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Women's track takes home title

By JOSHUA BOGGS
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University indoor track teams went into the Horizon League Championships with one mindset: to take team effort up a notch and keep the YSU win-

ning track tradition alive.

Alive it was as the women's team won the Horizon League Championship with the men's and women's squads breaking a combined five records and bringing home eight Horizon League Champions from

DePauw University Sunday.

The win was the women's first indoor conference title since 1996.

"We are setting a foundation and we are going to have a win-



GORBY

ning tradition with years to come," head coach Brian Gorby said. "We were very proud with the way the kids stepped up."

Freshmen Danielle Bolt, who was named Horizon League

Newcomer of the Year, not only stepped up in the 60 meter dash, but also clocked a time of 7.71 earning her first place and breaking the Horizon League record. Bolt also finished fifth in the 200 (25.92).

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Habits frustrate students

By CHUCK ROGERS
The Jambar

It's tough concentrating on a test and even tougher when the person next to you plays a percussion solo with his pocket change. Ask Edwin Jackson, he'll tell you.

"He was hitting his pocket over and over and over," the senior said, "I started reading sentences to the rhythm." The impromptu concert didn't help Jackson ace his organic chemistry exam.

With more than 13,000 students and faculty rubbing elbows at YSU, it's a safe bet that someone will get chafed. Either out of habit or thoughtlessness, people do things that frustrate and distract those around them.

Leg shakers bother junior Jaison Lee, especially when they sit at his table. "You can feel it through the table," he said. "I just want to yell 'stop it!'" Once he made a nervous friend prop her leg up on his knee; "It was the only way to make her stop." Pencil tapping also annoys him, but he admits, "I do it sometimes, too."

Most people ignore the indecorous behavior of others, but some things just stand out. For junior Bob Davis nail clipping is vexing, while sophomore Sean Smotrilla and junior John Williams agree that gum popping is rude.

Habit is a powerful force, and no one is immune to its sway. Even teachers with years of experience sometimes develop rituals that put students on edge.

Lee demonstrates his favorite professional peeve. His hands move to and fro like a martial artist as he silently imitates the gestures some teachers use when they lecture.

Jackson prefers straight talk, and said professors who frequently sprinkle "uh" and "um" into their lectures are at the top of his list of academic annoyances. Connie Bergkissel is frustrated by instructors who write on the chalkboard then shield it with their bodies.

Teachers have a short but predictable list of complaints. Most have learned to ignore some of the more trivial offenses, but they warn that napping in class doesn't impress them.

"I've got a pretty big ego," Brendan Minogue, professor of philosophy, joked. "When people sleep in my lectures it bothers me."

Professor Richard Mitchell of the art department said loud snoring in class annoys him. "Soft snoring is ok," he

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YSU graduates' wedding a solar experience

By ELIZABETH TABAK
The Jambar

Underneath the same stars where they first met, two physics graduates returned to the Ward Beecher Planetarium Saturday to exchange their wedding vows.

Mary Kate Boyle and Timothy Bole met in 1997 as students working as technical assistants in the planetarium. When they decided to marry, the choice of where to hold the ceremony was obvious.

"We both love the planetarium," Boyle said. "We have so many great and wonderful memories here."

Smiling ear to ear, Bole said, "It was the easiest decision we made. We just wanted something interesting, something nonstandard. Needless to say, everybody is interested in it."

However, convincing their families was another matter.

"Everyone was a little weird at first," Boyle said. "But, everybody loves our idea now."

Kristine Bole, the mother of the groom, said that she did not quite understand her son's interest in marrying in the planetarium. However, after a little explanation and a little time to adjust to the idea, both she and her husband, Bill, loved the idea.

As photographers flashed their bright bulbs, capturing the memorable images of the day, father of the bride Hugh Boyle stood to the side taking it all in.

"I think this is absolutely amazing," he said. "This is history they are making."

Draped in greenery and ribbons of lavender and white, the planetarium was transformed into a fitting setting for the couple's 4 o'clock nuptials. As they said their vows, mother of the bride Sally Boyle said, the dome of the planetarium would be covered in stars. She added that after the vows were spoken, a picture montage of photos of the two from childhood to adulthood would be flashed on the ceiling.

"Youngstown has been so good to them,

and both have done so well that it reflects well on the university," she said as she surveyed the wedding party lining up for pictures. "This has been a lot of fun, but a lot of work for both us and the people running the planetarium."

After graduating in 2000, the couple moved to Virginia where Boyle works for a missile defense contractor. Bole is currently attending the University of Maryland as a physics doctoral student.

Their reception was held at Leo's Restaurant in Howland, and the two were returning home the following day. They plan to honeymoon this summer in Europe.

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Elizabeth Tabak/The Jambar

No participants in Iraqi discussion at Peaberry's

By COLLEEN HAVENS
The Jambar

Peaberry's was dark and quiet as a small group sat around a table waiting for others to show up. But no one did.

Wednesday evening, members of the Valley Coalition for Peace and Justice held an open forum of friends and family of U.S. troops to share stories and experiences of the situations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Former Youngstown attorneys, Staughton Lynd and his wife Alice, along with part-time History professor Thomas Sabatini and junior Jacob Harver coordinated the meeting.

Had a crowd shown up, Lynd and the others said they would have addressed the issues of depleted uranium, proper body armor, the length of servicemen's stays in Iraq and Afghanistan and their status of employment when they return to the country.

Lynd said he is concerned about what is going on in Iraq because he has seen the effects of the Korean and Vietnam wars on people.

"When people left for Vietnam, they were told they would have to stay only for a year, but it always turned out to be longer," Lynd said. "I see the same thing happening with Iraq."

Sabatini said people need to be aware that modern warfare has caused an increase in injuries.

"The media isn't allowed to cover

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— STAUGHTON LYND
Former Youngstown attorney



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Lynd said there will be speakers from the Korean War, Vietnam War and the first Gulf War. Conscientious objector Mike Alexander will be speaking.

Lynd also spoke of conscientious objection to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, explaining he went as a medic to the Korean War as part of his conscientious objection.

"I still went to war, but I never saw battle," he said.

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Lynd said, about how he stopped communication with his draft board during the Vietnam War.

"We are hoping we will run into someone who has come back from Iraq or is slated to go and are willing to share their experiences with us," Lynd said.

For more information about the teach-in or the Valley Coalition for Peace and Justice, contact Lynd at (330) 652-9635.

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quipped.

Tardiness, talking and loudly throwing down book bags are also classroom irritants for some professors.

The most common gripe of both teachers and students are those who take cell phone calls during class. Second-semester freshman Ali Greene said she has seen up to five people using cell phones at one time in a 250-student psychology class. And senior Melanie Staley said a student told one of her instructors to "Hold on a second" while she took a call.

Gary Walker is an associate professor of cell biology, but he says cell phone calls are not welcome in his classroom. Although his syllabus warns students to turn them off during class, a few still forget.

"I usually treat it light heartedly," he said. "I'll say 'That's my pizza,'" but he adds, "It breaks concentration."

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YSU their first opening season win since 2001. Led by an offense that included two hits by senior Adam Cox and sophomore Charles Schultz, the Penguins struck early with runs in top half of the first, second and fourth innings.

On Saturday, Missouri's strong arms proved to be too much for the Penguin bats. Junior Erik Dessau was in control for Mizzou and YSU's sophomore Brian Boone picked up his first loss of the season as he allowed three runs in the bottom of the third. A lead off solo shot to left by senior Lee Laskowski and a two-run two-out blast by senior Ryan Rallo sent Boone (0-1) back

to the showers early.

The Penguins (1-2) ended their first road trip on Sunday watching the Tigers (8-2) roll 8-1.

In a telephone interview Sunday night, Coach Mike Florak said he was excited about the Penguins performance against a national power like Missouri.

"It was a huge win for our program," Florak said. "For us to go to their own backyard with their best pitcher on the mound and beat them. I can't sleep, I'm so excited."

Pitching was a big part of the action at the University of Kentucky for the Youngstown State University softball team this past weekend. Sophomore hurler

Kelly Murphy's strong arm led the Penguins' shutout of Ball State 3-0 in the tournament opener. Murphy complemented her one-hitter with seven strikeouts and no walks.

On Saturday afternoon, freshman Karlie Burnell was impressive giving up only five hits, striking out 11 and allowing just one earned run despite the Penguins falling 3-0 to Kentucky.

Murphy also tossed a complete game Sunday morning, but an unearned run to Northern Iowa in the top of the seventh spoiled her bid. Murphy (1-1) allowed only three hits and struck out seven, while giving up one earned run in the 2-1 loss.

In the consolation game of the University of Kentucky Spring Invitational on Sunday, Ball State (1-3) returned the favor of the season opener and shut out the Penguins 3-0.

Ball State pitchers Amy Brownfield and Rachel Cleveland combined to limit YSU (1-3) to six hits for the shutout.

The Penguins travel to Deland, Florida on March 7, where they will play a double-header against Stetson.

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Today's Editorial

Inmates should be educated for a better Ohio

Youngstown State University is one of many Ohio colleges offering courses to prison inmates.

For the past several years, YSU instructors have been teaching inmates to write, helping them capture their ideas on paper and think beyond the bars that keep them physically confined.

YSU instructors have also been teaching these inmates about business issues and offering them some other basics of a college education.

This semester, 79 inmates are enrolled in YSU college courses with instructors holding classes at the prisons and broadcasting the lectures to prisoners at other state lock-ups.

This program — supported by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction — is exactly what Ohio needs to help ensure that our state becomes safer and more civilized.

Numerous studies have proven that education is a key factor in determining inmates' success in society once they are released.

One of these studies, conducted in 2002 by the Correctional Education Association, shows that inmates who have had college classes are far less likely to return to prison than those who have not.

Ohio was one of the three states selected for this study which followed 3,000 inmates. When tracked 36 months after their release from prison, 22 percent of the inmates who had taken classes while locked up were sent back to prison. A total of 31 percent who had not had classes were re-incarcerated.

Steve Steuer, the executive director of the College Education Association, said in a report about the study, "We found that for every dollar you spend on education, you save \$2 by avoiding the cost of re-incarceration."

There are other ways to calculate savings from this program. From a humanity standpoint, unpopular by many who believe that prisons should be no more than warehouses, giving inmates an opportunity to further their education is akin to saving a soul. From a societal standpoint, giving inmates an opportunity to acquire basic knowledge helps guarantee that these prisoners may one day be able to make contributions to society.

Martina Nicholas, a part-time YSU English instructor, is one of several faculty members who teach the inmates. Nicholas recently shared her experiences, saying, "They go from barely being able to construct a sentence to learning and growing in the classroom and becoming excellent writers."

Nicholas realizes that the work she and others are doing with these inmates is making a difference. She said a student once sent her a note, "Thanks for having faith in me when everyone else says that I'm a piece of garbage."

Society does not want inmates returning to communities thinking that they are pieces of garbage. If they think they lack value as human beings, their actions will mirror that assessment and it will only be a matter of time before they commit another crime and are sent back to jail.

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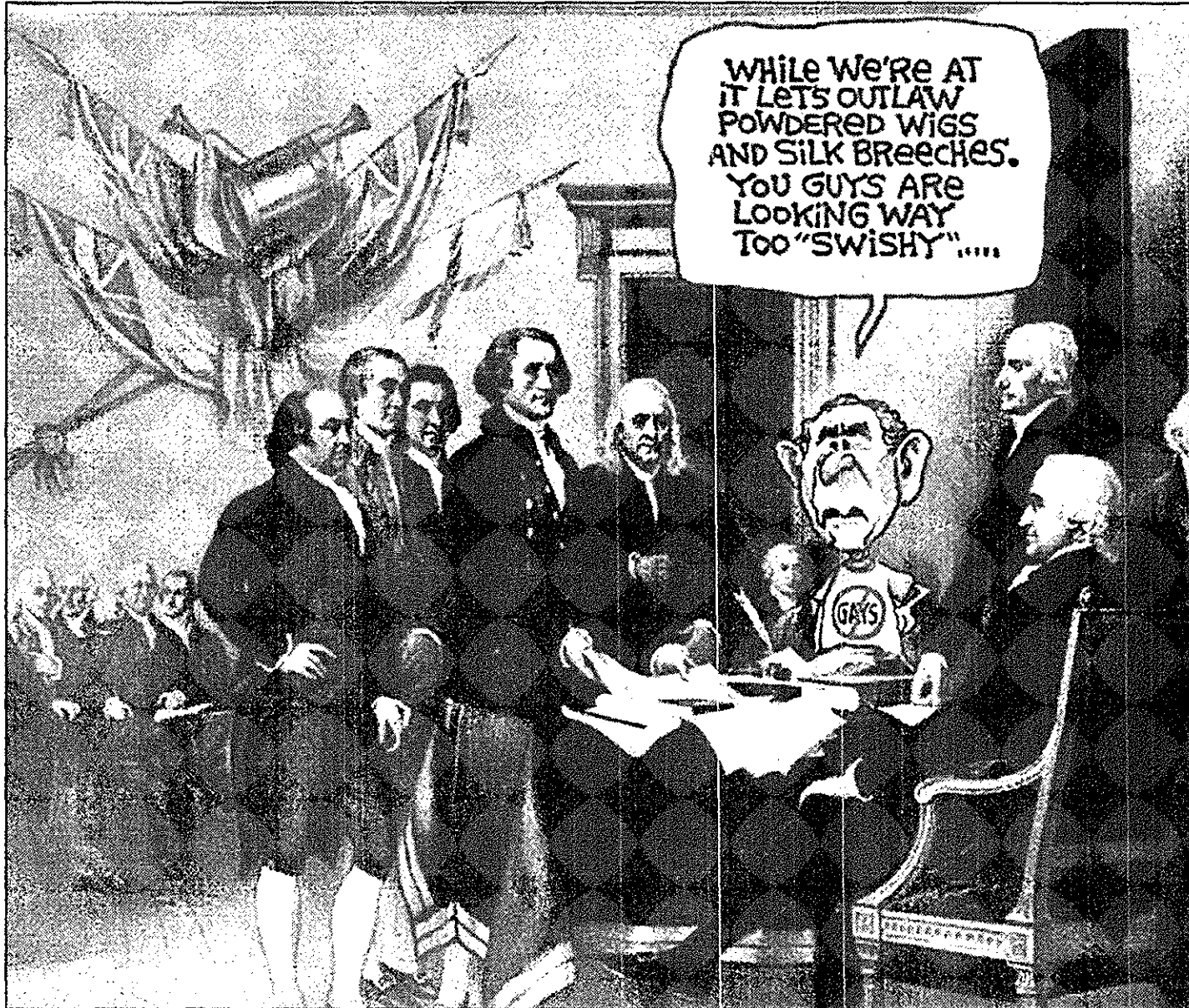
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Letters to the Editor

Huston's assessment of Christians unfair

Editor:

In the Feb. 26 issue, Mike Huston claims that "when Christians stand up against gay marriage, they are using free speech as an excuse for hate." Besides not making much sense, I feel this assessment is unfair. First, I have a right to be on one side of the issue even if it is not your side. The Bible tells me that God ordained marriage to be of one man and one woman, and I believe marriage to be the cornerstone and basic functional unit upon which all of western civilization has been built. Therefore, it is imperative that I do not advocate a re-definition of marriage to include any other arrangement. This does not mean I hate gays or want to put them in "concentration camps" as Mr. Huston suggested Christians might try to do. On the contrary, as a Christian I am commanded to show love and care and concern for all people, and the vast majority of us strive to do so.

I would never tell Mr. Huston how to live his life or impose my beliefs upon him. But asking me to endorse a redefinition of marriage is a separate issue altogether. Those who want the law to reflect acceptance for their lifestyles are trying to force their

will upon those of us who don't want marriage redefined and are charging us with "hate" and "intolerance" to cloud the issue. I am not saying you can't live as a gay person, I am only saying I will not support marriage being redefined. My lack of support for what you want doesn't mean you have fewer rights. Just because one group thinks marriage is a right, doesn't make it so. It's a national debate that deserves a decision from the majority.

Mr. Huston says that being gay is his whole life, and that is why he needs acceptance. But sexuality is only one aspect — we all have other things that define us. We all live our lives according to what we believe whether others accept us or not — that is the beauty of America. Even if Mr. Huston personally "needs" acceptance, it isn't my responsibility to give it to him in the form he deems appropriate. My responsibility to Mr. Huston, or anyone else, is to not impose upon their rights, and they must also reciprocate.

Sarah Ramirez
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Climate change is major cause for concern

Editor:

I don't want to monopolize the editorial page, but I read the article in The Jambar about a class about weapons of mass destruction and preparing for disasters and was reminded of something. There was a report from the Pentagon recently that climate change could result in a global catastrophe costing millions of lives in wars over food, water, and energy resources and natural disasters around the world with the more likely use of nuclear weapons. It's called "An Abrupt Climate Change Scenario and Its Implications for United States National Security."

The report considers what would happen if warming shut down the gulf stream. Current climate models predict that if greenhouse gas emissions continue to increase, the component of the gulf stream driven by the differences in water density is likely to decrease by 25% in the next 100 years. As the gulf stream becomes weaker, it may become less stable and more likely to

shut down completely in the future causing the cooling of climates in many regions. Mega-droughts could result in much soil loss in the Midwest affecting agriculture. "The U.S. is better positioned to cope than most nations," the report says. U.S. borders are strengthened to hold back starving immigrants from the South.

This scenario is plausible but not the most likely. However, gradual global warming could cause more things like this course would teach also like tropical diseases spreading northward and more frequent and intense tropical storms. Current U.S. energy plans will increase greenhouse emissions 25% by 2010. Students should not only have a course for preparing for disasters but vote in the student government elections to prevent a 'course' towards more of them by supporting wind energy for YSU.

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YSU needs campus radio for its students

Editor:

From what I understand, Youngstown State University is currently developing the idea of turning this campus into a resident campus. I believe that a campus radio station for the students, featuring student DJ's, would add appeal and increase student interest in the campus. Also, having live radio shows and campus event announcements would spark an interest in the current commuter students to stay on campus after their classes end for the day.

I've come to notice that the major participation problems we now face are due to a lack of exposure to the student body of

upcoming events. All day I hear complaints that there is nothing to do on campus, or in the local community. The introduction of this medium to students would also increase the exposure of, and involvement in, the Greek community, as well as increase attendance of lesser known, yet highly talented groups such as the theater department, University Scholars and other student organizations.

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Academy Awards Play-by-Play

Fat Head's unforgettable Oscar experience



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SIGOURNEY WEAVER IN A TRANCE?: Actress Charlize Theron took home the Best Actress award at the Oscars Sunday.

By MARK STEVENS
The Jambar

Never watched the Oscars before. I hate awards shows just on principle. It seems like the only purpose they serve is to further inflate the egos of people most of us don't like in the first place.

Eh, what the hell? I figured I'd give 'em a shot, as they say. So me and Fat Head's Girl (heretofore to be referred to as FHG for space purposes) saddled up to the boob tube Sunday night and strapped in for a fun night at the 76th annual Academy Awards.

(In other words, no one else at The Jambar wanted to watch the damn show, so Fat Head, ever willing to sacrifice for the team, had to waste his one night off this weekend watching the Oscars. I'm not bitter or anything.)

Here's a play-by-play of the night's 'finer' moments:

8:19 - Unfortunately, I have to turn off "Tin Cup" just before he hits the shot off the porta-potty so that we can watch the last bit of the pre-Oscar show.

8:22 - Scanning the crowd in the auditorium, I am awestruck by how much Benicio del Toro looks like Saddam Hussein in "Hot Shots! Part Deux" after Saddam turns into the dog.

8:24 - Ben Kingsley - that's right, the guy who played Ghandi - just introduced his wife. Then she had to run along; she was going out with the Olsen twins tonight to celebrate her 18th birthday.

8:27 - Is it too late for me to not have to do this? Isn't there some other way?

8:30 - Guess not, here we go. Sean Connery just kicked off the show with a tribute to movies. I give him 18 months. Seriously, he looks bad.

8:34 - The show is four minutes old and I've seen Billy Crystal's nipples 104 times.

8:37 - FHG on Charlize Theron: "She's gorgeous." Yup.

8:44 - First bad Janet Jackson nipple joke.

8:47 - Hey, there's 60-something Michael Douglas. Hey, there's his 30-something wife on stage. Something's not right there.

He looks like he's doing a bad impression of Jack Nicholson. Hey Michael, no one and I mean no one, pulls off the gray hair and sunglasses look like Jack. Don't even try it.

8:51 - The first award, Best Supporting Actor, goes to Tim

Robbins for his role in "Mystic River." I have to say that I agree on this one. Nuke Laloosh, I mean Merlin, I mean Tim Robbins was great in that flick.

9:01 - FHG keeps saying Sean 'Austin.' Nobody insults Rudy.

9:02 - At this point, one thing is painfully obvious. "The Lord of the Rings" series has the ugliest directors and producers. These people are hideous.

9:03 - Second bad Janet Jackson nipple joke.

9:07 - A two-minute discussion of the attractive blonde usher on stage with the presenters ends with me saying that I wasn't paying attention to her and FHG saying "you better not be."

Enough said.

9:18 - Best Supporting Actress time. All of the nominees suck. Renee Zellweger wins.

9:22 - FHG: "She's still talking?"

Fat Head: "Yup."

9:23 - FHG: "Did she just reference 'Jerry Maguire'?"

Fat Head: "Yup."

9:31 - Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson take the stage. I hate Ben Stiller. FHG hates Owen Wilson's nose.

9:34 - Live Action Short Film Award time.

FHG: "Why even have this award?"

Fat Head: "So creepy tall guys wearing salmon-colored ties can get cut off by the music when they start talking about politics, I think."

9:40 - What the hell is Sting holding onto while he's performing? It looks like a cross between a Model-T and a bass drum.

9:46 - Annie Lennox takes the stage to perform a song from "LOTR." She looks like a character from the movie cross-bred with Kurt Warner's wife.

What she really needs is more facial tics.

9:54 - Bad Janet Jackson nipple joke number three.

9:57 - Was Jada Pinkett Smith really too famous to just change her name when she married the Fresh Prince?

9:59 - After they win for the third time, we're officially rooting against "LOTR" in every category.

10:01 - "Braveheart" is on USA. Damn! Why am I watching the Oscars?

"At least we didn't get all dressed up for nothing!"

10:18 - The award for Best Makeup goes to ... oh wait, the channel changed on its own;

"Braveheart" is back on. I swear I didn't touch it.

10:22 - When's the last time John Travolta had a hit? "Pulp Fiction?" "Battlefield Earth?" HA HA HA.

10:34 - There's still an hour left?

10:41 - FHG: "They twist my nuts for two and a half hours for five minutes of enjoyment."

I will marry this girl.

10:46 - FHG: "Atticus Finch always reminds me of my daddy."

Did I just say something about marriage? I mean, um, yeah.

(Just kidding.)

10:59 - Pierce Brosnan hasn't changed since 1989.

11:06 - The mom from "Home Alone" and the dad from "American Pie" are on stage at the same time. Whoa. And they're singing. This is worth its own category. Where's the award show for moments like this?

11:14 - Did Billy Crystal really just refer to Will Ferrell and Jack Black as threats to his career?

11:21 - The Best Foreign Language Film award was given to "Canada." Apparently, the whole country deserves the nod.

11:22 - Uma Thurman is wearing an outfit from "The Karate Kid." Where's Pat Morita?

11:31 - I'm speechless as "LOTR" wins Best Adapted Screenplay.

11:32 - Hey look! "That 70's Show" is on the WB! Wheeee!

11:42 - Best Director? Peter Jackson of "LOTR." Or is that WWF superstar Mankind?

11:45 - Best Actress goes to Charlize Theron. Even though she's got a "Sigourney Weaver when she's in a trance in 'Ghostbusters'" thing going on tonight, that woman is something else.

11:53 - Eric and Donna are discussing their sex life. Whoops. Cover blown again.

12:00 - Sean Penn gets the nod for Best Actor. Penn is seriously one of the most under appreciated actors of my time.

And to think that he came from "Fast Times at Ridgemont High." Just goes to show you that you never can tell.

12:05 - Finally, after three and a half hours my misery is ended with "LOTR" winning Best Picture. Gee. Never saw that one coming.

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Character discovers himself in 'Company'

By ELIZABETH TABAK
The Jambar

As a bachelor, Robert found that he had more company than expected.

In the two and a half-hour production of Stephen Sondheim's "Company," Robert discovered himself in the midst of relationships, friendships and plenty of applause as the Youngstown State University College of Fine and Performing Arts performed their first theater production of the semester.

"Company", a concept musical, centers around the life of 35-year-old Robert, or "Bobby" as his friends affectionately refer to him. The vivid and colorful description of New York in the 1970's gave way to Robert's story, as he finds himself constantly surrounded both mentally and physically by his circle of married and engaged friends.

The situations he finds his friends in constantly urge him to question his own fear of commitment, and whether or not he should invest his time and emotion in another person. He watches them experience such trials as divorce, drinking, dieting and their own fears dealing with commitment.

Slightly womanizing and always

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under fire from his friends, the character of Robert was brought to life by sophomore Ryan Ruth's comical portrayal. His dry approach to humor and his amazing singing talent made the performance enjoyable and entertaining.

Also, juniors Kristen Marinelli and Jennifer McCombs and sophomore Mandy Rapp gave great performances in their comical interpretations of Robert's three girlfriends. The song "You Could Drive a Person Crazy" was a musical and lively summary of their feelings for Robert as he found it difficult to decide which girl was

worth the commitment.

Rapp's performance as the ditz and self-centered flight attendant April was hilarious. Rapp's timing and facial expressions perfectly captured April's character, finding her the center of applause and laughter.

Marinelli also gave an energetic and show stopping performance as she sang "Another Hundred People," an optimistic ode to the city of New York.

Sophomore Missy Bookbinder's performance of "Getting Married Today" summarized her every emotion as her character of Amy began to experience cold feet on her wedding day. Bookbinder found her way through the intricate and silly tongue twisting of the song with ease.

Sondheim's "Company" was an upbeat performance that discussed rather weighty subject matter, and it was handled well by the cast.

The College of Fine and Performing Arts' next theater production will be George Walker's "Zastrozzi," to be held March 25 through 28 and April 2 through 4.

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"I'm really excited about it, and I have worked really hard this season," Bolt said. "My goal is to run 7.50 and keep bringing my times down."

Sprinting coach Dave Purins was pleased with Bolt's performance.

"For a freshmen to come into a championship situation and the team to rely on her is tremendous," Purins said. "It's a testament to the sacrifice the team has made all year long."

Bolt joined senior Leslie Johnson, sophomore Alex Casi and junior Jeanna Cunningham on the winning school-record 4x400 meter relay team (3:52.80).

Johnson, Casi and Cunningham also had impressive efforts individually as Johnson won the 400 (57.25) in a school-record time, with Casi finishing fifth in the 400 (59.36) and second in long jump (17-4 3/4), while Cunningham added a third in the 200 (25.65) and a fourth in the 60 (7.89).

"It was overwhelming," Johnson said. "To come back and win was just amazing. I can't describe it."

Following in the record footsteps of her teammates was junior Ailiyah Gillespie,

who won the 60 hurdles in a facility-record time of 8.90 with sophomore hurdler Cassandra Smith finishing third (9.31).

"It was a complete team effort by every person," Gillespie said. "Nobody got disappointed even if they didn't do as well as expected."

On the distance side, junior Emily Schnitkey paced her way to a first place in the mile (5:04.28) and fourth-place in the 800 (2:17.78), while junior Lindsay Wojciak finished fourth in the 1000 (3:04.48).

Schnitkey also teamed with freshmen Marielle Glanz, Kim Jendre and sophomore Gina Mavrikis on the second-place distance medley relay.

Freshman phenomenon Lisa Davies aided the distance squad by finishing second in the 3000 (10:12.63) and 5000 (17:31.60) and sixth in the mile (5:07.92).

"I'm really happy with (the win) and I couldn't ask for more," Davies said. "All of the girls really did their part."

Performing well for the throwers were freshmen Amy and Lindsay Hill, who were second and fifth in the shot with sophomore Katy Williams heaving her way to fourth place in the weight throw (49-5

1/2). Throwing coach Shawn Cobey complimented his squad on their performances.

"On the women's side, with as young as we are, we set a foundation," Cobey said. "The overall performance of the team really showed how talented the team can be for the next three or four years."

Senior Laura Schatz ended her indoor track career on an impressive note finishing second in the high jump (5-5 3/4), while freshmen Nikki Hooper placed third in triple jump (36-4) and fourth in long jump (16-10).

In men's action, the YSU men ended with 100 points in fourth place overall. Senior Sherod Holmes dashed his way to a first-place in the 60 (7.06) with sprinters Damian (7.11) and Jeremiah Wright (7.13) finishing third and fourth.

Junior Papis Joh and freshmen Scott Weiser also performed well with Joh winning the 200 (22.54) and placing third in the 400 (49.54), while Weiser was fifth (23.13) and sixth (50.95), respectively.

Freshmen Derek Riker also made his mark in the pole vault by clearing a first-place

notch of 14 feet, 11 inches, while sprinter T. J. Peterson placed fourth in the 200 (22.75) and third in the long jump (22, 0-3/4).

Junior Adam Lewis also had a record-setting day with a second-place school record in the 60-meter hurdles (8.56), while Chris Goffer placed fourth (8.83).

On the throwing side, junior thrower Jarrod Davis grabbed a second place in the shot (49-7 1/4) and sophomore Joe Bruderly added fifth (45-3 1/2).

In the weight throw, Drew Weizer (48-3 1/2) and Bruderly (47-0 3/4) finished in third and fifth, while Justin Reams leapt his way to sixth (43-7 1/4) in the triple jump.

The Penguin 4 x 400 squad finished third, while the distance medley group was fourth.

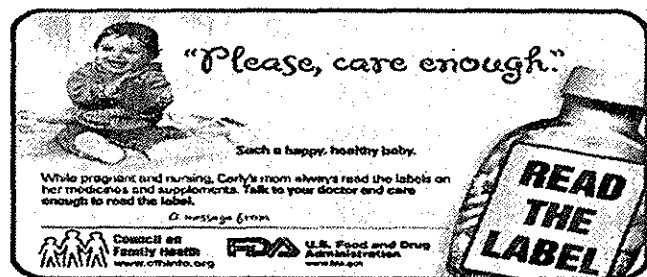
For their coaching performances this season, coach Corby, Cobey, Purins, Marcella Bolha and Matt Folk were named Horizon League Coaches of the Year.

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News in brief

Oakland holding auditions

The Oakland Center for the Arts will be holding open auditions for "The Chosen" on Wednesday, March 10 at 7 p.m. Call-backs will be held Sunday, March 14 at 2 p.m. The Oakland Center for the Arts is located at 220 W. Boardman St. For more information contact Karen O'Malia at (330) 539-1052.



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Time: 7:30 p.m.

When: Friday, March 5th

Cost: Free and open to the public

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- Essays are to be in the form of a letter to President Bush explaining the causes of terrorism in the contemporary world and arguing for specific solutions.
- Please do not exceed a length of 1500-2000 words, and include a title page, one-inch margins, number pages, double spacing, and citations following MLA, APA, or the Chicago Manual of Style guidelines.
- Mail in your entry to Dr. Bill Jenkins, General Education Office, Tod Hall 313, no later than Friday, March 26th.

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY



SPORTS & RECREATION

Penguins drop season ending doubleheader

By JOSHUA BOGGS
The Jambar

In the melody of college basketball, the Youngstown State University men and women's basketball teams ended their regular seasons on sour notes.

Both squads dropped their last two regular season matchups with the men finishing the year with an overall record of 8-19 and 4-12 in the Horizon League, while the women finished 4-23, 2-14.

The men's team hosted Horizon League foe Detroit on Saturday, Feb. 28 at Beeghly Center for their regular season finale.

The Penguins, who were held scoreless through the first 8:29 of the first half, could not rebound from the early deficit and fell to the Titans 56-46.

Head coach John Robic said YSU was outmatched physically in size and strength and intimidation played a key factor in the final outcome.

"We were very tentative, but a little scared and a little intimidated," Robic said. "We were afraid to fail."

YSU trailed by a 14-point deficit, 34-20, at the half.

The Penguins were down by as much as 17 in the second half and a late 8-2 run by YSU with over 2:00 remaining in regulation could not stop the Titans.

YSU, who shot only 30.8 percent overall, had three players, junior Brian Radakovich, senior TeJay Anderson and freshman Quin Humphrey score nine points for the game.

For seniors Baumann, Anderson and Bill Mallernee, this was their final regular season game of their careers. The seniors admitted that this was one of their worst team performances all season.

"That was the worst game I think we played all year," Baumann said. "It was not a good way to end it here."

"We struggled and they were hitting shots and we weren't," Anderson said.

The men's team also trav-

eled to Indianapolis, Wednesday, Feb. 25 to face the Butler Bulldogs at Hinkle Fieldhouse in their final away game of the season.

Despite junior Doug Underwood's 28 points, Butler held off a late Penguin comeback to pick up the victory, 81-76.

In the first half, YSU took its only lead of the game 13-12, but Butler hit nine straight points to extend their advantage, 21-13.

At intermission, Butler held a six-point advantage, 36-30, but the Bulldogs Mike Monserez scored the first four

at the half and fell behind by as many as 14 points with 9:36 remaining in regulation.

The Penguin deficit was cut to seven points following a 3-pointer by senior Devin Novak with 1:26 remaining, but that's as close as YSU would get.

For the game, junior Tara Fleming had a team-high nine points, while juniors Cathy Hanek and Jessica Olmstead had eight points.

The women's team also traveled to Detroit on Thursday to face the Titans at Calihan Hall.

Detroit, who became the first team to shoot 50 percent overall against the Penguins this season, defeated YSU, 75-40.

The Penguins trailed by one point, 15-14 after a lay-up by freshmen Ashlee Russo at the 8:59 mark in the first half, but would not get any closer during the remainder of the game.

After the Russo lay up, Detroit held the Penguins scoreless over the next 5:58 over during 18-0 run and took a 39-16 advantage at the break.

In the second half, the Titans shot 52.4 percent from the floor and outscored YSU, 36-24. Senior Devin Novak was the top Penguin scorer with nine points, which included 3 of 7 from behind the three-point arc.

For Novak and senior Jessica Forsythe this was also their last regular season game in a Penguin uniform, but both are optimistic heading into the Horizon League tournament.

"By no means are we ready to give in," Forsythe said. "I couldn't have asked for a better crowd to play in front of."

"It was a good way to go out with the fans," Novak said. Both teams will compete in the first round of the Horizon League Tournament beginning today with the men traveling to Butler and the women traveling to Wright State.

"The kids gave the effort I wanted," head coach Tisha Hill said. "I've always said that when they give 100 percent effort, I can't say much. They just fight hard."

The Penguins trailed 31-25
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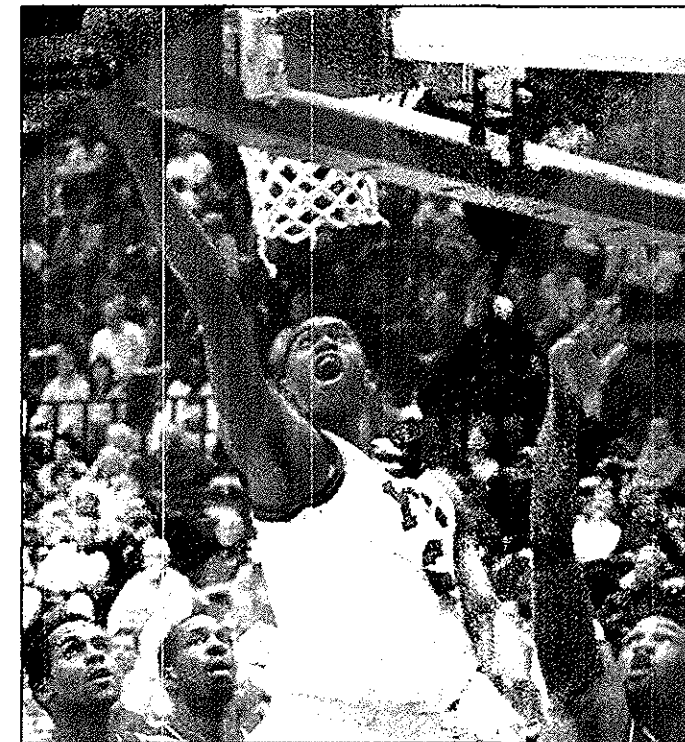


— JOHN ROBIC
Men's head basketball coach



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TO THE HOLE: Jessica Olmstead drives on a UW-Milwaukee defender during the teams regular season finale Saturday in Beeghly Center. Quin Humphrey lays one up and in against Detroit later in the evening. Both teams lost.



YSU hits the diamond



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PLAY BALL: The YSU baseball and softball teams have begun their seasons.

By WILLIAM LEHN
The Jambar

With Major League teams reporting to spring training, baseball season is officially upon us.

Here in Youngstown, the real season has already begun with Youngstown State University's baseball team losing a three-game series against Big 12 Conference Missouri Tigers and the softball team travelling to Kentucky to kick off their season.

Taylor Field was the setting for great pitching in the opening series of the 2004 YSU baseball season.

The Penguins were showcasing their mastery from the mound on Friday, but witnessed a pitching clinic for the rest of the weekend. One bright spot for YSU was sophomore Justin Thomas. Thomas (1-0) hurled a two-hitter and struck out nine Tigers over seven scoreless innings to lead YSU to a 3-2 win over Missouri in the series opener.

Senior Penguin reliever Paul Yates held off a late rally by the Tigers when ended he got Lee Laskowski to ground out with the potential winning run on second. Yates' save gave

See DIAMOND, page 2

Swimming and diving closes campaign

By JOSHUA BOGGS
The Jambar

For first-year swimming and diving head coach Matt Anderson, this season has come to a successful end with his team's recent performance at the Horizon League Championships.

The YSU swimming and diving team had four school record performances that helped total 273 points and finish the squad in sixth-place.

The team performance was the highest finish for the Penguins in the three years that the team has been in the Horizon League.

"I couldn't be more pleased with the way things turned out," Anderson said. "It's nice to have all of the girls' hard work pay off."

Junior swimmer Erin Carter definitely had a prosperous season finish as she broke the school record in the 200-yard individual medley. Carter first broke the record in the prelims and then again in the finals with a time of 2 minutes, 11.15 seconds, placing her in fifth.

Carter also won the 400-yard IM in a time of 4:33.82 and set the school record in the 200-yard butterfly prelims (2:12.48) and finished in eighth-place (2:13.09) in the finals.

She was also a member of the seventh-place 400-yard medley relay team consisting of junior Danielle Blagg, freshmen Becky Bertuzzi and senior Lena Arens that broke the school record

that had stood for 20 years, with a time of 4:05.33.

Blagg also broke an individual record of her own as she finished in 14th place in the 200-yard breaststroke in a school-record time of 2:33.79.

Along with their relay performances, Blagg swam to the 11th place spot in the 100-yard breaststroke, while Bertuzzi finished 14th in the 200 free (2:00.39) and 15th in the 200 butterfly (2:22.16).

Junior Kalya Leveto was named Diver of the Meet and totaled an 11-dive score of 449.20 points in 3-meter diving to earn first place.

Leveto also finished second in 1-meter diving (238.70) with fellow freshmen divers Erin Mazzant (156.50), Cortney Harless (152.45) and Lynea Harrill (134.60) following not far behind.

Mazzant (338.30) and Harrill (267.70) also added 13th and 16th place finishes in 3-meter diving.

For his team's successful performances at the championships, YSU diving coach Nick Gavolas was named Women's Diving Coach of the Year in the Horizon League.

Leading the way in the freestyle events was Arens, who finished in sixth place (24.67) in the 50-free and eighth (54.53) in the 100-free.

She also joined Carter and juniors Missy Wiese and Jordan Dunn on the sixth-place 200-yard freestyle relay (1:39.74).

Dunn and Wiese also performed well individually as Dunn paced her way to a 14th place spot in the 1000-yard freestyle in a time of 10:54.75, while Wiese finished 16th in the 50-free

(25.56) and 200-free (2:04.87).

Sophomore Katy Malys finished 16th in the 100-yard backstroke (1:07.05) and she teamed with the seventh-place quartet of Blagg, Arens and Wiese that had a time of 1:55.01.

Rounding out the relay scoring in sixth place was Carter, Dunn, Wiese, and Bertuzzi in the 800-yard freestyle relay (8:06.58) and Carter, Bertuzzi, Wiese and Arens in the 400-yard freestyle relay (3:40.61).

In the distances, Dunn (18:32.08), junior Erika Gregos (18:47.61), freshmen Michelle Von Duhn (19:10.04) and freshmen Kristen Payne (21:06.24) snatched the 14th through 17th place spots in the 1650-yard freestyle.

Also performing strongly at the championships were freshmen Darla Drummund, 16th in the 200 back (2:39.95) and Kim Hanley, 15th in the 100 breast (1:15.03) and junior Amanda Howard, who added 16th in the 100 breast (1:16.07).

Coach Anderson admitted that he was sad the season has come to an end for the swimmers and divers, but that he was ultimately happy with the team's overall accomplishments at the meet.

"We obviously have a long season so it's always a letdown and a relief to finish out the season," Anderson said.

"One of the things we keyed on this year was pride in ourselves and in the university itself," Anderson added. "It's definitely a long process, but we've taken a big first step."

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