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Freshmen students who are recipients of Scholarships of Excellence from YSU will be honored Saturday at 5:30 p.m. in Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room at the third annual Outstanding Freshman Scholars Tribute.

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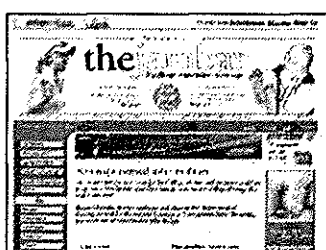
There will be a free continental breakfast 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Jan. 31 at the YSU Metro College in Boardman to discuss "Lean" manufacturing, a system developed by the Toyota Group in Japan. The breakfast will let business managers, owners and others learn about "Lean." For more information or reservations, call (330) 965-5800.

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Panel targets Habat, Chatman

By: Bill Rodgers
NEWS EDITOR

The seven-member panel whose job it was to investigate the causes of 2005's contract negotiations and resultant strikes of the Association of Classified Employees (ACE) and faculty unions completed their report last Thursday. A special meeting of the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees has been set for today to discuss the report's recommendations. Officials from each union said they would have official statements regarding the report following a meeting with their respective bargaining units.

The panel was chaired by YSU Provost Robert Herbert. The 12-page

report listed a number of recommendations based on testimony from more than 40 interviews and 30 written submissions. One of the goals of the report was to improve "long-standing issues in labor-management relations [at YSU.]"

Among the recommendations was the assertion that Vice President of Administration John Habat and Director of Human Resources Hugh Chatman could not "effectively serve the university in any capacity." The panel also called for a labor-management council and to change participants on each side of the negotiating process for 2008.

The panel also called for ACE President Christine Domhoff to be

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Seeing stars with new astronomy equipment

By: Cheryl Thompson
Assistant News Editor

The Youngstown State University astronomy department unveiled a \$206,000 digital projector called SciDome to be used in the Ward Beecher Planetarium on Tuesday.

"This is like a trip to Disneyland but without the expense," said Warren Young, a professor of astronomy and physics at YSU since 1962.

Young said the SciDome digital projector is only one of four being used at colleges in the United States.

"When we opened the planetarium in 1967, we were at the cutting edge of technology in astronomy. Now, with this, we're back to being on the cutting edge again," he said. Part of the \$750,000



The new SciDome digital projector is shown here. A new show, "Oasis in Space," using the projector will be held Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. renovation project funded by a grant from the Ward Beecher and Florence Simon Foundations, the device allows for video images to be shown on all sides of the planetarium dome. Patrick Durrell, assistant astronomy professor and

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SGA, university officials look at tuition alternatives

By: Bill Rodgers
NEWS EDITOR

As the March deadline for next year's tuition vote draws closer, Student Government is looking to the recycling bin for crumpled examples of how YSU could save a few bucks. In addition to that, President David Sweet and some student trustees have their eye on some \$30 million in state funding for higher education, which could bring some more money into campus.

The two groups are looking at some ways to reduce the recommended six percent increase to tuition through either cutting university expenditures or bringing more money to the university. Though much emphasis has been placed on next year's enrollment numbers, administration, trustees and SGA said they would use the time before the vote to find ways to lower next year's tuition.

SGA and Budget Tightening

SGA President Bob McGovern said that SGA's search for significant cost-saving measures hadn't seen "a lot of motion" due to the winter break.

McGovern said that SGA would be scheduling a meeting with university officials this week to discuss some brainstormed money-saving ideas.

One of which involves reducing the volume of paper YSU uses.

McGovern said he didn't have any figures for how much money YSU spends on paper, but he noticed many redundancies that use up paper at YSU.

"We can save a handsome amount by reducing redundancies. I get a YSU update in the SGA office and in my dorm mailbox, a lot of them unfortunately end up in the recycling bin," McGovern said. "We want to continue to use paper for our external relations and promotions, but we can certainly stand to reduce it internally."

Other SGA ideas included shutting the university down for one week during winter break, but McGovern was told that the university would lose money from this idea rather than save any. He said the reason why would be explained in his meeting with university officials.

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Courtyard thieves strike during break

By: Maysoun Abdelrasul
Features Reporter

During winter break at Youngstown State University, approximately \$5000 was stolen from the University Courtyard Apartments.

Junior Kristy Gaudiose said she left her apartment door open for 5 hours, only to return and find her laptop, iPod and perfume missing.

She said she was comfortable leaving her door open because this never happened to her before, but now she does not trust anybody.

"I was sort of bothered that I have to lock my door now," she said. "I am more leery of people now."

Gaudiose said she believes that an ex-roommate let someone in the apartment when she was gone. Gaudiose said she put many complaints prior to the incident to the courtyard officials about her roommates but nothing was done in response.

Gaudiose was one of the many victims of theft in the apartments during break. On Christmas Day, a YSU police officer was

checking the apartments and noticed a screen damaged on the north side of the building. According to the police reports, computers and other electronics totaling approximately \$2,000 was missing.

The alarm system was not in operation during the time of the break-in according to the report but has been restored.

Police said they are trying to identify a couple subjects and the cases are still under investigation.

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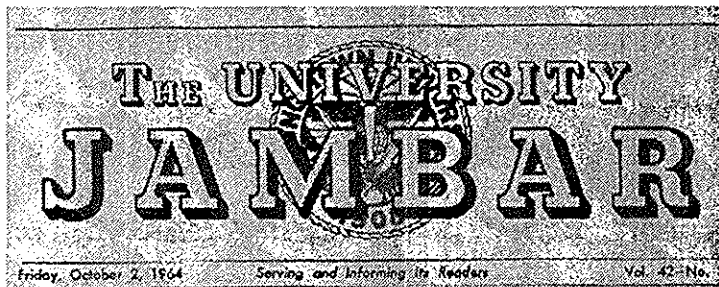
Happy 75th Birthday, Jambar!



The Jambar staff poses around a birthday cake Wednesday while celebrating the student newspaper's 75th birthday. The paper was founded by Burke Lyden in 1931. See Story on Page 2.

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The Jambar: What's in a name?

By: Leonard Glenn Crist
EDITOR IN CHIEF

There is a simple answer to the question, "What's a Jambar?"

A jambar was a tool used in the mills during the production of steel and iron, literally a bar that jams molten metal.

We have one displayed in our office in the basement of Fedor Hall, donated by Burke Lyden, the man who founded The Jambar in January 1931.

But there is a much deeper answer that gets at the heart of what this paper stands for, an answer that perhaps puts into perspective the paper's longstanding editorial slant to the

left.

Before my time at the paper, Lyden would regularly visit The Jambar, checking up on the staff, offering advice and wisdom and recounting how he founded the paper.

Lyden passed away in 2001 at the age of 91, but his impact is still being felt and likely won't soon be forgotten.

Seventy-five years ago, Lyden was a student at then Youngstown College, active in fencing and the president of a pre-med fraternity. He noticed the college didn't have a student newspaper, so he assembled a staff of volunteers and started one.

A good sense of history and a healthy distrust of authority are qualities all good journalists should exhibit, and Lyden's choice of the name "The Jambar" for his new publication indicates he had both.

You see, a jambar wasn't just a tool; it was a symbol of the working people of the Mahoning Valley standing up and expressing outrage at the lack of respect they felt the industrial magnates of the 1800s and early 1900s showed their employees.

The steel mills that put Youngstown on the map were hot, dangerous places and the men who toiled in them were hardworking

and proud. But when the descendants of John Young, Youngstown's founder, decided to move back east, abandoning the town he founded, many residents were bitter.

With no more Youngs in the town that bore its name, a number of residents took to calling the city Jambar, an organic people's revolt honoring the mill workers instead of the callous founding family.

The name was never legally changed though, and as the resentment subsided over the years, Jambar as nickname for Youngstown began to lose popularity.

But it wasn't forgotten.

When Burke Lyden got the notion to start his student newspaper in 1931, his sister suggested naming it The Jambar. A quick glance at Lyden's surroundings in Depression-era Youngstown would reveal vast inequalities. While mansions stood tall on Wick Avenue, the Great Depression was forcing people into soup kitchen lines on Elm Street. To add insult to injury, the air was filthy with coal dust spewed from the mills.

So for Lyden, the name The Jambar seemed appropriate. It was a subtle commentary on his surroundings, a slightly antiquated

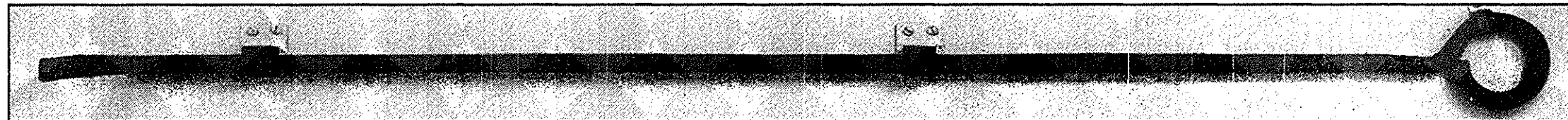
revolt against authority.

Lyden and his group of student volunteers printed those first editions of the Jambar on a mimeograph machine. The paper cost 2 cents and included an editorial, student news, humor and gossip.

Over the years, of course, technology improved. Today, The Jambar's newsroom rivals that of many professional newspapers.

Hopefully the long tradition of The Jambar, which extends before the birth of this student newspaper 75 years ago, will continue far into the future.

Burke Lyden, we thank you.



Above the staff photos: The Jambar's jambar, donated by Lyden

Above: The Jambar staff of 1931

Right: The Jambar staff of 1955



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OUR SIDE

Report refreshing but unfair to Habat, Chatman

The report released by the labor-management review panel last week is, by and large, a welcome and refreshing document.

The panel, which was convened by Youngstown State University President David Sweet last fall after YSU experienced two crippling strikes, was charged with studying the causes of the failure and offering solutions on how to avoid such problems in the future.

The panel addressed many of the problems frankly and honestly.

The most profound suggestion in the report calls for YSU and union negotiators who participated in last summer's bargaining to step down from their positions, allowing new people with no pre-existing grudges to meet civilly and on a regular basis.

Sweet has already announced that his negotiating teams have been dissolved. It is now up to the unions to do the same.

The panel also calls for YSU to rehire ACE president Chris Domhoff, which should be applauded. Administrators eliminated Domhoff's position a few months before the strike, a move that, despite administration claims, was clearly a cruel collective bargaining move.

But the report strikes a particularly low blow by insinuating that John Habat, YSU's vice president for administration, and Hugh Chatman, YSU's executive director of human resources, cannot effectively "serve effectively at the university in any capacity," due to their role in the strike. In other words, the panel wants these guys fired.

It's interesting that the panel, assembled by Sweet, would come to such a seemingly unfair conclusion. Sure, kicking them off the negotiating team seems like a fair solution, but complete termination seems a little suspect.

It would appear that Habat and Chatman are the fall guys, the patsies, shielding YSU's president and trustees from much of the blame that surely rests on their shoulders.

The trustees and Sweet have the final say, not Habat or Chatman. Any decision made by Habat or Chatman that led to the strike was surely approved by Sweet or the trustees.

If anybody should be recommended for termination, it should be Sweet.

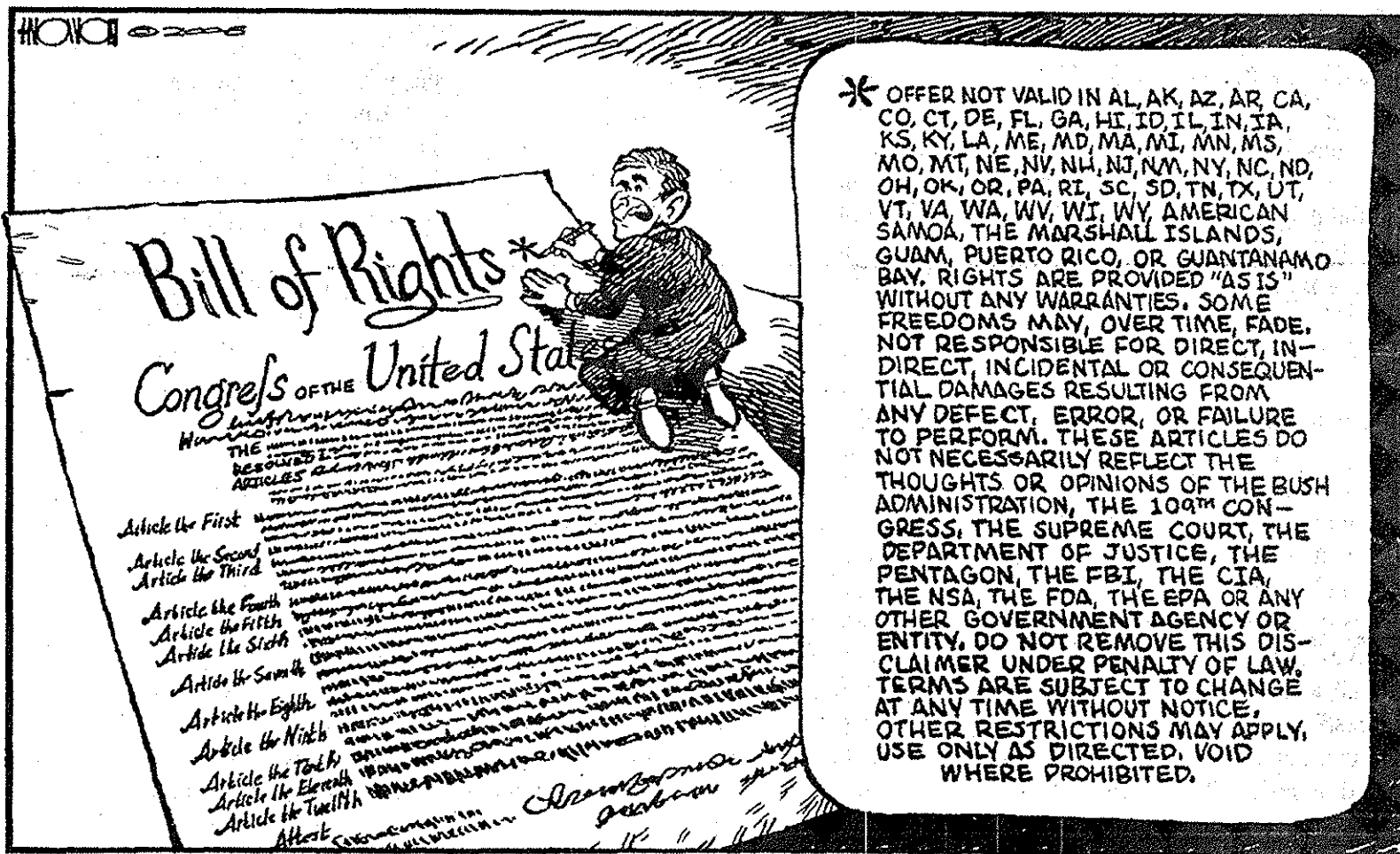
Also, while Habat and Chatman may not be angels with sterling reputations in the eyes of everyone on campus; their personalities are hardly any more difficult than Ivan Maldonado, the staff union's vice president, or John Russo, an influential and outspoken member of the faculty union. Nobody is expecting those individuals to be fired, nor should they be.

Finally, there is a line of thinking that says Sweet is nothing without Habat; that Habat is the puppet master or, perhaps more humorously, Karl Rove to Sweet's President Bush.

This may or may not be the case, but if it is true and Habat is fired, we may just find out.

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COMMENTARY

Dogs need shelter from winter's cold

By: Alisa Mullins
KRT CAMPUS

Just before the New Year began, a dog was found partly frozen to the ground in Dayton, Ohio. Whimpering and barely breathing, "Squeezer" was rushed to an emergency veterinary clinic, where the ailing hound was expected to pull through. Unfortunately, help came too late for another dog on the property, a young shepherd mix who was found dead in her doghouse. According to news reports, neither animal had food, water or proper shelter. The dogs' owners were charged with cruelty to animals.

This case is no anomaly. In the first two weeks of the year had even officially started, more than a dozen dogs and puppies around the country were reported dead from the cold. These dogs were all what is euphemistically referred to as "outside dogs" and most were confined to chains, unable to reach refuge from the cold.

Outside dogs don't live

outside because they are suited to it — they are put outside because it is convenient for their owners, regardless of their age, size or breed. Once they're outside it's all too easy to forget about them. People whose "outside dogs" die of cold or neglect inevitably say that the dog was "fine" yesterday or that they "didn't realize" that the dog didn't have food or water. It's easy not to notice these things when the dog is out in the backyard, his barking and whining muffled by the storm windows and roaring furnace that keep his owners warm.

Dogs may have fur coats, but they are not immune to the cold. Could you stay warm outside all night with just a coat? Many dogs are even less able to handle the cold than a well-clad person, including short-haired breeds like pointers and pit bulls, small dogs like Chihuahuas, dachshunds and Jack Russell terriers and young or elderly dogs.

Every winter, PETA builds and delivers hundreds of dog-

houses and straw bedding to dogs left outside to battle the elements with little or no shelter. We've found dogs with no protection other than trees, decks, metal drums, discarded coffee tables or pieces of plywood propped up against chain-link fences. We provide the dogs with sturdy, raised, wooden houses that are small enough for the dog to keep somewhat warm with his own body heat-but it isn't enough. Lack of shelter is just the tip of the iceberg-many of these dogs also subsist on sporadic feedings of scraps, go for hours or days without fresh water, are infested with fleas and heartworms and have never so much as darkened the door of a veterinarian's office.

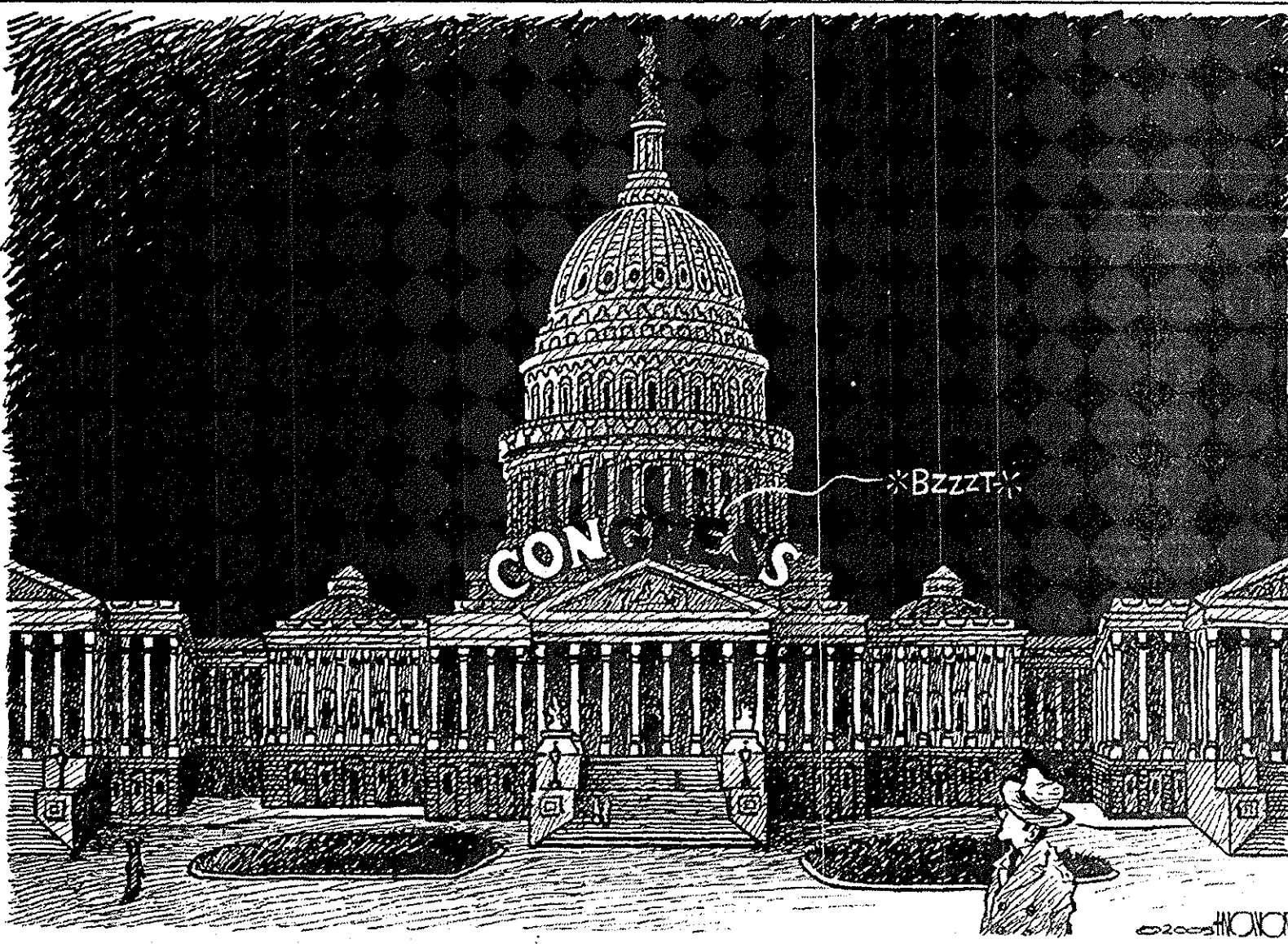
This is no life for "man's best friend." No dog is happy living outside on a chain, even when the temperature outside isn't freezing cold or suffocatingly hot. Dogs are social animals who crave contact both with other dogs and with their human families.

More than 80 jurisdictions

around the country have banned or limited chaining, often in response to a tragic mauling death of a toddler who wandered within a chained dog's reach or after the death of a chained dog from neglect has resulted in understandable public outcry. It's time for other jurisdictions to follow suit. Dogs deserve more than to be left outside to shiver through winter after winter.

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reired and a final assertion that negotiations need to be "less adversarial" in the future.

'Cannot effectively serve the university.'

Among the strongest worded recommendations in the report is that Habat and Chatman could not serve the university. It also recommended that a new Director of Faculty Relations should be appointed, a job previously held by Tom Maraffa.

"It is not possible to separate personalities from process: the administrative process has broken down over the past several years in some significant measure due to the personalities entrusted with this responsibility," the report said.

The recommendation came in a single paragraph, finishing up with the observation: "The possibility of restoring good relations to the campus is severely compromised at present."

Following the report's release, YSU President David Sweet released a personal statement, supporting Habat's character. The president expressed regret that the panel singled out specific people in the report, saying that Habat has provided "effective leadership in areas of budget, financial affairs, facilities and human resources."

"He is a person of intelligence, experience and integrity," Sweet said.

Habat was out of the office at press time, but he released a statement the day after the report was made public. In his statement, Habat said he was disappointed by "one of the more significant recommendations of the labor panel." He said that he had the support and backing of the board of trustees and administration at the

time of the negotiations.

"The deeper reason for the strikes was an aggressive resistance to an administration that was trying to change an environment and its philosophy of entitlement," Habat said.

"... I knew full well that to accomplish what the board and administration desired would be cause for labor relations discord, but I felt the objectives were appropriate, reasonable and equitable," Habat said later in the statement.

There has been no formal announcement regarding the positions held by Chatman and Maraffa as of yet.

'Change participants'

The panel recommended that the negotiating teams present at the 2005 contract talks not work together for the talks in 2008. The report states simply "Change participants on all sides." A similar recommendation was made that ACE's President and Vice President, Christine Domhoff and Ivan Moldanado, should withdraw from at least one round of contract negotiations.

"It is clear that some of the personalities involved in these negotiations can no longer work together," the report said, stating that the change would be a necessary step in resolving issues of trust and respect between labor and management.

Sweet responded to the recommendation with an announcement that the administrative negotiating teams who bargained with the ACE and faculty union would resign their positions, followed by the hope that each union would do the same.

"For progress to occur it will require both management and the leaders of our

labor unions to work together to reestablish trust and respect," Sweet said.

But the two union leaders said that the recommendation may not be so simple or necessary by 2008. Domhoff said that she has one year left in her term as president and Moldanado is similarly nearing the end of his term. She said her negotiating team was not appointed, but elected. She also said a few members of her negotiating team would be retiring under YSU's early retirement plan soon.

"A number of people will not be back," Domhoff said.

Julia Gergits, president of the faculty union, said that she would ask to meet with the panel for clarification on some of the recommendations. Gergits said her negotiating team was still working on several important items of union business and that her bargaining unit wasn't prepared for a "mass exodus" of negotiating team members.

She said her negotiating team was still editing items in the contract as well as negotiating a proposal for how faculty members are compensated for summer courses.

"We need a functioning negotiating team right now. We have work to do," Gergits said.

Hearings regarding Domhoff's position at the university will be held later this week. Domhoff held a position at YSU's Cisco Networking Academy, which was closed in April resulting in the termination of Domhoff's contract. The report claimed that this action was viewed by labor as an attempt of the administration to intimidate the ACE union before negotiations began.

Responses

Herbert said that the report touched on several long-standing issues of labor relations at the university and that both sides needed to accept some responsibility for the failed talks.

"If the campus community cannot accept that analysis, then I'm concerned about our ability to move forward," Herbert said in an e-mail.

Herbert said the report wouldn't be a "magic bullet" in resolving the labor problems at YSU.

"What we need is a commitment from all sides to improve communication and to work together in a climate of mutual respect. Intransigence on one side will only produce intransigence on the others," Herbert said.

Domhoff said that the assertions of the report can be traced all the way back to a State Auditor's report in 2003 that listed communication and labor relations as a huge problem on YSU's campus.

"Years later we have the same issues: labor relations and communications. There's been no real change," Domhoff said.

Gergits said that she found the negotiations had a "horrible lack of trust, esteem and respect," which were listed in different areas of the report.

SGA President Bob McGovern chimed in with Herbert about the need for better communication on campus. McGovern supported the idea of a labor-management relations council that would both improve communication and discuss issues in the open.

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Classmates USA's calendar model search. Spring Breakers can expect plenty more of the same this year with bikini and wet t-shirt/wet jockey shorts contests daily and nightly. The Sandpiper is never short on big-time entertainment, hosting such acts as Bob Marley's Wailers, Tone Loc and other major acts. Tentatively scheduled for this year are the Black Eyed Peas performing on the beach behind the Sandpiper Beacon during Jay Leno's show. Metro Nightclubs is a Spring Break sponsor giving away swimwear and the Corona Beach Volleyball Tournament is scheduled to take place behind the Sandpiper this year. There will be entertainment all day and all night at the hotel throughout spring break. Visit www.sandpiperbeacon.com to see what's on tap for Spring Break 2006 at the Sandpiper Beacon Beach. Beach, Florida or call the resort at 800-488-8828.

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the fall, but this spring marks the first semester the projector can be used. Durrell said the projection system will be used in planetarium shows as well as class instruction.

"The digital projector will be able to show astronomical data that can be integrated with class lectures," Durrell said.

The remodeling that began last summer has been the first wholesale remodeling since the planetarium opened in 1967.

Young said the current improvements aren't the finished product. Renovations will continue until spring 2007 and the grant will pay for the installation of a new star projector.

"It's like a '57 Chevy, still runs great, but it's old and hard to get parts for," Young said.

Durrell said the renovations went smoothly and were on schedule despite a few minor problems, for the most part. A hot water pipe burst in the planetari-

um's workroom over the summer, causing the area to flood.

"It looked like a garage sale was going on in here when we moved the equipment from the workroom to dry out," Durrell said.

Durrell said another minor setback occurred just before the start of the fall semester. The day the carpet and the seats were supposed to be installed happened to coincide with start of the faculty and staff strike.

"We had this planned out way in advance and had no idea the strike was going to happen," Durrell said.

In addition to education programs, the planetarium is also known for its laser light shows.

"We are working on bringing in a laser light system and plan to put on the laser shows again," Durrell said.

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"We'll figure out a way to make closing the university a cost-saver. The University of Akron was closed from Christmas to New Years. Obviously it saves money for them; we can figure out how to make it work for us I think," McGovern said.

Sweet said that his office was looking for any possibilities of cutting down on operating expenses, but there may not be many ways to tighten expenditures. Sweet said his office was compiling data on university spending and operating expenses. He said the research wasn't finished yet, but that YSU's operating expenses have remained flat throughout the last few years.

"We have not been adding to our operating expenses, in fact those are the areas that received the most significant set of cuts," Sweet said.

Bringing More Money to Campus

The president did mention the possibility of bringing state funding to campus, however.

Sweet said that he learned of \$30 million that would be appropriated into the state budget for higher education in the next fiscal year. Sweet said that the mechanism for distributing the money hadn't been determined yet and that it would be important not to over-estimate the amount that YSU could receive.

"I think we could roughly estimate getting an additional \$500,000, maybe more depending on how it's allocated," Sweet said.

Sweet said that the Ohio speaker of the house recently made a statement that he would like to focus additional funding for higher education in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Sweet called the statement "another variable" in the tuition discussion.

In the interest of fundraising, McGovern also said

SGA and student trustee Paul Walker would be scheduling a visit to a meeting of the Ohio Board of Regents to discuss higher education in February or March. Walker said he had been in contact with the vice-chair of the board of regents as well as board of regents member Bruce Beeghly, who used to serve as a YSU trustee.

Enrollment is still major variable.

YSU trustees voted to table a vote on the six percent hike in a narrow 6-5 vote at December's trustee's meeting. The trustee's opted to vote on tuition in March, when the board had a better projection for next year's enrollment.

Sweet said university administration wouldn't have a firm re-assessment of tuition until the enrollment projections came in later in the semester. Sweet cited higher high school graduation numbers that could result in a higher enrollment for YSU.

"Last year there was a dip in high school graduations in our primary service area. This year the numbers have gone up 500 or so and we're focused on getting more perspective students from [outside the area]," Sweet said.

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Academic chair awards

Provost Robert K. Herbert is calling for nominations of academic chairpersons for the 2005-2006 Watson Merit Awards. All academic chairpersons currently serving are eligible for nomination. Each dean is asked to nominate deserving people amongst the chairpersons and should make nominations through the nominee's dean. The dean should send all nominations along with his or

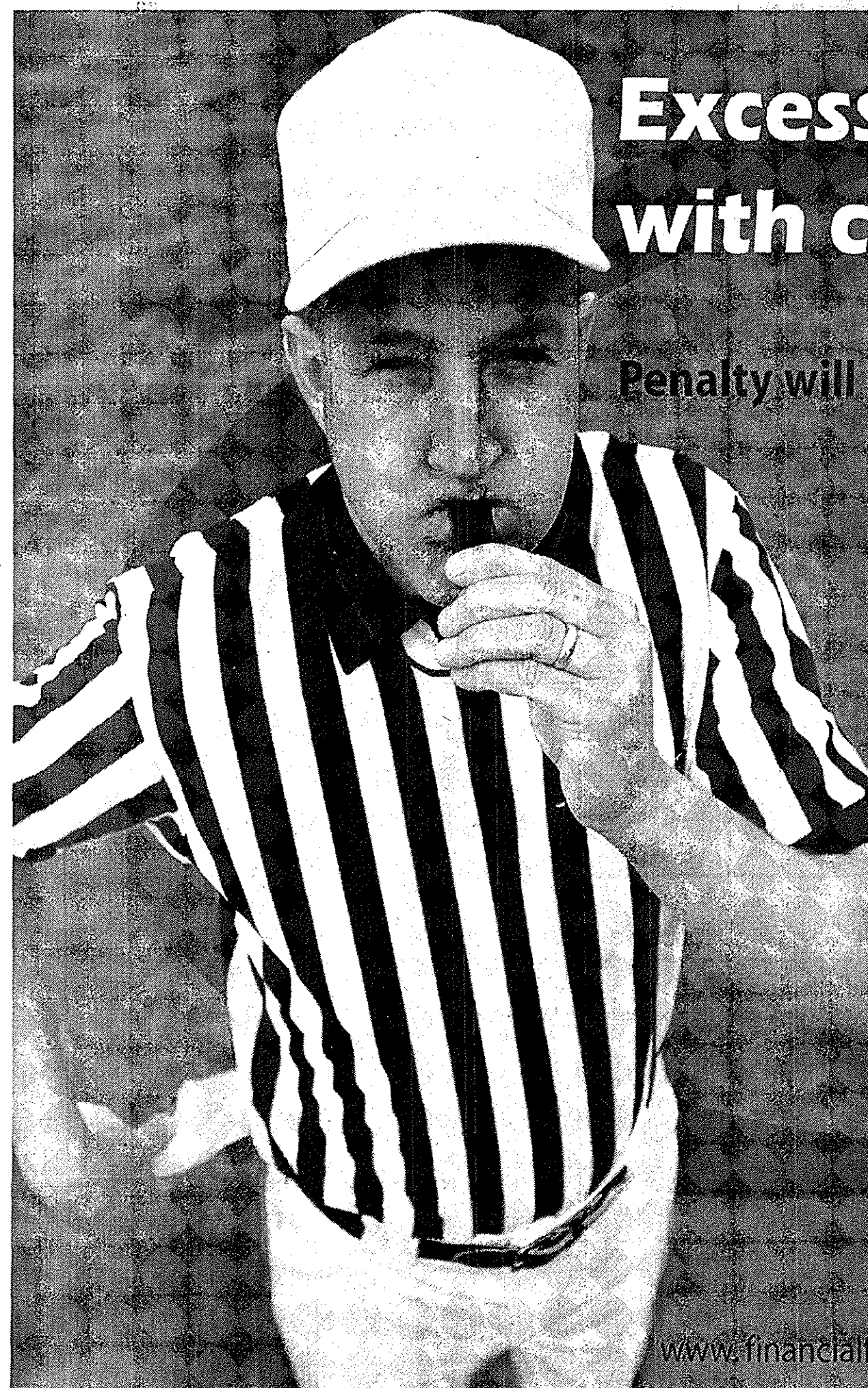
her recommendations to the Office of the Provost. A committee consisting of the provost, the vice president for student affairs and the executive director of human resources will choose the recipient. Nominations should be sent to the Office of the Provost by March 1. Announcement of the awards will be made April 18.

Diabetes scholarships

The Thomas J. Seefred will be awarding scholarships up to \$3,000 to college students suffering from Juvenile Diabetes who are 18-to-25-years-old. All scholarships will be awarded based on academic promise, personal statement, recommendations and financial need with preference given to qualified applicants from

Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana counties. Applications are available at www.seefredtrust.org and must be postmarked by April 1. Recipients will be notified after July 1. For more information, contact Karen Leetch at (330) 533-9900.

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German program has bleak future

By: Bill Rodgers
NEWS EDITOR

The language department at Youngstown State University will likely lose its German major, following the retirement of professor L. Allen Viehmeyer at the end of the current semester. John Sarkissian, the department chair, said his department had not been authorized to conduct a search for a replacement professor.

Sarkissian said, without approval from the provost, a replacement professor can't be hired and the German program will likely close.

"I hope that a year from now, things will change. I'm not optimistic. Viehmeyer is retiring, we're not yet authorized to replace him. Ultimately, that will mean the end of the German major," Sarkissian said.

Sarkissian said there were some concerns about the possibility of the German program closing.

"We'll be a department of language that does not offer a major in one of the major languages," Sarkissian said.

Sarkissian said the program had few students; four students were majoring in the program last year and one graduated in December. The remaining students will be able to complete their courses for the major by taking classes with a temporary replacement professor, Sarkissian and Provost Robert Herbert said.

Herbert said the university would provide whatever was necessary for the remaining students to complete their degrees in German. He stated that the decision to not authorize a search for a new professor was a difficult one. Herbert said they may revisit the possibility of hiring a new professor in "a year or two."

"Whenever a vacancy in the faculty ranks occurs, we need to assess how we can most effectively use available resources... The department chair, the dean and I agreed that we can revisit this question in the future. For

the moment, there are more pressing needs in the faculty ranks," Herbert said.

Herbert said a variety of factors were considered in the decision to not authorize a new search, but that the low number of majors was an important part of that decision.

The language department will still offer introductory courses in German. Herbert said that students who wished to take advanced courses in German could do so through distance learning.

The replacement professor, John Boehm, was a language department chair in Jacksonville, Fla.

Viehmeyer has taught at YSU for 35 years, Sarkissian said. He said Viehmeyer would not be pursuing extended teaching at YSU because he planned on going to Eastern Pennsylvania to conduct research about German American communities.

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will be a boon when they are finally invented, years after we all die.

- I will give up on the cliché twenty-something goal of writing the new "The Catcher in the Rye," and instead concentrate on writing the new "Tekwar."

- I will discover why tuition has been increased by finding the administration's secret Unlimited Lobster Banquet Hall.

- I will make the goggle/cape combo appropriate fashion for the sveife student, not just for the crazy homeless person who occasionally wanders onto campus with secrets about the government and space worms.

- I will no longer end my articles in an awkward, abrupt fashion.

Bob Mackey is currently tucked away in a hidey-hole, safe from the all-seeing eyes of 2006. He can be reached at (330) 941-1913.

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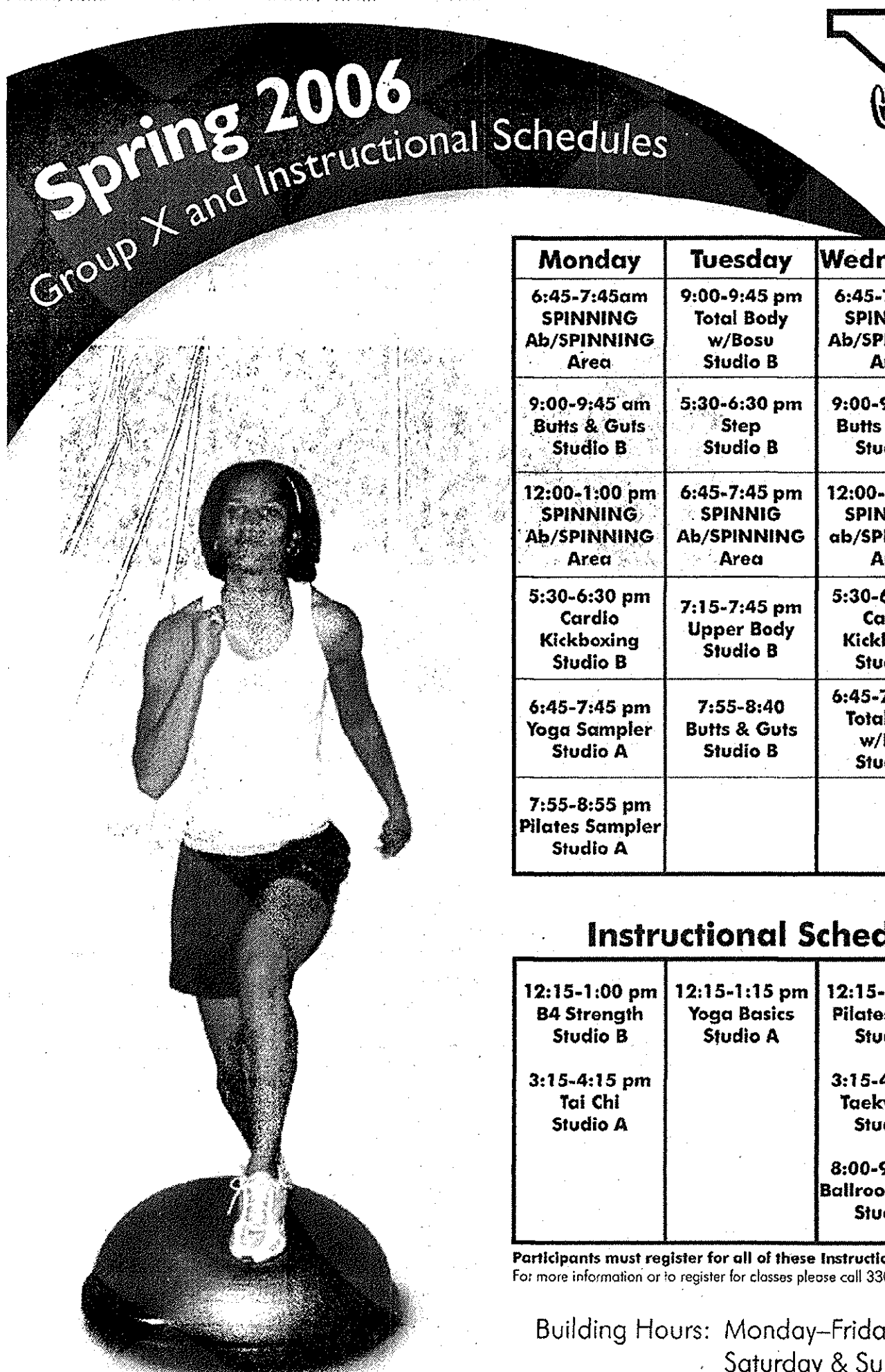
YSU police were dispatched to Kilcawley Staff offices on Jan. 11 in reference to a missing laptop computer. Ashleigh Santillo told police she was sent to retrieve an audio-visual cart and noticed the laptop was missing. The woman who reserved the room said that when she left, the laptop was there and she did not shut the door that would have secured itself. The cost of the computer was approximately \$2,000. On Jan. 12, police found the suspect in the F3 parking lot and arrested him. The suspect, Maurice Hill, told police where they could find the missing laptop computer.

Youngstown State University Police responded to a theft in Maag Library on Jan. 12. Jaietta Jackson told the officer that two video cameras were last seen locked in a cabinet on Dec. 12. According to the police report, She opened the cabinet on Jan. 13 and found both cameras, worth an estimated \$300, were missing. Jackson told police that the only people who had keys to the room were full-time staff members of the Communications and Theater Department.


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9:00-9:45 am Butts & Guts Studio B	5:30-6:30 pm Step Studio B	9:00-9:45 am Butts & Guts Studio B	5:30-6:30 pm Step Studio B		
12:00-1:00 pm SPINNING Ab/SPINNING Area	6:45-7:45 pm SPINNING Ab/SPINNING Area	12:00-1:00 pm SPINNING Ab/SPINNING Area	6:45-7:45 pm SPINNING Ab/SPINNING Area		
5:30-6:30 pm Cardio Kickboxing Studio B	7:15-7:45 pm Upper Body Studio B	5:30-6:30 pm Cardio Kickboxing Studio B	7:55-8:40 pm Butts & Guts Studio B		
6:45-7:45 pm Yoga Sampler Studio A	7:55-8:40 Butts & Guts Studio B	6:45-7:45 pm Total Body w/Bosu Studio B			
7:55-8:55 pm Pilates Sampler Studio A					

Instructional Schedule (January 30th-May 12th)

12:15-1:00 pm B4 Strength Studio B	12:15-1:15 pm Yoga Basics Studio A	12:15-1:15 pm Pilates Basics Studio A	12:15-1:15 pm Yoga Basics Studio A	12:15-1:15 pm Pilates Basics Studio A	Please See Group X Schedule
3:15-4:15 pm Tai Chi Studio A		3:15-4:15 pm Taekwondo Studio A			
		8:00-9:00 pm Ballroom Dance Studio A			

Participants must register for all of these Instructional Classes prior to January 30th
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- ▶ 1/21 — Women's basketball @ Detroit

YSU BASKETBALL

YSU basketball teams falter

Slow start, poor shooting hurt women's fight against UW-GB

By: Justin Smolkovich
 SPORTS REPORTER

Following Saturday afternoon's loss at the hands of Wisconsin-Green Bay, head coach Tisha Hill was left asking questions about her team's performance. The 74-49 loss dropped the Penguins to 4-12 and winless in the Horizon League.

The start of the game saw the Phoenix build an 11-0 lead, which they never relinquished and a lead the Penguins could not overcome. The slow start for the Penguins has been a problem for the team, Hill said.

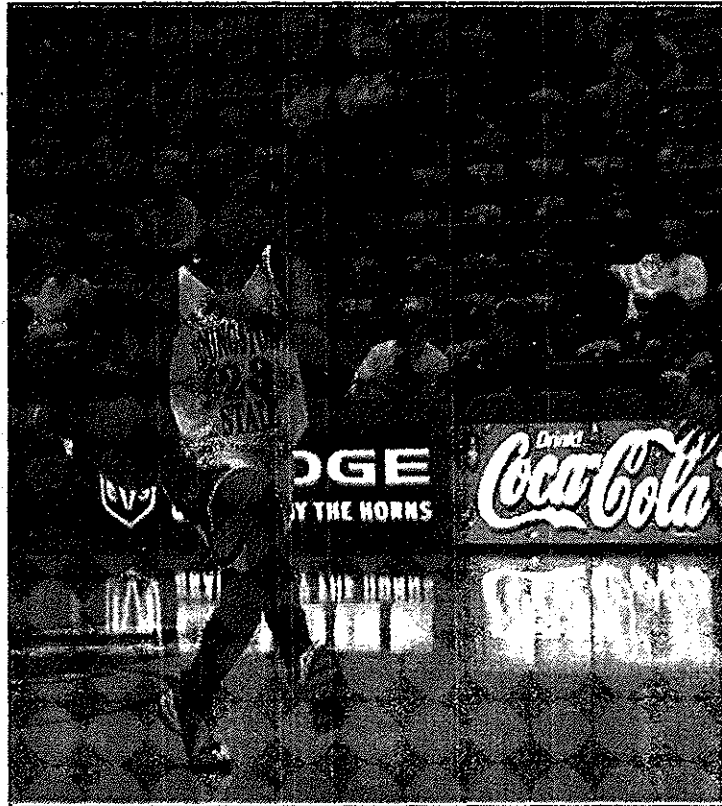
"That part is a mystery," Hill said. "Why we can't get a jump from the start."

The slow start that Hill mentioned came via a night of poor shooting from the field and numerous turnovers, which plagued the Penguins throughout the course of the game.

At half, the Penguins trailed by 17 points at 38-21, shooting just 38 percent from the field. The Penguins finished the night with an abysmal 30 percent on 19 of 50 compared to the hot hands of the Phoenix who shot a blistering 54 percent.

The Penguins added to their woes by committing 22 turnovers compared to just 13 from Green Bay. Green Bay scored 27 points off turnovers including 16 points on fast break opportunities.

Hill said playing against a league powerhouse like



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YSU guard Velissa Vaughn, a freshman from Clairton, Pa., uses creative footwork to get by opponents in a game last week.

the Phoenix leaves little room for error.

"They don't need any extra possessions."

Following the game Hill acknowledged the Penguins' shooting troubles.

"We need to knock down some shots," Hill said. "We need to take smarter and higher percentage shots."

The Penguins were led by guards Kristy Gaudiose and Ashlee Russo who were forced to pick up double duty with the loss of sophomore point guard and floor general Lauren Branson due to injury. Gaudiose led the team with 12 points while Russo finished the night with 9.

Despite the loss, Hill said that her young team of seven freshmen continue to be baptized by fire and are

continuing to impress her with their resiliency after tough losses.

"They know things will improve," Hill said.

Perhaps the brightest moment of the night for those in attendance was the recognition of a Penguin all-time great. During half-time, Dorothy Bowers, a former Penguin great who scored 2,234 points in her career and a 1997 inductee into the Athletic Hall of Fame, had her number 33 jersey retired. Bowers becomes the first woman to have her number retired at Youngstown State.

The Penguins pick up action again tonight against Cleveland State. Tip-off is set for 7:05 p.m.

Call Justin Smolkovich at (330) 941-3758.

Men's record falls to 5-11 after loss to Cleveland State

By: Justin Smolkovich
 SPORTS REPORTER

For 19 seconds - early in the second half of Saturday night's game - the Penguins men's basketball team held a lead over Horizon League rival Cleveland State. Unfortunately for the Penguins, it was their only lead for the night. The 63-50 loss dropped the Penguins' record to 5-11 and 2-4 in league play.

The Penguins fell behind early as the Vikings built a 7-0 lead early on, forcing the Penguins to play catch up the entire first half. Dwight Holmes provided the Penguins and the packed Beeghly Center with the only bright moment for the Penguins, hitting a jumper to give the Penguins their only lead at 32-31.

Offensively, the team struggled. They shot just 38 percent in the first half and were out rebounded 27-17. The Penguins offense, sparked by two-time Horizon League player of the week Quin Humphrey, never threatened following the Holmes

jumper. Humphrey netted only nine points - well below his 20-point average.

Following the game, Humphrey said there would be a lot of extra work in the gym this week before their Saturday game.

"Tomorrow everyone will be in the gym getting extra shots," Humphrey said.

Humphrey attributed the loss to more than the Penguins poor field goal percentage of 34 percent - including one of 11 from beyond the arc, pointing towards rebounds as the culprit. The Penguins were out rebounded 42-38 in the game and gave the Vikings 17 offensive rebounds in the crucial moments of Saturday's contest.

"If we get out rebounded like that, we will never win a game," Humphrey said.

First-year head coach Jerry Slocum said that the tough physical style of the Vikings big men were the undoing for the Penguins.

"They just physically manhandled us for forty

minutes," Slocum said.

While the Vikings may have manhandled the Penguins like Slocum noted, the Vikings offense fared only slightly better, shooting 39 percent and were outscored in the paint by the Penguins 24-14.

The loss was the third in a row for the Penguins, who have the entire week to regroup before hosting Butler University, coming off a 64-52 win against Detroit and stand at 9-6 overall.

The week off for Slocum will be a little tougher following Saturday's performance.

"It is a tough one to sit on when you have that type of performance," Slocum said.

Humphrey said that it isn't time for the Penguins to call it quits and said he still remains confident in his team's ability.

"I still feel comfortable with the guys I am playing with," Humphrey said. "I'm not going to let us quit."

Call Justin Smolkovich at (330) 941-3758.

Frat's Game of Hope raises money for charity

By: Katie Libecco
 COPY EDITOR

Phi Kappa Tau fraternity will sponsor a charity celebrity basketball game 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Beeghly Center, before the men's basketball game against Butler University at 7:05 p.m.

"This game is important for the charities and this fraternity," Game of Hope coordinator Tony Spano said. "I hope that the community will come together to support the great cause, and have fun, too."

The Game of Hope will feature Youngstown Mayor Jay Williams, State Rep. Ken Carano (D-59th), State Rep. John Boccieri

(D-61st), former Northeast Ohio Education Association President Jeff Pegg, CEO of Iron and String Life Enhancement James Sutman, UAW 1714 President Jim Kaster, UAW 1112 President Jim Graham, 95.9 KISS-FM radio personality Jerry Mac, 570 WKBN Radio's Dan Rivers, State Sen. Marc Dann (D-32nd), Mahoning County Commissioner John McNally and YSU Executive Director of Athletics Ron Strollo.

Robb Schmidt, WKBN TV-27 sports anchor and voice of YSU basketball, and Herb Washington, owner of the Youngstown

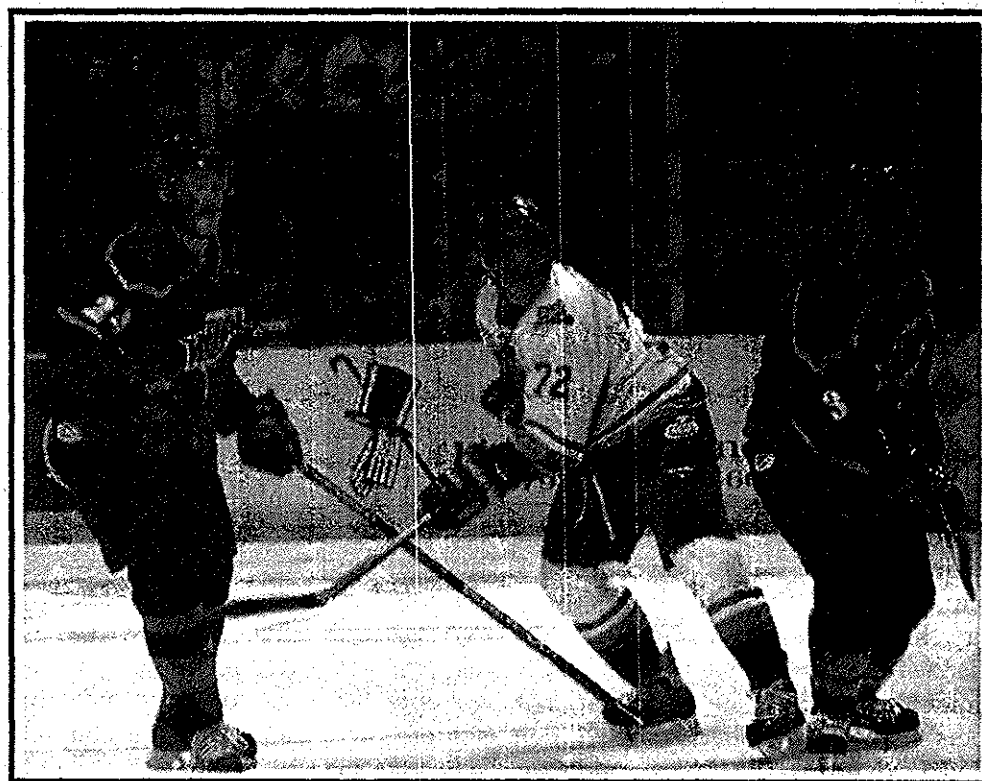
SteelHounds, will serve as honorary coaches.

The local celebrities will play against members of the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity.

The Game of Hope raised more than \$4,000 last year and Spano said that he was optimistic this year's event would raise that much or more.

Money raised in the Game of Hope will go to Phi Kappa Tau's national philanthropy, Paul Newman's Hole in the Wall Gang Camps and the Rich Center for Autism. Each year, the fraternity selects another local charitable organization to support through the Game of Hope.

Watching the action



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SteelHounds forward Jeff Christian, flanked by Wichita Thunder opponents, watches a Thunder teammate make a shot on goal in a game last week. The SteelHounds will play the Odessa (Texas) Jackalopes Saturday, which will be a doubleheader with the Mahoning Valley Phantoms Junior 'A' Hockey team facing off against U.S. National Under-18 Team. The Phantoms will play at 4 p.m. followed by the SteelHounds at 7:30 p.m.

The first Hole in the Wall Gang Camp was created in 1988. More than 100,000 children have attended one of the camps in the program free-of-charge since its creation. The program allows children with life-threatening illnesses to camp safely with unobtrusive, 24-hour medical supervision.

"We're trying to get

some local celebrities involved just to increase their awareness of these charity organizations. We just want to try and get these organizations some more exposure to raise support," Spano said. "It helps even more that we'll be getting some pretty influential people to take notice too."

Doors will open at 3

p.m. for the game. Tickets are \$6 each and include admission to the Game of Hope and the YSU basketball game.

For more information visit www.thegame-ofhope.com.

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COMMENTARY

Bob's Belated New Year's Resolutions

By: Bob Mackey
 COLUMNIST

New Year's Resolutions; we all make them, but after an evening of booze and paper hat-induced debauchery, these hopes for the future usually end up as meaningless as historical information in a Dan Brown novel. Why do we decide to change our lives annually on this fateful night? Around 11:50-ish on December 31, while we're drinking as much as possible and desperately searching for someone to kiss who is equally clouded with the vision-impairing effects of alcohol, the thought crosses our minds that somehow, if only in regard to sobriety, our lives could be better. However, by 11:00 a.m. the next morning after waking up in our own sick, we finally come to the realization that existence is really just a never-ending chain of mistakes, so why bother breaking that chain now? After all, chains are a vital

part of any prison work team, and those guys do good work!
 Tragically, I've made my own resolutions for 2006, and before anyone decries the fact that I'm trotting out such a tired premise in the middle of January, it doesn't matter because I don't plan on following a single one of them! This is mainly for your entertainment, and a quick glimpse into the world of mistakes I've made in 2005.
 Welcome back to the world of survival horror, as you view my resolutions for 2006:
 - I will find the actual highway to hell, and avoid any pressure to take the highway to the danger zone (which is actually just the turnpike).
 - I will no longer trust neighborhood dogs with my bookkeeping.
 - I will remember that love is a cruel mistress with 31 bitter flavors, and they will kick you out of the store if you sample too many. However, no one will care if you go behind the store and

raid the dumpster. The dumpster of love.
 - I will learn to make better metaphors about love.
 - Failing that, I will quickly change the subject to TV shows from my childhood now on DVD.
 - I will finally lose those extra 200 pounds, making me weigh negative 60 pounds. I can then live off of the profits of breaking the laws of nature.
 - I will carry a copy of "The Purpose Driven Life" on me at all times in order to fend off would-be serial killers. Inside, in a precisely-carved indentation, there will be a gun.
 - I will publicly apologize to Nancy Grace, and when we shake hands in a truce, I will be wearing a Joy Buzzer on the inside of my palm that will somehow turn her into a hamster (I plan on being proficient in magic at some point). Then I will say, "What's it like being a hamster, Hammy?!" After that, I will make her live in a cage made out of injustice and the pantsuits of middle-aged women.

- I will prove everyone but me is a robot. If that sounds crazy, then maybe your inferior robot brain just can't handle the truth!
 - Due to immense peer pressure, I will buy the Meow Mix Cat Clock (as seen on TV!), and then contemplate suicide.
 - I will constantly hold a gigantic pair of pants in front of me so people will think I accomplished something in 2005.
 - Much like Frasier, I will have a dinner party with hilarious results.
 - Also like Frasier, my gruff but lovable father will sit in a ragged old chair and complain to a dog as we unsuccessfully emulate *The Odd Couple*.
 - I will triple readership of The Jambar by making outrageous promises I can't keep to readers.
 - I will give each and every reader a non-creepy backrub and \$20 every time they read an issue of The Jambar.
 - I will try to be a better person, or at least wear expensive clothing in order



to resemble a better person. After all, the rich have greater character than you or I!
 - I will make all incoming freshmen call me "Uncle Bob," then tell them stories about "the war."
 - I will have jetpacks legalized on campus, which will be a boon when they are finally invented, years

COMEDY PREVIEW

Larry the redneck comedian to visit 'The Chev' tonight

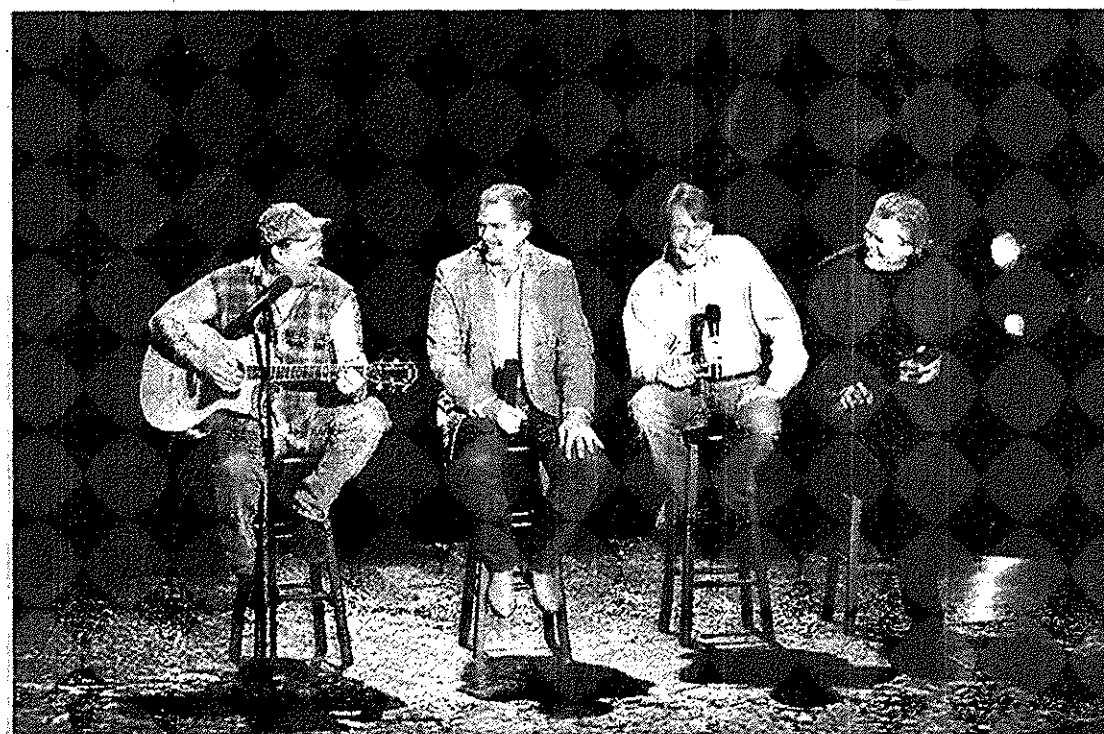


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Larry The Cable Guy (far right), seen here in this publicity photo from the Blue Collar Comedy Tour Rides Again, is performing his redneck schtick tonight at the Chevrolet Centre.

By: Katie Libecco
 COPY EDITOR

The Chevrolet Centre will host stand-up comedian Larry the Cable Guy tonight at 7:30 p.m.

Larry, known for his redneck comedy style, is the first comedian to perform at the Chevrolet Centre. He is one of the original members of the Blue Collar Comedy Tour with Jeff Foxworthy, Bill Engvall and Ron White.

What's not to love about a guy whose Web site tells fans, "I actually so far have kept all four resolutions that I made this year. Drink more, dip more, gain weight, and not get laid!! So far so good."

OK, a lot, but I digress.
 Larry just finished his first movie, "Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector," due in theaters March 31. In the movie, he inspects upscale restaurants and goes undercover to expose villains. Also, the Disney/Pixar animated movie "Cars" will hit theaters June 6. In it, Larry plays a talking tow truck named "Mater."

His comedy CD, "The Right to Bear Arms" earned him a Grammy nomination this year. He is up against Louis Black, Chris Rock, The Family Guy and Rick Moranis for the award.

Larry, 43, started life as a boy known as Dan Whitney on a pig farm in southeastern Nebraska. His family moved to Florida

when he was a teen.

He was last in the Mahoning Valley during the 2005 Canfield Fair, where he performed for about 8,000 fans, nearly selling out the grandstands. Larry let few get away without criticism, as he joked about NASCAR, Michael Jackson, Las Vegas, planes and the Rolling Stones.

As irritating as you may find him, he's seldom predictable. Which is tough, as he has more than 100 shows scheduled before June.

His token phrase has hit nearly every list of annoying phrases, including Lake Superior State University 2006's "List of Words and Phrases Banished from the Queen's English for Mis-Use, Over-Use and General Uselessness." The list was cited by America Online, Yahoo! and USA Today. His Web site encourages fans to keep using the phrase and to shoot for the top position in the next poll.

Tickets to see Larry the Cable Guy are \$41. They can be purchased at the Chevrolet Centre Box Office, all Gettix locations including www.GETTIX.net, 866-4-GETTIX (866-443-8849), Skate Zone in Austintown and USA Cinema in Niles.

Visit his Web site, www.larrythecableguy.com, or www.chevroletcentre.com for more information.

Oh, and Git-R-Done. I know you were waiting for it.

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LOCAL MUSIC

Jambar celebrates 75 years with a free concert at Cedar's

In celebration of The Jambar's 75th anniversary, the newspaper is holding a free concert on January 27 at Cedar's Lounge in downtown Youngstown.

The concert is slated to begin at 9 p.m. and is open to anyone ages 18 and older.

The concert will feature a diverse musical lineup that includes A Voice Like Rhetoric, Love Circuit, We Famous Entertainment and You Are The War That I

Want.
 A Voice Like Rhetoric can best be described as an emo influenced indie rock band, with tight guitar work and interesting harmonies.

Love Circuit is an unpredictable group of youngsters with angular guitars, disco beats, keyboards, bells and fun songs.

We Famous Entertainment, a local hip hop crew featuring Youngstown State University homecoming

king "2fly" Kieth Logan, will provide a different kind of musical flavor in a night otherwise dominated by rock bands.

Also performing is You Are The War That I Want, a rock band comprised entirely of YSU students and featuring Jambar Editor in Chief Leonard Glenn Crist.

For more information about the Jambar's 75th Birthday Party at Cedars, please call (330) 941-1991.

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