

Courtyard rent increases

BY ELIZABETH TABAK
The Jambar

It will cost \$15 more a month to live in the University Courtyard Apartments during the 2004 to 2005 academic year — an increase that has some questioning whether the costs of living in the campus apartments has climbed too far.

Under the lease for 2003 to 2004, rent for a four-bedroom apartment per person is \$415, a

two-bedroom is \$495 per person and a single bedroom apartment is \$600 per person. Under the new lease, rates will be increased by \$15 for each tenant each month.

Interim property manager for the Courtyard Apartments, Shannon Lombardo, said Ambling Management Company is increasing the rent because of the high costs of utilities.

Ambling built, owns and

operates the 7-month-old Courtyard Apartments and will turn them over to Youngstown State University in five years.

The lease students signed with Ambling says that rent for each tenant covers the costs of all utilities, including cable services, telephone services and internet connection.

"This year was almost like a trial to see where we would stand with people using utili-

ties and everything," Lombardo said. "The rental agreements were never fixed."

After evaluating the cost for utilities used by each person, Lombardo said rent had to increase.

"We would be losing ourselves if we didn't bring up the rates," she said.

"In the lease, you cannot exceed \$162 limit per person

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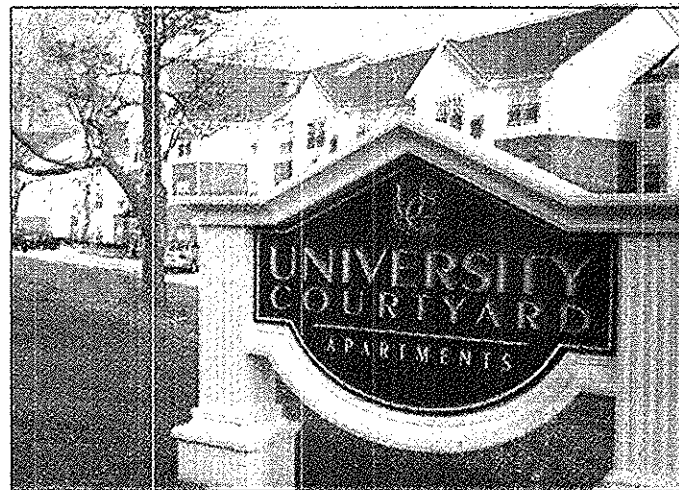


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RENT INFLATION: Rent for an apartment in the University Courtyard will rise \$15 a month next academic year.

Taft to appoint trustees

BY MICHAEL J. BALALE
The Jambar



Ohio Gov. Bob Taft is expected to fill the two vacant chairs in Youngstown State University's Board of Trustees within the next two weeks and one current trustee said they are long overdue to name the replacements.

The Board of Trustees has been working with two few members after the deaths of Charles Cushwa III, 69 who died in surgery in December and F.W. Knecht, 66, who lost his battle with cancer in January.

YSU Board of Trustees Chairman Chander Kohli said it has not been an easy transition and he is looking forward to Taft naming the replacements.

"We are very much overdue for new trustees," Kohli said. "My feeling is that Taft is trying to find the right candidates for the positions, and I would not be surprised to see new trustees to be named in the near future."

Taft spokesman Heather Goss said the decision on the new trustees would be made within the next couple of weeks. Goss said Taft's final choice for replacing the trustees is made with no input from the trustees or University President David Sweet.

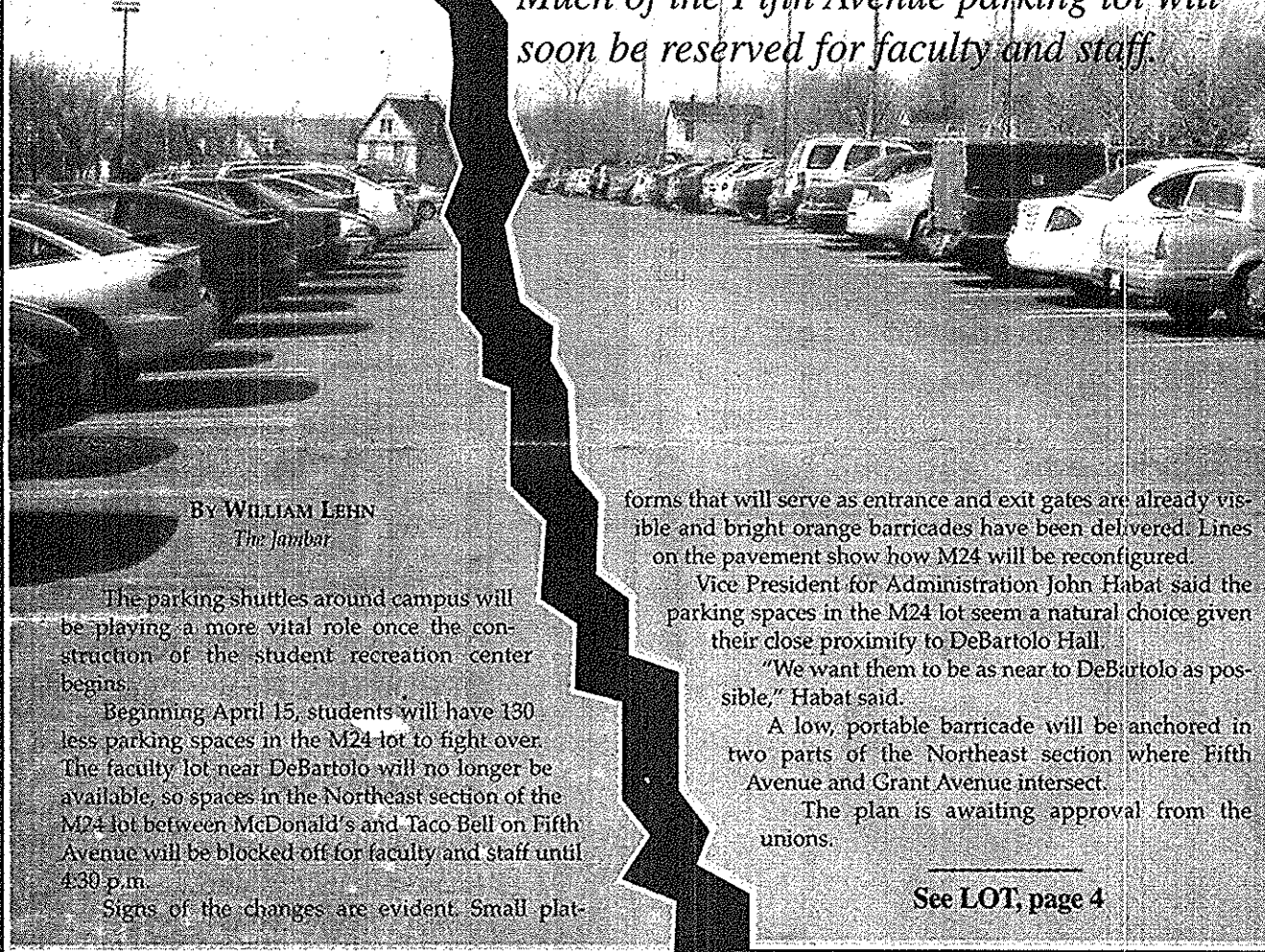
"We have a list of candidates and the members of the governor's board will decide who to recommend to Taft," Goss said.

Goss said Taft has been working closely with the university, however, and is aware of the type of trustee the university needs.

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Parking Cuts

Much of the Fifth Avenue parking lot will soon be reserved for faculty and staff.



BY WILLIAM LEHN
The Jambar

The parking shuttles around campus will be playing a more vital role once the construction of the student recreation center begins.

Beginning April 15, students will have 130 less parking spaces in the M24 lot to fight over. The faculty lot near DeBartolo will no longer be available, so spaces in the Northeast section of the M24 lot between McDonald's and Taco Bell on Fifth Avenue will be blocked off for faculty and staff until 4:30 p.m.

Signs of the changes are evident. Small plat-

forms that will serve as entrance and exit gates are already visible and bright orange barricades have been delivered. Lines on the pavement show how M24 will be reconfigured.

Vice President for Administration John Habat said the parking spaces in the M24 lot seem a natural choice given their close proximity to DeBartolo Hall.

"We want them to be as near to DeBartolo as possible," Habat said.

A low, portable barricade will be anchored in two parts of the Northeast section where Fifth Avenue and Grant Avenue intersect.

The plan is awaiting approval from the unions.

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Students discuss impact of case

BY CHRISTINA POE
The Jambar

A panel of student leaders gathered yesterday to discuss the impact of the Brown vs. the Board of Education ruling fifty years later.

Despite a lack of student and faculty attendance and the absence of two members, the panel still discussed topics concerning the current state of the country's educational system, affirmative action and the decision itself.

Multicultural Student Coordinator Michael Beverly moderated the event.

Beverly began the discussion by giving a brief history of the decision and its impact on American history.

"It ushered in the civil rights era," Beverly said. "It did not just benefit African Americans, but other minority groups previously unable to attain the levels of education by whites at the time."

He then turned the discussion over to Student Government Association President Emily Eckman, asking her what the positive effects of the decision were.

Eckman described the decision as something that created more open-minded thinking among Americans, likening it to the current surge in a more accepting stance toward gay marriages.

Eckman also said it aided the cause of civil and equal rights, especially in the education system.

President of the History Club Hedi Scott countered Eckman's comment by saying although it

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Summit discusses ways to curb violence

BY COLLEEN HAVENS
The Jambar

Violence has been on a downswing in Youngstown and area residents want to keep it that way.

A summit sponsored by the Community Corrections Association was held Wednesday to discuss violence in Youngstown. Participants at the summit discussed ways to create projects that will make the city a better place for its residents.

Chief executive officer of CCA Richard Billak said now that violence is reduced in

Youngstown, people need to know how to move forward in keeping the violence down.

Community organizer for the Center for Urban and Regional Studies at YSU Jamael Brown said the summit was held to discuss ways to continue the momentum of reducing crime in Youngstown.

Brown said YSU was a partner in organizing the summit. He said the issue of keeping violence down in the city is important for the university because it affects the quality of life for the students.

Brown said the group of

roughly 200 people that attended the summit split into eight working groups. Each group represented a specific geographical area of Youngstown.

"Neighborhood residents, community leaders, business leaders and key stake holders all participated in the summit," Brown said.

He said the groups discussed surveys that were sent out to Youngstown residents prior to the summit.

Associate director for the Center for Human Services Development at YSU Ricky George was in charge of send-

ing the surveys to area residents.

George said some of the questions on the surveys were about violence and crime in the city, neighborhood watches and reducing drugs in the neighborhood.

"About 8,200 surveys were randomly sent to city residents and roughly 10 percent of those surveys were returned," he said.

Brown said each of the eight groups talked about an issue that was on the survey.

"Some of the ideas for

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Today's Editorial

Bush hypocritical to want proof from Democrats

Suddenly, the Bush White House is interested in proof. Facts, they say, is what they want. They want names.

Imminent nominee for the Democratic Party's bid for the presidency John Kerry was quoted as saying that some foreign leaders secretly are supporting his drive to the White House.

The current administration — perhaps out of fear, perhaps out of a sense of desperation — is demanding that Kerry name names and show them the proof.

According to an AP report, White House spokesman Scott McClellan said that either Kerry be "straightforward and states who [the leaders supporting him] are, or the only conclusion one can draw is that he is making it up to attack the president."

We would appreciate the White House not listing our one and "only" conclusion. In fact, we present another conclusion.

Perhaps Kerry is being mum on an issue he regrets bringing up in the first place. Kerry does not want to burn bridges this early in his campaign, and it is more likely that he simply understands that the foreign leaders he mentioned would rather remain unknown.

But there is yet another side. McClellan is not Bush's personal spokesman. He does not represent the president's nomination for re-election in November. His salary is paid by taxpayers.

Kerry's own spokeswoman said it best when she said that Bush ought not use his spokesperson for political means and that this is yet another representation of the current administration's failure to "distinguish between politics and governing."

And that is truth, best as it can be expected in politics. Kerry recognizes Bush's greatest weakness: his inability to come through with facts and proof. Bush is just trying to turn the tables on Kerry.

Bush said in his State of the Union address that Iraq bought nuclear technology from Niger. Where is it?

Bush said that his tax program would create a million jobs. Where are they?

Before Bush gets knee-deep in slinging his political mud at Kerry's campaign, someone ought to tap him on the shoulder and bring him into the light of reality.

We wanted proof of weapons of mass destruction and we never got it. We wanted facts that showed that the current administration's economic plan would help and we never got them.

We wanted George W. Bush to back up his claim to support services in this country and abroad that would fight terrorism. But we don't see that happening either.

BALLOONING WEIGHT



Letters to the Editor

Look less to the Bible, more to our hearts

Editor:

In a recent thoughtful letter, Ms. Sarah Ramirez, (in response to a letter from Mr. Mike Huston) recognized that people will differ in opinions and beliefs. Somewhat overbearingly she declared that her definition of marriage was the correct one since it reflects what she chose to read in the Bible. Apparently she didn't read the part where marriage is between a man and one or more women (Gen. 29:17-28; II Sam. 3:2-5); where marriage is no barrier to concubines (II Sam. 5:13; I Kings 11:3; II Chronicles 11:21); or where a marriage is valid only if the bride is a virgin — otherwise she should be put to death (Deuteronomy 22:13-21).

I doubt that Ms. Ramirez really endorses these as part of her definition of marriage. These ancient customs may have been a starting place but societies have grown far beyond them. As our society tries to recognize committed relationships perhaps we should look less to the Bible and more into our hearts.

John Gwinn
Kent, OH
Part-time Faculty

People's definition of tolerance is distorted

Editor:

I am sick of hearing people scream "tolerance, tolerance," without tolerating Christian beliefs. Why do you only tolerate people who agree with your stance, but not people who disagree? I will stand up and say I am probably considered intolerant because I believe there is an absolute truth, and I am not ashamed of that. But if all these supporters of tolerance are supposed to accept everyone, then why do they insult my religious beliefs and that of countless others? I often feel as if there is a clause in the "Tolerance Club Agreement" which says, "We tolerate everyone ... but not those who oppose us, especially those hateful Christians."

I am called to love everyone, not tolerate their actions. I am not full of hate because I disagree with someone's lifestyle and stand up for what I believe in.

Please stop yelling at me for being intolerant and look at your tolerance instead.

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Mahoning River needs help from citizens

Editor:

Question: It's in the top five regarding pollution in the United States, has an estimated 750,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil that need removed or re-mediated, and has served as our life-blood for the past 100 years? Answer: the Mahoning River.

Our great river has suffered the scourge of massive hazardous waste dumping and neglect, but yet it still flows mightily through the heart of Youngstown and Mahoning County. According to the Mahoning River Consortium (MRC) and the Eastgate Regional Council of Government, the basin covers over 1,100 square miles in northeastern Ohio and west-central Pennsylvania affecting the health and economic prosperity of 750,000 people. The lower river is the most polluted and runs through Mahoning and Trumbull counties. Proposed is a massive clean up of this 31 miles of waterway that will cost millions of dollars. Federal money is available, but it must be matched.

Why the urgency? First, the federal funds will be lost if not utilized very soon. Second, a clean and healthy river is the very foundation for our area's improvement in the quality of life for our residents. Third, the potential for revenue generation through environmentally sound recreational use is enormous. Fourth, there is the eminent threat as summarized by the Ohio Department of Health: "...the degradation of the aquatic ecosystem has become a threat to public safety and health ...". Hence, we must clean up the river and commence bold action now.

What can the YSU community do? First, get the facts by attending the Youngstown Environmental Studies Society's (Y.E.S.S.) Earth Day Symposium, co-sponsored by the MRC and Student Government — Monday, April 19 beginning at 6 p.m. in the Ohio Room in Kilcawley Center. Led by YSU Professor Carl Johnston, a team of environmental experts will present an inspiring program regarding the history and status of the river. A panel consisting of U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan, EPA officials, and local community leaders will discuss the ramifications of inaction, and the plan we must develop to begin the restoration as soon as possible.

YSU students and residents of Mahoning and Trumbull counties should urge their elected leaders to make the restoration of the river a top priority. Once cleaned and rejuvenated, the Mahoning River will become a central attraction for new businesses bringing good jobs and opportunity to our area. Most importantly, we can enjoy recreational opportunities and know that our waterway is not a serious public health threat any longer. Let's work together and make the Mahoning River a vibrant and illuminating force in our community.

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SPORTS & RECREATION

Wrap-up

Softball wins nine straight

By JOSHUA BOGGS
The Jambar

After starting the break with three consecutive losses, the Youngstown State University softball team is now riding on a nine-game school-record tying winning streak.

Saturday, March 7, YSU (10-6) began the break by traveling south to Deland, Fla. to face Stetson in a double-header contest.

The Penguins dropped both games as they fell 2-0 and 4-1.

In the opening match up, sophomore pitcher Kelly Murphy's six strikeouts were not enough to lift the Penguins past Stetson as YSU was held to just three hits and left eight runners stranded on base.

The Penguins remained in Florida as they traveled to Kissimmee on Sunday, March 8 to face off with Creighton to begin the Rebel Games.

Murphy allowed only two hits through eight innings in the game, but the Penguins still lost by a narrow margin, 1-0.

YSU rebounded later in the day as they picked up a 2-0 victory over Yale.

Freshman pitcher Karlie Burnell tossed a one-hitter on her way to her first career victory as a starter to lead the Penguins.

The follow-

ing day, the Penguins continued the Rebel Games by facing opponents Holy-Cross and Gardner-Webb.

In the opener of the day, YSU was led by senior infielder Amanda Berry's 3-for-4 performance from the plate including three RBIs, as the Penguins defeated Holy Cross, 8-5.

Also for the Penguins, senior infielder Lacey Reichert went 2-for-2 from the plate, including a triple.

Murphy, in the second game of the day, had an outstanding pitching performance as she struck out 11 batters on her way to another one-hitter as she led YSU past Gardner-Webb, 3-0.

Sophomore infielder Tiffany Patten and Reichert aided the Penguin squad with Patten going 3-for-4 in the batter's box, while Reichert was 2-for-3.

On Wednesday, YSU locked gloves with Central Michigan in a match up that again showed the solid pitching performances of Murphy.

Murphy, who pitched a four-hitter, carried the Penguins to a 3-1 victory.

Patten and Reichert were again consistent offensively as Patten went 2-for-3 from the plate, including a double, while Reichert had two RBIs (2-for-2).

Behind freshman pitcher Tricia Hilbish's first win of her career, YSU then defeated Penn. Hilbish gave up just four hits compared to YSU's 17 hits.

Leading the way for the Penguin squad was Berry (3-for-4) with a double, triple, and two RBIs, while junior infielders Char Kudlock (3-for-3) had

two RBIs and Kiisha Warfield (3-for-4) batted in three runs.

YSU continued its winning performances on Friday when they defeated Quinnipiac, 4-0, and Niagara, 12-1.

During the opener against Quinnipiac, Burnell pitched a complete game, allowing just three hits as she struck out 10 batters.

Berry was the team leader offensively as she went 2-for-3 from the plate, with a triple highlighting her performance.

Junior pitcher Ashley Lockmiller also had an impressive day as she allowed just two hits in the second game of the series against Niagara.

For the Penguins, senior infielder Jenn Hartman had a two-run scoring double, while Warfield and Patten each collected two RBIs, respectively.

To round out the break, the YSU softball team finished on a positive note by defeating opponents Army and Fairleigh Dickinson.

Led by Patten's school-record three triples and school-record tying six RBIs, the Penguins knocked off Army 10-0.

In the second game, Berry went 3-for-4 and junior outfielder Erin Moore was 2-for-2 from the plate to help the Penguins defeat Fairleigh Dickinson, 2-1.

For their home opener, YSU will host Pittsburgh at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at McCune Park in Canfield.

Call Joshua Boggs at (330) 941-1989.



MURPHY



BURNELL

Penguin baseball on skid

By JOSHUA BOGGS
The Jambar

After opening up the break with a win over Wofford, the Youngstown State University baseball team has dropped five straight games to fall to 2-7 this season.

Saturday, March 6, the Penguins traveled to Spartanburg, S.C. to begin a three-game series with the Wofford Terriers (6-1).

In the opening game, the Penguin's Brian Boone belted two hits and had three RBIs to lead YSU to a 10-8 victory.

Sophomore pitcher Justin Thomas allowed only seven hits en route to his second win of the season, while reliever Paul Yates picked up the seventh save of his career, moving him into third-place on YSU's all time list.

In game two, the Penguins could not hold on to an early 3-0 advantage after an Adam Cox three-run shot to left center field. The Terriers answered back and scored five runs in the sixth inning on their way to a 12-5 win.

For the final game of the series on Sunday, March 7,

Wofford fought back from a two-run deficit in the bottom of the eighth inning to steal the victory from the Penguins, 8-7.

For YSU, sophomore second basemen Justin Banks was the team leader in hits with three, while sophomore shortstop J.J. Newman had two hits and three RBIs, respectively.

YSU then traveled to Lexington, Ky. on Friday to face the Kentucky Wildcats at Cliff Hagan Stadium to begin the University of Kentucky Tournament.

The match-up found the Penguins leading three times, but the 11 walks surrendered by YSU aided the Wildcats to a 7-6 victory.

Junior Jim Phillips led the Penguin squad with three hits and two runs, while Banks had two hits with Cox adding two RBIs.

In the second game of the tournament on Saturday, YSU squared off with the Dayton Flyers (4-8).

The Flyers opened up the game with five consecutive runs in the first inning on their way to a 17-6 victory over the Penguins.

Trailing 9-0 in the top of the

fifth, Phillips scored YSU's first run of the contest with a solo home run to right field, but Dayton retaliated with a run of their own in the bottom of the inning.

In the top of the ninth, senior outfielder Kendall Schlabach cracked a double that scored Boone, and sophomore Brandon Caipan hit a two-run single that scored two runs.

For the game, Caipan had two hits and two RBIs, while Phillips hit his first home run of the season to lead the Penguins.

To finish off the break, the YSU baseball team faced the Michigan Wolverines.

Junior pitcher Chris Dennis gave up just three unearned runs in six innings, but his efforts were not enough as the Wolverines cracked 16 hits to pick up the 7-0 victory over the Penguins.

Leading the Penguins' offense was Phillips with two hits.

YSU will travel to Xavier University today to face the Musketeers at 3 p.m.

Call Joshua Boggs at (330) 941-1989.

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per utility," Lombardo said. "I don't think anyone paid attention."

Senior Emily Albertson plans to renew her lease. Albertson said the convenience, safety and quality of the apartments make up for the rent increase. However, she added that high utility use should not affect everyone's rent.

"If people are abusing utilities, then let us know that," Albertson said. "Each person

should pay for their own utilities. Don't raise everyone's rent, that doesn't make any sense."

Junior Greg Pflug agreed that each person should have to make up their own difference of the high utilities. He added that he is satisfied with his apartment and plans to renew his lease, but still thinks the rent is "considerably more expensive than living at other places."

Junior Kristin Banks said she could no longer afford pay-

ing rent at the Courtyard Apartments.

"Between my rent and my cell phone bill, that is \$559 a month I am putting out of my own money," Banks said. "My biggest problem here is that the rent is too pricey. Nice apartment, but I don't think it is worth a collective \$1,000."

Call Elizabeth Tabak at (330) 941-3758.

Fat Head Says

By MARK STEVENS
The Jambar

Like a cold beer on a hot day: It's here! Finally! I can't even begin to describe for you the feeling that I get on this Monday of every year. It's the day after Selection Sunday.

Brackets are waiting to be filled out. Picks are dying to be made.

March Madness is here! With my upcoming fantasy baseball draft, this is easily Fat Head's favorite time of the sporting calendar. This is my time people. This is what I love.

There is no drama, no showcase, no event that replenishes my love for sports the way the NCAA basketball tournament does. There is power here. I spend all year reading about all the wrong in sports, but for a month I get to ignore all the nonsense and just focus on the beauty of pure athletic competition.

Kittens wearing mittens or something like that: These are a few of my

favorite things.

Bryce Drew drilling it. Nailing it. UNLV running rampant. Cameron Crazies breeding all over the country. Lehigh University having a chance. Number one seeds losing in the second round of the dance. Every team having a prayer (or Wojo having a court to pound).

Number four seeds with a chance to go all the way (Wake Forest). Non-stop saturation 24 hours a day. Digger and Dickie V commenting. Glen Rice flat out dominating. Running. Gunning. Overtime games with high-ranked teams holding on for dear life while hearing chants of "OVERRATED!" Mobs and mentions of basketball gods. Dreams dying. Dreams multiplying. Teams daring to dream. ESPN.com's All-Name Team. Fans with tears. Fans too tired to scream. Upsets. Upsets. Upsets.

And how about those first round upsets? I got your potential first round surprises right here, baby. Utah (11) over Boston College (6). Charlotte (9) over Bobby Knight's Texas Tech (8). Richmond (11) over Wisconsin (6). Southern Illinois (9) over Alabama (8).

And the upset pick of the year: BYU (12) over

defending champs Syracuse (5). Don't sleep on the Cougars. No one sleeps on the Cougars and lives to regret it.

Fat Head's Preliminary Final Four: Kentucky, Wake Forest, Duke and Connecticut.

Get your Cavs' playoff tickets while you can: Wait a minute. Did I just type that? Yup. I checked. It's true. The Cleveland Cavaliers are headed to the playoffs despite being more than ten games below .500. And don't doubt it for a minute. In a depleted Eastern Conference, the Cavs, like every other team in the field, have a legitimate shot at rolling through to the NBA finals.

Of course, they'll get destroyed by whoever survives the West.

But that's not the point. The point is that the savior is the savior. You know who I'm talking about. El Lebrono. Soon to just be known as "El."

Lebron. "The." No fancy nickname. Just "El." The alpha and omega. I like it. Maybe I should hit up my boy on his two-way and we can start an ad campaign.

Call Mark Stevens at (330) 941-1811.

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James Schramer, OEA official and professor of English, said he does not mind the additional walk from M24.

"Obviously, it's nice to have this parking so near, and I'm going to take advantage of it as long as it's available," Schramer said.

Joe Scarnecchia, director of support services, said the only time parking will be affected is during YSU football. Scarnecchia said the tents that are normally placed outside DeBartolo in the lot would be relocated around the campus core.

"The changes are good; it shows the campus is growing," Scarnecchia said. He added the tailgating situation will be reevaluated with the recreation center, and there is a lot of land for tailgating elsewhere.

Students, however, have mixed feelings. Freshman Anthonetta Kirkland said it is unfair to pay money for a parking pass and then have to park far away.

"They're [YSU] always taking services away," Kirkland said.

Sophomore Amanda Clapsaddle said it's not an inconvenience.

"I'll park in the deck," she said.

She may have to be taking the shuttle from the often unused lot on Lincoln Avenue.

Other lots affected are the M1 parking deck on Wick Avenue and the M12 lot near

Little Jimmy's. About 20 spaces in the M1 deck will be designated faculty/staff until 4:30 p.m., and the M12 lot will be reclassified as faculty/staff only.

Officials said a premium parking plan might make sense. Scarnecchia said permit prices were set years ago with student involvement and University of Akron just recently had a major increase to parking permits. The increase covered construction and resurfacing of lots there as well as new access gates.

One possible alternative is to have students pay more to park closer to campus and use the shuttle to transport them from the outer lots.

"There is no imminent increase at this time," Habat said. A permanent solution will be made by August 2005 to address long-term parking needs on campus.

Habat said there was always parking available just not where people may want it.

"Whenever people's patterns are interrupted, there needs to be adjustment," Habat said.

Ground breaking for the student recreation center is set for April 17 and it is scheduled to be open August 2005.

Call William Lehn at (330) 941-1913.

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"The governor and the university are looking for committed people who will dedicate much of their time to the university and the community," Goss said.

Sweet said that the governor's office has made efforts to work with the university in finding the right candidates for the job, and he is hopeful that the trustees would be named before the next board meeting.

Sweet said that one of the many obstacles for the new trustees will be to quickly adapt to YSU's ability to be an efficient institution and to help the university and the students grow, even with the large financial cuts by the state and government.

"We are the most efficient public university in Ohio, and we've got an agenda and

orientation set up for the new members," Sweet said.

Kohli said that one of the many challenges the new trustees would address is dealing with federal and state budget cuts.

They would also look at methods of keeping steady enrollment growth at YSU and look to influence out-of-state residents to come to YSU. Of the 12,360 students enrolled at YSU, 11 percent are not from the state of Ohio.

"We want to get our name out throughout Ohio and in the nation as a top-notch university that can attract people to YSU," Kohli said.

Call Michael J. Balala at (330) 941-1989.

News in brief

Association to hold meeting Thursday

The Ohio Student Education Association will be holding an informative meeting for all education majors on Thursday, March 18.

The meeting will be held at 5:15 p.m. in room 2310 of Bliss Hall. Member benefits and the spring conference to be held April 16 and 17 will be discussed.

For more information contact Mary Lou Weingart at (330) 941-3728 or Crystal Hawthorne at (330) 941-3270.

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projects the groups came up with were, demolishing crack houses and vacant houses, reducing drugs in Youngstown, installing more street lights in certain areas of the city, creating after school projects and expanding block watches," he said.

Billak said each group came up with one doable project in various areas of the city. He said groups would be meeting to further discuss the ideas.

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WANTED: Students to assist with YSU Spring Job Expo 2004 on Tuesday, March 30 in Kilcawley Center Chestnut Room. Employers will need help transporting their display materials and equipment. Must be able to lift 50 pounds. Hours: 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Stipend \$50. Interested: Apply in person in the Office of Career Services, 1034 Jones Hall.

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Trivia night at restaurant

By SCOTT SEELEY
The Jambar

It could have been the scene at any of a dozen bars in the Youngstown area.

Banners in support of local sports teams on the walls. Students and other young people at the bar, relaxing and having a drink. In one corner a group of people huddled around small computer keyboards, looking at television screens.

It was the downtown Buffalo Wild Wings spring NTN Trivia League night.

Youngstown State University students and professors, among others, have formed six teams that compete every Thursday evening. The competitors say they do it for the fun, the challenge and the opportunity to relax with their friends, co-workers and even their professors.

"[NTN Trivia] is about going out, having fun, drinking a few beers, and if you lose, oh well," English professor Scott Leonard said. "It's also a

learning opportunity. Every time you leave here knowing something you didn't before you came."

Suddenly a question comes up on the television screen, and one of Leonard's teammates answers it quickly, getting the maximum points for the correct answer.

"A big part of the fun in this game is getting [your answer] in faster than someone else," Leonard said.

"If someone misses a really easy question, they'll get hassled, and then they'll do the same to someone else," Justin Pancake, a former YSU student and assistant general manager at the restaurant, said. "It makes it fun."

History professors Diane Barnes and Donna DeBlasio, who both said they have participated in the trivia competition for years, are part of another team. The challenge of the trivia and the fun of competing against friends and co-workers are why they continue to compete.

Pancake agreed and said

many students sign up for competition because they have the opportunity to play against their professors.

"They really enjoy that," he said.

Pancake volunteers his time to be in charge of the local NTN Trivia Leagues and has done so for the past four leagues. He takes care of keeping track of scoring and prizes and obtaining sponsors for the leagues.

"I have fun every time I participate with the leagues," he said. "It's a blast."

Pancake said the trivia is always available to anyone interested in playing. He added that there are still spots available for the spring league, and he would like to see more YSU students and professors participating.

To join an NTN Trivia league stop by Buffalo Wild Wings in downtown Youngstown or call (330) 744-2999.

Call Scott Seeley at (330) 941-1913.

News in brief

OMEA recognizes YSU musicians

The Ohio Music Education Association has recognized members of this year's YSU music program.

For the second time, all three of Youngstown State University's ensembles were asked to perform in the same year at the OMEA conference in Columbus. The Symphonic Wind Ensemble, the Percussion Ensemble and the Jazz

Ensemble also performed at Barberton, Medina and Grove City high schools.

Also, seniors Michael Boscarino and Joe Carey, graduate student Craig Hill, junior Greg Pflugh and sophomore Robert Traugh were asked to perform with the OMEA Intercollegiate All Star Jazz Ensemble.

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diversified school systems, it did not erase economic segregation.

She added that economic segregation is evident in Youngstown, comparing her education in suburban schools to that of children in inner city schools.

"I think kids in the Youngstown city schools do not have the same value and quality of education like I did," Scott said, who attended a suburban school.

President of the Pan African Student Union Loren Webb said that inner city schools do not prepare their students for college as well as suburban and private schools do.

Webb said as a result, these students do not see any other positive option for life

after high school graduation other than what they can find on the streets.

President of University Scholars Angela Mavrikis agreed and said the lower level of preparation gives students less of a chance to succeed in the real world.

"It's reinforcing the idea that they can't get better than what they already are and what they're already living in," Mavrikis said.

Sophomore Mark Flint, who sat in the audience, said the decision "opened the door" for civil and equal rights, but that the journey was far from over.

Flint said he was disappointed with the lack of interest about the forum.

"This place should be full and the fact that it isn't shows

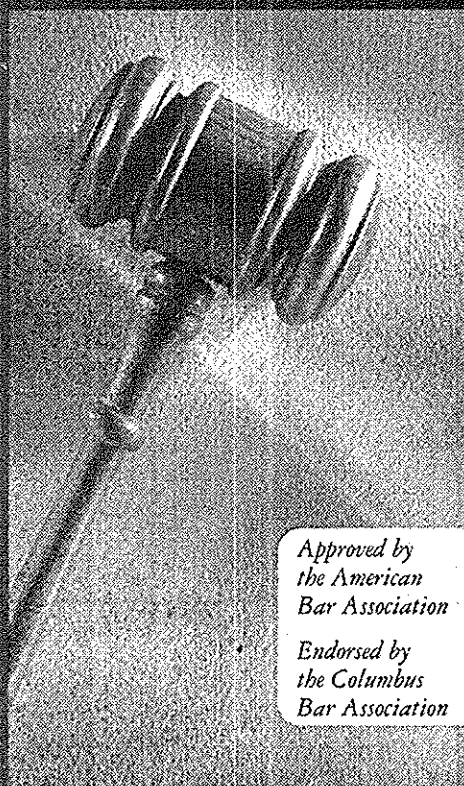
how far we are from where we should be and where we are," he said.

Although the panel argued that the decision had not completely eliminated all segregation, Mavrikis said the ruling had a profound effect on societal viewpoints.

"It has produced a generation of kids and people who don't think twice about seeing someone different," Mavrikis said. "I can't imagine my life without the diverse people I have in my life that have taught me so much."

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- Mail in your entry to Dr. Bill Jenkins, General Education Office, Tod Hall 313,

Essay Contest

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Cheap Beer

The perfect cheap Bronson

No money? No problem. Here's a cheap beer guide to make sure you keep your weekend nights occupied.

By BJ Lisko
The Jambar

It all starts the same. It's the weekend but payday seems light years away. You've got to get your drink on but you blew all your money on new car stereo speakers, CD's, crappy food from the Marketplace or that \$200 designer outfit.

So what do you do? Well if you're like sophomore Eric Schwartz you go for some high-class brew — "Powder Bourner" to be exact.

"It was four bucks a case," Schwartz said. "I woke up with a black eye and a shredded shirt. It was pretty

horrible hit on the wallet as Busch is only about three bucks a six-pack and never more than seventy five cents a can at the bar. Served only at working class joints, dives, company softball outings and rifle conventions.

Miller High Life — Called "The Champagne of Beers," but never has a more false advertising slogan existed. Don't be fooled by the "Miller" tag affixed to this Bronson, High Life is for the low-life. Usually in the hands of defeated gamblers who are chronically angry about their team never covering the spread. They will consistently talk about the bets they should have made, and are far too stressed out from gambling to ever be interested in relationships. High Life typically runs at about \$10 for a case of 30 and is widely available. However it is not a highly recommended cheap Bronson, and a terrible hangover is imminent.

Natural Ice and Natural Light — Despite the bad reputation given to Natty, it's actually a pretty hip Bronson. At just four bucks a twelve pack, it's also sure to get you good and drunk. A popular pick with the underage drinkers as well, because lets be honest, what store cashier is going to think someone is trying to illegally buy Natty? Unfortunately it's available at very few bars, so Natty is a usual cheap Bronson for house parties and cookouts. Hangover factor is moderate, but nowhere near as bad as the aforementioned Bronsons. A highly recommended cheap brew.

Genesee — Typically consumed by middle-aged husbands resentful of their lives. Many an affair has begun because people have been lured to acts of desperation by this cheap Bronson. Under no circumstances should you consume Genesee Cream Ale, the most hideous of all beers. Drinking Genesee often makes people very angry and violent. If someone is in a bad mood to begin with and then starts drinking Genesee, steer clear. People who drink this sauce will tell you they're relationship material, but really they are not. Typically served in working man's joints or trucker bars. Not highly recommended, but an acceptable way to get your drink on.

Pabst Blue Ribbon — The most widely accepted cheap Bronson with drinkers ranging from steel workers to art school kids. It's actually quite hip to drink PBR so fear not if you're interested in someone who has a Pabst in his or her hand. Served practically everywhere, PBR is always a reliable and trustworthy way to get loaded.

Black Label — The PBR wannabe, Black Label is often cheaper than Pabst but not as widely acceptable. Usually consumed by the person who has no more than three or four dollars on them at any given time. If you're a PBR drinker and have switched to Black Label, beware, you're sending the wrong message to those around you.

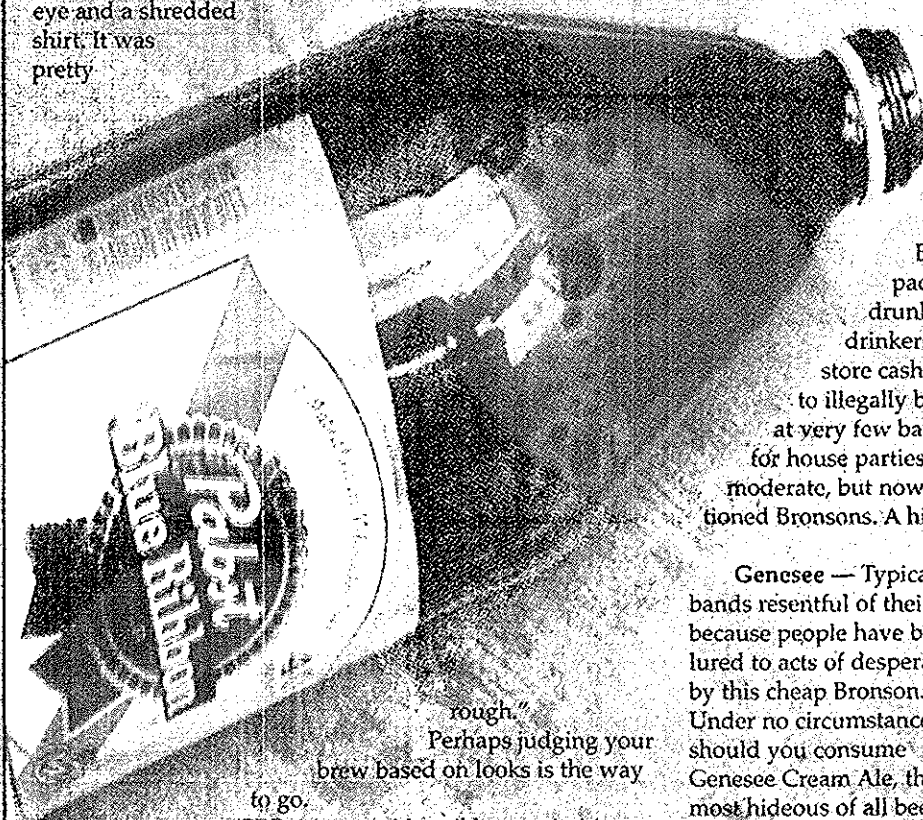
Three Stooges Beer — Yes there is a Three Stooges beer, and it is by far the best tasting of the cheap Bronsons. The downside is no matter how good of a pickup line you have, Moe, Larry and Curly are on the label of your drink. The best bet is to have the bartender pour it in a glass for you, but you always run the risk of someone seeing this take place. Available only at working class bars or sports bars — joints typical to the Three Stooges fan.

Milwaukee's Best — "Beast," as it is often referred to is typical of the jock, or former jock who spends countless hours retelling their glory days on the high school football team. Talk to a "Beast" drinker once and you've heard all they'll ever have to say. Also very popular with fraternities and those who try to act athletic, but really are not. The only reason anyone really drinks it is because it's hip to say you're drinking "Beast."

Straub — The all-natural beer for all you health freaks, but certainly not low on carbs. Straub comes in a plastic bag at the store and is popular to have on tap at most bars. The big downside to this is the packaging. Never buy Straub in a store if you've already started drinking because inevitably the little ropes that hold the bag together will rip and your Bronsons will be history. The best cheap brew in terms of hangover factor though. Get loaded on Straub and it's a pretty good bet you won't even have a headache the next day.

Really it's almost always better to stick with a decent beer, but as I've noted there are a few cheap brews that are okay. Your basic domestics, Budweiser, Bud Light, Miller Lite, Coors, etc. are really no better than anything listed here. If your only goal is to get drunk, any Bronson will do. But if you're at least somewhat thinking of what you'll feel like in the morning, this guide is quite handy. I wish I had it when I started college.

For more cheap Bronson tips, drag your drunk a** off the floor and call BJ Lisko @ (330) 941-1807.



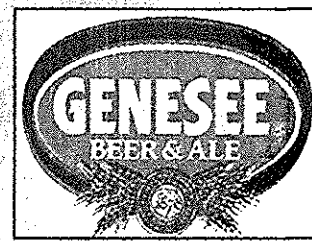
rough." Perhaps judging your brew based on looks is the way to go.

"PBR, it's got a blue ribbon on it, it's got to be good," junior Matt Coles said. Or maybe just staying away all together is the best decision for a happy tomorrow. "I say no to p****" senior Ally Vodilko said.

Choosing the correct cheap Bronson (the term comes drinking beers while watching Charles Bronson flicks and will be how I will refer to beer for the rest of this piece) isn't always easy. You want to get buzzed, but don't want all the hassle that inevitably comes with it.

Unfortunately, inexpensive sauce almost always means debauchery. However I've taken the liberty of supplying you with a cheap Bronson guide, so you know what each 12-ouncer entails and what kinds of people you can expect to see drinking these Bronsons at your favorite watering hole.

Busch — If you're a Busch drinker, you've given up on trying to impress members of the opposite sex unless you're looking for a possible date that is very into NASCAR or hunting deer. You wear sweatpants, flannel shirts and trucker hats to the bar, and if you drink Busch Light, you are called a "wussy" by other Busch drinkers. Drinking a lot of Busch will always result in a terrible hangover, but never a



CD Review

Smile Empty Soul delivers harsh truth in its music

The band will play at Struthers Fieldhouse Wednesday.

By MICHAEL J. BALALE
The Jambar

There are few bands in the rock industry today that take chances with their sound and lyrics yet still produce music worth listening to. In many cases, the only differences are their cities of origin and not the lyrics or originality of their music. Sadly enough, those are the bands that continuously receive the airplay and unjustified recognition.

All too often, rock bands steer clear from taking any chances and continue to pour out "radio friendly" songs that personally make my ears hemorrhage.

If you've not yet heard of them yet, let me introduce you to Smile Empty Soul. You probably haven't been comatose with them through the monotony of FM radio or their lack of publicity on MTV.

The trio from Santa Clarita, California released their self-titled album last year and the darkness and harsh truth to their lyrics and

sound are more than impressive. From start to finish, every track compliments the next and the tone of many of the tracks paints a dark yet brutally honest representation of the life of Sean Danielson who writes and sings the tracks and plays guitar. Derek Hedhill's impressive drum solos and crashing percussion complement the refreshing and original sound of Ryan Martin and Sean Danielson.

The opening track and first hit single titled "Bottom of a Bottle," is the most energetic on the CD and descriptively explains how Danielson deals with all of the pain the later tracks uncover. The electric guitar solo explodes into the final verse of the track and the lyrics complement the colorful sound to perfection.

Danielson's powerful vocals and impressive voice make you want to listen closer to the lyrics, which impressively describe a pain he holds inside as his lyrics in "Bottom of a Bottle" tell: "You always call me, and ask me how I make it through the day. I'm always falling, I guess it's just God's way of making me pay."

The second track, "Silhouettes," is a slow, brutally sad, yet masterful song where Danielson tells the story of his parents and the agony of their lives.

The third track, titled "Nowhere Kids," speeds up the tempo of the album and transi-

tions well from "Silhouettes" and the eerily screeches from the violins in "This is War," where SES describes the evils and realities of war.

"Therapy" is an angry yet powerful display of original guitar sounds and crushing drum lines, which help carry the track to a wonderful uniqueness. The harshness and agony of the lyrics plainly state an unsettling discomfort in the life of Danielson and work as a magnet to the impressiveness of the track.

"Radio in a Hole" is a soon to be hit and a song one may overlook until the chorus and drums come crashing down like a skyscraper and the guitar riffs are more Nirvana-esque than most of the other tracks.

Although the band shares some similarities to many of the best modern rock bands, they have a uniqueness that is unfamiliar but just what the genre needed, a good swift kick in the a—. Before calling them the next 3 Doors Down, Fuel or Puddle of Mudd, you may want to call them the first Smile Empty Soul.

Smile Empty Soul is currently touring at the Sno-Core Tour with Trapt, Finger 11 and Strata. The band will visit Youngstown on Wednesday and will be playing a sold out show at Struthers Fieldhouse.

Call Michael J. Balale at (330) 941-1989.



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SMILE A LITTLE MORE: Smile Empty Soul will visit the Valley Wednesday as part of the Sno-Core tour with Trapt, Finger 11 and Strata. For more info visit www.smileemptysoul.com