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## Neil investigation steps up

By MICHAEL J. BALALE  
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William Bruce Neil, dressed in a dark-colored suit, walked alone from a Tod Hall conference room Tuesday, where officials had just decided to take an



NEIL

investigation into his academic credentials to the next step.

Members of Youngstown State University's Professional Conduct Committee voted that Neil should be fully investigated by a special committee.

The decision is the latest development in the

case of Neil — the human ecology professor accused of having bogus credentials.

Officials also released copies of work Neil said he has published, including his 24-page doctoral dissertation and results of a company's investigation into his background.

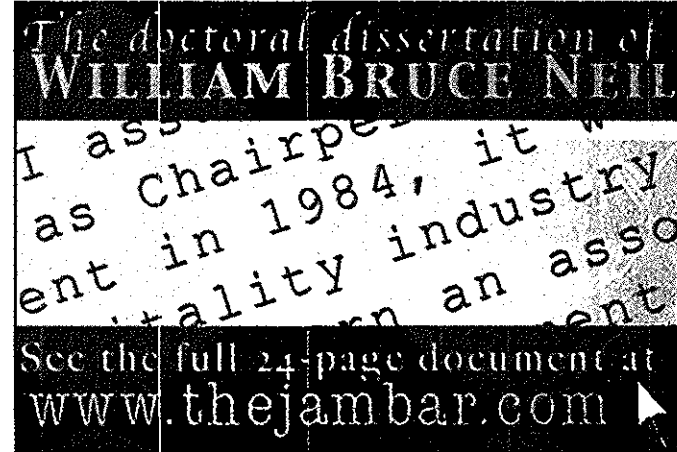
That investigation failed to confirm any of the jobs Neil

listed on the resume he submitted before being hired for his \$60,000-per-year-job as an associate professor.

Neil uttered only few words after leaving Tuesday's meeting.

"The process will work and I feel confident about

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## Dean says travel is part of strategy

Part two of a special Jambar investigation.

By MICHAEL J. BALALE  
The Jambar

The dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts, also an assistant to YSU President David Sweet, has dined on a \$250 lunch at a five-star Beverly Hills restaurant, eaten a \$170 dinner and made a \$2,400 trip to China — all paid for with Youngstown State University funds.

George McCloud, who said his trips served important fundraising and educational missions for the university, took four trips in 2003, spending a total of \$5,182.

McCloud's California, Hawaii and China trips were analyzed by The Jambar as part of an investigation into how officials have used public funds for traveling and entertaining.

YSU Vice Presidents Cynthia Anderson and John Habat, Special Assistant to the President Thomas Maraffa and Provost Tony Atwater were more frugal with university funds on their trips, and a top administrator from another Ohio university said tough financial times have caused her to travel on the cheap and only when absolutely necessary.

McCloud said it is sometimes necessary to spend money to make money for the university.

"My job is interesting and a lot of fun, but I'm not playing around with university funds," he said. "What appears to be an isolated travel is part of a strategy. We are internationalizing the curriculum."

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## Campus celebrates Earth Day 2004

By WILLIAM LEHN  
The Jambar

What do you get when you mix a llama, people dressed in trash regalia, a talking sunflower, a hybrid car and a bus fueled by soybeans? Earth Day 2004 at YSU.

Wednesday, students and local environmental activists convened outside the courtyard in front of Kilcawley Center to raise awareness and celebrate the earth.

From introducing the latest technologies to promoting cleaning up the Mahoning River, about ten booths were set up and staffed by students and professors all concerned about the future of the blue and green marble we inhabit.

Senior Charlene Arendas and junior Chris Thompson were crowned Trash King and Queen of Litter Free Land. Arendas and Thompson were dressed in recycled Jambar regalia and preparing to frolic around their campus kingdom.

Arendas, a Biology and Pre-Veterinarian major, said her doctrine as queen will be "to promote environmental awareness and recycling on campus." Thompson vowed to "rule with an iron fist made from recycled iron."

Standing next to their Youngstown Environmental Studies Society booth was a talking sunflower. "The sunflower is the Earth Day symbol," said Jaclyn Kusluch from inside the petals. The Physics and Astronomy sophomore said that normally there is a globe inside the petals but

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William Lehn / The Jambar

TRASH ROYALTY: Senior Charlene Arendas and junior Chris Thompson were crowned Trash King and Queen of Litter Free Land. Jaclyn Kusluch dressed as the Earth Day symbol, the sunflower.



## Students, faculty discuss harassment

By JOSHUA BOGGS  
The Jambar

Executive Director of Human Resources Hugh Chatman, in what he called a "deeper question," asked a panel Wednesday who has more power in the classroom — the teacher or the students.

Chatman, one of five panelists to speak at a professional conduct forum, said the issue of sexual harassment in the college classroom is tangled in complicated understandings of

power. This was just one of the many issues that a group of professors and students gathered to address concerning matters of professional conduct at Debartolo Hall.

The forum, sponsored by the YSU-Ohio Education Association and the James Dale Ethics Center, also addressed the topic of academic credentials and occurred at a time when the YSU campus is wrangling with a pending sexual harassment allegation

against a professor and charges that another professor has bogus credentials.

Panel participants included Psychology Professor James Morrison, YSU-OEA President Michael Finney, Student Government Association President Emily Eckman and Philosophy Professor J.C. Smith.

Director of the James Dale Ethics Center Gabriel Palmer-Fernandez led the discussion. "We will have zero tolerance for sexual harassment. We

will foster an environment free of sexual harassment on campus," Chatman said.

Sexual harassment is defined by the YSU policy as "any unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature."

Chatman broke harassment into two separate categories of his own.

This first type he

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## OSU, YSU clash over tailgating decision

By STAFF REPORT  
The Jambar

A bill introduced in the Ohio House of Representatives concerning tailgating practices at Ohio colleges and universities has sparked opposition from several institutions.

Closer to home, however, Youngstown State University officials said they support the bill fully.

Drafted by Representative Kenneth Carano, the bill would give universities and professional athletic departments the option of purchasing a special liquor permit that would allow people to consume alcohol in designated portions of their properties.

University President David Sweet banned drinking in YSU's tailgate lots one week before the last game of this past season.

Sweet's decision came after a Jambar article raised questions about the legality of the long-standing tradition.

The bill has received fervent criticism from Ohio State University and Kent State University — something that has not stifled the support of Carano and other Ohio officials.

Representatives from OSU and KSU testified against the bill in front of the House State Government Committee Tuesday.

In a Vindicator article Wednesday, OSU officials told a reporter that the bill encourages excessive drinking that could lead to disturbances and a "potential strain on public-safety forces."

The OSU Vice President and Director of Public Safety, Vernon Baisden, told a Vindicator reporter that the bill promotes out-of-control binge drinking and "unacceptable behavior and destruction of property."

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YSU sophomore leads Penguins as ace of the staff. Page 5





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that," Neil told reporters who had waited for the hour-long, closed-door portion of the meeting to end.

Members of YSU's Professional Conduct Committee refused to comment after they took their first official action against Neil.

The sub-committee is charged with launching a full investigation of Neil, his education and his background.

Neil, who came to YSU in September 2003, is said to have earned his master's and doctoral degrees from a Louisiana distance-learning university that is not accredited by recognized academic organizations.

Allegations about Neil and his credentials first surfaced last month and since then, deep questions have rocked the Human Ecology Department and the university in general.

Since last month, university officials have announced that they will now hire an outside agency to check the credentials of future faculty job applicants. Officials are also raising questions about the role of search committees in the hiring of faculty.

As the Neil situation continues to pose headaches for university officials, a controversy involving another human ecology professor has also been vying for attention.

Robert Campbell, another human ecology professor, has been accused of sexually harassing one of his students and a university report recommends that he be fired.

Both Neil and Campbell have alleged that the two situations are linked. Campbell has said that Neil coerced the student into making the allegations against him. Neil has fired back, accusing Campbell of making up allegations against him.

Members of the Professional Conduct Committee have until June 21 to sort out the questions surrounding Neil's background.

A five-person subcommittee headed by Rick Walker, chair of human performance and exercise science will investigate the allegations against Neil. Other committee members include Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences Jane Kesner, accounting and finance Professor Helene Savage, psychology Professor Chris Sweeney and nursing Professor Nancy Mosca.

The committee will be reviewing several documents over the next 60 days, including one document that has cited several questions regarding Neil's past employment history.

In Neil's growing file lies a new report that suggests problems have already been uncovered by administrators for the 53 year-old professor.

Gall & Gall Co. of Dayton submitted a report to Executive Director of Human Resources Hubert Chatman explaining that they were unable to find proof that Neil had worked at any of the hotel and food industry jobs they were asked by university officials to investigate.

Neil wrote in his résumé he worked as the assistant food and beverage director at the Marriot Hotels in Harrisburg, Pa, but Gall & Gall's report said that Neil's employment there was not confirmed.

Assistant Manager at Gall & Gall Terry Abernathy said she could not find Neil in the searches.

"I tried to verify the Mountain Lodge, Marriot, Seiler Corp. and Aramark and we couldn't find him anywhere in our system," Abernathy said. "The only thing I found was information from Western International, but they couldn't give me dates of employment."

In his resume, Neil wrote that he was a management trainee at Westin and Marriott Hotels and a general manager at Bethany Resort, Cobble Mountain Lodge, Wawbeek Inn and Irem Temple Country Club.

He also said he was a resort manager at Playhouse Resort and Country Club and a food service director at Custom Management Corp.

and The Seiler Corp.

Gall & Gall investigated the employment of seven companies, all ending with the same message: "The applicant was not found in the system search."

For several other jobs he listed on his resume, Gall & Gall wrote that Neil's employment at these companies could not be verified because one company was sold, the other turned into a retirement home and another was closed years ago.

Gall & Gall did verify that Neil earned his undergraduate degree at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. in 1974.

In addition to the Gall & Gall report, Neil's file has grown thick with copies of what he said were his published books.

His doctoral dissertation, a double spaced 24-page document is one of the thinnest pieces of information in his now burgeoning file.

The document he identified as his doctoral dissertation is not dated or titled and discusses distance education for hospitality management students.

With an introduction that addresses trends in the hotel, restaurant and tourism industry, Neil also discusses the stigma of distance learning.

He discusses being asked by the International Correspondence Schools of Pennsylvania about writing and producing a hotel and restaurant management course.

"My first response was a very simple no," Neil wrote in his dissertation. "Basically, I believe it was a question of lingering memories regarding home study courses, poor quality, easily accomplished, diploma mill types of comments heard over the years."

Neil said he changed his mind as he was cutting the grass at his home. He said it came to him that he could help enhance the credibility of online learning programs.

"If what I felt was true, then it was a chance for me to make a difference and solve a problem I had recognized earlier," Neil wrote.

"Besides, it couldn't be too difficult - I'd just convert my notes from the courses of instruction from the years to develop and put them in an organized written form."

On page six of his disserta-

tion, Neil said that he was writing the dissertation to share his experiences developing an online course.

He said he wrote a complete distance learning program for the National Education Corporation's International Correspondence Schools division.

That program is included as part of the documents Neil provided to Chair of the Professional Conduct Committee Joe Edwards.

Neil also submitted to Edwards a packet of documents titled, "Credit for Challenge," which show Neil was granted exemptions for taking 17 courses on his way to getting his master's and doctoral degrees.

The course exemption applications Neil submitted indicate that he requested credit for courses based "through life or work experience."

According to a letter from La Salle University, Neil was required to pay \$35 for each of the 17 classes for which he was granted credit. La Salle told him he had to complete three courses, a master's thesis and dissertation before all requirements would be met.

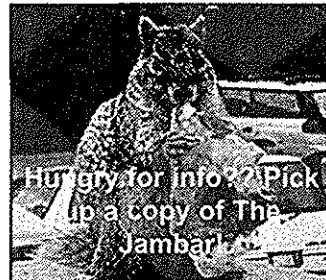
In some of his work, Neil has written about food and its relationship to God.

La Salle, at the time when Neil attended, was accredited by the Council on Postsecondary Christian Education, an agency not recognized as an accrediting institution by the National Council of Higher Education.

In one of Neil's Advance Theocentric studies, he wrote, "Did God make a mistake in telling man not to eat fat? Man appears to need some fats."

He continued, "Most of the items sold as food in the modern supermarket do not seem to qualify as food according to the biblical definition, and they appear to be causing many health problems in our society."

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then it wouldn't be a talking sunflower.

Jim Villani recruited Kusluch to his Pig Iron Press booth because "she has roots and sunflowers are happy."

Arendas's mother, Debbie, was in attendance and brought the royal llama.

"Arpeggio is an example of an animal that makes no impact on the earth," she said. According to Arendas, llamas are browsers and they only eat what they need and do not eat down an area like most other animals that graze. Also, their digestive systems are so efficient, their manure does not burn the earth.

In the booth next to the royal llama stood an exasperated Rebecca Dale next to her hybrid 2002 Honda Insight. Dale, a retired librarian, was making conversation to people passing by about the appetite for fuel in our country.

Sipping on bottled water to recharge her voice, Dale was

educating them about the features of her automobile.

"They start at around \$20K and they can go up to 100 mph, although I've never driven that fast," she said. Dale said her car was not an answer to the problem but a conversation opener about future possibilities.

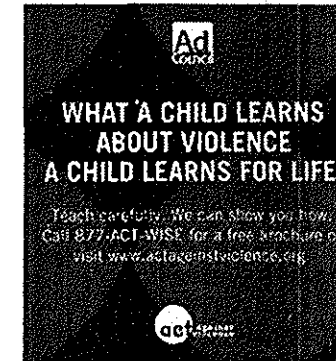
South of her car sat a parked NASA bus. Standing outside of it was Eugene Di Santo. The aerobus operator was volunteering his time away from the NASA Glenn Research Center at Lewis Field in Cleveland. His purpose was to educate the public on alternative fuels.

"The bus is fueled with biodiesel fuel, which is made from soybeans and corn," Di Santo said. Di Santo said the fuel smelled like popcorn when burned and costs the same as regular diesel to produce. He also said no modifications are needed to the vehicle for production.

Di Santo, who travels from Connecticut to Wisconsin in the bus equipped with a mini movie theater complete with air conditioning and captain's chairs, was also there to promote NASA's newest hands-on attraction, the Challenger Center in Oregon, Ohio, near Sandusky. There, people can climb in and sit in a mock up of the Space Shuttle Challenger.

"Visit Challenger.org to schedule a visit," he said.

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## Today's Editorial

### Sweet doesn't relate to students

The Jambar's investigation of spending by President David Sweet has painted the picture of a man who may not be in touch with the students who attend Youngstown State University.

The investigation documented how Sweet has used university funds to travel and to entertain university officials and prospective donors. The investigation, which included anecdotes about specific trips and expenditures, has unleashed protest and concerns from students.

Students, who have faced constantly increasing tuition bills, are asking whether it is appropriate for Sweet to be spending funds on meals for himself and his wife. They are also questioning whether Sweet should be dining on lobster and ordering alcoholic drinks.

One student has started a petition to lobby the YSU Board of Trustees to investigate Sweet's spending. Other students and their parents are venting about how Sweet could be spending money on himself at a time when he said the university is a steep financial challenge.

Sweet has been at the helm of YSU since 2000 when he was hired to bring new leadership and vision to the growing university.

He was billed as a man who would lead and expand the university and he was given a salary that trustees said needed to be paid to attract a man capable of demonstrating such leadership.

With his September 2002 raise, Sweet was given a salary package of \$203,520. This figure had an added \$50,000 housing allowance that Sweet told The Jambar in a September 2002 interview would be used for entertaining. "We use our house to entertain prospective donors. I feel (\$50,000) is a justified support to offset the expenses," Sweet said.

The recent investigation has raised serious questions about whether Sweet is using the \$50,000 housing allowance as he had promised. The investigation documented that he has spent \$34,000 of university funds and \$1,500 of private donor money for alcohol to entertain guests at his home.

Sweet has said that a person in his position needs to entertain and offer a certain level of hospitality. He has said that this entertaining is important in his role as a university fundraiser. We understand this and encourage Sweet to continue soliciting and scoring donations for the university. We appreciate his impressive record in bringing in contributions.

What we don't understand is why Sweet is paid the large housing allowance if he is going to charge the university so much in entertaining costs.

Other equally disturbing pieces of information were uncovered in the investigation. Sweet's use of university funds for dinners over \$100 with his wife are excessive and a slap in the face to some YSU students who struggle to pay their tuition.

It seems clear that if Sweet wants to eat meals that exceed the university travel policies allowing a certain amount per day on meals, he should cover the difference. And when Sweet and his wife want to enjoy an alcoholic drink with their meals, they should cover the costs for themselves instead of having university donors pay for their glass of Chardonnay or Beefeater gin cocktail.

Granted, Sweet did not spend a large amount of money on alcoholic drinks, but the problem is that this practice raises questions about his mindset and could suggest arrogance or merely being out of touch with the students he serves and the financial times in which the university lives.

Sweet seems to believe that he is entitled to take advantage of the perks of being the president.

We urge the Board of Trustees to take this investigation as a warning sign of what could come if there are not more stringent rules placed on presidential spending. We urge students to make their voices heard.

We urge Sweet to remember that he is the president of a university in Youngstown, Ohio. We are a community of hard-working people.

We are a community who values the dollar because we have worked hard for it. We are a community, however, who sees education as the way to improve our society. We resent that Sweet has taken advantage of our trust.

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## WAR OF THE NETWORKS



## Letters to the Editor

### Sophomore 'outraged' by finance findings

Editor:

This message is in response to Tuesday's articles on how much money Dr. Sweet spends. First of all, props to Angela and whoever else helped her in her investigation about all of this. Secondly, Dr. Sweet, why don't you invite me over to one of your big dinner parties? After I pay my tuition, my car payment and insurance so I can get to school, gas money, and money for books, I can't even afford a meal at Arby's for \$5.08 let alone a meal at your house for \$46 a plate. And why not spend \$252 for ONE blooming plant; doesn't everyone?

The president of the University of Akron turned down a raise so his students didn't have a tuition raise, but not David Sweet, he obviously needs more money to pay for his lobster dinners in Rhode Island. I am outraged by these findings, and I hope that others feel the same about where our tuition increases are going.

Kelly Noyes  
Sophomore  
Professional Writing & Editing

### Sweet needs to earn the respect of students

Editor:

It is about time the whistle was blown on Dr. Sweet and his extravagance.

While we, as students, have our pocketbooks emptied each semester to cover the extremely high costs of attending YSU Dr. Sweet is living in the lap of luxury at our expense.

Attaining a productive and better institute of higher learning requires a partnership between the students and the administration. The students have been doing their part ten fold due to the ignorance and self-righteousness of our administration, especially Dr. Sweet. We have sustained and complied with tuition increases and lab-fee increases. We have student workers working in various departments for peanuts performing the tasks of full and part time staff workers, who would make four times more money, and we have done this to make this university a better place, as Dr. Sweet requested. His personal exemption is completely uncalled for. In return for our hard work, the students get slapped in the face. We have been pinching pennies

and now we see where it is going.

Dr. Sweet needs to reassess his spending habits, as well as start showing the students, who pay his salary, respect. I can put a monkey outside of Kilcawley Center with a cup to collect the money that Dr. Sweet has obtained. As president, we hired Dr. Sweet to be an ambassador for the students and to work for our best interests, not to be solely a fundraiser and work against us.

If Dr. Sweet wants his legacy to be a bunch of buildings and dollar signs, keep doing what you are doing. If you want to be a truly good president, start caring about the students' wellbeing. Make yourself visible and attentive to the needs and concerns of your students. If our university is in dire financial crisis, do your part and set the example by trimming unnecessary expenses. A salary is something earned not something you are entitled to. Perhaps you will then earn the respect of your students.

Dianna Tybor  
Sophomore  
Communications

### Post-graduate 'disgusted' with spending

Dear Editor:

I have never been a fan of President Sweet, but after reading the article on his spending habits, I was absolutely disgusted. I cannot believe this man thinks that it is okay to use university money, as well as private donations, to serve alcohol to "entertain" guests, buy flowers, and rack up room service bills.

To top it all off, Sweet took a limo to

Columbus! The man gets a car allowance so why didn't he just drive his car? The most ridiculous aspect of this man is how he can constantly convince people that these expenses (not to mention his pay raises) are justifiable. I, like every other student at this university, am busting my butt with over \$30,000 in student loans to pay for my education, watching the tuition rise higher and higher, while Sweet is living high off the hog.

Listen up Dr. Sweet, I have given too much money to you all ready and after graduating this spring, will not return to this university for my masters. I no longer feel like supporting these absurd expenditures.

Kerrie Wilson  
Post-Graduate  
Integrated Language Arts

### President's lies are costing soldiers their lives

Editor:

In the April 13 edition of The Jambar, MSgt. Zimmerman, USAFR, defends the President and suggests we should be "doing some research instead of regurgitating [liberal news] headlines." Of course, he should be the one doing research in our "huge library," as he puts it.

For example, concerning Bush's National Guard duty, he states, "you don't become a fighter pilot to avoid combat." Ordinarily, this is true. However, Bush was "missing in action" for at least six months, and the Bush administration has not found one person who remembers seeing our leader in uniform over that time period (and I really, really believe that they tried).

He then states that people "who wanted to avoid the draft went to college, or Canada, or England on a propped up scholarship." Not so. In 1970, neither going to college nor to college in England saved one from the draft. It was the first year of "the lottery," and college was not a deferment. After my second year of graduate studies, I enlisted to keep from wasting time (I had a low number) and was still "drafted" during my basic training at Ft. Campbell.

The master sergeant tells us that we, whom he believes to be 'bleeding heart' liberals, do not provide him with "facts" (He seems to suggest that, in his eyes, if you oppose a "manipulative, devious and incompetent" president, you must obviously be a "liberal" and not really an American.). Here's one fact: We are less secure today because the Iraq invasion took over one hundred billion dollars and dumped it in the desert when we could have used it to fight al Qaeda and increase homeland security. Then he goes on to say (irrelevantly) that former President Clinton lied under oath. That might be true, but when

Clinton lied, no one died and he was still impeached by the Republicans with a viciousness not seen in Congress since the Andrew Johnson days.

When George W. Bush lied to America and the world about WMDs and Iraq's ties to terrorism, over 700 Americans died (the count keeps rising), as well as over 6,000 Iraqi non-combatants. I sincerely believe the wrong president was impeached.

Ron Tabak  
Professor  
Physics & Astronomy



## Letters to the Editor

# God, 'don't bless America' 'Pete and Penny keep it up'

Editor:

God Bless America!!

How arrogant to think an almighty would favor one over the other. It is as insane as to believe (according men's writings — not told, never heard) that God so love the world, he gave his only begotten son.

Hold the Frikkan phone! In what conversation did Jesus say this? Just as reckless as "God Bless America" (look what happened to the original land owners) is that a god would infer to a faction of the earth's population that they were the "Chosen People." Moreover, that this god of many faiths will dismiss all errant behavior, such as someone in Israel blowing up a bus load of people because "The American Policy" justifies it (and the assassin makes it into Paradise). Gawd!!

There are a billion more reasons why it is so ungodly to invoke this unknown god; yet, rather than go bouncing down through the history of mankind, let's just talk America.

It has never made one iota of sense that Jesus should die (brutally) — for the sins of mankind — while capable of walking on water, feeding five thousand with one sardine, and making wine out of water. Wouldn't it have been easier to prove a point (rather than raising on Easter — and still be doubted) by just crippling the whole lot in their hands and tongues (the major instruments of evil)?

It certainly would have avoided the canard that if you kill as many people as Ted Bundy, just before you die, say, "Oops, Forgive me,"

and you get into heaven; though Ted got into heaven before death as the state of Florida (Florida, again) allowed him to marry and produce a child behind bars (mother and son well hidden from the world).

As we left the trees of Africa (you white folks weren't white then) and invented better ways to live (white folks get full credit: computers, cell phones, food stamps) — yet this better way has not made us better.

You can count on fingers and toes how many babies (under 18) are raped and killed in America as opposed to other countries. In Third World countries, mothers struggle to get a thimble of rice to feed one or too many kids — yet we never hear of these backward, hopeless, ignorant women bashing a child's head in because the sunroof of their cardboard hut got too hot. And PORN was born in America. When I was 18, I saw kids (white) in porn magazine. And how pornographic was a naked five-year-old Brooke Shields whose mother pimped her photograph [massive sells the world over]. Sure, it was a way for her to get that thimble of rice to feed a starving Brooke.

Frankly, I don't want God to bless America or ME! What I want is for anybody out there — at least — please, stop babies from being raped and killed.

What a beautiful thing is Childhood: poor or rich, the experience is the same — just some cannot look forward to a secure future. Little Democrats are just as happy.

Ted Williams  
'95 Graduate YSU

Editor:

April is National Poetry Month, and amateur versifying tones up the ol' gray matter.

Done as a frat house drinking song, this verse lampoons recent University goings-on. Sung to the tune of "Yankee Doodle," with a tip of the hat to essayist and critic Stanley Crouch. Add your own stanzas.

"Pete and Penny, Keep It Up"  
(tune of "Yankee Doodle")

Profs rear back to draw the knife,  
There's sexual allegation,  
Campus reels from labor strife,  
Inside our Penguin Nation!

(Refrain)

Pete and Penny, keep it up,  
Join the celebration.  
Pete and Penny — look wuzzup!  
Inside our Penguin Nation!

Tailgate drinkers rue the news  
that nixes their libation.  
Teachers utter racist views  
to Leftist approbation. (Refrain).

Hitler's pals with FDR,  
Says Loftus at the podium.  
It's no wonder that we are  
addicted to Imodium®. (Refrain).

Jack Labusch  
Parking Services

## Cancer Society here to help

Editor:

When you or a loved one are touched by cancer, it's important to know that the American Cancer Society (ACS) is here to assist and give you the necessary support to overcome this disease.

This year and every year since 1913 the goal of the ACS has been to help cancer patients and their families and to work toward the day when the world is completely cancer free.

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We recognize that we can save more lives by giving people information about how to prevent and detect cancer at the earliest stage possible. Guidelines and screening schedules for breast, colorectal, prostate and other cancers are distributed throughout the year and many cancers are spotlighted during a specific month. Early detection saves lives.

Helping cancer patients

has always been a mission of the organization. Through the years we have modified some of our programs, but we still offer a variety of useful services for those with cancer. Some of these free services include Reach to Recovery, Road to Recovery, scholarships, Look Good Feel Better and support groups. Helping those with cancer has always been and will continue to be our focus.

Cancer is not only a medical concern, but a political one too. The American Cancer Society's advocacy efforts have played an integral role in reaching our 2015 goals — which are to reduce cancer incidence by 25% and mortality rates by 50 percent. Applying pressure on our elected officials to support legislation that is favorable to cancer patients and their families has paid huge dividends and will continue to be an area that we pursue in the years ahead.

The ultimate goal to end cancer can be reached through research. Scientists supported by American Cancer Society funds are continuing to make

breakthroughs that increase the number of lives saved. Since 1946, the year the American Cancer Society awarded its first research grants, we've invested more than \$2.5 billion in cancer research. Great progress has been made. In 1946, only one in four cancer patients was alive five years after diagnosis. Today, more than 60 percent live longer than five years after diagnosis.

The battle to eliminate cancer is the number one health issue that remains on the minds of millions of Americans.

The American Cancer Society, through its programs of work led by volunteers in our area and throughout the nation, continues to stay focused and determined to end this dreaded disease.

Until we find a cure, there's the American Cancer Society.

Sincerely,  
Robert DeMarco, MD  
President, Mahoning  
County American Cancer Society

## DTF's attacking American liberals

Editor:

When I published a letter criticizing George Bush in The Jambar, I expected attacks from the Defenders of the True Faith (DTFs); Sergeant Bruce Zimmerman's letter (April 13) is the quintessential example of how DTFs swarm like fire ants to attack "liberals."

I teach my students to be certain of the facts before making accusations; Zimmerman would do well to take my argumentative / research class before embarrassing himself again.

First, he suggests that I don't know how to conduct research at Maag Library. As both a professional writer with more than 30 years experience and an English composition teacher, I have spent many thousands of hours researching information in libraries.

Secondly, he contends that I'm merely repeating "liberal rhetoric" and "regurgitating CBS, NBC, ABC and CNN headlines" and that I "... fail to cite [sic] any [examples]." To begin, the word is cite, a diminutive of citation, not site, which is a geographical location. You can look that up in the library. Obviously, he has missed all the factual information about the war and the devious behavior of the Bush White House that independent journalists with impeccable credentials are reporting. There are many books out that he should read; a trickle

from this Out House has become a Niagara. Has Zimmerman not noticed that no WMDs — remember, this was Bush's mantra, his casus belli — have been found? If we went to war to eliminate a bad man who oppresses people, why do we not invade North Korea, Iran, or China? I suspect that, like many DTFs, Zimmerman gets a daily email of "spin formulations" from senior DTFs like Limbaugh and his ditto-head knockoffs like "Snarling Joe" Scarborough.

Third, the validity of Zimmerman's snide attacks is found in his crude implication that I don't understand the military and have never served my country. Well, guess again, sergeant. In 1962 — during the Cuban missile crisis — I left college to defend my country and give my life, if necessary; I joined the USMC and was training to invade Cuba while you were still in a playpen.

Finally, while I voted for Goldwater, Nixon, Ford, Reagan, and innumerable Republican candidates, it is now clear that Bush is the worst president this country has ever had. Research the issue, sergeant.

True patriotism is based, in part, on knowing when the nation is off-course, not persisting in a state of total denial.

Thomas J. Burns  
English

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# SPORTS&RECREATION

## YSU Softball

### Murphy setting new standard for Penguins



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ACE: YSU sophomore pitcher Kelly Murphy has already become the ace of the Penguin staff. She is 10-7 this year with an ERA of .99.

By JOSHUA BOGGS  
The Jambar

The parents of one Youngstown State University athlete told their daughter that on top of becoming a student, they wanted her to do something more with her life.

Kelly Murphy, a sophomore food and nutrition major at YSU, chose the sport of softball and is now one of the starting pitchers for the Penguins.

"My parents were always supportive and they were the perfect parents to have, but they told me that I had to do something other than just being a student," Murphy said.

Murphy, who's father played baseball at the University of Detroit and who's aunt played softball at the University of Toledo, learned how to pitch from her grandfather at the early age of 12, after trying other hobbies, including volleyball.

"I really liked volleyball, but I fell in love with [softball] the first day that my grandpa taught me to pitch," Murphy said.

That love eventually led Murphy to play softball at North Olmstead High School where she was a four-year letter winner and set the state record with a 0.00 earned run average with 21 strikeouts in seven innings.

Murphy, who also set high school records in earned run average, strikeouts, wins in a single season and a career, admitted that the level of high school competition was becoming tedious to her and that pitching for YSU was exactly what she

needed.

"High school was getting kind of boring for me and I was ready for a new level and [college] was the competition I was looking for," Murphy said.

Along with competition changes, Murphy also had to become accustomed to what she calls "the mental part" of the game.

"You have to pay attention to every batter — one through nine — and by playing in college I really worked on my mental game," Murphy said. "You really have to be smart in college because one mistake can change the game."

Two ways that Murphy avoids mistakes are having a strong work ethic and staying composed on the mound. Both are qualities

that Murphy considers strong aspects in her game. Murphy also said that her grandfather instilled many of those qualities.

"I was taught by my grandpa to never let the other team know what you are thinking," Murphy admitted. "As a pitcher you kind of set the tone for everyone else."

Setting the tone is something that Murphy has arguably done for her team this season as the sophomore has pitched 112.2 innings with 104 strikeouts, to improve her pitching record to 10-7 this spring.

With her performances, Murphy has twice been named Horizon League Pitcher of the Week this spring, but said that she,

as well as her teammates, expected to be fairing a little better at this point in the season.

"I think this year as a team we are a little disappointed with our record," Murphy said. "We started out kind of slow and now the hitting is coming along, but as long as we stay strong throughout the rest of the conference we should be okay."

In conference play, Murphy has helped to lead her team to a third-place 5-2 Horizon League record and an overall season record of 21-12 this spring, but added pressure at the beginning of the season was a hurdle that her team, as well as herself, had to clear.

"A lot of people put pressure on us and when we were playing really good teams we just weren't being patient enough with ourselves," Murphy admitted. "We need to focus on what we can focus on and control what we can control."

One thing that Murphy and her teammates have focused on this spring is one other.

"I feel that we have a great team unity," Murphy said. "Everyone is supportive of each other and when I am pitching my teammates said that they feel confident in me and that builds even more confidence in myself."

Murphy also said that much of that confidence comes from head softball coach Christy Cameron and that although she had many choices as to where to play college softball, she knew as soon as she met Cameron that she was where she belonged.

"The last two years have been the best two years of my life," Murphy said. "I knew the second I met Coach Cameron that I made the right choice."

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"I really liked volleyball but I fell in love with (softball) the first day that my grandpa taught me to pitch."

— KELLY MURPHY  
Sophomore pitcher

### YSU spring sports roundup

By JOSHUA BOGGS  
The Jambar

With the official spring school year soon coming to an end, many of the Youngstown State University sports teams are finding themselves digging out of season-ending holes, while others are trying to continue on with their success this year.

#### Baseball

Despite having a last-place 1-3 Horizon League mark and an 11-19 overall record, the YSU baseball team has still made their marks in the record books this spring.

Senior Jim Lipinski broke the RBI career school record (122) against IP-Fort Wayne on Sunday, while senior Adam Cox also broke the homerun career school record of 23 with a doubleheader against West Liberty earlier this season. Assistant baseball coach Adam Clough previously held both records.

#### Softball

The YSU softball team is fairing a little better than the men, as the women have posted an overall record of 21-12 and are currently sitting in third place in the Horizon League with a record of 5-2.

Highlighting the softball team's winning performances this year are sophomores Kelly Murphy and Tiffany Pattenon as well as senior Amanda Berry.

Murphy, who was twice named Horizon League Pitcher of the Week this season, holds an earned run average of 0.99 and a pitching record of 10-7.

Pattenon, who was named

Horizon League Player of the Week for the week of March 15, batted 11-for-22, including two doubles, two homeruns, seven runs scored and seven RBIs for that period.

Berry also made a strong impression in her final year with the Penguins as she became YSU's all-time leader with hits. Currently, Berry has 43 hits this season and leads her team in triples (3), homeruns (4) and RBIs (30).

#### Golf

The YSU men and women's golf teams are also performing well this spring.

On the men's side, Nate Kosma is continuing a fine season as the sophomore tied for 17th overall at the Bullock classic this weekend with a three-round score of 233 (78-80-75). With his showing, Kosma also led his team to 12th place overall.

In women's action, junior Gina Abruzzino has lit up the tees this spring as she was named Horizon League Golf Player of the Week for her first-place score of 78 in a dual meet on April 3. Abruzzino also finished 23rd out of 85 individuals at the Eastern Kentucky Lady Colonel Classic on Saturday.

#### Tennis

The YSU men and women's tennis teams are also playing consistently strong this season.

Both the men and women are currently ranked in fifth place in the Horizon League with the men posting a record of 1-4 (6-8) with the women compiling a record of 3-4 (9-7).

YSU seniors R.J. Pepino and Kevin Schaffert ended

their regular season careers on a good note as both helped to aid the Penguins in a 4-3 victory over Wright State on Sunday.

The women's team however, ended their regular season on a sour note with a 6-1 loss to Wright State on Sunday morning.

Aiding in many of the women's tennis teams victories this year was junior Karen Najbert, who, after posting a record of 4-1 over the spring break, was named Horizon League Tennis Player of the Week.

#### Track

In the world of YSU track and field, this season has been full of new school records in various events.

At the All-Ohio Championships on Saturday, junior Jarrod Davis broke the school record in the hammer throw (163-9), while sophomore Ailiyah Gilespie shattered the school record in the 100-meter hurdles (14.34).

Sophomore Emily Schnitkey also had a prosperous season for the Penguins as she smashed the school record in the 3,000-meter steeplechase (10:57.88) at the Sea Ray Relays on April 10th.



SCHNITKEY

Teammate Kurt Michaelis also left his mark in the record books in his final year in a Penguin uniform as the senior qualified for the NCAA Midwest Regionals in the 3000 steeple (9:06.57) at the Raleigh Relays earlier this spring.

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### Fat Head's fantasy all-star's

#### Fat Head Says

By MARK STEVENS  
The Jambar

**Bizzack in the Dizzay:** Remember when Eddie Murphy was funny?

**Fantasy Time:** So it all starts with me and Mandy Moore on a deserted island ... kidding.

Fat Head is feeling mighty fine after his fantasy baseball draft. Look at the lineup:

C: Mike Lieberthal — *Poised for a breakout year.*

1B: Jim Thome — *Good for 40 jacks and 120 ribbies every year.*

2B: Jeff Kent — *I know he's getting old, but he still puts up fantasy numbers.*

SS: Edgar Renteria — *Speed, solid stick, overall as good a fantasy shortstop as you can get outside of A-Rod.*

3B: Mike Lowell — *Just hoping last year wasn't a fluke.*

OF: Albert Pujols — *Top three player in the game today, might be an all-time great by the time he's through.*

OF: Andruw Jones — *Underrated at the plate only because of how good he is with the leather.*

OF: Aubrey Huff — *Don't sleep on Aubrey Huff. Don't you dare sleep on Aubrey Huff.*

UT: Carlos Lee — *Laughing? You wouldn't be if you saw the stats. That power and 20 steals? Hell yeah.*

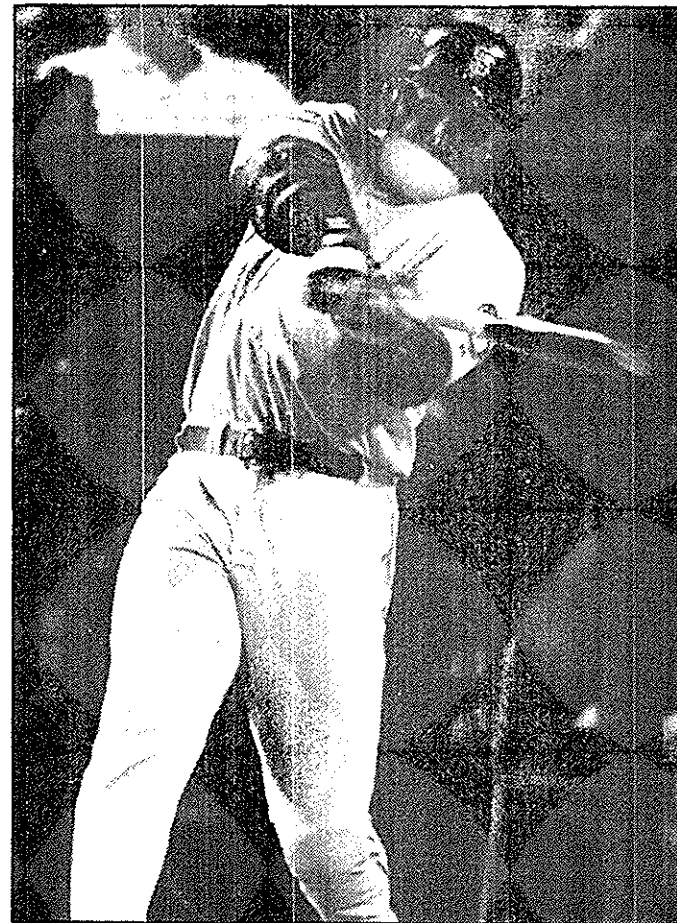
UT: Jason Giambi — *Protected in a deep lineup. Won't have to try too hard.*

UT: Magglio Ordonez — *One of the sweetest swings in the game.*

SP: Tim Hudson — *I just hope the A's can score some damn runs.*

SP: Roy Halladay — *He's a horse that just flat out wins.*

CP: Eric Gagne — *I need to mention anything here? 55 saves*



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Shut up and hit the damn ball.

last year plus he looks like someone Fat Head would love to sit down and have a beer and some wings with.

One word: stacked. Fully stacked. Daddy's sitting pretty. With this being what me and The Commish label as the dearest damn sports season of the calendar year, you just have to have something to keep interested.

And don't even mention the NBA playoffs to me. It takes quite a bit to take away my appetite, but watching NBA basketball is as easy a way as exists.

I don't even have a clever lead for this one: A hockey player deported for a murder plot in the same week that a MLB player finds a dead body on his property?

**Shut yo' Mouth:** Barry Bonds is doing exactly what he needed to do to shut up all of his accusers. Goin' yard and

swinging a big stick.

In a six game stretch ending Sunday, Bonds went yard six times and hit .700-something. Yeah, I don't think you find that in a bottle.

**Quote of the Week:** On ESPN.com's "Stump Page 2," a reader submitted the following:

"If Kobe Bryant and Mark Chmura went on a double date, would there be any chance that the girls' names wouldn't be Mary-Kate and Ashley?"

What more can you say? How do you even add on to that?

I consider myself a clever person, chockfull of observational humor, but sometimes you just tip your hat and admire.

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McCloud and his wife traveled to California last August and took two people to lunch at Wolfgang Puck's signature restaurant, Spago.

McCloud said he and his wife took former YSU student and national recording artist Bill Bodine and his wife to Spago, where they dined on \$15 bowls of Gazpacho and \$24 salads, coupled with \$7.50 bottles of water to thank them for past contributions to YSU and to solicit them for more.

McCloud also billed the university for a \$25 cookbook: "Live, Love, Eat! The Best of Wolfgang Puck."

"The reason we went to Spago is because he owns a recording studio in Beverly Hills and the last time I was there he hosted me at Spago," McCloud said. "It was an appropriate gesture."

McCloud said Bodine gave the College of Fine and Performing Arts \$5,000 and has persuaded other graduates to give.

"He was instrumental in raising \$50,000," McCloud said. "If you look at the return investment, going to Spago is a modest thing. I really care about these kids and don't give a damn about going to lunch at Spago."

A week after Bodine and McCloud dined at Spago, McCloud said Bodine came to YSU at his own expense to design the new recording studio in Bliss Hall.

At a dinner meeting the day after the Spago dinner, McCloud ate with his wife and two others, including university donor Wayne Cliffe. The bill at Cedar Creek Inn in San Juan, Calif., totaled \$170.

McCloud said he and his wife stayed at a condominium owned by Cliffe, who has given the College of Fine and Performing Arts a \$100,000 donation.

The university paid \$1,215 for McCloud's three-day California trip and McCloud's wife paid for her own airplane ticket.

"I pay when she comes with me on trips but occasionally she gets a free meal out of it," McCloud said.

## China

Last March, McCloud took a trip to China with four YSU faculty members and the director of the McDonough Museum of Art.

McCloud's China expenses cost

the university \$2,396, including \$174 for a rental van in Hawaii.

"When you deal with a 20-hour trip to China, it's tough to be functional if you don't make a stop," McCloud said. "It's a nice side benefit."

While in China, McCloud visited Fudan University, which he said is one of the most prestigious research institutions in China.

"It's not a luxury to go on a plane to China, it's a necessity," McCloud said. "If somebody finds it to be a problem, it's their problem, not mine."

"Universities are supposed to get people upset. It's part of our jobs. If people want to argue the point, here I am."

## Hawaii

McCloud said the van in Hawaii was to cart the four other travelers and their luggage.

He said he and the others stopped in Hawaii to visit leaders of the East-West Center, which is headquartered there.

On the Hawaii-China trip, McCloud was accompanied by Noah Midamba, interim administrator of the Center for International Studies and Programs; Tod Porter, chair of economics; Leslie Brothers, director of the McDonough Museum of Art; and Greg Moring, associate art professor.

Porter said the group went to China to recruit Chinese students to come to YSU. He said the trip was beneficial but wishes the recruiting went better.

"Some of it has been disappointing because we wanted more Chinese students in our program," Porter said.

Porter said the stop in Hawaii was made because McCloud wanted the group to have a better understanding of China before they got there and to interact with the staff at the East-West Center.

"It was great for the faculty to have the opportunity to get into their programs but it was more on his (McCloud's) agenda than on my agenda," Porter said.

McCloud's only Hawaii receipts for which he received reimbursement was the van and a breakfast.

## Others' spending

When the university's other top administrators traveled, most stayed within the university's rules allowing employees to spend \$38 for food each day when they are at selected cities and \$26 for meals in Ohio.

Maraffa, Sweet's other special assistant, said he could not comment about the travel practices of any other university official, but said that he adheres to a strict budget when he is using public funds.

"When I'm traveling on the university's money, my responsibility is to get the most out of the budget that I'm in the restrictions of," Maraffa said.

From January 2003 to January of this year, Maraffa spent \$389 in university funds traveling to meetings in Cleveland and Columbus.

"I travel to professional conferences mostly related to my discipline," Maraffa said. "I live by my principles but I can't comment on what other people do."

Cynthia Anderson, vice president for student affairs, made nine trips for the time period analyzed.

Her trips cost a total of \$6,097. Her most expensive meal, \$51, was at a San Francisco Chinese restaurant last September, when she picked up the check for herself and a colleague.

Her most expensive hotel was \$185 a night in March 2003 in Hilton Head, S.C., when she attended the Association of Marketing Theory and Practice Conference.

Vice president for Administration John Haba's travel reimbursements show that he spent \$4,348 of university funds on 14 trips during the year analyzed.

His most expensive hotel stay, \$159, was at the Radisson Suite Resort on Sand Key in Clearwater Beach, Fla., in February 2003.

Provost Atwater took 15 trips, which totaled \$5,707. Atwater's most expensive hotel was \$198 in Columbus at the Hyatt

on Capitol Square in November 2003. Atwater once exceeded the university limits when he spent \$24 on lunch for himself and a colleague.

## Other Ohio schools

Linda Dobb, executive vice president of Bowling Green State University, said she once refused to stay at a San Diego hotel where a conference was being held because the room charge was too high. When she realized that she did not need to be present at the meetings, she said she cut her trip short and went back to the university.

"I could have stayed but that's two nights in a hotel," she said. "I try to balance the university's needs, and I felt it was more important to be on campus at the time."

"I try not to travel unless there is an absolute need to travel," she said. Dobb said this is not the time for university administrators to be spending funds on travel.

"The state budget is tight and travel should be driven by necessity," Dobb said. "In the scale of things, my travel is of medium importance and state budget cuts have been too much."

She said she is taking a trip to Tokyo for university business in July but will not have the university pick up her tab.

"I'm paying for that myself to save the university money," she said.

At Ohio's Miami University, Steve Snider, executive assistant to the president, said he believes employees of state universities have a duty to guard taxpayers' dollars.

"Employees of state schools are held at a higher standard and I would expect any person on that level to set the examples that they are supposed to."

McCloud said that what he spends is planned and part of an overall strategy.

"My job requires building relationships and not hustling people," he said. "You have to be respectful, patient and build relationships."

McCloud said the College of Fine and Performing Arts has a strong mandate that requires him to be making connections with successful working professionals.

"Fine and Performing arts doesn't do amateur," he said. "We prepare people for professional roles."

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**"Universities are supposed to get people upset. It's part of our jobs. If people want to argue the point, here I am."**

— **GEORGE MCCLOUD**  
Dean, College of Fine and Performing Arts

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explained, was a "if you rub my back, I'll rub yours" situation that basically stated that if you do these sexual favors for me then I will do this for you.

The second type is what he called a "hostile environment" where any type of unwelcome conduct takes place. He considers touching or grabbing any sexual body part to fall under this category and stressed to take action.

"The absolute worst thing you can do is nothing," Chatman said.

Eckman then discussed YSU students' perspectives on the policies. She said students could possibly be uneasy about going to the appropriate authorities because of the recent publication by The Jambar of a student's name involved in a sexual harassment case on campus.

"Students do not want to come forward when the last name is given," Eckman said. "The university needs to protect the privacy rights of the students."

Smith, who agreed with Chatman that sexual harassment is hard to distinguish, had proposed a bill in the past concerning his views on students having relations with their professors.

"I believe that professors should not have sexual relations with students," Chatman argued. "But the committee rejected my proposal."

The panel then discussed whether to include lessons on sexual harassment in English 1550 classes. Eckman said that she would push for it.

"Definitely, I'd be for it, but it is hard to determine appropriate relations between faculty and students," Eckman said.

Finney concluded the meeting by stating that from the historical perspective, sexual harassment matters have changed drastically.

"Everybody treated these matters conservatively back then," Finney said. "People became more sensitive to this behavior and began to set up controls."

Although he admitted that harassment issues have changed, Finney also said that he is unsure of what is to come in the future concerning the issue.

"There is a history to this situation and I'm not sure if any of us can predict where it will go in the future."

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## Documentary hopes to give Youngstown better look

By SARA ROTH  
The Jambar

Good old Youngstown. A city whose legacy includes shuttered steel mills, mayhem and the mob.

And since the 1960s, Youngstown has been known as "Murder City, USA," a nickname acquired because of the numerous bodies the Mafia dumped into nearby Meander Reservoir.

With a history like Youngstown's, it seems the former steel boomtown will never shake the reputation as a breeding ground for political corruption, mob influence and economic desperation.

But six YSU telecommunications students, with video cameras in hand and a vision, set out to portray Youngstown's history in a better light, even if it was said to have more Mafia influences than any other city between New York and Chicago.

To tell the story of Youngstown's past, the six students created a documentary featuring several local prominent figures discussing biases against the city.

"In the Shadow of the Mob" reviews Youngstown's infamous past, including its relations with organized crime. The documentary has a unique view: one that looks into the history, sociology and popular culture of Youngstown's struggle with its identity.

"We really tried to focus more on the sociological side of organized crime in the Valley," said Tony Orcena, director of the documentary. "It's [the documentary] really about why Youngstown lives in the shadow of the mob, hence the title, and what we need to do to step out of that shadow and regain our identity as a community."

The documentary takes the ideas of distinguished community members and allows them to flow into one another, giving the feeling that the viewer is taking part in an hour-long town meeting about organized crime.

Granted, the blood and guts history works its way into the documentary at times; the students felt that people's views and opinions about Youngstown were most important.

Associate history professor Fred Viehe, Ohio professor of the year Sherri Linkin, attorney Don Hanni, Congressman Tim Ryan, Mahoning County Prosecutor Paul Gains and U.S. Sen. Dennis Kucinich are some of the community's movers and shakers featured in the documentary.

"It's not done by people across the country, but instead by people who grew up in Youngstown for either most, or all of their lives," Kris Doran, the documentary's producer, said. "One can only have a grasp of Youngstown and its history by living here."

The documentary idea came about last semester when Orcena voiced his opinions to a telecommunications professor about problems within the major. He said the major prepares students for work with broadcast news, but doesn't give students a chance to be creative.

Amy Crawford, telecommunications professor and adviser of the documentary, gave the students their chance to be creative.

"The students took initiative with this project," said Crawford. "They have put their time, energy and resources into the documentary, and I think it really shows on the screen."

Along with Orcena and Doran, Matt Pagac, executive producer; Matt Patoray, technical director; Meagan Anderson, sales and promotions; and Andy Fabian, camera operator, have been hard at work on the documentary since December 2003. The students worked together to research the topic, conduct interviews, videotape, edit and promote the documentary on their own.

"In the Shadow of the Mob" will air 8:30 p.m. Monday, April 26 in Bliss Hall's Recital Hall. Tickets are available at the box office on the first floor of Bliss and admission is free.

"Hopefully YSU students and the rest of the community find the documentary more insightful than past attempts to cover the subject," Orcena said. "Most have unfortunately ended up slandering Youngstown. We want this to be something that will leave residents talking for a while."

Call Sara Roth at (330) 941-1913.

## University retires ROTC touchdown cannon

By CHRISTINA POE  
The Jambar

A Youngstown State University tradition sits patiently in the ROTC office at Stambaugh Stadium not far from its normal position on the south end of the field awaiting its formal discharge from duty.

As synonymous to the university as Pete the Penguin, the beloved cannon that has sounded more than 1,000 blasts over 15 years of YSU football will be retired this month.

Assistant military science professor and retired Col. Roderick Hosler said the cannon's retirement stems from a safety issue.

Hosler said the "Pen Gun" was the brainchild of former coach Jim Tressel and YSU ROTC alumnus Carl Nunziato.

Hosler said the two men wanted to bring a unique element that would create a new tradition and add extra excitement to YSU football games.

Hosler said the "Pen Gun" barrel was constructed by the William Rayen College of Engineering and the wheels crafted by an Amish carpenter.

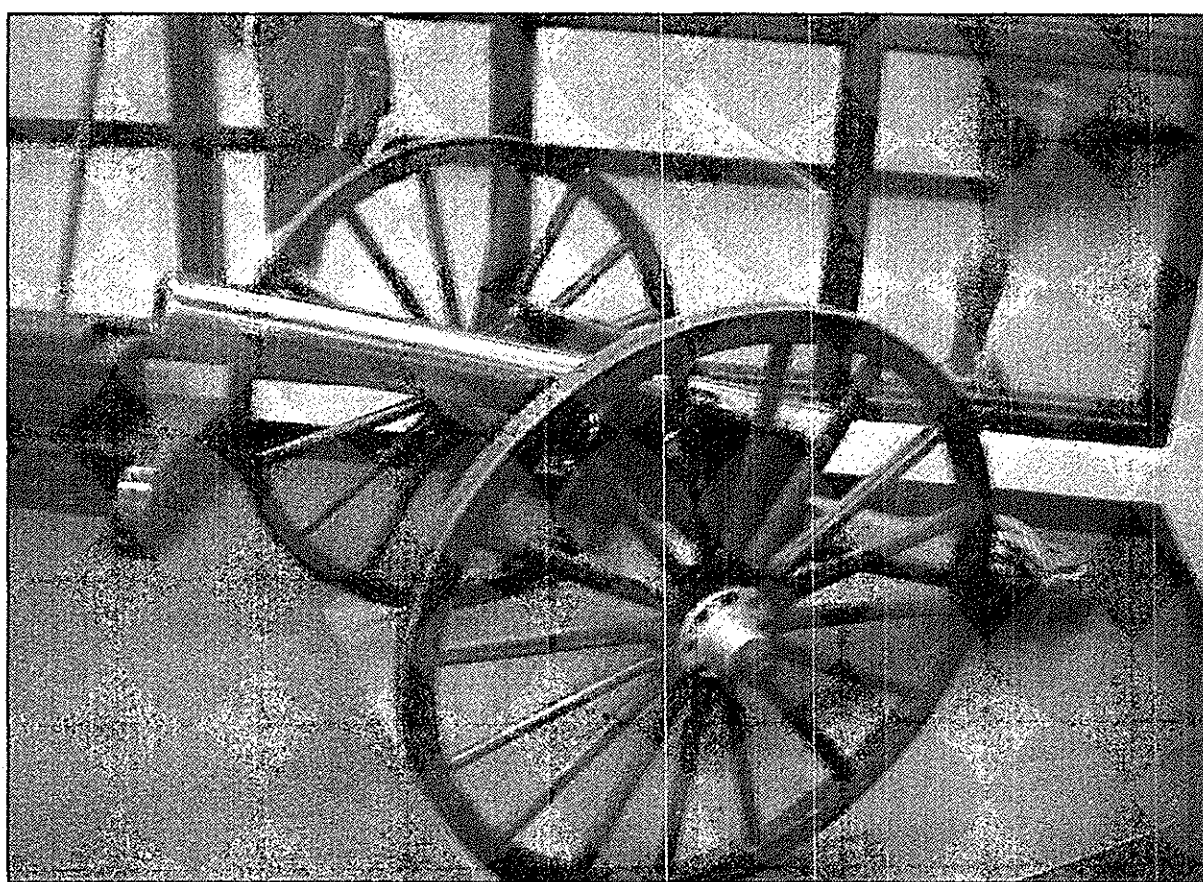
Dedicated in November 1988, Hosler said the half-scale Civil War cannon replica placed YSU in the company of only five other universities across the United States that also fire cannons at games.

"It adds more excitement to when a touchdown is made," Hosler said. "The cannon is something extremely peculiar and special to YSU."

However, Hosler said the university's insurance company remained "gun shy" and would not certify the cannon's safety because it is a locally fabricated item.

The YSU administration informed ROTC at the end of January that the cannon could no longer be operated.

Hosler said the decision left the YSU community with the echoes of the Pen Gun's blasts at the last YSU



Christina Poe/The Jambar

PEN GUN: The ROTC cannon is as synonymous to the university as Pete or Penny the Penguin.

game as its farewell.

Hosler said this decision came as a reaction to worries over the safety of cadets operating the cannon and surrounding spectators.

Nunziato said metal fatigue over many years weakens metal pieces and said he understands concerns for the safety of the cadets and spectators should the cannon malfunction.

However, Nunziato said the retirement of the "Pen Gun" is a "sad situation and breaking of tradition."

Although senior and ROTC cadet Dan Rodriguez said he has never shot off the cannon, he noticed it added additional thrill to the games, especially for children.

Junior and ROTC cadet Matt Dunleavy, who has operated the can-

non, agreed and said children always ran up to the cadets and would ask "When are you going to shoot the cannon again and make the car alarms go?"

Dunleavy added that the cannon's retirement is "a shame" and that the "Pen Gun" contributes more to YSU than just excitement, noise and smoke.

"It brings military heritage and history to the games played now in the present," Dunleavy said.

Dunleavy said the possible absence of any cannon at future games could leave a noticeable gap to those fans expecting to hear the familiar boom with every Penguin touchdown.

Hosler and Nunziato both agreed and said steps are being

taken to insure the "Pen Gun" tradition continues.

Hunziato said he create a committee focused on discussing different options and organizing fundraisers to raise money to purchase a new cannon.

Hosler said he has talked to the owner of Connecticut company Cannon-Mania, who said he could make the cannon, add a safety device and certify its safeness for \$4000.

Hosler said the retirement and deactivation of the cannon would be acknowledged at the ROTC awards dinner April 30.

Call Christina Poe at (330) 941-3523.

## YSU theater department shows its 'Underpants'

By BILL RODGERS  
The Jambar

The latest project for the Youngstown State University theater department is a bawdy farce that is so coarse and irreverent, you can't help but laugh your ass off.

What else could you expect from a Steve Martin play titled "The Underpants?"

The play takes place in 19th century Germany. It follows the life of a lonely housewife, Louise Mask, and her bureaucratic, chauvinistic and macho husband, Theo.

The comedy begins with an accident on Louise's part. As she stands in the park watching a

parade by standing on a bench, her underwear falls down around her ankles.

As she bends over to pick them up, she inflames the passions of two different men, Herr Kohen and Herr Verseti. The two men both decide to pursue Louise by renting a room in her home. A bitter feud begins between the two right under the nose of Louise's ignorant husband. The humor of the play explodes onstage as Louise is being pursued by three different men at once.

"The Underpants" is a Blackbox production run by YSU students who are in charge of every aspect of the play without the help of professionals or faculty.

Senior Alex Stavrou, director, commented on

the differences between a Blackbox production and the other YSU plays he's been in.

"It's a hands-on approach that will help me decide which direction I want to take in grad school. With a normal play, you have a chance to learn from professionals. With a Blackbox play, we learn from our mistakes."

Stavrou pointing out the stage lighting overhead.

"Take those lights for example. No one really notices it, but those are a bitch to set up. Normally we have a professor design the lighting, but with Blackbox we do all of that

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Carano said he is perplexed by OSU's stance. He said universities are not obligated to buy the permit or change their current tailgating rules and regulations.

"It has absolutely nothing to do with them," Carano said.

Carano said YSU has a history of non-violent "blue ribbon" tailgating.

"This bill gives the right to groups over 21 to enjoy a fun afternoon with family and friends, as they have been doing peacefully for years at YSU," he said.

YSU police Chief John Gocala said he understands that some people are concerned because they believe the bill promotes alcohol abuse.

"If necessary, if we need more officers to go in there (tailgate lots), then they will," Gocala said. "If an underage person goes in there, I'll call the liquor agents."

Rep. Charles Blasdel, D-1, said the bill could only benefit universities by limiting exposure to lawsuits.

Blasdel said the bill is a necessary step in ensuring the long-standing tailgating tradition at YSU, as well as other universities.

Sen. Robert Hagan, D-Youngstown, said the permit would not fester a dangerous atmosphere, but instead would create a safe environment.

"The situation would be more controlled and restrictive and would prohibit most type of troublesome behavior," Hagan said.

Although not a fan of public drinking, Hagan said he would support any bill that encourages game attendance and benefits the community and university.

Carano said the bill has a lot of support in the committee and the legislature, but its progress has been stunted by OSU and KSU's opposition.

Gocala said he does not know why OSU and KSU are opposing the bill.

"Let those of us who want it (the permit), those of who want to minimize our liability, let us have it," Gocala said.

The committee will vote on the bill next week.

Call The Jambar at (330) 941-3095.

### News in brief

#### PACER will become part of campus

It has recently been announced that four new Presidential Academic Centers for Excellence in Research (PACER) will soon become part of the Youngstown State University campus.

The centers will individually cover the areas of hydraulics, environmental studies, electromagnetics and advanced numerics.

These centers are part of the PACER program, which began at YSU during the 1997-98 academic year.

Faculty are allowed to propose research projects and receive three years of university funding. YSU is providing \$328,500 in funding for these new additions. The centers are to seek outside funding and are expected to eventually become financially independent from the university.



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## FEAR THE MULLET

Fat Head's take on VH-1's top 40 hair bands of all time.

Say what you want about the hair bands of the 80s and early 90s, but at least they lived, played and rocked in a well-defined era.

Rockin' arenas and living the rock star life was all they wanted to do.

Since I can't seem to find anything current worth reviewing for you, I thought I'd take you on a trip down acid-inspired, Aqua Net-marketed, teased hair, ripped

jeans, screaming guitar solos, men in more makeup than a RuPaul concert, buxom video vixens and glam-slam rock memory lane.

VH-1's countdown of the greatest hair bands of all time should be required viewing for people of all ages. Music with an identity? What happened?

Since I'm limited by space, I'll save my words for the top ten bands. Here's a list of the bands that I love that didn't crack the top

ten: Extreme ("More than Words"), Mr. Big (I think my first slow dance ever had "I'm the one who wants to be with you" as the soundtrack. Sherry Fulmer, wherever you are, I still think of you when I hear this.), W.A.S.P., Europe ("Final Countdown"), Scorpions, Great White, Whitesnake and Ratt.

But it's tough to argue with the top ten, hosted by Dee Snider wearing a "Fear the Mullet" shirt.



DEE SNIDER

**Slaughter** - Slaughter was all about the look. They were prettier than most 80s porn stars, that's for sure. The music was OK, but there isn't really anything here that makes you reminisce.



**Def Leppard** - DL started off their segment relaying a story about the time Phil Collen (not "In the Air Tonight" Phil Collins) talking about the time the boys fell out of his ripped up jeans. Guess that could be a downfall to pioneering fashion that involved destroying clothing. Besides that, DL put out some of the greatest stadium anthems of all time. "Rock of Ages" and "Pour Some Sugar on Me" are the kind of tracks that you crank up regardless of whether or not you're riding around with your future in-laws. You rock out to "Rock of Ages." It's the law.



**Cinderella** - I don't even feel like discussing this. They call it theatrical and glamorous. I call it closet homosexuality. It's OK. Be who you are. I won't judge. God. Even the band name suggests ... never mind.



**Motley Crue** - I'll let the band members themselves describe these hair band bad boys. Vince Neil: "Our point in life was to see how f---ed up we could get." Nikki Sixx: "We didn't care if we had a hit record or if we died." Nuff said. By the way, is it too late to have Eminem live up to his promise of having Obie Trice stomp Moby? Why in the hell is he on my TV talking about Motley Crue?



**Poison** - Well, I guess if it has to be anyone, it might as well be Poison. But watching the footage, I have to wonder if they win for being the best or the most ambiguously gay. It's a toss-up at this point. I mean, how come WHAM! didn't make the list?



**Twisted Sister** - Sebastian Bach called Dee Snider "Mae West on acid." I guess that's the best you can say for the "we don't give a f---" rockers of the hair band era. Dee Snider may be the world's hardest drag queen. I don't know. And I'm not willing to conduct a scientific study.



**Warrant** - "She's my cherry pie ... tastes so good, make a grown man cry." You don't get much more hair band than "Cherry Pie." Plus the busty, buxom Bobbi Brown makes the video for "Cherry Pie" the most blatantly sexual music video ever. And while we're talking about hair bands, we have to talk rock ballads. Every band has one, and Warrant's best was as good as any of them. The video for "Heaven" may have featured more white leather than at a bovine KKK rally, but everyone you know knows the lyrics and they all sing along like they got baby blues and teased, palm tree hair.



**Bon Jovi** - It's tough to remember, but the Bon Jovi of the past few years isn't even close to the hockey hair sporting Jersey rockers of the 80s. Just watch the "Runaway" video. Is that really the same guy who sang "It's My Life" a couple years back? By the way, shouldn't there have been a constitutional amendment barring Bon Jovi from recording anything they did that was later than the stuff on the "Crossroads" album?



**Quiet Riot** - they faded fast. Talk about going out as fast as you came in. Sure, everyone knows "C'mon Feel the Noise," and most people know that they had the first metal album to ever hit number one on the Billboard charts, but Bet you didn't know singer Kevin DuBrow played at the Golf Dome in Girard a few weeks back. Of course you didn't. You couldn't fill a phone booth with the people that showed up.



**Dokken** - I won't lie. Dokken made absolutely no impact on me. Even after watching their segment, I can't figure out for the life of me how they made the top ten. They used the word "androgynous" at least six times to describe themselves. It's the perfect word for the off-effeminate time period. It's just fun to watch them say the word. Can't you just imagine the first time someone said that word to Don Dokken, the band's front man? He probably smacked them.



Fat Head is too busy listening to "Photograph" to care one bit about your phone call. But you can leave him a voicemail at (330) 941-7811. He loves the 80s and he loves you, but unless you're in close contact with Warrant and can get him Bobbi Brown's number, don't disturb his rockin'.