



9-11 Commission seeks answers

By ELIZABETH TABAK
The Jambor

The 9/11 Commission hearings are drawing media and political criticism, despite providing what Sunil Ahuja, a Youngstown State University professor of political science deemed "a psychological help

to the American people."

The bipartisan commission was created in November 2002 by President George W. Bush to investigate intelligence reports leading up to the attacks. On March 23, the commission began hearing testimonies from present and former government officials.

Wednesday morning, Youngstown State University political science professors shared their opinions on the process and probable outcomes of the hearings.

Political Science Professor Keith Lepak called the commission and public hearings "a common political exercise" to



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inform the public of "what went wrong and why." "This is something people expected," Lepak said. "People always expect

that if there is a problem, the solution will be found to that problem."

In the past few days however, Lepak said it has turned into a case of "pin the tail on the donkey."

"Most Americans want to

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Governor appoints final spots on board

By MICHAEL J. BALALE
The Jambor

After functioning without a full board for three months, Gov. Bob Taft named the final new members of the Youngstown State University board of trustees.

On Tuesday, Taft announced Scott R. Schulick and Don Cagigas as new trustees. Cagigas will fill the unexpired term of EW Knecht III, who died in January. Schulick was appointed to a full-term and will replace Joseph Nohra when his term expires in May.

Earlier this month, William Bresnahan was selected to fill the unexpired term of Charles B. Cushwa, who died in December.

The new trustees shared their feelings about their upcoming responsibilities, while one trustee discussed the transition of the new members.

YSU trustee H.S. Wang said he has worked with Bresnahan in the past and is excited about the new members.

"I believe the new members will merge very easily, but we lost two good men in the process," Wang said. "They were longtime Youngstown residents and it has been difficult without all the members."

Wang said Bresnahan has worked with the YSU President David Sweet in the past and his transition to trustee should be smooth.

"I've seen him in action, and he's honest, straight and fair," Wang said.

Bresnahan said he is "pleased to be a part of the university" and is excited and confident about taking on new responsibilities. One of these duties, Bresnahan said, will be maintaining the financial stability of the university.

"In our situation, financial health is an underpinning of how well you'll operate," Bresnahan said.

As one of Bresnahan's new colleagues, Schulick said he is looking forward to being part of YSU decision-making. The YSU graduate said his only concern is being as influential as the former trustees, but is anxious to meet new challenges.

"I hope that all the new trustees can come together and pick up where the other trustees left off," Schulick said. "I hope that together as trustees that we can all hit the

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On an epileptic battlefield...

YSU student Katie Kemper fights to overcome her illness.

By KAREN SCHUBERT
The Jambor

Katie Kemper said she has privileges, not rights.

Kemper is epileptic. Her seizures have taken her in and out of the hospital, caused her to lose days of memories and generally disrupted her life for the last three years.

Although she is not allowed to drive, she said she doesn't complain.

"I can walk," she said. "I have two perfect legs."

Kemper, a senior psychology major, said that having epilepsy, which often includes depression, is "crazy-insane" and that she is still getting used to it. She is on her tenth medication and it does not seem to be helping to stop the seizures.

Kemper will graduate in May and said she hopes to use her psychology degree to work in a group home with children. Kemper lives alone and works in the Language Learning Resource Center in DeBartolo Hall.

The Seizures

Kemper said she began experiencing involuntary jerking movements while she was still in high school. They became progressively worse, she said, causing her to drop things.

On Dec. 31, 2001, Kemper experienced her first epileptic seizure. Kemper described the pattern of her seizures.

First, she said there is an aura, then she becomes nauseated, then "starvation-hungry" and then she goes into a seizure — jerking on the left side of her body.

During a simple partial seizure, she said, she can hear what is going on around her but cannot speak or move. She described her state as a kind of daydream lasting two to three minutes.

But a grand mal seizure, she said, is much worse. Kemper said she loses consciousness and when she comes out of it, she needs people to tell her where she is, that she had a seizure and how long it lasted.

After a grand mal, "basically I don't know anything," she said.

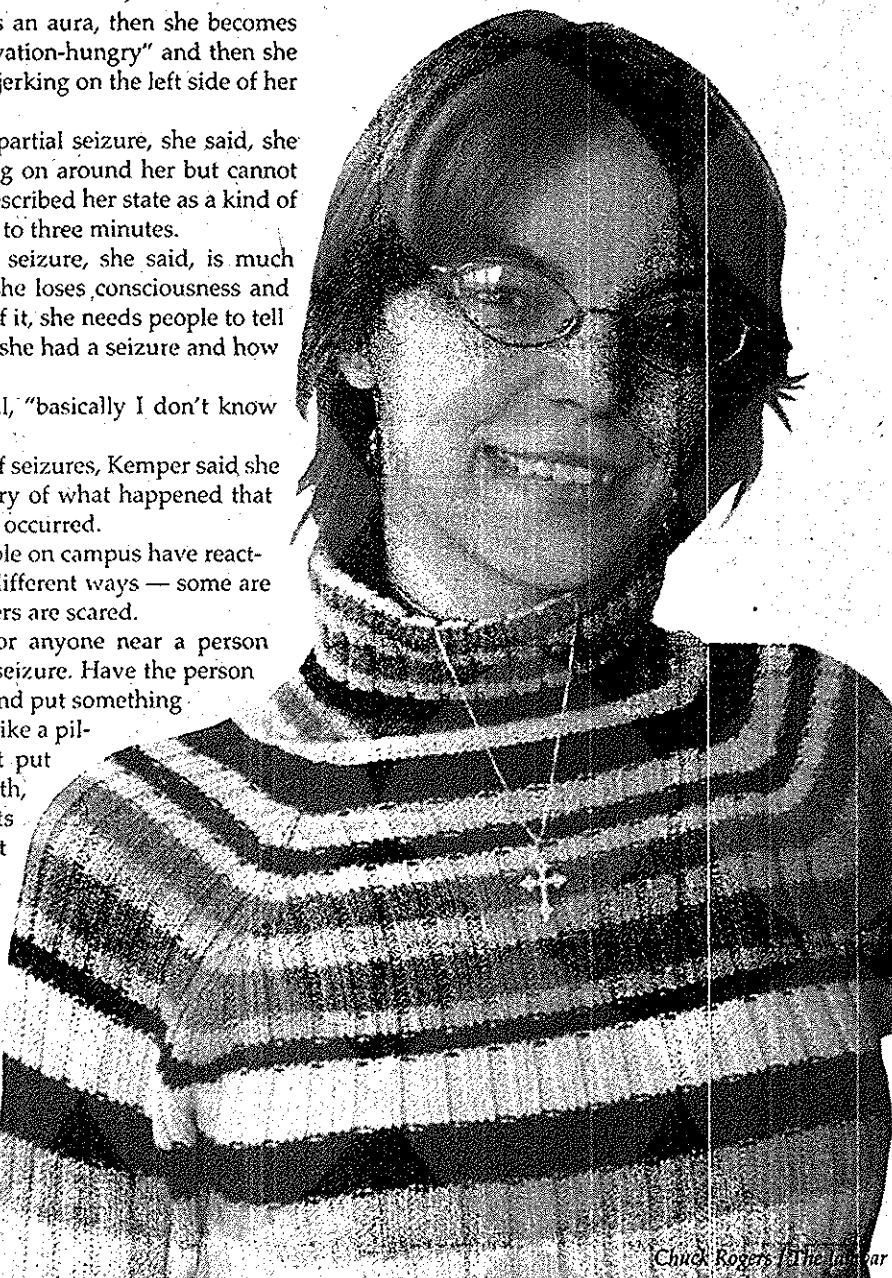
With both kinds of seizures, Kemper said she loses all of her memory of what happened that day before the seizure occurred.

She said that people on campus have reacted to her seizures in different ways — some are calm and helpful, others are scared.

She has advice for anyone near a person who begins having a seizure. Have the person lie on his or her side and put something soft under their head like a pillow or jacket. Do not put anything in their mouth, move harmful objects or furniture, do not restrain the person and keep track of the time.

It is not necessary to call for medical help if you know the person has epilepsy, Kemper said, unless the

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Student Government

SGA remains productive in final stretch

By CHRISTINA POE
The Jambor

Students approved nine new representatives to next year's Student Government Association body during last week's elections. Monday, SGA representatives discussed creating a committee for those new members.

At the SGA meeting, members also discussed the student-run radio station and supporting unionization efforts for campus dining workers.

Next year's SGA President and current Student Affairs committee chair Angela Mavrikis suggested the new committee focus solely on the student radio station. Mavrikis said it is a large undertaking

and requires the full attention of a specific, properly maintained group.

Health and Human Services Representative Anthony Candell and Parliamentarian Daniel Griesemer disagreed.

Both said the committee should not only focus on the radio station, but other student activities such as the SGA newsletter. Griesemer said an organized group maintaining such activities would be the best option for the body and YSU.

Others joined the debate. Education representative Josh Sturges said appointing a cabinet member to head the committee would introduce fresh command and increase the roles of cabinet members in

SGA affairs.

SGA President Emily Eckman disagreed, saying that the responsibility of heading a committee is not a part of a cabinet member's job description.

"They are employees of the president, not the body," Eckman said. "I agree that there should be a strong form of leadership, but it should not be a cabinet member."

The body will discuss the issue further at the next general meeting.

Radio Station

Financial Appropriation chair Bob McGovern updated the body on the progress of the radio station.

McGovern said the radio station committee had secured licenses from performing rights organizations such as BMI and the American Society of composers, authors and publishers. He also said the committee was currently in the process of contacting local artists to donate their albums to the station.

McGovern added that it would be important for SGA to retain full responsibility for the station to ensure it is properly run and maintained.

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Effects of landmark decision discussed

By WILLIAM LEHN
The Jambor

Outgoing Youngstown City Schools Superintendent Ben McGee said we have learned one thing in the 50 years that have past since the famous Brown v. Board of Education decision.

"It doesn't matter if you are black or white, students will believe in teachers, if they believe teachers believe in

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seizure lasts for more than five minutes, or if they have continuous seizures — a dangerous condition known as status epilepticus.

Cooper

These days, Kemper said she is excited about receiving her two-year old golden retriever seizure alert response dog, which is being trained at Amazing Tails in eastern Pennsylvania. She is going to train with the dog, named Cooper, May 17 through 25 and then bring him home.

Cooper will be able to let her know when she is going to have a seizure, so that she can go to a safe place, put down knives if she's cooking and other things of that nature. He will also be able to open doors, carry or retrieve objects and help with balance if the seizures have made Kemper weak.

Kemper said dogs such as Cooper cost around \$5000. She said she will pay \$500 when she takes Cooper home and fundraising will help with the rest of the costs.

Kemper said that the public should not think of a service dog as a pet. Interacting with the dog when it is working may cause distraction. She said it is

better to think of the animal as a medical device.

Life at YSU

Kemper said living without her family in the area — her family resides in Cincinnati — has been hard.

"It's like I don't have any support up here when I have the seizures," she said, her voice breaking. She said she misses her mom's calming demeanor and help with routine things like meals and shopping most. Her mother is also epileptic.

Kemper said she is planning to move back home with Cooper after she graduates.

Kemper, who did not know she was epileptic when she enrolled at YSU, said she chose to attend because of the people. During a visit to YSU's campus, she said everyone was kind to her, holding doors open and being generally nice.

Language Learning Resource Center Director Laura Goist said Kemper is a "great employee, a terrific person, a great Spanish tutor, really terrific at helping people get through the material."

Goist said it has been a good experience for the staff to learn what to do when they are with someone who has a

seizure.

Goist said she admires Kemper's independence and her drive to finish her degree.

"It's honorable how she hasn't let her epilepsy get in the way of that," Goist said.

Kemper said she has enjoyed working in the center.

"The people in the language lab are great," Kemper said. "People put up with me."

"I don't know how they do it."

She especially admires Goist, citing Goist's reactions to several of Kemper's seizures in the lab.

"I'm surprised I haven't scared her away," she said, laughing and adding, "All of my friends in the lab are so caring about my situation. Understanding — not scared."

Kemper said her epilepsy has taught her many things about her self and her life.

"It has taught me to be a lot more patient with people and not to give up on things," she said. "It has definitely taught me not to complain and not to take life for granted."

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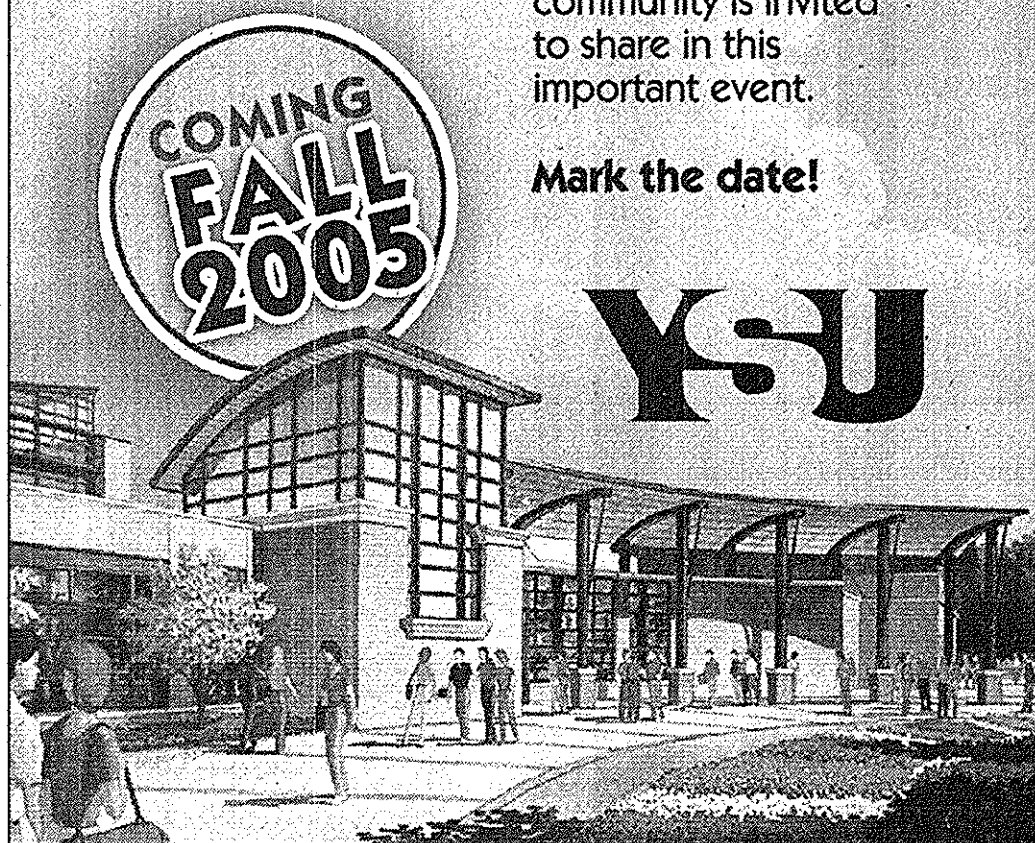
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Today's Editorial

Quit playing hide and seek with 9-11 information

"We all understood bin Laden's attempt to strike the homeland. We never translated this knowledge into an effective defense of the country."

This is a statement from CIA Director George Tenet to the commission currently investigating the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

Think carefully about what this statement says. Sequentially, one should always be followed by two. If the "one" in Tenet's statement is an understanding of a desire for Osama bin Laden to strike America in America, should "two" not have been translating that information into "an effective defense?"

What does "understanding" mean to you? To us it means the full comprehension of something. It means a realization of fact and the effect of fact. If a person said that they understood an automobile, but did not know how to turn the engine on, they do not understand anything.

At best, the statement was just a poorly thought out way for Tenet to cover his own department's collective rear end. At worst, it is simply the continuation of the ring around the rosie that these commission hearings are perpetuating.

Tenet says it was not the CIA's fault. Condoleezza Rice says it was not the administration's fault. Everyone says that it was not his or her responsibility.

On one hand, they are all very right. The people responsible for the 9/11 attacks are not American. They do not work at the White House.

But everyone at the White House is running around saying "he did it" like fourth grade tattlers. Not one person has stood up and said "we could have done this better" or "if we had done this, we may have been able to prevent or foresee or change or anything."

No one is taking accountability. Tenet answered challenges from the committee with "yeah, buts."

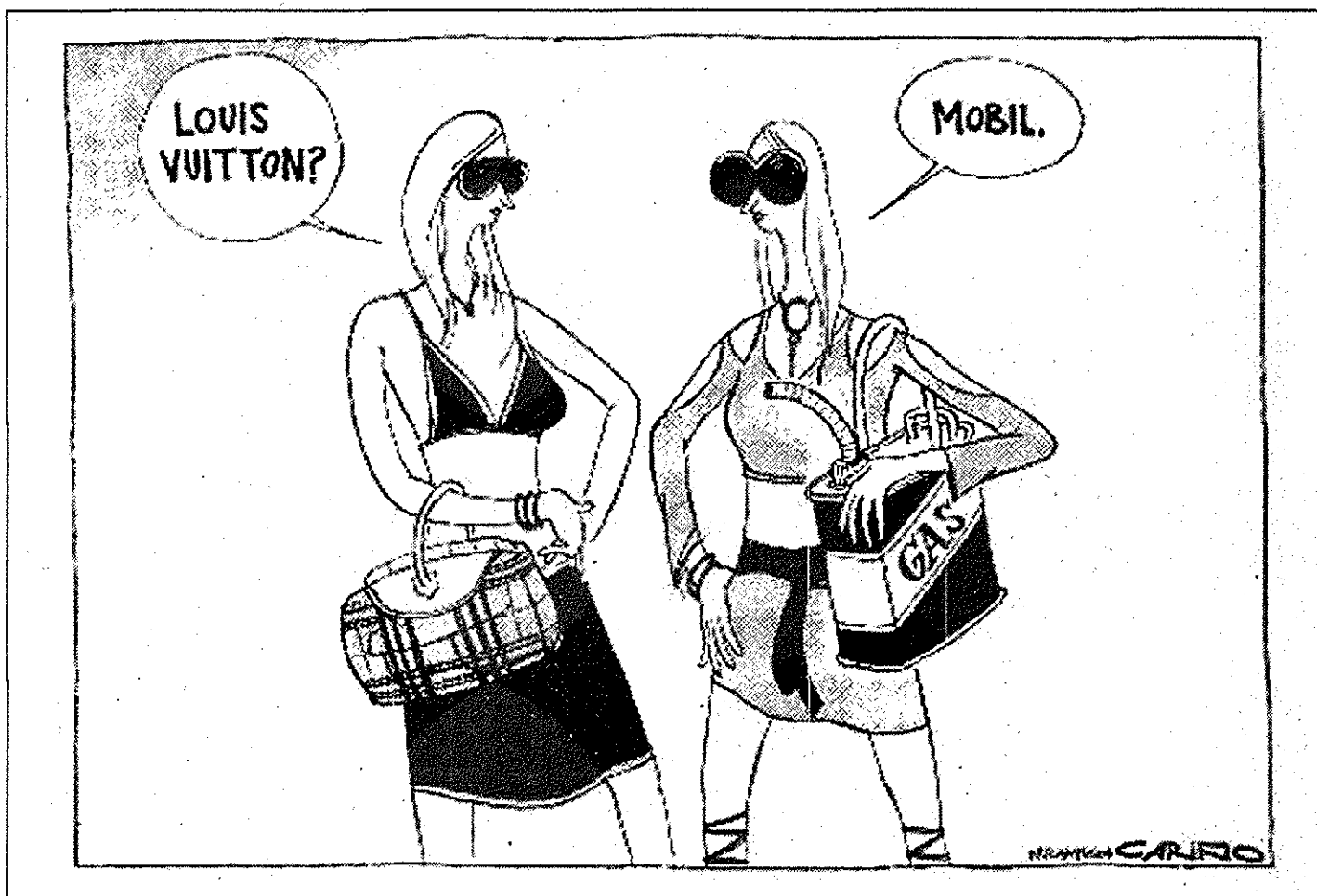
On the other hand, some serious red flags should have come up to administrators and intelligence gatherers prior to the attacks. Some people were sleeping on al-Qaeda. Some people were not taking them seriously.

Rice actually referred to a memorandum as a historical memo, but not a warning. What's the difference? Are we not to learn from history? Are we not to try to make sure that we don't repeat our mistakes?

Well, at least we better hope someone does. No one person in the White House or in this country is responsible for the tragedies that took place that awful September morning, but they are all so afraid of being blamed that they run and evade and dodge and elude to the point where progress is impossible.

Stand up. Say, "I'm sorry for what happened, and I think this is what went wrong." Be honest and forthcoming. Quit making us drag information out of you. Stop campaigning all the time and take a little time out of your day to be a leader.

THE LATEST IN FASHION



Letters to the Editor

Junior doesn't see humor in Chappelle

Editor:

"Chappelle's Show" seems to be the toast of the town among most college students, and for the life of me, I can't seem to understand the appeal.

When his show first came out, I was actually excited to see it. Being a self-proclaimed sketch comedy scholar, I was interested in watching it based on previous Comedy Central shows such as "The Upright Citizens Brigade." I sat through most of the first season, torturing myself to find some quality in the show, but ultimately, I was let down. My impression of the show is that it's just a soapbox for Dave Chappelle to stand on and let loose with his heavy-handed social commentary as well as some truly unfunny sketch ideas (complete with an awkward framing device). The concept of 90% of his bits is "Let's take this normal

idea and make it black! Hilarity!" I grew tired of this theme by the end of show one.

Also, Dave seems to throw around the word "bitch" like a four-year-old who just discovered how to swear. If he's supposed to be edgy, I just don't buy it.

I implore all of you to go out and watch some good sketch comedy like "Mr. Show," "The Upright Citizen's Brigade," "Kids in the Hall," "Monty Python," and 10% of "Saturday Night Live." Also, fellow students, please stop throwing around that stupid, "I'm Rick James, bitch," catchphrase. It wasn't funny to begin with.

Bob Mackey
Junior
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Crucifying the Easter Bunny to prove a point

Editor:

To relate to an article my friend Kyle Daley wrote in last week's Jambar (yes, I personally know him), he was talking about how people got the wrong impression of Mel Gibson's controversial movie "The Passion of the Christ." And sadly, one way that people are taking it wrongly was an incident that happened recently not too far from here.

About ten minutes from Pittsburgh, a church got some controversy recently when it had what was advertised as an Easter egg hunt for families of all ages, when it was actually Peter Cottontail's version of "The Passion of the Christ." If you haven't heard yet, the church had their youth minister dressed up as the Easter Bunny, and she was beaten in the same manner Jesus Christ was just before he was crucified. They also crucified the Easter Bunny, just like Jesus was.

In addition, they were smashing the eggs that were to be used for the Easter egg hunt, and they were telling everyone that there was no Easter Bunny, with a lot of very little kids in attendance. From what happened, there were a lot of angry parents, and the kids, with some as young as 14 months, crying over the incident.

I can understand that a church was trying to get the message out that the Easter is not about a bunny delivering eggs to children, but was that demonstration necessary? Since children will

unlikely be reading this, I can safely say that yes, there is no Easter Bunny. (If you still believe in the Easter Bunny, let me introduce you to my two friends, Santa Claus and the Tooth Fairy.) But kids have an imagination, and would like to believe that the Easter Bunny was the one giving them candy and colored eggs, and not their parents.

With how commercial and year-round Christmas has gotten, churches have found a way to remind people that Christmas is not about getting presents, but about the birth of Jesus. Easter is starting to somewhat get that way, but they don't need to use the Easter Bunny in such a demonstration. That would be like Santa Claus playing the role as all three of the wise men at a Christmas pageant. The church should've simply had a regular Passion play, or tell the children in Sunday School about Jesus dying on the cross, and made no references to the Easter Bunny whatsoever.

By the way, I also went to see "The Passion of the Christ." And for the record, there was nothing anti-Semitic about the movie. Saying that the Jews were the ones that killed Jesus is a stereotype, and Jesus was himself Jewish.

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News in brief

Environmental Studies to hold Earth Day events

Youngstown Environmental Studies Society and the YSU Support Services' Recycling Program will hold Earth Day festivities April 21 on the Youngstown State University campus.

The general public will be able to enjoy various activities and displays around campus, such as the crowning of the King and Queen of Recycling, environmental games and speakers.

In addition to the campus groups, NASA, Mill Creek Metro Park, Mahoning County Soil and Water and the Northside Coalition will be participating.

There will be no admission charge. Those interested in attending can obtain more information by contacting Jim Petuch by phone at (330) 941-2294 or by e-mail at jpetuch@ysu.edu.

The Festival of Nations is seeking ethnic groups to participate in the festival being held on the Youngstown State University campus July 10 and 11.

A part of the Summer Festival of the Arts, the event exhibits various ethnic populations through food, displays, presentations and musical and dance performances.

A meeting to assess the participating groups will be held April 20 at 4 p.m. in the Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in Youngstown.

To be eligible to participate, groups must be members of a church, synagogue or established club or organization.

For more information and an application packet, interested groups can contact SFA coordinator Lori Factor at (330) 941-2307.

The formal groundbreaking ceremony for Youngstown State University's Andrews Recreation and Wellness Center will be held Monday, April 19.

The event will begin at 2 p.m. and take place in the F-2 parking lot on the north side of DeBartolo Hall.

The ceremony will be open to the community and all YSU faculty, staff and students.

The center is to be built on the west side of Kilcawley Center and will be the first privately financed recreation center at a public university in Ohio.

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CD Review

Fat Head feels out the 'future' of hip-hop

By MARK STEVENS
The Jambar

It's February of 1994 and I just got back from a trip ten years to the future on a mission to learn about the future of this newly popular form of music called "hip-hop."

After spending hours scouring through the CD selections at some place called the "Super K-Mart," I was disillusioned about the future of this genre of music. Frankly there was nothing that piqued my interest at all.

I saw a CD for a group called N.E.R.D., but I have a pretty strong feeling that I would hate that.

Saw something for some guy who sings a song called "Topsy." Sounds like radio friendly crap-rap or s—hop to me. I'll pass.

I only saw one thing I was interested in. "Bad Boy's 10th Anniversary ... The Hits" grabbed my attention, particularly considering that the time period that the album covered started with the present day.

A compilation of ten years' worth of great hip-hop starting with the present day and tak-

ing on the next decade? Sounded good.

The first track, "Victory 2004," is pretty good. This Notorious B.I.G. that calls himself Frank White is one hell of a lyricist. I'm predicting that he is going to have a tremendous career in the next few years.

There's also an artist who refers to himself as a dollar amount, well, half of a dollar to be specific, that sounds pretty good. All he needs to do is hook up with a big producer and I think he could blow up.

"Hypnotize," the album's third cut, just has the feel of one of those songs that sticks.

"Biggie, Biggie, Biggie can't you see? Sometimes your words just hypnotize me" is the hook and you can't help but shaking your ass to Frank White's words. I'm telling you; this guy could be one of the top three lyricists of all time if he stays on top of his game and avoids the pitfalls of fame.

When you listen to "Whoa," a track submitted by a rapper named Black Rob, you get the feeling of a one-hit wonder. Black Rob sounds gravelly and rough, but it's a theme song, not one that you can see leading to

future hits. Plus he says "whoa" way, too many times. It gets annoying.

I'm not sure what the "Benjamins" are, but track five tells me "it's all about" them. This P. Diddy guy isn't much of a rapper, but he sounds like he has charisma. I'm predicting that he gets his hands on some hot actress/singer. Maybe a Latino one. From the block, probably. But he won't be able to buy her love.

Lil' Kim raps on this track, too, I don't see much talent there. Female rappers haven't accomplished much up to the nine-four, and I hope she's not the one to get the most recognition.

The sixth track also features this Notorious B.I.G. guy. "Big Poppa" is a pretty good track. It sounds like one of those tracks you'll be able to throw in the CD player in 2000 and people will still know the words and have memories of high school that involve this song.

"I Need a Girl, Part II" is one of those cuts that people will be embarrassed to say they like. The beat sounds too good to throw this track away though. Too bad P. Diddy raps on it. It could've been a classic. I bet the radio stations will love this once they start to realize that hip-hop can be mainstream.

Track eight is where this compilation reaches what I think will be the apex of Bad Boy Records' reign. "Mo' Money, Mo' Problems" kicks off with a rapper called Mase. I don't know for sure, but I hear a future in preaching in his rapping. I wouldn't be surprised if he found God and walked away during his prime.

It's tough for me to say, but I'm guessing that tragedy is going to strike the Bad Boy crew sometime between now and 2004. "I'll Be Missing You" sounds like a dedication to a fallen soldier.

I just hope it isn't the Notorious B.I.G., Frank White. The rap game will struggle greatly if it ends up losing this icon. Uh oh. P. Diddy just said B.I.G. Damn it all to hell.

After hearing this album, I'm not sure what's going to happen to rap music between now and 2004.

From the sound of things, there'll probably be a few bright, shining stars and a whole lot of radio friendly, well-marketed garbage.

Fat Head is in a corner, crying his eyes out and hoping that Eminem releases a new album soon. After the demise of Bone and DMX, the deaths of Tupac and Christopher Wallace, the retirement of Jay-Z, and the downward spiral of the overall quality of rap music, he's ready to throw in the towel and buy a Blink 182 album. The phone at (330) 941-1811 may ring and ring, but unless you're going to tell him that Tupac is indeed alive, don't bother calling.

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them," McGee said.

With that comment, McGee set the tone for Tuesday evening's panel discussion "How Far Have We Come" regarding the 50 year anniversary of the Brown v. Board of Education decision.

The panel was a cross section of valley educators, including area superintendents and Youngstown State University professors. Robert Levin, associate professor of educational administration, research and foundations at YSU, moderated the seven-member panel.

Although the panel spoke to a sparse crowd, they remained passionate in their discussion of the value of student-teacher relationships in the classroom, what should be done further with the landmark ruling and its importance in the Mahoning Valley.

McGee furthered his statements by saying schools need to institute the new three R's: rigor, relevance and relationships into school curriculum. Before Brown v. Board of Education, McGee said, there was a greater sense of urgency to learn.

"Teachers need to be invested in their students again and teach a curriculum that is relevant to them," he said.

McGee said a culturally competent curriculum can work but in some schools it is not being implemented.

Superintendent of Trumbull Career and Technical Center Wayne McClain said he is implementing the curriculum that will serve the needs of the twenty-first century student. One aspect of this is the integration of 19 school districts in Trumbull County at the JVS.

"We're not your grandfather's JVS," he said.

Glorianne Leck, professor emeritus of educational administration, research and foundations at YSU said this is not always the issue.

Leck said school systems should persuade young people that education equals upward mobility in order to save students from serious social consequences.

"People need to reevaluate their whiteness and see how it's keeping them from moving forward," Leck said.

Attorney Ted Roberts said he felt urban and suburban schools should have this exchange at a much earlier age in order to alleviate problems that can occur as students mature.

"Students from schools like Canfield should learn to interact with inner city students in primary school to see other students are just like them," he said.

Pallante said this type of institutional racism has been around since the 1600s. Pallante, along with Diane Barnes, assistant professor of history and Emmanuel Catsoules, former superintendent of Youngstown City Schools, provided insights into the evolution of racial discrimination in America and desegregation in Youngstown City Schools.

When asked by senior Brad Martin, one of the few YSU students in the crowd, "what's the first step in unlearning this in less than 350 years?" Pallante responded "we can't unlearn it until we realize it is still a problem."

The evening ended with junior William Camp learning the importance of what is still needed in local classrooms.

"While I am disappointed by the student turnout," he said, "I realize I must incorporate multicultural activities in the early childhood setting."

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Unionization

SGA Vice President Adam Vukovic reintroduced to the body SGA's pending support of unionization efforts for dining service workers.

Vukovic said the Student Affairs committee has met with Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees (HERE) union representatives.

The Student Affairs committee, Mavrikis said, is prepared to write a resolution supporting the dining workers when SGA reaches their decision.

Vukovic cautioned the body to dedicate their allegiance after hearing both sides of the issue, including information from Sodexo officials.

"It is not a good idea to make ignorant decisions when all the facts have not been presented," Vukovic said.

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ground running."

Cagigas, also a YSU graduate, said he will be able to do just that by bringing a strong background to the board. Cagigas has over 30 years of experience in banking that he hopes will benefit the board.

He began at Bank One in 1974 and retired in 1999 as the president of the Mahoning Valley region for Bank One.

Cagigas said it is a privilege to serve his alma mater and said he hopes his past experiences will bring value to the board. He said his focus to succeed is easy to understand.

"The bottom line is, if I can help make the university a better place than it is today, I will have succeeded," Cagigas said.

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reduce it to immediate guilt or blame, but it can't be about that," Lepak said. "It is about a problem with large organizations trying to shepherd information."

Political Science Professor Sunil Ahuja agreed, saying that while the committee is doing a fair job, there still is a certain amount of political finger pointing.

"They are credible people that are asking tough questions, but both the committee and witnesses have shown a level of playing the blame

game," Ahuja said.

In past weeks, questions have been raised regarding public officials' knowledge of intelligence information regarding the attacks. Specifically, National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, CIA director George Tenet and Attorney General John Ashcroft have been under fire.

Political Science Professor David Porter said this "finger-pointing" is causing a number of high government officials to worry.

"There are a number of

professionals fighting for their lives now," Porter said. "It seems the FBI will take a lot of the blame, and it may even be the end for Ashcroft."

While Porter said that it is obvious there is nothing that can be done about it now, he is hopeful the commission will bring reform of U.S. intelligence agencies. He said such agencies have needed comprehensive reform since the time of the Cold War.

"I will be disappointed if we only looked at the FBI for reform," Porter said.

Lepak said that because of a poorly defined policy for dealing with terrorism, different bureaucratic agencies were forced to deal with terrorism. Lepak also said that the executive branch often assumes that lower intelligence agencies should have taken care of the threats.

However, Lepak said "The best thing that could come out of this is that the shortcomings of bureaucratic policies will be more openly discussed."

The three political science professors agreed the hearings

would in time become

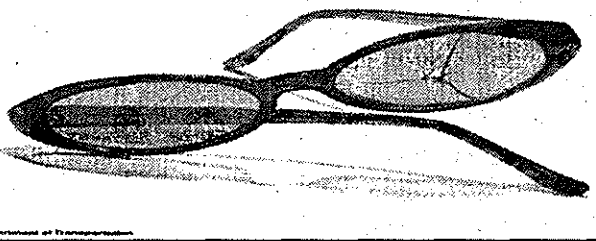
"secondary." "Unless a bombshell of some sort comes out, it will probably all be cast away as bureaucratic and structural reform," Ahuja said.

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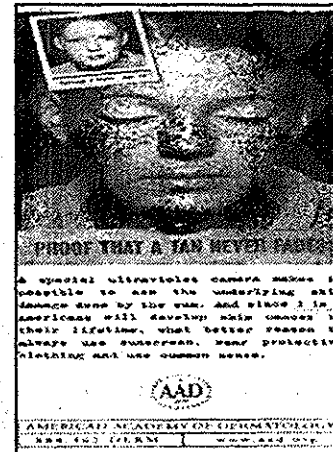
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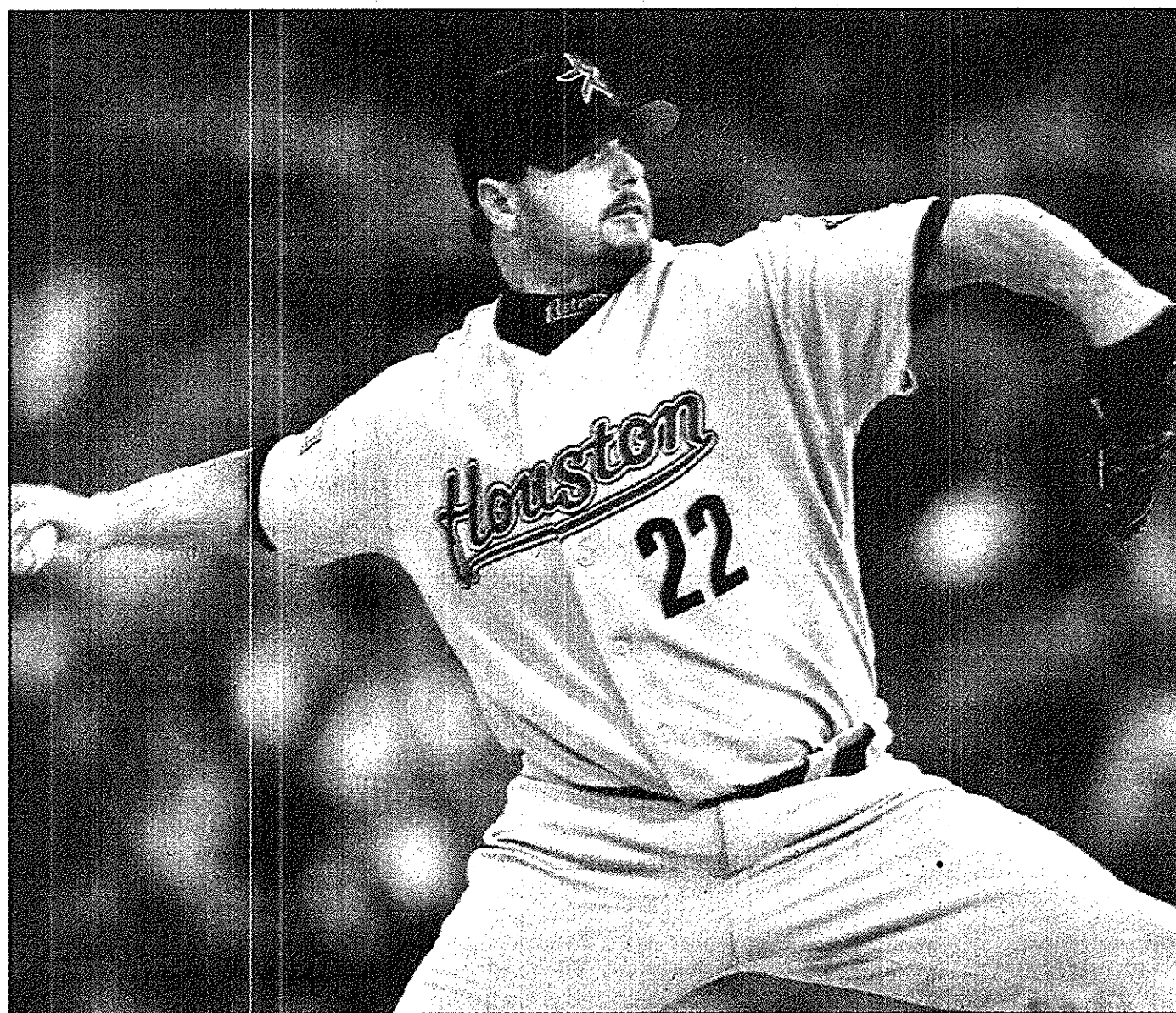
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Track and field set several personal bests

By JOSHUA BOGGS
The Jambar

The YSU men and women's track team had many individuals that ran, threw and jumped to high places as well as personal bests in a number of events at the Akron Open Invitational on Saturday.

Head track and field coach Brian Gorby said that his athletes did exactly what he expected of them at the invitational.

"Those folks at Akron really went in with the type of attitude we wanted and they ran inspired," Gorby said. "Overall, it was a huge stepping stone for us."

In men's action, freshman sensation Derek Riker again won the pole vault with a clearance of 15 feet, while freshman Dustin Reimond grabbed the fourth-place spot.

In the distance events, junior Chris Hine and sophomore Dave Mealy raced side by side in the 3,000-meter run as Hine was fifth in a time of 9:03.66, while Mealy finished close behind in seventh place.

Freshman Scott Weiser and sopho-

more Kevin Breckenridge also competed strong at the invite as Weiser (50.20) was third in the 400 with Breckenridge placing eighth in the 400-meter hurdles.

In the men's weight events, freshmen Joe White and Drew Weizer placed well in the javelin throw as White finished in third with a heave of 159 feet, 6 inches, while Weizer added a sixth-place finish.

On the women's side, freshman Nikki Hooper had a big day as the sophomore scored in three separate events. Hooper was second in both the long jump (16-9) and triple jump (35-6) and added a fifth-place finish in the 100-meter dash (12.96).

The women's throwing squad also had an impressive showing as Laura Schatz finished fifth in the javelin (102-3) with senior Lauren Girdler (139-11) and sophomore Kim Lammers (38-6) tossing their way to eighth and ninth in the hammer and shot. Amy Hill had a stellar day in the throwing events as well, as the freshman finished fourth in the javelin (104-9), sixth in the discus (128-9) and ninth in the hammer (139-9).

Pacing the women's team in the distance events were junior Lindsay Wojciak and freshman Kim Jendre, who were second and fifth in the 1,500 and seventh and third in the 3,000. Also scoring for the

Penguins was sophomore Cassandra Smith, who placed fifth in the 400 hurdles. Schatz also added fourth in the high jump after successfully clearing the bar at 5-2, while Larissa Papach (5-0) placed fifth.

YSU head sprinting coach Dave Purins said that he is pleased with the way his sprinters are performing this season, but also said that the overall women's team is in a great position to make a run at the Horizon League Championship.

"What I like so much in them is that they are taking pride in themselves and in their teammates," Purins said. "We are sharpening up our speed and we are really focusing on technique in all of the events."

"Aaliyah Gillespie, Danielle Bolt, Alex Casi, Jenna Cunningham, and Danielle Bolt all have a great chance of winning an individual championship," Purins said. "The girls have the mindset of a team championship."

Many of YSU's track and field athletes will partake in the Mount SAC Relays in Walnut, Calif. Friday.

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YSU Track & Field

Squad rolling in fine fashion

By JOSHUA BOGGS
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Highlighted by school records both on the track and through the air, the Youngstown State University track teams are continuing one of their finest seasons in years.

Junior Jarrod Davis and sophomore Emily Schnitkey recently broke school records in the hammer throw and the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

Davis' heave of 161 feet, 11 inches placed him in sixth at the Akron Open Invitational on Saturday, while Schnitkey's time of 10 minutes,

57.18 seconds finished her in eighth place at the University of Tennessee's Sea Ray Relays, which also took place on Saturday.

Along with his school record toss in the hammer, Davis also threw a seventh-place, season-best toss in the discus of 147-8, but admitted that breaking the school record in the hammer had been a lingering mindset of his.

"It was in the back of my mind," Davis said. "It was kind of a relief to get it out of the way."

YSU head throwing coach Shawn Cobey complimented Davis on his hard work and dedication and admitted that Davis' career could continue past college.

"Jarrod Davis has the potential to go on as a post-collegiate player," Cobey said. "He is very dedicated and will have a shot at the Olympic trials."

Davis, after suffering an injury last season, said that as long as he continues to put the time and effort in, qualifying for the trials could be a realistic goal.

"This is my first real season and eventually, if I continue to work hard, I think it's a real goal," Davis added.

Fellow thrower Katy Williams added an 11th-place, personal best toss in the discus of 146-1 and was also commended by Cobey for her contributions to the team this season.

"Katy is really starting to get a lot stronger," Cobey said. "[Katy and Jarrod] are really solid performers for our team. They both have great futures."

On the track, Schnitkey, who is only a sophomore, is making a future for herself in distance running at each and every meet.

Had Schnitkey run 7 seconds faster in the steeplechase, she would have qualified for

the NCAA Regionals and joined her teammate, senior Kurt Michaelis, who recently qualified for the NCAA Regionals in the same event.

Michaelis placed sixth in the 1,500-meter run at the relays with a time of 3:50.21. That season-best mark also just missed the NCAA Regional qualifying mark of 3:48.21 and would have sent Michaelis to regional meet in two separate events.

Schnitkey, who was named Horizon League Track Athlete of the Week for her performances, said that missing the qualifying mark was more of a motivation rather than a setback to help her to improve individually.

"It was definitely more of a motivation," Schnitkey said. "I am pretty confident in myself now."

Schnitkey also credits many of her teammates, including freshman Lisa Davies, to the success of the women's team.

"I think that everyone is doing well and having Lisa has helped a lot," Schnitkey said. "Overall, we have been having a couple upsets here and there, but for the most part we are coming together as a team."

Davies, who crossed the line in the 5,000-meter run in a time of 17:48.55, placed ninth at the relays.

Head track and field coach Brian Gorby admitted that he takes his team to Tennessee each year with one focus in mind.

"Basically, our goal every year at Tennessee is to make a run at the records," Gorby said. "We went to Tennessee to do some big things."

The women's 4 x 400-meter relay squad of sophomores Aaliyah Gillespie and Jenna Cunningham, freshman Danielle Bolt and junior Leslie Johnson definitely did some big things at the relays as the quartet finished in a 16th-place time of 3:49.48, just missing the school record by a mere 1.49 seconds.

Gorby admits that his team is accustomed to having great individuals, but that having great performers in the relay events helps the overall team stand point.

"To see the depth of four girls to do that well is extremely critical," Gorby said.

Many of the top athletes on the YSU track and field teams will continue their winning seasons when they travel to the All-Ohio Championships in Columbus, which begins on Friday.

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Golf teams place high at league invitationals

By JOSHUA BOGGS
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University men and women's golf teams putted and drove their way to high places at out-of-state invitationals this past week.

The men's golf team tied for 10th place with Horizon League foe Loyola at the Greg Palmer Eagle Classic at Morehead State in Kentucky on Monday, while the women's team finished in eighth place at the WMU Bronco Invitational in Portage, Mi., which began on Sunday and concluded on Monday afternoon.

Due to heavy rain conditions, the YSU men were only able to finish one round of golf before play was cancelled.

The Penguins tallied a one-round score of 324, behind Horizon League members Morehead State and Murray State, who tied with marks of 298.

The top placer for the Penguins at the Eagle Classic was sophomore Nate Kosma, who shot his way to a score of 76 to place him in 11th.

Close behind Kosma, were senior Derek Knepper, sophomore Josh Zarlenga, freshman Lou Nicholson and sophomore Jim Powers, who finished with scores of 80, 83, 85, and 87.

The YSU women's golf team, like the men's team, is continuing to improve this spring season.

In women's action at the Bronco Invitational, YSU accumulated a two-round team score of 685 (339-346) to finish a narrow four strokes behind Bowling Green, who finished in seventh place.

Leading the Penguins was senior Lori Hatcher, who carded scores of 85 and 83 to finish with a total of 168 in 26th place.

Following close behind Hatcher in the top 30 were junior Gina Abruzzino and senior Jennie Fleiner, who tallied scores of 169 (83-86) and

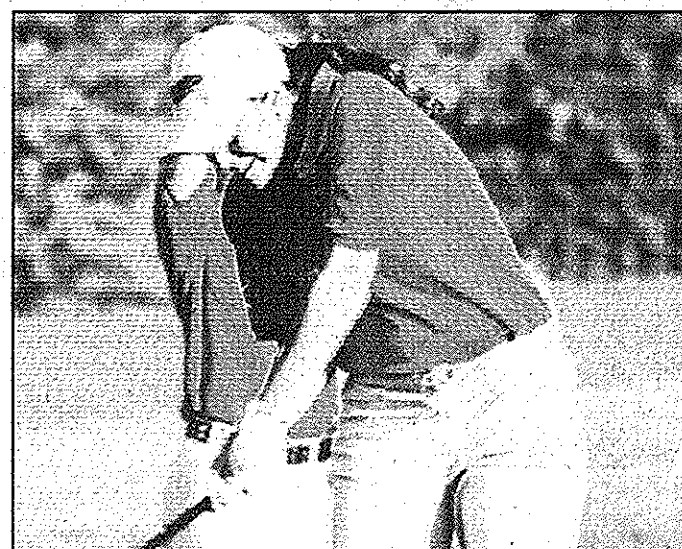


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RIP IT: The YSU golf teams continue to improve with higher rankings in each event.

170 (82-88). Rounding out the Penguin scoring at the invite were freshmen Bonnie Sherman, 178 (89-89) and Erin Odell, 193 (98-95).

The YSU women will continue action on the greens

today when they partake in the ECU Lady Colonel Classic, while the men will participate at the Buick Collegiate Classic in Dayton this Sunday.

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Sports in brief

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Youngstown — Clear Channel Radio will broadcast four Youngstown State regular season baseball games and all of YSU's games in the Horizon League Tournament on 1390 WNIO-AM, Sports Director Jim Campbell announced. Clear Channel's Chad Krispinsky will provide the play-by-play for YSU's game against against Ohio on April 27, the first game of a doubleheader with Wright State on May 1, a game against Illinois-Chicago on May 14 and the first game of a doubleheader with UIC on May 15. The Penguins are guaranteed to play at least two games in the Horizon League Tournament at Eastwood Field on May 26-30.

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