



Professor's credentials questioned

BY MICHAEL J. BALALE & ELIZABETH TABAK
The Jambar

A Youngstown State University human ecology professor earned his master's and doctoral degrees from a university that was closed by the FBI, and YSU officials are now investigating allegations that William Bruce Neil misrepresented his credentials.

According to a transcript from LaSalle University in Louisiana, Neil, who began teaching at YSU in fall 2003, earned a master's and a doctorate degree on the same day in 1995. LaSalle was closed by a federal court in 1996 and later characterized as a "sophisticated diploma mill" by federal investigators.

The National Council of Higher Education lists LaSalle University as a college that has issued "unaccredited degrees."

When approached by a Jambar reporter in the hallway of the Human Ecology Department Monday afternoon, Neil said he was shocked by allegations that his degrees are not from an accredited institution.

"This is news to me," he said. "I am shocked."

University Spokesman Walt Ulbricht said administrators will launch an investigation of Neil's credentials and have asked Academic Senate Chair Thomas Shipka to lead the effort.

"We've become aware that William Bruce Neil may have received advanced degrees from a non-accredited institution and may have misrepresented some employment history," Ulbricht said.

While local campus officials are now beginning an investigation, one of Neil's colleagues in the Human Ecology Department and an official from a Tennessee college where Neil used to teach said he has a great relationship with students and is a good teacher.

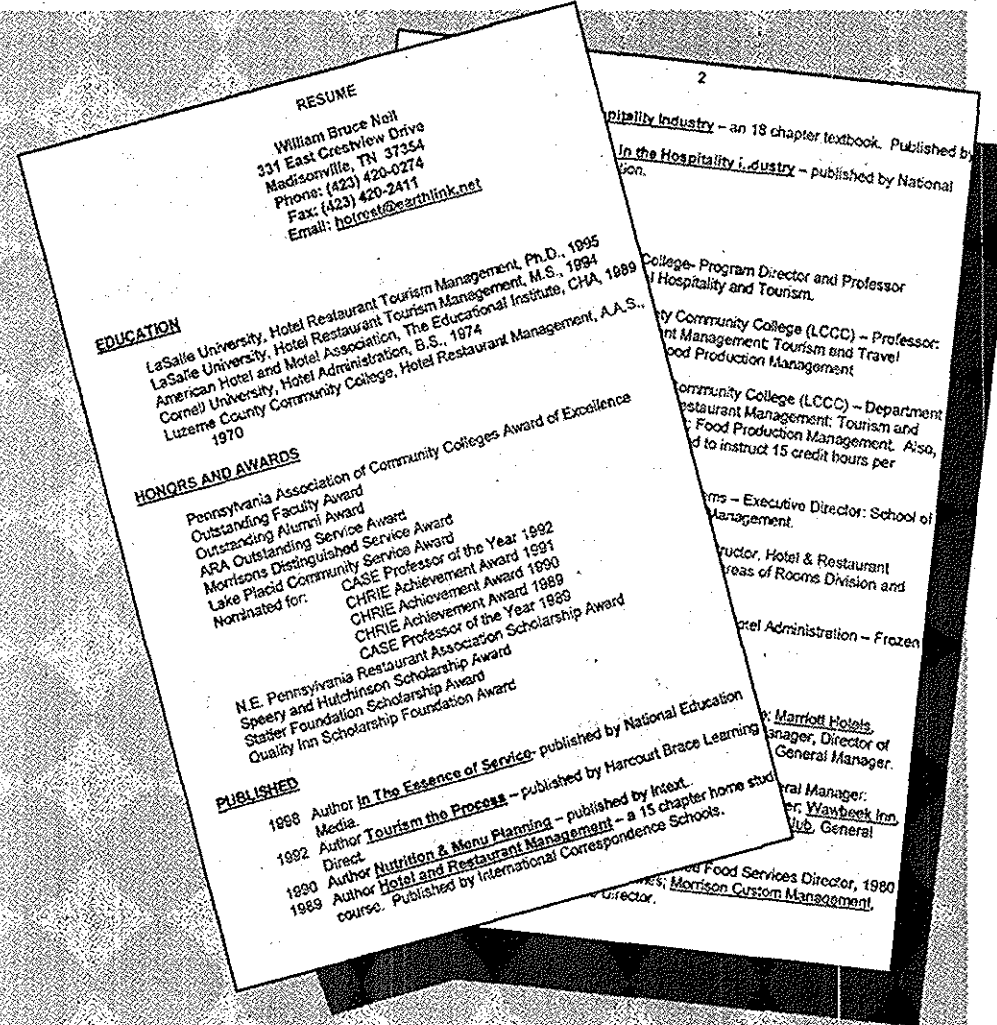
News of allegations against Neil spread across campus quickly Monday.

By mid-morning, YSU-OEA Chairman Michael Finney had sent a memo to Dean of the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services John Yemima regarding an investigation of Neil's credentials.

Yemima said he was surprised to learn that Neil was being accused of bogus credentials.

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Resume of William Bruce Neil



PROBE: University officials will investigate the resume and transcript of ecology professor William Bruce Neil.

Director hopes to hold spot

BY MICHAEL J. BALALE
The Jambar

Interim executive director of the Metro College Gordon Mapley is now interviewing to keep the position he has held for the past year.



BOLLA

Monday, a search committee led by Dean Robert Bolla began interviewing four finalists to fill the executive director position. Candidates held presentations Monday in Tod Hall to share their individual visions for the Metro College.

"This is their chance to sell themselves," Bolla said.

Mapley said he is confident he will retain his position.

"Since I've been there, admission has grown 59 percent," Mapley said. "We've partnered with many businesses to bring new programs to campus and we've received \$100,000 in business grants alone since I've been here."

Over the last 25 years, Mapley has held several positions at YSU, including assistant dean, assistant provost and liaison to the medical school.

"I know all components of the Metro's mission and have helped increase enrollment, grant opportunities and have helped the community grow in my time here," Mapley said.

Judith Hirschman, business manager of telecommunications information services at Kent State University, is one of the three other finalists that will interview this week.

Hirschman has worked at Kent State University for 25 years and previously held positions as assistant dean and assistant dean of the library.

She said although Mapley has been in the position for the past year, she hopes the committee will keep in mind the benefits an outsider can bring to a university setting.

"It would be an interesting opportunity at a great university and it would be exciting to bring my knowledge to YSU," Hirschman said.

Bolla said the Metro College fills the gap for individuals who do not fit the mold of a traditional student.

"It's a good change for adult education and workforce development for non-traditional students," Bolla said.

The two other finalists for the position are Dale Bower, dean of the Center for Continuing Education, Distance Learning and Corporate Training from William Paterson State University in Wayne, NJ and William Beisel, dean of

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Grant will help YSU tech field

BY COLLEEN HAVENS
The Jambar

The home technology market is rapidly expanding and YSU intends to be a leader.

The Ohio Board of Regents recently gave the Enterprise Ohio Network a \$315,000 grant. This grant is a three-year award that will allow YSU's Cisco Networking Academy to be a premier training facility for the Home Technology Integration Plus certification.

Director of YSU Cisco Networking Academy Robert Meyers said under the grant, YSU would provide all teacher training at community colleges throughout Eastern Ohio. The training will lead to an industry accepted HTI+ certification.

Meyers said in a written statement that today you need to know how to wire for Internet, cable TV, telephone, video hook ups, home security systems, audio and video and much more.

"HTI+ training prepares technicians for those skills," he said. "We will be providing each community college with

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Trustees settle ACE union grievance

BY CHRISTINA POE
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University Board of Trustees passed resolutions concerning an international partnership, the YSU bookstore and a labor grievance settlement at their quarterly meeting Friday afternoon.

Joseph Nohra, reporting for the Internal Affairs committee, discussed the settlement of a grievance filed by the YSU Association of Classified



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Employees.

According to the settlement agreement, ACE filed the grievance in October 2002 stating the university was in violation of the Ohio Revised Code.

President of ACE, Christine Domhoff, said the law calls for an increment of 3.1 hours of pay or vacation time for every 80 hours of work after a person has completed five or more years of state service.

Domhoff said the university had misinterpreted the law and did not accept workers' hours as state service.

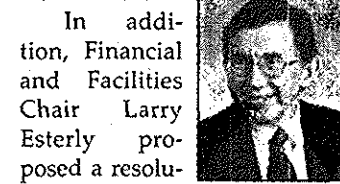
The settlement, signed March 8, awarded the union less than \$250,000 to compensate the workers.

Although Domhoff admitted the union could have attained significantly more had it pursued arbitration, she said it would not have been in the best financial interest of either party.

Additionally, Domhoff said money had not been the main issue of the grievance.

"Our goal was to make sure the workers were adequately compensated and that the university recognized it must follow the state statutes,"

Domhoff said.



ESTERLY

In addition, Financial and Facilities Chair Larry Esterly proposed a resolution to approve the recently attained \$600,000 loan from the Kilcawley Center Equipment Replacement Reserve for expansion and renovation of the YSU bookstore.

Esterly said the first phase of the project, obtaining construction contracts for expansion

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Students gear up for '04 SGA elections

BY WILLIAM LEHN
The Jambar

Flyers, t-shirts, buttons, and Web sites are beginning to pop up as the 2004 Student Government Association presidential elections draw near.

Running for SGA's top spots are the teams of Angela Mavrikis and James "J.T." Holt; Bob McGovern and Amanda Mielke; Jaymin Patel and Thankful Stauffer; and Jason Robinson and Paul Crabtree.

The four pairs of candidates are discussing not only the traditional platform issues

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—PAUL CRABTREE
SGA Presidential hopeful

of parking and student involvement, but also some concerns over replacing traditional polling with online voting.

One pair feels the new voting system will cause greater apathy rather than reduce it.

Robinson and Crabtree said if elected, they hope to

reduce the total number of voters this year. He added that the use of CUE-mail "may actually hinder the election process."

Crabtree said he would rather see SGA use SOLAR instead.

"SGA has tried to push CUE-mail on the students unsuccessfully; SOLAR makes more sense because everyone uses it to register anyway," Crabtree said.

Robinson said he feels online voting will give an advantage to some candidates. He also said SGA should have

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For more information about both presentations, contact Christine Shelton, Coordinator of External Relations for the Williamson College of Business Administration at 330-941-3068 or email cgshelton@ysu.edu.



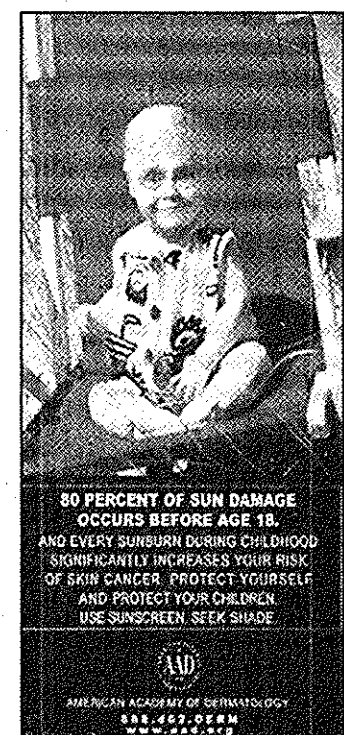
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Workforce Development and Continuing Education from the University of Akron.

During the presentations, candidates were asked to elaborate on the subjects of workforce development, adult education, continuing education and distance learning.

Neither Bower nor Beisel could be reached for comment. Candidate presentations will continue today in Tod Hall.

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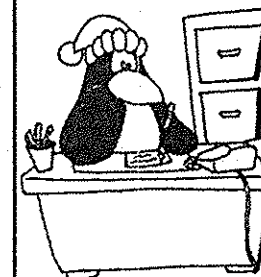
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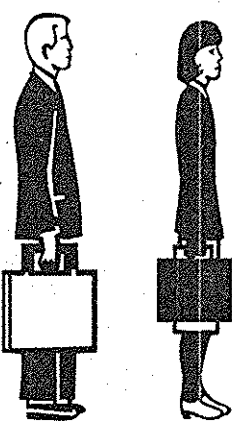
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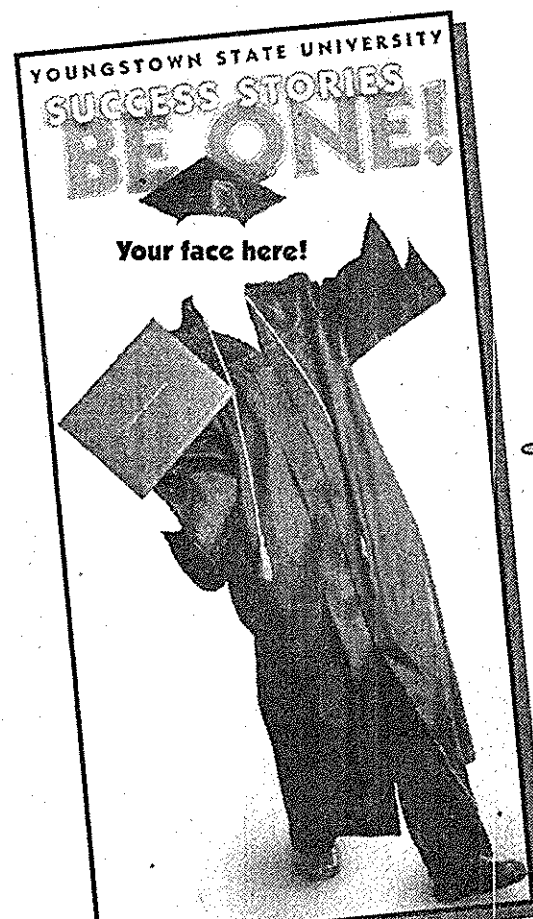
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Today's Editorial

Kobe witness should testify

It has been said that rape is the crime that most violates a person. Rape is not about sex, experts have said. It is about power. And it should never be taken lightly.

Bobby Knight, the famous college basketball coach, once quipped that a woman being raped should "enjoy" the act if the rape is "inevitable." Randall Simon, a professional baseball player, once compared a loss to being raped.

So it is by no means a stretch to say that occasionally the act and victims of rape are often trivialized, especially when famous people are involved. The media hype surrounding the current court drama in Eagle County, Colo. involving NBA superstar Kobe Bryant suggests that once again, the potential victim's rights are being viewed as less than important by a society that often craves and thrives on all of the gory details.

The alleged victim had the right to not have her name and picture posted all over the World Wide Web.

The alleged victim had the right to not have her life threatened by a Long Beach man who claimed that if anything should happen to Bryant, the victim would be "hunted down."

She has the right, as granted to her by the state of Colorado's Rape Shield laws to not have her name printed or presented on television.

Once again, accusers of rape ought to have the right to their privacy. That goes without saying.

But in this country, someone else involved in this case has rights, too. His name is Kobe Bryant. He is 25 years old and plays shooting guard for the Los Angeles Lakers. He's been an All Star. He's long been considered one of the league's premier players.

All of that aside, in the courtroom he is just another citizen of the United States of America, and here in the U.S. we have a practice that has become cliché.

"Innocent until proven guilty," the saying goes. And in the instance of rape, we see a whole new application. In the instance of the Bryant case, there is a true "he said, she said" aspect.

A rape victim suffers tremendous psychological trauma. There is no doubt about that. Self-esteem, ambition and overall mental health all suffer.

But an equal trauma would take place in the accused if in fact no rape took place.

The accused deserves every right to prove their case if indeed they believe that they did not in fact rape the accuser.

Kobe Bryant deserves to have the chance to face his accuser. He deserves to have had his lawyers granted the right to question her.

And they were when the Colorado Supreme Court denied the prosecution's appeal to have her testimony prohibited.

If indeed he is the victim, he has rights, too. And in a case of "he said, she said," the term victim is subjective. We are sure that both parties feel as though they are on trial, and we have faith in the legal system to provide an appropriate outcome — either way the decision falls.

But when a man faces life in prison or even on parole, or being labeled with the moniker of "rapist," he ought to be able to face down his accuser. He is after all "innocent until proven guilty."

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Letter to the Editor

Movies paint the wrong picture of blacks

Editor:

Youngstown is a mere snapshot of this plague seen across America (Montana excepted). This picture in time wherein every adult is held hostage is always those times when school kids board city buses TO and FROM school. Boys and girls — all ages engage in the spectacle of disgraceful language of which our efforts of the 60s cannot begin to comprehend, and feel what futility.

A perfect example of this sickness are all involved in the garbage work of the 'Barber Shop' movies, though clearly, departure from common sense and moral responsibility begun long before 'Barber Shop.'

This, and 99 percent of all black movies since the 90s, has created a social-politic that is as evil as it is void of intelligence. Thus we get, when riding city buses (any state, forgetting Montana,) from the moment the kids get on until they get off, [N—] every third word followed by a string of obscenities, laced with numerous sexual references, while coupled with random verbal assaults on passengers who happen to be dressed different, wearing glasses, and in some cases, just white — and they are merciless on obese whites.

Here in Youngstown, there's only one bus driver who has shown the moral courage to effectively stop the culprit[s] by throwing them off. He's white. Black drivers' acquiescence — though they recognize the guilt they share in these kids' verbiage — hoping, or foolishly believing, that their own kids never behave so.

In the last six years, I have lived across America — the problem is endemic.

It is imperative that the elders (City Council Members), each and all, ride the buses at the mentioned times, not as monitors or as scout leaders — but just as another unsuspecting passenger. Listen till the senses are dulled. Know what every passengers deals with — not being able to say anything less they suffer drive-by shootings or parents blaming the bus company for allowing adults to scold their children.

Be sure no parent in this universe can prevent what these kids do when out in public. Education is at a stiff-armed distance because the root problem stems from music and movies that glorify violence and celebrate profanity as being tough.

What's my point? Well, far be it from me to ever agree Republicans on any point, but clearly it was wrong to take Trent Lott to task for celebrating former KKK member Strom Thurmond's run for the presidency — while at the same time young blacks across America were calling each other [N—s]. Doesn't anyone ever wonder why whites aren't calling each other Honky-this and Honky-that? Fifty years: I never heard them say it.

So I was furious when I heard how 'Barber Shop' trashed the Civil Right Movement's heroes — and I heard because I'd never watch anything that bubble-headed Ice Cube or any Rap-trash so-called star is in (other than Hammer and Fresh Prince). And frankly, the only justified use of [N—] is when referring to all involved in the 'Barber Shop' movies.

Ted Williams
YSU Graduate
Class of 1995

News

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sion, is estimated to total \$800,000.

Esterly said \$200,000 from the Bookstore Equipment Reserve would be utilized to cover the remaining costs.

Also, Provost Tony Atwater, reporting for the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, discussed the possible Sister City Relationship between YSU and the University of Salerno in Italy.

Atwater said conversations with YSU representatives and the University of Salerno's president were favorable during their recent visit to Italy.

Atwater said once the partnership is in place, students of engineering, music, foreign language and art would be given the opportunity to study in Italy.

University President David Sweet said the partnership is part of the university's plan to offer diverse educational opportunities to students and faculty.

"It's part of our effort to give both faculty and students more global experience," Sweet said.

The board also passed Atwater's resolution to approve an Associate of Technical Study degree in

Construction Technology.

Assistant Provost Bege Bowers said once the Ohio Board of Regents passes the resolution, students will be able to count their apprenticeships for up to 30 credit hours towards their degree.

Before adjourning, the board extended its appreciation to Nohra and Matt Pastier, whose terms expire this year.

The board also took time to pay tribute to deceased members Charles B. Cushwa III and F.W. "Bill" Knecht.

After a brief moment of silence for Knecht, University President David Sweet briefed the board on the state of YSU campaigns.

Sweet said student enrollment was in its ninth consecutive semester of increase and that the \$12 million goal for the Andrews Recreation and Wellness Center was close to being reached.

Sweet said groundbreaking for the center would be April 19 of this year and that it should be open in August of 2005.

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started testing the system long before the first ballot is cast, not two weeks before.

"They haven't even decided if they should stay with CUE-mail and it's two weeks before the election," Robinson said.

Mavrikis disagrees, saying that online voting will help the process.

"Even with the criticism, it will be better than regular polling," Mavrikis said.

Mavrikis and Holt's slogan "Helping Students Become ... Informed, Interested, Involved" reflects their hope of making SGA a better resource for students to discuss concerns and ideas.

"We want to make student government less close knit and more enticing to students so their opinions are valued," Mavrikis said.

McGovern and Mielke want to see that student concerns are brought to university officials. Primarily, they are interested in getting the bulk rate increased to 18 credits. By doing this, McGovern said, students will save \$454 per semester.

Mielke said she wonders how YSU can support programs like NEOUCOM and at the same time penalize those students who take 21 credits a semester.

"By trying to succeed, you have to pay more," Mielke said. "It makes no sense."

McGovern, the present SGA chair of the financial

appropriations committee, also proposes students be allowed to contract a class with a teacher. This would be a way to connect a class to the general education requirements.

"It would increase the time students spend in their major and increase the likelihood of getting out in four years," McGovern said. Their full qualifications are listed on their Web site, mcgovernmiele.com.

Patel and Stauffer said they are fed up with SGA's lack of accountability, and propose more meetings and the establishment of small committees.

"Now there are only two meetings a month," he said. "The issues are tabled and get lost in the shuffle."

Patel proposes a management by objectives presidency.

"Results driven leadership means more accountability and less bureaucracy." One example is the current ad-hoc committee for the student run radio. Patel said having five people on a committee in its infancy is too many.

"I will bring a fresh view on everything," Patel said.

There are two debates for the SGA election scheduled, March 30 at noon at Peaberry's and March 31 at 7:00 p.m. at Cafaro House. Students can send their questions to Jamie Miller at (330) 941-6158 or jdmiller@student.yosu.edu.

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\$30,000 worth of equipment. Right now we have seven colleges and we are in the process of getting an eighth college set up in the program."

The seven colleges that have already expressed interest in the program are Washington State Community College, Stark State College of Technology, Cuyahoga Community College, Hocking College, Lakeland Community College, Jefferson Community College and Kent State University-Trumbull.

YSU was notified last fall that it would be one of only 50 sites nationwide to be designated a premier training academy for home technology integration, covering Eastern Ohio from Cleveland down to Marietta.

In order for the Cisco Networking Academy to provide training, the Cisco staff had to go through training themselves. Meyers, administrative assistant Christine Domhoff and instructor Michael Glonek have all received the necessary training to teach HTI+ classes and train other prospective HTI+ teachers.

Meyers said the training they received was very expensive and hands-on.

Domhoff said Tom Moffses from North Florida Community College came to Youngstown for a week to train the Cisco staff.

"Prior to Tom coming, we had to build walls and then he showed us how to install all the equipment," she said. "The

equipment we learned to install included heating and ventilation, lighting, security systems and control panels."

She said Moffses also walked them through the curriculum before they had to take a test.

YSU's Cisco Networking Academy is in charge of all teacher training for 20 local academies. Domhoff said Cisco started out working with high schools and continuing education facilities.

"We then started working with the computer information systems department here at YSU and from there it turned into a degree," she said.

She said it was because of Cisco's national reputation that their name was submitted to become a premier HTI+ training site.

"We were approached in June to apply for the grant," she said.

She said the grant was supposed to be for capital improvement but instead of building a new building, Cisco decided to use the grant for collaboration with the community colleges.

"The Ohio Board of Regents has been telling universities to be nice to each other. They were impressed YSU was reaching out to work with community colleges, which was a big reason why we were awarded the grant," Meyers said.

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ARTS&ENTERTAINMENT

Arts

Art show examines students' greatest fears

By CHUCK ROGERS
The Jambar

Behind the crimson-spattered curtain lurks junior Nicole Saeler's most terrifying nightmare. Sharp, white fangs protrude from its gaping mouth as it surveys with cold, merciless eyes. Fortunately, it's not alive.

The mounted black bear's head, encased in clear Plexiglas behind a curtain, is part of a graphic design class exhibition called "Trepidations." The exhibit, which is on display at the Bliss Hall Gallery now through March 29, examines a variety of the design students' greatest fears.

Art Professor Susan Russo challenged students in her three-dimensional design class to come up with a common theme for an exhibition. She said the students took field trips and spent two class sessions discussing ideas and choosing a title for the show.

Russo said the students enjoyed putting the exhibition together, and she's gratified by the results. "What pleased me most is that the students each took this in a different way," she said, noting that some of the fears addressed are physical while others are psychological.

Saeler, who has a home in the woods near Butler, Pa., said she has seen bears in her yard and even on her back porch. She likes to camp and spends a lot of time outdoors. And when she does, she said, bears are on her mind. "They're out there," she

whispered.

She drew her idea from her own fears and from news accounts of bear attacks. The clear plastic enclosure is covered with text from bear-attack stories.

The bear whose head is the centerpiece of the display was killed near Saeler's home by a family friend. Saeler said she put her exhibit behind a curtain so viewers would have to get close to the bear. "It's right in your face and you have to look at it," she said.

A face is also part of senior Chris Cramer's contribution to the show, or at least a mouth is. The mouth is his own, but the only thing he's afraid it will bite is his own foot.

"One of my worst fears is sticking my foot in my mouth," the artist said of his anxiety over verbally embarrassing himself.

A large photo of his mouth bears the legend "I'm afraid that next time the shoe will be too big." Five of the artist's athletic shoes hang below the photo, labeled on the inside with reminders to think before speaking.

Thinking is what makes senior Karen Watson afraid. She said she thinks all the time about not being ready for class. However, instead of letting her fear prevent her from succeeding, she used it as the theme for her part of the exhibit.

Watson painted a desk red "to symbolize anxiety" and lit-

tered it with red-covered textbooks and a calendar filled with things to do. A stand-up card on the desk bears a quote from Louis Pasteur: "In the field of observation, chance favors only the prepared mind."

Watson, who came to YSU as a new freshman after her two daughters graduated, said starting college at her age was frightening at first. But after four years, it's become routine. "It's my life daily," she said, "My whole existence is being prepared for class."

Other phobias that confront viewers include fear of cockroaches, spiders, heights and surgery, as well as some less tangible ones. Insecurities such as fear of failure, unworthiness and emotional closeness are also illustrated.

One of the displays invites visitors to photograph themselves with the instant camera provided and write their fear on the border of the photo. The photos are hung against a backdrop and linked together with safety pins.

This display, which is the work of junior Connie Bader and senior Jody Boninsegna, bears the inscription: "What we wanted was for people to express their fears, share them with others, and reflect on the connection to each other."

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FEAR FACTOR: The terrors and anxieties that lie below the surface of our lives are examined in "Trepidations," a student exhibition at the Bliss Hall Gallery. "Beneath the makeup..." is the creation of seniors Tammie Cullumbine and Julie Santiago.

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people apply for a position at a university that all of their information is valid," Yemma said. "I would expect Mr. Neil to be honest in this matter."

Neil was interviewed by a YSU search committee and was awarded a teaching contract in September 2002. He joined the faculty the following year as an associate professor earning \$60,000 per year.

Yemma said he did not know who served on the YSU search committee that hired Neil. Yemma also said he was baffled by why the search committee members did not uncover problems with LaSalle.

his application materials submitted to YSU, Neil had a transcript from LaSalle University that was dated Feb. 13, 2002 — six years after LaSalle was closed by the FBI and its officials were convicted and jailed on charges of mail fraud, wire fraud and money laundering.

In an interview Monday, Neil was questioned about how he obtained transcripts from a closed university. "I don't know. I called and I had the transcript sent and I paid \$15 for those transcripts," Neil said. "I'm kind of wondering where it was sent."

Walking down the hallway in Cushman Hall, Neil said he had never heard about any problems with LaSalle's accreditation.

"Well it was accredited when I was there," Neil said. "Whatever transpired there after I left has no significance to my degree."

In testimony before the U.S. House of Representatives in 1999, a FBI agent testified that former students of LaSalle University were notified about the problems with the institution and given "restitution."

Neil said he had no idea about any restitution or problems with the university. He said a Jambar reporter was the first person to alert him to any issues with his alma mater.

"I don't have to defend myself because I didn't do anything wrong," Neil said.

Finney said the YSU-OEA is required to supply an attorney to any union member who requests representation. "If the allegations are true, they are very serious and the YSU-OEA would not condone such behavior," Finney said.

The only documents in Neil's YSU personnel file in the Human Resources department are a résumé, transcripts from LaSalle and one letter of recommendation from a former student written March 23, 1990.

The transcript in Neil's YSU file said he earned a master's of science degree from LaSalle in hotel, restaurant management and tourism. The master's degree transcript lists a 3.5 grade point average and includes 124 hours of transfer credits.

The master's transcript also lists 10 courses, 30 credit hours, plus a six-hour master's thesis all graded at LaSalle between August and December 1994.

The time frame for when work on his doctoral degree was graded is identical to his master's degree with his doctoral transcript listing 10 three-hour courses plus a six-hour dissertation all graded between August and December 1994.

The transcript does not indicate when the courses began.

Neil said LaSalle was a "distance learning" university and he spent some time on the campus of LaSalle. In addition, he said he completed

tests and papers at home, sending the materials to the campus. He said he used telephone and e-mail to communicate with professors and advisers.

Neil's master's coursework included classes about meetings and convention management, law and ethics, human resource management, international tourism and travel agency management. His master's transcript also lists a six-hour thesis project.

His doctorate transcript lists classes such as hotel management, travel and tourism, bar management, menu planning and sanitation.

"You have a transcript of my work in my file," Neil said. "You graduate and get a degree with a seal on it. What more proof do you want than that?"

Taking a few steps and then stopping, Neil said, "I'm going to query this too. I am looking for answers as well."

"I can assure you this, sir, my degree is not false and I have all the documents to prove that," he said.

Walking a few more steps, Neil said, "To be honest with you, I'd kind of like to sit down right now, to tell you the truth."

Neil's résumé lists several teaching positions he said he has held, including serving as the Hotel Restaurant Management department chairman for Luzerne County Community College between 1984 and 1998. In addition, his résumé said he was the executive director of Harcourt Learning System's Hospitality and Tourism Management and an instructor at Paul

Smith's College.

His résumé also lists 15 awards he received or for which he was nominated and numerous publications.

John L. Habat, vice president for administration, said the university now has a professional conduct policy to guide the process for investigating Neil.

"We're going to take it to the next step and if there is a conflict, we will address it," Habat said.

Habat said he was not on the search committee that recommended Neil and he does not know how Neil's résumé got through without questions being raised.

Yemma said he is not sure if he will be asked to join the investigation of Neil. If asked, Yemma said he would participate, but Yemma said that Neil has been a positive role model to students and offers new and fresh ideas to the department.

When contacted Monday afternoon, Virginia Draa, a human ecology instructor, said she had little knowledge about the allegations against Neil. She, however, said Neil has been an asset to the human ecology department.

"He has a personable teaching style and a good rapport with the students," Draa said.

Draa said she would hate to see Neil penalized if he completed coursework for his degrees and was unaware of problems at the institution. "He earned his master's and Ph.D. whether it was shut down or not," Draa said. "There have been other universities shut down."

A former colleague at Hiwassee College has a similar opinion of Neil. Kristi Cain, director of

church and public relations at Hiwassee, said she arrived at the college just after Neil left to join the YSU faculty.

"He was very devoted to his career and his co-workers and dedicated to helping students," Cain said. "He wasn't here because of money as much as he was here to help people because that was his passion."

Cain said she has no knowledge about any of Neil's degrees.

She added that Neil's work has not been forgotten at the Christian college.

"His legacy still lives on," she said.

Call Michael J. Balala at (330) 941-3758.

Call Elizabeth Tabak at (330) 941-1989.

WANT TO BE A WINNER?

For a chance to win \$100 in clothing from the YSU Bookstore or a YSU hoodie, fill out the following survey and take it to The Jambar, located in the basement of Fedor. All responses must be received by 5 p.m. Friday March 26. Winners will be announced in the Tuesday, March 30 edition of The Jambar.

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News in brief

Community health center to hold Diabetes Day

The Youngstown Community Health Center will be holding its fourth annual Diabetes Day. The event will be held at the Health Center, located at 726 Wick Ave., April 2 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is tailored to diabetics and their families. During the event there will be nutrition education, free health screenings and free diabetic literature. For more information contact Erin Bishop at (330) 747-9551, ext. 120.

Scholarship fund close to reaching its final goal

The Kimberly Ann DeOnofrio Memorial Scholarship Fund announced last week that it has raised \$9,000 of its \$10,000 goal. To raise the final \$1,000, members of the fundraising committee have established a benefit with Max & Erma's Restaurant at 5792 Youngstown-Warren Road in Niles. From March 21 to 28, Max & Erma's will provide the fund with 20 percent of every purchase made with a coupon provided by the scholarship committee. For coupons, contact the Student Social Work Association office at (330) 941-2020.

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locked up with the Scarlet Knights.

YSU junior Char Kudlock smacked a two-run homerun in the bottom of the eighth inning to pick up the Penguins' 12th victory of the season.

The Penguins also picked up a 9-7 victory against Campell later that afternoon. With the win, the YSU women have won 13 of their last 14 match ups.

The women's team travel to Canisius today for a double-header beginning at 3 p.m. while the YSU men will play Bethany at Cafaro Field tomorrow afternoon.

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Space is limited. Deadline for sign up is 24 hours before a session. Each participant is automatically entered into a drawing. Each session, one lucky session participant will win a prize!

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SPORTS & RECREATION

YSU Tennis

Penguin tennis team off to quality start

The womens team is off to a 4-1 start and the mens season is underway.

By JOSHUA BOGGS
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University men and women's tennis teams weighed in on different scales over the spring break with the women posting a 4-1, while the men dropped their lone match-up of the week.

A big contributor to the YSU women's 7-4 record this spring and 14-6 overall record this season has been YSU junior Karen Najbert.

Najbert was named the Horizon League Tennis Player of the Week for her recent performances against opponents Rhode Island, Stetson, John Carroll and Mount St. Mary's. Najbert, who is a transfer student from Collin County Community College, successfully picked up individual wins against all four schools this past week helping her team to improve to over .500 this season.

In addition to her individual performances, Najbert also helped her team pick up all four overall victories during the break. YSU successfully defeated Rhode Island, 5-2, Stetson, 4-3, John Carroll, 6-1, and Mount St. Mary's, 6-1 and fell to their only loss over the break, 0-7, against Southern Illinois.

In recent action, Najbert squared off with

Mount St. Mary's in Orlando, Fla.

For the Penguins, sophomore Whitney Thomas earned a 6-3, 6-1 win at No. 1, while junior Heather Hagood snatched a 6-3, 6-1 victory at No. 2.

In No. 3 action, Najbert earned a 6-1, 6-3 win and freshmen Gina Peretti had a 7-5, 6-3 decision at No. 4.

Also leading the Penguins in their triumph over Mount St. Mary's was freshman Nicole Muzechuk, who posted 6-2, 4-6, and 6-2 wins at No. 5 singles, respectively.

Aiding the Penguins in doubles action was Peretti and Najbert, who won 8-2 at No. 1, while Muzechuk and Thomas earned an 8-4 victory at No. 2.

Also adding a 9-8 (7-4) decision at No. 3 was Dixon and Hagood.

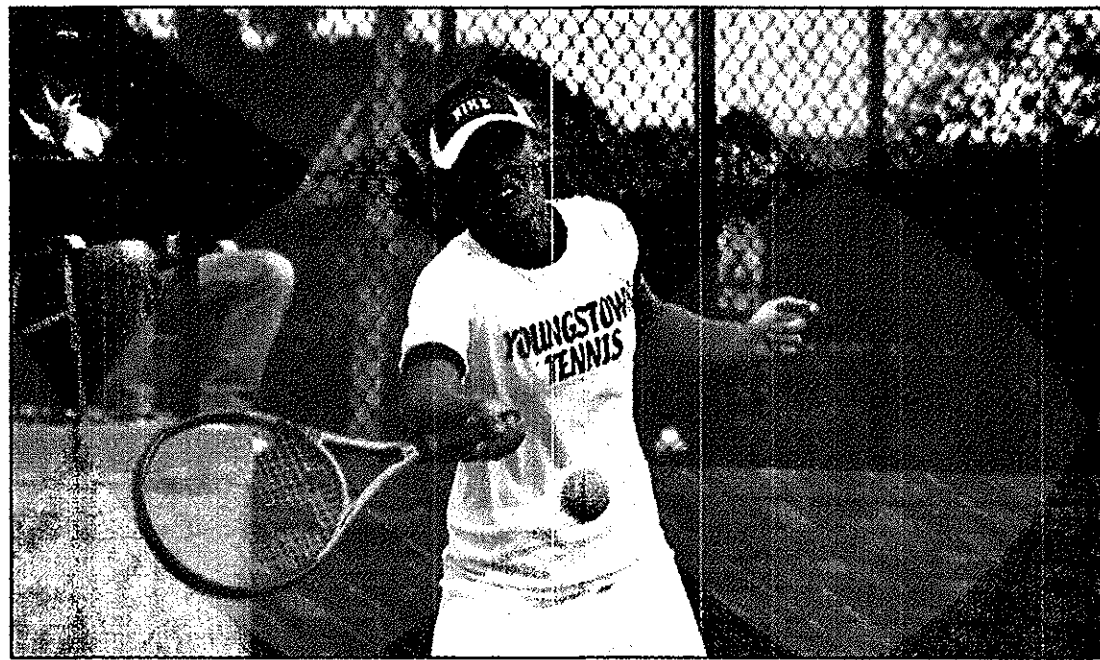
While the women have found themselves in a three-game winning groove, the men's team can't seem to get off of a three-game losing skid.

Despite freshman Brian Meek's solo wins against the Flames' Pat Zufan at No. 4 singles, YSU fell 1-6 to Illinois-Chicago on March 13 at the Boardman Tennis Center.

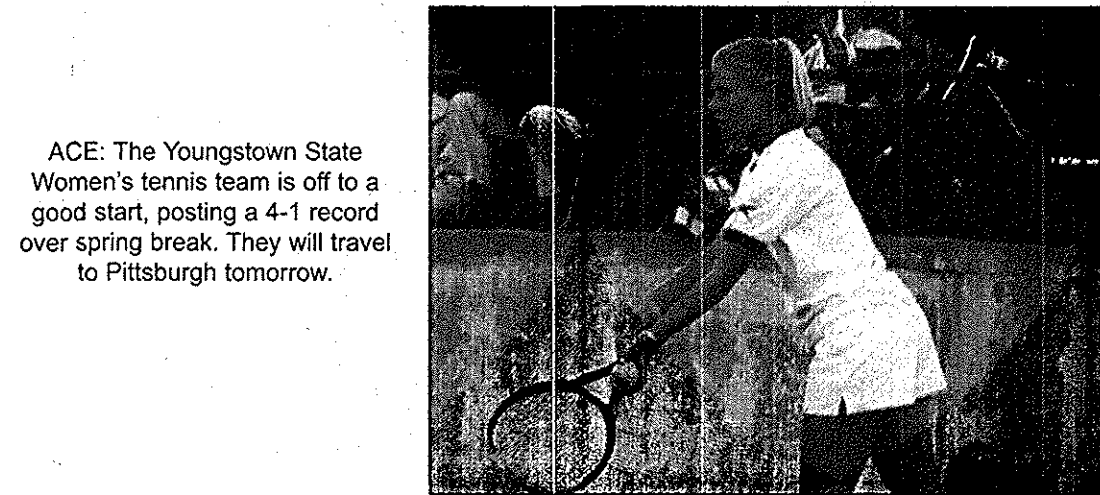
With the loss, the Penguins also dropped to 0-2 in the Horizon League and 1-4 overall this spring despite finishing the 2003 fall tennis season undefeated.

The YSU women will try to continue their winning performances when they travel to Pittsburgh tomorrow with the first serve beginning at 3 p.m., while the men will try to volley when they travel to Robert Morris on Saturday.

Call Joshua Boggs at (330) 941-1989.



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ACE: The Youngstown State Women's tennis team is off to a good start, posting a 4-1 record over spring break. They will travel to Pittsburgh tomorrow.

Track & Field

Track and field squad set personal bests at invitational

By JOSHUA BOGGS
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University men and women's track teams began their outdoor seasons on a positive note when they traveled to Florida for the A&M Relays by setting 11 personal best times at the invitational.

Head track and field coach Brian Gorby said that he was pleased to come off basic training and compete as well as his team did.

"We wanted to basically build confidence," Gorby said. "To go out and set personal bests shows that the kids are really living it."

The women's team, led by sophomore Emily Schnitkey, used momentum from their recent 2004 Horizon League Indoor Track Championship, to earn some places at the Florida A&M Relays on March 13.

Schnitkey, in her first race of the season, broke the school record in the 3,000-meter steeplechase in a winning time of 11 minutes, 12.17 seconds.

Gorby admits that Schnitkey's performance on the track will lead her to higher places in the future.

"She is only like 14 seconds off qualifying

for nationals," Gorby said. "With some work, we think she has a good shot to do things later on."

Following close behind Schnitkey were junior Lindsay Wojciak (third) and senior Andrea Bardy (fifth).

Also aiding the women's distance squad were junior Jenn Wenhold, freshmen Kim Jendre and Bardy again, who finished back to back to back in the 3,000-meter run with finishes of sixth, seventh and eighth.

The women's distance medley squad, consisting of Wojciak, Schnitkey, Jendre and freshman Marielle Glanz, also finished an impressive first out of five schools with a winning time of 12:31.15.

Sophomore Jeanna Cunningham also started the 2004 spring season strong with a third-place finish in the 400 (59.19) and seventh-place finish in the 100 (12.74).

Leading the way in the women's throwing events was sophomore Katy Williams who heaved a throw of 41.98 meters in the discus to

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— BRIAN GORBY
YSU track and field coach



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to take it to another level higher than being All-American," Gorby said. Junior Chris Hine followed Michaelis'

finish in second place.

Freshmen sisters Amy and Lindsey Hill also had a strong showing in the field events with tosses of 31.80 and 31.30 meters in the javelin, good enough for third and fourth place, and fourth (11.96) and fifth (11.62) place tosses in the shot put.

In the jumping events, junior Laura Schatz cleared 1.56 meters in the high jump giving her fifth-place, while sophomore Alex Cusi leapt to seventh place (5.30 meters) in the long jump.

Leading the men's outdoor team was senior Kurt Michaelis, who in his first race since the 2003 cross country season, also made great strides on his way to a first-place time of 14:49.82 in the 5,000-meter run.

"Kurt is on a mission to take it to another level higher than being All-American," Gorby said. Junior Chris Hine followed Michaelis'

example as he too earned a victory. Hine, who clocked in at 9:50.92, grabbed his first ever-collegiate win in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

Also in men's action, junior Papis Joh grabbed a third-place spot in the 800-meter run (1:56.53), while distance runners senior Tony Orcena and sophomore Dave Mealy finished seventh and eighth in the 5,000 with times of 15:22.39 and 15:27.99, respectively.

Rounding out the men's scoring at the relays was freshmen sensation Derek Riker who cleared the pole vault bar at 4.65 meters, tying him for second-place, while fellow jumper Justin Reams glided to an eighth place mark (6.52) in the long jump.

Also for the Penguins, Drew Weizer threw to a seventh-place finish in the javelin with a heave of 41.03 meters.

Coach Gorby says he is very confident going into the spring season.

"Overall, [the performance] set the foundation for another great opportunity later in the year," Gorby said. "We set the foundation to go after another title later on."

The Penguins will continue their spring season when they travel to the Raleigh Relays Friday.

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Baseball/Softball

YSU softball rattles off ten straight wins, baseball struggling

By JOSHUA BOGGS
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University baseball and softball teams are heading in opposite directions with one squad stumbling on an 11-game losing skid and the other celebrating after a school record 10-game winning streak.

The baseball team, which is having a tough time keeping hold of last inning leads, suffered five straight losses this past week.

On March 15, the Penguins (2-13) traveled to Hayden Field in Cincinnati to face the Xavier Musketeers (6-10).

Holding on to a two run lead in the top of the ninth, the Penguins could not pull out the win as the Musketeers scored three runs in the bottom of the inning to steal the victory, 13-12.

YSU senior Adam Cox was the leader for the Penguins offensively as

he belted a pair of homeruns that scored four runners. Also for the Penguins, senior Kendall Schlabach and sophomore Brandon Caipen each had three hits.

The Penguins again found themselves blinded in the final innings on Wednesday as YSU squared off with Western Kentucky to begin the first of a three-game series.

Western Kentucky racked up six runs in the bottom of the eighth inning to again rob the Penguins of a win, 11-9.

The Hilltoppers (12-10) were held scoreless by Penguin sophomore pitcher Brian Boone through five innings until Western Kentucky scored on a double down the right field line to begin their scoring drive.

In the second game of the series, the Penguins again found themselves in a similar situation with identical results. YSU, who led the game 9-8 in the top of the ninth, again watched as

another victory soared over their heads as the Musketeer's Marcus Ross hit a two-run homerun with two outs in the bottom of the ninth to win the game, 10-9.

Penguin sophomore Charles Schultz had a solo homerun and Cox grabbed a pair of hits and two RBIs, while Schlabach added two hits to lead YSU at the plate.

Friday, YSU wrapped up the series against the Musketeers and looked to avoid the series sweep, but Western Kentucky had other plans.

Leading 9-6 after seven consecutive Penguin runs in the top of the eighth, YSU could not hold off the Musketeers, who put up five straight scores in the bottom of the inning to snatch the victory, 11-9.

YSU wrapped up the weekend as the Penguins matched gloves with

Austin Peay in a double header on Sunday.

The Governors earned the sweep as they picked 2-1 and 1-0 victories.

In game one, YSU junior Chris Dennis struck out 11 batters and allowed just four hits for the game, but back to back doubles for the Governors sealed the victory for Austin Peay.

For the second game of the series, the Penguins again had tremendous pitching as YSU sophomore Kevin Libeg retired the first nine batters, giving up just one hit, but an unearned run proved enough as the Governors pulled out the narrow win.

While the men's team is looking for answers defensively, the YSU softball team has found their groove on both sides of the plate.

YSU (13-7) traveled to LaSalle on Friday afternoon to begin the Cavalier Classic.

The Penguins, led by freshmen pitcher Karlie Burnell (4-2), who



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tossed a two-hit shutout, crushed LaSalle 8-0 to pick up their tenth victory of the season. In doing so, they also set the school record mark for most consecutive wins.

Also aiding the Penguins was senior Amanda Berry, who went 3-for-3 at the plate, including three RBIs.

Later in the day, with momentum on their side, the Penguins matched up with the Virginia Cavaliers.

Momentum proved not enough though, as YSU sophomore pitcher Kelly Murphy (4-4) gave up just three hits in a 3-1 Penguin loss.

For the game, Berry also hit her first homerun of the season.

On Saturday afternoon the Penguins brushed themselves off and

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