in the state.

The formation of this Commission should have been good news. Instead, it seems to indicate that when it comes to higher education, the Taft administration has decided to disregard faculty, disregard students, and disregard Youngstown.

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Sports Commentary

Coaches need to be leaders at all times

BY MARK STEVENS
The Jambar

Would you expect to be able to lie, cheat, and deceive your employers?

To break the rules of ethics that provide the structure of your job and expect to be left off time and time again?

Surely, people do lie, cheat and deceive and most of them get away with it, too.

But if you got caught — and I do not mean just caught, I mean hand-in-the-cookie-jar, mountains of evidence against you, caught — would you not expect to have to deal with the repercussions that followed?

I am a student reporter, and I have a few other jobs, too. Unfortunately, coaching NCAA Division I-A College sports is not one of them, so I am forced to be a little grounded in my approach to the rules of my employment.

Rick Neuheisel is the latest of three head coaches at major universities in America to have his transgressions discovered.

Neuheisel joins Larry



Eustachy and Mike Price, formerly of Iowa State and Alabama, respectively, as head coaches whose character infractions have cost them their jobs.

From strippers to coeds, from gambling to outlandish room service bills, their judgment errors have been varying, but they all share one thing: they all claimed to be mistreated.

They all cried for another chance.

If it had been the athletes they coach, however, second chances would not even be considered.

Think not? Well, ask Adrian McPherson, formerly a quarterback at Florida State who was removed from the team and now faces gambling charges in the state of Florida.

Neuheisel was fired for betting \$5,000 dollars in a college basketball poll.

Nothing is wrong with the polls, in my mind. Hey, my friends and I put one together every year. But I am not involved in the outcome of any college sport.

The NCAA has rules on gambling, and they specifically state that no athlete, coach, athletic director, etc. can have any-

thing to do with gambling on college sports.

Bottom line: Neuheisel broke the rules.

And this is not his first offense.

In October of last year, Neuheisel had his recruiting limited as the head coach at Washington due to more than 50 recruiting violations while he was the coach at Colorado. That is right: more than 50.

How did he feel about getting caught? Well, the American Football Coaches Association censured Neuheisel for his lack of remorse. It is pretty bad when the organization that you belong to, and that is supposed to go to bat for you, calls you out in public and says that you were not sorry enough.

As if that was not enough, Neuheisel also lied to his superiors after a report was published that said he had visited San Francisco earlier this year to discuss the head coaching opening with the 49ers. He got busted, and he still lied.

He would have to admit later that he had gone there, after evidence was presented.

The saddest part of all this is that there are people who feel

that Rick Neuheisel should be coaching the Washington Huskies this year despite all of his transgressions.

Ivan Maisel, one of the most read and respected analytical reporters of college football, went so far as to say, "College football needs more Rick Neuheisels."

Mr. Maisel, I have long been a fan of you, and my respect for you, as a writer and analyst, knew no bounds before that statement.

Neuheisel is exactly what college athletics does not need.

We constantly ride athletes for their lack of moral fortitude, and rarely does a year go by when you do not hear about athletes making horrible mistakes and ruining their college careers.

We do not need more Neuheisels. We need role models for these kids. We need people to provide a balance between the gamblers and the agents who are trying to exploit athletes for every penny.

College sports needs coaches to be leaders and not just on the field.

News

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her world.

A senior at YSU, Lyras reflects on the circumstances and the long road that led her to college, the fulfillment of a lifelong dream and to her life's passion.

Born in Campbell to what she describes as a typical middle-class working family, Lyras says she was never encouraged to attend college.

"The idea then was to get married and have babies. So I did." Before doing so, she became a licensed cosmetologist, then married at 21 and had two children, Aspasia and George, now grown.

Her marriage ended after 11 years, as did a brief second marriage.

"I thought about entering college then, but with the kids at home, I decided to look for work instead. College would have to wait."

In need of flexible hours so she could be with her children, Lyras took a job with a company, which coordinated beauty pageants.

"As a little girl, I remember watching pageants on black and white television. I was infatuated."

As a teenager, she entered many pageants and was runner-up in the local preliminary competition for the Ohio Junior Miss title.

"My cosmetology background and pageant competition experience got me the job, and the hours were perfect."

Lyras worked mainly weekends, traveling the country coordinating pageants.

"I loved it. I met so many wonderful young girls. I not only trained them for competition, but I became a confidant. It was great."

However, after three years the company was sold, so Lyras, in search of employment again, tapped into another one of her talents.

Lyras had periodically written fashion commentaries for local department stores, such as the Strouss Company.

"I would view the clothes that were to be worn by the models, then write the description of the fabric, the style and so on. I just decided one day to take what I had learned from all this experience and do something for myself."

Lyras wrote, illustrated and self-published a 50-page pageant training manual, "Becoming a Winner," and developed a cosmetic line called "American Pageant Make-Up." She marketed both the manual and cosmetics at trade shows and pageant seminars, once again traveling the country. This all came at a high cost, not only financially, but also personally. She gave up the business and returned home.

With her "never give up" attitude, Lyras was still determined to win a pageant title. At age 42, she entered and won the 1995 Ms Ohio US of A title, whose competition was based on the representation of the "Contemporary Woman of the 1990s." She traveled the state and spoke to organizations such as the Easter Seal Society, Red Cross of America and many women's shelters.

"My message and biggest focus was to never give up your dreams. No matter what life throws your way, you can survive and go on."

Lyras still dreamed of a college education but lacked the confidence she needed to succeed.

"With everything I'd accomplished, I still had such low self-esteem. I didn't think I was smart enough for college." But at age 44, she felt time was running out. "It was now or never."

In the fall of 1998, after 25 years of delays due to what she describes as life circumstances, Lyras began her college days at YSU. Not sure about a major, she geared her schedule toward social work, which she said seemed natural considering her background.

"I liked helping people enhance their lives."

But by the end of freshman year, she wasn't convinced she had chosen the right field.

Lyras' two children helped point the way to their mother's hidden talent.

Impressed with the high score she received on her English placement test, they encouraged her to pursue a writing career.

"I always liked to write. I just never thought of writing as a career choice."

Once I started the class and began to write, I knew I had found my niche."

Lyras immediately changed her major to Professional Writing and Editing, but found it too restrictive. "I didn't like how structured it was. I was editing down to fragments. I became afraid to write."

In her junior year, Lyras switched to her current English major. "I'm happy at last," she says. She writes with passion, constantly turning out poems, essays and short stories and submitting them to major publications. None have been published yet, but Lyras remains hopeful.

"I think writing is very powerful, and I want my writing to have a positive influence."

She wants to use her writing to encourage others to realize their skills. Referring to her family and former husbands, she feels the lack of positive

influence deeply affected her choices in life.

"Those early experiences made me fearful of my own success."

A real turning point for her came when she was given the Ann Bernard Schaffer Scholarship from the English Department, an award presented to a non-traditional English major displaying academic excellence.

"In my work, my outward appearance had always been the main focus. For once in my life, the make-up and clothes didn't matter. I was being recognized and accepted for who I was."

For the past two years, Lyras has volunteered as a tour guide at the Arms Family Museum of Local History. Lea Mollman, curator of education for the museum, said Lyras' work ethic is wonderful.

"It's amazing, she juggles so much, but as far as I can see, she's handling it very well," Mollman said. "We enjoy having her here so much."

She laughs and adds, "And she always looks so good."

Lyras also volunteers as a newspaper reader for print-impaired or blind persons at the Radio Reading Service at Goodwill Industries. Coordinator Mike Bosela praises her highly and says she is a favorite with listeners.

"Whenever I ask her to read, I can hear the smile in her voice when she asks what time I need her," he said. "She's a sweetheart; we love her."

Lyras has had many doors held open for her, but the most meaningful are the ones she has opened herself.

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Lyras said she will graduate in the spring of 2004 and afterwards will go to graduate school.

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—BARBARA LYRAS

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SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT

CD Review

Powerman 5000 not so powerful with new CD

By RYAN MCCABE
The Jambor

After achieving a semi-impressive amount of success with their second major label album in 1999, "Tonight the Stars Revolt!" and its subsequent breakthrough single "When Worlds Collide," the future looked rather promising for the Boston-based band Powerman 5000.

Their unique blend of bizarre synthesizers and strange sci-fi lyrics set them apart from the other hard rock bands out there struggling to break through, and anticipation grew as the release for their follow-up album, "Anyone for Doomsday?" neared.

In a bizarre turn of events that were never fully explained, the album was scrapped on the eve of its release. Questions about the band's musical direction ensued, as did inquiries about the stability of the band.

Fast-forward to 2003 and Powerman 5000 have returned, but judging from the initial lack of response to their latest album, "Transform," not many seem to have noticed. Maybe that's a good thing, because the album is a far cry from the harder-edged "Tonight the Stars Revolt!"

The band itself seems to have literally transformed. Gone are most of the quirky synthesizers, the crunching guitars and the trademark "sci-fi" sound and lyrics. Lead singer Spider, whose voice has always been flavored with just a hint of older brother Rob Zombie's sinister growl, now rips him off shamelessly. Sometimes its hard to tell if it's Spider or Rob on lead vocals.

One of the exceptions to Spider's vocal plagiarism comes on the first single, "Free." As the smooth guitar melody plays in the background, he actually makes an effort to relax his voice as he addresses the dangers of conformity.

"Living so free is a tragedy/When you can't be what you want to be/Living so free is a tragedy/When you can't see what you need to see."

Conformity is addressed once again on "Action," a so-so rock song that asks the question, "Where'd you learn how to be so complacent? /They beat you down and you might as well face it/Your heroes lied, yeah they're all just a fake/Don't know how much more of this I can take? /Trapped in a world of ordinary madness/It's all the same, there's nothing new!"

Ironically, "Song About Nuthin'" is one of the album's better tracks. Spider starts off the song with, "This coulda been about a lot of things, but it's not/so don't stop and try to look for the message." Heeding his advice, I didn't. I sat back and immersed myself in the spooky plodding of the guitars and couldn't help but tap my foot as the band cut loose and rocked out.

Sadly, the rest of the songs on the album are not much to get excited about. They're all mired in generic lyrics and often sound like rip-offs of other songs. The good news is they only run between three and four minutes in length, so they are relatively painless to listen to.

"A is for Apathy" has to be one of the album's most annoying songs. With generic lyrics like, "So here we are/Now running in circles/We shoulda listened/To H.G. Wells."

While you're pondering whether or not the preceding lyrics were just a really bad haiku disguised as song, feel free to laugh out loud at the chorus of, "a is for apathy/for apathy/for apathy," which comes off sounding like a Sesame Street sing-along.



WHEN WORLDS COLLIDE: Powerman 5000 has released their new album, "Anyone for Doomsday," to mixed reviews. For more information visit www.powerman5000.com

With its rapid-fire staccato lyrics, the track "Transform" calls to mind R.E.M.'s equally annoying, "It's the End of the World as we know it." As Spider hangs on the chorus of, "You won't last that long," like a broken record, it will only be a matter of time before you will find yourself fumbling for the skip button.

However, things do not get much better. Skipping ahead will only take you to "Top of the World," which features an annoying voice distortion that muddies already incomprehensible lyrics.

The tag-team of "That's Entertainment" and "Theme to a Fake Revolution," are the guilty parties that sound like you have heard them before. The bombastic techno riff of "That's

Entertainment" sounds like it was lifted right from Frankie Goes to Hollywood's cheesy '80s classic, "Relax" (which ironically enough, Powerman 5000 did a cover version of for the "Zoolander" soundtrack).

Listen closely and you can hear elements of Rob Zombie's "Living Dead Girl" as well.

In another bizarre incident, the band seems to rip themselves off with "Theme to a Fake Revolution," which is basically just a shameless retrain of "When Worlds Collide," combined with the guitars from the Rob Zombie song, "Dragula."

Perhaps Spider sums up his band's dire situation best with the lyrics, "We are the kings of misery/Born and raised with no ability."

Weekend Calendar

Nyabinghi, **Tonight** - Black Nasa, Friday - Mississippi Gun Club, Anti Heroo.
Saturday - Soiler, The Fools Like You.

Cedars, **Friday** - Favorite Action Hero, Dee Dee Mow, **Saturday** - Trenchtown.



FAVORITE ACTION HERO: Performing Friday at Cedars. For more info visit www.favoriteactionhero.com

The Cellar, **Friday** - Raul, Rainbow Tribe, Mudbug.
Saturday - The Rage.

Plaza Cafe, **Tonight** - The Zou, Hudson Chase, **Saturday** - Ash Blanket, Mushcup.

Athletic director says rules must be followed

By DAVE DEVEREUX
The Jambor

In the past several months, there has been a run on major college coaches losing their jobs because of alleged inappropriate behavior.

The most recent firing came last week when the University of Washington removed Rick Neuheisel from his position as head football coach.

According to Associated Press reports, Neuheisel was fired by Washington athletic director Barbara Hedges for betting on the last two NCAA basketball tournaments and then lying about it.

Since word got out of Neuheisel's dismal, there has been a long line of critics defending him, contending that the majority of Americans play March Madness basketball pools.

However, the NCAA rules prohibit any gambling on college sports by athletes or athletic department staff.

Ron Strollo, executive director of athletics at YSU, said these

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— RON STROLLO
Executive director of athletics

rules in place are not open for interpretation.

"Nothing is put in there that these colleges haven't looked at and had a chance to offer their input," Strollo said. "The NCAA is a membership. We are part of the NCAA. We choose the rules collectively and if the rule is in there, it's like any law, it should be followed."

Along with the recent gambling allegations, Neuheisel has a history of rules violations. In October 2002, he was penalized for recruiting violations while he was coaching at Colorado. Earlier this year he was found to be lying to Hedges about an interview

with the San Francisco 49ers.

Neuheisel, however, was not the only prominent coach to lose his job this past year due to inappropriate conduct.

Mike Price, former Washington State head football coach, was fired from Alabama May 3 after he reportedly visited a topless bar and a woman billed about \$1,000 worth of room service to his hotel room the next morning.

Two days later, Iowa State head basketball coach, Larry Eustachy, resigned from his position after photographs showed him partying with college students after a game.

Strollo said he does not know all the specifics in these situations, but said he feels the universities have displayed consistency.

"The difficulty here is not knowing all the details," Strollo said. "But from what I've seen I feel each school has acted very responsibly."

"That goes right to the integrity of the NCAA," he added. "Washington has taken a stance. If they did not after seeing what happened at Iowa State and Alabama that would be interesting."

Strollo added that he believes a problem exists when coaches fail to recognize the magnitude of the environment that they are in.

"One of the benefits in coaching at a major college level is that you are out there in the public, but at the same time you are representing that university," he said. "When you do something to embarrass the university, you have to take responsibility for it and in these instances that led to their dismal."

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The transition from soccer to football ended up being the smart move for Karapetsas. The statistics tell the story.

Karapetsas' attempt to be a place-kicker rather than a punter should not be surprising. During his high school career at Warren G. Harding, he set a school record with 20 touchbacks as a senior, and set a state record with 10 extra points in a single game. He was named to the All-Ohio team as an honorable mention, and was an All-Steel Valley selection three times.

In his senior season as a collegiate kicker, he averaged 37.4 yards per punt, and boomed 10 inside his opponent's 20-yard line, including three against Clarion.

Though the numbers posted for Karapetsas speak for themselves, he said he still has a regret of his collegiate career.

"I could have done better," he said, as he patted a football between

his hands. "There's nothing to blame, but in hindsight I should have kicked. If this was four years ago, that's what I would have done."

Jeff Wilkins, presently a kicker for NFL's St. Louis Rams, is a man who stood on the same YSU field Karapetsas stood on. Wilkins was working with Karapetsas — being there for moral support and kicking advice.

Terracina, though, was the major support for Karapetsas. Besides developing workout regimens together, they have also established a friendship.

"(We are) like family and like teammates," Terracina said.

The two kickers had a workout regimen that consisted of kicking from different lengths and different sides of the field. They began from the 10-yard line, working their way from the left hash mark, to the center, and finally the right.

They continued until they

reached 55 yards away, working each of the white hash marks on the center of the field.

"He knows how to work out," Terracina said. "He knows his routines and he succeeds at them. If he doesn't like the outcome at first, he'll keep trying."

Although Karapetsas is extensively trained on the football field, his knowledge extends far beyond the gridiron.

"I've been working out, playing tennis, playing sports, and keeping active," he said.

For Karapetsas, he says, kicking is an infatuation. The passion that he has for kicking stems from a less than knowledgeable background, but he has worked hard enough to possibly take him to the highest level of football.

As he walked backwards towards the goalposts to pick up the jolted football, he said, "For me this is like shooting a basketball. Even if

I don't get anything from it, I'll still come out here this summer and kick."

And Karapetsas has not allowed the negatives from this experience to alter his dream of one-day kicking at the professional level.

But instead, he has used it as fuel for the fire, to one-day achieve his ultimate goal.

"I want to start [training] right now," Karapetsas said. "From day one, right now. I want to get a little bit stronger, keep lifting and running, and work on certain small techniques."

Though Karapetsas will have to wait for another year to embark on his professional career, his experience at this year's tryouts will look to increase his chances next year.

"Next year I'll have it under my belt," Karapetsas said. "I'll know what's going to be there now, and gauge how well I'm doing."

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Volleyball

Youngstown State University Head Volleyball Coach Joe Conroy announced on Monday the signing of Amanda Cindric to a National Letter of Intent to continue her academic and volleyball careers at YSU.

Cindric, a Pittsburgh, Pa., native, was a four-year letterwinner at Carrick High School and was elected team captain her junior and senior seasons. A four-time all-district selection, Cindric, a 5-foot-7 defensive specialist, was named all-state in 2001 and received two gold medals at the Keystone State Games in 2000 and 2002, and a silver medal in 1999.

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