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## Director impressed with his successor

By BONNIE BODNAR  
The Jambar

The former director of the Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety Department said he is optimistic and confident that his successor, former University General Counsel Sandra Denman will be successful.

Denman, whose contract for general counsel was not renewed, voiced doubts about her experience for the position, but Leonard Perry said she would do a great job.

Perry said he supports the administration's appointment of Denman as the new director of the department. "I don't think the administration made a terrible move," Perry said.

In fact, Perry said he thinks that is it a good idea for a lawyer to serve as director because she will know safety laws, codes and standards, which is a major part of the job.

Interim Director of the Department Sandra Senedak agreed.

"The law is the law, and she has a lot of assets to bring to the department."

Denman did not return a phone call from a Jambar reporter.

Both Perry and Senedak also noted that Denman is not a stranger to the department as they have previously worked with her on issues regarding safety, insurance, property acquisition and workers compensation litigation.

Perry and Senedak said they support Denman's appointment, while some faculty members said they are skeptical.

Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences Chet Cooper told a Jambar reporter last week that he is concerned that Denman's credentials in the sciences might not be strong enough for the job.

Perry said, "Health and Safety is far reaching from Ward Beecher." He then eluded to the tasks he faced on a day to day basis as the former director of the department, such administration and budgeting.

He challenged critics to look at the evidence, and realize that the department was successful as a whole, not just because of his presence. "I didn't do it by myself. It was a total team effort."

Perry said Denman would not have to do the job alone either. "As she gets into the job, she will realize she can rely on people in the department who have safety and

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## YSU gives inmates second chance

By MICHAEL J. BALALE  
The Jambar

The note from her student wasn't long —16 words from beginning to end. "Thanks for having faith in me when everyone else says that I'm a piece of garbage."

Martina Nicholas, a part-

time Youngstown State University English instructor, carries that note in her head as a reminder of why the work she does is important. Nicholas teaches English composition to inmates at three prisons.

"I get a lot of personal satisfaction," said Nicholas, who also works as a professor at Slippery Rock University in

Pennsylvania. "They go from barely being able to construct a sentence to learning and growing in the classroom and becoming excellent writers."

Nicholas is one of several professors teaching classes to area prison inmates this semester.

For the last two years, YSU has taken the conventional set-

tings of classrooms and with the help of technology, has been teaching Ohio inmates business, math and English.

With a live audio-video camera and a T1 cable line from one of three prison sites, YSU professors teach courses in lockups in Trumbull County and Cleveland.

This semester alone, about

79 inmates are enrolled as YSU students and the number has been growing. In Spring 2002, 40 inmates were enrolled as students.

Before entering the Advanced Job Training Program, inmates must first pass a list of criteria, including

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## Sen. Kerry visits Valley, talks to unions

By WILLIAM LEHN  
The Jambar

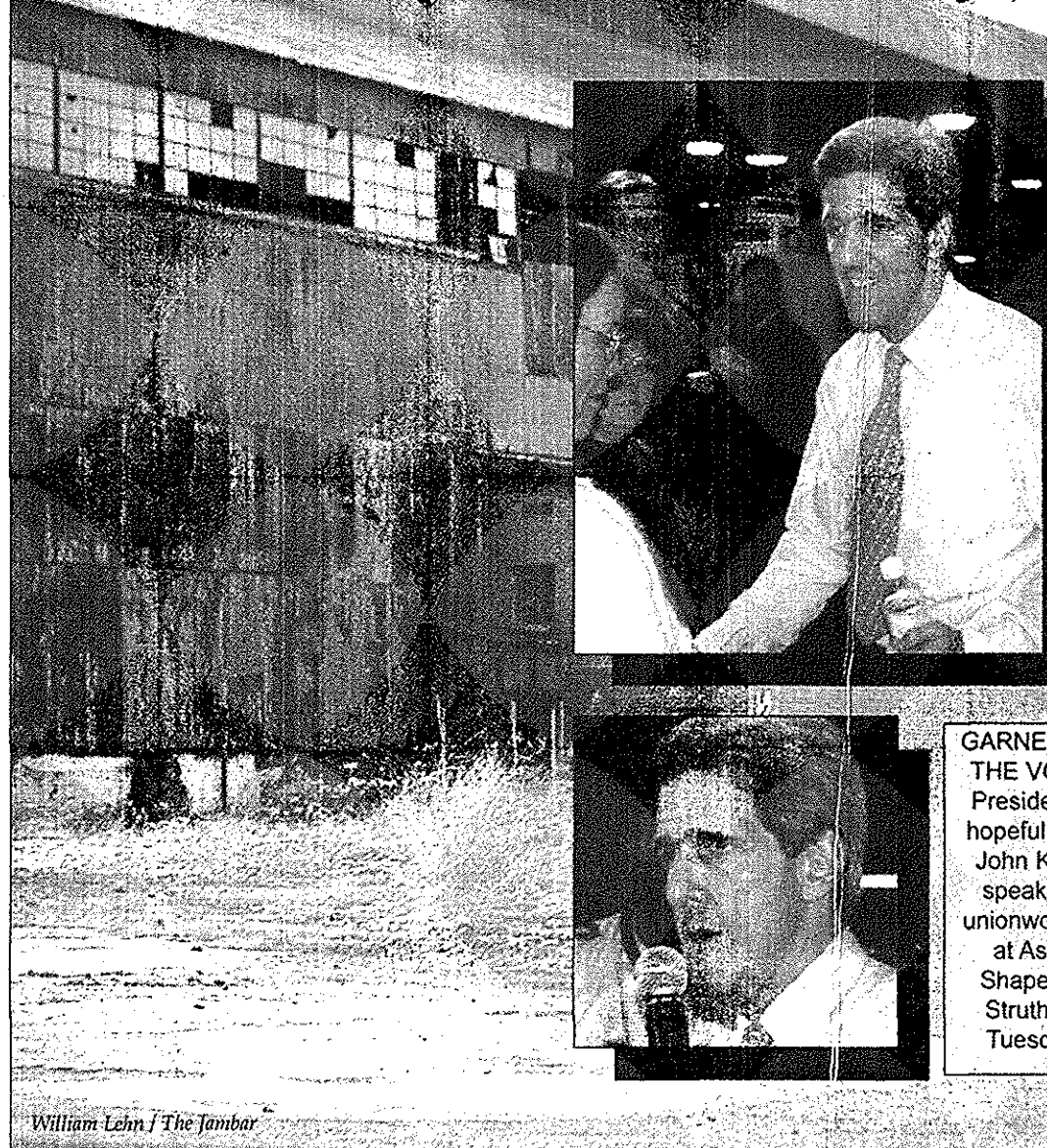
Presidential candidate John Kerry brought an entourage of media and security as he made a campaign stop in the Valley Tuesday.

Security was tight at Astro Shapes in Struthers as presidential hopeful U.S. Sen. Kerry (D-Mass.) stopped by to tell a pro-union crowd his plan to bring honor back to the nation's laborers.

Law enforcement officials were out in force. Secret Service agents, Ohio State Patrolmen, Summit and Mahoning County Sheriff Deputies with bomb sniffing dogs and Youngstown and Struthers Police joined efforts. Their objective was to provide security detail for the frontrunner for the Democratic nomination for the White House.

An unnamed Secret Service Agent from New York said campaigns are run a little different than normal duties. As he surveyed the crowd, he said, "Advances are pulled from different details and it's not a hard

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GARNERING THE VOTE: Presidential hopeful Sen. John Kerry speaks to unionworkers at Astro Shapes in Struthers Tuesday.

## Destruction course imminent

New class prepares public for various disasters.

By TAMMY SOS  
The Jambar

On the Fourth of July, disaster struck. People all over the state were getting sick.

The epidemic started out with flu-like symptoms, but soon enough, deaths started to occur. The state was in a panic.

Because of the holiday, emergency services were limited and staff members were on short supply. Government officials were on their heels, dealing with everything possible that one could imagine would happen at such a time.

Thankfully, it was just an exercise.

The new "Weapons of Mass Destruction" course has something a little extra to offer its students. This class is intended to help recognize and prepare the public for disasters such as a chemical attack, mass

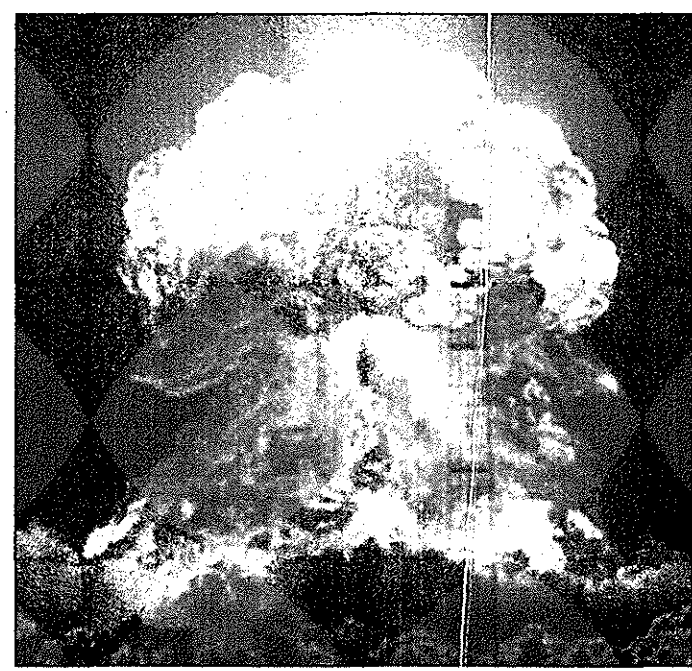


Photo courtesy of the Department of Defense

BOOM: A new YSU course, "Weapons of Mass Destruction," offers students a look in preparing for public disasters.

destruction, terrorist attacks and more.

The class was presented with a mock crisis Monday. They were shown pre-recorded and scripted news broadcasts, reporting the progress of an

unknown epidemic. Each student was assigned a position such as Chiefs of police for Boardman and Youngstown, Board of Health Director,

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## New MFA graduate degree available

By CHRISTINA POE  
The Jambar

Creative writing students may soon have a forum to learn and develop their skills while earning a master's degree at one of four Ohio universities.

The Northeast Ohio Universities Master of Fine Arts degree program, which will concentrate on the area of creative writing, will combine the resources of Youngstown

State University, the University of Akron, Cleveland State University and Kent State University.

Youngstown State English professor Philip Brady said the program has been approved by YSU officials but will not

become official until accepted by the Ohio Board of Regents.

However, Brady said all four universities have been given clearance to accept applications for the fall semester.

Brady said applicants first must be accepted into the graduate program and are then required to provide an additional portfolio

containing either fifty pages of poetry or thirty pages of fiction, creative non-fiction or drama.

An admissions committee consisting of members from

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## Conduct policy receives approval

By ELIZABETH TABAK  
The Jambar

A policy concerning professional conduct of Youngstown State University faculty and administration recently received approval from the Board of Trustees.

After three years of preparation, the professional conduct of faculty, department chairpersons and professional/administrative employees' policy was approved Dec. 17 as part of the YSU Guidebook, a Monday press release stated. The policy outlines proper procedure for addressing allegations of misconduct, and is a procedure some university officials and faculty say is long overdue.

Special Assistant to the President Thomas Maraffa said there are already a number of policies in the guidebook addressing specific issues of misconduct such as sexual harassment and computer use. However, Maraffa said the new policy will "fill a void" in order to address every instance of misconduct.

The policy document 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." Violations such as plagiarism, "misrepresentation of one's credentials" and stealing another's work without permission are outlined in the document.

Chairman of the Academic Senate Thomas Shipka said the trigger for the policy occurred a few years earlier when there was an allegation of plagiarism by a former dean, and there was not a "satisfactory policy outlining procedures to deal with it."

Shipka said after the allegation there were several faculty members that approached University President David Sweet to consider establishing a policy to deal with professional misconduct. After revisions by the Academic Senate, the Cabinet, Administration and several committees, it was approved by the Board of Trustees.

"This is long overdue," Shipka said. "I think that now it says we recognize our employees have a duty to

accord themselves with standards of integrity and high morals."

In Shipka's research, he found that two-thirds of Ohio's universities have an almost identical policy. He referred to issues of professional misconduct concerning one of the University of Akron's Vice Presidents.

"I think that other universities are going to be very on guard from letting things like this happen," Shipka said.

Shipka said the importance of the policy is that it covers conduct of both faculty and administration.

YSU-OEA President Michael Finney said the YSU-OEA has not yet been asked to include the policy in their contract agreement, stating there are provisions in the agreement that deal with faculty conduct. However, Finney said with contract negotiations approaching next year, the policy may be included.

"Currently, if there are any conflicts between the policy procedure and The Agreement's procedure, The Agreement would take precedence," Finney said.

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a strict screening process. In addition, students must have their high school transcripts and a diploma.

Jim Olive, coordinator of the Metropolitan College for the Advanced Job Training program, said that courses are selected and directed towards communications and business.

"It's a genuine thing that the university and the state do," Olive said. "You have to believe in rehabilitation and not warehousing. It's one of the few programs in the nation that has distance learning taught to female and males."

Nicholas teaches three English classes at the Trumbull Correctional Institute, the

Trumbull Correctional Camp and the Northeast Pre-Release facility for women in Cleveland.

She said her work is sometimes challenging because of the lack of resources and freedom in the jails.

"The students there have come from different backgrounds than most YSU students," Nicholas said. "This is a group of people that are convicted of some heinous crimes so they carry that baggage to the classroom."

Nicholas said one of her students is trying to publish a novel about his life experiences.

She said many of her

inmate students ask her if she is afraid to be with them and if she teaches them any differently than her other students. She said she has never been afraid.

"It's giving me a taste of someone else's life," she said. "It's been a challenge, but not a bad challenge."

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## News in brief

### Poetry reading Friday in Kilcawley

English professor Steven Reese will be translating the works of Cuban poet Rafael Almanza Alonso on Friday, Feb. 27 in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center.

Alonso, considered one of the most impor-

tant critics and poets of his generation, has been denied access by the U.S. government for this event. However, the reading will be a celebration of his work.

The reading is open to the public and free.

### OSEA meeting for education majors

An informative meeting will be held for the Ohio Student Education Association on Friday, Feb. 27 at 3 p.m. in the Curriculum Resource Center in the Beeghly College of Education.

The OSEA is open to all education majors. The meeting will discuss member benefits such

as first-year teacher-student dues rebates, professional workshops, professional publications and liability insurance.

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

### Press law discussion set for Thursday

Student press leaders will address the Advising Student Publications class next Thursday, March 4, at 5:10 in the evening. John Bowen, the Journalism Education Association's Scholastic Press Rights Commission Chair and his wife Candace Perkins Bowen, an award winning instructor at Kent State's School of

Journalism and Mass Media, will be sharing stories and information about their quest for editorial freedom for school newspapers.

The talk will take place in rooms 121-122 Debartolo Hall (Conference Center). All students and faculty are welcome to attend.

### Sixteen students attend training seminar

Sixteen YSU students attended the Chi Alpha Student Activist Leadership Training (SALT) conference near Chicago.

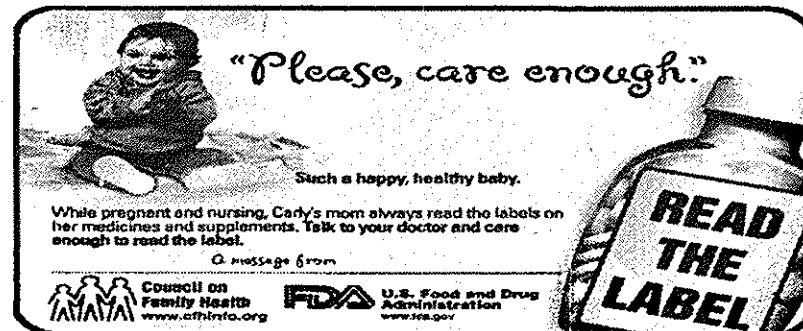
The SALT conference provided students with leadership information and an opportunity to meet with members of other universities across the Great Lakes area.

The students attended five general leadership-training sessions and several "encounters" with leaders and speakers. The encounters enhanced student leadership skills within Chi Alpha, the workplace, in class and on campus. Two of the topics discussed were postmodernism and pornography.

## Clarification

A Jambar story last week about Vice President for Administration John Habat failed to include information about the reporter's efforts to contact Habat.

University Spokesman Ron Cole told the reporter that Habat would not be available to discuss the story.



# 2004 YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY'S African American HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

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

<p><b>Tuesday, February 3</b> <b>Lecture - Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu "Black Men and Women: We Both Need Each Other"</b> 7:00p.m. Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center Dr. Kunjufu is a renowned educator and educational consultant. Internationally recognized for his efforts to develop positive self-image in African American children, he is the co-author of SET/LAE (Self-Esteem Through Culture Leads to Academic Excellence), an Afrocentric/multicultural curriculum. He is the author of several books including: <i>Countering the Conspiracy to Destroy Black Boys and To Be Popular or Smart: The Black Peer Group</i>.</p>	<p><b>Saturday, February 14</b> <b>Dance - Bi-Okoto Dance Group from Cincinnati</b> Workshop at 12:00 Noon - 2:00p.m. Performance at 7:00p.m. Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center The Bi-Okoto Dance and Dance Theater is a professional cultural arts company devoted to the cultivation and refinement of African art and education. Bi-Okoto boasts an eclectic repertoire of authentic traditional Nigerian and other West African dances, dramas, and operas.</p>	<p><b>Saturday, February 21</b> <b>Poetry Slam Competition</b> 6:30p.m. Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center Original poetry submissions by budding local poets on different aspects of African American life and culture. Prizes will be awarded based on the style, content, and quality of presentation. Submissions must reach the Africana Studies Program by Wednesday, February 18.</p>
<p><b>Saturday, February 7</b> <b>The African Marketplace</b> Noon - 6:00p.m. Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center The African Marketplace is one of the most popular events marking African American History Month. It draws a rich variety of vendors, artists, and book dealers specializing in African and African American creations from Ohio and neighboring states.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, February 17</b> <b>Movie Night - "Liberia: America's Step Child," Documentary by Nancee Olu Bright</b> 7:00p.m. Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center Founded by free blacks and freed American slaves in 1821, Liberia was once the hope and pride of black Africa. Although political and economic power was wielded by Americanized Africans, the two groups forged a tight and sensitive existence which tilted out of balance in a civil war of the 1980s. That conflict continued until recently, when a truce was reached and the former head of state, Charles Taylor, went into exile in Nigeria. Liberian filmmaker Nancee Olu Bright traces the relationship between America and Liberia and analyzes the causes of strife between Liberia's indigenous population and freed American slaves.</p>	<p><b>Monday, February 23</b> <b>Musical Presentation: Yewande</b> 7:00p.m. Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center Yewande is an alternative soul singer-songwriter whose music captures the essence of the human experience. Classically trained in voice and piano, Yewande has thrilled audiences across the country, including those at the JFK Center for the Performing Arts, Black Entertainment Tonight (BET), and London's Jazz Cafe and Black Lily. Co-sponsored by the Office of Student Activities</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, February 11</b> <b>Lecture - Bari-Ellen Roberts "When You Know You're Right"</b> 7:00p.m. Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center Hailed as a "modern-day Rosa Parks" and one of the most courageous African Americans of our time, she led 1,400 African American employees of Texaco to the largest racial discrimination settlement in United States history. Her story is told in her book, <i>Roberts versus Texaco: The True Story of Race in Corporate America</i>.</p>	<p><b>Thursday, February 19</b> <b>Diversity Workshop - Diversity Issues in the 21st Century: Diversity Workshop for Employers and Employees</b> 9:00-12:00p.m. Presidents Suite, Kilcawley Center The workshop will address pertinent issues in the workplace involving leadership and knowledge, and the extent to which they affect company culture, productivity, and competitiveness. The workshop will cover a wide range of topics including flextime, same-sex partners, innovative compensation and benefit programs. Continuing credit hours are available to professionals.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, February 25</b> <b>Lecture - Dorian T. Warren "Multiple Identities and Organizational Change in the U.S. Labor Movement"</b> 7:00p.m. Presidents Suite, Kilcawley Center Dorian T. Warren is a Ph.D. candidate in political science at Yale University and an Erskine Peters Fellow in African-American Studies at the University of Notre Dame. His research combines theoretical, historical, and empirical approaches to the study of marginal groups within American politics, focusing on the political organization and mobilization of groups based on class, race, ethnicity, gender, and sexuality. Co-sponsored by the Center for Working Class Studies</p>
<p><b>February 6 through February 14</b> <b>Musical - "Raisin"</b> Youngstown Playhouse "Raisin," the musical adaptation of the classic "Raisin in the Sun," by Lorraine Hansberry, portrays life from the living room setting to the streets of Chicago in the early 1950s. Tickets can be purchased from the Playhouse box office. Co-sponsored by the Youngstown Playhouse and General Motors, Lordstown (Box Office: 330-788-8739)</p>	<p><b>Friday, February 27</b> <b>Lecture - Dr. Ron Daniels "The Case for Reparations: Does America Owe Africans in America?"</b> 7:00p.m. McKay Auditorium, Beeghly Hall A native of Youngstown, Dr. Daniels is the executive director of the Center for Constitutional Rights in New York. He is a prominent civil rights activist who has championed numerous causes and writes weekly columns for newspapers and journals. He was a strong advocate of the divestiture movement in apartheid South Africa, and recently led an historic trip to Haiti.</p>	

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## Today's Editorial

### Kudos to new YSU program

Youngstown State University recently teamed with three Ohio universities to create the Northeast Ohio Universities Master of Fine Arts Degree program.

The program will allow students to further their studies in creative writing at YSU, the University of Akron, Cleveland State University and Kent State University.

The addition to the curriculum has been praised by professors for the opportunities it will provide to students and the educational prestige it will bring to the university. It shows promise for YSU students and faculty who are interested in broadening their educational and social horizons.

On an educational level, it will provide students with a further analysis of the study of creative writing. This elevated level of scholarship will not only give our own students a chance to sharpen their skills, but provide the chance for students outside the YSU community come to the area and participate in learning at YSU.

The course is structured to allow students a diverse learning experience. Although enrolled at YSU, they have the opportunity to study under professors at the three other universities participating in the program. This allows the chance to work with various other students and professors in an attempt to gain a broadened understanding of their field.

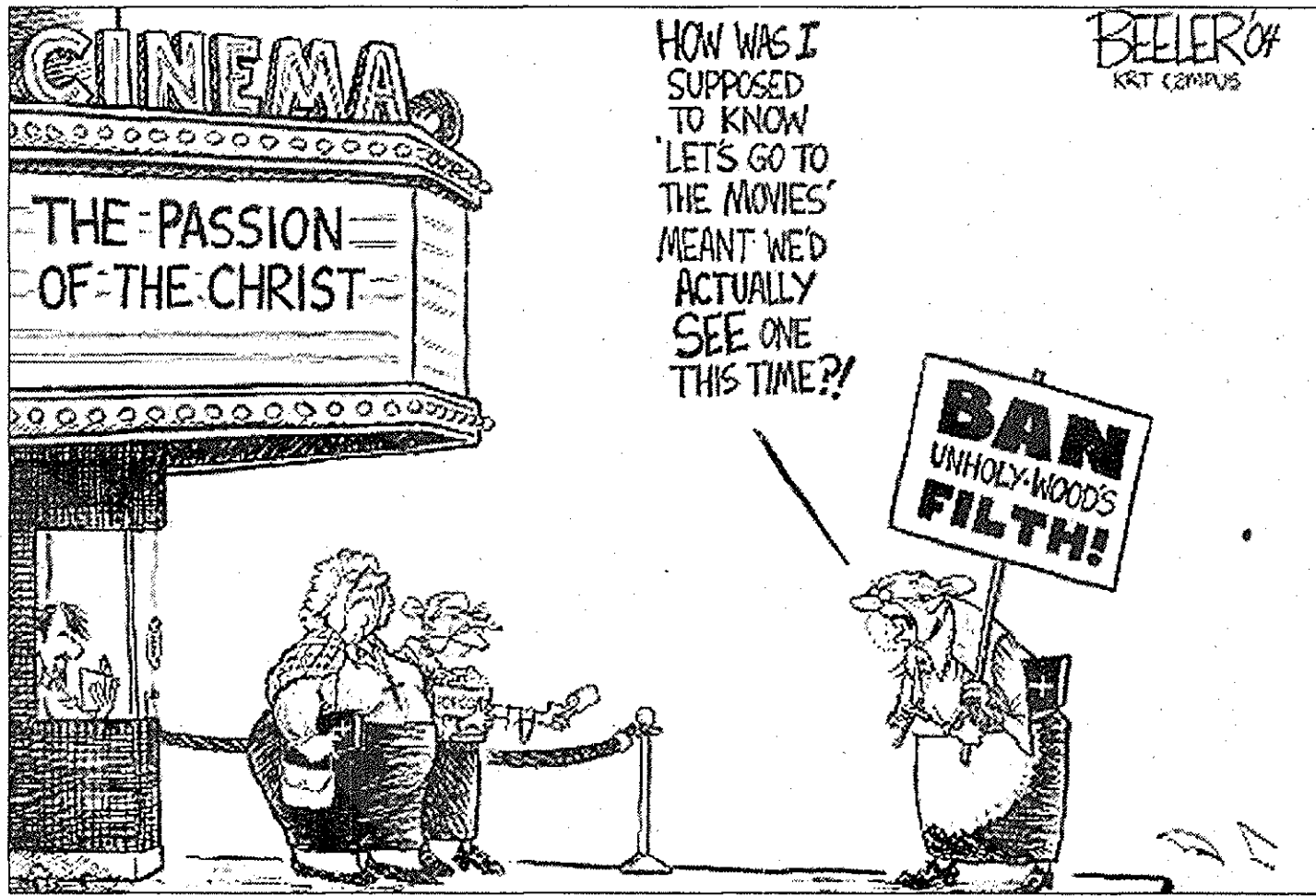
The experience will result in well-trained and diversified students of creative writing and a strong name for YSU in the field of Graduate Studies.

We congratulate the dedicated professors and administrators who worked so closely on gaining the MFA and University President David Sweet for approving such an important step in education. The hard work of these individuals proves the dedication to education that YSU holds in high regard.

YSU currently offers 17 graduate studies programs. The addition of more programs such as the MFA program will create opportunity for both the students and the university. They will generate a stronger, more positive reputation for YSU in the competitive field of education while allowing students easier access to gaining Master's degrees.

We urge more departments to research and participate in more programs that foster educational networking and making use of the educational resources of Northeast Ohio.

## PASSIONATE PROTEST



## Letters to the Editor

### 'Inaccuracies' contained in recent Jambars

Editor:

I would like to note some inaccuracies that were contained in the Feb. 19 and 24 editions of The Jambar. It seems that these mistakes resulted largely from a lack of understanding of the university's administrative structure and position responsibilities. Administrative and financial management functions can be confusing to persons unfamiliar with complex organization structures, and there appears to be some confusion as to the managerial responsibility of the university's budget, accounting, internal and external audit functions. Thus I offer a brief description of these functions:

**Budget:** prepares the university's annual budget in concert with all operating units and with a view to the strategic plan; provides revenue and expense forecasts to support institution planning and resource allocation decisions.

**Internal Audit:** evaluates the efficiency, effectiveness and integrity of all university operations; assesses risk and compliance with policies, rules and regulations.

**General Accounting:** prepares annual financial statements; manages financial accounting and reporting functions through a system of financial controls necessary to ensure the appropriate expenditure of University resources.

**External Auditors:** responsible for auditing the financial statements prepared by General Accounting and expressing their professional opinion on the integrity of the statements.

Budget and Internal Audit report to me — Budget since July 2003 and Internal Audit since July 2002. However, as The Jambar itself accurately reported, the Board of Trustees voted last year to out-source Internal Audit beginning July 2004. At that time, Internal Audit will be coordinated by the Vice President for Financial Affairs and will report directly on a quarterly basis to the Board of Trustees.

General Accounting and External Audit report to the Vice President of Financial Affairs. External Audit also reports at least annually to the Board.

A basic tenet of professional journalism is to utilize primary sources of information to the greatest extent possible. In this case, The Jambar failed to check with a primary source and subject of its stories. Although I have made myself available to Jambar reporters on numerous occasions, including a telephone interview I did from the hospital on Feb. 18, I was never interviewed about these stories. Additionally, a cursory review of position descriptions on file in Human Resources would have demonstrated that some of the managerial responsibilities ascribed to me are in fact the duties of another officer.

I also take exception with your Feb. 19, 2004. I don't know how you define the word "tainted" but I do not feel it accurately portrays the findings of the formal independent investigation launched into the matter in question. As you know, the investigation's report stated that, "[t]here is nothing of an illegal nature in the contents of the hard drive and no evidence that there ever was." Further, "[t]here is nothing in the contents of the hard drive that points to a violation of the computer use policy (4009.01)." (report's emphasis) I fail to understand how a rehashing of this matter has any relevance on the subject at hand. If wrongdoing had been found, that could have relevance; none was found. While the pain experienced by my family and me during this episode is perhaps not your concern, I hope you understand how a reopening has again caused needless harm.

As a former student journalist and editor myself, I support the instructional value of a student newspaper experience. I also believe that such experience must occur with a view towards adhering to basic and critical tenets of professional journalism: accuracy and objectivity. A more measured and in-depth examination of some of the issues and "facts" contained in your stories could have resulted in much more balanced and informed reporting.

John Habat  
Vice President for Administration

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## Sorry Christians, I have to tolerate myself

Editor:

I just discovered the war on homosexuality that seems to be in every issue of The Jambar. Christians are fed up with "tolerating" gays. As a gay man I wish I could say the same, but I have to tolerate myself, I have no choice.

Christians forget that being gay is not a choice, that it is a reality for 10 percent of the population. It is a real issue that affects human beings, and it always will. At this stage in our evolution everyone should understand it completely.

When Christians stand up against gay marriage, they are using free speech as an excuse for hate. Where would they stop if they could change the world? Maybe build concentration camps for gay people and then hopefully one day the world would be

rid of such a horrible ailment. That would not work though, because it is not biological. Obviously, my parents were straight. Keeping us in prison would be too expensive, so we should just stay in the lower class like we are now.

Marriage to us is the opportunity to live a clean, productive, and healthy lifestyle. Christians oppose this? I wish Christians would educate themselves before using their opinion in such a negative way. To them, gay people are a tiny imperfection in their life. To me, it is my whole life. That is why I need acceptance.

Mike Huston  
Sophomore

## Graduate student wants wind-power for YSU

Editor:

As African American History Month comes to a close, I hope that we can be mindful of the activities to which everyone is contributing that promote injustice and inequality between African Americans and Caucasians, without even thinking about it. The impact to their health from power plants is one notable example. It is shown in how African Americans are disproportionately affected by pollution from power plants which are the biggest source of pollution in the U.S.

Despite making up only 13% of the U.S. population, 68% of African Americans live within 30 miles of a coal-fired power plant—the distance within which the maximum effects of the smokestack plumes are expected to occur compared to the 56% of Caucasians. Asthma attacks send African Americans to the emergency room at three times the rate of whites. The 67% of the sulfur dioxide and the 23% of the nitrogen oxides of U.S. emis-

sions that power plants produce irritate lungs and worsen asthma.

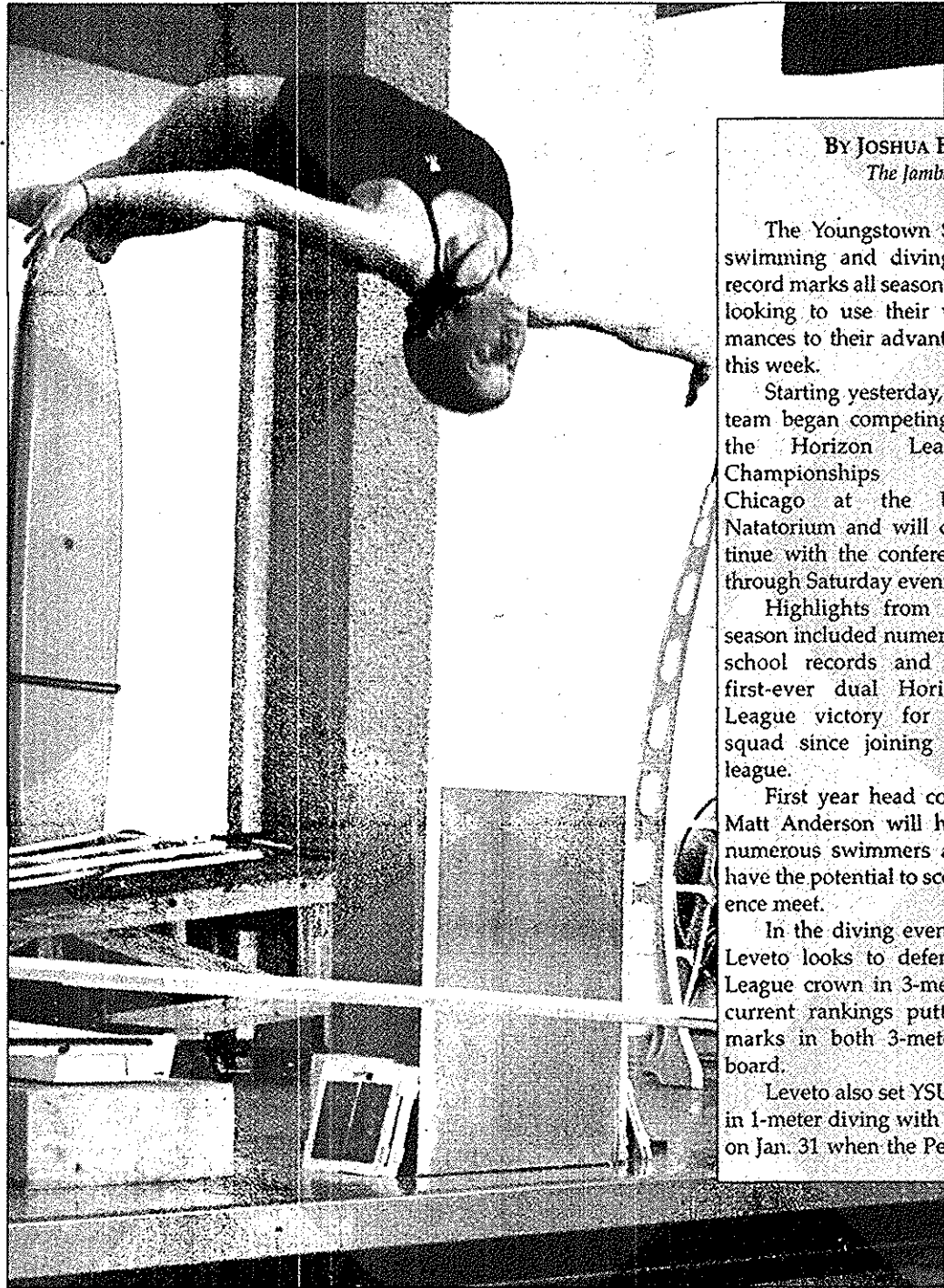
In 2002, 71% of African Americans lived in counties that violate federal air pollution standards, compared to 58% of the white population. A study of the 15 largest U.S. cities found that climate change, caused by carbon dioxide emission, 13% of which is from power plants, would increase heat-related deaths by at least 90%. Most African Americans live in inner cities, which tend to be about 10 degrees warmer than their surrounding areas. Studies have shown that people of color are twice as likely to die in a heat wave, and suffer from more heat-related stress and illness. This is one good reason to support a ballot initiative on the student election ballot to raise tuition by one dollar per student per semester to purchase wind power for YSU.

Karl Zehr  
Environmental Studies Graduate Student



# SPORTS & RECREATION

## Penguin's tally record-breaking campaign



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YSU hopes to continue its success this week in the Horizon League Championships

By JOSHUA BOGGS  
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University swimming and diving team has set record marks all season long and will be looking to use their winning performances to their advantage this week.

Starting yesterday, the team began competing in the Horizon League Championships in Chicago at the UIC Natatorium and will continue with the conference through Saturday evening.

Highlights from this season included numerous school records and the first-ever dual Horizon League victory for the squad since joining the league.

First year head coach Matt Anderson will have numerous swimmers and divers who have the potential to score at the conference meet.

In the diving events, junior Kayln Leveto looks to defend her Horizon League crown in 3-meter diving with current rankings putting her at top marks in both 3-meter and 1-meter board.

Leveto also set YSU's school record in 1-meter diving with a score of 329.55 on Jan. 31 when the Penguins defeated

Canisius. That performance and her victory in 3-meter diving against Clarion on Feb. 14 earned Leveto Horizon League Athlete of the Week honors for both weeks.

On the swimming side, senior Lena Arens, who was named Horizon League Athlete of the Week in January for her victory in the 50-yard freestyle against Akron, will also be an essential asset to the team.

Arens is seeded fourth in the 50-free and 15<sup>th</sup> in the 100-yard freestyle with less than one second separating first through eighth place in the 50-yard. In the 100-yard, the differential is only 1.5 seconds.

In the distance events, Coach Anderson will find strengths in juniors Jordan Dunn, Erika Gregos and Michelle Von Duhn, who all plan on moving up in the 500, 1000, and 1,650-yard freestyle.

Junior Erin Carter, who set school record marks in the 200 and 400-yard individual medley this season, will be leading the Penguins in the stroke events.

She broke the 200 IM (2:14.29) record on Oct. 26 and the 400 IM

(4:40.77) on Feb. 8 and was named Horizon League Athlete of the Week for her performance in the 200.

Carter, who has many of the Horizon League's top times, will be forced to choose only three individual events to compete in during the conference meet.

Currently, Carter is ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in the 100-yard backstroke, 11<sup>th</sup> in the 200-yard butterfly, 10<sup>th</sup> in the 100-yard butterfly, 10<sup>th</sup> in the 200-yard individual medley, fifth in the 400-yard individual medley, and 11<sup>th</sup> in the 200-yard freestyle.

Junior Danielle Blagg and freshmen Kim Hanley will also be strong in the stroke events.

Blagg is currently the school record-holder in the 100 and 200-yard breaststroke with times of 1:10.86 and 2:34.19, respectively, while Hanley has followed closely in Blagg's ripples all year long.

Freshman Becky Bertuzzi will also be trying to make her mark in both the freestyle and butterfly.

With Wright State and Green Bay dominating the championships the last two years, YSU will be trying to move a sixth-place ranking last season to at least a fourth of fifth-place performance this year.

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RECORD DIVING: The YSU swimming and diving team looks to close out its season on the same note they've started in the Horizon League Championships in Chicago.

## Track squads ready for championships

By JOSHUA BOGGS  
The Jambar

One week before the Horizon League Championships, junior thrower Jarrod Davis showed the league why the Youngstown State University men and women are ready to compete for the title.

Davis again broke his own school record in the weight throw with a heave of 54 feet, 10 inches, placing him fifth and leading the way for a Penguin squad that set nearly 20 personal-best marks at the Kent State Tune-Up on Saturday.

Head track and field coach Brian Gorby said that everything is in place — including confidence — concerning the overall team standpoint heading into the Horizon League Championships that start tomorrow.

"We are excited and really enthusiastic with our opportunity this weekend," Gorby said. "Everyone of our guys and girls going this weekend has a great chance of scoring."

Davis' school record toss was followed by personal bests in the weight throw by three of his teammates.

Drew Weiser (49-9), sophomore Joe Bruderty (48-10) and Mike DeToro (38-8) tossed their way to ninth, tenth and 27<sup>th</sup> places to help lead the team in men's throwing.

Guiding the Penguins in the field events was Justin Reams, who was fourth in the long jump (21-11), while fellow jumper T.J. Peterson placed eighth. Clearing 14-11 inches and finishing in seventh-place in the pole vault was freshman Derek Riker.

Accelerating out of the blocks to lead the sprinters was senior Sherod Holmes, who was seventh in the 55-meter dash with a time of 6.52.

Teammates Jeremiah Wright and Damian Wright dashed their way to a tie in the 55-meter dash to earn them a tenth-place spot with a time of 6.64 seconds. Fellow sprinter junior Papis Joh also added an

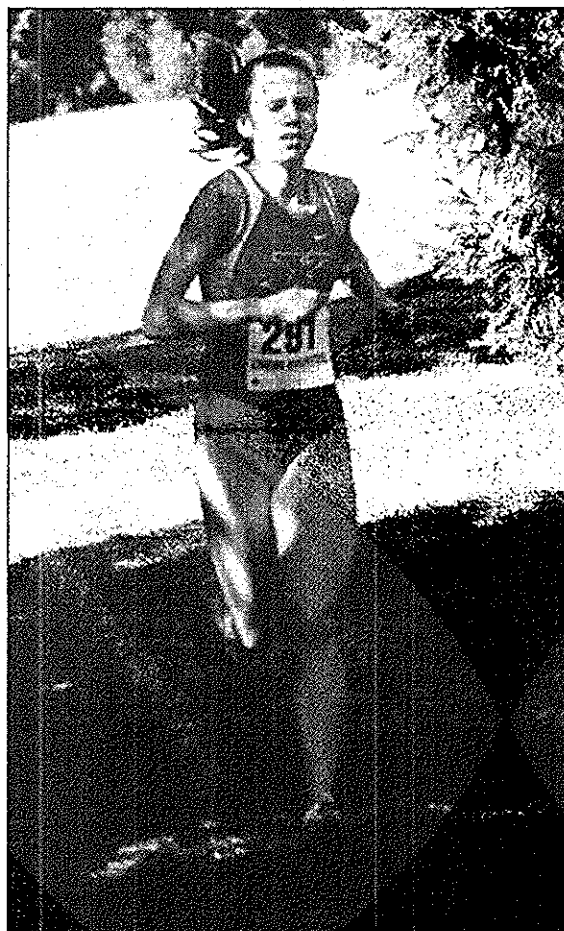


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**RUNNING FOR RECORDS:** Junior Emily Schnitkey runs in a track event earlier this year. The YSU track and field teams are gearing up for the Horizon League Championships that start tomorrow.

eight-place finish in the 200-meter dash (22.26).

In the 55-meter hurdles, sophomore Tyler Morton and junior Adam Lewis were eighth and 14<sup>th</sup> with Morton finishing in 7.85 seconds and Lewis finishing with a personal-best time of 8.01.

Striding to pace the men's team in the distances were juniors Nick Busek and Chris Hine, as well as sophomore Dave Mealy, who all ran personal bests in the mile. Busek (4:19.27) was 11<sup>th</sup>, Hine (4:27.27) 26<sup>th</sup>, while Mealy finished 51<sup>st</sup>.

Coach Gorby admits that the men's championship will be a three or four team-battle between YSU, Loyola and Butler. His squad views the meet as a relay where everyone must take the baton and work together as a team.

"We look at it as a two-day relay

with a baton that goes event to event," Gorby said.

On the women's side, sophomore Katy Williams followed in the footsteps of Davis and threw to a personal-best toss of 49 feet, 3 inches in the weight throw.

Freshman sisters Amy and Lindsay Hill tossed their way to fifth and tenth-place spots in the shot put.

In the jumping events, sophomore Alex Casi leapt her way to a fourth-place finish (17-6), while freshman teammate Nikki Hooper also had an impressive day with personal-best leaps in the long jump and triple jump, placing her seventh and eighth.

For the sprinters, junior Aaliyah Gillespie bolted her way to a third place spot in the 55-hurdles with a time of 8.27 seconds.

Highlighting the women's distance events was junior Emily Schnitkey, who ran a personal-best time of 2 minutes, 17.38 seconds in the 800-meter run to place her seventh. Sophomore teammate Gina Mavrikis ran a personal-best time of 2:23.40 in the 800, to aid her team as well.

Also making valiant strides for the distance squad was freshman Kim Jendre, who paced her way to a fifth-place spot in the 1000-meter run (3:17.29).

Coach Gorby is confident in his women's team and says that the Horizon League Championships should come down to YSU and the University of Milwaukee.

"Basically, on the women's side we are a complete team," Gorby said. "As long as we stay healthy, we will have a great opportunity to bring home the championship."

The Penguins will compete in the Horizon League Championships on Friday, Feb. 27 and Sunday, Feb. 29.

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## Sports Editorial

### A Colorado avalanche

CHICAGO TRIBUNE  
Story courtesy of KRTCampus.com

The following editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Friday, Feb. 20:

Presumably, University of Colorado President Elizabeth Hoffman saw the full tape of football coach Gary Barnett's Wednesday exchange with reporters before placing him, involuntarily, on "paid administrative leave." And presumably Hoffman satisfied herself that Barnett truly was as boorish and insensitive as the excerpts shown repeatedly on television made him appear.

But even if his remarks were "misconstrued" or taken out of context, as Barnett later suggested, the cascade of ugly allegations and disclosures about the football program at Colorado suggests he already was a captain out of control of his ship. It's hard to imagine how Colorado can clean house and get things ship-shape again with Barnett at the helm.

It shouldn't be hard for the other 116 schools in the NCAA's Division I-A to decipher the message that the Colorado case should be sending them: The old ways of doing business simply won't be tolerated any longer; the recruiting game is going to change; sexism and the use of women as bait or rewards are out, and "We didn't know" or "Boys will be boys" just won't be acceptable as excuses.

Smartly run institutions won't wait for a scandal to erupt. They'll start making changes now.

The University of Colorado may be a mile above sea level, but a flood-tide of bad news has been rising on the campus over the last several weeks. It began with the filing of lawsuits against the university by three women who said they were

raped in 2001 at or after a party for football recruits.

Less than two weeks later, a Denver TV station and the Denver Post revealed that the Boulder district attorney, in an October deposition in one of the women's lawsuits, had said the Colorado football team was using sex parties as a recruiting tool and the athletic department had resisted demands to cease the practice.

Barnett and other university officials vehemently denied those allegations, even as Hoffman moved to appoint an independent commission to investigate them.

This week the waters got deeper when Sports Illustrated published a story quoting Katie Hnida, a kicker on Colorado's 1999 team, saying she had suffered verbal and physical abuse from other members of the team and actually was raped by a teammate.

In the course of answering questions from reporters Wednesday, Barnett said: "It was obvious Katie was not very good. She was awful. Katie was not only a girl, she was terrible. OK? There's no other way to say it."

Insensitive as it was, those remarks pale in comparison to what Barnett is alleged to have said to a young woman who came to him in 2001 and complained that one of his players had raped her. According to a police report the woman ultimately filed, the coach reportedly told her that if she pursued the matter in the criminal justice system he would back his player "100 percent." She elected not to pursue it, apparently in return for Barnett's commitment to "take care of this problem" and make sure she got treatment.

Barnett said there were "some inaccuracies" in the police report. Hoffman said she was "utterly distressed" by the implication that the coach tried to intimidate the young woman.

Hoffman sent Barnett to the sidelines and, for the first time since this scandal erupted, the president wasn't playing catch-up to the coach.



BARNETT



## Penguins will get artists' touch

By CHRISTINA POE  
The Jambar

An excited hum could be heard from the stairwell leading to the 17th floor of Metropolitan Towers Tuesday afternoon — and it was all about a pack of penguins.

Area businesses gathered Tuesday to view and select designs of local artists for the 30 five-foot tall fiberglass penguins of the Penguin Parade project.

The project, co-sponsored by Youngstown State University and the Community

Foundation of the Mahoning Valley, is modeled after the Cows on Parade in Chicago, the large guitars adorning Cleveland and fiberglass flamingo displays in Florida.

Last fall, the Kennedy Family Foundation initiated the project with a nearly \$35,000 donation. Since that time, twenty-five businesses and individuals have signed on as sponsors to buy the \$2,850 penguins.

Committee member Kathy Kennedy described her favorite, "I Adora Park," a penguin draped in pearls and wearing a purse waiting in line for a roller coaster, adding that she was "overwhelmed" by the amount of "amazing" talent in the area.

Park Vista fund-raising director Catherine Powers agreed but said her company chose a design by YSU graduate student Janice Prince entitled "Hail Cloud Monet." She said it best suited the company because of its uplifting and "park like feeling."

Powers described the project as the infusion

Youngstown needed for its rebuilding.

"I think this will really help to give the city the turn around it needs," Powers said. "What a great way of celebrating Youngstown."

Vice President of Home Savings and Loan Sue Stricklin said the project would "really brighten up the city."

Stricklin said it was difficult choosing between the wide variety of designs and that she was impressed with the showcased talent, but decided on "Penny," a penguin adorned completely with U.S. currency, as the right fit for the bank.

Stricklin said she hopes the company will be able to share their penguin between branches, including the location on YSU campus in Kilcawley center.

Kennedy pointed out the choices of YSU and the YSU Alumni Association.

The university chose "Foreshadows Past," a monochromatic design by YSU alumnus Scott Roloff, while the association settled on one called "All Buttoned Up" by Anita Kay Wesler depicting a penguin covered in black buttons.

Other designs drew inspiration from Mill Creek Park, the Great Seal of Ohio and Youngstown's steel industry history.

With the choices made, Kennedy said the artists have until July to use their \$1,500 stipend to bring their vision to light.

The penguins will be on public display July through November. After that period, they will each be auctioned off to the highest bidder.

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assignment, yet."

Members of the media, as well as employees of Astro Shapes, were subject to search by a metal detector before being allowed in a cordoned-off area where Kerry was to speak. Pallets of aluminum window awnings became makeshift rows for the 200 in attendance to sit and lean on.

"This might be the craziest thing I've ever seen," said an amazed Mike Hedrich, a sixteen year employee and proud member of Steelworkers Local 9401, the Road Dogs.

The son of a GM Lordstown line worker, Hedrich said he's been "pounded a Democrat since birth."

Hedrich's fellow Road Dog Ralph Eisenbraun said, "It's been hectic all day, coordinating, laying out signs."

Eisenbraun, a fourteen-year veteran, said he was undecided on whom to choose in the Democratic Ohio primary March 2.

Light jazz music resonated from a boom box as Press Operator Helper Joe Mazzocca discussed his unhappiness over how the country has been run in the past few years.

"Last four years have been slow, and Kerry's trying to show he's concerned with the working man," Mazzocca said as he leaned on his lunch pail.

As Kerry arrived, he was flanked by a detail of six Secret Service Agents who stationed themselves in a perimeter around his 6 feet by 15 feet speaking area, as well as fifteen feet behind Kerry.

Kerry reiterated his platform of creating manufacturing jobs for the country and creating a national healthcare system. The lanky senator from Massachusetts spoke calmly and without a prepared speech for the first twenty-five minutes.

He called for someone who will stop attacking the forty-hour work week.

"America needs a president who respects the rights of workers in the United States," Kerry said.

Kerry said Bush cared more about households making \$200,000 or more a year than he did the average worker.

"Hopefully Kerry cares about us," Eisenbraun said.

Kerry said this was the most important election for his generation. "I have never seen the workplace so tilted against average workers in my twenty years of public service," he said.

After his speech, Kerry opened the floor for questions. His shortest answer came when asked his stand about privatizing social security.

"I will NEVER privatize social security, it's as simple as that," he said.

Kerry fielded other questions about his position on key issues ranging from China's dumping of steel to veteran's benefits, pension reform and the Iraqi War.

When an Astro Shapes employee questioned him with, "we've heard promises like these before, what makes you gonna keep 'em?" Kerry

said the president has a power that no one else has, the power of proposal.

"If I am elected," Kerry said, "the first bill I will introduce is healthcare for all Americans." Kerry said that the United States is the only industrialized nation where health care is not a right.

Kerry outlined the two parts of his plan.

"Either be like George Bush defending people who earn 200K a year, or," Kerry proposed, "invest in health care and education in this country." His plan is funded by the roll back of the tax cut for the rich. A tax cut, Kerry says, "They will never miss." His roll back will protect the middle class and not change the Child Tax Credit or re-institute the marriage penalty.

"If you mandate by voting me in, I'll do it," Kerry said.

After he finished, Kerry breached the security line and walked into the crowd of steel workers to shake hands. His detail quickly established a small perimeter, and four agents all had each other in peripheral view. Kerry didn't seem to be fazed by the security presence as he continually posed for pictures with steel workers and local politicians.

"He's talking the talk; for our sake, let's hope he walks the walk," Mazzocca said as he was headed home now that his shift was over.

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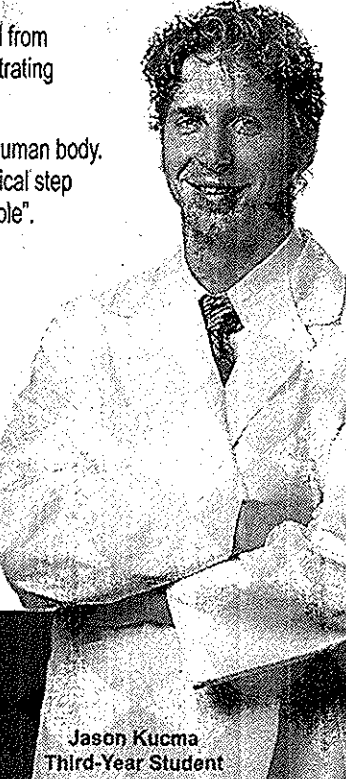
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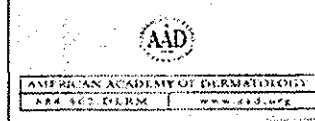
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Rindy designed the course as a project for his Master's Degree. After designing it in the fall, he was granted permission to conduct the class in the spring. The class is offered partially online, but Rindy said he hopes to turn it into a complete Internet-based class next year so students from other colleges can take the course. Right now, there is a student from Lorain Community College participating in the course via a web camera.

"This class will teach us how to be assets rather than liabilities if something were to occur," Rindy said.

Ben Esposito, a part-time paramedic, Poland police officer, Youngstown firefighter and microbiology student at YSU, attended the mock crisis.

Esposito applied his experience to the situation.

"A holiday is going to limit your staffing in the police stations, hospitals, and other public service areas," Esposito said.

Students were asked questions throughout the event to help guide them in what they would do in their positions of authority.

"The students can benefit from this type of exercise by getting a pretty hands-on realistic grasp of what the process is if something like this were to happen," Esposito said. "The only problem is they have a little more time to make decisions. In real life things need to move a lot quicker."

The exercise, "Shadow Over the Valley," starts out with people being admitted to hospitals with flu-like diseases throughout Ohio at an unusually high rate. After a few days, deaths occur and the intensity level and pressure increase.

"Once the students start to figure things out and the situation calms down, something

else is going to happen to distract the resources from the Youngstown area," Rindy said. "When this happens, there is going to be another problem that happens in Youngstown that they will need to respond to with now limited resources."

Rindy said he hopes to continue participating in the course even if it is taught online. He said he wants to make it as interactive as possible, either talking through e-mails, instant messages, on-camera or through any other options presented to him.

"I just want them to see how a real situation is conducted so they know how to react if and when something like this happens in reality," Rindy said. "I wouldn't mind teaching it live every now and then, but I think if other students nationwide could access the course, it would be even more beneficial for them and for the public."

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each of the four campuses will choose students based on "overall talent," Brady said.

Brady said students and faculty from the campuses have the opportunity to learn and teach at any of the four locations.

Brady said inserting this degree into the curriculum should raise the quality of education at YSU.

He said by bringing YSU a terminal degree, there will be a whole other level of scholarship at the university.

According to the proposal for the program, students will also be given the chance to receive internships at their university as well as local community venues such as nursing homes, public schools and prisons.

Vice Provost of Research and Dean of the College of Graduate Studies at Cleveland State University Mark Tumeo said the program offers a faculty social growth by constantly surrounding students with a new group of colleagues.

Tumeo also said the program is not only beneficial in an educational and social sense, but also on an economic level.

Tumeo said because the "bits and pieces" — required courses and necessary professors — already exist at each university, the need to raise costs is eliminated.

"The whole is bigger than the sum of its parts," Tumeo said. "It gives students a larger variety of faculty expertise and guidance without adding costs or burden."


Tumeo said the program has been passed by Cleveland State and the English department faculty and administrators and should officially be in place by fall 2005 at the university.

To obtain the degree, the proposal said students must complete 48 semester hours consisting of writing workshops, craft and theory courses, literature courses, internships, thesis and three electives relating to their field.

Brady said 20 to 30 YSU students will be accepted into the program and deadline for admissions will tentatively fall in late March.

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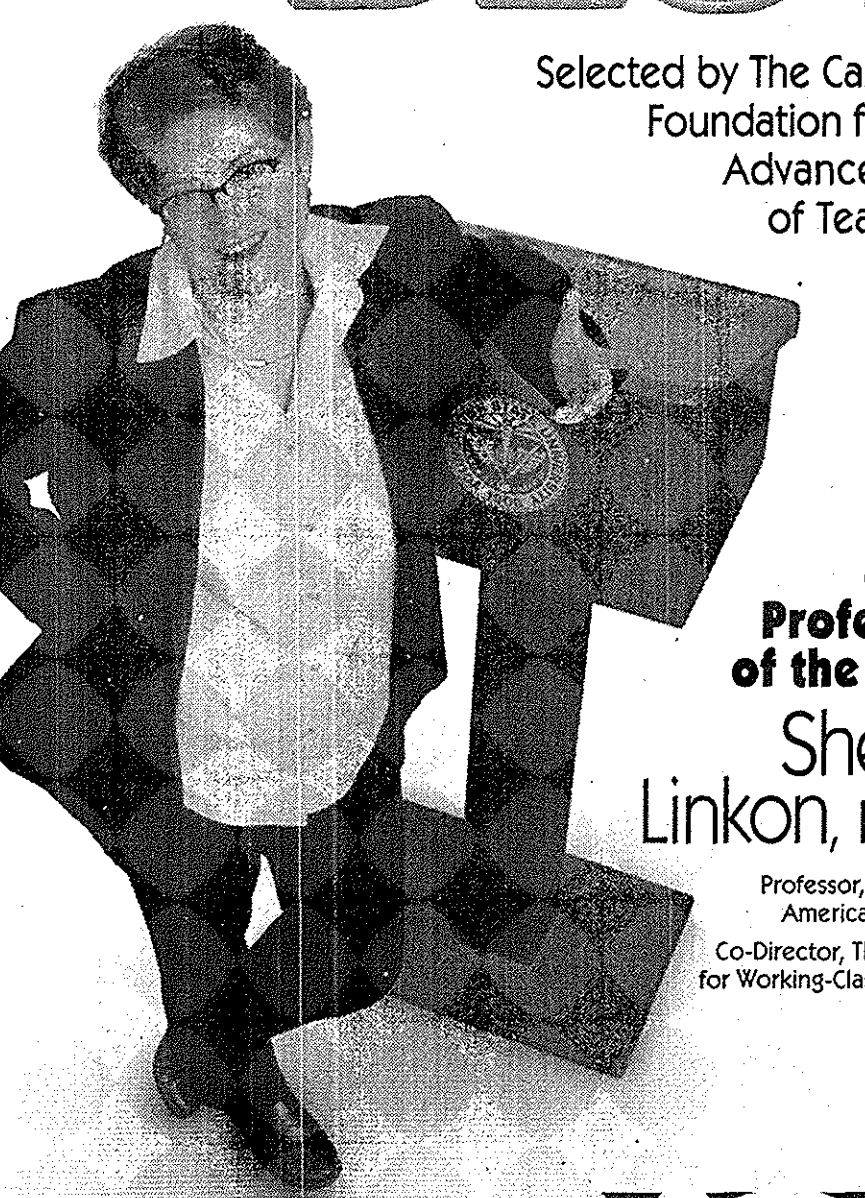
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# SGA proposes amendment for expansion

BY COLLEEN HAVENS  
The Jambar

During this coming April's Student Government Association election, students can vote for an amendment to expand the SGA body.

The amendment to the constitution will add more seats to incorporate student growth.



VUKOVIC

SGA Vice President Adam Vukovic said that since adding more seats is a constitutional amendment, it must be voted on by the students in order to be passed.

"If the amendment is passed it will allow SGA to fluctuate in size in accordance with the student population," Vukovic said. "Every time the student population increases by 375 students, SGA will add a seat."

He said the added seats would be

given to the people who had run for a seat but did not win. If seats still need to be filled, students would have to go through an application process.

Original plans included having student organizations fill the extra seats. However, some representatives said that this was not necessary.

Anthony Candel, health and human services representative and chair of the Constitution and By-Laws committee, opened the floor to discuss the student organization representatives.

"The goal is to give other students on campus an opportunity for more voices," Candel said.

Parliamentarian Dan Griesemer said the new representatives would have to be from a student organization that is registered at YSU.

"This will give an equal opportunity for all organizations to get a seat," he said.

Debate quickly swept the room.

Engineering representative Tim Sturges said he does not support the proposal.

"I don't know why there is so much discussion about this," Sturges said. Fine and Performing Arts Representative Angela Mavrikis agreed.

"What problem are we, as SGA, trying to solve by adding seats that favor a specific student organization," she asked. "I don't see a problem to be solved."

After 30 minutes of debate, Griesemer closed the floor on the issue by adding, "SGA needs to explore ways to increase student communication on campus."

What SGA President Emily Eckman referred to as an ongoing issue, the hours of operation for dining services was also discussed.

Candel said that stu-

dents have approached him about the inflexible hours that dining services is open.

SGA Vice President for Student Affairs Nikki Ghiya said the problem is paying employees for working overtime. She said also noted that there are few students on campus past 3 p.m.

A YSU radio station was brought up during Vukovic's report. He said SGA should fund a portion of this project.

Fine and Performing Arts representative Bob McGovern said the committee is looking at what rights and licensing are needed for the radio station. But the first thing they are trying to do, he said, is gauge students interest on the issue.

Call Colleen Havens at (330) 941-1913.



ECKMAN

SUCCESSOR, continued  
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health expertise."

He said the administration's move could be compared to common practices used within the private sector of Health and Safety. It is not uncommon for lawyers to be in charge of Health and Safety department as violation of EPA or OSHA regulations can be associated with monetary or civil penalties.

Cooper had said some faculty were worried that the job had not been posted.

But in response Perry said that he feels the administration has a right to manage and uphold safety standards within the whole university community and appoint an individual without a vested interest.

"That is the lamest thing I have ever heard of," Perry said. "People are saying we need the best, but we have the best."

He said this statement is corroborated by the successful track record that the department has had since it was created in 1989.

Perry said that the best solution to fill his vacant position and maintain the success was to keep the department cohesive and not fragmented.

However Perry also noted that Senedak is just as qualified a Denman for the position.

Perry said that while Denman is strong in law and is capable of handling the pressures of the job, Senedak has spent her whole career in the department and is strong in the area of health and safety expertise.

Together, he said, he is optimistic that the department will remain a successful under the supervision of Denman with expertise provided by Senedak.

Call Bonnie Bodnar at (330) 941-1913.

## THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

BY MIKE PINGREE  
KRTCampus.com

FOR A WHILE THERE, HE WAS QUITE POPULAR

A New Jersey teenager tricked a car dealership into sending him a \$123,000 BMW by filling out some paperwork, sent through the mail, and then calling the dealership pretending to be a banker vouching for the transfer of the money. A 12-cylinder 2004 BMW 760Li was then sent to the lad at his high school. The police ultimately caught up with him.

SO, WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO, DEAR?

A 25-year-old woman in Athens snuck out on her husband, for a sexual interlude with her boyfriend. But, unbeknownst to her, the episode was taped and later appeared on the Internet. Her husband, while surfing the Web for porn, saw it. A spirited discussion followed.

YOU WOULD POSITIVELY REMEMBER HER

A woman had surgery at a hospital in Rome where she received the largest possible silicone breast implants, doubling her bust size. Then, she took off without paying the \$9,500 bill. Turns out, she gave a

false name. Police are looking for her, and feel that she won't be difficult to spot because of her enormous breasts.

NOW, IS THAT HIS LEFT OR MY LEFT?

During surgery in a St. Paul, Minn., hospital, a doctor suddenly realized he was operating on the wrong side of the patient's brain. He closed up the hole and then did the surgery on the correct side. The patient was awarded \$850,000.

SORT OF LIKE PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

The family of a kidnap victim in Taipei, following the instructions of the abductors, threw two nylon bags containing the \$600,000 ransom off a highway overpass onto the road below. The moneybags hit 57-year-old Lu Fang-nan, speeding past on his motorcycle, knocking him to the ground.

RIIING! THAT'S NOT ME! RIIIIING!

When a police officer in Wageningen, Netherlands, went into a house to investigate a complaint, someone stole his cell phone out of his patrol car. The officer came out and discovered this immediately. He called his Cell phone number and heard it ring in the pocket of a man standing nearby.

I KNOW HOW THIS MUST

LOOK

A handcuffed man walked into the Wal-Mart in Magnolia, Ark., at 4:30 in the morning and bought a pair of bolt cutters. This looked very suspicious to the cashier who rang up the sale and called the cops.

OK, IS EVERYBODY INSIDE?

A group of residents in Kent, England, gathered at the town's smallest school to decide if it was too small to remain open. The 50 people who showed up discovered the school was too small to hold the meeting.

GET THE MESSAGE, DIAMOND JIM?

In Finland, the authorities fine you for traffic violations in proportion to your income. Guess how much they fined a millionaire for going 50 in a 25 mph zone. Go ahead, guess. Nope. Give up? \$216,000.

IT'S REALLY THE ONLY EXPLANATION

Electrical appliances, furniture and other household items have been spontaneously bursting into flames in Canneto di Caronia, Sicily. Some suspect demons.

(Mike Pingree is a columnist for the Boston Herald. Read a second "Looking Glass" column on the Internet at [www.pingreeslookingglass.com](http://www.pingreeslookingglass.com).)

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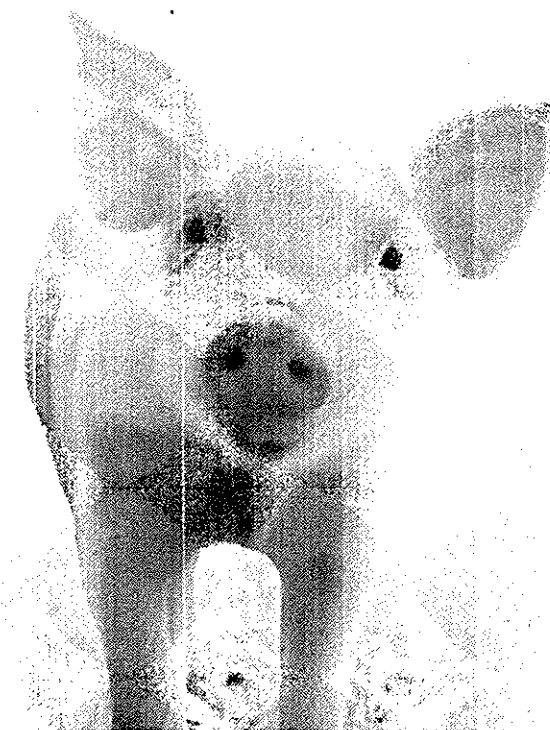
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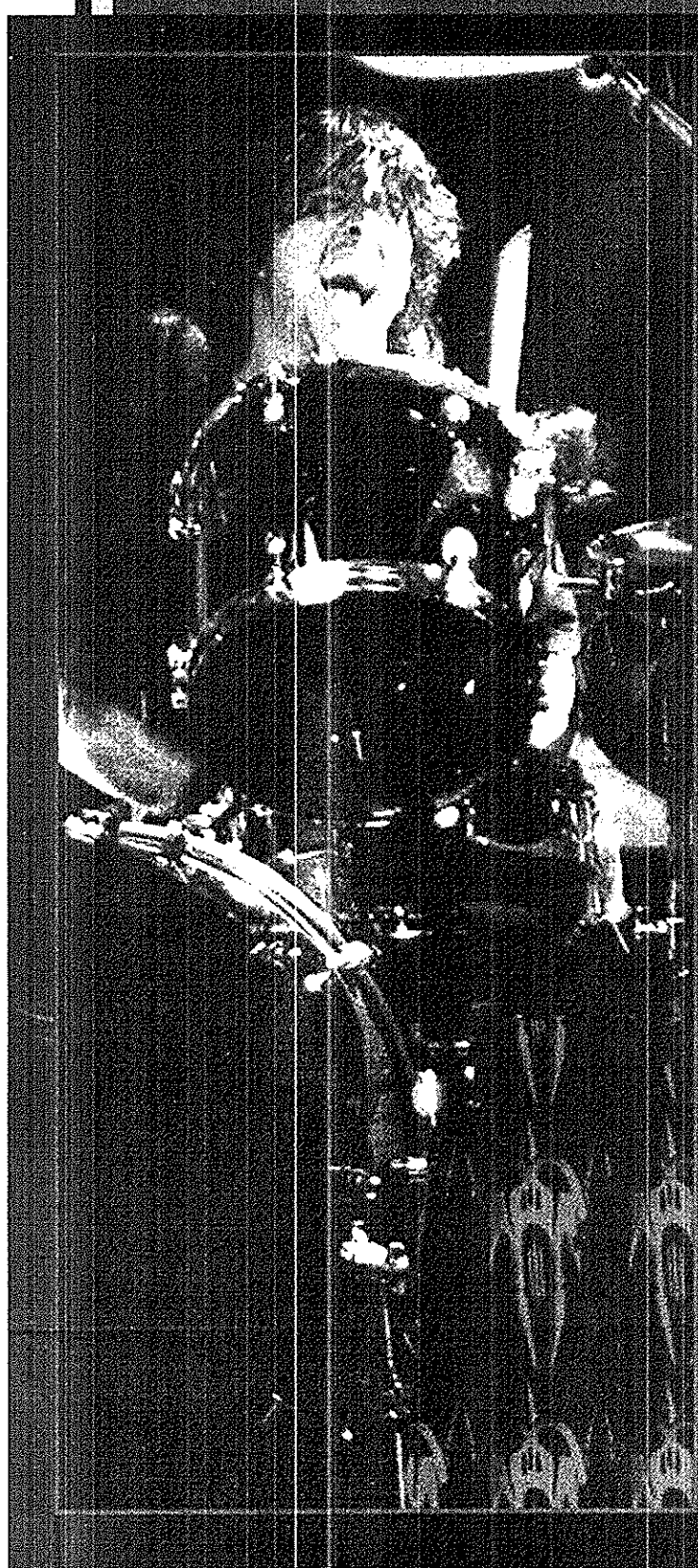
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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## CD Review

### PROBOT is freakin' metal man



By BJ LISKO  
The Jambar

Yeah, you think you're metal. Everyone thinks they're metal. You flash your devil horns and proclaim the Beatles "suck s---." You're the first person you know to buy Ozzfest tickets and shave "Ozzy" into the back of your head. You refer to beer as "killer brew" and Ozzy performances always "kick f--- ass man!" But lets be honest. Ozzy never really was metal. And Ozzfest has only ever had a few real metal bands in its entire existence.

So then it's apparently clear you're not going to get Probot. It's over your head. Yep, A Foo Fighter is more metal than you. You're coming to the realization now. You'll hawk all your Disturbed and Korn records. Maybe take up badminton or fencing. It's inevitable.

The shame you must feel. How could this have happened? Dave Grohl knows more than you. Dave Grohl wrote a metal record and he's not even "f--- metal man!" You fall into a deep depression. Staind suddenly sounds even more miserable than before.

"Get the gun, get the gun, shoot, shoot, shoot." If only Ozzy really had put that message into one of his songs.

Probot is chalked full of true heavy metal vocalists with specific songs written for each by Mr. Foo Fighter. I'm not going to explain to you the history behind each. Either you get it or you don't. And you should get it, but probably won't.

This is no cheap gimmick side

project. Dave Grohl actually does know his s---. Every song sounds damn close to the legendary bands of each vocalist. It's admittedly easier to do on some than others like "Shake Your Blood," which could be on any record in Motorhead's catalog. "Centuries of Sin," sounds just like Venom only produced much better. Really Grohl doesn't miss the mark on much, with the exception of the lack of guitar solos. King Diamond usually has no less than four in each of his songs, but surprisingly "Sweet Dreams" has only one and it's a little understandably sub par by King standards.

"Dave Grohl knows you're not really metal. He's not really metal either. But he's more metal than you. And being more metal than other metal heads is actually quite metal."

The best tracks here are when Grohl really nails everything. The aforementioned "Shake Your Blood," with Lemmy, "The Emerald Law," with metal journeyman Wino, "My Tortured Soul," with Trouble front man Eric Wagner, and "Dictator'saurus," with Voivod's Snake.

I don't need to describe this in depth. You'll know it or you won't. That wouldn't be very "metal" of me anyway. If you take only one thing from this piece let it be that this record is "f--- metal man. F--- the Beatles."

Dave Grohl knows you're not really metal. He's not really metal either. But he's more metal than you. And being more metal than other metal heads is actually quite metal.

"F--- metal man."

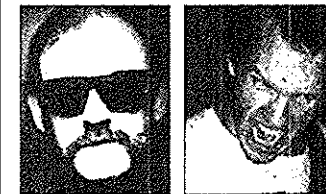
It wouldn't be very metal of you to call B.J. Lisko at (330) 941-1807.

### The Members of Probot



Chronos  
Band: Venom

Max Cavalera  
Band: Sepultura



Lemmy  
Band: Motorhead

Mike Dean  
Band: C.O.C.



Kurt Brecht  
Band: D.R.I.

Lee Dorrian  
Band: Napalm Death



Wino  
Band: The Hidden Hand

Tom Warrior  
Band: Celtic Frost



Snake  
Band: Voivod

Eric Wagner  
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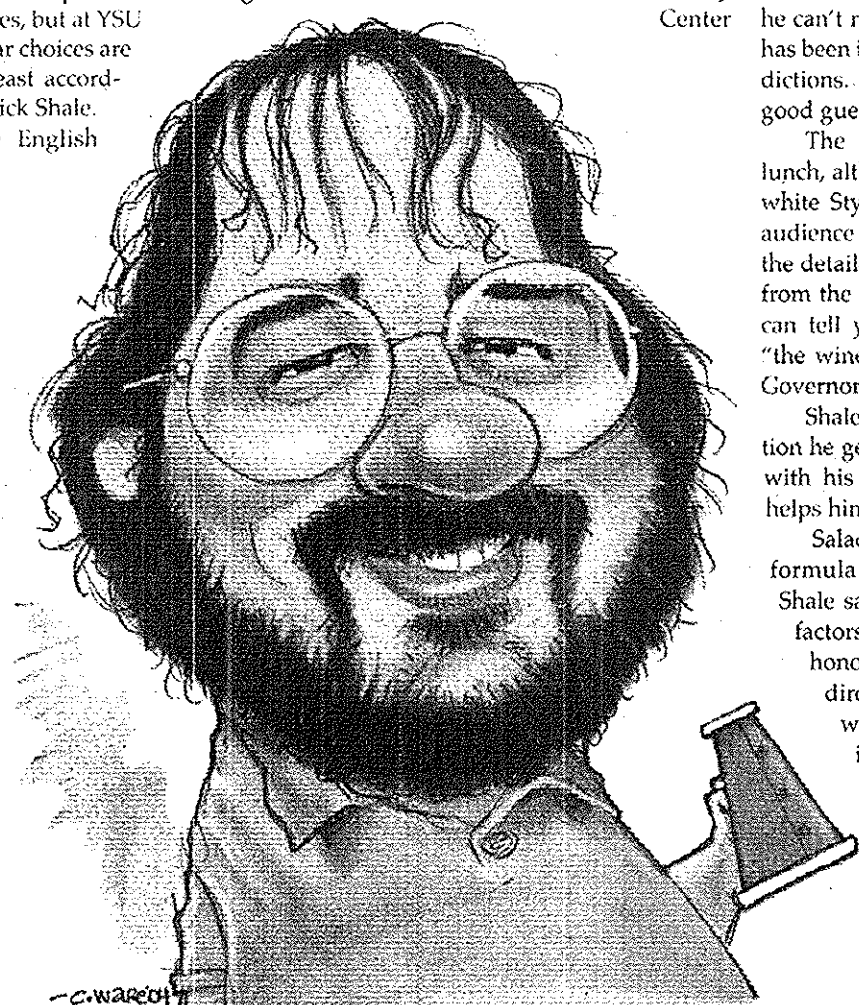
Dave Grohl  
Band: Foo Fighters

## Oscar Preview

### Professor hopes to be lord of predictions with Oscar picks

By CHUCK ROGERS  
The Jambar

In Hollywood, they're dusting off the red carpet and licking the envelopes, but at YSU the Oscar choices are in. At least according to Rick Shale. The English



LORD OF THE PICTURES?: English professor Rick Shale gave his annual Oscar picks. Among them, Shale has picked Peter Jackson to take home the best director award.

department professor rolled out his Oscar picks Wednesday at the YSU History Club meeting. About 20 students and faculty members gathered at Kilcawley Center

to hear Shale's forecast for Sunday's Motion Picture Academy Awards ceremony.

Shale's predictions have long been an annual event at YSU. He says he can't remember how long the club has been inviting him to share his predictions. "A dozen years might be a good guess," he said.

The meeting is a brown bag lunch, although most of the food is in white Styrofoam containers, and the audience is eating as Shale describes the detailed press releases he receives from the Motion Picture Academy. "I can tell you, for example," he said, "the wine that will be poured at the Governors' Ball after the ceremony."

Shale explains that the information he gets from the Academy, along with his own viewing of the films, helps him make his picks.

Salads crunch as he explains his formula for picking best picture. Shale says a film needs to have six factors in its favor to take that honor: the most nominations, a director nomination, a screenwriting nomination, an editing nomination, an acting nomination and a cinematography nomination.

Shale has provided a handout with the five Oscar finalists in 11 categories. He notes that "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" has 11 best-picture nominations, besting "Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World" by one.

He jokes, "I thought there might be a trend toward long titles," he said, pausing to count aloud, "They have almost as many words in their titles as nominations."

His predictions don't always match his preferences. He says "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" is the most likely to win the Best Picture award, but he didn't like it. "The characters were pretty one-dimensional," he said.

As Shale goes through the list of nominees, he pauses to explain why he picked one, or why another simply won't win. Meanwhile, in the background, the audience's quiet chatter is sometimes punctuated with a comment.

"Seabiscuit," he said, "doesn't have a chance" at the Best Picture award, to which someone remarks "A dark horse, so to speak?" Laughter erupts from the gallery.

Although he jokes that he gazes into a crystal ball to make his selections, Shale is a veteran motion picture industry scholar. He teaches film study and script writing classes, and has written a book, "The Academy Awards Index: The Complete Categorical and Chronological Record." Shale says he doesn't keep track of his correct predictions, but others do, and he usually gets a note or an email to let him know when he's wrong.

"Some years I'm incredibly good, and some years I'm not," he said.

Call Chuck Rogers at (330) 941-1913.

### Rick Shale's Picks for the 2004 Oscars:

**Best Picture** - The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King

**Best Actor** - Sean Penn, Mystic River

**Best Actress** - Charlize Theron - Monster

**Best Director** - Peter Jackson - The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King

**Best Supporting Actor** - Tim Robbins, Mystic River  
**Best supporting Actress** - Marcia Gay Harden, Mystic River

**Best Animated Feature** - Finding Nemo

**Best Original Screenplay** - Lost in Translation, Sophia Coppola  
**Best Adapted Screenplay** - Mystic River, Brian Hegeland

**Best Film Editing** - The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King

**Best Cinematography** - Girl With a Pearl Earring