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Speech covers plans for campus

BY COLLEEN HAVENS
The Jambar

Youngstown State University President David Sweet spoke of the master plan, academic program development and campus planning activities at his Campus Conversation Tuesday.



SWEET

Sweet started out the conversation by talking about the "good" news.

The "good" news dealt with the Campus Master Plan, which includes the West Campus Gateway. Sweet said this included the groundbreaking for the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center, a renovated and expanded bookstore and the West Spring Street corridor.

"The great thing about the recreation center is that a group of students steered the course of planning for the center," he said. "It is a win-win situation; the students asked for it and the community responded."

Sweet talked about the newly expanded bookstore, which he said will have greater visibility and will be open to the community as well as the students. He said the West Spring Street corridor will bring gateways into campus from Wick and Fifth Avenues.

Sweet said the past week has been "good."

"We had the Salerno signing ceremony to celebrate YSU's relationship with Salerno University in Italy," he said. "Judge Nathaniel Jones came to speak about the Brown vs. Board of Education, we had the Latin Arts Explosion, and the AAU Basketball Tournament was held."

Sweet added that we have had quite a few good weeks this academic year and said he is proud of the academic successes YSU has seen in the past year.

He said four new faculty positions have been added for the 2004 to 2005 academic year and over 20 faculty have been hired for 2004 to 2005.

Sweet then spoke about the new academic program development at YSU.

The new programs include Master of Science degrees in Computer Information Systems, Science Education and Social Work, a Bachelor of Science in Forensic

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Campaign comes to town



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CAMPAIGN: Democratic presidential hopeful U.S. Sen. John Kerry made a stop in the Valley Tuesday. Kerry hopes to create more jobs in areas like Youngstown.

Kerry said his main focus would be rebuilding the nation's economy.

BY ELIZABETH TABAK
The Jambar

The normally quiet, near empty Federal Street in downtown Youngstown was filled Tuesday morning with brightly colored signs, American flags and hundreds of cheering people.

As U2's "In the Name of Love" blared from a speaker, the crowd's cheers became even more excited. Faces in the crowd became blurred in the midst of waving red, white

and blue banners with the words "Vote Kerry for President."

Within minutes, a bus bearing the sign "Jobs First Express" stopped on the corner, and a smiling U.S. Sen. John Kerry stepped into the crowd waving and giving the thumbs up sign.

As a light rain began to fall on the near frenzied crowd, Kerry stepped up to the microphone.

"We're tougher than the rain," Kerry shouted.

The crowd's whoops and hollers began to die down as they settled in to hear what Kerry had to say. As part of his three-day tour through West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Michigan, U.S. Senate hopeful Eric Fingerhut, U.S.

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TEAMWORK: U.S. Sen John Kerry shakes hands with U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan Tuesday at a downtown rally.

Eckman says term was best in history

BY COLLEEN HAVENS
The Jambar

With her sandals kicked off and her feet tucked under her, Emily Eckman sat in her office in Kilcawley Center and looked back upon her year as President of the Student Government Association.

The end of this semester will mark the end of Eckman and Adam Vukovic's term as president and executive vice president of SGA. Angela Mavrikis and James "J.T." Holt will take on the roles next year.

Eckman took a moment and reflected on the past year in which she said she and



ECKMAN



VUKOVIC

But, there were some

exceptions. Some of their goals, Eckman said, are continuing battles. One such battle was the bulk rate — changed last year from 18 to 16 semester hours for full-time.

Vukovic said he would like to see some resolution with increasing the bulk rate back to the original 18 hours and said he knows that next year's body will work hard on that issue.

His hope for next year's body comes from the successes of this year.

Eckman described the body as a little family that made her proud, and they are the people who should be taking credit for everything.

"It made me proud to see how people grew into their leadership roles," she said.

Eckman said she hopes her successors will carry on the legacy they started this year in SGA.

"I can confidently say this has been the best year for SGA since it has been on campus," she said. "I challenge Angela and J.T. to pick up where we left off."

Vukovic agreed and he said he knows that Mavrikis and Holt will both motivate and inspire their body to continue forward and tackle "real" student issues.

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SGA stays active in final days

BY CHRISTINA POE
The Jambar

Business ran as usual in the Ohio Room Monday as the Student Government Association held their final meeting of the academic year.

While still focusing on certain ongoing issues, non-returning members also took the time to share their memories and wish luck to new and old representatives.

Financial Appropriations chairman Bob McGovern discussed the progress of the Internet radio station.

McGovern informed the body that over the summer the needed steps, such as finding disc jockeys and setting rules and regulations, would be taken by the Radio Station committee to get the station up and running for fall semester.

McGovern also mentioned that a roadblock had appeared on the station's horizon.

Although there were no problems registering with BMI and ASCAP, McGovern said they have not been able to locate the contract Youngstown State University

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President hopes students return

BY CHUCK ROGERS
The Jambar

University President David Sweet said he hopes graduates will leave YSU with more than just prospects for a good job. And, he hopes they'll come back.

With a picture-window view of blossoming campus trees from his office, Sweet talked about what he thinks departing students have gained from their experience at YSU.

"I hope they take a way an education that equips them to compete in the global job market," Sweet said, adding that not all learning is confined to the classroom.

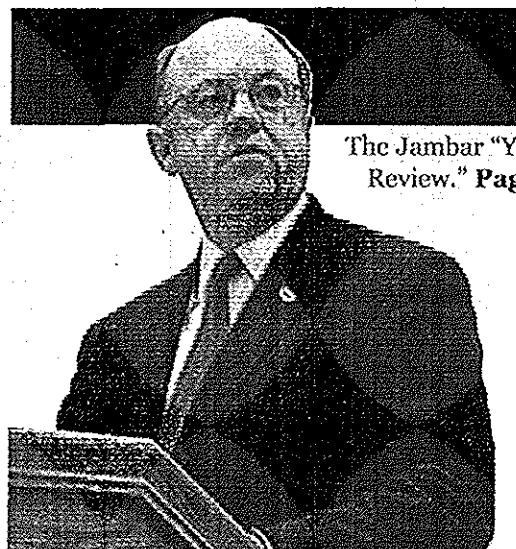
He said he hoped students took advantage of the entire learning environment, includ-

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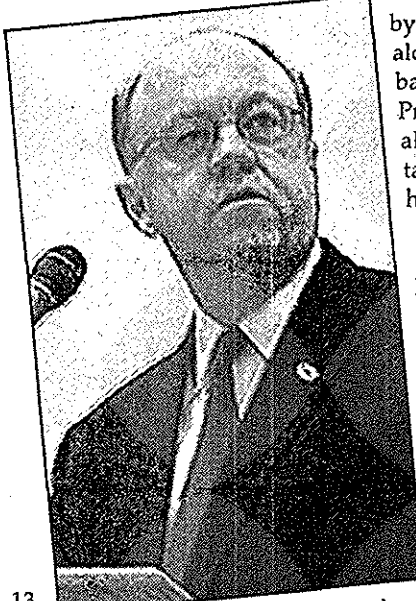
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A Year in Review...

A look back at the stories that made the headlines in the academic year

A Jambar Investigation — The Sweet Deal: The perks of being the president: A look into some of University President David Sweet's spending practices drew questions and challenges from students and others. The investigation showed that Sweet spent more than \$55,000 of YSU funds traveling and entertaining from Sept. 2002 to January of this year. Both the YSU Board of Trustees and Sweet have asked the university's internal auditing firm, Packer Thomas, to investigate his expenditures.



by allowing people to bring alcohol to tailgate lots for football games. University President David Sweet banned alcoholic beverages during tailgating at the final Penguins home football game.

And the power just keeps on coming:

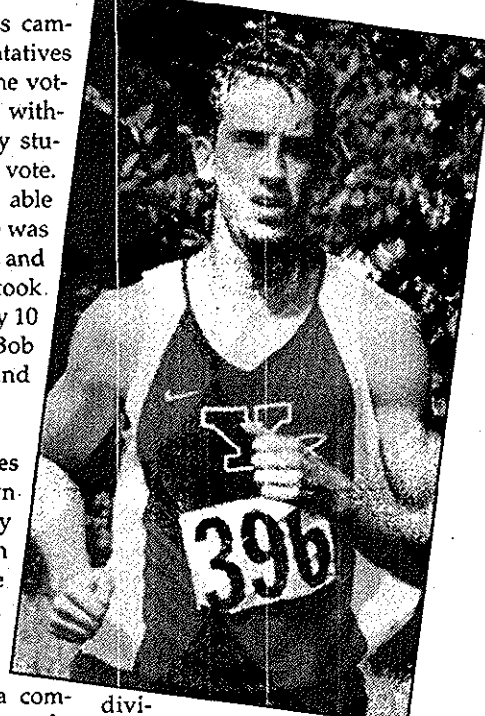
In February, The Jambar reported the many jobs of University Vice President for Administration John Habat. Habat now has control over 15 different departments, including budget, internal auditing, facilities, police, motor, maintenance, human resources, janitorial, telephone services, grounds, environmental health, general counsel, parking, the mailroom and legislative relations. Earlier in the year, Habat was also named interim assistant general counsel.



HABAT

tions caused chaos across campus this year as representatives decided to switch to online voting. The system was not without its glitches and many students were not able to vote. The students that were able were not sure if their vote was counted. Angela Mavrikis and James "J.T." Holt took the election with only 10 votes more than Bob McGovern and Amanda Mielke.

Track team takes title: The Youngstown State University women's track team won the Horizon League Indoor Track Championship in March.



The men's and women's squads broke a combined five records and brought home eight Horizon League Championships. The win was the women's first indoor conference title.

The year of the professor: This academic year, the university had its share of controversies, many surrounding its professors.

It began with Raymond Beiersdorfer, the associate professor of geological and environmental sciences who "dropped his pants" at the Canfield Fair last summer. Beiersdorfer was found guilty of disorderly conduct and fined \$50.



BIERS-DORFER

A few months later, it was learned that Dr. Gary Fry, professor of anthropology, violated his probation. Last year, Fry was arrested and found guilty of using a weapon while intoxicated and unauthorized use of a vehicle. Fry was sentenced another six months probation after his violation. Earlier this month, Fry sent his resignation to university administrators. His contract expires May



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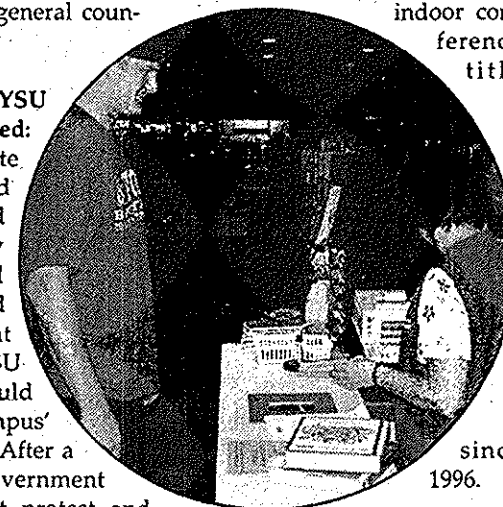
University officials are investigating whether William Bruce Neil, professor of human ecology, falsified his credentials. Neil received his master's and doctorate degrees from La Salle University in Louisiana — an unaccredited institution shut down by the FBI in 1996. Gall & Gall — the Dayton-based company hired by the university earlier this month to check the credentials of employees — failed to confirm any of the jobs Neil listed on his resume.

In a report released last month, Jimmy Myers, the director of the office of equal opportunity and diversity, released a report recommending that Professor of Human Ecology Robert Campbell be fired. The 74-page report alleges that Campbell sexually harassed one of his students.

The somewhat-end of a tradition: In October, The Jambar found that Youngstown State University had been violating state law

The YSU Bookstore is saved:

Youngstown State University Board of Trustees and University President David Sweet announced in December that the current YSU Bookstore would remain as the campus' main book seller. After a Student Government Association silent protest and petition, the board unanimously agreed to not outsource the bookstore to one of two other competing companies, The Follett Company and Barnes and Noble.



since 1996.

So long: University administrators have decided not to renew Terry Ondreyka's contract.

Ondreyka has been with the university since 2001. The elimination of Ondreyka's position is part of three administrative changes. Ondreyka's former

division, Financial Affairs, will be merged with the administration and report to university Vice President for Administration John Habat.

A battle to the end: Jambar editorial pages were smothered with letters from angry students and faculty from January to March concerning President George W. Bush's active role in banning gay marriages. Religious scriptures and tales of "coming out" echoed dozens of student and faculty complaints and praise for Bush.

Groundbreaking: Just last week, the university broke ground for the John S. and Doris M. Andrews Recreation and Wellness Center. The \$12.1 million facility is set to open in the fall of 2005 and is the first public university recreation center built completely from private funds.

They said it...

A look at some of the year's most memorable quotes.

— James Watson, Nobel Laureate, when he spoke to students, faculty and staff in Ward Beecher:

"I think for a woman to choose any trait she wants is just stupid. However, all genetic decisions should be left to the woman; leave state and religion out of it, and she can ask the father, too, if she knows who he is."

"If they told me they would patent it, I would say 'f--- you.'"

— Hugh Chatman, executive director of Human Resources:

"I think the question is whether (Human Ecology Professor William Bruce) Neil may or may not have slipped through the cracks."

— Michael Finney, president of the YSU-Ohio Education Association, about the university's use of private donations for the purchase of alcohol:

"I certainly don't object to alcohol. If you're going for donations, I guess it's a good idea to get them a little sloshed."

— William Binning, chairman of the department of political science:

"The bottom line in both counties was that people were in a bad mood when it came to taxes."

"It is hard to beat a guy who was shot by the mob," Binning said about the reelection of Mahoning County Prosecutor Paul Gains.

— William Bruce Neil, professor of Human Ecology:

"I got one heck of an education whether they were accredited or not."

— George McCloud, dean of Fine and Performing Arts, on his travel expenditures investigating by The Jambar:

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

— Rachel Blazak, freshman, speaking about midterm examinations:

"I probably should be studying more, but I don't. For one test, I studied about 10 minutes, and then got invited to a party and was told I could study there, but instead I just got drunk, and watched football and now I have to drop that class."

— Daniel Griesemer, junior, on the debate of gay marriage on the editorial pages of The Jambar:

"I am begging — I am pleading — make it stop."

News in brief

Dialogue selects book

The Freshman Readers Dialogue will begin its third year with a book written by a Harvard University professor. "The Vanishing Voter: Public Involvement in an Age of Uncertainty" by Thomas Patterson, Bradlee Professor of Government and the Press at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government, studies the decline in American voting. Provost Tony Atwater and the FRD committee selected the book due to the upcoming presidential elections. Patterson will give a speech sometime in October. The event will be accompanied by a series of faculty forums and an FRD essay contest with scholarship awards.

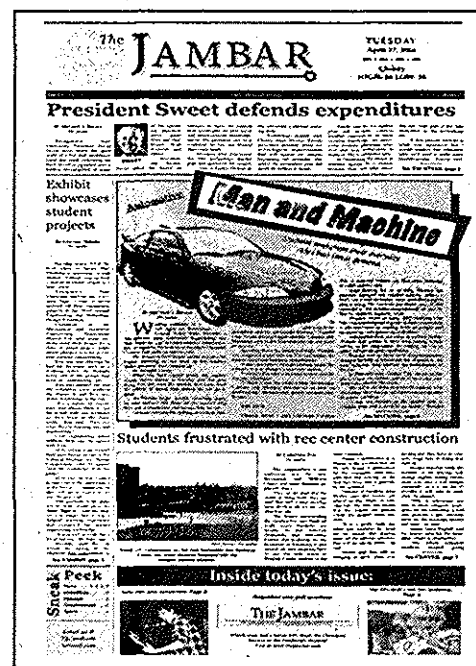
Lacrosse season wraps up

The Youngstown State University Lacrosse Club is preparing for its final game of the season. The Penguins will be facing four-year rivals Bethany college. The game will be played Saturday, May 1 at Stambaugh Stadium. The game will begin at 2 p.m. and admission is free.

Meeting set for Tuesday

An informative meeting will be held for the Ohio Student Education Association Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the BCOE advisement office Room 2101. The OSEA is open to all education majors. The meeting will discuss member benefits such as first-year teacher-student dues rebates, professional workshops, professional publications and liability insurance. Free pizza and pop will be available. For more information contact Mary Lou Weingart at (330) 941-3728 or Crystal Hawthorne at (330) 941-3270.

The Jambar racks up awards



The American Scholastic Press Association recently named The Jambar one of the six best college newspapers in the United States to enter its competition. The Jambar received first place with special merit in the ASPA's annual newspaper competition. The ASPA judges its contest using a point system. It awards first place with special merit to college newspapers that scored over 900 out of the 1,000 total points available. The Jambar earned 970 points. The Jambar also received honorable mention for "Newspaper of the Year" from the Associated Collegiate Press at its National College Newspaper Convention in Las Vegas in March.

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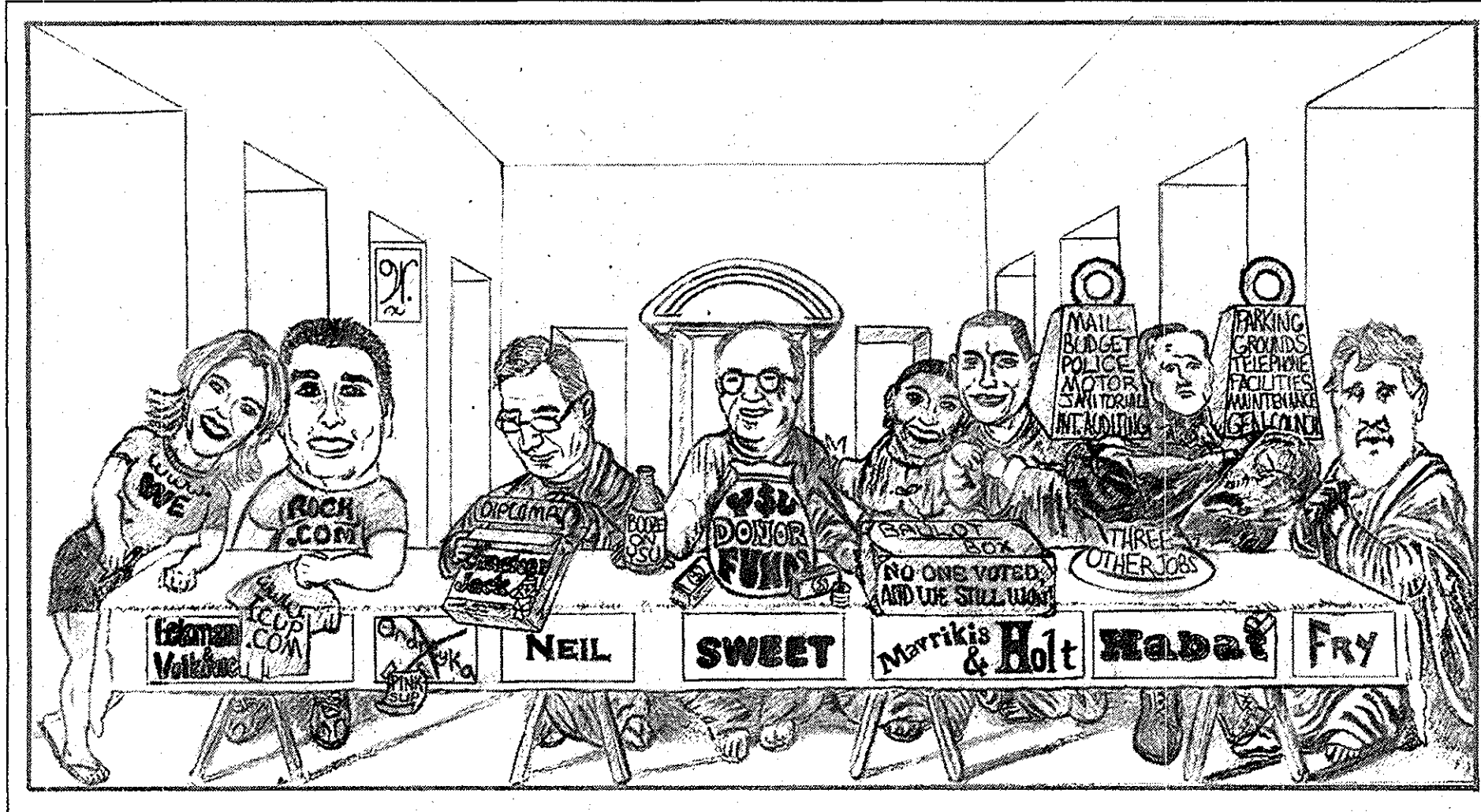
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YSU'S LAST SUPPER



Today's Editorial

Officials must address issues facing YSU

For our last editorial of the academic year, we would like to address issues facing the university next fall and spring semesters.

Youngstown State University, like every institution in the country, is not without its share of problems and achievements. The following is how we believe university officials should address some of the major issues facing our campus:

Professor Problems

The university's top priority should be establishing stricter and clearer policies concerning the conduct of YSU professors. It was a bad year for faculty between the dropping of pants at the Canfield Fair, violating an already existing probation, possibly falsifying credentials and allegedly sexually harassing a student.

YSU's Professional Conduct Committee needs to not only address the above instances, but also draft specific policies citing the repercussions for university employees when misconduct is involved.

There is no doubt that YSU has some of the most educated, professional and dedicated professors. However, the actions of a few can hurt the many. When a faculty member acts inappropriately, there should be consequences.

Spending

With severe cuts in funding from the state, university departments and offices have cut their spending dramatically. In the coming year, everyone on campus must do more. This university cannot

afford or allow its employees to spend its funds irresponsibly. Everyone must play a role even if it is just using less paper from the copy machine.

In addition, the Board of Trustees, Sweet and other administrators must outline appropriate spending policies for university employees. This is not a time to be excessive, but rather a time to be frugal.

Development

This year brought the groundbreaking for the Andrews Recreation and Wellness Center, a wireless

pilot in Maag Library, the opening of the Courtyard Apartments and much more.

We encourage the university to continue to bring such projects to campus. A line of caution: When these projects are executed, new plans will need to be created. Remember as you are completing projects, others may await you.

Tuition

We realize this subject has been beat to death on every editorial page in the country, but it is the one major issue facing every institution.

YSU students cannot afford another tuition increase after the 8 percent to be enacted this fall.

We beg for all to think of alternatives now. We can predict tuition will increase again come fall 2005.

But that does not mean that officials can't try to ease the students' financial burdens.

Lobby, fundraise and battle until the students are satisfied that every avenue was exhausted.

Commentary

Editor's final goodbye to Youngstown State University

BY ANGELA OLIN
The Jambar

Last year, former Jambar editor Henry Gomez humored us with the very first Jambar film to help us remember the events and people of 2003. I contemplated writing the Jambar sequel for this year's goodbye column, but unfortunately I'm not as clever as Gomez — a sappy goodbye is

more my style.

In two weeks, I will join hundreds of other YSU students at commencement to receive my degree. In my four years at YSU and my three years working at The Jambar, I've made my share of friends (and enemies, in some cases.) But the friendships, experiences and lasting memories established during my higher education will stay with me long after I walk

away from my desk at The Jambar this week.

Now, as I sit here writing this column, fathoming how it's possible that I'm going to be a college graduate, I have to take the time out to praise, thank and honor those that have helped me along my way.

So here goes my list of thank you's and goodbyes.

Alyssa Lenhoff — my adviser and mentor for The Jambar and life. I'll never forget the day I cried in your classroom, saying I couldn't be a journalist and I was switching my major. But like you did with so many others, you encouraged me to hold on. The advice you gave me in the past three years will continue with me for the rest of my life. You were my teacher, my mentor and my friend. I would never of had the opportunities, strength or courage I've had or will have without you. You are the embodiment of a "good soul." Thank you.

Henry Gomez — my friend and favorite boss. Even though you've already graduated, I never officially got to thank you. You are a true inspiration to all young journalists at YSU, or at least you are to me. Whether it was preaching about nut graphs, leads or AP Style, you educated me on the nuts and bolts of reporting and writing. You were not only my boss, but also my friend. What you taught me the most, though, was the ability to fight the good fights and keep the pressure on. Thank you.

Jami Boninsegna — my friend and journalism partner. You also left this university one year ago, but you certainly deserve recognition. From news reporting to editorial and opinion writing, we were partners in crime working our way up at The Jambar. I

remember us saying as beginners entering the journalism program, "When we take over The Jambar, we'll make everything different." And I believe we did. But besides being former coworkers, I consider you a life-long friend. We had a rough year last year — deaths of close family members and the list went on — but we all helped each other through it. You are an absolutely amazing, talented woman. Thank you.

Elizabeth "Keck" Tabak — my understudy and friend. So this is it; it is your time. Next year, you will take reign as editor in chief of The J-bizzie. I have no doubt in my mind that you will bring this paper to its next level. One of the greatest things about The J-unit — the one thing that outweighs a lot of the bad on some days — is the special friendships you can make while working at the newspaper. You are that friend. You are a beautiful person — all you need is a little more confidence to see how amazing you really are. Thanks for always making the newsroom a fun place to be. Oh, and for thinking I'm your friend! HaaWIIAAT? HaaOKAAY!

B.J. Lisko — the rock star. Well, we've worked together for two years now, caused some problems — I don't think anyone will ever forget the summer of boobs and beer in The Jambar — but mostly we've had fun. There's only one thing I have to say: thank you for never causing drama. Have fun in life and in your words "kick ass!"

Mark Stevens — the unforgettable Fat Head. As stubborn, close-minded and a pain in my ass you could be at times, there's no one quite like you. I admire you for always speaking your mind and being the adult in The Jambar when we really needed one.

You helped me see situations in a light that I had no idea existed. You're a phenomenal writer and friend. Take care of Beth for me. Thank you.

Josh Boggs — The Jambar success story. You have grown from a beginner sports reporter to an awesome writer and news reporter. There's also only one thing to say to you: Don't get naked!

Christina Poe — Jambar success story numero deuce. Coming to YSU and The Jambar this year, I have seen you develop into a reporter and writer. You definitely have the beginnings of a great journalist. Stay away from those Brits! Crazy!

Michael J. Balale — the Greek. Thank you for always causing some sort of drama. In all seriousness, though, you have really come far this year. You have developed into a lead reporter and writer for this paper. Good luck this summer as news editor.

Olga Ziobert — The Jambar's business manager. I would like to apologize for all of the disruptiveness my staff and I have caused you this year. Thank you for putting up with us kids and our crazy rap music.

A token of appreciation and thanks to my family for putting up with four years of my stress, bitchiness, and everything else that came along with school and this job. I love you all!

To all of my teachers — there are too many to name — that have educated and inspired me, thank you.

Goodbye Youngstown State University.

Call Angela Olin at (330) 941-1991.

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Letters to the Editor

Sweet's character crumbling faster than dessert

Editor:



One year ago this week I wrote on this page that if YSU were a movie, actor Jon Voight (mean football coach in "Varsity Blues") would be cast as President David Sweet, mean university president. It was, as Bertram de Souza might say, a very tongue-in-cheek piece of writing, although I worry I may have jinxed the great John Ritter by casting him as John Habat.

But that's besides the point, and so are several of the letters that have been coming into The Jambar, not to mention the asinine comments mean President Sweet is making to The Vindicator. Hell, if we're talking

Hollywood, now he sounds like one of the villains from "Scooby Doo." Picture Dr. Sweet grumbling: "And I woulda got away with it, too, if it weren't for those meddling kids at The Jambar."

Here is the point. No one is questioning whether Dr. Sweet did something illegal. Shady yes. Illegal, nah. If anything, the president has found what just about every other savvy public official has before him: a way to manipulate the system.

What needs to be questioned is Dr. Sweet's character. In his years at YSU, Dr. Sweet has consistently asked professors, students and staff to do more with less. He lowered the bulk rate from 18 to 16, forcing cash-strapped students to pay rising tuition for additional semesters. He pled poverty, begging for everyone to bear with him.

He deserves props, without a doubt, for his vigorous fund-raising efforts. But I have to say, after a taste test of Toasted Head this week, I would be just as inclined to give the same amount had Dr. Sweet served me a cheap glass of White Zin or a Pabst Blue Ribbon beer instead. People should donate because they want to, not because they've been wined and dined by a university that supposedly is broke. That's why Dr. Sweet's asking for the money in the first place, right?

To be sure, it would be utopic to think the world worked that way, but is it too much to ask the university's president to do more with less, as he's asked everyone around him to do?

It'd also be encouraging if Dr. Sweet would quit publicly blaming The Jambar for the investigation he

now faces. And let's stop with the semantics. An investigation is an investigation, unless of course Dr. Sweet would prefer the word "probe" — and that's just nasty. It also appears that the president lied to The Vindicator. He says he never bought a blooming plant, but a receipt says otherwise. It's a question of character. Dr. Sweet's is crumbling faster than one of Pat's homemade desserts. Props, by the way, Mrs. Sweet, for baking and not forcing your hubby to spend excessively on sweets.

Oh wait, he did spend excessively on Sweets, didn't he?

Henry Gomez
Jambar editor emeritus (2003)

Campus faculty, staff back McCloud

Editor:

This is in response to the Michael J. Balala story "Dean says travel is part of strategy" in the Thursday, April 22 issue of The Jambar.

It is true that George McCloud has a strategy for the educational experience for faculty, staff and students at Youngstown State University. That strategy involves getting this community of scholars out and into the world. For too long, the guarded vision of YSU as a regional institution has limited us not only geographically, but also in our thinking and understanding of how the world works. As educators, we know there is no better way to learn than direct experience. Dean McCloud's association with the East-West Center (on the campus of the University of Hawaii) and contacts in China have created life-expanding hands-on experience for many in the College of Fine and Performing Arts, the McDonough Museum of Art, International Studies, and the Williamson College of Business.

Those of us who have traveled to China with Dean McCloud, or supported him in his efforts to do so, have been inspired by his vision. We support him in his efforts on behalf of Youngstown State University.

The crux of the matter is that facts are interpreted, and any interpretation is largely dependent on context, balance, and complete information.

As colleagues of George McCloud, we regret the accusatory nature of the story, and the presentation of the "facts" in a manner that appears to sensationalize and persuade the reader to interpret that something wrong has been done.

Finally, we believe that raising the awareness of students and faculty to other countries is critical given the growth in international trade and the opening of societies, such as China, that were previously closed to the United States. We look forward to participating in serious dialog on the importance of these issues in the next academic year.

Richard Mitchell, Professor of Art-Beijing, China-2002

Corinne Bishara-Bako-student, Photography-Beijing, China-2002

John Pascarella-student-Photography, Beijing, China-2002
Glen Schaff, Associate Professor of Percussion, Beijing, China-2002

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Greg Moring-Professor of Art-Nanjing, China, 2003

Christine McCullough, Assistant Professor of Art-Nanjing, China-May 2004

Leslie Brothers, Director of McDonough Museum of Art, China-2003



Continue to support our troops

Editor:

I'd like to address Susan Easter who responded to my letter. I honor and appreciate your father's service and your support of him and the others who fought.

I find it ironic that people are saying President Bush lied, but don't back it up. If you're referring to the WMDs, don't forget our intelligence agencies weren't the only ones who claimed Iraq had them. Germany, France and Russia — not to mention the U.N — thought so too. It's very difficult to find these weapons in a large country. To put it in perspective, there are pictures of our forces digging up buried MIG aircraft, ten feet below the surface. Think about the size of burying an aircraft and compare that to trying to find trailers, barrels or vials.

Please don't distort my words; patriotism and military service do go together. I never stated that if you weren't in the military you weren't patriotic. My thought is more people should consider going into the military and college at the same time.

Professor Tabak, I want to thank you for your service to our country and for being an influence on our children as an educator. Our politics may be different, but my respect for you is real. If you knew how the National Guard and Reserves programs work, you'd know that it is possible to be absent for an extended period with the commander's approval. It happens constantly, even in today's world. Trying to find someone who remembers someone thirty years later is a bit difficult. Do you remember who sat in the back of the room in any classes you took in school?

President Clinton's lies didn't kill anyone? Two words for you, Somalia and Bosnia. You state we are less safe today because we spent money on the war. Al-Qaeda is in Iraq, or haven't you seen the news? Over 700 dead in war is tragic but part of what we do, and I question your non-combatant casualty statistic. Remember over 700 people died in a week in Vietnam.

I appreciate everyone's opinion, even though I may not agree with them, as they may not agree with mine. May we all continue to preserve our rights and freedoms together. Please continue to support the troops fighting and keep the memories of those we've lost in your thoughts and/or prayers.

Bruce R. Zimmerman,
MSgt, USAFR
911th Security Forces
Squadron

The Jambar gave wrong implications

Editor:

Years ago a student came to me in tears. She was failing a course and had asked the instructor if she could do extra credit, such as a paper. He put his arm around her, gave her a squeeze, and said "Oh, Suzie (pseudonym), you can think of something better than that to do for extra credit!" Additional comments made his meaning clear. She hurried to her next class where another student asked why she was upset. She told the story, omitting the name, and he replied, correctly, "I'll bet it was Professor X." She asked me, "What if I have to retake the course with this professor?" I assured her that she would pass. She asked how I could be so certain. "Because when he assigns grades he'll remember what he said, worry, and want to keep you happy." I encouraged her to complain officially, but she chose not to. She received a passing grade and graduated.

Why don't women come forward with such complaints? Recent events illustrate the reasons. A student made a complaint. The Jambar printed her name and implied that her allegations had ulterior motives. The accused instructor, an OEA member, has free legal counsel; if the student wants legal advice, she'll have to pay. Her

faculty advisor, to whom she turned for help, has been investigated and attacked. A Jambar reporter asked department faculty their opinions of the alleged harasser. The reporter didn't ask the faculty about the student.

The complainant has been in my classes. She is one of the best students I have ever had. She gained nothing from coming forward except grief and the satisfaction that

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future students may be protected from such abuses of power. Sexual harassment does not usually take place in front of witnesses. The question is the credibility of the parties. I believe she is truthful.

Sexual harassment cannot be eliminated unless victims make complaints. The Jambar's coverage of this case discourages women from doing so. There has been a lot of outrage in The Jambar concerning a faculty member who may have questionable credentials. Where is the outrage about a student being sexually harassed? Where is the editorial praising this young woman's courage

and the university's responsiveness? Where is the investigative reporting on this issue? Ask women to tell their stories.

Dr. Janice Elias
Associate Professor
Human Ecology

President defends accomplishments

Editor:

Most people appreciate the complex responsibilities of a university president. While it is obviously not an easy job, it is an extremely rewarding opportunity to serve.

Two aspects of the job that have assumed increasingly important and time-consuming roles are fund-raising and governmental relations.

In nearly four years at the helm of Youngstown State University, I have led efforts in raising \$15.4 million for the university, more than three times the amount raised in the four years prior to my arrival.

This money has directly benefited our students and advanced a vision of YSU that is becoming a reality. We broke ground April 19 on the new \$12.1 million Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center. It will be the only privately-financed student rec center at a public university in Ohio.

We also have raised more than \$1 million for scholarships, money that helps students offset increasing tuition costs, and we have increased endowment funding to enhance our academic programs.

Under my administration, YSU also has stepped up efforts to be an active participant in government affairs. It is necessary for us to develop strong ties with public officials, the governor's office and the Ohio Board of Regents so that the university's interests are fairly represented in Columbus.

This year, I have chaired the Inter-University Council of Ohio, which consists of the presidents of Ohio's 15 public universities and medical colleges. As a result, YSU's voice has been

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heard in higher education circles. And, we have received several millions of dollars in state discretionary funds over the last two years. While driving to Columbus on a frequent basis can often be tedious, it does, in fact, pay off.

Developing trusting, lasting friendships and partnerships with potential donors and government leaders is not something that happens overnight; it requires an investment of time and money.

That means, on occasion, entertaining prospective donors — sometimes with a handful of people and other times with several hundred — at my home and on campus.

There are, obviously, costs associated with such events. The Jambar calculates that, in respect to entertaining at my home, the cost was \$34,000 over a 17-month period, or \$2,000 a month. Balance that with the \$15.4 million we have raised in the last four years, and I think it represents an excellent return on investment.

A recent review of the YSU Office

Student organization deserves credit for involvement

Editor:

I find it interesting that there is an entire article dedicated to the Latin Arts Explosion held at YSU, yet there is no mention of the only YSU student organization that was even involved in the whole event in the full page article. How can you do a write up on

an event held at YSU in which YSU plays no role aside from being the primary location?

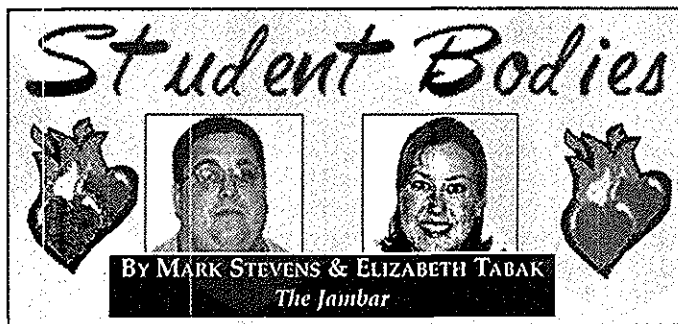
"Mi Gente," the only student organization involved in the event, not only had displays with arts and craft projects held in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center, but we also made all of the centerpieces used for the dinner

at the Latin Arts Explosion, set up all the tables, had displays at Stambaugh, and there were even members of our organization who were the announcers for the event. We do realize that we are a new organization and you may not have known we were even a part of it. But for future reference, it may be beneficial

for you to actually attend, research or be a part of the events you're writing about in order to cover all of your bases. Thank you

Niqui McElrath
President
Yolanda Velazquez
Vice-President

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



His Side:
It's a tradition, you see, for the writer of "Student Bodies" to use the final column of the year as a goodbye. But since both Beth and I will be returning to The Jambar staff next year — don't worry, we won't be doing this column together again — we'll just go ahead and take a little time out to say thanks.

My thanks go out to the following people, in whatever order I want.

To Her Majesty, Angela Olin, my EIC — Truth be told, you can be a real pain in the ass. But thanks for believing in me enough to allow me to join your editorial staff even though I had no experience. Thanks for seeing past the caustic, unrelenting and occasionally offensive exterior that I have enough to consider me a friend. There's no one I would have rather worked under this year.

To Countess Alyssa Lenhoff, "the adviser" — This is a great thing you've got going here. You've turned a fledgling program into something special. Thanks for giving me the worst senior project imaginable and for making sure that I get a chance to learn a strange language with lots of clicking sounds. Just kidding. You've been quite supportive, even when I tell you I hate journalism.

To Bradlee "BJ" Van Lisko, The Commish — What can I say really? Sometimes you look at two people and you can't for the life of you figure out why they click so well as friends. I guess that's us. The underground, punk-metal, hell on wheels musician masquerading as a page designer and the sometimes-too-ghetto-for-his-own-good loudmouth with an opinion about everything. Who would've thought? Anyways. We're far from done. We've got golfing galore to do and OzzFest in the works. Next summer: Vegas, baby. Vegas. Done right this time.

To "Happy" Dan Griesemer — You helped me more than you should have with my senior project. You're good people, Dan. No matter what Beth says about you. Thanks.

To Captain Cliché, Joshua Boggs, voted Most Improved on the 2003-04 Jambar staff — You thought this year was tough. Ha ha ha. I'm playing. Thanks for listening and not being above advice. Thanks for being so willing and eager to learn. I honestly think that the success you've had this year is the crowning achievement of the whole editorial staff.

To My Parents and My Sister — Thank you for everything. I have been around long enough to know that having you guys in my corner is the greatest single thing I have going for me. Your support of my dreams is without boundaries.

To Candace Brown — I promised you that I would keep you out of "Student Bodies," but I guess this is one promise I have to break. No list of thanks for this year would or could ever be complete without a mention of you. No one person — or any group of people — could ever compare to you in terms of the effect you have had on me as a person. I owe you thanks and apologies and gratitude more than I could ever put into words. Bottom line: I have become who I am thanks in no small part to the lessons that I have learned as your friend. You are perhaps the most courageous and

most caring person that walks the Earth today. I'd put you up against anyone in the category of friendship. Thank you a million times over. Everything is going to be OK. I won't break that promise.

To "Bud Light" Beth Ann Tabak, my future boss — Thank you for being willing to take a joke. Thanks for hiding with me when our "parents" were fighting. Thanks for watching "As The Jambar Turns" with me on a biweekly basis. Thanks for listening and being willing to forgive when I stepped out of line. Don't fret about next year; we all believe in you.

If I forgot anyone, deal with it.

Her Side:

WARNING: some of my content may not be as funny as Mark's. So, if you have a problem with that, stop reading.

It is safe to say that this academic year we, as a staff and as a university, have had our fair share of ups and downs. But, to tell you the truth, I would not trade any of this year's experiences for anything. These experiences and the people that I have met through them have honestly touched my life. They have had an impact on who I am now, and the role I will play in the future.

I know that I am not graduating, but I still feel that this is my chance to express some truly deserved gratitude. You can also bet your ass that I will take that chance.

Angela Olin, what can I say? I know I only think I am your friend, but you have taken me under your wing. You have constantly reminded me to believe in myself, and to take on my new responsibilities fearlessly. I refuse to believe you are bravely graduating to the "real world." Although, I am looking forward to taking over your desk, it looks cozy. You are a true friend and a role model. I am not sure there are enough words to express my appreciation for your patience, understanding and mentoring. We can discuss it at weekly meetings of you, me and the IC, and I will remember not to wear Old Navy.

Hi Alyssa. Don't worry, you just have one more year of daily affirmations with moi. I do appreciate them, though. You have truly guided me, and taught me appreciation of this crazy thing we call journalism. I think I might be catching on.

BJ Lisko, you are hilarious. Thank you for always keeping the mood light, and for keeping me in touch with all that is 80s hair bands. Funny story, I saw you-know-who outside and they said ... ha ha ha. Good luck next year.

Mark Stevens, one more year, buddy. Thank you for your support, and your sense of humor. I appreciate your right hook, and your amazing ability to make a bad situation good again. I love your jokes, and I am looking forward to another year of them!

OK, with all of that said, it is time for me to wrap this thing up.

I hope that our endeavors in this column have not been in vain. Even if this was just a diversion from your day, or something to complain about in between classes, I hope that you have gained something from it.

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Call Elizabeth Tabak at (330) 941-1989.

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ROCK 'N' ROLL DAMNATION

A farewell, rock 'n' roll style

By BJ LISKO
The Jambar

"It's a Rock 'n' Roll Damnation. As all what they thought. Rock 'n' Roll Damnation. Take a chance, while you still got a choice." — Bon Scott, AC/DC

Three years ago at this wonderful collegiate experience sometimes referred to as "The Jambar," I began writing a music column called "Rock 'n' Roll Damnation." I spewed forth a variety of bands 99 percent of you have never heard of. It was fun though. I enjoyed it. And I wouldn't change a thing about it.

You see as the illegitimate love child of the original bastard of rock Bon Scott and journalistic pill-popper Lester Bangs, I've kind of taken the live your life to the fullest, get loaded tonight and damn tomorrow approach. No matter how homosexual my love child reference may have sounded. But like Scandinavian rock greats Turbonegro, I'm not really swinging from that side of the plate, it's just for shock value.

AND SHOCK I DID.

One of the first columns I ever did included a scantily clad photograph of Nashville Pussy guitarist Ruyter Suys, wharfing down a beer while busting out the solo to AC/DC's "Bad Boy Boogie." You remember the one. That picture got so many of us through the summer. Maybe not the best of photos to include in a "newspaper" but effective and truly representative nonetheless.

I remember thinking how "rock 'n' roll" I was, until I asked our then editor Jami Boninsegna if the picture was okay to run, and like a heavy metal Satanist sacrificing a virgin to the demons of the underworld, her answer was a resounding yes. We still haven't recovered from the havoc of that hellacious summer afternoon.

KARMA IS INDEED A BITCH.

The dust never settled on anything down in The Jambar really. Jesus Christ himself, angry with our paganistic ways, unleashed a flood of epic proportions this past year on The Jambar office. Many staffers are still missing.

SENILITY IS A CRUEL BEAST.

Rock 'n' roll to most is sex, booze, pills, needles, four week benders and near death experiences. Working at The Jambar gave me a new definition of rock 'n' roll. Sure my eyeballs were constantly bugging out of my head but through no help of any little white powder. You think carrying your amp out of a club is tough at 2 a.m.? Try carrying an eMac out of your office after a 14 hour day, driving it an hour away, climbing eight flights of stairs and wondering if you're going to have to tell the university that The Jambar just "took the day off" because there's no paper.

I got ulcers from work. Drank to alleviate the pain of them. Which in turn made my ulcers even worse. Damn this place. Damn it all to hell. A non-drinking journalist is like a dog without a bark.

NO ONE LIKES THEIR SCHOOL PAPER.

Students set plans for summer

By CHUCK ROGERS
The Jambar

Freshman Shane Karas likes a good slice of pizza, and he's willing to go anywhere just to get it. Even to Chicago.

The long-distance pizza run is one of the more unconventional plans some of YSU's students have for their summer vacation. Although a few are taking time out for travel, increasing numbers of students are spending the warm-weather days working or in the classroom.

Sitting at a table in Peaberry's, Karas said the only reason for the trip is the pizza. But why Chicago pizza? "I've heard that it's good," Karas said.

He plans to fit his road trip into an intense summer schedule of sleeping and working.

"The main thing is sleep," he said, "because I've gotten no sleep this semester." Karas said he averages about 4 hours a night.

"It's the best," Merrick Shimp said about Chicago's pizza. Sitting at the same table with Karas, the fresh-

man said he is an experienced traveler.

Shimp said he plans to do a lot of traveling this summer. His destinations include New York City, Cancun, Aruba and Myrtle Beach.

Shimp said he's working this summer, too, but not enough to pay for the trips. He said his parents are helping him out.

However, not everyone has the time or money to take an exotic summer vacation this year.

Mike Hecker, a senior, is taking five classes this summer so that he can graduate in August. "I pretty much see myself going to school and reading books," he said of his summer plans. He'll be busy he said, "but it beats coming back here in the fall." Besides, he said, he gets to spend a week with friends in Florida after he's finished.

Money concerns force many students to work the entire summer just so they can afford to return in the fall. Diane Smith, another freshman, is paying her own way through college. "I'll work straight through the summer," she said.

And junior Jeremy Lydic, plans

to work all summer, too. "Tuition is going up and I have to build up my cash," he said.

Some students, like senior Renee Mistovich, just want to get some experience in their field through a summer job.

"I want to get a job I can use as an internship on my resume," she said. "Something to give me a little experience in a hospital setting."

Mistovich, who wants to go to medical school after graduation, said she would work as a medical assistant or even a file clerk to get her foot in the door.

But most students said they dream of the chance to spend a summer of leisure without work or school responsibilities.

Senior Greg Demovchek, who plans to spend his fifth summer working the midnight shift at Johnson Rubber Co. in Middlefield, Oh., knows exactly what he would do if he had the summer off.

"Drink and golf, that's about it," he said.

Call Chuck Rogers at (330) 941-1913.



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YSU'S FAVORITE GUITARIST: Ruyter Suys of Nashville Pussy. A little more clothed than the last time she appeared in The Jambar.

In the three years I've worked with The Jambar, we collectively changed a tabloid rag into a major player in the Northeastern Ohio news market. But you don't care about that.

You're mad 'cause Fat Head used the word "MILE" and because your team went 2-30 and never got any coverage. You're mad because you can't get loaded in the parking lot before the game. You're mad because The Commish confuses you with his CD reviews. You're mad because Angela Olin didn't run your ninth letter to the editor in a week. You're mad because we quoted what you said and you got in trouble, and now you deny ever having said it.

There are bigger concerns in life people. Be mad that 700 soldiers are dead in Iraq and the most talked about thing on Monday is what Jessica Simpson called tuna fish, or that Janet Jackson fell out of her top, or that Paris Hilton got railed on the internet.

Be mad that Bob Taft continues to cut education funds and somewhere a single mother raising her kid and trying to get a degree has to drop out because she can't afford to go to school anymore.

ΑΔΙΟΣ, ΑΜΙΓΔΟΣ.

To those I have shared this wonderful experience with, I wish you well. It's been an adventure to say the least. And again as Bon Scott said, "Take a chance while you still got a choice." Life truly is rock 'n' roll damnation.

Got an opinion?
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Nohra reflects on career as YSU trustee

BY COLLEEN HAVENS
The Jambar

Joseph Nohra answered the telephone with a cheerful, booming "hello?" When he started talking about his nine-year term as a YSU trustee coming to an end, his voice lost some of its cheeriness as sadness crept in.



NOHRA

Nohra, a Youngstown State University alumnus, said he has experienced many proud moments as a YSU trustee that he will miss when

his term ends May 1.

Of those moments, Nohra said one of the most important was his involvement in the opening of the University Courtyard Apartments as a member of the property committee.

He added that standing before the students at commencement as chairman of the Board of Trustees and introducing the commencement speaker was an immensely proud moment for him.

But Nohra's proudest moment of all came when his daughter, Joanne, received her master's degree from YSU and

as a trustee he was able to put her hood up.

"I have never been prouder," he said, his voice thick with emotion.

However, the outgoing trustee said that not all of the moments during his nine years have been pleasant such as the "gut wrenching" decisions to raise student tuition.

"It hurt so much," he said. Nohra said he would miss many things when he is gone. The things he will miss most are being involved with the university, being at meetings and just walking through campus.

One thing he said he

would not miss is union negotiations.

After nine years, Nohra said that in his heart he has accomplished everything he planned to. He said he helped balance the budget, generally achieved labor peace and helped in hiring a new president.

University President David Sweet said he has known Nohra since he became president of YSU, and complimented him as being extremely helpful to the university and to him personally.

"He has made an enormous contribution to our students and to the success of

many programs here on campus," Sweet said. "He will be sorely missed but I am sure I will be seeking ways to encourage him to continue participating with the university."

The outgoing trustee said that should not be a problem.

"I will always love YSU," he said. "I am a Penguin at heart."

Board of Trustees Vice Chairman Larry Esterly said he has never met a person more dedicated to student and faculty interests.

"Joe possesses outstanding leadership, and I hold him in highest regards," Esterly said. "He made a real contribution

to YSU and he will be very much missed."

As for the future, Nohra said he would keep busy by staying involved with St. Marion's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel churches in Youngstown, where he is ordained as a permanent deacon.

He said he will also spend more time enjoying his 13 grandchildren, with one on the way.

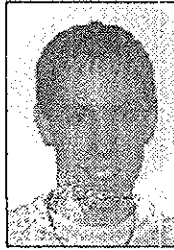
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Student trustee says goodbye to university

BY ELIZABETH TABAK
The Jambar

Walking from his last board of trustees meeting in Tod Hall, Matt Pastier reflected on the end of his two-year term as a YSU student trustee.

His term comes to an end May 1 — something Pastier said is approaching all too quickly. The graduating senior said he has made strong ties with the community, the students of Youngstown State University and each trustee.



PASTIER

"I am really glad I had the opportunity,"

Pastier said.

The opportunities and experiences of his term and his time as a student, he said, have prepared him for his future. After working closely with administrators and students, he said he feels that he is ready to take on any challenge after his graduation in August.

The criminal justice major said that his favorite experience working with the students was when he was able to raise wages for student workers. After being a student worker himself at the Center for Student Progress and speaking to others on campus, he realized how important it was for many students at YSU to make a decent wage.

"It was a good feeling after all of the work I put into it," Pastier said. "Doing something like that will help me in the long run."

Getting involved with the Student Government Association and being a three year member of the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity were just a few ways that Pastier was able to "network" with YSU students in order to bring their needs to the Board of Trustees' attention. He said he enjoyed getting to know students from many different backgrounds.

Pastier said he saw his dedication returned in full when students became involved in keeping the YSU Bookstore from being outsourced.

"It was great to see so many students so passionate," Pastier said.

Pastier now is looking to the future, and after graduation he said he would like to emulate the trustees by giving back to YSU and the community.

"I have learned so much from each of them, and it has been a true eye-opener realizing what an effect they have had on not just the university but the community."

However, as much as he is looking forward to graduation, he said he is also going to miss "just being a college student."

"I have had so much fun here, but it really is time to get ready to move into the real world."

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MINNEAPOLIS, MN -- President George W. Bush greets supporters and military personnel at the 394th Airlift Wing shortly before Air Force One departed Minneapolis, Minn. Monday.

Class schedule now available online

BY WILLIAM LEHN
The Jambar

Most students on the campus of Youngstown State University walk past Tod Hall without really knowing what goes on inside the hallways. For one student, Computer Science Senior Matt Shreve, it was where he helped make current and future students' lives a little easier.

Six months ago, under the direction of University Web site Manager Robert Tupaj, Shreve revamped the existing online Schedule of Classes into what he calls a "user friendly, interactive way to find your classes." The new schedule debuted April 16 and allows students to create a mock schedule and e-mail it to themselves.

"You can find your classes in seconds rather than take forever to look through the paper schedule," Shreve said.

The new Schedule of Classes was the result of efforts from Computer Services, Registration and University Marketing and Communications.

Executive Director of Marketing and Communications Walt Ulbricht said the goal was to make "the university experience to be as convenient and effective as possible."

"Our hats go off to Matt, he deserves a lot of the credit for the program," Ulbricht said.

Ulbricht added that the web-based solution to the problems of the printed version "made good sense."

Those problems came to a head last fall when the printed version arrived just in time for registration. Normally they were produced with a week's lead-time. Jean Engle, assistant director of Marketing and Communications, said YSU would continue to produce a print version.

"Everybody has their preferences and we want to make sure stu-

"If a class is cancelled or a room change is made, students will know almost as soon as it transpires."

— WALT ULBRICHT
Executive Director of Marketing and Communications

dent needs are met," she said.

Ulbricht said another perk to the online program is that it is updated everyday at 6:00 pm. The paper version was often outdated as soon as it came off the presses.

"If a class is cancelled or a room change is made, students will know almost as soon as it transpires," Ulbricht said.

Shreve added students have a searchable program that is available at the click of a mouse.

"No more trying to find a Schedule of Classes in Meshel or Cushman, plus you never run out of copies," he said.

Future updates include linking the schedule to SOLAR and registration, searching by professor, and differentiating between writing intensive and oral intensive classes.

How It Works

The new schedule is available from the main YSU Web site through the "schedule" link in registration and records. Once there, the user has the option to search for classes by days desired, even down to time of day preference.

The links allow the student to go directly to their college and see requirements for majors, as well as view the campus map to find the buildings.

The software also allows the student the ability to minimize one shopping cart of classes, say for summer, and look forward to what fall semester has to offer and go back to the summer cart without losing information.

"We want to make it a tool to organize your classes," Ulbricht said.

Ulbricht, Tupaj and other programmers are rolling out a new YSU home page Friday. From then on, you won't have to type ysu.edu and then click 'enter site.' What they have done is integrate two parts into one single home page.

"Our new page projects a more positive image of YSU with a more contemporary look," Ulbricht said.

The new home page will also include animated messages using flash message technology, allowing YSU to highlight certain aspects of the university that may appeal to prospective students.

"Both efforts reflect the concern of serving students better," Ulbricht said.

The new-look of Schedule of Classes seems to be working. About 1,496 student hits were recorded in the first week of the new program's existence.

"We want to know what students think of it," Tupaj said.

Student feedback on the new-look of Schedule of Classes and the new home page can be directed to the Web Manager at rtupaj@ysu.edu.

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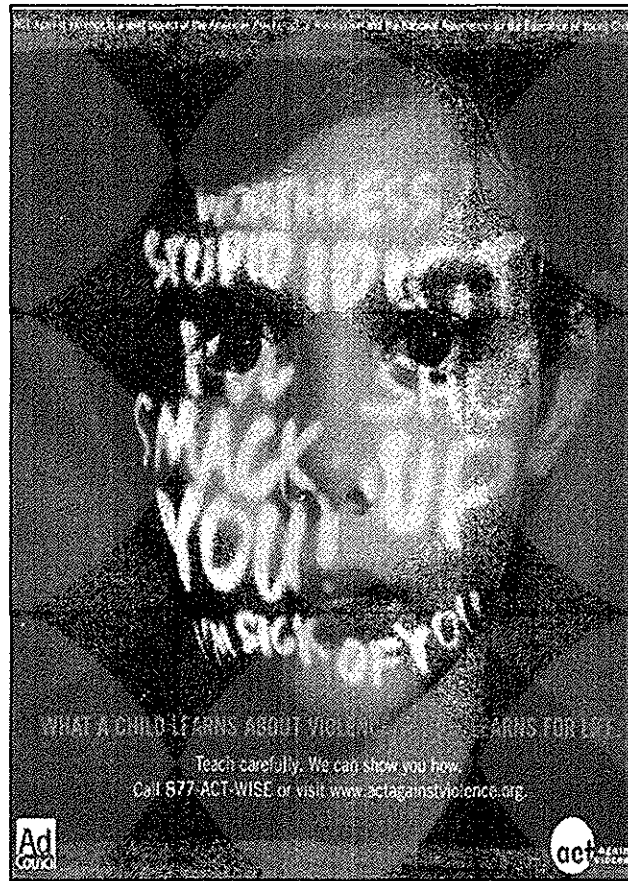
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Senate hopeful Eric Fingerhut, U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan, State Legislator Ted Strickland, Mayor George McKelvey and Stephanie Tubbs Jones joined Kerry.

Standing in front of union workers, city officials, Youngstown State University students and others, Kerry spoke of his plans for restoring the economy, creating more jobs and investing in higher education and health care.

Against a background of dilapidated buildings, the presidential hopeful compared his plans to those of former President John F. Kennedy's more than 40 years prior for maintaining the economy. He also spoke of the dominance of the manufacturing industry and steel mills in Youngstown.

"All that comes off of the line now are memories, memories of when America was still a titan," Kerry said.

Though Kerry cautioned that not every job can be restored, he said he will work to put the country's employment and manufacturing in the right direction.

"I'm not going to make promises I can't keep," Kerry said. "It is time

for us to stand up and fight back for our lost jobs."

As the crowds continued to cheer, the senator outlined his plans for creating a manufacturing jobs tax credit and reforming the country's international tax code by removing \$12 billion from overseas subsidies.

"We will bring [the money] here and use it smart," Kerry shouted. "We will use it to balance the budget, pay off the debt and invest in our education and healthcare."

Kerry also spoke of rising tuition costs and his hope to reduce them.

"If we make the right investments now, we can help people go to school and afford tuition."

As the event came to a close, Kerry looked over the sea of faces and political signs, stressing that the upcoming presidential election "is not about partisan politics."

"There is nothing more important than realizing we have to stand up and fight for common sense," Kerry said, his words barely audible above the cheers of the crowd.

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Science, an Associate Degree in Power Plant Technology, Adult Degree Completion and Early College High School, which he said he believes will be launched in the fall.

The Technology Master Plan, endorsed by the Board of Trustees, is part of the campus planning activities and was a topic at the Campus Conversation.

Sweet said this plan calls for an integrated plan for the use of technology to meet academic research, student-services and administrative needs.

"This will be campus-wide participation, which will allow for an increased number of multimedia classrooms, wireless networks and improved computer lab accessibility and

operation," he said. "We will also have the Equipment Replacement Fund."

Parking is also a major priority.

Sweet said the addition of 1,000 new spaces on campus will lead to ample and convenient parking and ultimately to the demolishing of the Lincoln deck.

Sweet ended the Campus Conversation by saying, "I can conclude after four years that this is the best public university in Northeastern Ohio and beyond for an undergraduate education and for selected graduate programs."

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Vukovic, who graduates in May and will be attending medical school at the University of Cincinnati this coming fall, said he enjoyed working with what he called a dedicated and motivated group.

He added that he also enjoyed learning about the how the university works and how students can assist in that process.

For Eckman, it was the friendships she established that made her enjoy her time as president so much.

"I made many friends this year and not just with the other SGA members but with the advisors as well," she said. "They were like another set of fathers to me."

As for the future, Eckman said she hopes to graduate next May. She said she just changed her major to communications and has one year left.

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made with the companies.

Moving on, Student Affairs chairwoman Angela Mavrikis spoke about her committee's decision against writing a resolution supporting the dining workers.

"Our primary goal is to do what's best for every student," Mavrikis said. "We just don't have anything to prove that all of those students want to unionize."

At the first half's end, the current SGA body "passed the gavel" for the last time.

As each member took the mallet in his or her hands, they praised SGA's successes and said their good-byes.

President Emily Eckman took the gavel from Executive Vice President Adam Vukovic for the last time and apolo-

gized to the body for being "so emotional."

Eckman thanked the body for their productivity and successes.

"It wasn't me, it was all of you," Eckman said and turned to new president Mavrikis. "It's all yours."

The meeting's second half had Mavrikis and her Executive Vice President James "J.T." Holt appointing members to their new positions.

Bob McGovern was appointed vice president of Financial Affairs. Shivani Jindal and Josh Taylor were elected vice presidents of Student Affairs.

Mavrikis also outlined her expectations for next year's representatives.

"I want a professional

atmosphere," Mavrikis said. "Representatives will be accountable for their office hours being time they use to get their work done."


Holt said he is optimistic about the future of next year's body.

"A nice mix can present new ideas," Holt said. "Those that are experienced will keep things in line and pass on their knowledge of the body's workings."

Mavrikis also mentioned that some representative seats were open in all of the colleges except Fine and Performing Arts. Applications are in the SGA office and will be accepted through June 4.


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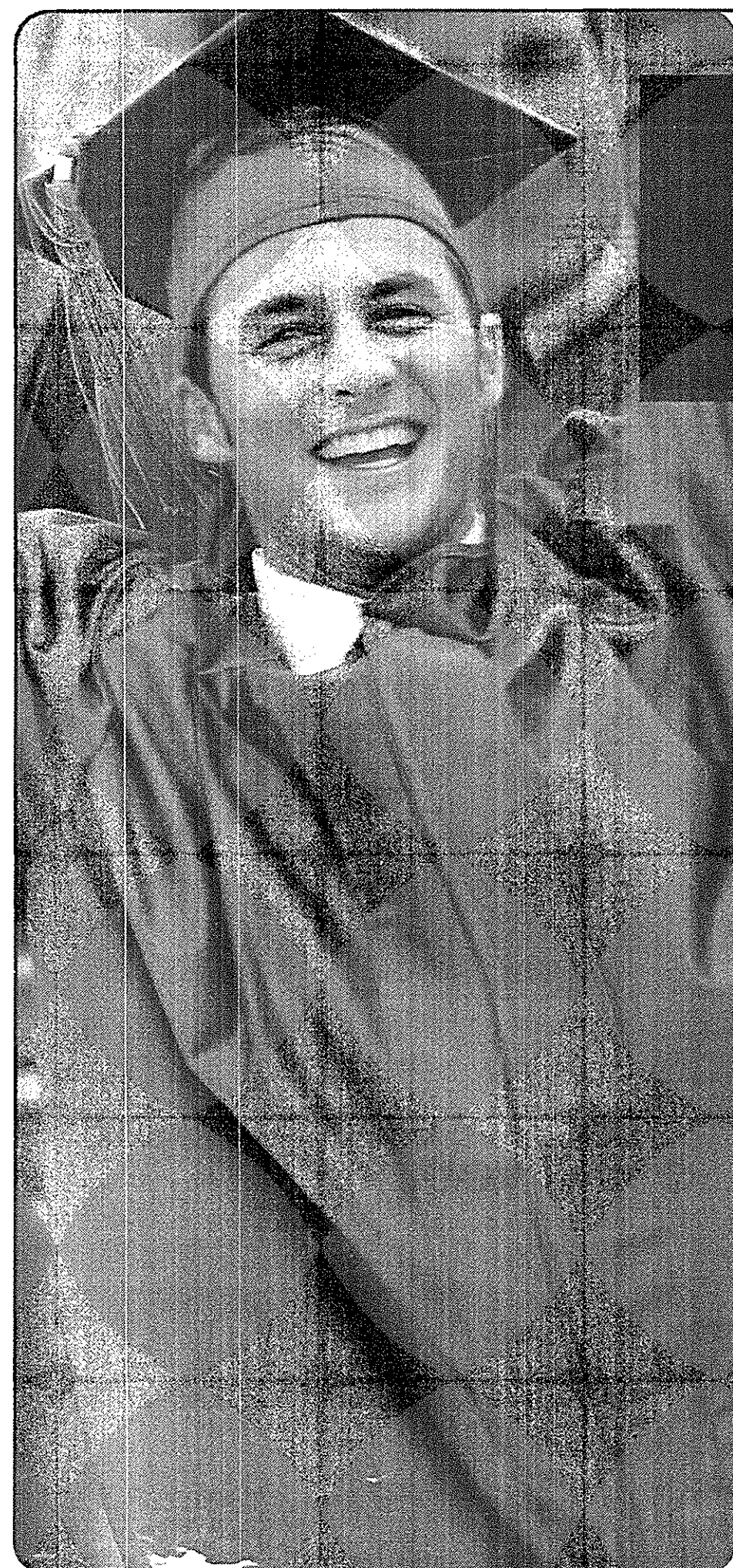


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ing campus events, lectures, and other self-improvement opportunities.

Sweet stressed the importance of "the never-ending need for continued education," and said the university provides the essential tools of lifelong learning.

But YSU should give students more than just an education.

"I hope they have a commitment to the importance of giving back to one's community," he said.

Sweet said he hopes many of the graduates will remain in the Mahoning Valley to help rebuild the economy. He said the quality of life and the cost of living, along with family ties, frequently attract former valley residents to return.

And if they do, Sweet said, he will see them back at the university. He said that YSU is primarily an undergraduate school, but it has a quality graduate program as well.

The university president also reflected on some of the important happenings of the 2003-04 academic year.

He said the groundbreaking for the Recreation and

Wellness Center was the highlight of the year. The center was made possible, he said, thanks to the leadership of a number of students, including Matt Morrone and Matt Pavone.

Sweet said it was significant that \$11.5 million out of the \$12 million cost of the center was raised through private contributions.

The opening of the University Courtyard Apartments and the Bliss Hall addition were also important accomplishments, Sweet said. He noted that the apartment complex was 100 percent leased at the time of its opening.

He said that the sculptural iron gate facing Walnut Street at the back of the Bliss Hall addition is symbolic of YSU opening up to the Smoky Hollow neighborhood.

Sweet said that in the past the university generally turned its back on the area, but it is now seeking partnerships with the community through projects like Youngstown 2010.

"I feel very good that the campus is demonstrating the vital role it plays and will play in the future of the valley."

Other notable events of the past year include Sherry Linkon, professor of American Studies, being named Ohio Professor of the Year and the re-accreditation of YSU's College of Education.

For the future, Sweet says the university will pursue its plans for campus expansion and improvement of the campus periphery. But perhaps the best news for current students is plans for more parking spaces and more teachers.

Sweet said that 20 new instructors will be hired in the coming year as part of a "transformation of our faculty." He said that some will replace teachers lost through attrition, but others will fill new positions.

Sweet also said that, with campus expansion into areas near Rayen Avenue, additional parking spaces will be created. He said that eventually the Lincoln Avenue parking deck will be torn down, but that new parking will be created in advance of the demolition.

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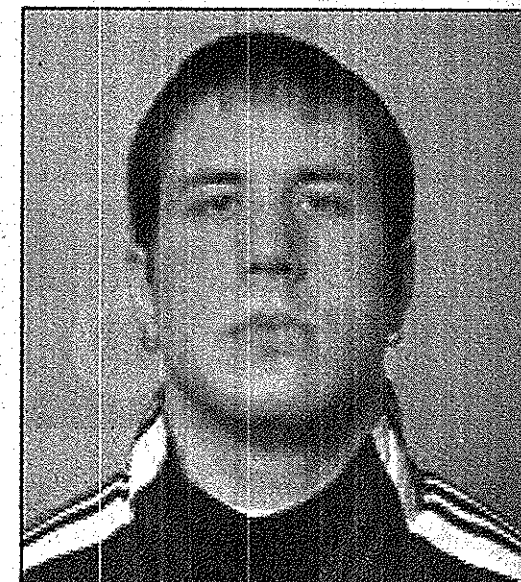
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Cameron has team on winning path

By JOSHUA BOGGS
The Jambar

In a picture of success, the winning developments for Youngstown State University head softball coach Christy Cameron are finally coming into focus.

After guiding her squad to a struggling 11-32 record and a 1-13 last place mark in the Horizon League in 2002, Cameron and her team rallied the following year and compiled a winning 36-17-1 overall record and a second place conference standing.

Much of last year's success has continued through this season as Cameron and the YSU softball team is currently positioned in third place in the Horizon League (7-3) with a season record of a 26-14.

Cameron insists that she does not dwell on past success, but at the same time, she admits that she wants to keep the winning program at the top of its class.

"What we are going to do is keep winning and to not just look at our past success," Cameron said. "I don't want to turn around from a year ago. I want to keep [the program] at the top."

Many factors have played key parts

in Cameron's program remaining at the top this season, including her team listening and accepting her coaching style.

"I think that by the team buying into the coaching philosophies and style they began to understand and do the things they needed to win the games," Cameron said.

Those coaching styles and many of Cameron's influences came from her father who played minor league baseball.

From her father, Cameron also developed certain coaching strengths. One of these strengths that she preaches to her players is that defense and pitching wins championships and that her team needs to focus on the short term goals.

"Our energy has to go towards coming out and focusing on every single pitch of every inning. If we do that the results will follow."

Christy Cameron
YSU Softball head coach

inning. If we do that the results will follow," Cameron said. "We look at the short term and taking every game one pitch at a time."

Focusing on the goal at hand helped Cameron lead a squad in 2003 that finished with the best season record in YSU school history. For her efforts, Cameron was also named 2003 Horizon League Coach of the Year.

Cameron, who is in her fifth season with the Penguins, also said that she

realized when she first arrived at YSU that the softball team had many budding possibilities.

"I knew that when I accepted the job that the program had the potential to be successful," Cameron admitted. "It took three years through a mix of hard work and great athletes to finally turn the program around."

The YSU softball team has never looked back since doing that u-turn and Cameron admits that losing is now not acceptable.

"The kids have had a taste of winning so it makes losing that much harder," Cameron said. "I just think that we have had so many people step up and do a great job for us."

While on that u-turn, Cameron as well as her team has learned to look past their few losses and to learn from their mistakes.

"I think that we are having a good year and instead of dwelling (on the losses) you take what you can from the losing games and become a better team down the road," Cameron said.

Performing better overall as team is a quality that Cameron considers a highlight of her team this season.

"To basically see what you were doing and in the end leading to the results that you want was the highlight," Cameron said. "I really enjoy the group that I am working with. They are a great group of student-athletes."

"[The team] is the reason that we are having the success that we are having."

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Berry's stick leads the way for Penguins

By JOSHUA BOGGS
The Jambar

Walking down the hallways of Youngstown State University senior softball player Amanda Berry can finally tell students and friends that her team is having a prosperous season.

"It's good to know that when you are walking through the halls and people ask how you did you can finally say 'yeah we won,'" Berry said. "It's a great feeling."

Berry, who was named co-captain of the YSU softball squad for 2003 and 2004, has been a key part of the team's success this season.

On her team, Berry currently ranks first in RBIs (33) and homeruns (6) and second in batting average (.373), slugging percentage (.635), hits (47) and triples (4) and became YSU's all-time career leader in hits in a game against Toledo on April 8.

Berry admits though, that breaking records is not what she considers her top priority.

"Winning is more important than any records," Berry said. "Being a senior is part of stepping up and I like to win and setting that mindset to the other players is the key."

That winning mindset has helped to improve her team to a second-place Horizon League record (7-3) and an overall mark of 26-14 this year.

Berry said that she was unsure where her team would be standing at this point in the season, but that her team would become better through both the victories and defeats.

"We really didn't know where we would end up and there was pressure (from last season), but there are games that you aren't going to come through in, but I knew that from coming through each one we would become a winning team," Berry said.

Becoming that winning team has also come through a combination of two things according to Berry — head softball coach Christy

Cameron and her teammates.

"I think it was a combination of both. We needed [Cameron's] coaching abilities to lead the team and the players were willing to work hard," Berry said. "The combination of both made us a winning team."

Berry has also aided her team in other areas throughout her four-year career with the Penguins.

During her junior season, Berry tied the school record for most hits (55) in a season and set the single-season school record for most RBIs (31). For her outstanding performances she was named 2003 Horizon League Player of the Year.

Berry has continued her winning pace this season, but said that she focuses on games one at a time. She also added that if she plays her hardest she will not be disappointed with herself.

"My main focus was to go out my senior year having no regrets," Berry said. "I take every game one at a time and as long as you go out there and can say you played your hardest you will have no regrets."

With her season winding down, Berry has had to make decisions about what she will do with her life after her collegiate play is through.

Once this season is finished Berry will hang up her glove, but will continue to keep in touch with her Penguin team.

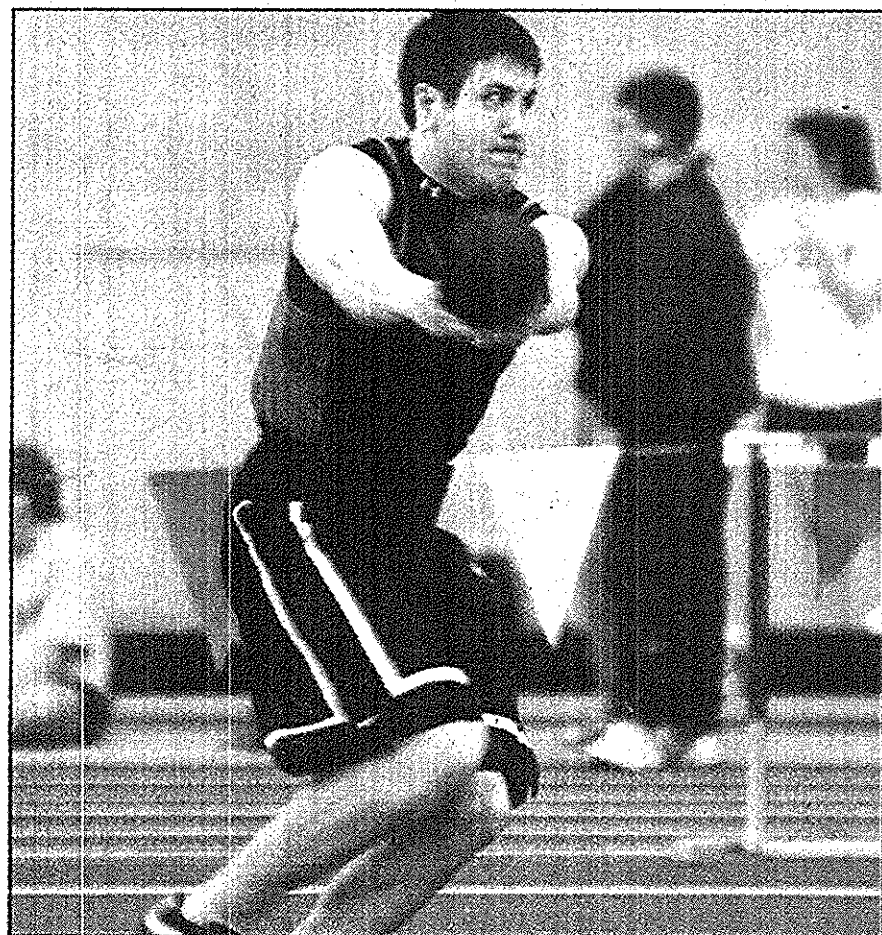
"This will be it for me, but I will continue to watch the team," Berry said. "I plan on starting to develop a career in criminal justice."

At YSU, Berry will leave behind her friendships, school records and winning seasons, but admits that she has learned something much more important:

"They call college the best experience of your life," Berry said. "I was taught the importance of hard work and dedication."

"It helped me focus on what was important."

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Davis sets personal, school bests

Junior Jarrod Davis has been selected as the 2003-04 YSU Male Athlete of the Year by The Jambar. Davis has been a leader for the YSU track team all season, setting personal bests in four throwing events and has set the school record in the hammer throw. Davis is ranked near the top of all four throwing events in the Horizon League head into the League Championships.

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