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SGA will use online results

By WILLIAM LEHN
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Despite software glitches that made online voting sometimes a troublesome procedure, Student Government Association officials said they would use the results of this week's online elections, pending grievances.

At least one grievance is anticipated due to problems with the voting for College of Arts and Sciences representatives.

The 2004 elections kicked off with problems with logging on and casting ballots. Online polls officially opened at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday. Ballots, however, were not available until an hour later due to a few last minute security measures.

Board of Elections Chair Jaime Miller said a final check on the software revealed voters could cast ballots as often as they wanted as long as they accessed the system via a different computer each time.

The biggest problem in the inaugural online election has been the error message "You Must Be Registered To Vote" that appeared for some students when they tried to cast their cyber ballots.

YSU Programmer

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Various projects discussed at 2010

By BILL RODERS
The Jambar

Projects such as the re-opening of Federal Plaza and fixing the curbsides on Market Street could be the first steps to breathing some life into the economy and quality of life in Youngstown.

They were but two topics discussed at Tuesday's community meeting of Youngstown 2010, a community project that seeks to help Youngstown bounce back from its slump in economics and community image. The committee seeks to set short and long-term goals that can either happen by or be in the process of happening by the year 2010. The meeting was one of numerous ideas, intense excitement, and above all, hope.

Jay Williams, the director of Youngstown 2010, set the tone at the beginning of the

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Dean optimistic about department

By ELIZABETH TABAK
The Jambar

Walking across campus Wednesday afternoon, the dean of the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services talked about

controversies involving two professors in his college and how he believes everything will be "OK."

Taking short but quick steps, John Yemma said he has been busy fielding questions about the two human ecology professors who are under

investigation — one for allegations of sexual misconduct and one for bogus credentials.

"It will be OK," Yemma said. "Everything is covered well. Our department (human ecology) is solid. It's one of our best out of the eight."

Yemma said he believes

YSU's human ecology department is not suffering from a lack of public confidence, and faculty are working hard to ensure students' needs are met.

Others, including potential employers of YSU human ecology graduates, say they believe the education students

receive are solid.

But a graduate of the human ecology program said he fears his major would be weakened by the loss of Robert Campbell. A report released last week recommended that

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IRAQI PROTEST



BAGHDAD, IRAQ — "No America, no Israel," shout University of Tech students during a protest in support of Shiite cleric Moqtada Al-Sadr in Baghdad, Iraq, Tuesday.

Ohio gun law goes in effect

By WILLIAM LEHN
The Jambar

Beginning this week, that bulge in someone's coat pocket might be something more deadly than a cell phone or a Palm Pilot.

The Ohio Concealed Carry Law (S.B. 12) went into effect today. Residents 21 and older who are not fugitives from justice will be permitted to carry a loaded firearm on their person with certain restrictions.

"We have the most restrictive concealed carry law in the nation and of that I'm very proud," State Sen. Robert Hagan said, citing the stringency of training requirements and restrictions on carrying weapons into public places.

One of the public places where weapons are not permitted is on

college campuses. The law prohibits guns on "any premises owned or leased by any public or private college, university, or other institution of higher education."

According to YSU police officials, the University Chief's Association lobbied for this provision.

YSU police Chief John Gocala said the training program necessary for a permit to be issued informs applicants of their rights and responsibilities.

"If they have a license, they know not to bring a firearm anywhere near campus," Gocala said.

The last case involving a person carrying a weapon on campus occurred more than four years ago, Gocala said. He saw no imminent reason for posting signs that prohibit firearms on campus.

Opinions vary among YSU faculty about the advisability of the Ohio concealed carry law.

C. Allen Pierce, a professor of criminal justice, said he thinks the passage of the law is "stupid."

"We don't need any more

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Ryan says textbook prices important issue

By BONNIE BODNAR
The Jambar

Members of congress are optimistic a possible investigation into the rising cost of textbooks will help students lessen the burden of "skyrocketing tuition — a trend that has been popular both throughout Ohio and Youngstown State University.

In a recent phone interview with a Jambar reporter, U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan (D-17) said he views the price of textbooks as a barrier to higher education, and ultimately these barriers will have an impact on our local economy.

Ryan said that while tuition increases have been the result of state action, investigating the cost of textbooks is a way for the federal government to impact higher education.

Susanne Fox, associate director of the YSU bookstore, said books are part of education costs and keeping the overall price of education low is a priority.

SGA Vice President Adam Vukovic agrees that looking into textbook prices is definitely something that can help students.

In regards to sheer cost, "The average college student pays \$900 a year, and cost since 1998 has went up 32.8 percent," Ryan said. He added that this price increase is double the amount of regular books.

But, Fox said the

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Jambar file photo

CONCERN: U.S. Rep Tim Ryan said high priced textbooks are barriers to education.

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Cameron Hughes, one of the developers of the voting program "Softvote," said the only problems to his knowledge were with students who were also employees of YSU and with those who were not in good financial standing at the university.

Hughes added that the mainframe could not tell the difference between employees of the university who take classes and matriculated students who work on campus. Students falling into this category are red flagged and receive an error message. The mainframe will also not allow a student to vote who is not fully paid up or on a payment plan.

Hughes added that once the students were verified, the flags were taken off and the students were allowed to vote.

SGA election worker Dan Hufford worked the polls Wednesday and said about half of the students could not vote.

"The biggest problems are 'You Are Not Registered To Vote' and not being on CUE-mail," Hufford said.

Miller agreed there is a problem getting into the system. She said if the error message problem can not be solved "we will have to reconsider the validity of online voting."

She said the board of elections wants to ensure elections are fair and that every student has the opportunity to vote.

"I see it working next year, but this year we may have to redo it," she said.

The board of elections met Wednesday afternoon and agreed to stick with the results of online elections if no grievances were filed. Miller said all the problems were fixable with a little effort but "voter apathy" resulted in students not being able to vote.

"All it took was a phone call and they could have been voting in as little as fifteen minutes," she said.

Depending on the nature of the grievance, some possibilities are redoing the voting in the colleges where voting was wrong, extending voting for another day or scrapping online voting altogether and going back to paper.

"We're not going to deny students the right to vote," Miller said.

Other problems reported included not being able to access the system around campus. At Bresnahan Suites, the only designated polling place on campus, SGA worker Sean Sich regularly tried to help students access the system.

Sich was troubleshooting the whole time he worked the polls. He tutored students on signing up for CUE-mail and informing them of the maximum representatives they could vote for in their college. "For some reason, in the College of Arts and Sciences, it says 'Vote for no more than 9' when that number should be 5. Just a typo," he said.

Miller said, however, this typo could be cause for the fil-

ing of a grievance. Miller said administrators were supposed to input the information on the ballot but a typo was made with the 9 instead of 5. There is nothing to prevent a voter from selecting all nine representatives. Because there is no way to connect voters for Arts and Sciences candidates by way of the voting process, a new election may have to be held just for those candidates.

Freshman Joshua Nutt only chose one Arts and Sciences rep out of confusion.

"What's the point voting for nine if you have nine choices," Nutt said.

Other students were also upset at the way cyber balloting is turning out. Hubert Gerstnecker had password problems.

"They say I'm not registered, but my CUE-mail is working," the freshman said. Gerstnecker, who was wearing a green shirt with the McGovern/Mielke logo said, "It's gonna be hard to motivate some people once, let alone vote twice after the system messes up."

SGA presidential candidate Jaymin Patel said he tried to vote at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday in Cafaro and was only successful in Kilcawley at 1:30 p.m.

Sich said the problems were sporadic but he was dismayed.

"SGA put so much into this, and to still have the problem with CUE-mail not being set up is disheartening," he said.

SGA vice-presidential candidate J.T. Holt voiced his displeasure with the system being used. He added that the polls should have been open Wednesday longer than 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

"They [students] need help," Holt said. "They don't feel comfortable with the system and need guidance. We [the candidates] expect them to vote but the election board has them do a lot of extra steps in order to vote."

Students, candidates and faculty have until 1:00 p.m. today to file a grievance with the board of elections.

Call William Lehn at (330) 941-1913.

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Campbell be fired for allegations of sexual misconduct with a student.

An investigation is pending into William Bruce Neil's academic credentials after it was discovered that he earned his master's and doctoral degrees from an unaccredited institution.

While Yemma and others say the storm will pass, the chair of the YSU Board of Trustees said he and fellow trustees would be looking into the allegations against the two professors.

Chander Kohli, in an interview Wednesday, said the board has requested information from the administration.

"I want the university to be up there," Kohli said. "We want to make sure we are a good university for students and faculty, but the students are first."

Local hotel managers said they have heard about the alleged scandals in the human ecology department, but do not believe that students' chances of landing good jobs will suffer.

Steve Patris, general manager of the Niles Fairfield Inn, said he believes allegations against professors Campbell and Neil are unproven and he does not expect that these professors' troubles will spill onto their students.

Instead, experience is what he said he looks for when hiring employees.

Patris, a 1998 graduate of YSU's hospitality management program, said an employer would not hold students accountable for something that is "out of their hands." Instead, they would consider the job experience and the skills the people possess.

"I got to where I am because I worked my butt off and moved up," Patris said.

Brent Reynolds, general manager of the Holiday Inn in Boardman, said he hopes that the issues involving Campbell and Neil are resolved quickly.

Reynolds said there is a great need for well-trained professionals in the field of hospitality management and he is hopeful that YSU's program will grow.

"This is a tough field and very multi-faceted," Reynolds said. "In this field, there is very much a need for talented individuals and we are hopeful that things get resolved in that department."

A 2002 graduate of the hospitality management program, who now works in Carmel, Calif. for a wedding coordinating firm, said news reached him about the allegations involving his former department.

In a telephone interview Wednesday, Graham Swann said he had Campbell for several classes and appreciated the time Campbell took with his students.

"I think it will put a hurting on that side of the department," Swann said.

Swann said he is having trouble believing the allegations against Campbell.

"He never struck me as that kind of person," he said.

But Swann said he does not believe current students will be impacted by the controversy.

"They should not be tarnished by what is not their fault," he said.

Call Elizabeth Tabak at (330) 941-1989.

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frigg' guns out there," he said. "They're made to kill people; that's their only value"

Pierce said that when people carry guns, they become overly confident and think they could handle any situation. Then they get into a situation they can not handle and shoot someone. He said if they were not carrying a gun, they might use discretion.

Pierce's colleague, Criminal Justice Chair Tammy King differs in her opinion. She said that if the individuals that carry are trained, drug-free and crime-free, there should not be significant problems with the law.

King also said that other states that have concealed carry laws do not have higher crime rates. She said the law is appropriate because it is what citizens want and legislators passed.

But students seem unsure if the law will be beneficial.

Freshman Gary Arthur said concealed carry might be a good idea, but thinks there probably will be more crime.

Arthur said people might actually feel less safe "because some people might be a little nuts carrying gun."

Severina Dimova, a junior, said she does not have a prob-

lem with people getting a concealed carry permit.

She points out that people who carry guns for the wrong reasons will have them anyway. In that case the law does not change anything, she said.

According to Larry Ma, owner of The American Range in Jackson Township, applicants must complete twelve hours of training — ten in the classroom and two on the firing range.

"For \$125, you will receive proper training in handling a weapon safely, loading, firing, and cleaning your weapon," Ma said.

Ma said the weapon of choice of his clients is a .22-caliber, but it depends on the student. To attain a certificate, a person must pass a written and physical exam. Once certified, the applicant pays up to \$45 to the sheriff's office of the county they reside to start the application process.

Response has been so good, Ma said, that he only has openings left during the week-day.

Call William Lehn or Chuck Rogers at (330) 941-1913.

Bonnie Bodnar contributed to this article.

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Today's Editorial

Election process results in fiasco

We are not in the business of "we told you so" editorials, but something stinks. That foul smell emanating from across the campus is the result of a botched online voting experience in the 2004 Student Government Association elections this week.

Repeatedly, SGA officials were asked about problems that could arise from relying solely on an internet-based voting system while going completely away from paper ballots. Repeatedly, SGA officials claimed that all problems, all kinks would be worked out in plenty of time for the elections to come off without a hitch. Yet, problems there were and these elections will forever be tainted as a failed experiment.

In an editorial for the March 18 edition of The Jambar, we warned that problems that could come from using online voting would possibly cripple the elections. And while we are told that, pending grievances, the results from this week's elections will be used, we are left wondering exactly what results are being tallied.

Many students reported that they were unable to vote anywhere but Kilcawley Center. Some students claim to have voted from other terminals outside of Kilcawley. At this point, can anybody really be sure whose votes even made it into the system?

We would suggest that doubt about this is reason enough to call SGA's bluff on the system and program being ready. The system was not ready. Students that wanted to vote were not able to do so.

With apathy on campus with regards to voting in SGA elections already at a high level, how can SGA officials expect students to try and try again to vote?

And those students who were willing to try again on Wednesday after being unable to vote on Tuesday in perhaps their only windows of opportunity were granted with but a two hour timeframe in which they could cast their votes. If students had class and had experienced problems previously, the likelihood of them returning to voting terminals would be slim at best.

The program that SGA used for their elections could not even tell the difference between students who work on campus and employees who take classes. That is a major problem.

If SGA hopes to continue to advance the idea of online voting, they better get started on some solutions. SGA continually reminds students at campaign time that they are the one entity on campus that connects the student body to the administration of this university.

It is time for SGA to admit that they dropped the ball in this year's elections and being to formulate a plan to make sure that these problems cannot even be conceived as ideas for next year's elections.

The elections are too important to leave to chance.



Letters to the Editor

Congratulations in order for adjunct class

Editor:

Corporate America needs minds like theirs, they need an infusion of enthusiasm, honesty and values these students represent. Sometimes I know the university takes the students for granted, sometimes my colleagues do, too, but these kids are great; they are our future, and they pay our bills! Why shouldn't we applaud them sometimes? Oh I know the top of every class and school get awards, but I'm talking about a whole class of decent, hard working everyday students in my class. I want to thank them publicly for making my teaching job so enjoyable, and I look forward to seeing all of them succeed in their chosen careers.

Chuck Daubner MS. Ed.
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Management Department

With all the negative letters, comments, editorials, etc. in The Jambar, I thought a positive letter might be in order. I would like to commend, not congratulate and applaud my Management 3750 Organizational Behavior class. I have been an adjunct faculty member for two years here at YSU. I am at Kent State also as an adjunct and have taught at Thiel College as an adjunct for three years, besides my job as Manager of Training and Development at YSU. I so enjoy my classes but this year's class has shown me just how creative, intelligent and clear thinking this generation of students really is. I would match these students with any corporate executives or administrators for their dedication to their work, their creative ideas and solutions to management problems and proactive thinking.

Bush appearances are acts of promotion

Editor:

Recently, George Bush addressed a large group of military personnel and explained why the war in Iraq is a success. Ostensibly, the address was to welcome them home, but as Bush knew would happen, the speech was televised as a news event.

Repeatedly, Bush has shamelessly positioned himself directly in front of large groups of American servicemen and women in a pathetic attempt to equate himself with them. Make no mistake about it: these appearances have nothing to do with true presidential leadership; they are low cost political advertisements of the worst sort. There is real irony in this, for he chose to distance himself from meaningful military service during the Vietnam War by hiding in the Alabama National Guard and working on a political campaign.

No other president was ever so cynically manipulative, devious, and incompetent as Bush. He has enclosed himself in an impenetrable fog of ignorance since, by his own admission, he doesn't read newspapers; this comfortably isolates him from information that argues against his positions, most of which are based on the needs of corporations, contributors, and Christian fundamentalists.

Bush's blunders and calculated abuse of presidential authority in just three years are serious dangers to world stability. He attacked a sovereign nation, which it's now clear, didn't pose a threat to the U.S. and didn't have WMDs or anything to do with the 9/11 horror. He involved us in a tar baby war we cannot win and dare not lose and which has cost the lives of nearly 600 military personnel and caused about 3,000 to return home mutilated. He alienated every traditional ally of the U.S. He lied about political rivals (including fellow Republicans). He allowed large corporations to rape the environment. He ran up a half trillion (and growing) dollar deficit. He attacked civil rights. He cut taxes for the wealthy and proved he has no real solution to a sick economy.

While terrorism is a serious threat, our involvement in Iraq has only accelerated and intensified a hatred of the U.S. around the world. YSU students should remember that Bush admits the U.S. military will remain in Iraq for years; consequently, if Bush is reelected, the draft will have to be re-instituted to supply needed troops. By this time in 2005, many of the young men on campus who are now carrying books will be carrying M16s as they patrol Baghdad. Or be dead.

Thomas J. Burns
English department

Life increasing between YSU and Rt. 224

Editor:

I would like to respond to the letter by Michael V. Jones published in your March 25 edition.

I agree that the retail center of the Youngstown area has relocated to Rt. 224 in Boardman, not to mention Mahoning Avenue in Austintown and Belmont Avenue in Liberty. However, that does not mean our downtown is "dead." In his haste to "cut down bumpy Commerce St." on his way out of Youngstown, does he notice the new Federal Court building on the corner of Wick Avenue or the many other Federal, State, County and City government offices in our downtown as well as the professional offices that support those activities and the thousands of people who work or do business in them daily?

Is he also aware of the hundreds of students and parents who go to classes every day at Ballet Western Reserve and Smarts (Students Motivated by the Arts, a YSU program) in the Adler Arts Academy, a joint project of YSU and the Symphony Center? Does he take into consideration the thousands of people each week who attend events at the Powers Auditorium, the Oakland Center for the Arts, Cedars Café, The Blast Furnace, the YMCA, etc.?

Does he know about the 600 seat concert hall that will be built as a joint effort between the Symphony and YSU as a home for the Dana School of Music concerts? Or the 5,000-7,000 seat convention center that will rise between the Market Street and South Avenue Bridges? Or the Children's Services extension the CIC is adding to the new Voinovich Building? These and many more projects are in various stages of planning and construction and will be open for business in the next two years.

Many cities closed their main streets for pedestrian malls in the 70s and have learned their mistake. Chicago and Rockford, Illinois have both opted to reopen their downtowns to vehicular traffic. The reopening of Federal Street, which Mr. Jones labels as a "pork barrel project," will not only provide access to those thousands who visit downtown weekly, but will provide 100 badly needed on-street parking spots. If he has ever tried to park downtown he would have an idea of how many people are there on a daily basis.

Perhaps in his studies in "Human Geography," he might learn that human activity is of many kinds and takes place in many locations. There is more to it than buying the latest T shirt or CD at the mall or grabbing a brew and a burger at a franchise restaurant in the 'burbs. There is indeed life in the "geography" between the YSU campus and Rt. 224 and it is increasing every day.

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Letters to the Editor

Endorsements are not unethical practice Reporting is 'biased'

Editor:

I would like to start off by saying thank you to The Jambar for all of their hard work they have done this year. At one point and time, I have been in contact with almost all of the editors and reporters, in which they have always treated me with respect. Every Tuesday and Thursday for the past four years, I have enjoyed reading the editorials from The Jambar staff. However, I was upset with Tuesday's editorial titled "Eckman unethical with endorsement."

To suggest that is unethical for the SGA president and vice president to endorse a candidate when the Editorial Board of The Jambar does the very same thing is hypocritical. I am not suggesting that the Jambar shouldn't endorse candidates; I believe they should, as it is common practice for newspapers nationwide to endorse political candidates before election. But what I am suggesting is that Jambar editors do is (one) take a closer look at other "real" politicians, and (two) get their facts straight.

First, in the world of politics, politicians who represent citizens are in a prominent position to have their voice heard. They often use this to their advantage therefore they endorse other candidates. For example, early in the 2004 Democratic presidential nominee race, our very own congressman Tim Ryan gave his endorsement to Howard Dean. Simply because he represents the citizens of the 17th District does not mean he alienated them by endorsing a candidate. Simply because he represents the people does not mean he should give up his fundamental right to free speech. In fact as a citizen of the 17th District I appreciate hearing the position of my Congressman (Although I do not agree with him).

Furthermore the situation is the same for our SGA president

and vice president; they are the voice of the students and should let the student body know whom they support to follow in their footsteps. As a YSU student it is helpful to hear whom our SGA president and vice president are endorsing.

"To suggest that it is unethical for the SGA president and vice president to endorse a candidate when the Editorial Board of The Jambar does the very same thing is hypocritical."

Finally to suggest being a representative of YSU students require SGA members to give up their first amendment rights is flat out wrong, as a newspaper I know The Jambar editors know this better than anyone.

Second, if The Jambar seeks to deem Eckman and Vukovic unethical, they should have their facts straight. The editorial suggested the current president and vice president did an unprecedented act by endorsing McGovern and Mielke to fill the executive office is wrong. In last year's election, then SGA president Jeff Parks campaigned for Pastier and Patel, which Parks was not deemed unethical by the Jambar editorial. I feel that it is a fair statement to say that if you campaign for a candidate you are in essence endorsing that candidate, so therefore, according to their standards, the Jambar editorial should have found Park's actions unethical as well.

One cannot argue that it was a different staff, because Angela Olin and B.J. Lisko served on last year's editorial board and found no problem with Park's action last year, yet these same individuals sit on the Jambar's editorial board this year that found profound ethical problems with Eckman and Vukovic. That is hypocritical and I fully support my SGA president and vice president with their endorsement. Simply put, endorsements, no matter who you are, are not unethical.

Trevor A McAleer
Senior
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Editor,

You want to talk about unethical practices? Look at yourselves. I thought journalists were suppose to report, fair, balanced, and above all accurate news. And quite honestly, your battling record for these things is near zero.

Shall we go back and look at this year's Jambar to find the discrepancies, half truths, and down, outright lies? Emily and Adam are students, yes, but they've also worked very hard this year to get things done.

Why shouldn't they be allowed to endorse someone who they feel will continue their work? And if there was ever a group or organization not to endorse someone, should not the one and only school newspaper refrain and therefore focus on reporting the fair and balanced news that it's ethically bound to? Pound for pound, Emily and Adam's endorsement carries more weight than your biased reporting.

Josh Hinzay
Political Science

Use of outside help is 'irresponsible'

Editor:

John Habat's decision to outsource future faculty resumes to Gall and Call is not only financially irresponsible; it is also indicative of his lack of academic experience and an insult to the academic integrity of 369 of the 370 faculty who are members of the bargaining unit.

Almost all department search committees do it right. Hum Ec [Human Ecology] screwed up. It was a huge screw-up and the responsible administrators, Jean Hassell and John Yemma, should be disciplined appropriately. (We would cheerfully welcome them back into the bargaining unit.)

We will be paying way too much for what we get from Gall and Call. In the English Department we get resumes with 50 or even 100 items. Most of the items can

be checked in a few seconds. That's a \$500 to \$1000 a resume. And I'll bet that the university will attempt to charge that fee to the department budgets. ("Please limit your resume to ten checkable items." Just imagine the effect that will have on recruiting new faculty.)

Besides, as anyone who has served on a department search committee knows, it is just as important to check the information that is not in a resume. Most of the faculty knows how to do that. How much would we have to pay Gall and Call to check what is missing from a resume? Would they even do it?

We have a problem, but it is a problem we can deal with internally. We don't need to lease a bulldozer to solve it.

Michael Finney
President
YSU-OEA

Argument premises don't support conclusion

Editor:

In the April 6 edition of The Jambar, an editorial accused current SGA president Emily Eckman of being unethical for endorsing a candidate in the recent election. The premises used in this argument do not support this conclusion, however.

1. "The current president and vice president should not endorse candidates to run as their successors. It has not been done in the past, and should never be done in the future."

This is an appeal to tradition. Anyone who's ever taken Critical Thinking here at YSU knows that this is an argumentative fallacy. Claiming that an act has never occurred before has no impact on the morality of that act.

2. "Eckman and Vukovic also attended an SGA debate last week wearing a McGovern and Mielke T-shirt. Eckman and Vukovic's actions lack professionalism."

Professionalism has nothing to do with ethics. It may be professional for the

editors of a newspaper to print an attack on an advertisement that they accepted payment for in the very same issue—with the intention of lessening the effectiveness of that advertisement. That does not mean that such an action is right. In fact, if the editors believed such an ad was unethical, it would have been their responsibility not to accept the fee for the ad or to run it.

3. "In placing this advertisement, Eckman just alienated the same people who she is supposed to represent." "The role of the SGA president is to remain impartial and support all candidates and their ideas."

The ethical implication here is that Eckman isn't fulfilling her responsibility to the students by endorsing a candidate. However, for Eckman to represent YSU students to the best of her ability, she must look beyond the work she has done this year, to what can be accomplished in the future. By endorsing a candidate whom she feels will best continue the work she has done this year, Eckman is fulfilling her responsibility to the students. If Eckman

were to remain impartial, as The Jambar suggests, then she would be shorting the student body all that could be accomplished by the candidate who would best succeed her.

The opinion column continues on with a criticism of the advertisement itself which seems more designed to discredit presidential and vice presidential candidates Bob McGovern and Amanda Mielke than to make any particular point about the ethics of Eckman's endorsement. This throws the purpose of the column itself into question. Does the Jambar really have such an ethical qualm with this ad that its editors agreed to run? Or is the issue at hand about the fact that the current SGA president and vice president simply disagree with The Jambar's endorsement for the best presidential candidate? Wounded pride isn't an ethical issue.

Josh Taylor
Sophomore
Philosophy

Thank you my friends

Editor:

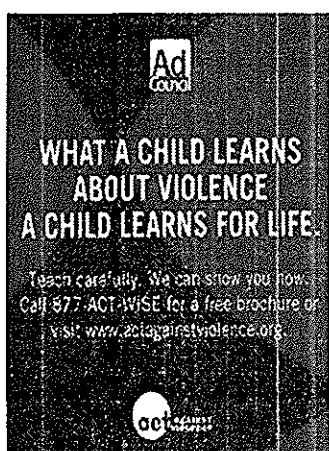
I've seen far too many letters to the editor complaining about the people I care about. Last year, I was University Scholars and SGA candidates. This year, it has been homosexuals, Christians, and most recently, professors.

These are my classmates, neighbors, family, and friends. I've never found a group of perfect people; this makes the ones I do have even more valuable. The world is full of injustice, but I still love being a part of it.

Thank you to my amazing friends, to the generous donors who provide my scholarship, and to my brilliant and helpful professors who have "both the credentials and integrity to make this university proud."

I'm certainly proud to be a part of YSU.

Darcy Davis
Senior
Computer Science &
Mathematics



David Stout is worth every penny

Editor:

In response to the statement made in The Jambar's July 10, 2003 article "Lack of CPA fuels debate," Dr. David Stout is worth every penny paid to him by Youngstown State University. The Jambar accused the university administrators of failing "...to tell the public about Stout, his qualifications and why he is the right person for the job..." So let his students here at YSU tell you about his qualifications and why we feel he is the right person for the job.

Dr. Stout was the head of the accounting department at Villanova University in Pennsylvania, a well-respected and reputable institution of higher education. The quality of his instruction as well as intense course requirements prove he is more than knowledgeable about his accounting profession. Certifications do not determine the quality of one's teaching abilities. The effectiveness of any professor/instructor is derived from the knowledge their students gain from attending his or her course(s). As Dr. Stout's students we find the knowledge and education passed on by Dr. Stout to be invaluable.

Dr. Stout, since coming to YSU, has played an active role in the College of Business. He planned a public lecture for YSU's undergraduate accounting organization, taught a management accounting systems course on-site at FirstEnergy to employees, and was the only professor in the accounting department to assist in

organizing as well as attending the Williamson College of Business' first international study abroad trip to Italy. Dr. Stout had business contacts in Italy and planned interesting and active events for the students who made the trip. Dr. Stout provided not only Italian language lessons but also informative international business and accounting facts.

As Dr. Stout's students, we find him to be extremely helpful, approachable and flexible in making sure his course provided us with applicable business accounting skills. We feel privileged and honored to have him as an instructor. Youngstown State University without a doubt is getting their money's worth ... and we speak from experience!

Dr. Stout, at this time we would like to extend our thanks and appreciation for all of your hard work here at YSU. You are a great asset to this university and the WCBA accounting department. Your presence has strengthened the interaction between students and professors in the college of Business as well as proven that YSU is moving in the right direction by selecting you as the endowed chair recipient.

Respectfully,
Jennifer Callen
Laura Gardner
Jennifer Thomas
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People are reacting to movie in wrong way

Editor:
All Hail: Pope Mel Gibson I!!!

Over spring break, I took the opportunity to see Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ." Let me share with you the experience I had of rediscovering my faith ... in a movie theatre.

I walked into the church (Cinema 8 in Hermitage, PA) for the four o'clock service (show) and immediately was asked to put \$7.50 in the collection plate (pay for the ticket). After that, I was handed a program (ticket) by the usher (ticket taker). I then proceeded to wait in line for communion with the rest of the congregation (I waited in line for an extremely large amount of cherry coke and raisinettes).

I walked into the sanctuary (theatre) and seated myself accordingly with the rest of the congregation in the pews (a collection of seats all facing the same direction). As I sat there waiting for the service to start, I enjoyed listening to the sweet, sweet music of the organ and a choir (Hot 101). The service started like any other with the announcements for future events relating to the church (previews). And finally the sermon began.

Today's sermon was about the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. It was very detailed and almost sickening. I already knew all about everything Christ endured before the actual crucifixion, and the only thing that made this different was that I got a visual aspect of those gruesome events (I got a visual aspect of those gruesome events).

As the sermon concluded we were reminded of the Pope who teaches us all about our religion (Mel Gibson, the

director of the film) and then the organ keyed up as everyone left the sanctuary (once again, good old Hot 101). I then stood outside the church, mingling with the rest of the congregation discussing what we had learned in the service (smoked a cigarette outside of the cinema while everyone talked about how much they have rediscovered religion due to a movie created by the same man who played the lead in "Mad Max: Beyond Thunderdome").

As a whole, it was a good movie. It was very well done, but in my opinion, people are reacting to it the wrong way. If you want to learn about religion, all you have to do is go to church or read the bible. All Christians know what Christ went through for us, and as a Christian of deep faith I am very grateful for that, but people are acting like they are just finding out that there was a man named Jesus, the son of God, and he was persecuted and eventually crucified under Pontius Pilate for the forgiveness of man's sins.

I learned this about 12 years ago in Sunday school. I believe in this, but I don't believe in the commercialism of my lord and savior. It disgusts me how trendy religion is right now. Jesus Christ is now "A-List material." "In Gibson we trust."

My message to you readers is this: Jesus told us to eat drink and be merry. Live life to the fullest. Remember Jesus the way he told us to: by taking communion and learning from the lessons he taught us during his short life here on Earth.

-Kyle A. Daley
Freshman
Music Education

SPORTS & RECREATION

Sports Wrap-up

Birdies and double faults

By JOSHUA BOGGS
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University women's golf and tennis teams had opposite outcomes over the weekend with one squad hitting above par on their way to a victory and the other trying to volley from a defeat.

The YSU women's golf team successfully knocked off Robert Morris on Saturday while the women's tennis team got swept by Horizon League opponent Illinois-Chicago on Sunday afternoon.

The golf team totaled a score of 324 to defeat Robert Morris in a dual meet that took place in Moon Township, Pa.

Directing the Penguins to their victory was junior Gina Abruzzino, who won the meet with a first-place tally of 78.

Closely behind Abruzzino were freshman Bonnie Sherman with 81, senior Lori Hatcher with 82 and freshman Erin Odell, who shot an 83.

The YSU women's tennis team, unlike the golf team, was unable to come together and outplay their opponent as the women tumbled to their second straight road loss this season.

The Penguins were swept by the Flames, 7-0 at the UIC Tennis Courts to fall to 8-7 overall this spring season and 2-2 in the Horizon League. With the defeat, YSU has now

lost three of their last four road contests.

In singles action, many of the matches were decided by narrow margins.

At No. 2 singles, Ayca Gumuscu defeated YSU junior Heather Hagood while freshman Gina Peretti fell to the Flames' Melanie Humphrey at No. 5. Both Hagood and Peretti were knocked off by marks of 6-4, 6-3.

In other singles action, Beatriz Cabrera beat YSU sophomore Whitney Thomas 6-0, 6-1 at No. 1 while junior Karen Najbert (6-4, 6-0), freshman Nicole Muzechuk (6-1, 6-1) and sophomore Andrea Dixon (6-0, 6-1) were downed at the No. 3, No. 4 and No. 6 slots.

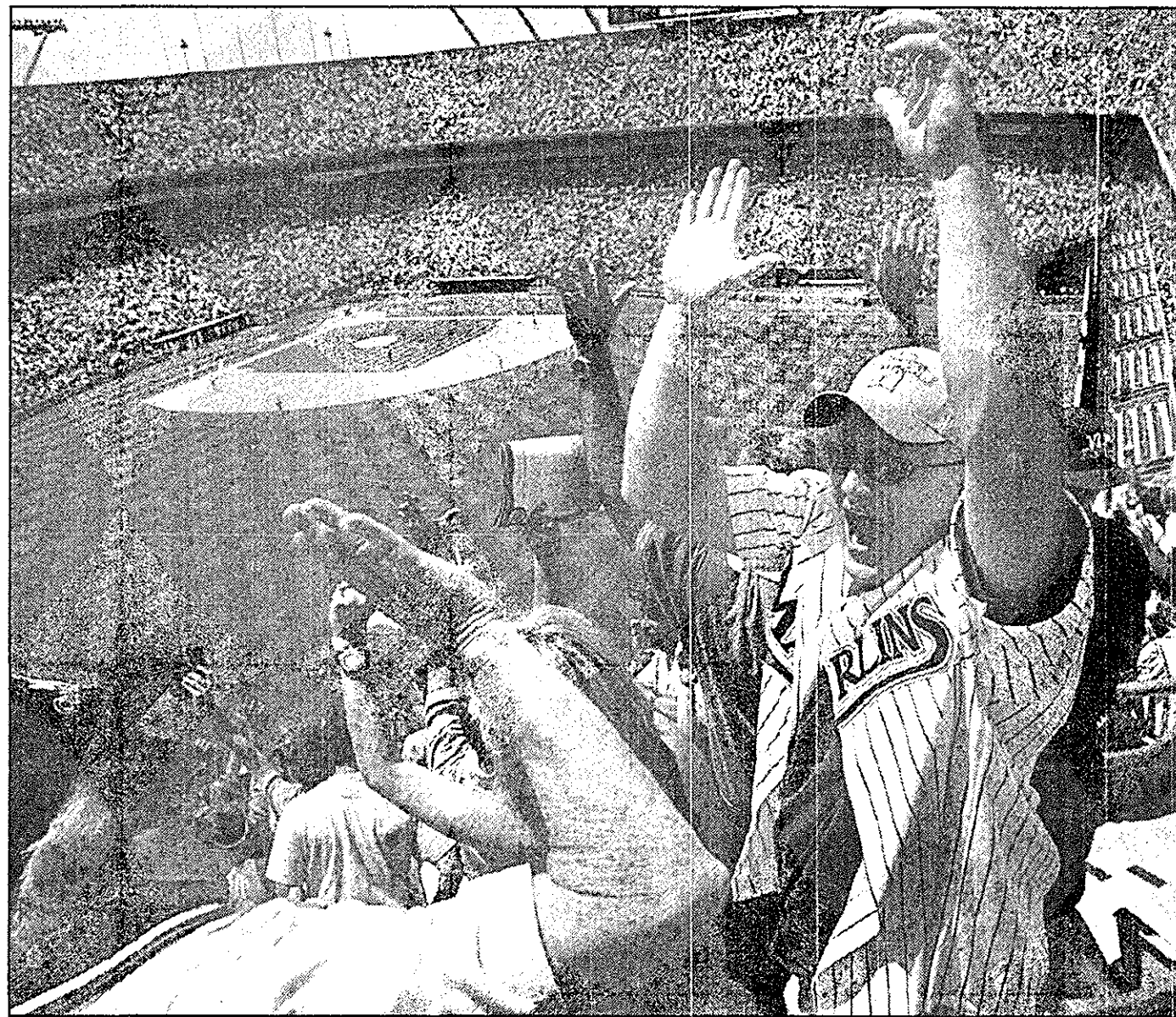
In the doubles contests, the Penguin team of Peretti and Najbert fell to the Flames' Cabrera and Steven at No. 1 by the slim gap of 8-6.

Rounding out doubles action was Thomas and Muzechuk (8-3) and Dixon and Hagood (8-2), who both dropped their matches at No. 2 and No. 3.

The YSU women's tennis will take to the courts again on April 17 when they square off with Duquesne while the women's golf team will look to ride on momentum when they travel to Portage, Mi. on Sunday to take part in the WMU Bronco Invitational.

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MIAMI, FL — Maurice Demeyer, of Pembroke Pines, Florida, right, celebrates Hee Seop Cho's second inning home run against the Expos on Tuesday, April 6, 2004 in Miami. The Cleveland Indians lost their opener with Minnesota 7-4.

Track and Field

YSU athletes throw their weight around

By JOSHUA BOGGS
The Jambar

In the art of weight throwing, the Youngstown State University men and women's throwing squads are making their impressions this spring season.

The YSU men and women's throwing teams recently heaved their way to personal and season-best performances as well as top-25 finishes at the Ohio State Relays on Saturday.

Head track coach Brian Gorby admits that the throwing program at YSU makes his outdoor track squad one of the most balanced in the Horizon League.

"Without the throwing team we wouldn't even have a chance to compete," Gorby said. "[The throwing program] is huge in having opportunities from the team standpoint."

Two throwers that highlighted YSU's winning opportunities this past weekend were freshman Amy Hill and sophomore Katy Williams, who both placed eighth in their respected events at the relays.

Hill tossed her way to a personal-best mark of 40 feet in the shot put while Williams hurled the discus to a season-best mark of 139 feet, 3 inches.

Hill and Williams also contributed to

the Penguin scoring in the hammer toss as Hill had a 20th-place finish (120-6) and Williams ended up 22nd with a throw of 116-8.

Gorby complimented on both Hill and Williams' contributions to the team this season as well as head throwing coach Shawn Cobey's abilities.

"Williams has been extremely strong in the hammer throw and discus and for Hill to come in and do as well as she has as a freshman is phenomenal," Gorby said.

"From my perspective, the great abilities and talents that coach Cobey brings is tremendous. [He] is to be commended for what he has done with this group."

Sophomore thrower Kim Lammers also had a busy day at the invitational as she scored for the Penguins in three separate events. Lammers was 13th in the shot put (36-10), 15th in the discus (99-3) and 24th in the hammer (103-2).

The YSU men's throwers also had an impressive showing at the relays as they totaled nine top-25 finishes in the weight events.

Guiding the men was junior Jarrod Davis, who, like Lammers, placed in three different events. Davis finished 10th in the discus (136-8), 12th in the hammer (141-7) and 15th in the shot (43-10).

Sophomore Joe Bruderly and freshman walk-on Drew Weizer followed the momentum of Davis as both also had scoring marks in three weight events.

Bruderly threw his way to 11th in the hammer (143-7), 16th in the shot (43-8) and 18th in the discus (120-6) while Weizer added 18th, 20th and 21st in the hammer (120-6), shot (40-10) and discus throw (115-10), respectively.

Gorby also commended both Davis and Bruderly on their individual impact on the team this season and praised his weight throwers in general.

"Davis and Bruderly are what set our men's team apart from others," Gorby said. "Without them we wouldn't even have a chance to compete."

"[Having great throwers] is huge in having opportunities from the team standpoint," Gorby added. "If you could take one area that is over the top it is probably the throwing area."

The YSU throwers will join their track teams when the Penguins travel to the Sea Relays at the University of Tennessee on Wednesday through Saturday and the Akron Open on Saturday afternoon.

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THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

By MIKE PINGREE
KRT

AT LEAST GIVE ME BACK THE GOAT!

A shepherd in Bulgaria swapped his prize goat for a friend's wife after the friend complained that the wife was stupid and failed to produce any children.

All went well until three months later when the wife left the shepherd and went back to her husband. The husband refuses to return the goat.

AS LONG AS YOU HAD A GOOD REASON

Police in New Port Richey, Fla., turned on the sirens and blue lights to get a man driving erratically to pull over, but he drove another half-mile before finally coming to a stop. When police asked him why, he said it was because "his girlfriend was naked and sitting on top of him."

ISN'T THAT WHY THEY'RE LOCKED UP?

Canadian correction officials have ordered a prison guard in Edmonton to stop wearing a stab-proof vest because it might hurt inmates' feelings.

A spokesman said that wearing protective gear sends "a signal" to the convicts that you consider them to be "dangerous."

THEY'LL NEVER SPOT ME NOW

A woman robbed a bank in Sevierville, Tenn., and then made her getaway in a stolen Krispy Kreme Doughnut truck.

I'LL HAVE A MEDIUM RUDOLPH, EXTRA LARD

Reindeer herders in Kautokeino, Norway, which is north of the Arctic Circle, have a new drive-in theater made entirely of snow, including the screen.

The facility will accommodate snowmobiles, the only vehicles one usually sees there. The snackbar will feature one snack: reindeer meat.

LET'S GO THIS WAY ... OR MAYBE THAT WAY

Two men in a stolen car being pursued by police in Pennsauken, N.J., crashed into the cop car and then got out and ran. They ran right into the police station's parking lot.

The cops in the station had been listening to the pursuit over the radio and then looked out the back window and saw the suspects running.

Arrests followed swiftly.

KEYS, MONEY, MARIJUANA ... OOPS!

Going through a security check to get back into the Charleston, S.C., County Courthouse, a juror emptied his pockets as required. Among the contents he took out was a bag of marijuana.

He was arrested.

The prosecutor said, "This is a first."

WE HAVE A PRETTY GOOD LEAD

A man rolled up to the drive-through window of a bank in Harrison, Ark., and tried to cash a check he had stolen, but the teller, a policeman's wife, got suspicious and challenged him. He immediately drove off, but left his drivers license behind.

YOU PAY MORE; WE PLAY MORE

The 16 violinists at the Beethoven Orchestra in Bonn are suing to be paid more than the flute, oboe and trombone players.

The violinists argued that they play more notes than the other musicians and therefore are entitled to more money. The orchestra director labeled their position "absurd."

OUR STUFF SHOULD BE SAFE HERE

While jurors were hearing testimony in a murder trial in a Baltimore courtroom, a thief was busy stealing all of the belongings they had left in the jury room: money, keys, cell phones, etc.

Authorities believe it was an inside job.

(Mike Pingree is a columnist for the Boston Herald. Read a second "Looking Glass" column on the Internet at www.pingreelookingglass.com.)

News in brief

Author will make bookstore appearance

Wednesday, April 14, author Sharon Mika will have a signing of her book, "Penny's Big Day," in the YSU Bookstore. Mika, YSU coordinator of Undergraduate Admissions, and the book's illustrator Kay

Wilson, will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, contact Ian Brady, sales manager of the YSU Bookstore, at (330) 941-3589.

Recycling program wants your batteries

Youngstown State University's Support Services Recycling program and the Recycling Division of Mahoning County-Green Team are now collecting unwanted household batteries. Batteries can be placed in recycling bins located on the first and second floors of

Kilcawley Center. The limit is one shopping bag full at a time of C, D, AA, AAA and 9 volt batteries. No lead acid, vehicle batteries or leaking batteries are acceptable. Contact Jim Petuch at (330) 941-2294 for more information.

Earth day Community Clean up needs help

Youngstown State University's recycling program is looking for volunteers for the Earth Day Community Clean-up. The cleanup will be held Thursday, April 22

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Opportunity to work in a collaborative team environment developing 3D models and details for manufacturing implementation. Full time position requiring a 2-year engineering degree and 3-5 years experience designing products using CADD. Location: Greenville, PA

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Kilcawley Center store offers students prices below the industry average. She added that while the store bases its prices on the publisher's cost, they have operated on the same low price margins for the past five or six years.

Vukovic agreed that prices at YSU are lower than many other universities in the state.

According to 2000 statistics provided by the National Association of College Stores, on average 64 cents of every dollar goes to the publisher. The bookstore receives 23.2 cents, 17.1 cents of which is related to overhead costs. The author of the book is given 11.4 cents. Finally, the cost of freight is 1.4 cent.

Ryan is cosponsoring a congressional campaign that would ultimately require the General Accounting Office to conduct an investigation into the price of textbook. The investigation would be required to focus on cost inside the United States, and compare cost in the U.S. to those in other countries.

Fox said some recent studies have shown that some books being sold in the U.S. were found to sell outside the U.S. for much lower prices.

However, the goals of the congressional-initiated investigation is to identify the problem because it is currently unknown.

"Something is going on here that we need to find out about," Ryan said.

He said his ultimate goal is to rally statewide support from active college students in order to get this issue on the agenda.

"Students must get their own agenda heard in the election and this is a student issue," Ryan said. "They should be ready to vote in November."

But it is still unclear if and when students may be shelling out less money for books.

"Time tables are tough down here," Ryan said.

Call Bonnie Bodnar at (330) 941-1913.

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meeting.

"This is not a gripe session," Williams said. "We can be here all night complaining about the conditions of Youngstown. The purpose of this meeting is to get ideas about how to solve those problems and to begin a planning session to put those ideas to use."

Williams then brought up another important idea behind Youngstown 2010.

"For this project to work, it needs to be motivated by the citizens of Youngstown. I'm only going to talk about my committee's ideas for an hour. For the rest of the meeting, we want to hear your input."

Youngstown 2010 broke the city of Youngstown up into many different "neighborhood clusters." These clusters all share similar economic, land and property resources. Tuesday's meeting focused on "Cluster #11" or Youngstown's downtown area, the YSU community, and the Mahoning River.

One of the key ideas in revitalizing the Youngstown economy was to create an environment that would attract businesses. One of the ideas discussed was to link YSU to

the downtown area, creating a college town of entertainment, food and commerce for YSU students. Not only would money flow through the downtown area, but it would make Youngstown a more hospitable area to live for the students.

One of the central areas in the cluster up for renovation was the Mahoning River. Williams mentioned the possibility of hiring the Army Corps of Engineers to dredge the river and clean it up. This would open up the Mahoning River for both economic and recreational uses such as boating and fishing.

"I still wouldn't swim in it," Williams said. "But I wouldn't swim in Pittsburgh's rivers either, and look how well Station Square does! To have a successful community, we need to revitalize our waterfront."

The committee meeting also put several misconceptions about Youngstown to death with factual information. One of Youngstown's great stigmas is the problem of blight, or abandoned houses that are still standing. Williams' group cited a property survey which assessed the

quality of the housing in Youngstown and found the number of buildings that need demolished was lower than once thought.

"The only real problem is the house's threat to our image," Williams said. "There's relatively few of these houses, but they're all in high-traffic areas where everyone can see them. The problem isn't as bad as it seems."

Another popular Youngstown stigma discussed was the threat of crime. Again, this problem was found to be less severe than most people think. Reverend Jim Ray pointed out that, statistically, YSU was the safest college campus in Ohio.

Councilman of the 6th District Clarence Doles added to Ray's thoughts.

"My wife worked for over thirty years at Anthem on the corner of Market Street. In thirty years, one car has been stolen from Anthem's parking lot. One theft in over thirty years!" Doles said.

After the committee's presentation, Williams opened up the floor for audience comments. What followed was an hour's worth of excited, motivated responses from the

crowd. The crowd offered ideas for community goals that covered everything from regularly cleaning the downtown area to installing a bike path for YSU students and from putting a greater focus on the arts community to painting murals on the sides of Youngstown buildings.

Ray Voucarlo summed up the attitude of the assembly of residents.

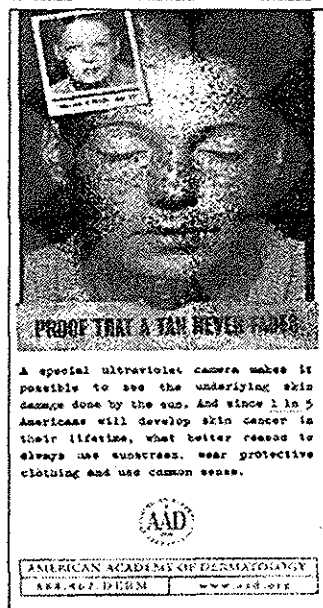
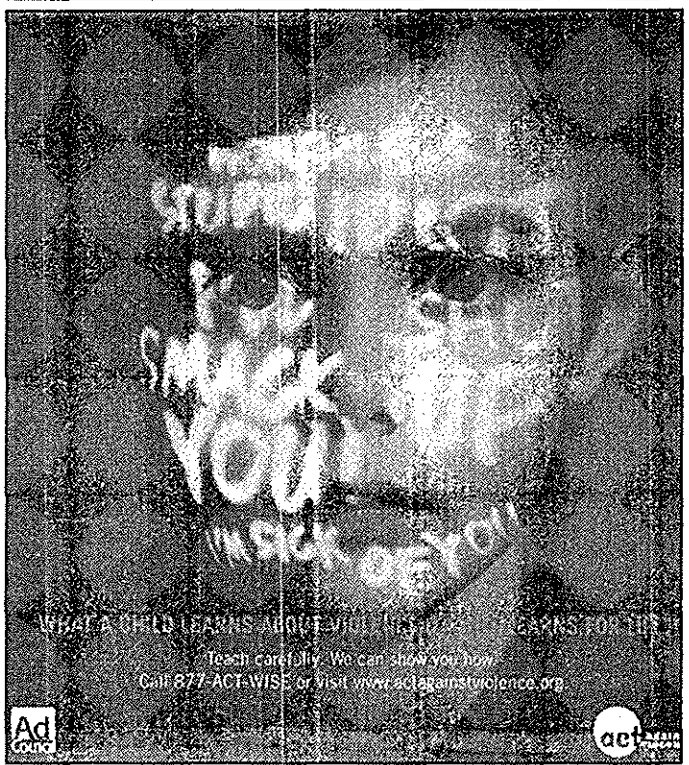
"This isn't enough for us to be excited about this project," Voucarlo said. "We have to come out of this meeting and let our neighbors know that if we work together hard enough, we can turn this community around."

Doles commented again, this time with the message that Youngstown 2010 was entirely possible.

"I was in Cleveland when the river caught on fire and the Flats only had two nightclubs. Look at Cleveland now! Listen to me: We can make this work!"

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At the helm of Sony Pictures Entertainment Guber assembled a management team and built a corporate outlook that revitalized a deeply troubled company. In his five years as CEO, SPE's Motion Picture Group achieved an industry-best share of the domestic box office, averaging 17%, and bested all competitors with a record 21 hits grossing more than \$100 million. Guber is also credited with expanding SPE's leadership in television with prime-time hit programs such as *Seinfeld*, *Mad About You*, *Married...with Children*, and *The Nanny*.

Since its formation in 1995, Mandalay Entertainment has produced, financed, and released an impressive slate of pictures, including *Donnie Brasco*, *Seven Years in Tibet*, *Les Miserables*, *I Know What You Did Last Summer*, *Sleepy Hollow*, *Enemy at the Gates*, and *The Score*. Guber is overseeing production of new TV films, while continuing to develop the Mandalay Sports Entertainment business, which includes ownership of major professional baseball teams and venues as well as sports marketing enterprises and production of films, mini-series, and made-for-TV movies.

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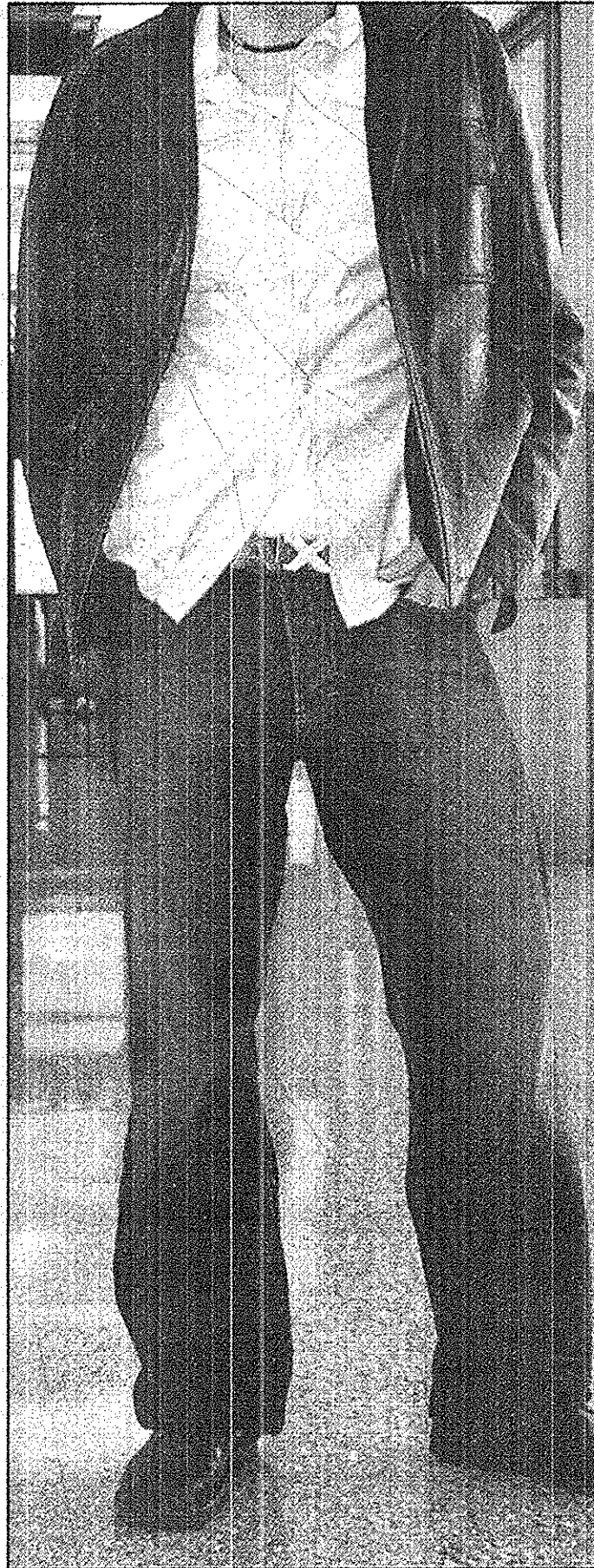
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Fashion Trends

Men who want to 'metrosex' you up

By CHUCK ROGERS
The Jambar



Chuck Rogers / The Jambar

LOOKING GOOD, FEELING GOOD: "Metrosexual" fashion is one of the latest trends among college aged men.

A lot of men are asking themselves an important question these days: should they use an exfoliating body wash or a loofah in the shower?

Other, equally puzzling debates revolve around shaving or waxing body hair and whether to wear Hilfiger or Hugo.

Lately, men are taking their appearance seriously, and are indulging themselves in traditionally feminine pursuits and grooming habits. This shift in attitude and appearance has spawned a new label: the metrosexual.

According to The Word Spy Web site, one of the numerous definitions of metrosexual is: "An urban male with a strong aesthetic sense who spends a great deal of time and money on his appearance and lifestyle." This usually includes an affinity for shopping, trendy clothes, shoes, hair and skin "products" and mirrors.

British journalist Mark Simpson coined the word in 1994 as a term of straight men who are as concerned with their appearance as stereotypical gay men. Since then, the word has been used so much that it made Lake Superior State University's 2003 list of words that should be banned because of overuse.

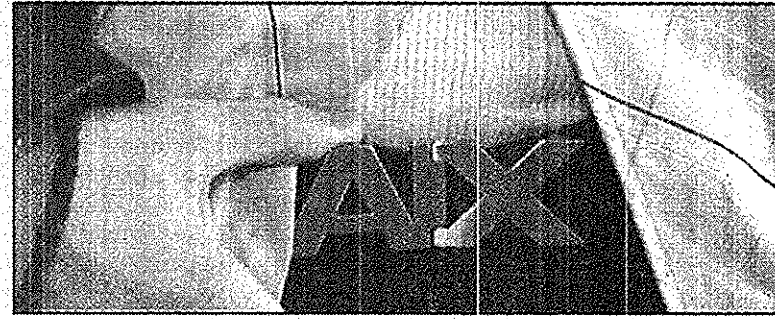
Few men wear the label willingly, or fit all the criteria exactly, but attitudes that were once considered quintessentially female have invaded the male psyche.

Tim DiTosto believes in being well heeled. "I spend a lot of money on shoes," DiTosto said, citing his 12 pairs of boots, 20 pairs of tennis shoes, 8-10 pairs of sandals and two pairs of dress shoes.

But it's not just his feet the junior keeps well covered. He enjoys shopping for clothes at stores like Express Men and Abercrombie & Fitch.

"I don't buy clothes unless they're name brand," DiTosto said.

He said he tops off his look with about \$40 a month in hair and skin products. He says he exfoliates with a loofah, a kind of rough sponge, to get rid of



dead skin cells and keep shine down. He also uses a pumice stone to get rid of rough skin on his elbows and knees.

He would do more, he said, but like most college students, his funds are limited.

A random survey of students passing through Kilcawley Center showed that only about 30 percent know what a metrosexual man is. But given the description, Jose Arroyo came up with the word immediately.

Arroyo has a little more disposable income than most. The full-time non-traditional junior is also a full-time steelworker who has no compunction about pampering himself.

"I work about 60 hours a week," he said. "I'm going to enjoy my money."

He enjoys it by taking care of himself with extensive personal grooming and by acquiring an ever-growing collection of trendy clothing and shoes.

"My clothing rack is as long as that wall," Arroyo said, indicating a 15-foot section of Kilcawley Center's lobby. He said he has to keep adding sections to it to accommodate additions to his designer-label wardrobe. Names like Claiborne, Nautica, Tommy, and Kenneth Cole populate his closet.

Arroyo takes meticulous care of the skin he puts beneath all those fashions,

too. "I have foot files, cuticle oil, scented body washes, and lots of hair-care products," he said, adding that he also gets his eyebrows waxed.

He said he's gotten a few criticisms of his self-attention from older men, but he doesn't think what he does is unmanly.

"They think that body hair and sweat and hangnails are masculine," he said.

Body hair? "Look at my arms and legs," he said, showing his smoothly waxed, tanned skin.

Arroyo said there is a trend toward men being more clean-cut, and he thinks women appreciate it.

But not all women appreciate men who obsess with their appearances. Junior Diana Awad has dated a couple of men that she would classify as metrosexuals, and she said they can be kind of annoying.

"They nitpick," she said. "If you don't have perfect makeup or you don't match, they make you feel insecure."

Teresa Huzyak, a sophomore, wouldn't mind dating a man of the metrosexual type, she said, "As long as he didn't look better than me."

But even men who scoff at manicures and tanning don't see anything unusual in good skin care.

Sophomore Bob McGovern said he uses a little moisturizer and exfoliant sometimes. He also said he knows of about 30 men who picked up the free female-oriented product samples from a table near the bookstore just to get the exfoliating body wash.

McGovern said he doesn't spend a lot of time on his appearance, but admits to some occasional primping.

"If I feel a little dangerous, or have the time," he said, "I'll put some gel in my hair."

Call Chuck Rogers at (330) 941-1913.

Play Preview

Kids and ballet in latest YSU play

By CHRISTINA POE
The Jambar

Youngstown State University students have joined forces with children and ballet dancers as they prepare to croon the tunes of an operatic fairy tale adaptation for Ford Theater audiences of all ages.

This version of the Grimm Brothers' "Hansel and Gretel," adapted to a "children's opera" by Engelbert Humperdinck in 1893, combines the story's original themes with music and new characters.

Dancers from Ballet Western Reserve and Girard children ranging from third to eighth grade will accompany vocal students of YSU's Dana School of Music. Providing the melodies will be an orchestra of Dana musicians.

Adjunct faculty member David Vosburgh, who is directing the production, said the show mirrors professional operas in the fact that it is "double cast" or consists of two actors for each role.

Vosburgh said additions of The Sandman, The Dew Fairy and an Angel Ballet add

a whimsical touch aimed to delight young children.

Vosburgh said despite its simple plot, the opera contains compositions comparable to renowned composer Robert Wagner.

"It's not written like a nursery rhyme," Vosburgh said. "Although it is a children's story, the music is quite sophisticated."

Dana's Opera Workshop Director Allan Mosher guides the cast's vocals in the production.

Mosher described the show as a tuneful and fun "children's opera for adults" and said the diversity of cast members reflects the talent of the valley's youth.

Sophomore Amy Liggett, who portrays the Mother, said children will not be the only ones enjoying the action.

Liggett said the story and special effects, such as a flying witch and exploding oven, would fascinate the young, while more mature jokes will entertain older audience members.

While music and effects are important, no version of "Hansel and Gretel" would be complete without a Gingerbread house.

Junior Heidi Davis, who also plays the Mother, said some of the set sits on a revolving platform.

One side displays Hansel and Gretel's dreary and destitute home, while the other depicts the witch's carnival colored Gingerbread house complete with human sized Gingerbread men.

Although billed as an opera, Davis said audiences should not expect to see the stereotypical characteristics of that genre.

"People think opera is just a bunch of people with Viking helmets on running around on stage," Davis said. "That is just us."

Show dates are April 15 to April 17 at 8 p.m. and April 18 at 3 p.m.

Prices for admission are \$15 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and \$5 for children, YSU students and Performing Art Series subscribers.

Tickets can be purchased by calling the University Theater Box Office at (330) 941-3105.

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Television

It's Dave Chappelle, b*tch!

By ADAM RAUF
The Pitt News (U. Pittsburgh)

(U-WIRE) PITTSBURGH - "Yeah-yuh! I'm Rick James, bitch."

Yes, ladies and gentlemen, the man himself, Dave Chappelle, the mastermind behind "Chappelle's Show," is taking his comedy on the road to annoy, get under people's skin and cause as many people to roll on the floor laughing as he can.

And what would be better than seeing his scathing, make-fun-of-everyone-and-everything humor live?

I can't think of life getting any better than that. How could it? Chappelle is a master of movie comedies, television and live stand-up.

Chappelle's skits on his show are filled with plenty of pop culture references, and he deconstructs all types of boundaries with sketches like "The First Annual Race Draft," "I Know Black People," "When Keeping It Real Goes Wrong," as well as "Charlie Murphy's True Hollywood Stories."

With the release of his show's first season on DVD, Chappelle still hasn't shown signs of slowing down. His sketches from this season have been memorable and extremely funny to watch. It's hard to imagine, but people have described his regular stand-up without the gimmicks as even funnier. But then again, it's Dave Chappelle, so it must be amazing.

A recent episode of "Chappelle's Show" featured him showing his worst skits. The weird part was that even with his least favorite selections and skits gone wrong, they were still absolutely hilarious. There is quite possibly no way he can ever do wrong, and that's what keeps the fans

coming back for more of this outrageously funny man.

Advertisements for Chappelle feature him taking letters from fans and haters of his show and openly mocking them. One letter was from a white male complaining that white people in general were being discriminated against. Dave responded by saying that he feels that white people are shown in positive light too much on cable television, so he attempts to "balance" the whole thing out. Dave holds nothing as sacred, and chooses to make fun of others in good fun.

He even makes fun of himself to show how good of a sport he is. He's made fun of everything from Lil' Jon to Prince, Rick James, Nostradamus, and many more. Chappelle uses his comedy to bring people together, and audiences fall over laughing from his amazing work. If you've ever seen or heard Chappelle do regular stand-up, then you'll understand that this man is a genius. He leaves no stone unturned, busting out songs and poetry and even props on stage.

All of this says nothing of his work in the movies in movies like "Screwed" and the unbelievably funny "Half Baked."

With all of his experience and skill, Chappelle is, without a doubt, a god among comedians, using his talent and skill to create hilarious skits on "Chappelle's Show," memorable films and unbelievable live performances.

And guess what? His tour brings him to Pittsburgh! That's right, the man himself will be at the Pittsburgh Improv this weekend doing his best to offend as many people as possible, as he usually does.

But I hope you all have your tickets -- the shows are sold out! Good luck to all you scalpers and eBay fiends; this should be a remarkable show.



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