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Committee forms for investigation

By MICHAEL J. BALALE
The Jambar

University officials said they are anticipating an investigation into whether Human Ecology Professor William Bruce Neil falsified his credentials.



NEIL
unaccredited institution in Louisiana shut down by the

year ago and earns \$60,000 — attained both his master's and doctoral degrees from La Salle University, an unaccredited institution in Louisiana shut down by the FBI in 1996. Last week, Chair of Academic Senate Thomas Shipka and University President David Sweet formed a 12-person professional conduct committee to investigate any misconduct complaints filed against faculty.

Administration John Habat said there has been no formal complaints filed against Neil. Despite that, at the start of the professional conduct committee meeting last Friday, Shipka said, "I am informed that a specific case is imminent and we will begin investigating very soon."

In an interview with a Jambar reporter last week, Shipka said the search committee that hired Neil should have checked if La Salle was accredited. "That's irresponsible and not the norm at this university."

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Report alleges sexual violations

By MICHAEL J. BALALE
The Jambar

University administrators are refusing to talk about a report they received last week addressing multiple sexual harassment allegations against Human Ecology Professor Robert Campbell.

Officials said they are concerned about the severity of the allegations.

"We will comment again once the review is completed and an appropriate course of action is determined," a written statement released last week by the university said.

Campbell is currently on paid administrative leave and has not taught classes at the university since last semester.

Campbell could not be reached for comment. Campbell's lawyer, David J. Betras, said he could not comment at this time.

Director of the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity Jimmy Myers, who prepared the report, did not return numerous phone calls.

Dean of the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services John Yemma said he does not know the specifics of the report.

"The one part I do know is that there were several complaints filed," Yemma said. Yemma said administrators will review the report, and he said he hopes they can take the appropriate steps within a week.

"I hope it gets resolved as soon as possible because I don't want this to go on forever," he said.

Vice President for Administration John Habat said the university would not take these charges lightly and that the Department of Human Ecology has done a good job dealing with this issue.

"The department has had to double up to ensure its responsibilities and classes are taken care of," Habat said. "The university appreciates the extra efforts everyone has made."

Yemma said Campbell has not taught classes since last semester because he is working on a project to increase awareness and help enrollment in the department.

He said that other faculty members in the department

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Faculty demand answers

By ELIZABETH TABAK
The Jambar

One week after it was discovered that Human Ecology Professor William Bruce Neil received his postgraduate degrees from an unaccredited university, faculty across campus stressed the seriousness of the situation.

While Neil's students praised his work as a teacher, faculty members had mixed emotions regarding Neil's hiring and salary.

Political Science Professor David Porter said this is "a serious issue." Porter said the committee that hired Neil should have been more thorough in looking into Neil's background, adding that there are serious legal issues at stake.



PORTER

"There was obviously a breakdown in the interview process," Porter said. "There is a clear responsibility to determine whether or not these universities are accredited."

Neil, who came to YSU one year ago, graduated in 1995 from La Salle University — an unaccredited institution in Louisiana shut down by the FBI in 1996 — earning both a master's and doctorate on the same day.

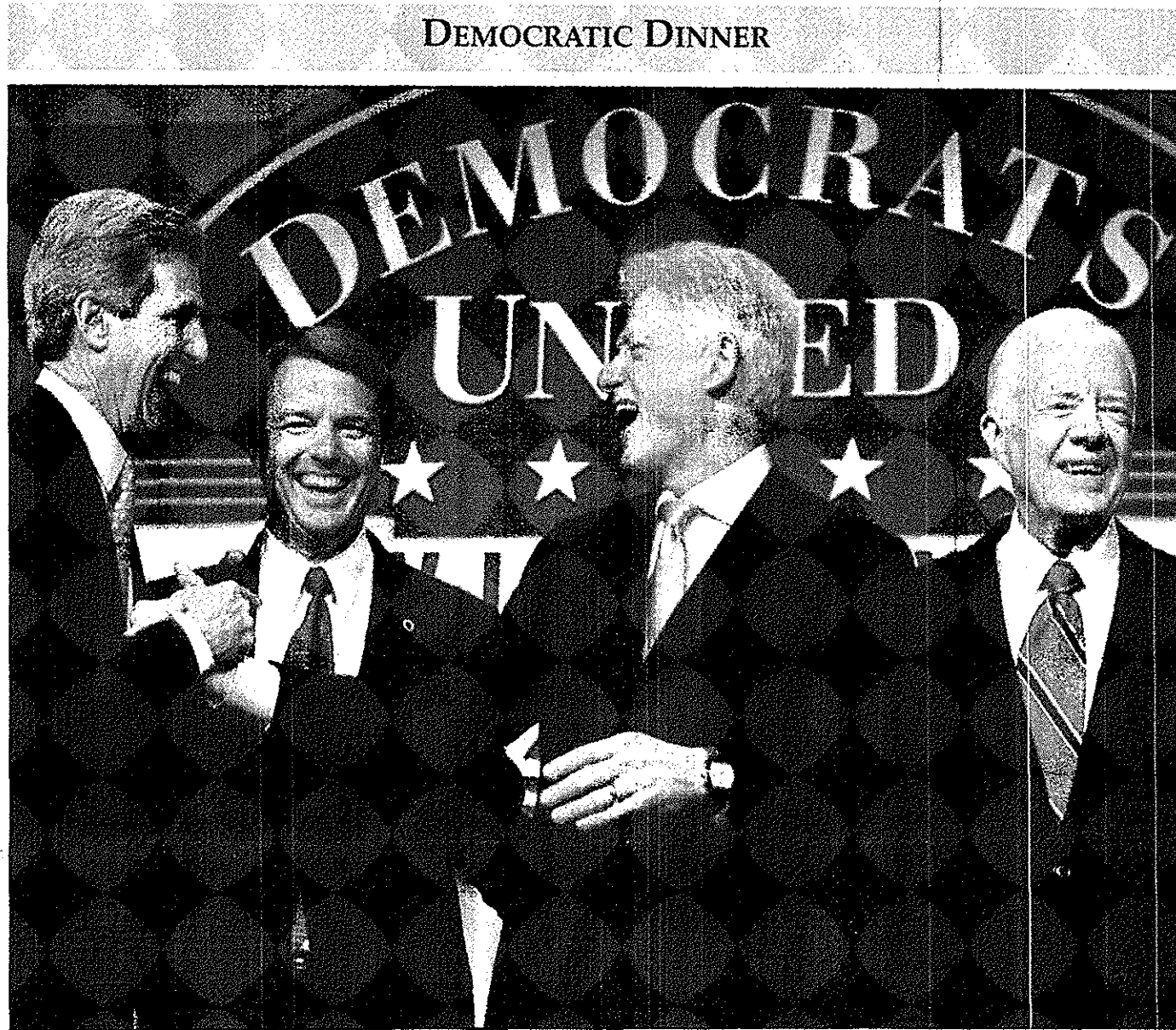
Political Science Chairman William Binning said he "took exception" to what he described as a lack of investigation by the search committee that hired Neil. Binning said his department recently performed a search for a new faculty member, and each member of the department was thorough in their investigation.

"We take this sort of thing very seriously," Binning said.

Some faculty also addressed Neil's salary of \$60,000, saying it was a large amount for Neil being a new addition to the YSU faculty.

"We all have Ph.D.'s. How can they justify this?" Binning asked, saying that administra-

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DEMOCRATIC DINNER

PRESIDENT TO HOPEFUL: Presidential contender Sen. John Kerry (D-MA) joined by Sen. John Edwards (D-NC), President Bill Clinton and President Jimmy Carter appear at the Democratic National Committee Democrats United Dinner Thursday, March 25 in Washington, D.C.

Online voting system seems successful

After testing, the system showed just a single glitch.

By WILLIAM LEHN
The Jambar

Representatives said that the first mock election to test Student Government

Association's new online voting system went well and showed only one glitch.

SGA held their first mock election in a series of three last week. While the system, custom designed by Youngstown State University Computer Services, performed well once accessed, some students had difficulty opening the program. YSU Programmer

Cameron Hughes and Student Elections Board Chair Jaime Miller said it is a minor problem that will soon be remedied.

SGA reps and advisors were given 32 assignments in attempt to "crash" the online voting system. Their objectives varied from trying to vote as a faculty member, crashing the system, signing in with other

student ID numbers and trying to vote twice. No one was successful in his or her attempts to crash "softvote," the software created by Hughes for SGA's online voting.

"The way the software must work is so that only current students can vote, and they only vote for their college

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Professor's clutter is lesson in recycling

By BILL RODGERS
The Jambar

To the untrained eye Physics professor Doug Fowler's office looks like a well-rehearsed demonstration of the chaos theory.

Cardboard boxes, papers and glass jars cover almost every space in the office. Near the doorway, a deflated inner tube lays next to a jar filled with hundreds of ketchup and mustard packets. Next to his computer sits an electroscope made out of

an old Jim Beam bottle.

"Sorry about the mess," Fowler said as he pulled a chair next to his desk. "I'm a bit of a packrat." He sat enveloped by the piles upon piles of salvaged materials he has collected from around YSU's campus.

However, when Fowler began to talk about his office and the piles of materials in it, what once seemed to be clutter was transformed into a money saving, waste reducing idea.

Fowler is one of YSU's biggest proponents of reusing old materials for the ben-

efit of education and the environment.

"Don't get me wrong," Fowler said, "Recycling is a great idea, but it still requires energy to break the material down. It's much better for the environment if we find ways to reuse the materials we have."

Fowler lives by that principle — from printing his tests on misprinted YSU stationery to the desk he salvaged from the dumpster behind DeBartolo Hall with the

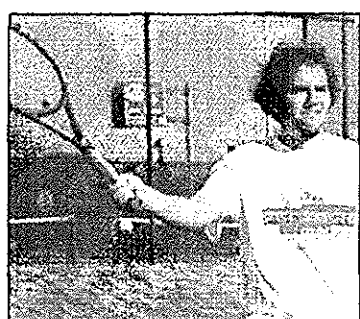
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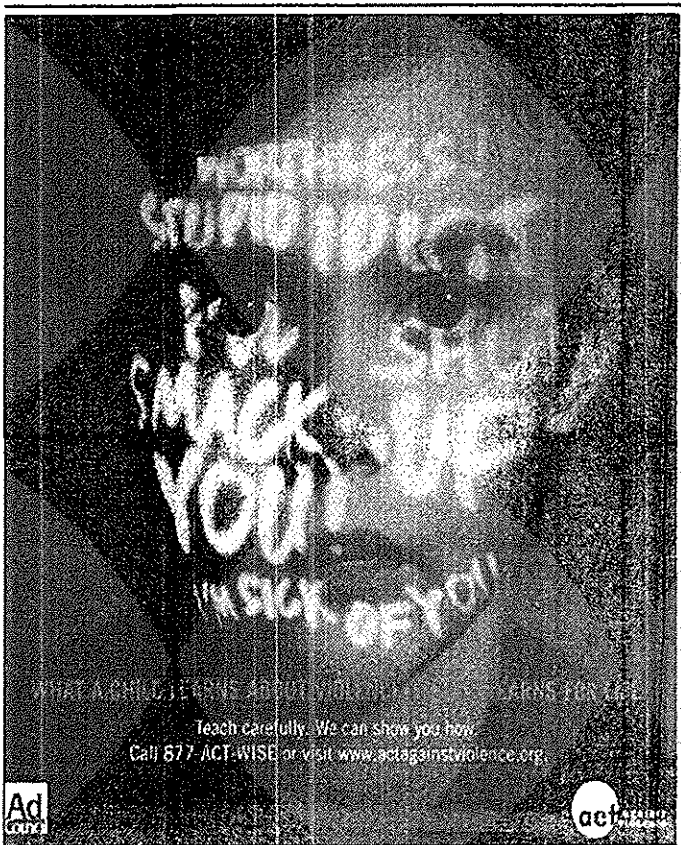
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a presentation by



Dr. Joe Martin

Thursday, April 8
2:00 PM

Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center

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The Planning Shop
Noted Author & Consultant

Rhonda Abrams
Monday, March 29, 2004
4:00 p.m., Cafaro Suite/Williamson Hall

Tuesday, March 30, 2004
9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 7:30 p.m.
in the Jones Room, Kilcawley Center

As syndicated columnist, best-selling author, and popular public speaker, Rhonda Abrams has spent more than 15 years advising, mentoring and consulting entrepreneurs and small business owners. Rhonda's first book, *The Successful Business Plan: Secrets & Strategies*, was acclaimed by *Forbes* magazine as one of the two best books for small business and by *Inc.* magazine as one of the six best books for start-ups. An experienced entrepreneur herself, Rhonda has started three successful companies, including a small business consulting firm. Her experiences give her a strong real-life understanding of the challenges facing entrepreneurs. Currently, she is the founder and CEO of The Planning Shop, a company focussed on providing entrepreneurs with high quality information and tools for developing successful business plans.



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"Managing the Risks of Overseas Business"



Harry Brandon

Smith Brandon International

Wednesday, March 31, 2004
10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Cafaro Suite, Fifth Floor, Williamson Hall
6:00 p.m. in Gallery Room in Kilcawley Center

Harry 'Skip' Brandon is a founding partner of Smith Brandon International, Inc. He has a far-reaching background in U.S. and international investigative activities and wide experience in working with foreign governments and businesses. He is a former Deputy Assistant Director of the FBI with responsibility for the National Security and Counter Terrorism programs. He served 23 years with the FBI and is a combat veteran.

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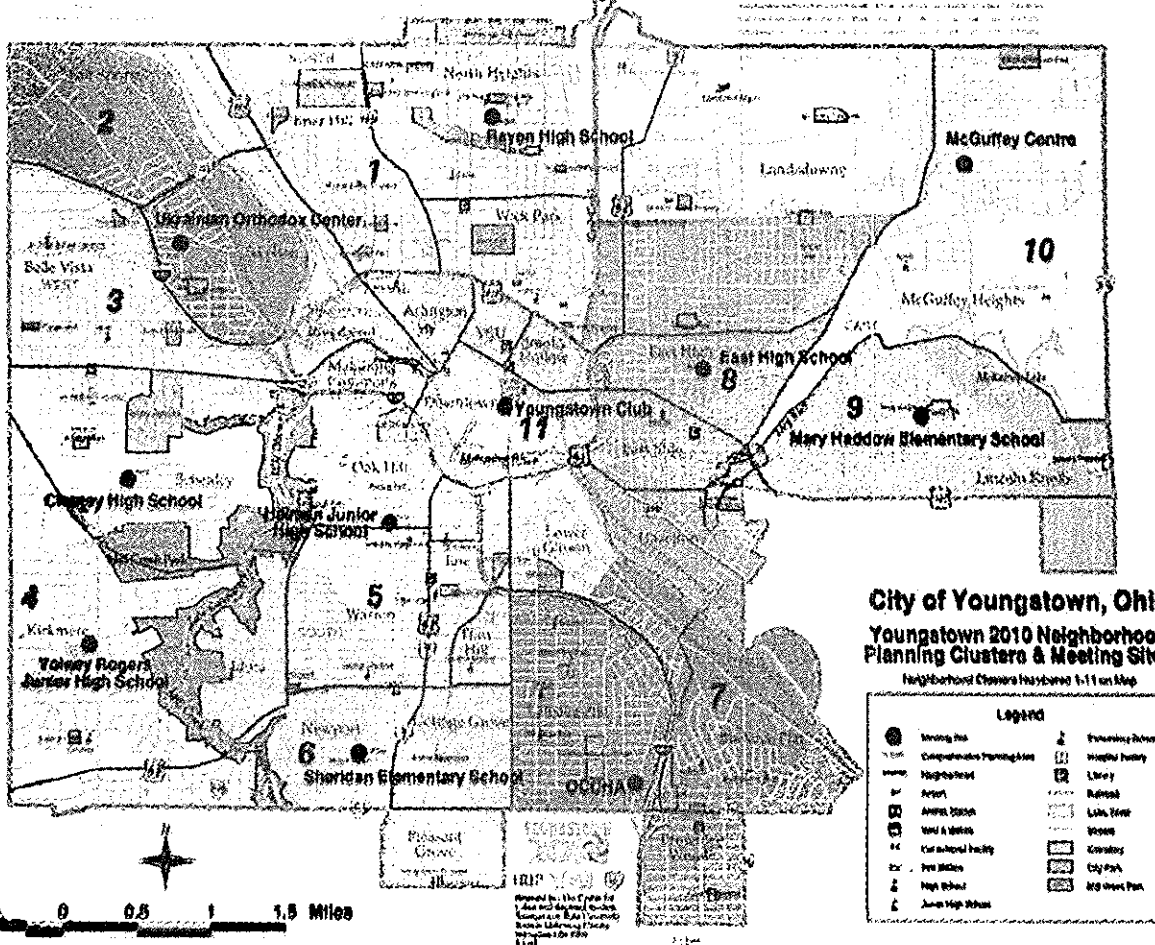
For more information about both presentations, contact Christine Shelton, Coordinator of External Relations for the Williamson College of Business Administration at 330-941-3068 or email cgshelton@ysu.edu.



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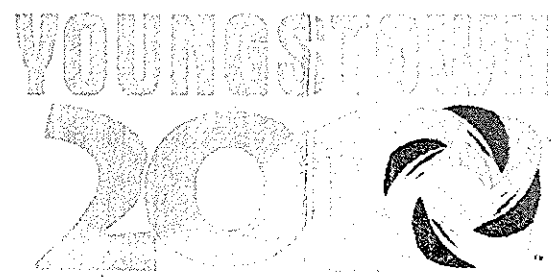
Get Involved

The Youngstown 2010 initiative divided the City into five planning districts; downtown, north, south, east and west. Eleven neighborhood clusters that contain 32 historic neighborhoods are contained within these five planning districts. Neighborhood planning meetings will take place throughout the city this spring and summer. You are invited to attend any of the meetings that are of interest to you. The purpose of the meetings will be to discuss the future land use (i.e. development) in your neighborhood and create a list of recommendations that will guide this development through the year 2010.



Meeting Date	Cluster # and Neighborhood	Meeting Location
April 6	#11 Arlington, Downtown, Mahoning Commons Riverbend, Smokey Hollow, YSU	Youngstown Club, 5th Floor 201 E. Commerce Street
April 20	#1 Brier Hill, North Heights, Wick Park	Rayen High School 250 Benita Avenue
May 4	#2 Salt Springs, Steelton	Ukrainian Orthodox Center 1025 N. Belle Vista Avenue
May 18	#9 Lincoln Knolls	Mary Haddow Elem. School 2000 Oak Street
June 1	#7 Brownlee Woods, Buckey Plat, Lansingville	OCCHA, 3660 Shirley Road
June 15	#4 Kirkmere	Volney Rogers Jr. High School 2400 S. Schenley Avenue
June 29	#5 Erie, Flint Hill, Lower Gibson, Oak Hill, Warren	Hillman Middle School 164 W. Myrtle Avenue
July 13	#8 East High, East Side, Hazelton	East Middle School 1544 East High Avenue
July 27	#3 Belle Vista, Schenley	Chaney High School 731 S. Hazelwood Avenue
August 10	#6 Cottage Grove, Idora, Newport, Pleasant Grove	Sheridan Elementary School 3321 Hudson Avenue
August 24	#10 Landsdown, McGuffey Heights	Assoc. Neighborhood Centers McGuffey Centre, 1649 Jacobs Road

All meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m.



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Today's Editorial

Students should take active role in SGA elections

Monday afternoon, four Jambar editors sat down with the Student Government Association presidential candidates and their running mates.

We will print our Jambar endorsement in Thursday's issue. Our selection will be for the most qualified, experienced and motivated candidate.

But until then, we want to encourage students to take their own active role in choosing an SGA presidential candidate.

Students will vote next week for one of the four presidential teams — Angela Mavrikis and James "J.T." Holt; Bob McGovern and Amanda Mielke; Jason Robinson and Paul Crabtree; or Jaymin Patel and Thankful Stauffer.

We want you to know the candidates and the issues. Tuesday and Wednesday, the candidates will hold two debates where they will have the chance to win your vote. We want you to listen, ask questions and debate with them.

Many will promise lofty changes but you have to sort out what is realistic and what is impractical.

Ask them how they will help you. Many forget that most students are commuters. If you're not in a student organization, not a university scholar or do not live in a dorm, what can they do for you?

Most likely, tuition and parking issues will be raised, as they have been issues for the last five SGA election years. But what can they do differently from what other presidents have tried in the past? Is there anything that can be done?

There is often the complaint on campus of student apathy. The only way the students can change this is by getting involved and voting in this election, or else the complaint is unjustified.

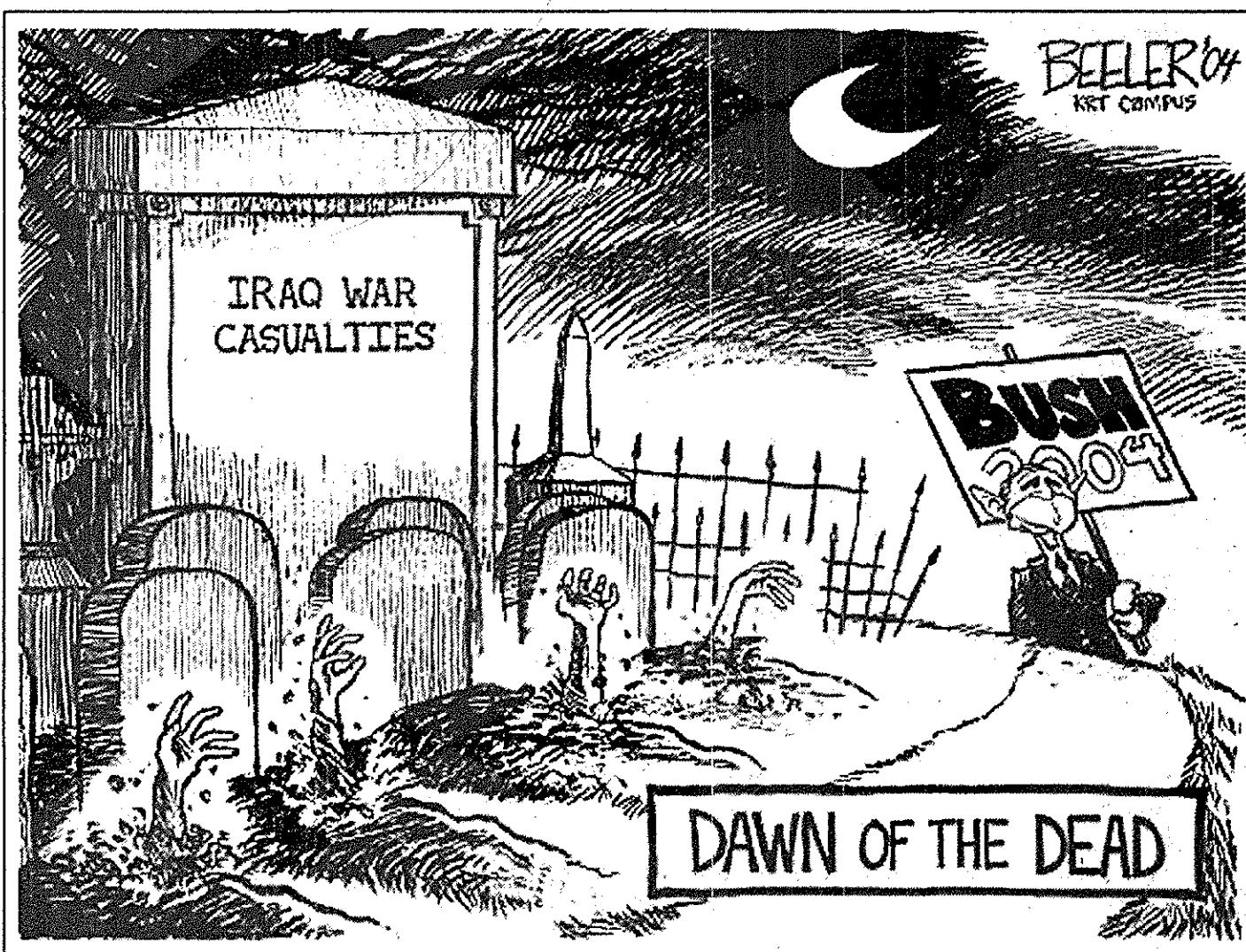
Likewise, students say SGA is only a figurehead and they do not accomplish practical goals. The only way this can change is by making an informed decision of whom you will vote for. Too many times, these elections turn into popularity contests and abandon the real issues.

YSU is a commuter school with serious budget issues and its students need an SGA team to work hard for them and be their voice to the administration.

Today's debate is at noon in Peaberry's and Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the multipurpose room in Cafaro House.

Make sure your voice is heard and vote this SGA election.

BACK FROM THE DEAD



Letters to the Editor

Federal Plaza still a 'very vital center'

Editor:

I am writing in response to a letter printed in Thursday's issue that claimed that opening Federal Plaza is just another "pork-barrel project" and "another waste of taxpayer money." The author stated that the new seat of commerce is along SR-224 in Boardman. Having spent much time waiting at the intersection of Market St. and 224, I can hardly dispute that claim.

What I do dispute is the claim that opening Federal Plaza back to traffic will serve little good and is a waste. Very much to the contrary. While downtown is no longer a booming metropolis with a Woolworth's, McKelvey's or Strouss', it still serves a very vital center for government, law, entertainment and yes, even some commerce. A quick drive through downtown and one can find not one, but two federal courthouses, Youngstown City Hall, and the Mahoning County courthouse.

On West Federal, the very block that Mr. Jones wants to keep closed, there are several successful businesses. One is the Youngstown Small Business Incubator, which allows small business owners to start up their companies using incentives and

savings provided by the Incubator. That street also features a rising arts district. Ballet Western Reserve, Powers Auditorium and the Youngstown Symphony, as well as plans to remodel the State and Paramount Theatres (both along W. Federal), would all benefit from this project. The Bean Counter Cafe coffeehouse, Tomasi's Pizza, and Nationwide Insurance have all opened new stores on or around West Federal.

Commercial retail space is something that has, can and will come back to that district. This project will only help that move. When you open that space, you increase accessibility and visibility, which is a reason that downtown fell apart in the 1970's. Youngstown may not have the brightest of futures, but a resolution to the problem created thirty years ago is a step in the right direction.

Joe Lowry
Senior
Political Science
John Carroll University

News in brief

SGA debates today

This week, SGA will hold debates between next year's presidential and executive vice presidential candidates.

Today's debate is at noon in Peaberry's and Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the multipurpose room in Cafaro House.

Candidates for election are Angela Mavrikis and James "J.T." Holt; Bob McGovern and Amanda Mielke; Jaymin Patel and Thankful Stauffer; and Jason Robinson and Paul Crabtree.

Sweet should think more about parking

Editor:

This is an open letter to Dr. David Sweet. I am a senior at Youngstown State University, and the parking problem has really begun to get under my skin. I found out through The Jambar, that to make room for the new rec center, you are going to tear down the DeBartolo lot and turn a student lot into a faculty lot.

Well, I would just like to tell you how much that would inconvenience me and other students at this school because I am a disabled student on your campus, and I use the disabled spots in the DeBartolo lot every day I am on campus, and you are taking spots away from students that already have a hard time finding parking spaces.

Losing these spots would greatly inconvenience me, and I just wanted to let you know. It is so hard to find a parking spot on campus as it is, and now you want to take the easiest and most convenient parking spots away from me. Please think about what you are doing and reconsider the parking situation.

P.S. Instead of worrying so much about the rec center you should worry about creating more parking spaces for the students who attend this college.

Joseph J. Poscher
Senior
Education

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Miller said. The best way to access this software is through CUE-mail. "Student IDs only allow access to one mainframe, and CUE-mail allows you access into both." Miller said everything was fine once "Softvote" was accessed, however, in order to log on to the system, each computer requires a Sun Java security system installed on the computer. Miller said Sun Java is also needed to run programs such as SOLAR and SID. Currently, Miller said she

is working with campus computer labs in each college to get Sun Java installed on the computers. She said the response is "overwhelmingly supportive," and it will be installed campus-wide by election time next week. Hughes said Sun Java minimizes risks to computer security, and its installation will aid Computer Services' goal to improve security university-wide. "Sun Java benefits the university in the long run,"

Hughes said. "A little bit of pain for long term gain." Hughes said he was looking to do two or three more mock elections before Softvote's election-day debut on campus. "We add more security to the system each time," he said. Miller said SGA was going to produce ads informing students about online voting. "We will be setting up a link on our homepage to Sun Java and telling the students what they need to do to get

into the system," she said. Students will also need to have Internet Explorer 6.0 or Netscape 6.0 or higher to access the system. "With this glitch over, we feel very confident that [online voting] will go over great," Miller said. SGA elections will be held April 6 and 7 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Call William Lehn at (330) 941-1913.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Theater Review

Latest YSU play is pretty 'badass'

By BILL RODGERS
The Jambar

Only one word is needed to describe Zastrozzi: Badass.

Yes, the character Zastrozzi in the play of the same name is completely badass. A brooding, gothic master criminal and swordsman who never sleeps? Badass. A man in a black trench coat who can seduce a woman without even touching her? Badass. A man so consumed by hate and the desire for revenge he wants his to shatter his victim's idyllic worldviews before slaying him?

Yes, Zastrozzi is a complete and total bad ass.

Students of the YSU theater program performed "Zastrozzi" three times this past week at the Spotlight Arena Theater. Out of the three shows, two sold out. Due to the show's popularity at YSU, there is a special encore performance planned for Thursday for anyone who hasn't yet seen the play.

The play is a gothic melodrama that centers on the feud between Zastrozzi (played by Chazz Sutton), the master criminal of Europe and his sworn enemy, the blissfully ignorant artist Verezzi (Alexi Stavrou). Throughout the play, we see Zastrozzi plotting to drive his enemy into misery before killing him.

Zastrozzi uses the talents of his friends Matilda (Jennifer Windle), the seductress, and Bernardo (Shaun Brown), the bloodthirsty thief, to help destroy Verezzi and his friend Victor (Anthony Genovese). The characters struggle both against their enemies and against themselves; they all teeter on the verge of total madness. The play is rife with violence, insanity, sex, death and malice.

David Doersch, the play's director, commented on the play's themes of evil and darkness.

"The more I read the play... the more I found flavors which [the playwright] George Walker could not have predicted when he wrote this piece 3 decades ago," Doersch wrote in the program. "Reflections of Anne Rice and other darker elements of the modern Zeitgeist all began bouncing around my consciousness. Evil can be sexy, can be beautiful to look at, and can be compelling dramatically."

The play is not without its light parts. Most of these are delivered through Julia (Kristen Marinelli), the (not

really) virgin aristocrat girl who is courted by both Verezzi and Zastrozzi. Her well-bred, clean-cut nature adds a flavor of satire to the play. At one point in the play, she finds herself captured in the ruins of a prison. She wrings her hands together on her bright white dress, whimpers and says, "Oh, this is grossly unfair!"

Chazz Sutton, the play's lead, said he felt drawn to the character of Zastrozzi.

"I was anticipating trying out for this play for about two years," Sutton said. "I was extremely nervous while waiting for the results of the try-outs; it was like torture. I was really excited at the possibility of playing Zastrozzi. I'm a big fan of modern vampire movies and while this play isn't about vampires there's definitely the same gothic motifs running through those movies and this play."

Some of the play's staple features are the numerous fight scenes. All of the swordfights were choreographed by Doersch. Doersch is a member of the International Order of the Sword and Pen, an organization of fight choreographers.

The actors rehearsed these fight scenes as part of "Camp Zastrozzi," a week-long rehearsal session they attended over spring break. The actors put in eleven-hour days at the camp. They spent half of the day rehearsing the fights, the other half rehearsing their lines and character voices.

Sutton laughed about his experiences at the rehearsals. "While everyone else was out in Cancun over break, we were rehearsing this show all day," he said. "It was some tough stuff but worth it in the end."

Along with the action, "Zastrozzi" focuses on a worldview that is decidedly dark and unpleasant. Zastrozzi feverishly cries out the line: "Mankind is weak! The world, ugly!" at the play's very beginning.

His outlook gets worse from there, leading to his line: "Verezzi's crime is telling people that there's happiness in the world! Wake up! You can hide no longer!"

Perhaps the feeling of the play is best summed up with Bernardo's line from the beginning.

"All those with timid natures had better hide. It is not The End, it is worse."

In summation, if you have the chance to see the play Thursday, be warned: Zastrozzi is a pure, 100 percent evil, hardcore bad ass.

Call Bill Rodgers at (330) 941-1913.

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ty," Shipka said. "If that's the way that department operates then they need to revise their procedures."

Shipka said a search committee's primary focus should be making sure a candidate's credentials are accurate.



SHIPKA

"The first level of responsibility lies within the search committee and the chair of the department," Shipka said.

He said he has served on several search committees in the past and that the personal and educational backgrounds for all finalists should be thoroughly checked.

"I've been on approximately 30 search committees, and I can't recall an instance where a careful check was not made," Shipka said. "Once you whittle down the applicants, you have the obligation to check the credentials and the legitimacy of the degrees."

Human Ecology Chair Jean Hassell, who served on the search committee that hired Neil, said the committee did a thorough job checking his references and background.

"He brought us the credentials he had and provided us with a transcript," Hassell said. "I checked references that weren't even given to me."

Hassell said Neil did not misrepresent himself and that he provided all necessary paperwork the university

requests.

Last week, however, Hassell told a Jambar reporter that she carefully reviewed all materials provided but did not check Neil's institutional background.

Director of the Dale Ethics Center Gabriel Palmer-Fernandez said it should be university procedure to check the educational backgrounds of applicants.

Palmer-Fernandez said that if the search committee had investigated Neil's education, Neil would not have been hired.

"I believe that if the search committee had prior knowledge of the lack of accreditations, Mr. Neil would not have been considered a legitimate candidate for the position," Palmer-Fernandez said.

Associate Professor of Human Ecology Jan Elias, who also served on the search committee that hired Neil, said committee members checked Neil's employment, but the validity of his master's and doctoral work was not a primary focus.

"We're usually most concerned with the most recent employment," Elias said. "If they were right out of grad school then we would check more."

The five-person search committee that hired Neil included Hassell, Elias, former Professors of Human Ecology Ramnohan Kasuganti and Mohammed Shayesteh and Robert Campbell, who is on

paid academic leave.

Prior to hiring Neil, the committee recommended him to the human ecology faculty who then sent their recommendation to administrators to sign and finalize the hiring.

Habat said his primary function in the hiring process is to insure that the final salary agreed upon is within the budget of the department.

"There has to be a number of signatures on the final form and my job is to make sure that the funding for that position existed," Habat said.

Habat said the university has a set of policies specifying what a search committee's role is, but over the years, practices have evolved differently than what policy states.

In December, the YSU Board of Trustees revised the Professional Conduct Policy.

The University policy on Professional Conduct 9006.01 states, "Faculty, department chairpersons, and professional/administrative employees are expected to demonstrate professional conduct that exhibits the values of honesty, integrity, competence, respect, and responsibility."

Article (A7) under this policy reads, "Professional misconduct for purposes of this policy means misrepresentation of one's credentials."

Palmer-Fernandez said if Neil had knowledge that his degrees were from an unaccredited institution, he misrepresented his credentials.

Palmer-Fernandez added

that the search committee who recommended Neil should have strongly considered all of the candidates.

"One of the candidates who applied for that position had legitimate degrees from accredited institutions and was hardly considered," Palmer-Fernandez said. "A candidate who has not gone through a legitimate program at a secondary accredited institution has not had the training necessary for this institution."

Palmer-Fernandez would not specify which candidate he was discussing.

The six other finalists for Neil's position were John Canterino, Nancy Scanlon, Richard Donnelly, Charley Chu, Richard Wilkinson and Henry Irogeige.

Edwards said that if a complaint is filed against Neil, the committee would review whether he falsified his credentials.

Edwards said checking accreditations is important to his department, and added that having a doctoral degree does not necessarily mean a person is qualified for a teaching position.

"I don't know that a Ph.D. is a final indicator of success," Edwards said.

Upon receiving a complaint, Edwards said, it could take up to two months for the committee to investigate.

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tors should not have started Neil's salary at \$60,000.

Dean of Health and Human Services John Yemma said Neil's salary was determined by his experience.

"I had to pay him what that position calls for and that's around \$60,000," Yemma said.

Six years ago, an article appeared in The Times Leader in Luzerne County Pa., where Neil was teaching at the time raising questions about the validity of Neil's higher degrees.

English Professor Timothy Francisco found the news "troubling."

"There is coverage that there was an issue before," Francisco said. "The fact that there was a question there [Luzerne], well I just find it a little troubling."

Francisco also said there seems to be conflicting opinions where Neil's work is concerned, referring to a comment

made by his former co-worker Jim Phillips from Luzerne County Community College that he was glad he no longer worked with Neil.

"The people in his department praise him, his work and say he is so good with the students, yet a former co-worker spoke out against that," Francisco said.

Neil's co-workers at YSU have nothing but praise.

Human Ecology Instructor Virginia Draa said she thinks Neil is an asset to YSU and the human ecology department.

Her colleague, Associate Professor Janice Elias, agreed, saying she has heard only positive feedback from Neil's students and others in the department. However, Elias added that students have voiced concern over the current question of Neil's credentials and said it has diverted faculty attention from students' needs to the situation at hand.

"This is unfortunate that it

is being aired out in the public without an investigation or getting it resolved," Elias said. "I am more concerned now by why it was brought to the attention of the media without giving a committee a chance to investigate."

Porter said that Neil deserves a "fair and clear hearing" when the professional conduct committee investigates the issue. He added that there should be steps taken against Neil "presuming fraud is determined."

"They should press charges and try to redeem some of the salary, and the students may have to take action also," Porter said.

Some of Neil's students said he should be left alone and one said she would switch her major if Neil were no longer teaching at YSU.

Senior Bill Mehalco said out of all the other professors he has had, he enjoys Neil the most. He said that the recent

news has not affected Neil's performance in class.

"Honestly, the news shocked me," Mehalco said. "He's such a good professor." Freshman Ken Trumbull said he was also shocked by the news.

"Dr. Neil is awesome," Trumbull said. "I certainly believe anything that Dr. Neil tells me."

Sophomore Laura Italiano credited Neil as the reason she enjoys studying hospitality management more than nursing.

"He's helped me tremendously, even outside of the classroom," Italiano said. "He is willing to sit down and talk. I think I would switch fields if he couldn't teach this anymore."

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words "Girls Suck" scrawled in permanent marker across the side.

Fowler pointed to the desk.

"There's no reason that should have been thrown out. Now, I have a desk to store my files on that I got for free. I kept that desk from going to the landfill and saved the university

the cost of a new desk."

Fowler not only reuses scrap materials he finds in recycling bins and dumpsters, he also believes in squeezing every last drop of use out of his old computer parts.

"I have an old 486 at home that I use for word processing and grading," Fowler said. "I don't need a top-of-the-line

model to do that. My computer has Windows 3.1 on it and it never, ever crashes. You don't need to have the biggest and fastest machine to get all of your work done efficiently."

Fowler has the same attitude toward textbooks. He said he purchased a stack of used calculus textbooks for 25 cents each for his students.

"After one year, these textbooks were replaced by newer versions" Fowler said. "Why? The math isn't going to change at all."

Fowler is a contributor to re:CREATE, a YSU organization that saves salvageable scrap materials from the landfill and donates them to high schools across Northeastern Ohio for class room use.

Sarah Ellis, student coordinator of re:CREATE, said Fowler was great at finding useful materials and has been a big help to her organization.

"Doug is very dedicated to the environment and physics," Ellis said. "I like how he combines both of them to help his class and high schools

throughout the area."

Fowler pointed out that wastefulness costs organizations money. Fowler pointed out that every week each computer lab in YSU goes through at least one tree's worth of paper. He said a lot of that is waste that could be reused to save the university money.

Jim Petuch, head of the recycling drive on campus, had nothing but praise for Fowler's efforts.

"He's brilliant," Petuch said. "He's actually going beyond environmentalism and living in the most environmental and economically friendly way he can."

Fowler just chocks it up to common sense.

"My grandparents knew how to efficiently reuse what they had, and it helped them get through the depression," Fowler said. "It's as simple as using cardboard box lids instead of buying the 'official' lab trays."

Call Bill Rodgers at (330) 941-1913.

News in brief

The department of Human Ecology, the office of Career Services and the Association of Family and Consumer Studies are holding the Careers in Family and Consumer Sciences discussion Wednesday.

The discussion, which will be held in Cushman Hall, room 3112 from 4 p.m. to 6, will host a panel of alumni from YSU and Kent State who will share their experiences in the field of family and consumer sciences. The panel includes Julie

Pagnotta, coordinator of the GRADS teen parent program at the Mahoning County Career and Technical Center; Amy Daprile, Family and Consumer Sciences teacher at Western Reserve High School; Sharon Sahli, case manager at the Community Corrections Association; and Marie Economus, a Certified Family Life Educator.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Janice Elias in the Department of Human Ecology at (330) 941-1333.

Applications are now being accepted for Homecoming chair. Students interested should drop their applications off at either the Student Activities Office or the Student Government Office.

Applications will be accepted until Wednesday, April 14 at 3 p.m. For further information, call Greg Gulas at (330) 941-3580.

Wednesday, Smith Brandon International will present "Managing the Risks of Overseas Business" at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. in the Cafaro Suite in Williamson Hall.

Presenters are Harry Brandon and Gene Smith. For more information contact Christine Shelton at 330-941-3068 or email her at cshelton@ysu.edu.

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have been teaching Campbell's classes this semester, and overall, they have done a good job.

Among Campbell's replacements is William Bruce Neil, the Human Ecology professor whose credentials are currently being investigated. Neil received his postgraduate degrees from La Salle University in Louisiana, an unaccredited institution shut down by the FBI in 1996.

"Neil is teaching some of the courses this semester, and our primary focus is filling the classes and taking care of the students," Yemma said.

Executive Director of Human Resources Hubert Chatman said he is also concerned about the seriousness of the report.

"Anytime there's a report of sexual harassment, it's important that you handle it expeditiously," Chatman said. "We'll investigate this matter carefully and thoroughly."

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SPORTS & RECREATION

Track

Crossing the line...

By JOSHUA BOGGS
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University men and women's track teams are having no problem competing with the big schools this season as both squads recently combined for a total of eight top-25 places at the Raleigh Relays.

The Penguins traveled to North Carolina on Friday to begin the two-day invitational.

The women's team was led by freshman distance sensation Lisa Davies, who finished fifth in the 10,000-meter run in an impressive time of 36 minutes, 38.23 seconds.



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Also making great strides for the women's distance squad was sophomore Emily Schnitkey, who ran 17:37.60 in the fast heat of the 5,000-meter run, grabbing her the 49th-place spot.

Following in the steps of Schnitkey were distance teammates junior Lindsay Wojciak (18:39.14), freshman Jen Wenhold (19:44.06) and senior Andrea Bardy (19:45.89) in 17th, 38th and 39th in the slower heat of the 5000.

Freshman Kim Jendre (5:02.03) also matched strides with senior Lindsey Frontz (5:07.88) and sophomore Gina Mavrikis (5:14.31) in the 1,500-meter run with the trio finishing 45th, 61st and 78th.

On the sprinting side, freshman Danielle Bolt and sophomore Jeanna Cunningham finished less than three tenths of a second apart in the 100-meter prelims, finishing them in 22nd and 47th with times of 12.12 and 12.45,

respectively.

Cunningham also fared well in the 400-meter dash (57.46) and led all Penguin runners in 33rd place. Right behind Cunningham was junior Leslie Johnson (58.68) in 54th, while teammates Frontz (1:02.86), Mavrikis (1:03.55) and freshman Marielle Glanz (1:04.67) followed close behind.

In the 100-meter hurdle prelims, sophomores Aailiyah Gillespie (14.53) and Cassandra Smith (17.78) were 20th and 88th, respectively.

Sophomore Alex Casi also placed well, snatching 45th in the 400-meter hurdles in a time of 1:07.04, with Gillespie (1:10.75) and Smith (1:13.05) finishing close together in 75th and 79th.

In the field events, freshman Nikki Hooper and junior Laura Schatz were the lone placers for the women's team with Hooper leaping to a 40th-place mark of 35 feet, 9.25 inches in the triple jump, while Schatz cleared a 15th-place notch of five feet, 4.25 inches in the high jump.

The YSU women also performed well in the relay events as the Penguins grabbed 20th in the 4x100 (48.25) and 21st in the 4x400 (3:53.47).

Pacing the men's squad at the relay invite was senior distance runner Kurt Michaelis, who finished an outstanding fourth in the fast heat of the 3,000-meter steeplechase in a time of nine minutes, 6.57 seconds.

In the slower heat of the 3000 steeple, sophomore Nick Kruse ran a 10:13.61, sealing him the 22nd spot.

Senior Tony Orcena also strode his way to a great finish in the fast heat of the 10,000, as he clocked a 32:11.30 in 29th

place, while sophomore Dave Mealy (32:55.77) was 11th in the slower heat.

In the fast heat of the 5000, sophomore Nick Busek broke the 15-minute mark in a time of 14:58.89 to finish in 42nd place with junior teammate Chris Hine (15:32.03) striding his way to the 13th-place spot in the slower heat.

Also for the distance squad was sophomore Ryan Petrick (4:11.56), who finished a respectable 42nd in the 1,500.

In men's sprinting action, senior Sherrod Holmes (10.94) was 43rd in the 100 prelims, while junior Adam Lewis clocked a 15.99 in the 110-meter hurdle prelims to end up in 67th.

Lewis (57.68) also raced toe to toe with fellow hurdler Kevin Breckenridge (1:00.68) in the 400-meter hurdles with the duo placing 75th and 96th.

In the 400, freshman Scott Weiser (49.56) and junior Papis Joh (49.64) matched strides as the two finished in 54th and 56th, while sophomore Ryan Strzalka and Petrick crossed the line in 52.10 and 54.89, respectively.

Freshman Derek Riker was the only Penguin placer in the field events as Riker successfully cleared the bar at 15 feet, one inch in the pole vault, nabbing him 19th place.

The YSU men also placed in two relays with the 4x200 (1:28.98) snatching 17th place and the 4x400 (3:19.98) grabbing 25th.

The Penguins will continue track action as they compete at the Ohio State Relays on Saturday.

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Tennis

Tennis teams back on track

By JOSHUA BOGGS
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University men and women's tennis teams got back on the winning track this weekend after derailing with losses last week.

After falling to the Pittsburgh Panthers, the women's tennis team has successfully volleyed back for their eighth victory of the spring season.

The Penguins fell to the Panthers, 5-2, at the Oxford Athletic Club in Monroeville on March 24.

Sophomore Whitney Thomas was the only winner in singles action as Thomas defeated Laura Pegula 6-3, 7-6 (7-2) at the No. 1 spot.

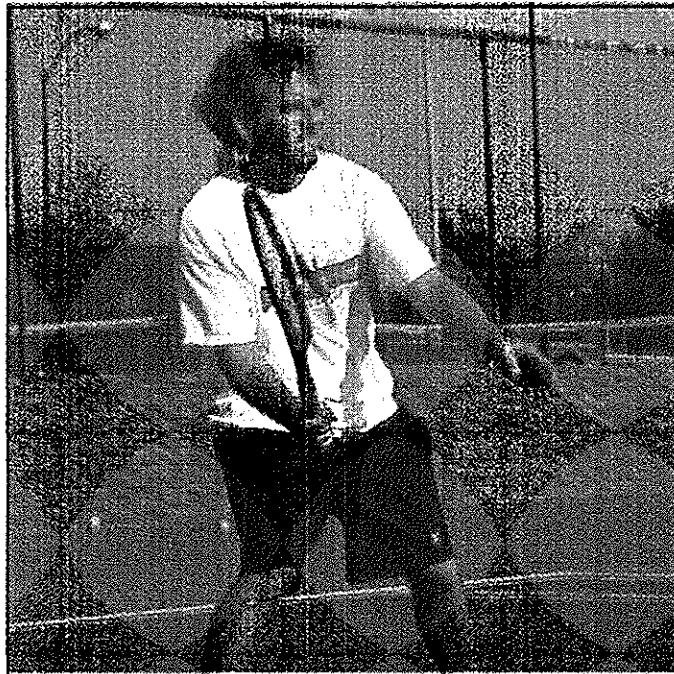
YSU picked up their other point by taking the doubles match, winning two of the three points.

The Penguins then traveled to the Franklin Racquet Club on Sunday afternoon to lock rackets with Horizon League opponent Detroit-Mercy.

YSU claimed four of the six singles matches to pick up the 4-3 victory. The winning mark helped the Penguins to improve to 8-5 this spring.

In No. 1 singles, sophomore Whitney Thomas knocked off Bianca Savarino (6-1, 6-2), while junior Karen Najbert picked up the win against Kaitlin McVehil (6-1, 6-0) in No. 2 singles.

In No. 4 action, freshman Nicole Muzechuk defeated Many Perzanowski (6-3, 6-0) and freshman Gina Peretti picked



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DEUCE: Freshman tennis player Jason Trapp volleys with a teammate during a recent practice.

up the sweep (6-0, 6-0) at No. 5.

The only winners in doubles action for the Penguins were the team of Peretti and Najbert, who won 8-2 against UDM's Merrit and Claire.

The men's team followed in the footsteps of the women as the Penguins ended a three-match losing skid with a victory over Robert Morris on Sunday morning.

YSU grabbed two of the three doubles matches and four of the six singles on their way to a 5-2 Penguin victory.

Freshman Tom Barth, a native of Boardman, knocked off Yousef Mekaoui (6-2, 4-6, 6-3) in No. 2 action, while senior teammate Kevin

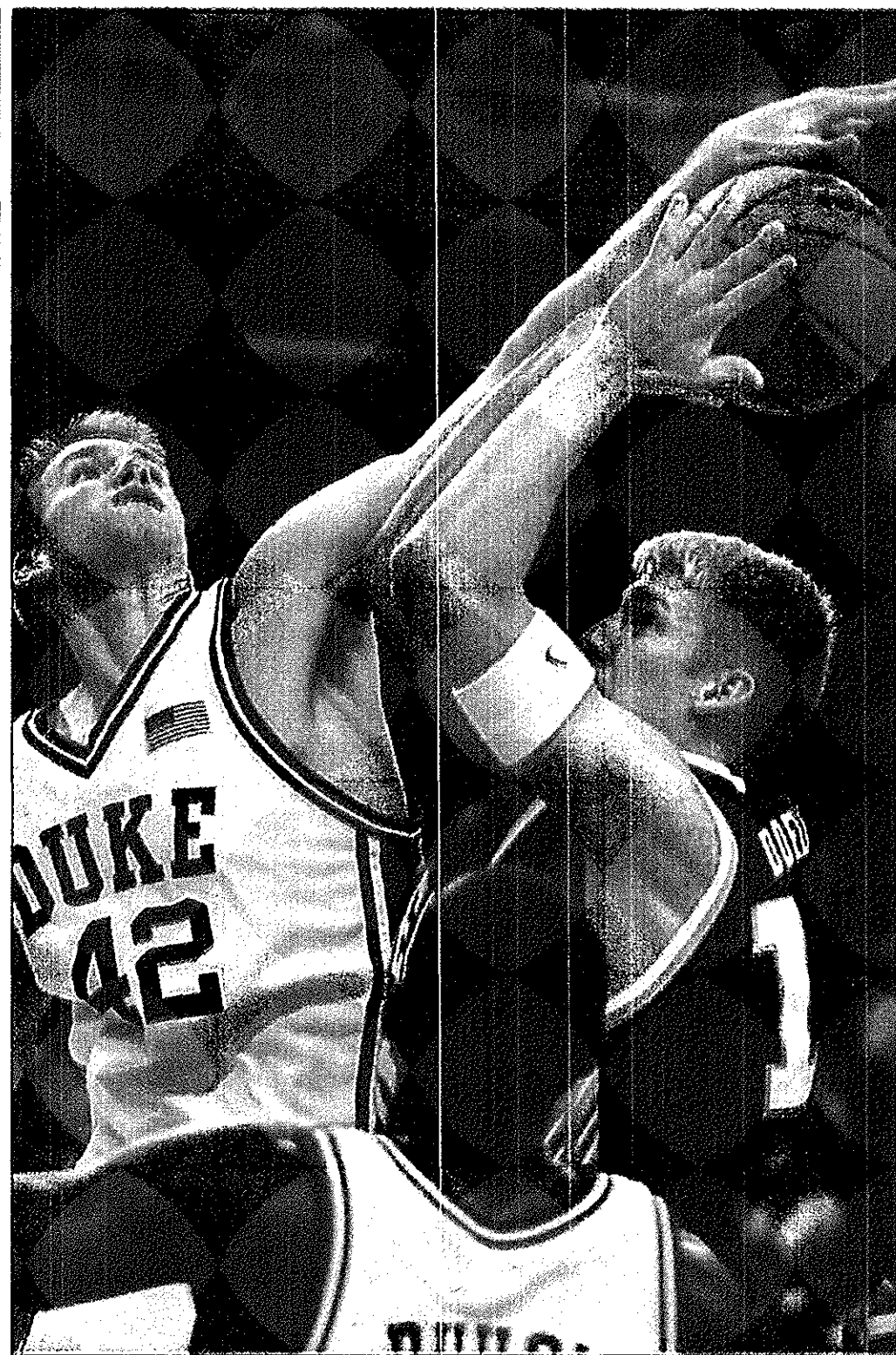
Schaffert beat Chris McAfee (6-2, 6-0) at No. 3.

Rounding out the Penguin scoring in singles action was freshman Brian Meeke, who defeated T.J. Delorie (6-2, 6-1) at No. 4 and freshman Jason Trapp, who picked up the win against Web Yearde (6-2, 7-5).

The men will return to the courts on Friday when they travel to Dayton, while the women will travel to Indianapolis on Saturday to play Horizon League foe Butler at 10 a.m.

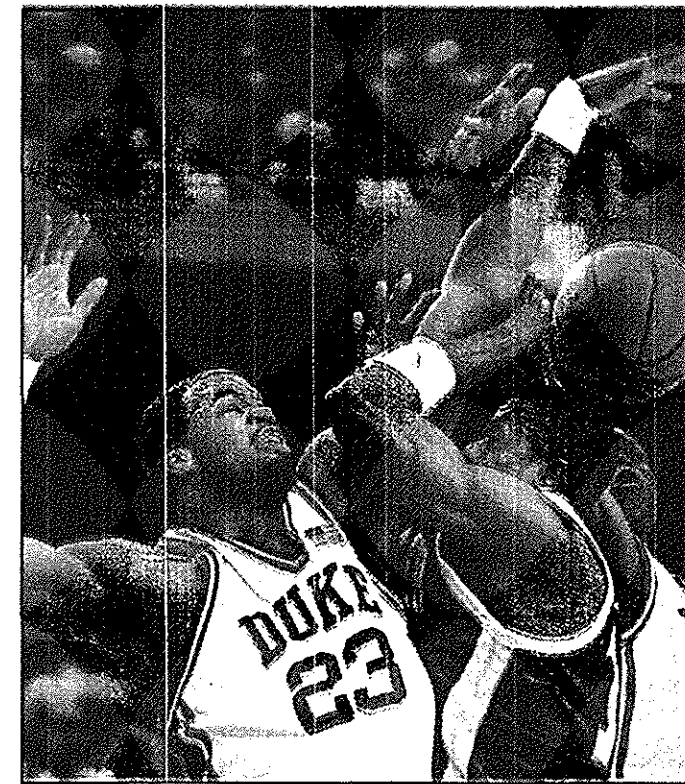
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REJECTED AFFAIR: Duke's Shavlik Randolph (42) blocks a shot by Xavier's Justin Doellman during the Blue Devils' 66-62 victory over the Musketeers in the NCAA Atlanta Regional, Sunday to advance to the Final Four. Shelden Williams (23) and Loul Deng work to stop a shot by Xavier's Romain Sato.



Golf

Men's golf finish fifth at tourney

By JOSHUA BOGGS
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University men's golf team finished in fifth place overall at the Morehead State Eagle Invitational at the Silver Springs Shores Country Club in Ocala, Fla. this month.

The Penguins accumulated a three-round score of 963 (328-318-317) putting them behind Murray State, who tallied a winning score of 894, with Morehead State, Hartford and Tennessee-Martin ending up in second, third and fourth-place overall.

YSU was led by sophomore Josh Zarlenga, who shot a 233 (76-77-79), tying him for the 12th-place spot.

Also aiding the Penguin scoring was sophomore Nate Kosma, who totaled a 237 (81-77-79) for the 17th spot. Sophomore Jim Powers totaled a score of 245 (86-79-80) finishing him in 23rd overall.

Rounding out the top five for YSU were seniors Carmen DiPenti — 251 (85-84-82) — and Derek Knepper — 253 (86-88-

79).

The Penguins also traveled Richmond, Ky. on Friday to compete in the Eastern Kentucky Spring Invitational.

After having rounds of 317 and 314 through the first day of the invite, YSU rallied to shoot a 304 in the final round to total a score of 935, finishing them in 12th place.

Eastern Kentucky won the match with a three-round score of 854, while Tennessee State and Morehead State tied for second with 864. YSU sophomore Nate Kosma was the leading Penguin scorer as he tied for the 48th spot with a score of 230 (76-79-75).

Senior Derek Knepper was close behind in 57th place with a 233 (79-77-77), while sophomore Josh Zarlenga tallied a 235 (81-80-74), good enough for 62nd overall.

Freshman Ross Beal and senior Carmen DiPenti rounded out the scoring as Beal caddied a 237 (81-78-78), while DiPenti totaled a 240 (81-80-79).

The Penguins will again take to the greens on Friday when they compete in the Cleveland State Invitational.

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