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Mayor pulls for YSU convocation center

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The Jambar



MCKELVEY

Mayor George McKelvey said upgrading Youngstown State University's Beeghly

Center into a convocation facility would be the most beneficial way to utilize the assets YSU provides for the city but campus leaders

and others are questioning the wisdom of such a project. The city of Youngstown received a \$ 25 million grant earmarked in the federal budget for building a convocation facility. However, University President David Sweet said an

analysis report of the originally proposed convocation center proved this vision would not be economically feasible and he now backs McKelvey's idea. The construction of the original proposed center was estimated to cost \$30 million. Sweet recently sent a letter

to McKelvey suggesting using the grant money to renovate Beeghly Center. Sweet further proposed using grant money to reopen and restore the Wick Pollock Inn to save money on building a new and larger hotel downtown.

The latest discussion for the convocation center has triggered strong responses from officials in the Youngstown and YSU communities. Student Government Association President Emily

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Vindy writer blasts university administration

BY ELIZABETH TABAK
The Jambar

A columnist for The Vindicator and University President David Sweet have been exchanging heated words for months with the columnist referring to Sweet and other administrators as "the grinch who stole Christmas."

Bertram de Souza, long time political columnist for The Vindicator, has sharp words for the administration and has blasted recent pay raises.

Sweet fired back with his own comments about de Souza saying the columnist does not have all of the facts.

The latest round heated up just before the end of the year when an editorial blasted the administration for accepting a three percent salary increase after imposing an eight percent tuition increase for fall 2004. De Souza followed up with his columns, calling their decisions "misdirected."

De Souza said the decisions will cause more problems for YSU's funding on the legislative end and said that Ohio's higher education is already being closely monitored.

"When you have an institution such as YSU that is operating with problems such as constantly rising tuition, that is what they watch in Columbus," De Souza said in a phone interview Wednesday.

"This is not a personal agenda, this is public policy."



David Sweet

The President VS. The Columnist



Bertram de Souza

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→ "Higher education jobs are not as abundant, and the idea that faculty will leave to get plush jobs at Harvard is nuts."

Sweet countered de Souza's argument by saying the tuition increases are necessary to preserve higher education in a time of declining state support. He added that YSU ranks first in the state as far as efficiency of "expenditure per student."

"It is essential that we maintain and enhance the quality of our programs and our education," Sweet said.

Special Assistant to the

President George McCloud agreed with Sweet, urging those opposed to the raises to take a closer look at the economic realities of higher education.

"The situation on higher education is much more complex than people think," McCloud said. "I think they will find that simple analysis is not enough."

Sweet said he plans to maintain the quality of education

at YSU through administrative pay raises, explaining that administrators and faculty alike are involved in a competitive field.

"Our understanding is that the faculty is open to an international job market," Sweet said. "If we don't stay competitive with salaries they may take the option to leave."

De Souza disagrees that raising administrative salaries is the proper way to maintain

educational quality.

"If there was no tuition increase in the next round, you would not have an exodus of faculty," de Souza said. "Higher education jobs are not as abundant, and the idea that faculty will leave to get plush jobs at Harvard is nuts."

Call Elizabeth Tabak at (330) 941-3758.

Contract won't be renewed for coach

BY JOSHUA BOGGS
The Jambar

The woman who has led the Youngstown State University soccer team for the last five years will not be asked to coach another season.

The man who will replace her has coached teams that have won state championships.

Elizabeth Bartley, who guided the team to a struggling 2-17 record this year, will not have her contract

extended to include the upcoming season. Instead, the department, with help from players, selected West

Virginia Wesleyan College head coach Anthony James to take over the position.

The athletic department narrowed the search down to three candidates. Once the decision was made, the soccer team was notified Monday afternoon at a meeting with YSU Associate Athletic Director Elaine Jacobs.

"She [Bartley] had a one-year contract with the team," Jacobs said. "We just decided that her contract wasn't going to be renewed. The team felt strongly about the final three candidates and even more strongly about two of the three."

James, who was born in Trinidad, began his career at Wheeling Park High School in West Virginia where he led the women's soccer program to two consecutive state titles (1998-99) with an overall record of 59-6-1.

When James comes to YSU, he will see many familiar faces from his days coaching West Virginia high school soccer.

Several of the girls now playing for the YSU soccer team are familiar with James.

Junior Mia Railing, who

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Friends, family mourn student

BY TRINA QUARLES
The Jambar

Nearly 500 mourners gathered inside the Nevells Temple Church of God in Christ Saturday morning to pay respects to Catherine Howell-Richard, a Youngstown State University student who believed that by attending college she would show her daughters that education was important.

Richard, a YSU accounting major, died Jan. 6 after a five-year battle with cancer.

Friends, classmates and a professor said Richard valued education and kept coming to YSU even while undergoing chemotherapy.

During the service Saturday, Clemon Howell Sr. shared memories of his 43-year-old daughter.

"She had a smile that would light up a room. She was one of the friendliest people I ever met."

—CINDI EVANS
YSU graduate, reflecting on the life of Catherine Howell-Richard

"She was a person who loved everybody," Howell said. "If she told you she loved you, she meant it."

Elder Emmitt Nevells Sr. spoke words of encouragement to the family and friends of Richard.

"She fought a good fight," Nevells said during the eulogy. "She is in the arms of the

almighty God now and there are no more tears or pain."

Cindi Evans, a YSU graduate, met Richard several years ago during a church service.

"I remember going up to her and introducing myself," Evans said. "She received me so warmly."

"She had a smile that would light up a room," Evans added. "She was one of the friendliest people I ever met."

Others remembered Richard's encouraging words and dedication to young people, especially her three daughters, Latoya, Taylor and Latieya-Georgette.

Lester Stanford Jr., a YSU electrical engineering major, knew Richard.

"She encouraged the

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SGA: Tuition hike hurts YSU's rep

BY TRINA QUARLES
The Jambar

Student Government Association leaders Monday concluded that Youngstown State University falls behind other state institutions and vowed to investigate reasons why tuition should be lowered.

The tuition issue will be one of SGA's priorities for spring semester and leaders say they achieved two of four goals they established last semester and will focus on the other two in coming months.

SGA Vice President Adam Vukovic congratulated the SGA body for the success with its bookstore project and on



VUKOVIC

reviving the YSU yearbook. He then turned his attention to the tuition increase that will take place fall 2004.

"YSU can no longer live up to the reputation of being an affordable school," Vukovic said. Vukovic told the members that he researched YSU and other Ohio universities and YSU did not measure up.

"I did some research and I discovered that at least 10 percent of YSU students take 18 credit hours or more. Since YSU's bulk rate is 16 credit

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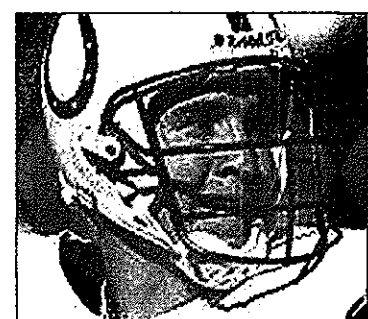
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A letter to men's head basketball coach John Robic. Page 6



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Eckman said she is not sure the idea is sound and State Senator Robert Hagan, D-Youngstown, said he has concerns about the process.

Hagan said that while he supports any project that unites the university and the community, he is disappointed that he was not contacted by either Sweet or McKelvey for his input concerning the new developments.

"I was shocked to first be made aware of the proposal when reading a newspaper," Hagan said. "State institutions are funded by legislators and

they should involve us in any discussions."

Sweet said he suggested the idea because Beeghly Center already has seating capacity for more than 5,000 people, which exceeds plans for the original convocation center.

"It's logical to explore whether the facility could be upgraded to serve as a convocation center to the community," Sweet said.

Eckman agreed that the Beeghly Center renovation plan would save money, however, she added that existing

structures such as Powers and Stambaugh auditoriums cause her to question the use and worth of any convocation center.

While both Sweet and McKelvey say they are optimistic that the renovation proposal could be successful and beneficial to both the university and community, the idea has not been received without serious questions.

As the federal grant currently stands, stipulations will only allow for the \$25 million to be used in creating a convocation center. Both Sweet and

McKelvey said that U.S. Sens. Mike DeWine and George Voinovich are currently working to allow for more flexibility of the funds.

DeWine and Voinovich could not be reached for comment.

McKelvey said if the senators are successful, the grant could also be used for other revitalization projects and job development in the downtown area.

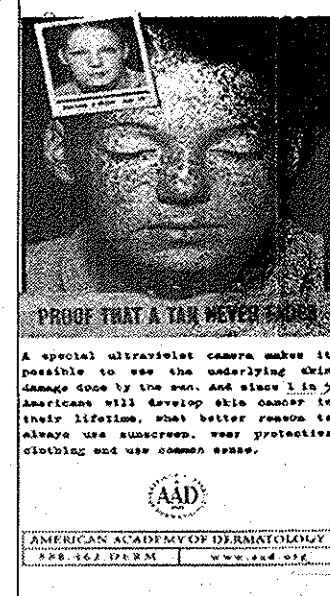
"We need to eliminate the picture of boarded and dilapidated buildings downtown," McKelvey said. "It has to be

scaring away prospective students."

Councilman Artis Gillam, D-1, said he supports the creation of an entirely new arena, which he said would bring more jobs to area residents. Gillam said some people feel isolated from the university and he opposes the Beeghly Center plan.

"I am very positive renovating Beeghly Center instead would not be a good idea," Gillam said.

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was on James' two high school state championship teams, said she is enthusiastic about playing for her old coach and said that James is still the same great individual that he was in high school.

"It's been four years since then and he is exactly the same person and knowledge-wise, I think he's grown by coaching at the college level," Railing said. "He is an incredible coach. You learn a lot while you are having fun."

James, who could not be

reached for comment Tuesday or Wednesday, will begin working with the YSU team in February.

Freshman Laura Mauer said that before she came to play for YSU, she did not hear many positive words about Bartley.

"I heard a lot of negativity," Mauer said. "I stuck around because of the girls on the team and for the love of the game."

Several players agree with Mauer and Railing said that

the coaching change was needed.

Mauer, Railing and two other players said that they objected to Bartley's training routines.

"Right before we went to Wisconsin, she made us run six stadiums (laps around the stadium)," freshman Jamie Granata said. "It wore us out before the game. I definitely think everyone on the team is on the same page concerning the issue."

Junior Lauren

Ausmundson said she agreed with her teammates and said that most players on the team liked Bartley as an individual, but not as a coach.

"Her training was not very good," Ausmundson said. "Sometimes it wasn't even soccer-related. A lot of players didn't like her, but she was our coach, so we respected her."

Bartley did not return numerous telephone contacts.

While some players are excited about the reunion with James, others were more skep-

tical of the fact that some of the girls already know the new coach.

Railing said that it was natural to be suspicious but that there would be no favoritism. Railing said that once team members get to know James, they would feel better about the situation.

"When everyone first found out that he had been chosen, I think a couple of girls were skeptical," Railing said. "But once he came in and talked to us, everyone felt com-

fortable."

Mauer said she agrees with the coaching decision and believes that James is the right man for the job.

"We are all excited to have someone new," Mauer said. "I thought he [James] was very enthusiastic and he had a great personality from the beginning."

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Today's Editorial

Beeghly Center renovations are not best for YSU

University President David Sweet and Youngstown Mayor George McKelvey have teamed up to push for a plan that would claim \$8 million of the \$25 million that was earmarked for a convocation center.

The plan calls for the \$8 million to be spent renovating Beeghly Center and possibly restoring the Wick Pollock Inn, a hotel on campus that has been closed for several years.

Youngstown State University entered the \$25 million convocation center fray after Youngstown city council members and other community leaders failed to act on a plan for the federal funds.

The money was originally procured by former Valley Congressman James A. Traficant, who is now in jail for his ties to organized crime. When Traficant secured the funds, many strings were attached. The biggest string was that the funds needed to be used for a large-capacity arena.

Elected national officials are trying to get some of those strings removed so that Youngstown could use the funds for other purposes.

We hope those elected officials are successful.

The concept of such a convocation center for the city of Youngstown is a ridiculous proposition and by submitting this plan for YSU, Sweet could jeopardize elected officials' success in getting the money freed for truly worthy projects.

We applaud Sweet for trying to go after federal funds for the university but his actions are problematic.

The first question that must be asked of the idea for renovating Beeghly Center is simple: Why? Is it truly feasible for Beeghly Center to be used more in the future than it is now? What renovations are truly needed?

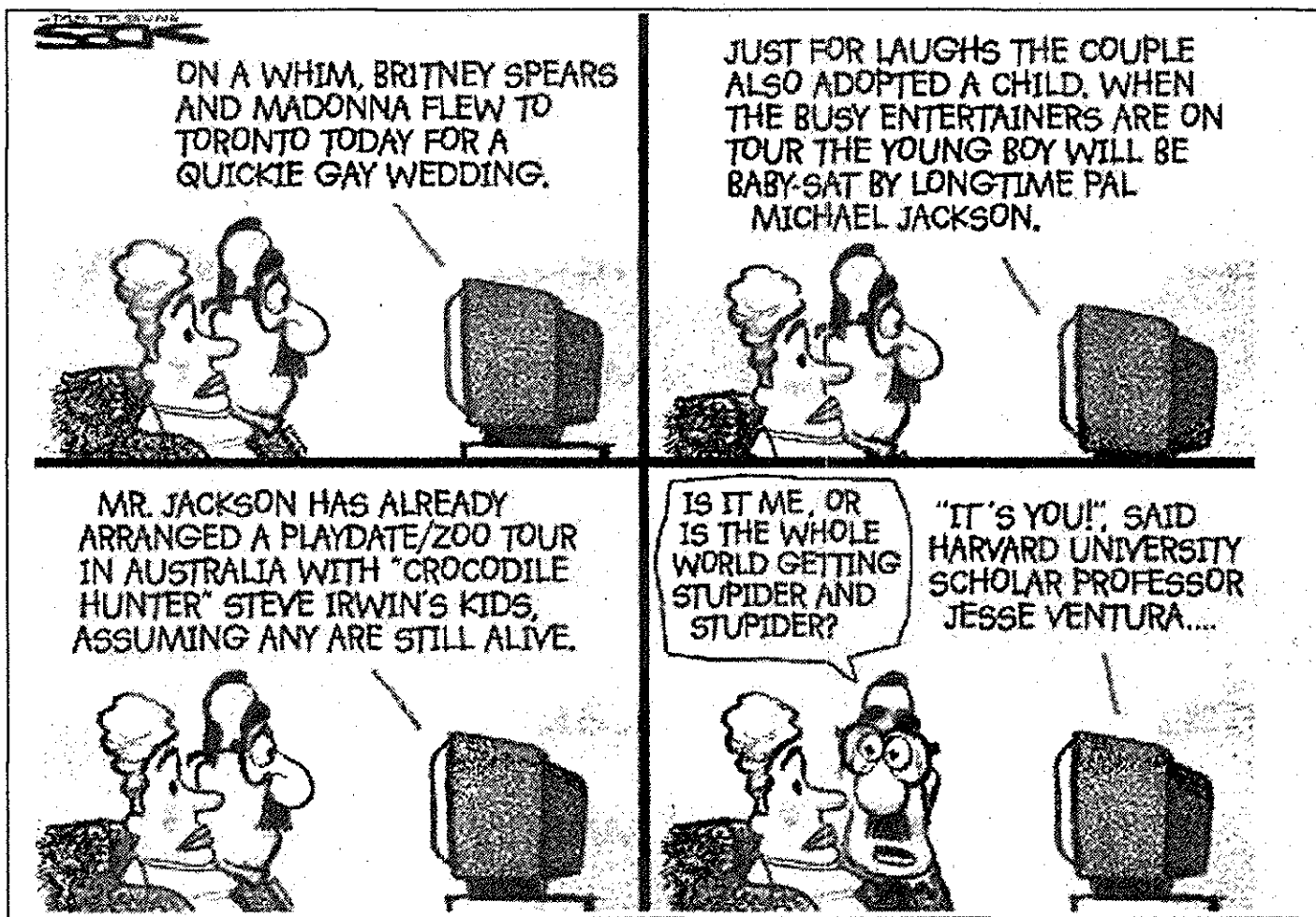
The second question concerns the Wick Pollock Inn and it is a familiar question: Why? The Wick Pollock Inn closed for a reason. While there were certainly complicating circumstances, the primary reason was simply a lack of business. If millions are spent to renovate the Wick Pollock Inn, where will the money come from to operate it? The local economy and the demand for a hotel in the downtown region could not have changed enough since the hotel closed to warrant its reopening.

We hope the time will come when the local community is prosperous enough and large enough to fully use a large-capacity facility or a downtown hotel. Until that time comes, we urge Sweet and McKelvey to do everything in their power to change the economic landscape of our community. This means creating jobs and opportunities, not birthing other buildings that will be neglected and under-used.

Until it is known for sure whether there is any flexibility with the funds, we urge Sweet to remember the future of this university and this community is its residents and students.

What is good for the city of Youngstown is also good for YSU. Youngstown clearly needs economic development assistance. It has buildings.

ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT



Letters to the Editor

Freshman backs Rose's case for Hall

Editor:

I guess you could say that I am opinionated, since this is just my second semester here and already my third Letter to the Editor for The Jambar, but I want to comment on two articles that were in the Jan. 13 edition.

First, on Pete Rose. B.J. Lisko mentioned that Rose deserves in Cooperstown because, compared to many baseball players taking steroids, "Charlie Hustle" betting on the former National Pastime (football is now our national pastime) is really nothing. Yes, there are rules stating that baseball players must not take steroids (and kudos to the federal government for finally banning ephedra over break), but I agree that Rose should be in the Hall from another standpoint.

Ty Cobb, the only other player to hit 4,000 hits in his career, was a far worse person than Rose. Sure, Rose had a gambling problem, but everyone gambles on something, whether it is money or not. Cobb, on the other hand, was both a womanizer and a racist. And we don't need that in sports, Rush Limbaugh!

In addition, the YSU Bookstore needs to sell Rose's new autobiography, "My Prison Without Bars." I had to special-order it, the day it went on sale. I have since received the book and paid for it, but I noticed that the bookstore still did not even order a

supply to sell. It is a bestseller right now, so why not?

The second article is in response to Dave Charles' letter about YSU tuition and how you have to go to Cleveland or Columbus to get a job after college, and that "if [he] had to do it all over again, [he] wouldn't attend YSU."

Well then Mr. Charles, why did you choose to go to YSU in the first place? Yes, tuition is going up \$436, but tuition hikes are inevitable. Plus, compared to other colleges, \$436 is not all that bad, especially to students who chose YSU because of price.

Plus, the only college I know of in Ohio that has significantly reduced tuition in recent years is Heidelberg College, and from what I have heard from current YSU students who transferred from Heidelberg, Heidelberg is not a very good college at all. And just about everyone on campus has seen the "YSU Success Stories" ads.

Dave Charles, you may be graduating, but if you don't like YSU so much, then keep your thoughts about the university to yourself.

Joe Gerard
Freshman
Undetermined Major

YSU "treading water" with tuition increases

Editor:

As a spring 2003 graduate of Youngstown State, I feel that it is my duty as an alumnus to respond to the article "Student tuition will rise in fall '04."

I must first commend Michael Balale on writing a very good article and providing the reader with a good background of the gravity of the situation.

Now, as many students already know, YSU is one of the biggest bargain colleges in the state of Ohio, or should I say was. YSU is really treading some water by raising tuition for a seventh consecutive year! When I began at YSU in the fall of 1999, I believe tuition was around \$4,000 a year. At that time, enrollment was way down. Fast forward to now: enrollment is over 11,000 students and tuition is soon to be \$5,884, realistically over \$6,000 to go to YSU. When you look at it like that you think, "YSU should be raking in the money." Enrollment is 2,000 students higher than in 1999, and they are charging roughly \$2,000 more per student.

I feel that an area that is being kept quiet in the administration is the fact that YSU really mismanages money. For example, the raises given to [University] President [David] Sweet and some of his administration. Don't get me wrong, many deserve the raises they got. I only realized the mismanagement while I have been attending graduate courses at the University of Akron.

The University of Akron looks at cutting spending and staff before they even touch those tuition costs. But through my 4 years at YSU all I saw was spending, spending and spending. Another example is the schedule of class booklets that are print-

ed for students. It's nice to have them a year in advance, but they are never done on time and they cost the university and students a very high amount of money compared to the old newspaper ones, which are done in a timely manner.

Another area I feel needs examined is the student raises. You know it is great to have more cash; I worked on campus while I was at YSU, so I know what it's like to make minimum wage and feel broke. However, let us really think this through. All that your extra twenty cents is going to do is go back into the university via increased tuition, higher technology fees, and those schedule books. So if you really look hard at it, a service the students fought for will end up hurting them in the long run.

In conclusion, I am a proud graduate of YSU, and I am only writing this because

I feel that YSU should offer the best and fairest education to students. It is obvious to me that the tuition increase will hurt enrollment numbers, maybe not this next year, but after that. And as Emily Eckman said, the increase will hurt YSU's competitive edge. Administrators may not admit this, but if tuition was \$1,000 dollars less, they may have a lot more students than they do currently. The only way to fight this is to stick with Student Government.

Remember your voice cannot be heard unless you can be seen and heard.

Ron Davis
2003 graduate
Social Work

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Same-sex unions won't affect Ms. Gerish

Editor:

In response to the letter from Ms. [Lindsay] Gerish, I would like to say the following: WHO CARES?

In no way are you now, nor will you ever be, hurt by a gay marriage. Your house will not burn to the ground; the crops will not cease to grow; God will not fall from Heaven. Simply put, this is not something that matters.

Furthermore, the role of government is not to enforce the beliefs of one religion. As I recall, people originally came to this country to avoid such nonsense. And while we can never live in a utopian society, depriving some of their rights because of an

antiquated objection from an outside party only brings us further away from one.

Just as in previous civil rights movements, logic will eventually prevail and people will see how outdated this thinking was. In twenty years people who think like Ms. Gerish will be called 'bigots' and 'segregationists' instead of 'Overzealous Christians' and 'Conservative Republicans'.

Kevin Sturdevant
Senior
English

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

CD Review

An 'Educated Guess' is a sure hit for Ani D'



FLYING SOLO: Ani DiFranco is a solo performer for the first time in more than a decade on her latest album "Educated Guess."

By SARA TKAC
The Jambar

Ani DiFranco's new release, "Educated Guess" is eloquent poetry in the form of composition, harmony and song. Her 21st album hosts melodic activism and heartfelt feminism in the guise of striking and clean lyrical mischief.

That sums it up in one sentence, although an entire book inspired by the muse of all muses would be necessary to summarize the magic DiFranco has put forth on this album.

Flying solo for the first time in more than a decade, DiFranco wrote, performed, recorded, mixed and released "Educated Guess" on her own. Shedding her band — and her baggage — she delves into a new realm of self, starting the album off with spoken word of "life knocked me off my platforms, so I pulled out my first pair of boots bought on the street at Astor Place before New York was run by suits and I suited up for the long walk back to myself, closer to the ground now with sorrow and stealth."

Spoken word is prevalent on the album, with "Platforms," "The True Story of What Was" and

"Grand Canyon," an ode to activists, stewardesses, ancestors and most importantly, "the coolest F word ever."

DiFranco says, "Why can't all decent men and women call themselves feminists? Out of respect for those who fought for this, I mean, look around, we have this." Feminism is a common subject of DiFranco's songs, but it is apparent she has cleared her view of the battle.

Her new experiences and realizations have given her more direction and ammunition for her activism. Lessons learned and universal truths are the subjects of DiFranco's newest lyrics, while timely wisdom shines through the music keeping on par for her music. The music itself is clean, almost fragile, which is a new direction for DiFranco who's famous for her powerful guitar picking. The guitar work is still extraordinary, but unexpected for avid fans.

According to a Righteous Babe Records' press release, "Educated Guess" was recorded on vintage reel-to-reel equipment in a shotgun shack in the Bywater neighborhood of New Orleans and back home in Buffalo. Deliberately restricting her-

self to 8 tracks of audio and happy to incorporate such accidental accompaniment as falling rain and passing trains, Ani uses the self-imposed limitations of her minimal set-up the way poets embrace the formal restraints of a sonnet: as a vehicle for personal expression. The end result is an album as intimate and fresh as the very best of her work has always been.

DiFranco always has been on her own. She started her own record label at the tender age of 19 because she did not want to conform to any record company. She has gone full circle, successfully returning to her roots as a solo artist.

DiFranco will be hitting the road to perform these exploding atoms of activist philosophy for her friends and fans. She will be at Denison University outside of Columbus on Jan. 31. Tickets have not yet gone on sale, but you can watch for the announcement at www.righteous-baberecords.com. You can order a copy of "Educated Guess" for yourself there, too. Or visit your favorite record store on Tuesday, Jan. 20 and pick up a copy.

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young people to seek God. She was so concerned with the youth knowing and accepting God," Stanford said.

Stanford also remembered Richard as a strong, independent woman.

"She was always moving toward something good, always doing something positive," he said.

Evans remembered Richard's dedication to learning and recalled how excited she was to be returning to school.

"She was so excited about being at YSU. She wanted to motivate her daughters to pursue their education," Evans said.

Rochelle Ruffer, an associate professor of economics, was introduced to Richard last semester when she registered for one of her classes.

Ruffer said Richard never sought special treatment and never made excuses for herself.

"She absolutely amazed me," Ruffer said. "She only mentioned that she had cancer because she was worried about missing a class because she had chemotherapy on

Wednesdays."

At times, Richard would find it difficult to take notes or sit through class, but she kept coming, Ruffer said.

"I would ask her, 'Why are you doing this?' and she would reply, 'I have to do this for my girls. I have to show them what is important in life,'" Ruffer said.

As the cancer began to spread rapidly through her body, friends say Richard always kept a positive attitude.

Evans remembered that positive attitude. "I was with her the two weeks prior to her death and although you could tell she was in pain and agony, she still smiled and tried to encourage those around her," Evans said.

Dennis Forney shared similar thoughts.

"I spoke with Cathy right before the end of fall semester. I had no idea that she was that sick," Forney said.

Forney, a sophomore, said that Richard would often come to the YSU Gospel Choir's rehearsals and served as an adviser.

"Whatever we needed, she

was there," Forney said. "If we needed encouragement or prayer, she was there."

Forney said Richard was a virtuous woman who fought for her beliefs.

"She was productive in every aspect of her life. You caught her working even to her dying days."

Richard's friends said they all miss her and are still trying to accept her death.

"I am just taking it one day at a time," Evans said. "This is the hardest thing I ever had to deal with. Eventually, I will be able to let her go."

Fighting back tears, Ruffer expressed the lessons she learned from Richard.

"She inspired me to appreciate life, to remember how precious life is," Ruffer said.

Forney said the impact left by Richard is one that can't be explained.

"She left an impression on all of our hearts. She left a trail of footprints that will always be there."

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hours, it would be more affordable for a student taking 18 credit hours or more to go to Ohio State."

Health and Human Services Representative Anthony Candel agreed with Vukovic and offered another aspect to the bulk rate issue. "YSU's bulk rate is 16 credit hours but it is virtually impossible to get a degree in four years without taking 18 hours," Candel said.

Vukovic said the bulk rate is just one perspective of the tuition problem.

"We need to look at different angles also, including state budget cuts," he said. "We can't just say we want our tuition lowered, we have to do something to show why."

SGA members voted to send the issue to its academic affairs committee. The representatives then discussed strides being made at holding an online election for the spring SGA election.

SGA President Emily Eckman said the organization has been working with Computer Services to work out any bugs in the system.

"We are trying to make sure it is user friendly," Eckman said. "We plan on holding a mock election some time within the next month."

SGA Parliamentarian Daniel Griesemer said he believes online elections will increase voter participation.

"It's easier to vote online," Griesemer said. "We just have

to regulate candidate's behavior toward campaigning on line."

Eckman said another concern is making sure only registered students can vote in the election. "We are going to test the system during the mock election to make sure only students registered for spring semester can vote," she said.

Representatives are also working toward a possible radio station that would be run by YSU students and will play music geared toward students.

"We are still looking at the guidelines and red tape, looking at the financial aspect and the feasibility," Vukovic said.

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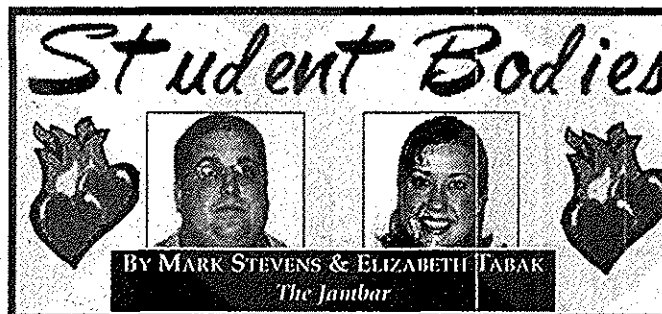
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and be featured in the most unexciting Super Bowl in NFL history. Another low-scoring affair with Carolina coming out on top 21-20.

Fat Head: When these teams met in week 13, the Eagles were smack dab in the middle of a resurgence that carried them all the way from 0-2 to home-field advantage throughout the playoffs. Everyone keeps talking about how Carolina and John Kasay

blew the game, but everyone seems to keep forgetting that the Eagles were making plays on both sides of the ball. There was the fourth down stop just before the half. There was Donovan McWins making huge plays, getting first downs, leading his team to a win. Sure, the Panthers thrive on their running game, and the Eagles are about the worst run defense in the league outside of Kansas City. But the

Panthers' workhorse, Stephen Davis, isn't going to play in this one. Not with an injured quad. Not in that cold Philly weather. Deshaun Foster is no slouch, but he's not durable like Davis. And he likes to fumble. Watch for a Carolina turnover to be the watershed moment of this game. Eagles win at home, Andy Reid will dance like a skinny man, 24-10.



BY MARK STEVENS & ELIZABETH TABAK
The Jambar

Mark: Hi Beth.

Beth: Hi Mark.

Mark: How was your break?

Beth: Interesting ... to say the least.

Mark: Good times?

Beth: A lil' good, a lil' bad.

Mark: Wanna talk about it?

Beth: No.

Mark: No?

Beth: No.

Mark: This is fun. I feel Shakespearean.

Beth: Why don't you tell me about your break?

Mark: I slept.

Beth: That's it? You HAD to have done something else.

Mark: I went to Columbus with my girlfriend to see her family for a few days.

Beth: (Saucy, Mocking tone) And how was that experience?

Mark: Mostly good.

Beth: My, aren't we talkative today.

Mark: (Mumbles incoherently)

Beth: Shut up. I heard that.

Mark: No, the trip was good. We did some shopping, hung out, went to some cool restaurants and whatnot.

Beth: First of all. Shopping? Are you turning Metro on me?

Mark: Santa has to shop sometimes.

Beth: Santa huh? Big, jolly guy. Since when are you jolly?

Mark: You ever do any travelling with a 'romantic partner'? (Quote marks made in the air.)

Beth: Wait ... I don't think ... per se ... I think the most traveling I ever did was in high school with the speech team when my boyfriend was on the team. Like I could handle a trip with a romantic partner. Feel free to put that I'm a total nerd for that.

Mark: For what?

Beth: For the speech team.

Mark: Speech-people are coooooool.

Beth: Explain the 'what-not' to me. Obviously, I don't know about the 'whatnot.'

Mark: A movie, dinner, hanging out. You know. Whatnot.

Beth: Did everything go well? Did you guys want to kill each other by the end of the trip? Was it OK?

Mark: Well ... there were moments of lacking communication.

Beth: Moments of lacking communication? Right. What's that supposed to mean?

(For the record, Beth said Riight about four or five times right there.)

Beth: Shut up.

Mark: Back to lacking communication. See, communication is a vital part of any relationship ...

Beth: (interrupting) Excuse me, Dr. Phil. Like you're all happy and lovey and romance on me.

(For the record, lovey and romance are NOT words.)

Mark: No they're not. You know. Communication. Like picking up the phone and calling someone that you're with.

Beth: Ohhhh ... Communication!

Mark: Foreign concept?

Beth: Slightly foreign to myself, but mostly foreign to others.

Mark: I thought you said we weren't going to talk about your break.

(Laughter.)

Mark: Back to my story. There were moments where we weren't on the same page. Like she thought we would stay an extra night and I thought we were going home. Home. Back to my bed where a big guy like me can actually sleep without falling off.

Where I can spread my wings, so to say.

Beth: You fell off the bed?

Mark: For what?

Beth: For the speech team.

Mark: Twice.

Beth: Ooooh. So communication huh?

Mark: Yeah. We talked about it.

Beth: Talked about it?

Mark: Basically I just gave in.

Beth: You gave in?

Mark: I always give in.

Beth: Why do you always give in? You're not supposed to always give in. Give and take. Give and take.

Mark: Guys have to give in. There is no winning with women. We win and make you happy by giving you what you want. Then we get to try to be macho and explain how our giving in makes sense in the long run.

Beth: (Random stuttering) No. No. (Rapid hand movements) It's like ... we win ... how do you win? I understand that you think that you're winning by giving in ... it's just that we're right. Not in everything, but in a lot of things.

Mark: Hogwash.

Beth: Hogwash?

Mark: Yeah, me taking a bath.

Beth: (Laughter) That's really mean of you to say ... back to the communication. So you're saying here that's the key to a relationship, to making it work?

Mark: Yes. The guy has to give in. Always.

Beth: That's not communication. That's just you giving in because you're too afraid to stand up. And you know we're right anyways.

Mark: Sounds to me like you're proving my point.

Beth: (More laughter) You are such a not-nice word right now.

Mark: Well, kids, that's all for this week. Tune in next week to watch me give in to Beth some more to make our working relationship work. Remember give and take is a joke. Men give. Women take.

Beth: Oh, that is such a crock of ...

Mark: Beth. Watch your mouth.

Beth: Bye.

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News in brief

YSU police department gets relocated

After two years of organizing and planning, the Youngstown State University police department's move to a new facility on Wood Street is final.

Its old 3,600 square foot building on University Plaza compares to the new building's 12,000 square feet. University police Chief John Gocala said the new area includes electronic alarm monitoring equipment, a backup

radio console, an expanded evidence room, processing rooms, a booking room and hopes for a physical fitness center. Gocala said parking has also expanded from three or four parking spots to about 40 spaces.

The University Plaza police building has been torn down and Gocala said Parking Services is discussing using the space to expand parking entrances to M-11 and Bryson Street.

Enrollment up for eighth semester

Enrollment at Youngstown State University has increased for the eighth consecutive semester — an increase of about 1 percent since last spring semester.

Monday, there were 152 more students on campus, a total of 12,142, compared to last spring's 11,990.

University officials attributed the increase to low tuition, new housing projects and an increase of student activity internationally.

Ron Cole, manager of news and information services, said he believes the increase in enrollment is great for YSU's reputation.

"It is another example of increasing recognition of the community," Cole said. "YSU is a vibrant and exciting place that is moving forward."

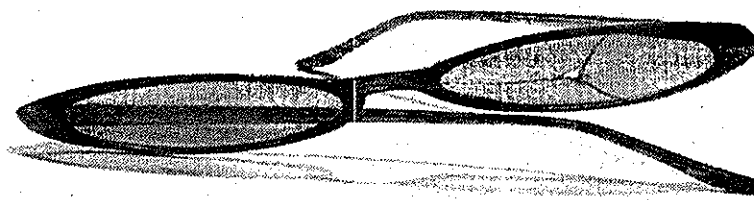
Bill Countryman, interim executive director of enrollment management, said in a written press release that low tuition is just one factor that has caused enrollment to increase.

Other reasons, he said, include more student housing, new academic programs and an increased activity in the Office of International Programs and Studies.

Associate Registrar Jeanne Herman said that more people are realizing that a college education means success. Herman attributed YSU's "beautiful campus and reasonable tuition" as a factor in the increase of enrollment.

"It is pretty neat to come to Youngstown State," she said.

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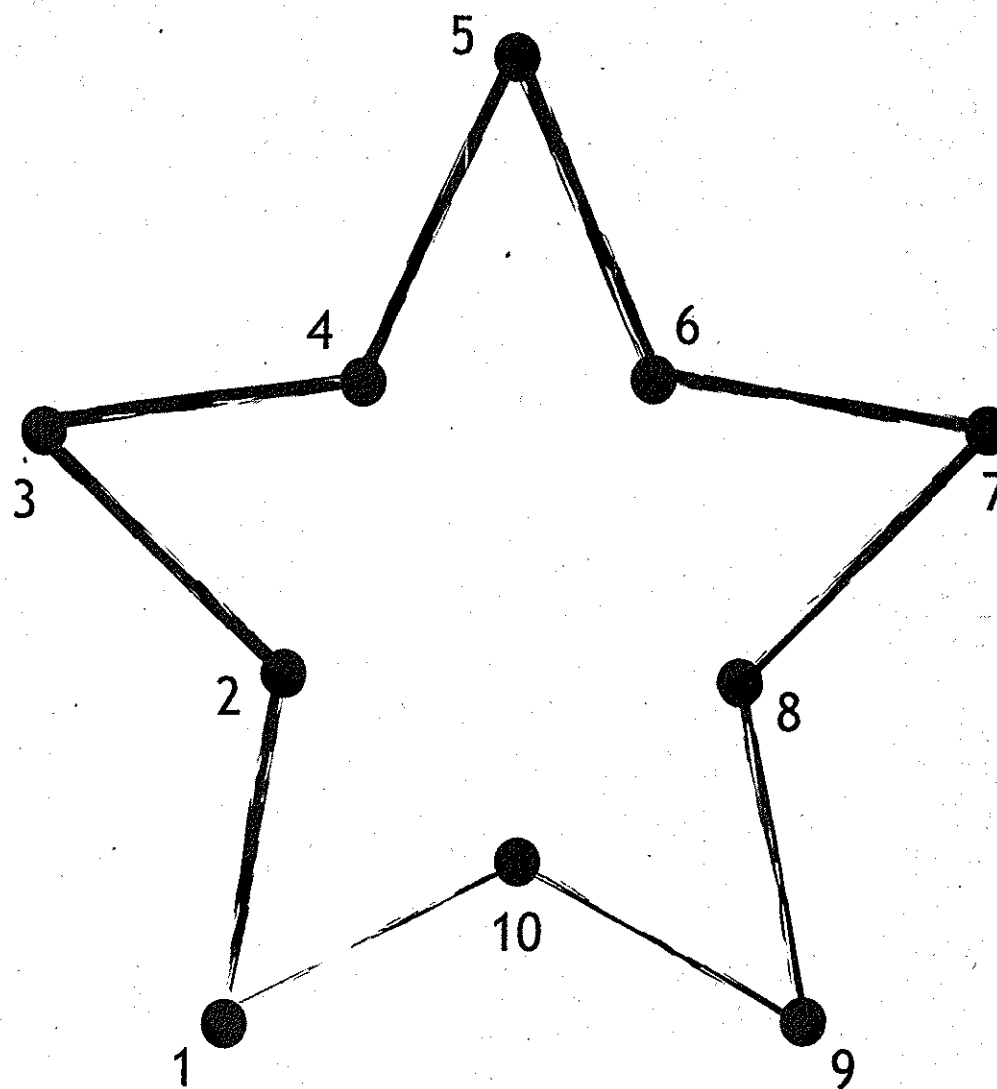
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Spring 2004 College Success Workshop Schedule

Day	Date	Time	Topic	Location
Tuesday	January 20	2:00pm	Goal Setting & Decision Making	Room 2068, KC
Monday	January 26	12:00pm	Goal Setting & Decision Making	Room 2068, KC
Tuesday	January 27	11:00am	Time Management & Procrastination	Room 2068, KC
Wednesday	February 4	5:00pm	Time Management & Procrastination	Room 2068, KC
Thursday	February 5	10:00am	The Messages You Send: Tips on College Etiquette	Room 2068, KC
Monday	February 9	4:00pm	Learning Styles	Jones Room, KC
Tuesday	February 10	1:00pm	Money Management	Humphrey Room, KC
Thursday	February 12	7:00pm	Learning Styles	Multipurpose Room Calero House
Monday	February 16	10:00am	Introduction to Internet Researching	Wilcox CRC, BCOE
Wednesday	February 18	12:00pm	Note Taking & Mind Mapping	Room 2068, KC
Monday	February 23	2:00pm	Introduction to Internet Researching	Wilcox CRC, BCOE
Thursday	March 4	10:00am	Note Taking & Mind Mapping	Room 2068, KC
Tuesday	March 15	9:00am	Test Anxiety and Relaxation	Room 2068, KC
Wednesday	March 16	3:00pm	Test Preparation	Room 2068, KC
Wednesday	March 24	2:00pm	The Messages You Send: Tips on College Etiquette	Bresnahan I, KC
Thursday	March 25	11:00am	Exploring Speed Reading	Room 2068, KC
Tuesday	March 30	3:00pm	Exploring Speed Reading	Gallery, KC
Monday	April 5	12:00noon	Memory Techniques	Room 2068, KC
Thursday	April 8	10:00am	Memory Techniques	Room 2068, KC
Friday	April 9	9:00am	Tips for Advisement and Registration	Room 2068, KC
Monday	April 12	2:00pm	Tips for Advisement and Registration	Room 2068, KC
Tuesday	April 13	10:00am	Studying Text	Room 2068, KC
Wednesday	April 21	4:00pm	Healthy Eating	Room 2068, KC
Tuesday	April 27	11:00am	Healthy Eating	Room 2068, KC
Wednesday	April 28	9:00am	Test Preparation	Room 2068, KC
Thursday	April 29	3:00pm	Test Anxiety and Relaxation	Room 2068, KC



All workshops are free, no registration is required. Each workshop is approximately 50 minutes long.



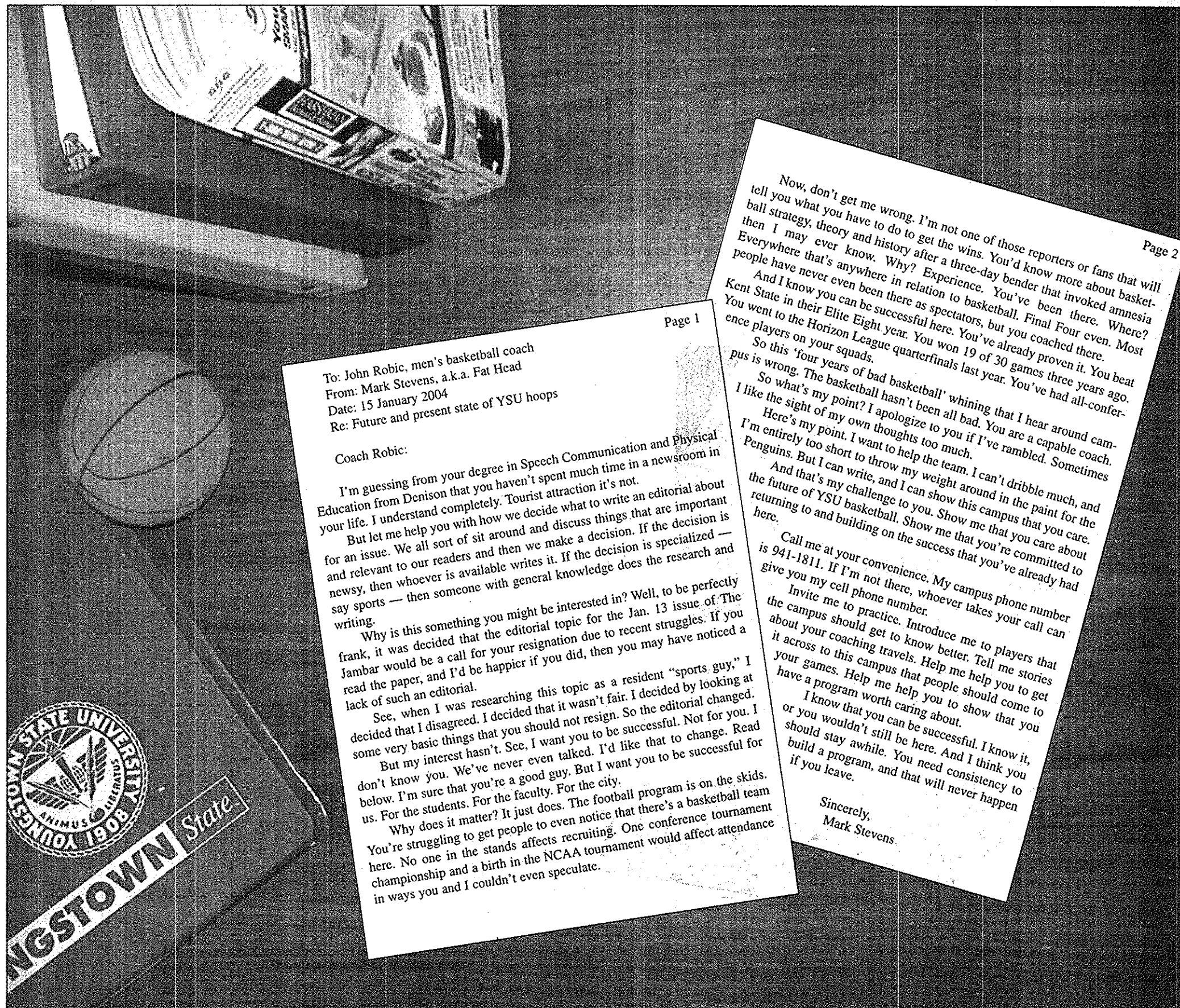
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SPORTS & RECREATION

A letter to coach John Robic



To: John Robic, men's basketball coach
From: Mark Stevens, a.k.a. Fat Head
Date: 15 January 2004
Re: Future and present state of YSU hoops

Coach Robic:

I'm guessing from your degree in Speech Communication and Physical Education from Denison that you haven't spent much time in a newsroom in your life. I understand completely. Tourist attraction it's not. But let me help you with how we decide what to write an editorial about for an issue. We all sort of sit around and discuss things that are important and relevant to our readers and then we make a decision. If the decision is newsy, then whoever is available writes it. If the decision is specialized — say sports — then someone with general knowledge does the research and writing.

Why is this something you might be interested in? Well, to be perfectly frank, it was decided that the editorial topic for the Jan. 13 issue of The Jambar would be a call for your resignation due to recent struggles. If you read the paper, and I'd be happier if you did, then you may have noticed a lack of such an editorial.

See, when I was researching this topic as a resident "sports guy," I decided that I disagreed. I decided that it wasn't fair. I decided by looking at some very basic things that you should not resign. So the editorial changed. But my interest hasn't. See, I want you to be successful. Not for you. I don't know you. We've never even talked. I'd like that to change. Read below. I'm sure that you're a good guy. But I want you to be successful for us. For the students. For the faculty. For the city.

Why does it matter? It just does. The football program is on the skids. You're struggling to get people to even notice that there's a basketball team here. No one in the stands affects recruiting. One conference tournament championship and a birth in the NCAA tournament would affect attendance in ways you and I couldn't even speculate.

Now, don't get me wrong. I'm not one of those reporters or fans that will tell you what you have to do to get the wins. You'd know more about basketball strategy, theory and history after a three-day bender that invoked amnesia then I may ever know. Why? Experience. You've been there. Where? Everywhere that's anywhere in relation to basketball. Final Four even. Most people have never even been there as spectators, but you coached there. And I know you can be successful here. You've already proven it. You beat Kent State in their Elite Eight year. You won 19 of 30 games three years ago. You went to the Horizon League quarterfinals last year. You've had all-conference players on your squads.

So this 'four years of bad basketball' whining that I hear around campus is wrong. The basketball hasn't been all bad. You are a capable coach. So what's my point? I apologize to you if I've rambled. Sometimes I like the sight of my own thoughts too much. Here's my point. I want to help the team. I can't dribble much, and I'm entirely too short to throw my weight around in the paint for the Penguins. But I can write, and I can show this campus that you care about the future of YSU basketball. Show me that you care about returning to and building on the success that you've already had here.

Call me at your convenience. My campus phone number is 941-1811. If I'm not there, whoever takes your call can give you my cell phone number.

Invite me to practice. Introduce me to players that the campus should get to know better. Tell me stories about your coaching travels. Help me help you to get it across to this campus that people should come to your games. Help me help you to show that you have a program worth caring about.

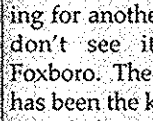
I know that you can be successful. I know it, or you wouldn't still be here. And I think you should stay awhile. You need consistency to build a program, and that will never happen if you leave.

Sincerely,
Mark Stevens

Rematch Sunday in NFL playoffs

Indianapolis (+3) at New England.

The Commish: Last time these two teams met they combined for over 60 points and The Colts had a meltdown on the goal line four straight plays to end the contest. I hear everyone calling for another shootout but I don't see it here, not at Foxboro. The Patriot defense has been the key all year tying in with the Super Bowl formula of recent seasons. Peyton Manning has looked pretty unbelievable the last two weeks destroying both Denver and Kansas City. I don't however see him duplicating those performances. Remember the Miami/New England game a few weeks back where it was 3-0 in the third quarter? Look for the same sort of low scoring affair here. In a low scorer, you have to go with the team that's more complete on both sides of the ball. New England all the way, 17-10.



Fat Head: People like to joke about the 'frozen tundra' of Lambeau Field in good ol' Wisconsin, but the real frozen tundra now resides in the upper portion of this great country in a little place called New England — the forgotten utopia. Judging by the snowy, North Pole-esque weather in Youngstown



during the middle of this week, things should be nice and chilly and snowy in the upper northeast come Sunday. Sounds like the Patriots should have the upper hand, right? Well, yeah, but I believe in Peyton Manning. I believe in Edgerrin James. Most importantly, I believe in the football gods. And the football gods owe Colts' coach Tony Dungy. The team he turned around and built from nothing won the Super Bowl last year, and now it's his turn for some breaks. Tom Brady is going to lose his head, and Manning will be coolly efficient in beating a team that always gave him fits in the past. Colts eke one out, 17-14.

Carolina (+4) at Philadelphia

The Commish: The Green Bay Packers had last week's game won. On numerous occasions they could've put the contest away, but instead opted to let the Eagles hang around, and it straight up bit them on the ass. Carolina had a near meltdown against the Rams, but thanks to the stellar play calling of St. Louis head coach Mike Martz, they managed to pull out the victory. I like John Fox. And I like The Panthers. I still don't think the Eagles are a team that can blow by anyone. As long as the boy with the golden toe, kicker John Kasay, doesn't shank four field goals here like he did the first time, I think the Panthers will win.

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Steroids, supplements invade everyday life

By MICHAEL O'KEEFE
New York Daily News

HAMDEN, Conn. — When Bud Selig says steroid use is not widespread in Major League Baseball, Michael Dusa thinks, "Who does this guy think he's kidding?"

Dusa is a chiropractor, personal trainer and bodybuilder, and his clinic in this leafy Connecticut suburb near New Haven has become a hangout for young athletes hungry for training tips and nutrition advice. The use of performance-enhancing drugs has become epidemic at every level of sport, Dusa says, even among the amateur bodybuilders, high school kids and college jocks he works with.

Dusa says 60 percent to 70 percent of the athletes he works with use steroids.

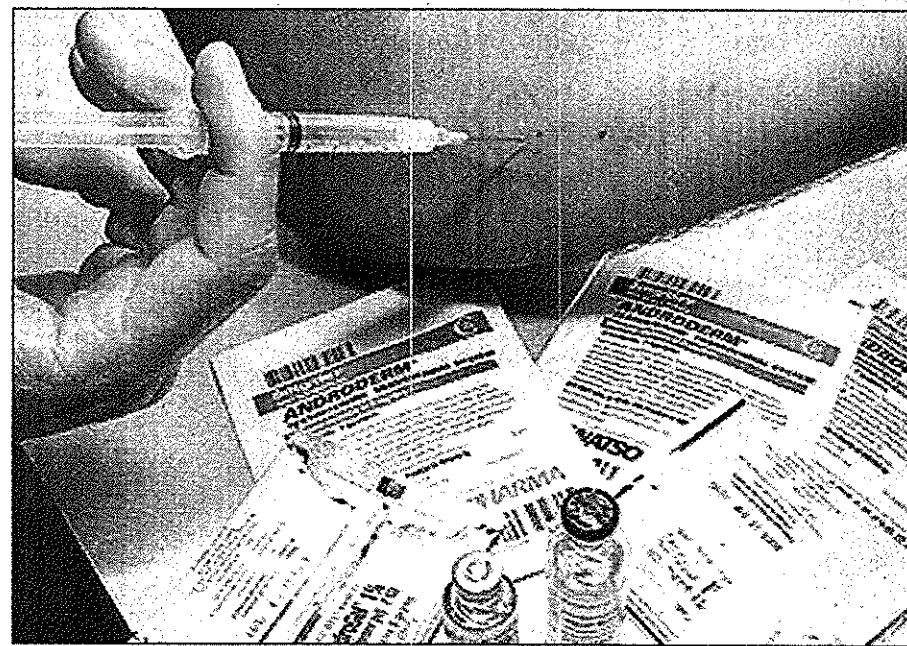
"If I am confronted with so much steroid use with athletes who are not even of regional caliber, let alone professional level, then what's that say about the guys we watch every Sunday?" he asks.

Some of the steroid users he sees, Dusa says, juice up because they want to play pro ball or get a college scholarship. "They don't realize you can't get talent from a needle," he says.

Others, he says, are trying to fill some kind of psychic void — the strength and the muscles that come with steroids are a substitute for direction and self-esteem. "These kids are quite depressed," Dusa says. "They have no long-term plans. They get into fights. They don't care if they get cancer."

Dusa recently invited the New York Daily News to meet some of the athletes he works with to discuss their experiences with steroids and other performance-enhancing substances. Because they have purchased and used illegal drugs, most agreed to talk only on the condition that they not be identified.

Bennett Streets, 27, is a bodybuilder and personal trainer whose clients include several NFL and Major League Baseball players. Streets competed in track and played football when he was a student at Ohio Wesleyan University; now he competes in the World Natural Bodybuilding Federation, which administers drug tests



PUMP UP, SHOOT UP: Steroid and supplement use has become a recurring theme at every level of sport.

and polygraphs to keep steroid users out of its contests. He says he's never used steroids, though he has used legal supplements, such as andro and creatine.

"There are a large number of people in athletics who depend on steroids," says Streets. "They have this perception that steroids will give them ability they've never had before. They're influenced by the fitness magazines. They want what they think will make them bigger. But these same people don't train properly and don't eat properly. They think they can get everything they need out of a bottle."

Streets is adamantly opposed to doping, but he also fears public outrage over steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs will go too far.

"There is a lot more wear and tear on athletes' bodies than people realize, and what's happening now is that people who have never hit a home run or scored a touchdown are weighing in," he says. "Athletes are bigger and stronger than ever before, and we expect a lot more out of athletes than we ever have. We have linebackers who can run as fast as running

backs. People get injured a lot more often.

"Athletes are now paid millions of dollars a season, and they will do anything to perform and honor their contracts. But if the World Anti-Doping Agency had its way, you wouldn't even be able to have a cup of coffee in the morning."

Larry Lazaroff is the father of two teenaged boys who play baseball at North Haven High School. His sons stay away from performance-enhancing drugs, but some of their teammates do not.

"I'm scared of what I see out there. There are a lot of kids using steroids," he says. "We were at a party and there were kids I hadn't seen for three to six months. I noticed a change in their physiques — they're much bigger. They're still respectful to me, but I can see they have very different attitudes toward their peers. The kids who are using steroids hang out as a clique. They don't hang out with anybody else."

"I ask my kids, 'Don't their parents see what I see? Don't the coaches see what I see?' If my kid came home with bulging muscles and pimples all over his back, I'd haul 'em off to a doctor right away."