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## Evaluation shows mixed results

By MICHAEL J. BALALE  
The Jambar

The Ohio Board of Regents last week completed its annual evaluation of Youngstown State University and campus officials are touting progress made from the 2003 evalua-

tion, but for every positive score on the test, YSU has earned a below average score in another area.

Since the 2002 to 2003 academic year, YSU showed improvement in financial aid, size of classes and tuition prices, according to the Board



TAFT Gov. Bob Taft and the Ohio Board of Regents began

of Regents. In some of the categories, however, YSU earned deficiencies.

According to the report, the state gave YSU high scores for employing experienced fac-

ulty members and allowing them to teach small classes. The report also praised YSU for its affordable tuition and its ability to secure more financial aid for their students than in years past.

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## Council excludes Beeghly from plan

By WILLIAM LEHN  
The Jambar

The Youngstown 2010 project will focus on the arts but a proposed renovation of Beeghly Center will not be a part of the plan, if Youngstown City Council members have their way.

On the same night that university officials told a public radio and television audience about their plans in the Youngstown 2010 project, proposals for including Beeghly Center might have been dealt a deathblow.

The panel's main point Wednesday evening was using the arts, specifically Beeghly Center and Dana School of Music's proposed 600-seat recital hall, to spur revitalization in the area.

Dean of Fine and Performing Arts George McCloud was calling for YSU and city officials to "partner and use dollars shrewdly to accomplish the same thing economically."

But city council members said they do not want to share \$8 million in federal funding

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## Walkin' in a winter wonderland



By COLLEEN HAVENS & TAMMY SOS  
The Jambar

They were calling for snow all day Sunday. Not just snow, either. Sleet, freezing rain, all of the good stuff that makes for a winter's eve in Youngstown.

It waited nearly all of Sunday to get itself started, but once the snow started coming down, it was a furious frenzy of freezing, fun-killing flakes.

Two inches fell in an hour. The roads were treacherous. Road crews would have quite the chore ahead of them in getting the main and side roads into drive-able condition before the school and work day began.

And it was cold. Not a dead cold, but the kind of cold that combined with whipping winds that would frighten a woolly mammoth back into extinction.

Sub-zero temperatures. Icy roads. Large amounts of snowfall.

Many Youngstown State University students believed that this, finally, was their chance to have an elusive "snow day" and school would be cancelled Monday.

But it wasn't to be. University President David Sweet and the administration have the power to make that decision, and they weren't impressed by the winter weather's blanket of wind-driven white wonder enough to shut down Monday morning.

Several students pondered what needed to take place for them to catch a

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## 'She was so determined to beat it'

A mother and friends reflect on former student Kimberly DeOnofrio's will and determination.

By TRINA QUARLES  
The Jambar

Monday morning, as Youngstown State University students fought the severe weather conditions, many complaining and cursing YSU administrators, Mary DeOnofrio took a moment to reflect on her daughter, Kimberly — a YSU student that never complained about the weather, never complained about anything, not even the ovarian cancer she battled for three and a half years.

The YSU social work major lost her battle last March.

Her mother remembers her as a young woman that loved education and loved YSU.

"She rarely missed a class and she always made sure to take enough credits to stay full time," DeOnofrio said.

Her mother said, last year at this time, her daughter was bound to a wheelchair but did not allow that to deter her.

"She kept going to class, bad weather and all," Mary DeOnofrio said. "She would use escort services to get to class then have her father or I come pick her up."

It was during this time that Tim Leancu, and other YSU students became acquainted with Kimberly. In honor of Kimberly they are



DETERMINATION: Kimberly DeOnofrio lost her battle with cancer last year, but friends and family recalled her determination to beat the disease. DeOnofrio was still attending classes up until the week before she passed away.

mounting a touching effort to preserve her spirit, through a \$10,000 scholarship fund. The \$500 a year scholarship will be awarded to one YSU social work major with a 3.0 or higher grade point average. The recipient must also be committed to working with chronically ill patients.

Leancu remembers Kimberly coming to their Research Methods class and referring to her wheelchair as something that was "just temporary."

Leancu also recalled Kimberly's positive

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## Strong voiced senior hopes to make it big in record industry

By TRINA QUARLES  
The Jambar

Even as a young child Shannon Dillingham knew she wanted to be a singer. When she was just 9 years old she began listening to Natalie Cole records, attempting to imitate the R&B songstress' singing style.

"I would listen to her records over and over again and try to sound just like her," Dillingham said. "That was when I knew I wanted to be a singer."

The 22-year old YSU telecommunication major may soon get her wish.

While attending a hip hop summit last year Dillingham met Lature Irvin, a DJ, for Detroit radio station 96.5, as well as owner of LaTour Entertainment Group INC.

Dillingham and Irvin exchanged email addresses and kept in contact. Through their conversations, Irvin discovered Dillingham was a singer.

Irvin recalled the first time he heard Dillingham sing, adding that he knew from that moment he wanted to work with her professionally.

"I was so amazed at how powerful her voice was," Irvin said. "I couldn't believe how strong and smooth it was."

Irvin recently introduced Dillingham to Verdine White, of the R&B group Earth, Wind and Fire at their Cleveland concert this

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SINGER: Senior Shannon Dillingham hopes to catch a few breaks on her way to a singing career.

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YSU's full-time undergraduate tuition of \$5,448 for the 2003-04 academic year is considerably lower than many other Ohio schools, with only Shawnee State and Central State having lower rates.

In addition, the report credited the university for keeping students. One test showed that 71 percent of YSU freshmen returned to YSU for their sophomore years in 2002. The average for other Ohio schools was 68 percent.

"That number is remarkable considering YSU is an open enrollment institution,"

Assistant Provost Bege Bowers said.

**Negative marks**

Not all of the results of the tests were marks of achievement for YSU.

In one test, for example, it was noted that the average time to earn an associate's degree at YSU is 4.7 years, with only two percent of the total students enrolled in the associate's programs finishing in less than two years. That mark is the third lowest completion rate in the state.

Bowers said this ranking is unfairly weighted against YSU.

As an open-enrollment institution and a commuter school, Bowers said YSU students are different from those who attend universities with selective admissions policies.

If universities are selective in admissions, they have more residential students who do not have the same demands as YSU students.

"At Kent State University, the main campus is also selective and they send their students with remedial problems to their other branch campus," Bowers said.

In another test of degree

completion, the Ohio Board of Regents determined that 29 percent of YSU students enrolled in a bachelor's program take more than six years to complete it.

Those results rank as the third worst in the state, with only the University of Akron, Shawnee State and Cleveland State University earning lower marks.

The results also showed that 26 percent of YSU students in a bachelor's program finish in four years or less.

"I think we stack up very well," Bowers said. "The

University of Akron's average is five years for time to graduate, and tuition is more there than here."

After learning about the state report card, one YSU student said she is not surprised at some of the findings, especially the length of time to graduate.

"It's a commuter school, I have to work more and take less classes which means it will take longer to graduate," sophomore Angeline Dorazio said.

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with Youngstown State University.

University President David Sweet and Mayor George McKelvey had proposed using part of the federal funds the city was awarded to turn Beeghly Center into a convocation center for the city. Another piece of their plan was to use some of the federal funds to renovate the long-idled Wick Pollock Inn.

The city received \$8 million to build a convocation center in the downtown area and has been struggling to reach consensus about how to use the funds for more than two years.

Youngstown City Council voted unanimously Wednesday to push forward on building an arena downtown, ignoring the proposal involving Beeghly Center and the Wick Pollock Inn.

Councilman Artis Gillam Sr., whose ward includes the YSU campus, said he is not interested in having the city finance YSU's plans. Gillam said the best option for the city and its residents is an arena.

He called the proposed renovation of Beeghly Center "ridiculous." "The money was set aside for a convocation center downtown and YSU has their own way of getting monies," Gillam said. "YSU saw money on the table and wanted a piece of the pie."

In a meeting last week with Sweet and Director of the Center for Urban and Regional Studies Hunter Morrison, Gillam said he told Sweet, "I understand you are doing

your job. If the mayor is willing to give money away, I'd take it too."

City officials had asked U.S. senators to determine if the \$8 million could be spent on anything other than the original plan of a convocation center.

In an apologetic letter from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Senator Mike DeWine was told changing the grant money was not possible and would require a new appropriation from Congress.

Gillam said he was just doing what was mandated and passing the resolution Wednesday ratified how the money was set aside for Youngstown.

In a telephone interview Friday, Morrison said the Beeghly renovation was a suggestion, adding that YSU will continue to work closely with the city of Youngstown on the 2010 plan.

"We offered the idea in spirit of partnership," Morrison said. "If that's not the case, then we will move forward."

"YSU's role continues to be important and it's important to partner with city and other institutions to bring 2010 to fruition."

The next city council meeting to further discuss the convocation center will be January 28.

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break.

"I have to drive 45 minutes to get here," senior Jen Hartman said. "The roads coming in were horrible, if they're going to have class, at least make sure the roads are plowed and the sidewalks are cleared."

Ron Cole, manager of news and information services, said the university employs no set standard for canceling school, and instead decides on a case-by-case basis.

"The primary consideration when deciding to close classes is the safety of students and employees," Cole said.

Senior Othello Byndon said he doesn't feel considered.

"I don't think we should have to risk getting in to an accident that no one else is going to pay for but us, just to get to class," Byndon said.

Some students disagree with this method of canceling school and said there should be a standard for canceling classes.

More than just the snow can provide an uneasy experience for students on campus. Walking from building to building for classes makes the students moving yet easy targets for the chilling winds that are often amplified in the place that students seek shelter,

between buildings.

Junior Matthew Wolcott said YSU should cancel school when the Youngstown City Schools and Mahoning County Schools have cancelled or at least when the temperatures are negative.

Wolcott said he has missed his classes because he refuses to drive in bad weather or walk around in negative temperatures.

"I have a long walk between classes and even though I can cut through the buildings, it doesn't seem to matter because when the wind kicks up, the cold goes through what ever you are wearing," Wolcott said.

"There are just as many people that walk to class as there are driving in, and we're not even in a car," sophomore Maura Patton said. "Trust me, it isn't a pleasant trip."

Senior Jen Thomas agrees.

"I think it is ridiculous when every other school in Youngstown and the surrounding areas are closed and they still make us come to school," Thomas said.

Though Thomas said she understands the difficulty in making up class time, she doesn't think putting student lives in danger is the answer.

"YSU is a commuter school so you have to take into consideration that most students are driving in terrible conditions during the winter months," Thomas said.

Along with the present frustrations of parking, things only get worse when snow is added.

"Since the parking decks close some of the upper levels down that were covered in snow, parking was sparse," junior Tom Cochran said. "They didn't have any signs out saying the deck was full and people were still trying to park, leading to more traffic and I ended up being late to class."

Thomas said she remembers only one time when YSU has been cancelled due to bad weather during her time here.

Cole said he has not had the chance to track down any official closing records, however, he does remember classes being cancelled once last year.

"I have been told by long-time employees that classes have been cancelled only a handful of times over the last couple of decades," Cole said.

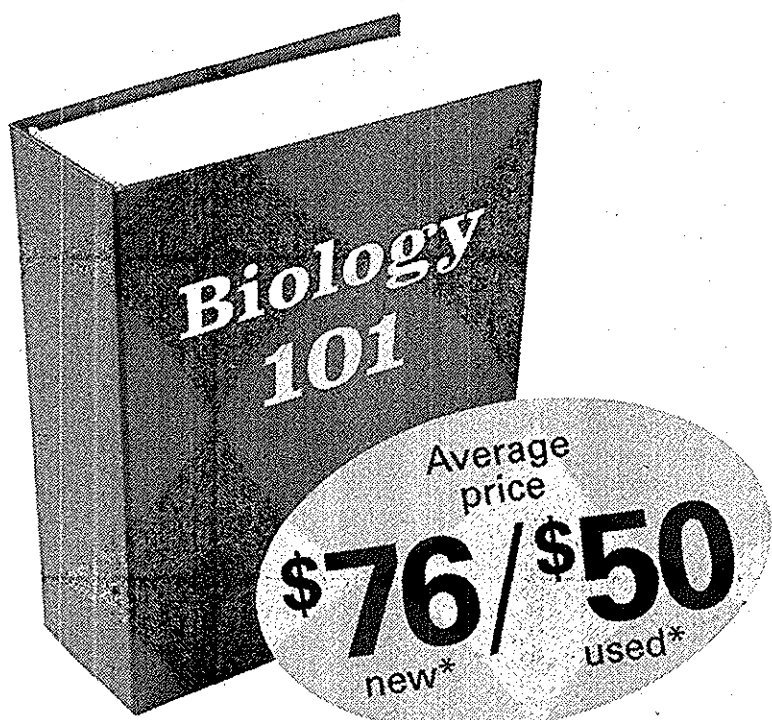
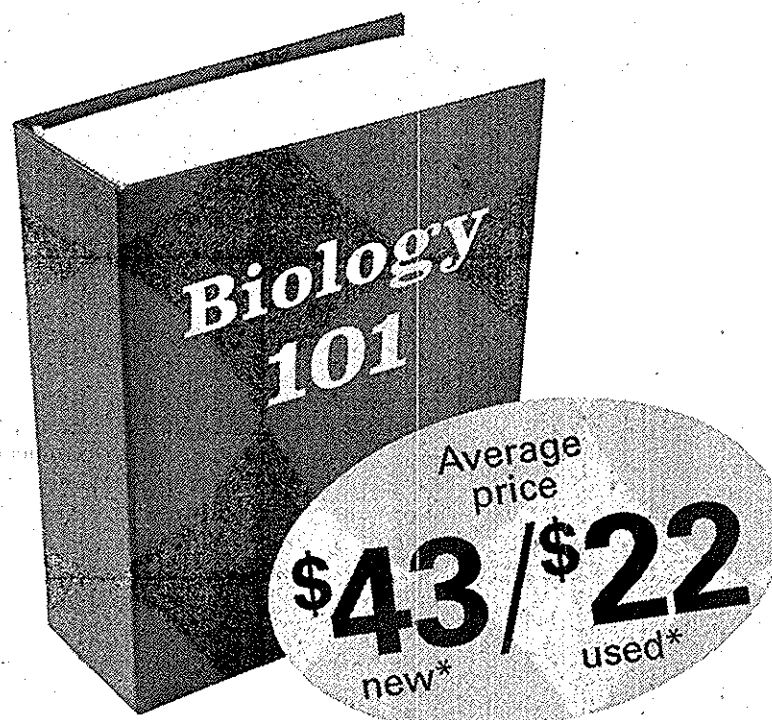
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## Today's Editorial

### OBR unfairly judged YSU

We have come from the steel mills, Smoky Hollow and Brier Hill. We are grandparents, immigrants, the young and the old. We gather for one ideal reason: to become more educated. But most importantly, many of us have come to accomplish what our parents or grandparents could not: graduating with a college degree.

Youngstown State University students are not the average college kids. Alike, YSU is not a typical Ohio party school. Instead, YSU is a university that gathers an entire community, from any age and any race and lets all receive a higher education.

Last week, when the Ohio Board of Regents released its higher education performance report it unfairly judged YSU in categories the university has no place being in.

- Of 2002 undergraduates, 43 percent of YSU students entered the university without having any type of high school college preparatory curriculum. This is compared to the statewide average of 30 percent.
- Test results also show that 58 percent of YSU students were first-generation students — students coming from families where neither parents received a college degree. This is comparative to 43 percent at statewide university campuses.
- A total of 58 percent of YSU students came from families with incomes less than \$50,000.
- Other tests proved that the length of time it took a YSU student to graduate with an associate's degree in 2001 to 2002 was 4.7 years, compared with four years in other state institutions. Similarly, a bachelor's degree also took 4.7 years, where the state average was 4.5.

These results do not by any means reflect what kind of university YSU is, or what its negative or positive marks entail. Instead, it is a reflection of YSU students — students that work hard, in and outside of campus. These are students that cannot be measured on the same scale as students at Ohio State University, University of Akron or Ohio University.

Our students have needs beyond what others may require at universities in Ohio. A large majority of us have children, grandchildren, mortgages and bills.

We strongly recommend that in next year's Ohio Board of Regents performance report, it consider the differences in student populations among colleges. This is not just a university, but a community of hard-working individuals that deserve to be judged equally.

## Letter to the Editor

Editor:

It is my understanding although limited by my lack of years as a student at YSU that a university is for the further education and betterment of society. The people that choose to go to college are the people who have the drive and determination to advance themselves and rise from "their lot in life" because they find it hard to make ends meet in this day and age.

To use myself as an example, my name is Michael Feldhouse. I am 23 years old and a current student at YSU. I have cerebral palsy and live on my own. I live on roughly \$500 a month from SSI (Supplemental Security Income). I have to deal with bills such as rent, electric, phone, cable and food. I don't have my parents to fall back

on when things get tough. I am not writing this letter to whine, only to show the things that have molded me into the man that I am today. I am one of those students trying to get myself past being under "the thumb" of the government.

I receive grants for college, but the steady increase in tuition makes it difficult to make ends meet for the month because by the time all my home expenses are dealt with, I have often times not had enough money to make the minimum payments toward tuition.

This is only one voice speaking out about the state of personal financial situation of a current student.

Michael A. Feldhouse  
Freshman  
Pre-Business Accounting

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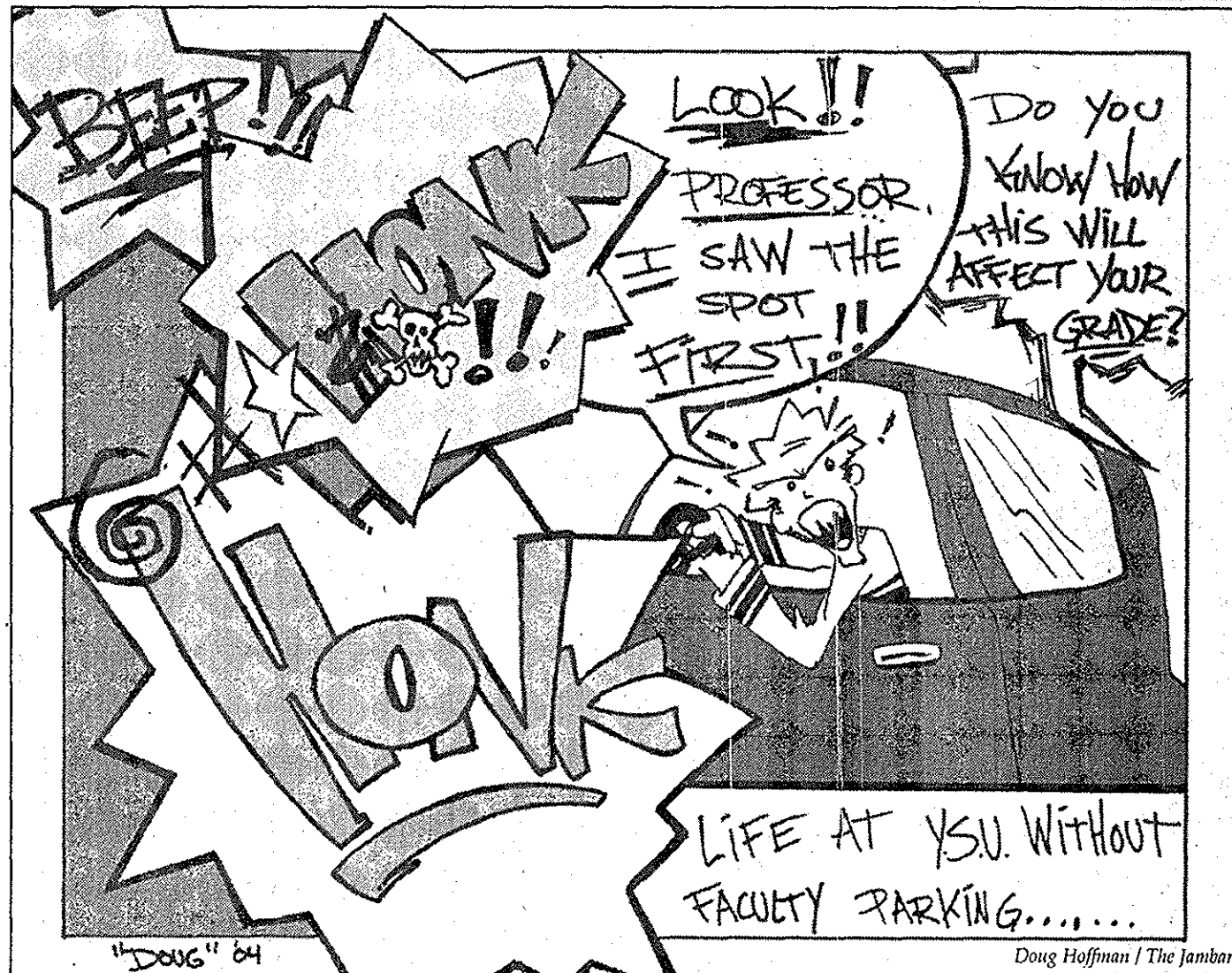
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## FIGHTING FOR SPOTS



## Guest Commentary

### Same-sex partners have rights too

By TOM COPELAND  
Special to The Jambor

In Thursday's Jambor, Christie Vogel asked whether there are not "more pressing issues" than same-sex marriages. Although the pursuit of equal rights for everyone is no trivial matter, I agree that with the Bill of Rights largely suspended, with religious zealots seeking control of the government, with people being arrested and held for long periods without counsel or charges, with Ohio National Guard soldiers being sent into foreign combat without body armor, denying partner benefits seems like a low-priority issue.

Much of the rest of the letter, though, needs rethinking.

First, says Ms. Vogel, "this country was founded on strict religious morals," and seems to long for a society like the Massachusetts Bay colony or Calvin's Geneva, where individual conscience as well as public and private behavior, activity, and association would be subject to governmental control. Such societies have never worked, and ours was founded on the separation of Church and State to prevent such a tyranny. A moral code which is accepted as Government Issue goods — even should it result in "correct" conduct — lacks moral value, whereas a moral code painstakingly forged by the individual is a pearl without price.

Second, this letter presents a meager view of marriage: "The entire point to a man-woman union is to procreate, which same-sex partners CANNOT DO." Quite apart from the fact that same-sex couples can and do raise children, Ms. Vogel is simply wrong.

"Marriage is not entirely about copulation and bringing children into the world. Current laws acknowledge other values in marriage by permitting sterile persons to marry."

Marriage is not entirely about copulation and bringing children into the world. Current laws acknowledge other values in marriage by permitting sterile persons to marry. Where procreation the only goal of marriage, polygamy would be in favor, especially since women outnumber men. Moreover, the procreation argument is beside the point in a world already overpopulated.

No, marriage is encouraged because it promotes social stability and lessens the need for social services. Committed lovers take care of one another, whether fertile, infertile, old, young, gay, or straight. Love has a dollars-and-cents value to any government.

Everyone benefits from encouraging commitment among as many people as are willing to assume its responsibilities. Strong families, of whatever sort, build strong communities. The mutual assistance and the increased morale people derive from their families lessen burdens on the state and increase productivity. This is why governments provide a wide

range of perquisites to married people, and it makes sense to extend, not to restrict, these incentives.

I do not know Ms Vogel's political affiliation, but her assumptions are consistent with the radical Christian right's agenda. Therefore I will conclude with two questions about that crusade.

(1) Why is it that in any question concerning giant corporations' right to pollute or exploit the environment these persons typically argue for less governmental interference, but in matters of private conduct they tend to favor highly intrusive, active, and expanding governmental regulation?

(2) The Denial of Benefits Act which the Ohio legislature has just passed is the latest move on the part of conservative groups, as New Jersey's recent approval of benefits for same-sex partners is the latest nudge in the liberal direction. Since this lengthy tug-of-war may obscure the goals of both sides, persons who allow changes to come about by slow increments without noticing where they may lead may find themselves at last suffering the death of a thousand stings. To prevent this, let us set side by side two worlds: one in which all families are honored and encouraged to do their good work and all people are treated with fairness and dignity, and another in which only first-class citizens (those having partners with the correct bodily plumbing and chromosomal make-up) are allowed to approach the trough of approval, benefits, and legal protection while the others are kept back or perhaps even sent away to re-education. Which world would you rather live in? Best to speak up now, while you still have a voice.

## Letter to the Editor

### 'Administration could care less' about students

Editor:

I owe an apology to the administration. I'm one of those students that don't like tuition increases, particularly when they come like clockwork each year. I guess I expect better spending with my money, rather than the frivolous type YSU has come to love so much.

Anyway, about that apology. All along I was wrong. I thought that it was the STUDENTS who were the first priority in a university, but clearly that is not the case. I guess I fell for YSU's advertising schemes encouraging me to be a success story like Carmen Policy (who I can say, as a Browns fan, hasn't had much of that YSU success lately, has he?). Those commercials must have made me believe that YSU is all about its students.

But after reading about these perpetual tuition hikes, and particularly University President David Sweet's comments regarding them, I see that the administration could care less about its students. They can play all the games with our money like give themselves raises and expect us to foot the bill. And the only time they'll give a raise to the STUDENTS is when the STUDENT Government Association puts the pressure on them. The

only number they care about is not the tuition rate, it's whether enrollment is 11,990 or 12,142 (And about that, the administration is taking way too much credit. The increase of 152 students is because most got homesick or did too much partying in their first semester, not because of that sparkle on Carmen Policy's incisors or canines).

So as the administration is sitting behind its collective desk with its collective feet up at room temperature and smoking the collective cigar that 12,142 students walking through the blistering cold between classes just got done paying for, I offer my apology. I'm sorry that the administration doesn't care about the students. It's just too bad that the students can't reciprocate. Because if we stop caring about the administration by sending them more money in the form of tuition hikes each year, they'll kick us out of school.

Now, if you'll excuse me I need to go find a third job.

Matt Watts  
Freshman  
Telecommunications



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November.

Dillingham said she and Irvin were invited back to White's hotel room where she sang "You Put a Move on My Heart" by Tamia to showcase her singing skills for White.

Impressed by her vocals, the Grammy winner began plans to assist Dillingham in getting her singing career off the ground.

Dillingham said there is a possibility that she will be featured on a project that White is developing. The project will feature various artists such as Musiq and Floetry. "If everything works out, I will also be featured on that project," Dillingham said.

She added that White advised her to record a demo with 3 to 4 songs and encouraged her to come to Los Angeles for a photo shoot. She said White would put the demo

and photos together along with a bio into a package that he will distribute to record companies in Los Angeles.

Dillingham has been traveling to Detroit as often as possible to work on her demo with Irvin, who lives in Detroit and singer Sean Powell, formerly of the group UNV. "I usually head for Detroit as soon as I get out of class Friday afternoon," she said. "I get to Detroit around 8 p.m."

Dillingham said she spends Friday evenings writing songs with Powell and going over the vocals. She records on Saturday morning then heads back to her home in Brookfield.

"The weekends that I have to go to the studio are difficult," she said. "I usually only get 3 hours of sleep on those nights."

Dillingham is taking 19 credit

hours this semester, has a part-time job in Media Services and is the mother to 5-year-old daughter, Destiny.

"I try to schedule my studio hours far enough in advance and get my school assignments out of the way," she said. "I also make sure I make arrangements for Destiny to stay with her grandparents while I am away."

Dillingham's mother, Mary, commented on her daughter's maturity and drive for success.

"She has perseverance and endurance," Mary Dillingham said. "She is also able to accept failure."

Mary Dillingham said her daughter's support system consists of both sets of Destiny's grandparents.

"We try to help her as much as we can," she said. "She understands what an advantage she has

and doesn't take advantage of it. She doesn't rely on us to raise Destiny, she just relies on us for a little help."

Irvin said he is convinced that Dillingham will succeed in the music industry.

"She is such a people person and has such a positive outlook on everything," Irvin said. "She is very strong minded and not afraid of failure."

Dillingham is set to graduate in August with a degree in telecommunications but says if a record deal comes her way, she would not pass the opportunity.

"If they offered, I would take it."

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I despise awards shows on principal, I have to give some credit to the Golden Globes.

Congrats to voters on picking Diane Keaton as the best actress in a comedy for her turn in "Something's Gotta Give." Although her full-frontal nudity was the biggest shock I've had in years, she was surprisingly funny, and the movie as a whole was quality.

Also, I have to give credit to the voters for being willing to be popular. By that I mean, sometimes critics can be so hard on voters for making the popular choice, but Sean Penn's performance in "Mystic River" was so powerful and moving that anybody else winning that award would have been a travesty.

Also, Tim Robbins' performance in "Mystic River" was so superb that it's almost a shame that he has to be considered a "supporting actor," because he carries more than he supports. At least he got some hardware.

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# African American

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2004

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7:00p.m.

Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center

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Dr. Jawanza  
Kunjufu

### Saturday, February 14 Dance - Bi-Okoto Dance Group from Cincinnati

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### Monday, February 23 Musical Presentation: Yewande

7:00p.m.

Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center

Yewande is an alternative soul singer-songwriter whose music captures the essence of the human experience. Classically trained in voice and piano, Yewande has thrilled audiences across the country, including those at the JFK Center for the Performing Arts, Black Entertainment Tonight (BET), and London's Jazz Café and Black Lily. Co-sponsored by the Office of Student Activities



### Saturday, February 7 The African Marketplace

Noon - 6:00p.m.

Chestnut Room, The African  
Marketplace

The African Marketplace is one of the most popular events marking African American History Month. It draws a rich variety of vendors, artists, and book dealers specialized in African and African American creations from Ohio and neighboring states.

### Wednesday, February 11 Lecture - Bari-Ellen Roberts "When You Know You're Right"

7:00p.m.

Ohio Room,  
Kilcawley Center

Hailed as a "modern-day Rosa Parks" and one of the most courageous African Americans of our time, she led 1,400 African American employees of Texaco to the largest racial discrimination settlement in United States history. Her story is told in her book, *Roberts versus Texaco: The True Story of Race in Corporate America*.



Bari-Ellen Roberts

### February 6 through February 14 Musical - "Raisin"

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### Tuesday, February 17 Movie Night - "Liberia: America's Step Child," Documentary by Nancee Oku Bright

7:00p.m.

Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center

Founded by free blacks and freed American slaves in 1821, Liberia was once the hope and pride of black Africa. Although political and economic power was wielded by Americanized Africans, the two groups forged a tight and sensitive existence which tilted out of balance in a civil war of the 1980s. That conflict continued until recently, when a truce was reached and the former head of state, Charles Taylor, went into exile in Nigeria. Liberian filmmaker Nancee Oku Bright traces the relationship between America and Liberia and analyzes the causes of strife between Liberia's indigenous population and freed American slaves.



### Thursday, February 19 Diversity Workshop - Diversity Issues in the 21st Century: Diversity Workshop for Employers and Employees

9:00-12:00p.m.

Presidents Suite, Kilcawley Center

The workshop will address pertinent issues in the workplace involving leadership and knowledge, and the extent to which they affect company culture, productivity, and competitiveness. The workshop will cover a wide range of topics including flextime, same-sex partners, innovative compensation and benefit programs. Continuing credit hours are available to professionals. Co-sponsors include the Mahoning Bar Association, Williamson College of Business Administration, the Addition Program of Mahoning County, Youngstown Support Group, Community Connection Association, Mahoning County Chemical Dependency Program, the Hall Kennedy Recovery Clinic, and the Youngstown Urban Ministry Addiction and Drug Abuse Outreach Program

### Saturday, February 21 Poetry Slam Competition

6:30p.m.

Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center

Original poetry submissions by budding local poets on different aspects of African American life and culture. Prizes will be awarded based on the style, content, and quality of presentation. Submissions must reach the Africana Studies Program by Wednesday, February 18.

### Wednesday, February 25 Lecture - Dorian T. Warren "Multiple Identities and Organizational Change in the U.S. Labor Movement"

7:00p.m.

Presidents Suite, Kilcawley Center

Dorian T. Warren is a Ph.D. candidate in political science at Yale University and an Erskine Peters Fellow in African-American Studies at the University of Notre Dame. His research combines theoretical, historical, and empirical approaches to the study of marginal groups within American politics, focusing on the political organization and mobilization of groups based on class, race, ethnicity, gender, and sexuality. Co-sponsored by the Center for Working Class Studies



Dorian T. Warren

### Friday, February 27 Lecture - Dr. Ron Daniels "The Case for Reparations: Does America Owe Africans in America?"

7:00p.m. McKay Auditorium,  
Beeghly Hall

A native of Youngstown, Dr. Daniels is the executive director of the Center for Constitutional Rights in New York. He is a prominent civil rights activist who has championed numerous causes and writes weekly columns for newspapers and journals. He was a strong advocate of the divestiture movement in apartheid South Africa, and recently led an historic trip to Haiti.



Ron Daniels

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2004-2005

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Stop by one of our tables for information on financial aid for the 2004-2005 academic year. The priority deadline to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), Renewal FAFSA or FAFSA on the Web and the Institutional Aid Application is February 15, 2004.

The following is a list of places, dates and times when staff from the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships will be available to distribute forms and answer questions:

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Tuesday, January 27	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	•Kilcawley Center - 1st Floor across from bank •Williamson Hall - Lobby
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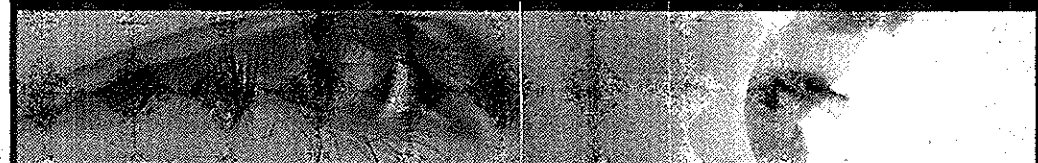
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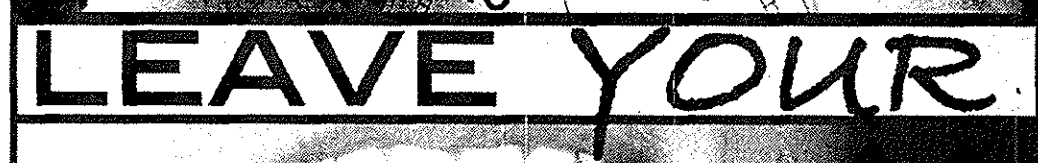
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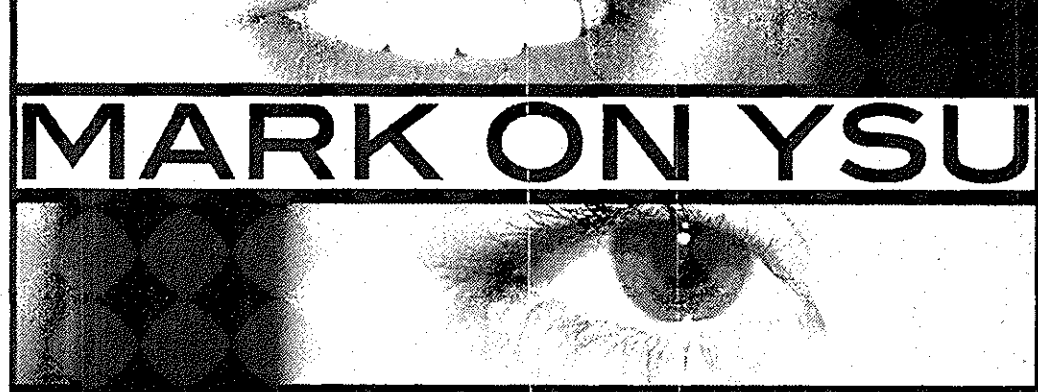
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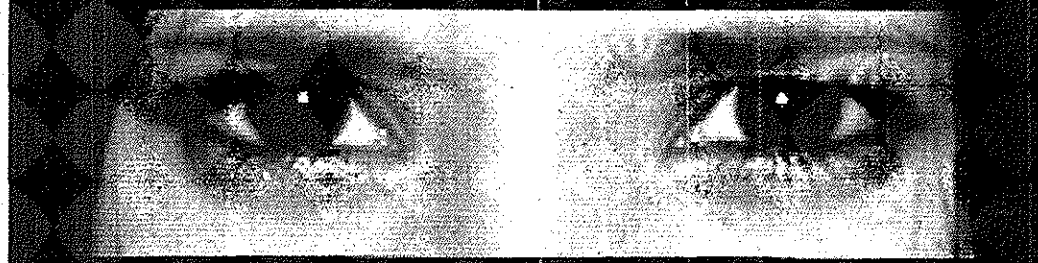
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# SPORTS & RECREATION

## Women break streak; men earn split

By JOSHUA BOGGS  
The Jambor

After a tough loss to Butler University that extended their losing streak to 16 games, Youngstown State University's women's basketball team got back on the right track with a win over IPFW on Saturday.

Despite a school-record seven blocks by junior Tara Fleming, YSU's women's basketball team was not able to withstand a 10-0 run by Butler in the game between the Penguins and Bulldogs Jan. 21.

The Penguins (1-16, 0-7) were held scoreless for much of the final six minutes of the game as the Bulldogs improved to 6-11, 2-4 with a 55-45 victory.

Fleming also had a team-high 12 points for the Penguins who only shot 30.8 percent overall from the floor in the second half.



HILL

"We've struggled offensively," head coach Tisha Hill said. "We've got to work on things. Getting better is not always a win/loss thing."

After a foul shot by Fleming tied the game 45-45 with 5:39 remaining, the Penguins were ice cold from that point on and could not connect on one single bucket.

"When we get good looks, we haven't been hitting them," Hill said. "That is not the togetherness that this team has."

Hill said that confidence is the biggest problem for the team this season and that there needs to be improvement with her players in that area.

"Individually, you must look inside and have confidence," Hill said. "I have to

work on building morale with the team. I don't expect them to give up at all."

And the team was rewarded for not giving up with a victory in their next game against IPFW that will hopefully become the rule rather than the exception.

The women shot an improved percentage from the floor and played exceptional defense to begin the second half en route to a 72-62 victory.

Junior Jen Perugini led the Penguins with 14 points, as YSU would seal the game from the charity stripe with eight free throws in the last minute. Overall, the team shot 46 percent from the floor and 81 percent from the free throw line.

The YSU men's team gave Butler, a Sweet-16 qualifier from last season, all they could handle and more before dropping a 67-66 overtime contest in the most heartbreaking of fashions.

Despite having three players score in double figures, the Penguins (4-12, 1-6) could not stop a last second 3-pointer by Bruce Horan, of the Bulldogs (7-9, 3-4), that sent the game into an extra period.

Horan, who only had nine points in the game, also hit a clutch 3-pointer with just ten seconds left in overtime that won the game for Butler.

Senior Adam Baumann scored a Penguin high 18 points in the game.

"It hurt real bad," an emotional Baumann said. "We played through the end. It's what we have been working on all season."

For the Penguins, Doug Underwood added 12 points, including a perfect 10 for 10 from the foul line. Andy Jahnke also had 11 points.

After the game, head coach John Robic proclaimed that he would never give up on



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THE POINT: Freshman YSU guard Kristy Gaudiose tries to make her move against IPFW guard Jenny Green during the Penguin's win Saturday. The YSU women next head to Chicago while the men host Loyola on Thursday at 7 p.m.



ROBIC

his team and that he would always stay positive no matter what the circumstances were. "I'm the leader of this program," Robic said. "You will never see me down. You will see me coaching every sec-

ond of every game. I love coaching these guys."

Robic also admitted that he was thrilled with the crowd participation in the game and that it helped to influence his plays.

"They made a difference in the game," Robic said. "We made big plays. I just wish we could have made one more." Making plays in the sec-

ond half was exactly what the Penguins did on Saturday against Cleveland State on their way to a 61-59 conference victory.

The Penguins shot nearly 50 percent from the floor while holding the Vikings to less than 40 percent on field goals.

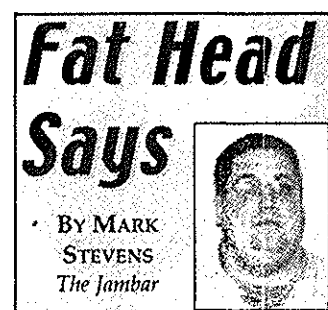
Baumann once again led the Penguins' offense with 17 points, and freshman Mike

Woodard was clutch from the free throw line, making two at the end of the game that would prove to be the difference.

The men will host Loyola at Beeghly Center on Thursday, with tip-off set for 7 p.m., while the women will travel to Chicago.

Call Joshua Boggs at (330) 941-1811.

## March Madness in January



BY MARK STEVENS  
The Jambor

Shoes most unenvied by Fat Head: Norv Turner, new head coach of the Oakland Raiders.

This is a team headed for oblivion. There couldn't be a more profound example of the term "rebuilding."

Obnoxiously arrogant, yet way past their prime veterans combined with owner Al Davis make for a situation that no one should want to get in to.

Is it too early for March Madness? With Florida State pulling off the unbelievable with two upsets over top 10 teams, the Seminoles are finally turning into the well-rounded athletic program that they've always dreamed of being.

Head coach Leonard Hamilton is quickly making fans in Tallahassee forget all about the football team's recent inability to beat rivals and win bowl games.

Rick Pitino is proving that he is an excellent coach to build a college program around, despite his inability to succeed at the professional level.

After his tumultuous and rabidly ineffective stint as the head coach of the Boston Celtics, Pitino has returned to his domain, big-time college hoops. His Louisville Cardinals are ranked in the top ten and currently sit in the midst of a 15-game win streak that included an absolutely dominant victory over rival Cincinnati that marked the worst loss that Cincy has suffered under coach Bob Huggins.

Some college coaches would be wise to pay mind to Pitino's travels. Those practices that work wonders for college sports don't necessarily translate to success at the pro-

fessional level where more than just the game is different. Just ask Southern Cal head football coach Pete Carroll.

Trendy Final Four picks have to be Louisville, Duke, Stanford and St. Joseph's.

With their ability to play as a team, one can't help but speculate that Stanford has the upper hand at this juncture, though we're still a long ways from the tourney.

Who you calling soft?: Yao Ming is finally starting to put up some serious numbers to back the hype surrounding the biggest Asian export this side of Toyota.

24.5 points and 12.1 boards per contest during a current seven game stretch is just a peek at what this guy can do when he sets himself to be a force.

Bet on this: Phil Mickelson will win a major tournament this year. Mark it down. You heard it here.

Golden Globing from Fat Head's pedestal: Even though

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## Arens honored, looking ahead

By JOSHUA BOGGS  
The Jambor

One senior athlete here on campus is making a big splash for the swimming and diving program.

Youngstown State University swimmer Lena Arens has made her mark, as both an athlete and a leader, here at YSU.



ARENS

Arens, who is in her fifth and final year swimming for YSU, set personal record times of 24.78 seconds in the 50-yard freestyle and 54.87 seconds in the 100-yard freestyle against the Akron Zips on Saturday, Jan. 17. She won both events and anchored the winning 400-yard freestyle relay, en route to being named the Horizon League Women's Swimming and Diving Athlete of the Week.

A week later at Cleveland State, Arens posted a time of 24.76 in the 50-yard freestyle to

rank in the top three performances for that event in the Horizon League this season.

Competitiveness has always run in the Arens family. Both of her siblings played two sports and that competitiveness rubbed off on her.

"I think the reason I am so competitive in swimming is because I am the middle child," Arens said.

Arens also admits that being a female athlete has made her stronger not just in sports, but in life as well.

"Female athletes are more intense, and they take the competition outside of the sport," Arens said. "Being a female athlete is a good thing because it teaches survival and how to be competitive."

Performing well is a result of team leadership and perseverance, Arens said.

Arens and her team are great examples of this.

"Our team is a mixture of examples of leadership," she said. "When it's time to have a meet, I'm an adrenaline junkie. I am an example of perseverance from being here five

years." Those five years have been exciting for Arens, but she also admits that she is ready to not have a coach tell her what to do all of the time and be able to lead a "normal" life.

"I'm ready to be done," Arens said. "I've had five years. I'm ready to be a normal person that doesn't have to get up at 5 a.m. and get in the pool."

After her career with YSU is finished, Arens is planning on moving to Florida for some well-deserved rest and relaxation, and she would eventually like to start coaching herself.

"The path will start in high school and then go to college," Arens said.

Arens added that the team would be in good hands when she is gone.

"We have four or five girls that are ranked in the top 20 (Horizon League) in their events," Arens said. "Our team is better than it's ever been before."

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attitude toward her battle with cancer.

"She was so determined to beat it," Leancu said. "She had us all convinced that she would beat it."

Senior Victoria Pantoja, also a YSU social work major, said she too was affected by Kimberly's determination and drive for life.

"She was so determined to not let cancer to take over her life," Pantoja said.

Kimberly volunteered at the American Cancer Society and the St. Elizabeth Cancer Care Center. She also began the YSU chapter of the American

Cancer Society Colleges Against Cancer and brought the Relay for Life to campus in 2002.

"She did so much in her 21 years of life," Pantoja said. "Everything she did, she did well."

Another friend, senior Kimberly Simon, met Kimberly in 2000 when they were taking several social work classes together.

She recalled a conversation she had with Kimberly just a month before she passed away.

"She had just found out she had to take another semes-

ter of classes to graduate and she was fine with it," Simon said. "She was determined to do whatever she had to do to graduate, no matter how sick she was. She came to class up until a week before her death."

Simon described Kimberly as having an "infectious enthusiasm for life."

It is that enthusiasm that family and friends of Kimberly are hoping to preserve by establishing a scholarship in her name.

Pantoja is chairwoman of the Kimberly Ann DeOnofrio Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee.

Pantoja said she felt it was important for family and friends of Kimberly to put their feelings into doing something positive for Kimberly.

Since September, the committee has worked toward a \$10,000 fund-raising goal.

So far the committee has raised \$5,300 by holding raffles and selling coffee, hot chocolate and thousands of candy bars. Pantoja said the committee is hoping to secure the remaining \$4,700 through ticket sells for a Valentine's Day dinner that will be held on February 14. The tickets are \$25 per person. Pantoja said they

must sell at least 400 tickets to reach their goal.

"We want everyone to come and have a good time, we want to celebrate and remember Kim, but we really want everyone to have a good, fun time as well," Pantoja said.

During the dinner, a reverse raffle will be held and the winner will receive a prize of \$1,500. Pantoja said the winner does not need to be present to win the grand prize.

"If someone buys a ticket then can't make it, they just have to let us know in advance and we have someone stand in for them," Pantoja said.

Mary DeOnofrio said she will attend the dinner established to honor her daughter and that she is very touched by the efforts of Pantoja and those working with her.

"My husband and I are both so touched at the way YSU refuses to allow Kimberly to be forgotten," she said.

Simon said it is only fitting that Kimberly be remembered with a social work scholarship.

"This was her big dream," Simon said. "This is how her name should be remembered."

Call Trina Quarles at (330) 941-1913.