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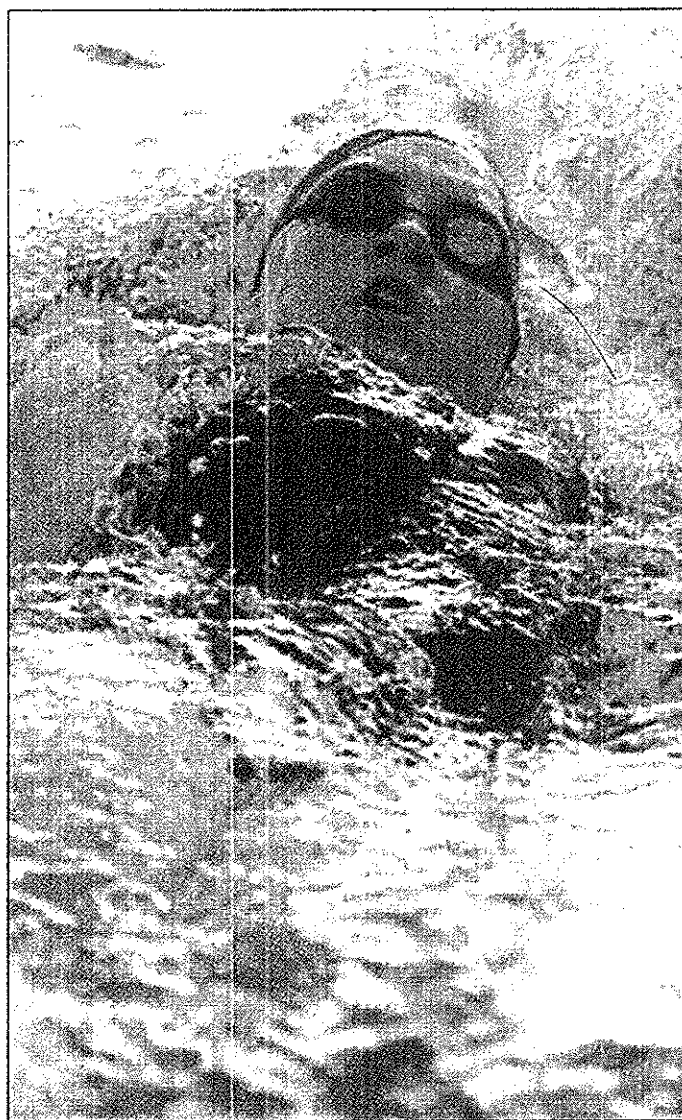
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Winning in the waterworld



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WATERWORLD: The YSU swimming and diving team has set many school records this season.

The YSU swimming and diving program has made leaps and bounds in only a few years of existence.

BY JOSHUA BOGGS &
MARK STEVENS
The Jambar

From 1987 until 1996, Youngstown State University's swimming and diving program made no splashes in the pool because it did not exist. In the time since 1996, the program has gone from fledgling to respectable in a remarkable turnaround.

The program was headed by Jackie Bak, a well-respected coach on the national level, from 1999 until 2003. Bak took a program that was an afterthought on campus and made it into one that was setting school records and earning accolades throughout the Division I level.

New Leadership



ANDERSON

New head coach Matt Anderson is leading the charge in building on the successes of Bak.

He cites hard work, discipline and determination as the "basic things" that have led

the team to improve and be competitive every meet.

"My goal is for them to be successful," Anderson said, adding that he enjoys seeing how the swimmers get excited when they do well.

Despite falling to the other two teams — Xavier and Wright State

— at Sunday's four-team meet, the Penguins still attained what had been an elusive first Horizon League victory by defeating Butler, 86-51.

Despite having just one senior on the team, Anderson said that leadership has not been a problem with other upperclassmen willing to step up and assume leadership roles.

That lone senior, Lena Arens, has been a "great leader for the program," Anderson said.

Carter Steps Up



CARTER

One of the upperclassmen who has also contributed greatly is junior Erin Carter. Carter broke her own school record in the 400-yard individual medley on Sunday in Carmel, Ind. with a time of 4 minutes, 40.77 seconds.

Carter also placed third in the 100-

yard backstroke (1:01.75) and 200-yard backstroke (2:13.72).

Not only is Carter making her way into the record books, but she said she is also moving her team out of the 1980's — when most of the swimming and diving records were set — and into the future.

"One of my main goals is to motivate my team out of the 80's and into the 2000's," Carter said. "I feel as if I'm leading the way in that direction."

Carter attributes her new school record and much of her success in life to her parents, who traveled all the way from Arkansas to watch her performance on Sunday.

"I would absolutely have to say that it is something my parents have instilled in me," Carter said. "My parents have accepted nothing less than the best in athletics and academics."

Other Contributors

Carter's outstanding individual efforts were also followed with impressive strides by her teammates.

Junior school record-holder Kalyn Leveto dove to YSU's only other victories in the meet, having first-place scores of 255.75 in 1-meter diving and 248.75 in 3-meter diving.

Freshmen teammates Erin Mazzant

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Roommate experience rocky for a few at YSU

BY MARK STEVENS & KATHY KOCAN
The Jambar

Looking back, things were not that good for Heather Kostenjak and her roommates right from the start.

Kostenjak, a freshman, said her experience living in the YSU University Courtyard Apartments started rocky and worsened as time went on.

There were four roommates, Kostenjak said, and almost immediately the room was split into two camps. In a situation that Kostenjak describes as "a constant war," the roommates would do whatever they could to bother one another. Sleeping roommates were greeted by ruckus. Personal effects were treated with disdain.

"We would eat each other's food on purpose," Kostenjak said.

Eventually one of the groups split, Kostenjak said, and it became a three-on-one battle.

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Valentine's Day memories...

BY WILLIAM LEHN
The Jambar

Valentine's Day is upon us once more and thousands of couples from Youngstown State University will be exchanging notes of love, candy, flowers and presents of all kinds this weekend.

But where did it all start? According to historychannel.com, one origin of the day started around the third century in Rome. Valentine was impris-

oned by the Emperor Claudius for marrying single male soldiers in a time when the emperor believed that their marriage would lead to the fall of the Roman Empire. For his actions, Valentine was put to death but not before he would send the first "valentine" greeting himself.

Before his death, it is alleged he wrote a letter to the jailer's daughter that he signed "From your Valentine," and this expression is still widely used today.

On the campus of YSU, many students had memories from their own

Valentine escapades and plans for some more this weekend.

Freshman Jasmin Maddox said his favorite valentine memory started with a rose petal walkway leading to a plethora of presents on her bed including a teddy bear, candy, jewelry and a dozen roses. However, she and her special man are not together anymore. "I don't miss him; I just miss the gifts," Maddox said.

Freshman DeAudra Edgerson said the

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Wee Care offers help but at a price

BY CHUCK ROGERS
The Jambar

Two of Jana Rednour's college expenses are not listed in the undergraduate catalog or the bookstore price list. Their names are Jayse and Willow, her 6-year-old son and 3-year-old daughter.

Along with the stresses of homework and tests, students like Rednour also have to find a safe place for their children to stay while they attend classes. For many parents going to college, day care is the only solution.

Wee Care Day Care Center is located in Fedor Hall. YSU

provides the space in exchange for the discounted rates they offer to university students. With the student discount, the cost for one child for five-day-a-week care ranges from \$95.50 to more than \$118, according to their most recent price list. For many students who work low-paying part-time jobs, the cost is almost as much as they earn.

Assistant Administrator of Wee Care Day Care Diane Mosora said most of the students who bring their children receive some sort of public assistance to help out with their bill.

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An honest campus

Honesty is still running strong at YSU.

Last month, a student lost her wallet and someone found and returned it to her with everything still intact. On Jan. 16, another student lost \$400 and had it returned to her.

According to a YSU police report, freshman Tim Gordon was walking on the south side of the P-22 Parking Lot by DeBartolo Hall around 11:20 a.m. and found a Sky Bank envelope on the ground. He said he picked up the envelope and found that it contained \$400.

Gordon immediately went to the YSU Police Department and turned in the money. According to the report, officer George

Hammar called the Dean's Office of the College of Arts and Sciences, but no one had reported losing a substantial amount of money.

That same day, Junior Amber Park came to the station and identified the money to officer Hammar's satisfaction and the money was returned to her.

Gordon said he hopes if someone else is ever in the situation where they found a large sum of money, they would return the money to the owner or over to the police.

"I had lost a credit card in a parking deck once and someone found it and turned it in, which I was extremely thankful for," Gordon said.

Cabinet expansion among SGA talks

BY CHRISTINA POE
The Jambar

Discussions concerning a possible new committee and more representatives to accommodate student body growth sparked debate among Student Government Association members at Monday's meeting.

Computer illiteracy and an SGA-run newsletter, entitled "The Jambetter," were also among discussions.

Health and Human Services Representative Anthony Candell, also chair of the Constitution and By-Laws committee, introduced a recommendation to expand the body.

Candell said adding nine representatives to the current 25 would allow SGA to better handle student concerns.

"With nine to ten more people doing what we do, we

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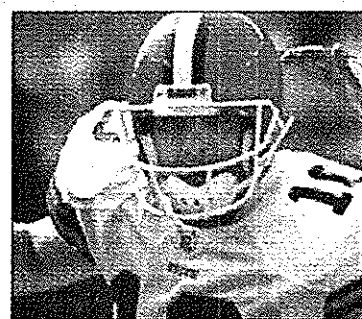
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and Lynea Harrill rounded out the top three places in 3-meter diving by placing second and third with scores of 185.85 and 167.75, respectively.

Also placing in the 100-yard and 50-yard freestyles was junior Missy Wiese, who was fifth (55.92) and sixth (25.75).

In the distances, junior Jordan Dunn was fourth in the 1000-yard freestyle (11:14.56) and fifth in the 500-yard

freestyle (5:30.82).

Also for the Penguins, junior school record-holder Danielle Blagg was fifth (2:40.95) in the 200-yard breaststroke, freshman Becky Bertuzzi was fourth (2:02.32) in the 200-yard freestyle, and freshman Kim Hanley was fifth (5:12.38) in the 400-yard IM.

Championships Forthcoming

The Penguins will travel to Chicago in two weeks to compete in the Horizon League Championships on Feb. 25.

Anderson has high hopes for the team in Chicago.

"We're just going to go in and do our best," he said.

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The situation came to a head over toiletries. After a bathroom was "trashed," the object of the roommates' ire was finally gone.

To save on expenses, college students said sharing living arrangements with roommates can be logical — rent is lower per resident, and other bills, such as food, can be split. But sometimes, students said, disaster results.

YSU sophomore Matt Lorenzi said he lives in a house close to the campus with three friends.

A point of contention for them has been when to turn on the heat. When the temperature dipped in October, one of his roommates was not ready to pay the cost of heating their house.

"I understand," Lorenzi said. "He was just trying to save money."

Roommates present different situations and different challenges in the aspect of on-campus living. For students living in dorms, there is not much of a financial situation.

Freshman Matt Corsale, who lives with a roommate in Cafaro House residence hall, said his experience has been positive. He says that without any expenses to share, the only possible problem he could see is if students are matched who are totally incompatible. But Corsale said he and his roommate get along great.

"We don't really have any problems, and it's good to get

used to dealing with other people," he said. "The only con I can really think of is having to share space with him, but that doesn't really cause a problem."

Assistant Director of Housing Danielle Shea attributes the success of matching roommates in dorms to "personality profiles" that students are asked to turn in with their housing applications.

She goes through these forms trying to match students to avoid conflict. The system is not foolproof, and there are still situations that arise. Major conflicts such as Kostanjak's, though, are limited to "a couple a semester," Shea said.

Kostanjak said that she and her roommates handle financial matters in a basic way. Since they live in the University Courtyard Apartments, they are each responsible for \$415.00 in rent she said, which includes utilities. As far as personal effects go, there is little sharing. Bathroom supplies, hair dryers, and clothes are among the off-limits items.

The roommates, however, share the cost of food and cleaning supplies. They have a unique method of grocery shopping, which involves using separate carts for individual and shared items.

After a bad experience with a previous roommate, junior Rich Kolisar, a University Scholar, said in his current living situation things

in his room are shared because he and his roommate get along so well.

"I'm good enough friends with my roommate that food and all that stuff is just — he buys some, I buy some," he said. "If one of us is short on cash, it's nothing for the other one to pitch in and get something."

When it comes to personal belongings and valuables, Shea said roommates — like people — are different, but Housing Services has some recommendations.

"We tell them to sit down together and make guidelines right away," Shea said. These guidelines help roommates understand how each feels about personal belongings.

Depending on their financial situation, each semester college students have a choice to make regarding housing.

Since YSU is typically a commuter school, students like junior Kristen Michaels choose to live at home.

"I work full-time and need the money to pay for my car and insurance, plus other expenses," she said. "It just makes sense to me. Plus, I'm not a roommate-type person. I've heard too many horror stories about roommates."

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could achieve a lot more," Candel said.

Parliamentarian Daniel Griesemer agreed and said additional representatives would integrate the ideas of more student organizations into the SGA curriculum.

Other members voiced concerns about adding members.

Arts and Sciences Representative Dominic Buzzacco referenced the last SGA election, in which there were not enough candidates to fill the seats. Buzzacco questioned whether a sufficient amount of candidates would run if the body expanded.

Josh Sturges, engineering representative, said additions could create instability within SGA, stating that the organization had already undergone numerous changes in the past few years.

Administrative Advisor Marty Manning asked members to carefully examine the issue.

"The actions you take have long term consequences,"

Manning said. "Know what you're voting for."

The issue was tabled until the next meeting so members could further explore it.

SGA also discussed the issue of computer illiteracy on campus.

Junior Stacey Montalvo addressed the issue to SGA members during the open gallery portion of the meeting. Montalvo said she has helped many non-traditional students with the Student Online Registration. She said she became aware that a number of them were not familiar with simple computer workings.

Montalvo also said she has fielded complaints from non-traditional students saying that, although they took introductory computer classes, they were unable to learn because their teacher sped through lessons.

She suggested a survey similar to math and English placement tests to be given to all incoming students to assess their computer knowledge.

"We need to find a way for computer literacy to be tested so we can help them," she said. "There is a large need for it on campus."

She also presented the idea of creating mandatory special computer classes or workshops. While Sturges said workshops were a reasonable idea, he thought making them mandatory for students could upset "quite a few" people.

Sturges said one possible solution could be a workshop set-up in the Maag Library.

SGA Vice President Adam Yukovic commended Montalvo, saying it was "nice to have a student come talk to us so well prepared and committed to a cause."

SGA members also discussed plans for their newsletter "The Jambetter."

Representatives said they were exploring what design programs the newsletter would be produced on and possible story ideas.

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nicest thing someone did on Valentine's Day for her was to buy her a leather coat, roses and a card.

DeLoria Shaw also recalls her favorite Valentine's Day experience.

"We did the traditional dinner and a movie thing, and then we went back to his house for a surprise."

Shaw recalls, "He had rose petals on the counter of the bathroom and candles with rose petals in the tub. We took a bath together and he gave me a rub down with massage oil." "You know," ensued and the next morning the blushing sophomore says "he cooked me breakfast."

Freshman Dwight Holmes' most romantic Valentine's Day was a picnic in Columbus at Hoover Dam. "We watched the waterfall and ate in the tunnel, it was sweet," he said.

One thing Holmes does is wait to give the presents. "I give them on the next day, because they are expecting it on the fourteenth."

For this Valentine's Day, Holmes wants chocolate and love. "Any chocolate is fine, dark or white, it's all love," a confident Holmes said.

Some students have different feelings about Valentine's Day.

Freshman John Barber has sad memories of Valentine's Day. "My girl caught me cheating on that day and broke up with me," Barber said.

Junior Kim Leeson loves the day but often feels slighted. Both her birthday and anniversary falls on February 16.

"It sucks man," Leeson bluntly stated referring to the fact that her gifts are often combined.

Edward Korchnak follows the regimen of "F.D.E.P." on

Valentine's Day.

"Flowers, dinner and foreplay are the basics," Korchnak explained.

Leeson, who was seated at the same table at Arby's replied, "That's every guys' basics."

For Leeson, it starts with cuddling and presents. "It has to be a romantic day, not just like 'hey baby,' it has to be perfect."

Isaiah Anderson only has romance on his mind. The freshman is cooking for a special woman in his life. "No one has ever cooked for her, so I want to," Anderson said. His expectations for a passion filled night are high with \$74 worth of lacey lingerie from Victoria's Secret.

"It's all I can do to show her my love," Anderson said.

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Mahoning County Department of Human Services does not cover the entire cost of day care for working parents' children. Most have some out-of-pocket co-payment, and Mosora said many students struggle to meet the expense.

Rednour's children spend about 32 to 50 hours a week in day care, depending on her work schedule. Since one of her jobs is at Wee Care, she gets an employee discount in addition to her student discount and Human Services assistance. However, she is still left with a \$63-a-month co-payment.

Rednour said the co-payment does not sound like much money, but for her it's the difference between working one job or two.

"I don't work two jobs because I'm bored," Rednour said. "You've got to do what you've got to do."

Little known to most YSU students, help is available from a daycare assistance program funded by the university. The program provides reimbursement for a portion of daycare expenses to any current student who applies.

Associate Director of Technology and Support Services in the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships James Stanger said the university budgets \$20,000 each semester to help defray the cost of daycare for student scholarships. In order to qualify students must be enrolled in classes, send their children in a state-licensed daycare program, and apply for assistance online before the final date to withdraw with a "W."

Stanger emphasizes that the reimbursement is only for student's out-of-pocket expenses, such as day-care co-payments. Students cannot be reimbursed for monies paid to a day care facility by government agencies.

There is no income or semester-hour requirement, Stanger said, but the reimbursement is based on the number of children each student enrolls and the number of semester hours the student takes. The application is only available online at the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships' Web site.

Many of the students who need the assistance do not even know about it.

Rednour said after numerous visits to the Financial Aid Office they had never heard of the program.

Mosora, a former student with children in day care, said she heard of the program after she started working for Wee Care.

In fall 2003, 39 students applied for daycare assistance, an increase of 15 students from the spring 2003 enrollment.

Financial aid counselors are requested to advise students of the program, but little other publicity is given to it aside from the Financial Aid Department's Web site. The program has a limited budget, Stanger said, and if more students apply, less money is available for each student.

"It's a double edged sword," Stanger said.

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News in brief**Confidential documents can be shredded**

All YSU departments may have confidential documents collected and shredded through the YSU Support Services' Recycling Program on March 10. The program will collect the files and documents on March 9 or March 10.

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Today's Editorial

SGA drive has fallen off track

For the first time in recent years, Student Government Association has finally taken the right track. They have been involved on campus more than any other administration in other years and were beneficial to the student body often last semester. However, it seems as though its drive has been lost. The last few meetings have been less than productive and representatives are not making the same strides as they did last semester. In two hours and 15 minutes, representatives did not pass a single resolution nor make one significant decision at Monday's meeting. Trivial discussions of expanding the SGA body and creating computer literacy classes resulted in no action. Health and Human Services Representative Anthony Candel recommended that nine new representatives be added to the body next year. Arts and Sciences Representative Dominic Buzzacco was correct when he argued that in last year's elections, not all of the representative seats were filled. Representatives should be more concerned with using the current positions to their fullest potential and not creating more empty, non-productive seats. There are only five general meetings left this semester and SGA officials need to get a grip on what they hope to accomplish by the end of the year. With so little time, SGA President Emily Eckman and Vice President Adam Vukovic need to step into their leadership positions now more than ever. They must manage each representative's time efficiently so that all projects are completed by the end of the academic year. There cannot be meetings where representatives mock each other or disagree foolishly. Each minute of each meeting should count for accomplishing something truly successful. Immature discussions about creating an SGA-run newsletter, "The Jambetter," are a waste of valuable time. Representatives are acting foolishly by exerting energy into a personal grudge against The Jambar instead of making positive things happen on campus. Past administrations have never been so successful as the current SGA was earlier this year. It would be a shame to this administration, Youngstown State University students and YSU as a whole if the year ended as a flop. We encourage SGA officials to continue to do their best, step up into their roles, put childish projects aside and accomplish projects successfully.

DEMOCRACY, HYPOCRACY



Letters to the Editor

'Free speech' should not include 'intolerance'

Editor:

In an article headed "Diverse Christian Views Are Not Respected," Don Rudolph asks why "conservatives and Christians are not welcome in a diverse world." I can answer this question only after moderating the language. First it must be pointed out that disagreeing with a particular point of view — even deploring it — does not amount to disrespect, as The Jambar's headline suggests. I would prefer to say that views hostile to toleration continue to draw criticism. Similarly, it is wise to qualify the phrase "conservatives and Christians." After all, many conservatives and Christians do consider gay men, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgendered people to be citizens who, as such, deserve the same protection for their families as heterosexuals have, so that they can contribute to society as a whole to their maximum potential. Fair-minded conservatives and Christians distinguish between issues of personal morality and matters over which the state has jurisdiction. Practical-minded conservatives and Christians recognize that a society prospers when its members are free to form affectional alliances and construct families from which they derive strength and inspiration. Many conservatives and Christians recognize that they can be good people without insisting that all the world share their own moral principles. So the real question is why the opinions of individuals who are intolerant of homosexuality — which is to say some conservatives and Christians — continue to draw criticism. Don Rudolph asks for a logical answer. The answer is that in a society that honors diversity, conflicting views have a right to be heard, for honoring diversity includes a belief in the freedom of speech, but to honor diversity so far as to approve of intolerance would be to saw off the branch one is sitting on.

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Organized religion will continue to 'persecute'

Editor:

With the utmost respect to all of the combatants in the appropriately dubbed "Christians vs. Everyone Else" battle on The Jambar's editorial page, allow me to offer yet another point of view. Organized popular religion, no matter what denomination or location, has and will continue to segregate, persecute and disrespect almost all who do not understand the most fundamental moral positions of the different world religions. It hasn't a choice. The rights of same sex couples are no different than the rights of anyone else who argues against them. We are not governed by laws that dictate sexual orientation. Nor should anyone support an unconstitutional law that denies anyone the inalienable human right to "the pursuit of happiness" (yes, Ms. Gerish it IS in the constitution). I believe that if two people love each other and want that to be recognized, then they should be allowed that. If it conflicts with your religious beliefs, tough. To write in a law that prevents this is to go backward into the same kind of religious intolerance that brought white men to this continent in the first place. The human characteristic of faith is cyclic in development. Every major religion in the world today has had to overcome great persecution and intolerance to get to what each has become. This fact needs no illustration, for every religious person worth their salt knows what their respective prophets were forced to endure at the hands of the then dominant religion. Christianity and Islam are two that suffered oppression by the then established religion, be it a form of paganism, humanism or whatever. And both Christianity and Islam, after they had become what they are, had been guilty of the very same atrocities they themselves had suffered. There will always be a line that separates every major religion from the moral compass of the rest of the world. Therefore there will always be irreconcilable differences between them. I am an agnostic. I am so because of the things I have written here. I do not believe that ANY human being could possibly know what God/Allah or any other divine being is because we haven't the capability to do so. Reason follows to understand that if we cannot know it, how can we live by its teachings, or even understand them? It is far more important just to have faith. To define your faith is to misunderstand it.

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Christian believers don't 'conform' to world

Editor:

This is in response to the letter submitted by Don Rudolph that was featured in the Feb. 10 issue of The Jambar. Mr. Rudolph rose a very interesting question in his letter, "why no cry to respect the diverse values of these folks (Christians and Conservatives)?" Indeed, it does seem quite unfair and even hypocritical for the individuals promoting diversity to be degrading Christianity in such a way. However, for one to truly understand the reasons behind this rejection of Christians and their beliefs, you must first understand what it means to be a Christian. I am filled with joy that so many of my brothers and sisters in Christ have openly revealed their beliefs. It's good to know there are other committed followers on campus. As Christians we will never be accepted by the world; our views and beliefs go against everything this world promotes. It is because we love our enemies and yet still have very rigid definitions of right and wrong. And though none of us are perfect, we condemn the sins we sometimes commit and ask for forgiveness. We do not go by the motto of this world — "if it feels good do it"; instead, we strive to be more like our savior and in doing so we offend the secular world because we don't want to be a part of their sin. Throughout the ages Christians have been persecuted, and so it will be till the end. We will never fit in because we do not conform to this world; what we believe just doesn't make sense to the unbeliever. God called us to be a light in the darkness, so we can't "blend" in with the darkness by accepting their sin. And this is the reason we are rejected, and looked down upon. But that's fine because my job as a Christian is to spread the truth, whether others choose to accept it is between them and God. I hope I have helped to spread some light on your question Mr. Rudolph. I could go on a lot longer but my allowed words are limited. To my siblings in Christ I say, keep up the good work, but don't get too wrapped up in all the debate. Remember we're just passing through.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Rule No. 1: Be memorable



Student Bodies
BY MARK STEVENS & ELIZABETH TABAK
The Jambar

His Side:
I said last week that I wouldn't discuss Valentine's Day, but with the ever-important day approaching, I felt that it my duty to you to at least mention it.
Women will tell you that it's not important. They'll say that you don't have to get them anything. They'll even say that all they want to do is spend time with you.
But you and I both know that what women say and what women want is often not exactly the same thing. This isn't one of those "she says 'how do I look in these jeans?' and she means 'you better say I look damn good'" kind of things.
Women can't be interpreted that way. What I would suggest, however, is that she might say things to you to make it seem like she's taking some pressure off of you.
There's one rule for success on Valentine's Day. Be memorable.
How can you be memorable this year? Well, there's a variable that provides two options.
If you're loaded with cash and have nothing better to spend the money on, watch "Days of Thunder" and see how Cole Trickle gets the doctor's "attention." Extravagance never hurts. Go crazy with flowers and stuffed red plush animals and chocolate and opera tickets and trips to Bermuda or whatever it is that you people with money to burn do.
On the other hand, if you find yourself strapped a little bit mid-semester, here are a few suggestions that won't force you to go into hiding from the IRS or a loan shark.
Make her dinner. It's easy. Even if you can't cook, you can't screw up spaghetti. If you're having trouble, call me. I'll talk you through it. Barring a house set ablaze, you'll save money over a trip to a restaurant. And you get effort "points." Yes, women keep track of "points."
Buy the "A Walk to Remember" soundtrack, throw it in the CD player, dim the lights, put on track three and ask her to dance. Yes, that's right. Ask her to dance right there in your room or living room or kitchen or wherever it will be quiet.
Even better, do it outside; if it's raining, use the porch. Trust me.
Let a few tracks play and don't even hint at the fact that you feel weird. She'll love it.
And buy a card. Always buy a card. Even if you buy no gifts, buy a card. Cards are more important. Pick one out that expresses you, not some corny Hallmark garbage. If nothing feels right, just get a blank one and write something simple like — I don't know — how about "I love you."
The secret's out. You always thought Fat Head was a sarcas-

tic, cynical and arrogant bastard. Turns out maybe he's got a little hopeless romantic somewhere inside.

Her Side:
Awwwwww. That's all that I can possibly say right now. Valentine's Day is just one of those days. Sometimes it is nice, and sometimes you want to curse the hateful god that created a day to single out the singles. But, you live to see another day, and another Valentine's day to bitch about.
It is true, I will fully admit it, there are times when women say one thing and mean another. Something else I will admit is that sometimes (okay, maybe it is just me) we tell you not to worry about a gift because we are unsure of what to buy, and we really don't want to have to worry ourselves.
Sometimes, though, we really do mean "don't worry about it."
Here is something I have learned that has become really important to me recently. It's cliché, yes, but it is still the truth: It is truly the thought that counts.
There are so many things that are so much better than trying to be memorable and trying to lavish someone with the best gifts.
A phone call is a nice way to initiate matters. Of course, sometimes I realize it is incredibly difficult to grasp the concept of finding time in your "Must See TV" schedule to pick up your phone and dial it. However, using the phone always helps to get things started.
Mark is right, making dinner gets major points. Even better is making dinner together. It can prove to be a fun experience with possibilities for a food fight, and that is something that you will definitely remember.
Movies have always worked well, too. I'm not talking about going and shelling out \$3,281.50 for two tickets, and an extra \$375.10 for popcorn and a paint bucket of Diet Coke. I am talking about dimming the lights in your own living room, renting a few movies and just hanging out. Don't get a sappy collection either. One or two romantic movies are okay, but try a movie marathon that will make you laugh. Afterward you will always have those stupid little inside jokes.
Valentine's Day should be spent with the people you care about. So even if you don't have a significant other, hang out with your friends and complain about the opposite sex. It is usually a good catharsis.
I'm not quite the romantic Mark is, but I think you'll find that these solutions work out just as well.
Call Mark Stevens at (330) 941-1811.

Play production in good 'Company'

By GERARD GRIMM
The Jambar

Next week, the Youngstown State University Theater Department will be presenting "Company," its third production of the year. Adapted from the book by George Furth, with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, the play centers around a man dealing with his choice of

do it the way it was intended to be done," Castronovo said.

Castronovo said that another motivating factor in selecting this play was its departure from the other productions of the season.

Marinelli feels that the difference of the style is part of the appeal.

"We wanted to do something totally different than what we've been doing for the

students and the people of the community," Marinelli said.

Ruth feels that the wide variety of characters in the play is also one of its strengths.

"Everyone who comes to the play will relate to a character," Ruth said.

Marinelli agreed.

"This show is one of the best examples of an ensemble cast."

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— KRISTEN MARINELLI
Junior, cast member of "Company"

lifestyle. Faced with his 35th birthday, the main character Robert notices that all his friends seem to either be engaged or married.

Wondering if he is missing out, Robert observes the joys and sorrows that his married friends go through and in the end must decide whether it is worth being alive if you are alone.

Set in the 1970's, the play is comprised of various vignettes revolving around a married couple. The character Robert, played by sophomore Ryan Ruth, is the link between all the characters.

Ruth said the role is a lot of fun. "The most fun thing about it is that I interact with every cast member," he said.

Junior Kristen Marinelli plays Marta, one of Robert's three love interests.

Ruth and Marinelli are the only two from the cast with previous roles in YSU Theater productions. Both were a part of last season's "Sideshow" production. Ruth is playing a lead for the first time.

Despite the rest of the cast being young, they are learning, sophomore stage manager Derek Kasper said.

"I think the people have worked hard enough that they have a great handle on the music," Kasper said.

Director Frank Castronovo said that this was not the first time "Company" has been done by the Youngstown State Theater Department. First done 15 years ago, the production was hampered by the renovations being done at Ford Theater. Having to move the production, it was limited in its abilities.

"We wanted to be able to

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THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

By MIKE PINGREE
KRT

OTHER THAN THAT, HE WAS PERFECT

A woman in New York City accepted a date from a man she'd just met, but just to be on the safe side, she checked out his background on the Google Internet search engine. She found out he was a fugitive from justice who had been on the run from the FBI for the past year. She called the cops.

HE FELT RIGHT AT HOME THERE

Australian authorities captured an illegal immigrant after he took a job at Melbourne's detention center for illegal immigrants.

OK, FIRST OF ALL, IT'S NOT MINE

An employer ordered a young man to provide a urine sample for drug testing, but he knew he would test positive for marijuana, so he asked his uncle for some of his urine. The uncle complied. His sample tested positive for cocaine.

OH COME ON, GIVE ME A HINT

A survey in England found that 65 percent of Britons could not name the American city in which the musical "Chicago" was set.

PEOPLE SEEM TO LOVE MY JEEP

A college student in New Orleans was very relieved that her stolen jeep had been

"A man in Kuala Pihh, Malaysia was charging his cell phone on his bed next to him while he slept. A few hours later it exploded, burning his buttocks."

recovered in the parking lot of a furniture store. She went there, and, while she was waiting for the police to come so she could fill out a damage report, someone stole the jeep again.

A VICTORY FOR THE FASHION POLICE

A man sewed 9,000 Ecstasy pills into his sweatpants and successfully smuggled the drugs through customs in Thailand. Then, he was arrested on the streets of Bangkok for not wearing a shirt. Police searched him and discovered his illegal stash.

HE WILL NOT BE WELCOMED BACK

A drunken passenger, flying from Miami to Sao Paulo, Brazil, to attend Carnival, became very annoyed when the baby of the couple sitting next to him would not stop crying. So he threw a glass

of water in the child's face. It caused an uproar. A spokesman said the other passengers "nearly lynched him," applauded when Brazilian police came on board and took him away. He was held by federal authorities and then deported.

REMEMBERING A LIFE WORTH LIVING

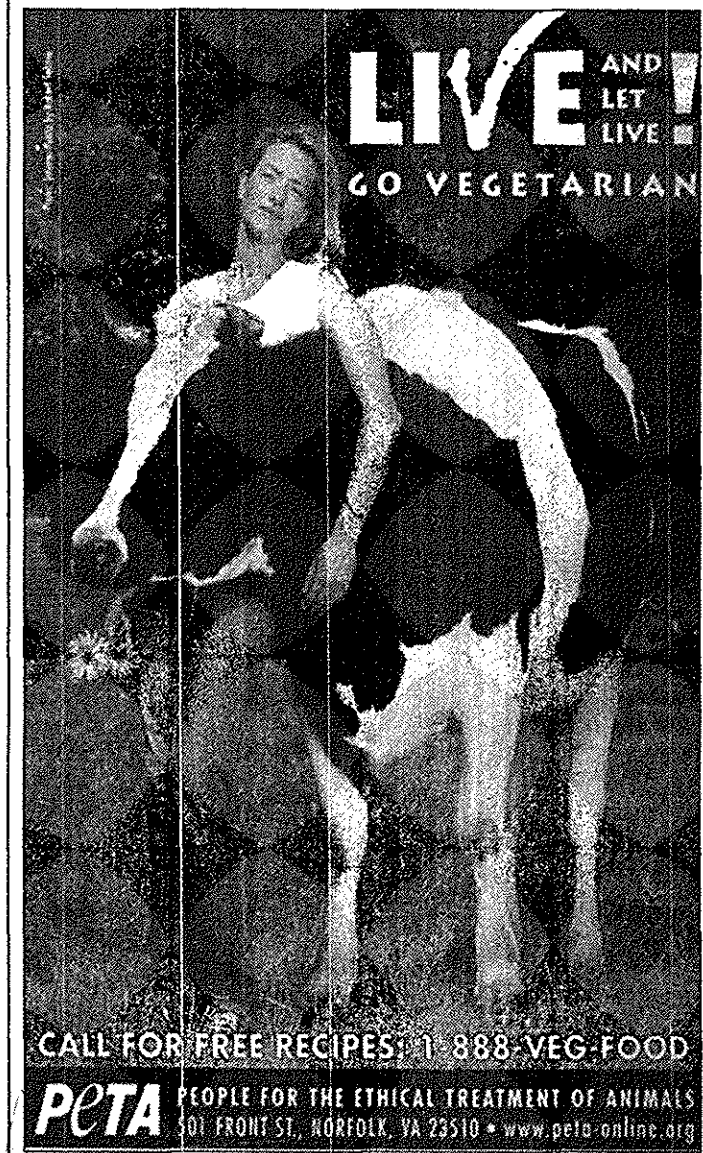
A former construction worker in British Columbia has big plans for the \$75,000 he won in a Canadian lottery. He will buy a new set of teeth and some comfortable walking shoes. Also, a custom-made tombstone reflecting his hedonistic life. He said it will feature "a champagne glass, a royal flush, a slot machine, a nude woman facing backward and a stick of dynamite with a lit fuse."

YOU'RE, LIKE, UNDER ARREST, DUDE

The evidence room of a police station in Dimona, Israel, contained so much confiscated marijuana that the cops kept getting high from the fumes. They had to shut down an entire floor. One officer said, "It was impossible to work."

COULD HAVE BEEN A LOT WORSE

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Students load up on credit hours

By COLLEEN HAVENS
The Jambar

For most college students balancing school, work and fun is a daunting and difficult task. Just getting homework done on time takes some juggling, especially for working students.

Junior Jason Kolenich said he decided to grab a beer and some wings at Inner Circle between classes. He said he could have been putting in some extra studying time, but preferred otherwise.

Yelling above the loud music from the bar's juke box, Kolenich said he has 12 credit hours and works 30 to 35 hours per week. He said he spends about two hours a week on homework, which is all he needs to maintain his 3.3 grade point average.

Unlike Kolenich, senior Lindsay Sinkovitch said she believes taking a full course load is a full-time job and should be top priority.

"It's all about going to class, paying attention in class and taking good notes," Kolenich said. "How much time spent on homework shouldn't matter."

According to the Chronicle of Higher Education, college professors expect students to spend two hours studying for every hour spent in the classroom.

Political science professor Keith Lepak said he generally thinks this is a useful guideline, but not a fixed and inflexible rule. Lepak said it depends on the kind of class a student is taking, the difficulty and amount of reading that a

student is expected to do, and the relationship between classroom content and assigned reading.

"I do not think it unreasonable to expect that students who are taking four classes should be prepared to spend four to eight hours of studying outside of class," Lepak said.

English professor Rebecca Barnhouse said the number of hours spent on homework for her class varies from week to week.

"In one of my classes, students read a book every week, so the heaviest load is over the weekend, and the amount of time they spend on it depends on how fast they read," Barnhouse said.

English professor Thomas Copeland said his own belief is that students should spend every minute studying if they want to achieve the best grades.

"Two hours outside of class is a minimum," Copeland said.

Junior John Muckridge said it is often difficult to focus a large amount of time on homework. Working 25 to 30 hours a week and taking 12 semester hours, Muckridge said he usually studies an hour a day, or about five hours a week.

"Being a server, you don't get out of work until late at night and then you still have to study or do homework," Muckridge said. "It gets tough sometimes."

Muckridge added that if he cannot finish his homework on time he will ask the professor for an extension, and they will usually give it to him.

"My professors are actually cool," he said.

Copeland said he has never refused a student an extension if it was requested before the due date, even if only a minute before class, adding that he is sympathetic toward students who work.

Barnhouse said that although she is sympathetic toward students who work, she thinks students often misunderstand what is expected of them in college.

"While it's true that a very few driven students can work full time, go to school full time, and also have time for their families and friends, many other students meet with frustration and failing grades when they attempt it," she said.

Lepak said he is sympathetic toward working students as long as they make the effort to inform him of such circumstances prior to deadlines or exams.

Students should be able to request more time provided that they have a reasonable excuse, Lepak said. He said the point here is to allow all students the same opportunity to control their work schedule in responsible discussion with the instructor.

Lepak said he recognizes that students are burdened with other issues and generally have multiple things on their minds.

"I was a student once too," Lepak said.

Call Colleen Havens at (330) 941-1913.

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Running back Maurice Hall played all last season with torn meniscus cartilage in both knees, Tressel revealed.Devin Jordan, a wide receiver from Massillon, is in the mix to replace Jenkins. Tressel said freshman Jordan missed 80 percent of last fall because of a pre-existing injury that required surgery. Look for Kirk Barton of Perry to vie for the vacant right tackle spot. Tressel said Barton was the standout of last year's scout team as a freshman. Tressel

said 48 OSU players had better than a 3.0 grade-point average for the fall quarter, and the team GPA was about 2.9. He added that for the 2002-03 academic year, the Buckeyes performed 1,280 hours of community service. After coaching in Hawaii with the legendary John Gagliardi of Division III St. John's (Minn.), Tressel said he might have convinced Gagliardi to speak at his coaches clinic this spring.

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BROWNS, continued from page 8

Kelly Holcomb yet again.

All of the pre-draft war room planning and analysis comes down to the Browns ripping the hearts out of their fans year after year. For one year, wouldn't it be something if they drafted the best player in the most important position of leadership on the field, the quarterback?

Trade Couch and his god-like salary to Oakland and swap draft picks with them in return, I'm sure they wouldn't mind, and neither should Couch, his stay in Ohio has been a rocky one, with nothing to show for it but the residue of mediocrity and a supporting staff of players looking for a leader on and off the field, something he has

not shown Ohioans.

If nothing else, all Browns fans want is a season that concludes with the Browns either making progress or with someone besides the punter as the team MVP.

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YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY'S African American HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

Proverb of the Month: "IF YOU UNDERSTAND THE BEGINNING WELL, THE END WILL NOT TROUBLE YOU." -Ashanti Proverb

Tuesday, February 3
Lecture - Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu "Black Men and Women: We Both Need Each Other"
7:00p.m.
Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center
Dr. Kunjufu is a renowned educator and educational consultant. Internationally recognized for his efforts to develop positive self-image in African American children, he is the co-author of SETCLAE (Self-Esteem Through Culture Leads to Academic Excellence), an Afrocentric/multicultural curriculum. He is the author of several books including: *Countering the Conspiracy to Destroy Black Boys and To Be Popular or Smart: The Black Peer Group*.

Saturday, February 14
Dance - Bi-Okoto Dance Group from Cincinnati
Workshop at 12:00 Noon - 2:00p.m.
Performance at 7:00p.m.
Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center
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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.

Saturday, February 7
The African Marketplace
Noon - 6:00p.m.
Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center
The African Marketplace is one of the most popular events marking African American History Month. It draws a rich variety of vendors, artists, and food dealers specialized in African and African American creations from Ohio and neighboring states.

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.

Monday, February 23
Musical Presentation: Yewande
7:00p.m.
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Wednesday, February 11
Lecture - Bari-Ellen Roberts "When You Know You're Right"
7:00p.m.
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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
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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

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 desegregation movement in apartheid South Africa, and recently led an historic trip to Haiti.

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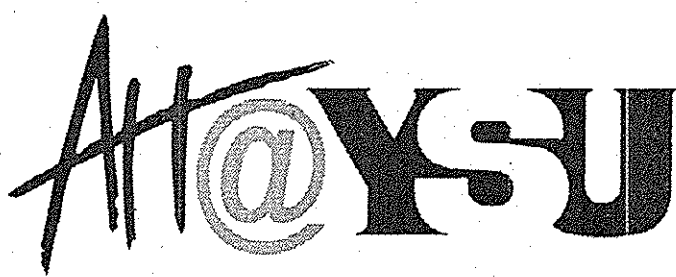
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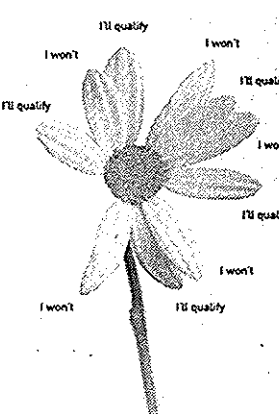
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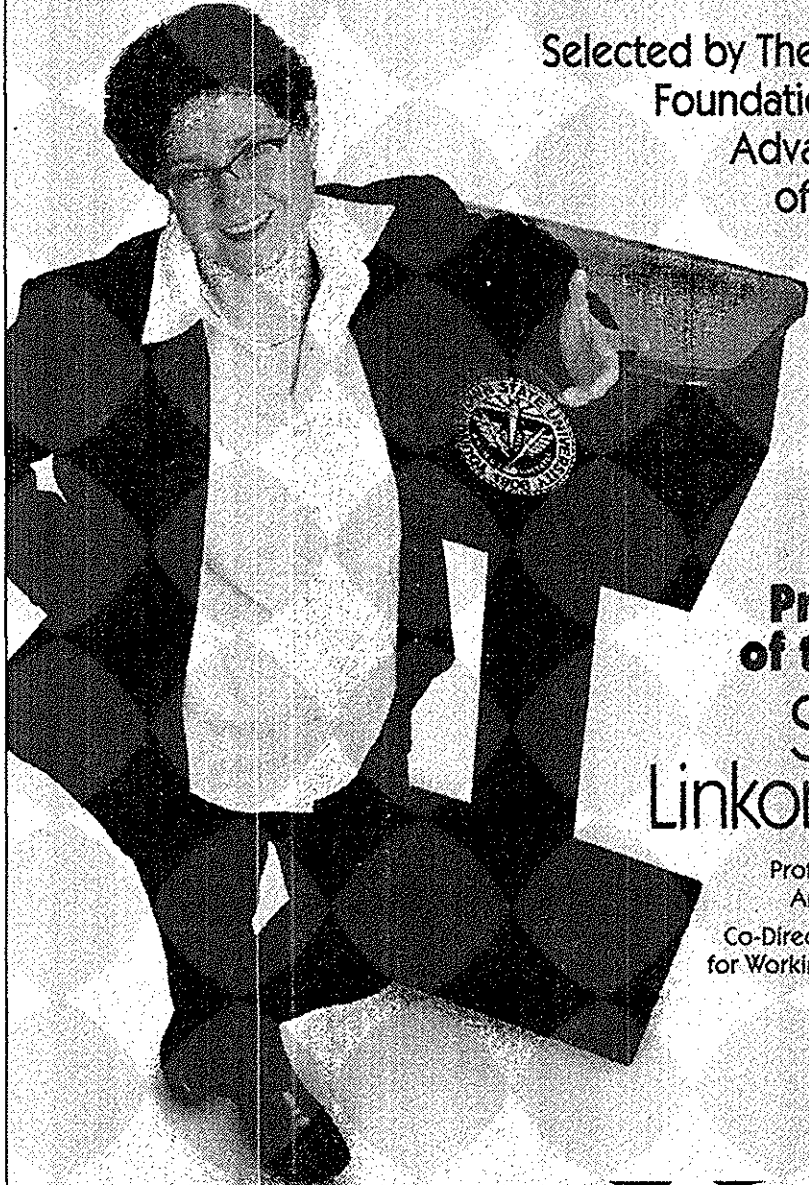
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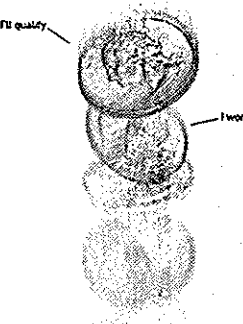
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SPORTS & RECREATION

Sports Commentary

The Browns will break our hearts again

By MICHAEL J. BALALE
The Jambar

With the NFL scouting combines soon approaching, die hard football fans now find themselves accepting the sad reality that we have six months before the real sports begin. To help with the coping process, we now have two options to help us get through the first half of the year.

Option one for Ohio sports lovers is to endure another grueling season watching the Cleveland Indians re-enact the movie Major League, where a group of nine

nobody's attempt to accomplish the unthinkable task of going from worst to first in one year.

Unfortunately, in the real world, Coco Crisp does exist, hits nowhere near .300, and yes, Milton Bradley is that old. I know the first pitch hasn't been thrown yet, but being a realist, I've accepted the fact that they will be bottom dwellers and will win no more than 65 games.

Option two involves debates on who the Cleveland Browns will waste their draft picks on this season, which is much more entertaining. Over the past few years, the not-so Pro Bowl-like performances of Gerard Warren, Tim Couch, Courtney Brown and William Green have left many people scratching their heads questioning, why didn't they draft McNabb anyway?

Jeff Faine will be a great center one day, but he has to stay healthy to do that, which he couldn't do as a rookie.

Following his normal, or abnormal routine, many NFL scouts and numerous sports reporters are all in agreement that the Browns will go with an offensive lineman in the first round. The Browns' line was not good last year, and that isn't a secret, but the one game that they were all healthy, the Tim Couch-led Browns beat the Steelers in Pittsburgh, 33-13.

With the game-breaking players eligible in the 2004 NFL Draft, it's unthinkable, yet inevitable that the Browns will pass up on players like Kellen Winslow Jr., Derrick

Strait, DeAngelo Hall and Karlos Dansby. A wise but unlikely move would be for Cleveland to trade up their first round pick and get Oakland's second pick where they could draft the best player in college football, Ben Roethlisberger.

Before you start doubting that, Roethlisberger has the tools, size, awareness and arm strength to be a great NFL quarterback, and for the last two seasons, he has broken numerous school records, on his way to a four touchdown, 376 yard performance against Louisville in his college finale.

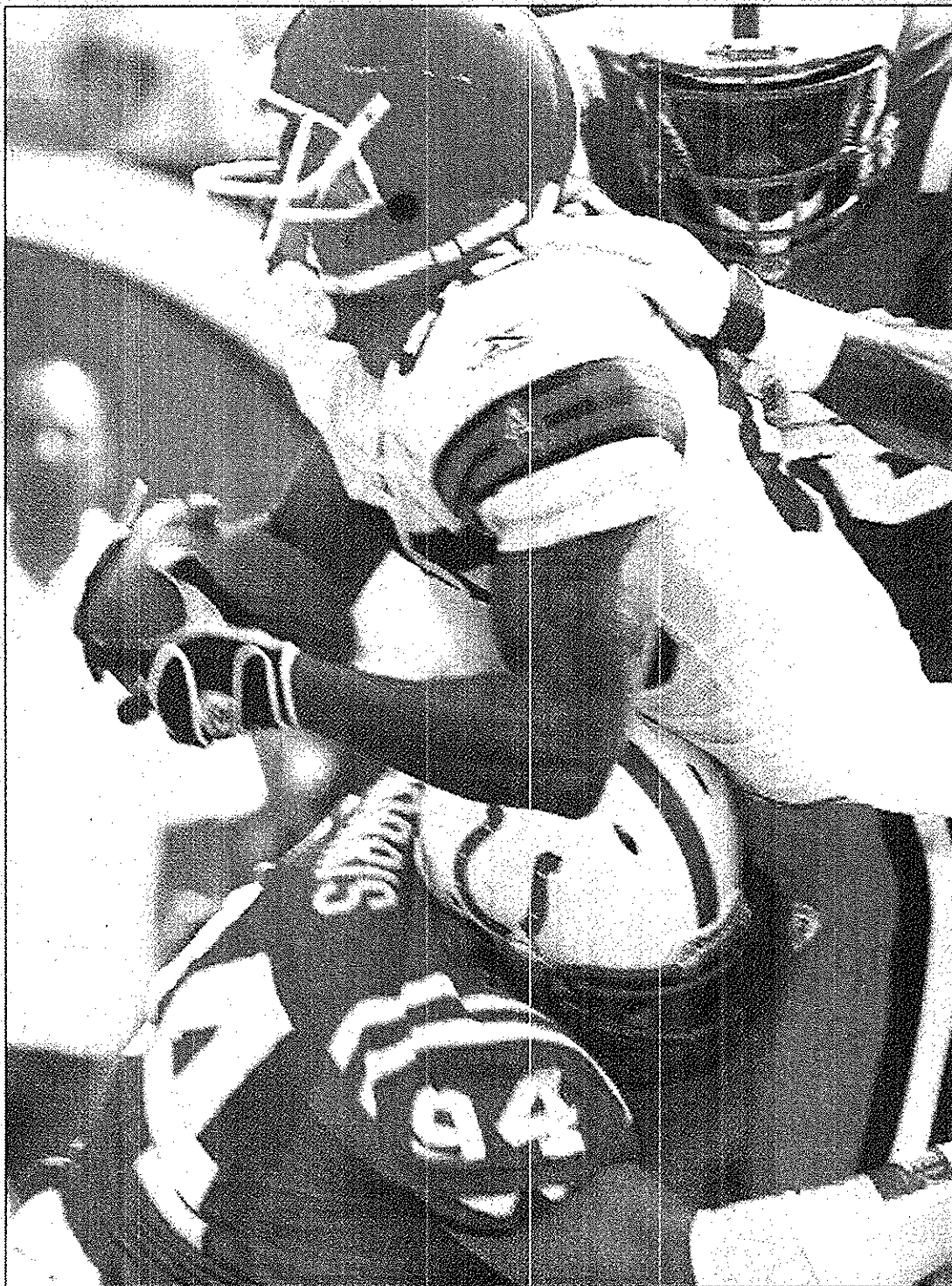
While being force-fed Eli Manning for five months, Roethlisberger was setting a benchmark for quarterbacks that few will ever attain. He didn't play for a Pac-10 school that heaves the ball 63 times a game or the Timmy Chang-led (Rainbow) Warriors of

Hawaii that line up five wide in the red zone. He didn't have a balanced running attack and a stout secondary, or any great skill position players that took some of the load off of him. He played for a sometimes-better-than-average MAC school that was part of a conference that shocked the world in 2003, while making bigger, and supposedly better schools look quite sub-par.

With Ross Verba, Paul Zukauskas and Jeff Faine staying healthy and playing in their own positions, there are many adequate offensive linemen the Browns can get by using a second or third round pick. Then there is always that one thing that the Browns always seem to overlook after every year, free agency. By utilizing the resources that free agency gives teams, Cleveland could easily be a playoff contender, as opposed to the last place team in the weakest division in professional football, but hey, why mess up a good thing?

In looking back to the last five years since the reincarnation of the Cleveland Browns, the team has made great strides to get to the next level, however their first ever draft pick, Tim Couch has still yet to win one playoff game, and going into next season, he currently finds himself battling

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LETDOWN: Cleveland Browns' Dennis Northcutt is brought down by the Indianapolis Colts' Rob Morris and Idrees Bashir after catching a pass from teammate Kelly Holcomb during a game last season. The Browns have work to do in order to contend for a playoff spot next season.

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Tressel avoids talk of Clarett, NFL

By MARLA RIDENOUR
Knight Ridder Newspapers

CANTON, Ohio — Making national headlines on the football field is fine, but Ohio State coach Jim Tressel continues to dodge the subject of Maurice Clarett's future.

Tressel took only one question about the suspended tailback Monday before a crowd of more than 350 at the Pro Football Hall of Fame Luncheon Club at the Four Winds Restaurant in Canton.

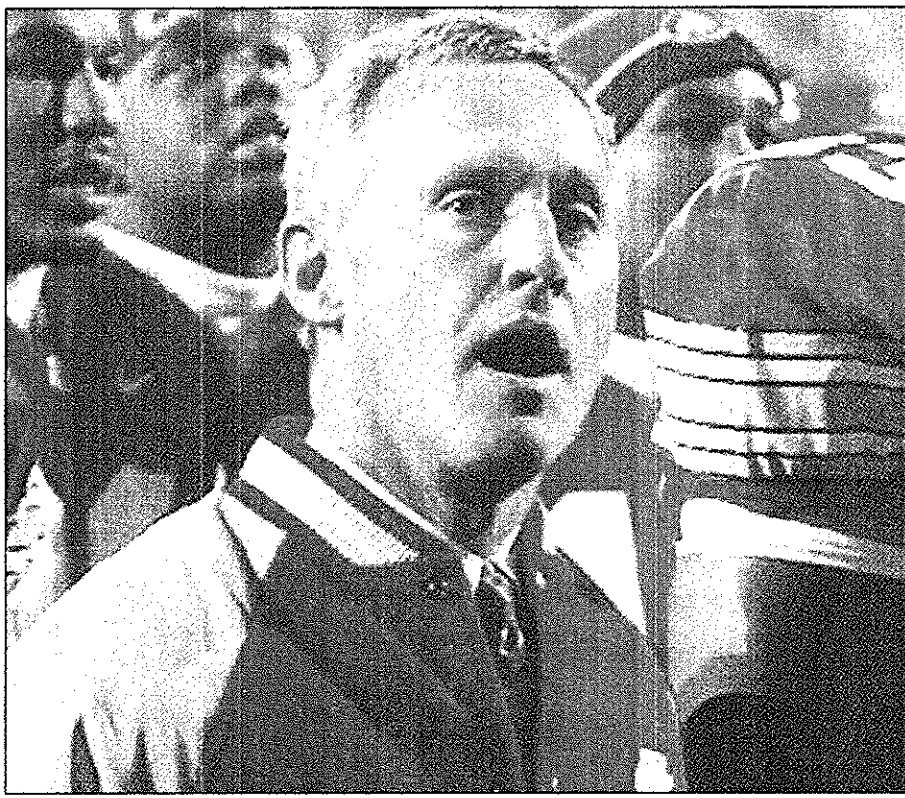
He gave an innocuous answer. When reporters surrounded him afterward, he declined to give his reaction to a ruling by U.S. District Court Judge Shira Scheindlin's last Thursday that allows Clarett to enter April's NFL Draft.

Perhaps the OSU fans in attendance are tired of the Clarett controversy and didn't feel like grilling Tressel about him. But when Tressel finished a season run-down and spring preview that lasted nearly 50 minutes, the first query from the audience was, "Does Clarett have a chance?"

"Obviously, his chance has doubled in that the court system has said that he is in their minds eligible for the NFL," Tressel said. "As I listen to our people, he has not ended his opportunity to be reinstated in the NCAA. Right now, I guess it could go either way. Which way it will go, I don't know."

A university counsel informed Clarett's attorney, Alan Milstein, that if Clarett formally declares for the draft, he will forfeit his remaining college eligibility. The NFL contends that Clarett already had done that when Milstein faxed the league a letter dated Jan. 11 asking that Clarett be included in the upcoming draft. The NCAA has not determined its position on Clarett's status.

Clarett sat out the entire 2003 season after taking improper gifts and lying about it to NCAA and school investigators. His name hit the news again Feb. 4 when an ESPN.com story reported that Clarett's friend and Warren area benefactor Bobby Dellimuti allegedly had gambled with an off-shore betting service



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COLUMBUS, OH — Ohio State head coach Jim Tressel sings the school song with his players after Ohio State's 13-6 win over Purdue last season. Tressel has avoided talking in depth about the recent controversy surrounding Maurice Clarett.

while Clarett led OSU to the 2002 national title.

If Clarett is drafted April 24-25, he might be joined by as many as 12 Buckeyes teammates. Tressel said that's the word he received from pro scouts when he coached in the Hula Bowl in Maui last month.

"I think three — Chris Gamble, Mike Jenkins and Will Smith — will be in the first round," Tressel said.

Tressel said he wasn't initially sure that junior Gamble had made the right decision when he announced immediately after the Fiesta Bowl he was turning pro. But Tressel has changed his mind and now thinks Gamble might be among the first 15 picks.

As for the 11-game 2004 season, Tressel said he expects a "great quarter-

back derby" to begin in April with sophomores Justin Zwick and Troy Smith and grayshirt freshman Todd Boeckman fighting for the top job.

"I feel great about the way Justin Zwick has progressed," Tressel said. "I thought he was ready to go in the middle of the year when Craig (Krenz) got hurt. (Senior) Scott McMullen had the first opportunity, but really it was negligible who was ahead of whom. If it's that close, typically you're going to go with the older guy. Scott McMullen bore out that he should have had that opportunity."

Asked what he liked most about Zwick, Tressel said, "Great vision. He's got an awareness and a vision of what's going on out there unlike any guy I've ever been around."

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Intramural sports a hit with YSU students

By SCOTT SEELEY
The Jambar

Each semester, hundreds of YSU students take part in the intramural sports program, which offers students a chance to compete with one another in an organized sports environment.

"It gives us a chance to play the sports we love," junior Rick Walker said.

Sophomore Brian Sabo agreed. "Intramural sports are great. Intramural soccer is good because there is no men's soccer team."

Among the intramural sports programs already underway this semester are indoor soccer, basketball, arena football and volleyball. Dodgeball was just introduced this semester.

"A lot of talent goes unnoticed here," Enyinda Onunwor, a recent graduate student and part-time faculty member in the math department. "I've played with a lot of extremely good players over the years."

While students enjoy intramural sports programs, some feel that it is not as successful as it could be.

Junior Ricardo Verlezza, an electrical and computer engineering major and the captain of an indoor soccer team, thinks the program is not advertised enough.

"I've seen that the soccer program is going downhill," Verlezza said. "I think [the level of interest] is down because of bad advertising."

Jenny Purdue, a supervisor in the intramural sports

program, said the problem is a lack of student initiative.

"Students are bad at getting in before the signup deadlines," Purdue said. "A lot of money was spent on advertising. We put flyers up in the dining hall and in buildings all over campus. Most teams that played before know about [the intramural sports program], but it's hard to get new people to join."

Purdue said some sports have had more involvement than others.

"The soccer program is down, but basketball and arena football show a lot of interest," Purdue said.

Other students do not think the lack of participation is a problem.

"Intramurals are for fun, not competition, so we don't need a tremendous amount of [student] involvement," said graduate student Ozgur Baykal.

Purdue said any YSU student can become involved in the intramural sports program as a participant or in a number of other ways.

"We're always looking for new officials," Purdue said, adding that officials are paid per game for their work.

To find out more information or to become involved in the intramural sports program, students can visit the Campus Recreation and Intramural Sports section of the YSU Web site or contact room 200 of the Beeghly Physical Education Center at (330) 941-3488.

Call Scott Seeley at (330) 941-1913.