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Career Services presentation

Youngstown State University Career Services will present "Careers in the Computer and Information Sciences" on Tuesday, Feb. 22.

The event, which will be held in The Gallery of Kilcawley Center, will feature YSU alumni and Doug Wittenauer, president of Pharmacy Data Management. Speakers will discuss their careers, the role of their undergraduate education in their career and will give job search tips. Students will be given the opportunity to speak with the presenters. Lunch will be provided.

For more information contact Tom Bodnovich at (330) 941-1769 or Christina Hardy (330) 941-3514

Variety show

A variety show benefiting The Rich Center for Autism at Youngstown State University will be held Friday, Feb. 18 at Vernon's Restaurant on U.S. Route 422 in Niles. Entertainment for the evening includes Pat Padula, a local entertainer and grandfather of one of the children at the center. Others performing are John Angelo, Pam Condoleon, Fedra Anastasiadis and Jo Ann Stathis Baker. The show will also feature an illusionist and a Chinese auction including more than 40 items ranging from Cleveland Cavaliers tickets to various gift certificates.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and can be reserved by calling (330) 652-1381.

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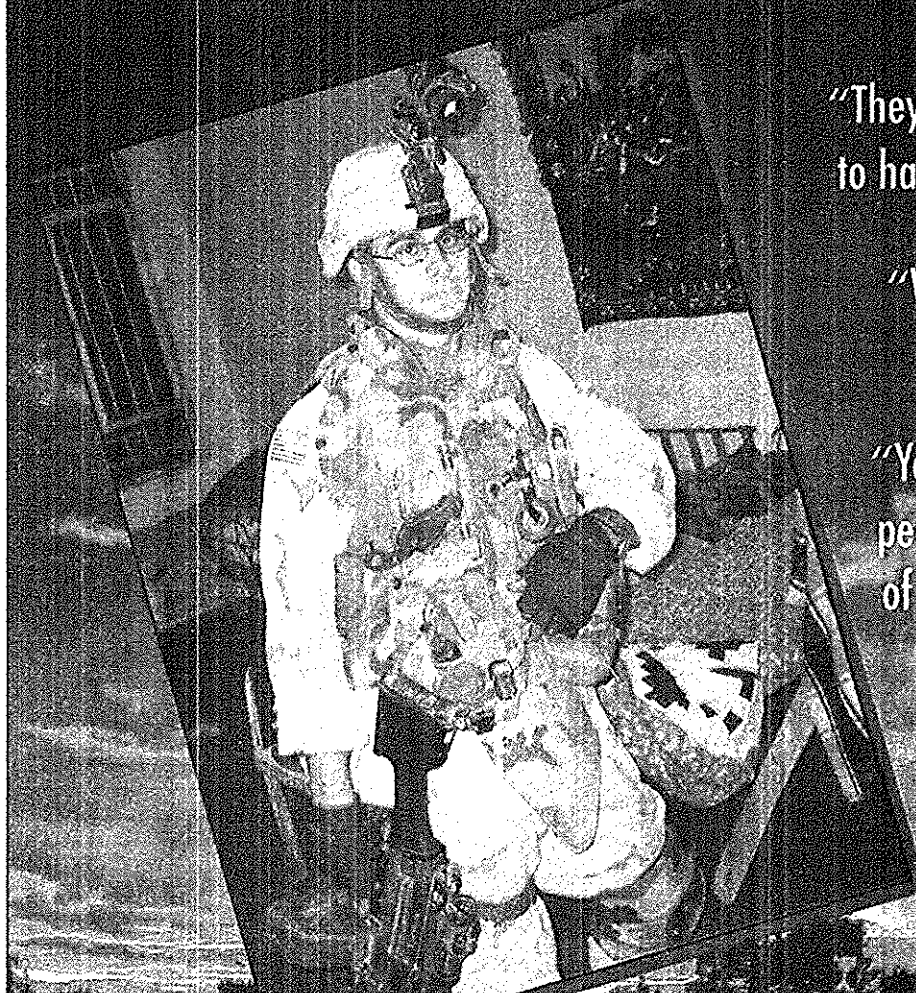
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A JAMBAR SPECIAL REPORT

desert storm

One YSU student survived Iraq. One hopes to.



On the front lines

Justin Reilmann served in Iraq for ten months where he saw combat action and aided in humanitarian efforts. (Photo courtesy of Justin Reilmann)

"They're genuinely glad to have us over there."

"We hunted and killed the bad guys."

"You see a couple holes in people, and you see parts of people. It's pretty wild in real life."

By Leonard Crist
The Jambbar

"I didn't tell my family I joined the Marine Corp until I sent them a letter when I was in boot camp," Youngstown State University junior Andy Eich said while sitting in Peaberry's Café in early February.

"Now it's just one of those — they can't really change it, so they just pray that I don't go [to Iraq]."

Eich, 21, originally from Orlando, Fla., joined the Marines last March to earn money for college. He is expecting to be deployed to the Al Anbar Province of Iraq sometime within the next six months, he said.

"It's going to be a pain in the ass to be away from your family for that long," Eich said.

Still, he said he feels anxious to get there and chalk up some war stories.

"It's all about the stories you can tell at a bar. That's what it comes down to," Eich said.

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A JAMBAR SPECIAL REPORT

Surviving the camp...

Associate professor uses grandfather's saga to inform future generations

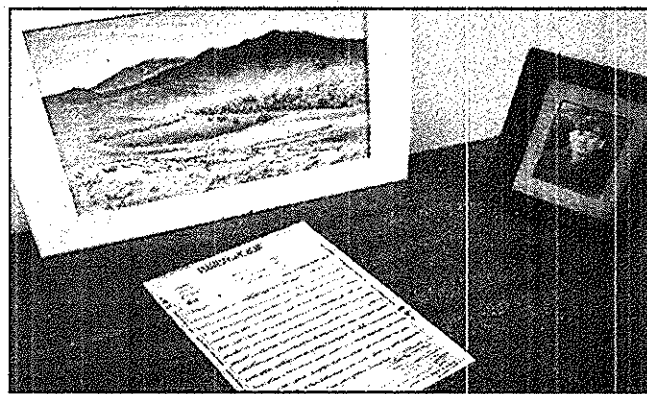
By Bill Rodgers
The Jambbar

Gail Okawa, an associate professor of English at Youngstown State University, has an old picture of her grandfather, Tamasaku Watanabe. The photograph is

black and white but mostly gray, a color that reflects her grandfather's expression. Dressed in a black coat and cap, he stares soberly at the camera.

Looking at the picture, it is easy to imagine he wore the flat

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▲ Pictured is a water color painting depicting the Santa Fe Internment Camp in New Mexico, where Tamasaku Watanabe was held during WWII. Also pictured is a letter from Watanabe, as well as his portrait. His granddaughter, Gail Okawa, an associate professor at YSU, is using her grandfather's tale to inform others about internment camps. (Jambbar photo by Bill Rodgers)

WASHINGTON

Budget proposal could hit campus

If passed, national education funding would decrease by \$56 million

By Christina Poe
The Jambbar

A recent federal budget proposal by President Bush could put the future of some programs at Youngstown State University in jeopardy.

Bush has sent Congress a \$2.57 billion budget plan that would eliminate or radically scale back 150 national government programs in 2006 to fund his new high school initiative.

According to the CNN Web site, about one-third of those programs are in the federal Education Department.

If passed, national education funding would decrease by one percent or \$56 million.

Perkins Loan funding is just one of the proposed eliminations, which also include YSU's Upward Bound and Technical Preparations programs for high school students,

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YOUNGSTOWN

State bill looks to keep tradition alive

New bill hopes to keep tailgating thriving

By Shawn Buskirk
The Jambbar

After a successful season of Youngstown State football tailgating, a new bill has been introduced in the Ohio House of Representatives to keep the traditional pre-game festivities thriving.

Ohio State Rep. Kenneth Carano (D-Austintown) introduced House Bill 12 last month, a reformed proposal of Carano's House Bill 422 presented in March 2004.

H.B. 422 formerly received heated opposition from The Ohio State University and Kent State University in accordance to the new restrictions on tailgating for Ohio colleges and universities.

"The law doesn't fit in with the type

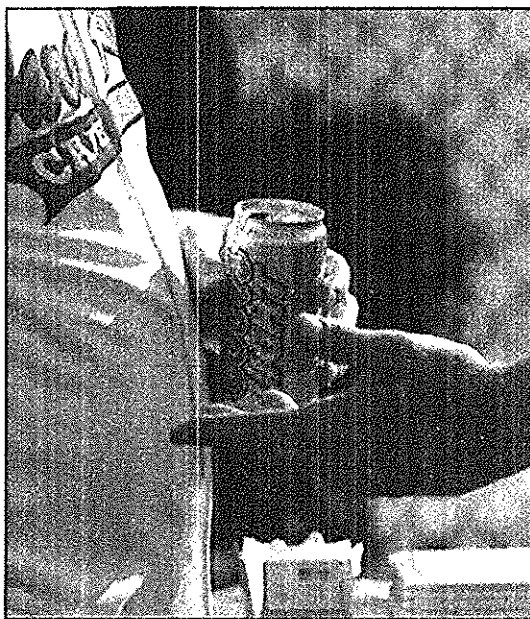
of tailgating we have at YSU," said Carano on why the law needed to be changed.

Carano's renewed proposal affects colleges and universities in Ohio with a full-time equivalent of less than 15,000 students. The affected schools include YSU, Shawnee State University and Wright State University — YSU being the only institution with a collegiate football team.

Bill 12 requires these schools to purchase a T-1 permit at the price of \$50 and an effective period of only three continuous days. YSU will have to purchase this permit for each of the home games in the 2005 season.

In Section 4303.232 B of the Bill 12, it states the university, with the purchase

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▲ If H.B. 12 passes in the Ohio legislature, Penguins fans will be permitted to bring their own beer into university-designated tailgating areas. Last year, YSU purchased its own liquor license to sell beer to tailgaters. (Jambbar photo by Chuck Rogers)

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YSU freshman Justin Reitmann, a specialist in the Ohio Army National Guard has chalked up some stories of his own. Reitmann, a 22-year old Canfield native, returned from a nine-month tour of Iraq in late December.

"I sort of looked forward to [leaving for Iraq], just for the experience I was going to have — seeing another culture, traveling, making some money too," Reitmann said in a telephone interview last week. "I understood the fact some things might occur ... my life was obviously at great risk and all that. I don't know, I didn't really worry as much, I guess."

For most of his time in Iraq, Reitmann's unit was stationed on a base near Tuz, Iraq, about 120 miles north

of Baghdad, performing "stabilization and security operations," he said.

"We hunted and killed the bad guys," Reitmann said. "We did raids on places — just a lot of driving around trying to search out enemy places ... We're the ones who go up and see if it's actually a bomb on the side of the road."

In the Tuz area, insurgents had been posing as Iraqi National Guard at night, stopping people's cars and robbing them to get money for weapons to attack the American troops, Reitmann said.

"They were hurting their own people and then they were ultimately hurting us too. There was a firefight one night. We eliminated four ... anti-coalition

forces," Reitmann said. One of Reitmann's friends, a medic, was injured in the firefight. The medic was sent stateside and awarded the Purple Heart. "He ended up, actually ironically, dying in a car crash. Talk about living on borrowed time," Reitmann said.

After seeing some of the "grimmer realities of the world" while in Iraq, Reitmann said he feels he is more mature.

"You see a couple holes in people, and you see parts of people. It's pretty wild in real life. You think you get conditioned from seeing pictures, news and movies, but when you actually see the stuff happening it's a visceral experience," Reitman said. Reitmann's time in Iraq,

however, wasn't all guns and violence — much of it was spent aiding the Iraqi people. His platoon would go to local villages to help dig wells and build roads and schools. If an Iraqi had a problem, they would come to the soldiers for mediation, Reitmann said.

"They're genuinely glad to have us over there," Reitmann said.

Eich said, "I know a lot of guys that came back and people that came back who are doing a lot of work, building schools. It's not as bad as you see it on TV at all. There are a few people who don't want us there, but everybody else wants us there. Guaranteed."

Call Leonard Crist at (330)941-1989

POLICE BLOTTER

The Youngstown State University Police Department was called to a possible fight in Kilcawley Center on Feb. 15. When the officers arrived, the two suspects were not fighting. According to the police report, the suspects exchanged profane language, but no physical harm was done. One suspect said he did not want to fight on campus because he was here for an education.

YSUPD was called to a harassment complaint in Lyden House on Feb. 13. The victim said an individual known as "Jersey" has been harassing her for some time now. A witness told police "Jersey" said he would make the victim kill herself. According to the report, the victim and her parents were disturbed by these events. The police officer advised the victim to avoid "Jersey" and the fourth floor of Lyden House until the situation was resolved.

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OUR SIDE

Don't give up on the YSU wYre

Early in September, we brought the news that the Student Government Association was going to start a student-run Internet based radio station.

The news was great. We were excited to hear SGA was taking such an initiative, one that would possibly bring together the students of Youngstown State University. Maybe it would even diminish some of the student apathy many talk about pervading this campus.

The students were interested, too. We received phone calls and e-mails inquiring about how to get tapped into the wYre, the name of the station. A large number of students also sent feedback to SGA, telling them how interested they were in a student-run radio station, many hoping to get more than just music.

Not only was it a great way for all students to get involved and get experience at the radio station, it was a great way for SGA to kick-off under a new administration.

After weeks of anticipation and a smattering of flyers around campus, the wYre was launched. Within weeks, however, there was very little heard from it. There were problems with accessibility, no radio personalities and a continuous loop of the same programmed music for an entire semester. Worse, there was very little interest on the part of the students to get involved on-air.

We do think a student-run radio station at YSU is a good idea, we just do not want to see it as a failed attempt by SGA. We are disappointed equally in how little activity has been done on the station and in how little the students have become involved.

To SGA, you have put approximately \$1,300 into this project, do not let this money go wasted. There needs to be more publicity to let students know this station still exists. There needs to be easier accessibility in order to prevent students from just turning on the radio to another station. There needs to be on-air personalities and people that will change the music according to students' requests.

We understand getting a radio station off the ground is a daunting task, but these things must be done in order to keep it up and running.

To students, become involved with this radio station. See what you can do to get it going. The wYre could be a wonderful opportunity for student discourse, allowing YSU students to communicate and get their views across to the masses.

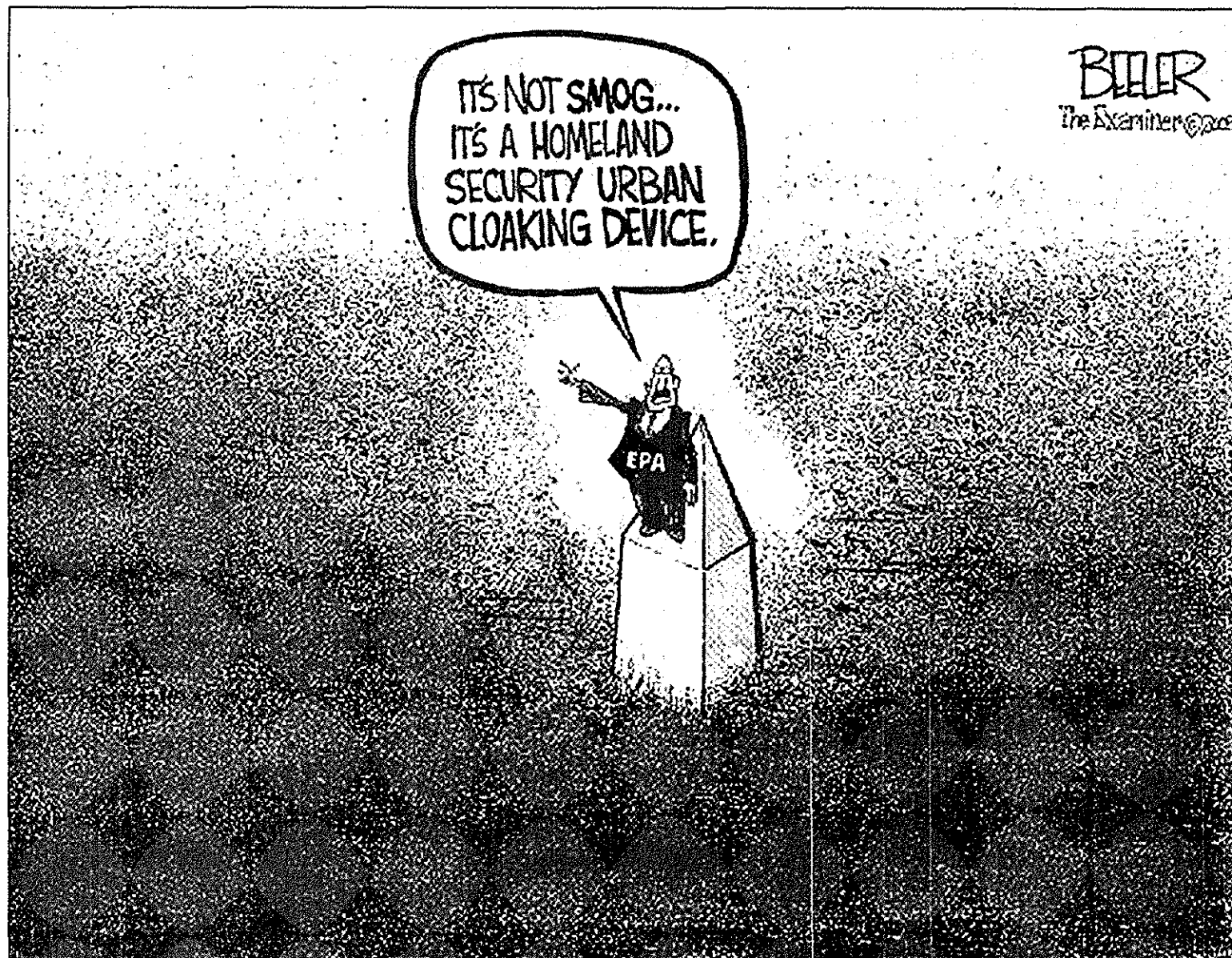
The wYre can provide a great learning experience, as well, for those students who are involved in communication studies.

This radio station is a chance for all to become involved and to suppress some of the apathy that is so often found on this campus. The wYre is a great opportunity to bridge together the YSU community.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Crist peddling 'liberal media'

Editor,
While I realize that Leonard Crist probably writes the now-familiar hateful, divisive, anti-conservative trash just to get a rise out of his opposition and possibly trick them into saying something he could misconstrue into "proving" one of his points...I think perhaps this time, I'll have to oblige him. Crist isn't just part of the "liberal media" as he defined himself in a recent article; he's one of the most angst-filled, vile editorial writers I've ever seen. But then again, he isn't just an editorialist, is he?

No! He's your average writer/reporter for the Jambar. That's right; I bet most people don't notice that Crist writes many other non-editorial articles. Now after we see a sampling of the weekly hatred he spews onto the pages of the Jambar editorial, just how could we trust him to be unbiased in the other articles? Is this the kind of person the Jambar wants representing them? Not only someone so openly biased, but so disrespectful and intolerant of others views and opinions? What a hypocrite! In his last editorial about the song "Sweet Home Alabama," he clearly labeled all Republicans as racists. In some

backhanded way to denounce racism, he once again offended anyone who has ever voted for a Republican candidate or has conservative ideals, as he has made a habit of doing week after week. How can someone justify fighting hate with his own hate? How could Crist denounce the hatred of one group of Americans while he continually promotes the hatred of another?

Laura Dudley
Student of Secondary Education

'Bill Cosby is on to something'

Editor,
As racist as "Sweet Home Alabama" is, I find that most of today's current rap and hip hop music is more a subject that needs to be discussed, rather than a song that was released before most of the current student body was born. Because it happens to be Black History Month, it must be necessary to condemn a white man somewhere. But lyrics in most of today's rap music glorifies drug use, black on black crime, mistreatment of women, and other socially unacceptable behavior, including dropping the "N-word" as much as possible.

Perhaps Black History Month should be a time to look at how things are now, who is helping now and who is hurting now. So what if Lynyrd Skynrd wrote a racist song during a time period that racism ran abundant? 50 Cent just wrote a song about shooting another black man, smoking a blunt and then hitting a woman. Bill Cosby is on to something.

Paul Gromen
Junior Geography

Letter writers need to 'grow up'

Backbiting. Infighting. Name-calling. Generalities. Hatred. Prejudice. Narrow-mindedness. Is this what we've come to? Every political letter posted on the op-ed page is carefully planned, designed to be a Molotov cocktail thrown at the opposition headquarters. Every letter is made into a weapon, as the pseudo-pundits of every political stripe come out of the woodwork, hoping to fatally wound the other side. Once again, I must ask. Is this what we've come to? Why must political discourse among non-politicians always degenerate into this stupid, immature mire? Why is it possible that

Richard Pirkio can throw around cliches like "evil," "greedy," and "vicious" instead of simply stating his case? Hell, I VOTED for Bush, and I acknowledge that there's no shortage of ways to criticize the man. But seriously, folks. Evil? Think about it. Evil?

Why is it possible for Joe Ilesu to simply lump all professors in the "liberal" category, a term used with such venom these days that it's rapidly becoming an insult? And why must his viewpoint, instead of being rationally questioned, be called a "Pollyanna" viewpoint by someone who then goes on to throw out the inane, brainless blanket statement that "no Americans have morals"? Come on.

This is pathetic. I thought that high school activists were bad, 14-year-olds writing manifestos for the sheer joy of hearing themselves type. But this? Jesus. I've never been more ashamed to be a college student. I thought we were supposed to be logical and reasoned by now, instead of just attacking, attacking with pithy catchphrases, witty putdowns and generalities.

Grow up, people. Do we so admire politicians that we're this anxious to imitate them?

Karl Magne

Through the looking glass

By Mike Pingree
KRT Campus

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, NO FRENCH FRIES!?

A man sitting at the drive-through window of a fast-food restaurant in his pick-up truck in DuBois, Pa., became enraged when he was told they were out of french fries. He and his buddy went in and cursed at the staff.

When the guy went back outside, he saw them writing down his license plate number, so he backed his truck into one of them, then headed out on the highway where police were waiting for him.

He scuffled with the cops, and then, while he was handcuffed in the back seat of the cruiser, kicked out the rear window.

He was in no position to make trouble: There was already a warrant out for his arrest, and results of a blood-alcohol test were not favorable.

POLICE? WHAT ARE THEY DOING HERE?

Anxious to take advantage of a snowstorm that left city streets in Attnang, Austria, impassable and deserted, two teenage thieves stole 43 radios from parked cars, one after the other.

Police arrived and followed their footprints in the snow from one car to the next and finally to their apartment.

IT'S EASY: POINT GUN, GRAB CASH, GOT IT?

An armed man robbing a Chinese grocery store in Minnesota put his gun down on the counter so he could scoop up the cash. The clerk grabbed it. The robber fled.

LET ME JUST TAKE A PEEK ...

AIEEEE!

French scientists have developed a computer-powered "mirror" that will show what your face will look like in five years if you are a binge drinker and junk food eater who doesn't exercise. The computer will program in extra weight and the ravages of time. It isn't pretty.

THAT DIDN'T TAKE LONG

A man robbed a bank in Shreveport, La., even though it was right across the street from the office of the Caddo Parish sheriff's detectives. Time between the robber's departure from the bank and his arrest: eight minutes.

WHAT IS THIS ANYWAY, PRISON?

The Mexican government has cracked down

on the privileges traditionally afforded high-profile inmates—like wealthy drug lords—in the nation's prisons.

Officials have banned flat-screen TVs, pizza deliveries and long visits from lovers. The prisoners are outraged, and complain they are being treated "like dogs."

SAY, HAVEN'T WE SEEN YOU BEFORE?

Seeking insurance compensation, a White Plains, N.Y., man claimed he was blinded in his right eye in a cruise ship accident in 1985. He also claimed he was blinded in that eye on another cruise in 1992. And again in 1997. And once more in 2002.

Authorities finally put two and two together. I'LL DO MY BEST, BUT I DON'T KNOW

A police officer robbed a bank in Bolinas, Sweden, and then returned to the scene of the crime an hour later to investigate the robbery. He told reporters the case would be tough to crack.

YOU GUYS LOOKING FOR ME?

A man fled from police at 100 mph after they tried to pull him over for speeding in Monroe, La. (He was driving with an expired license.) He finally abandoned his car and ran into the woods, intending to make it to his home on foot. But he got lost and had to call the sheriff's office on his cell phone and ask to be rescued.

COMMENTARY

Music industry not without numerous problems

By Andrew Stacey
 The Daily Athenaeum (WVU)

(U-WIRE) MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Maybe I am getting older, but I can remember a time when the music being made was actually good. There was no "American Idol," no Britney Spears and the number of musicians that wrote and sang their own music (cough, Ashlee Simpson, cough) far outweighed the ones that didn't. Musicians' talent was based on their singing and writing, not on the way they looked.

The music being made right now is just not that good. That, along with a few other reasons, is why the music industry in the past few years has been in a slump. The increased sales of DVDs and video games are one factor for the decrease in music sales.

The Recording Industry Association of America would like the public to believe that downloading music is the cause of this slump. If downloading music was the cause of this slump, the numbers posted for music sales on the RIAA Web site would be off by much more than they are. RIAA said "23 percent of those music consumers surveyed said they did not buy more music in 2001 because they downloaded or copied most of their music for free." It isn't clear if those surveyed bought the same amount of

music or if they didn't buy any.

In 1978, the cassette tape was introduced, and the major labels attributed it to the decline in music sales. The major labels (Sony, EMI, BMG, etc.) fought this technology to no end; they even had a slogan, "Home-taping is killing music." Sound familiar? It should because this has all happened before and it will probably happen again. So why don't we get rid of broadcasting music over the radio and on television since people can sample music from those sources as well?

Marketing music through radio and television is, according to RIAA, "perhaps the most expensive part of the music business today." RIAA complains that it costs a majority of its yearly expenses to market music over those mediums for free, so that we the consumers (not the fans — they don't care for fans, just the money) can decide which music we like and want to buy. RIAA is fighting what could be its savior in file sharing. A lot of fans use downloading as a way of getting turned on to new artists.

Most of those same people will then go and buy the CD if they like what they hear. Another problem for the music industry is the major recording labels' successful dominance over the market. This control of the market has led to a

lack of musical innovation. A lot of the major labels are reluctant to take a chance on something new for the fear of losing more money.

Gone are the ways of joint ventures between labels and the artists.

The major labels don't like to do joint ventures anymore because they don't receive all the profits and don't have all the control.

Major labels are more interested in money than the value of the music they produce. A majority of the population does not participate in downloading music.

In turn, that same majority of people don't buy the most music — the people who download buy the most music. There are so many factors besides file-sharing that make up the decline in music sales. Instead of fighting file sharing, RIAA should embrace it. There has to be a better alternative than suing the people who are buying their products.



HEADLINES

► **Tour cancelled**
 Jennifer Lopez is canceling a trip to London and her European concert tour because she's too sick to leave Los Angeles, she said Wednesday.



NEWS

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expression during the years of World War II. It is easy to see him wearing it on Dec. 7, 1941: the day Japan bombed Pearl Harbor.

The day the army came to take him away.

Okawa's grandfather, an American citizen living in Hawaii, became one of almost 120,000 Japanese and Japanese-Americans who were placed in U.S. internment camps during the war. Tamasaku's home for the next few years was a dismal barracks-style prison camp located in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Now, Okawa wants to make sure people know about and learn from the U.S. internment camps of the 40s. The experiences of Japanese Americans in prison camps are observed on a national scale during a yearly "Day of Remembrance." Okawa is the coordinator of A Day of Remembrance symposium at YSU titled, "Past Memories, Contemporary Events: U.S. Internment and Our Civil Liberties."

The free event will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday Feb. 19 in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center. The symposium will look at the historical background of the internment camps and tie into a discussion exploring the similarities of modern events such as the USA PATRIOT Act.

Okawa said she thought it was important students show up for the symposium.

"Students should know about this history in light of events like 9-11," Okawa said. "The past is not simply over and done, it holds implications for understanding of what's going on now."

Okawa said her grandfather's internment changed his life, but it was a subject that was rarely talked about in her family. Her grandfather never spoke of it. It was not until

Okawa accidentally found on a bundle of documents about her grandfather's internment that she decided to make it the basis of her sabbatical research.

Okawa said it dawned on her it was her job to find out more about her grandfather's experiences in the camps as well as the experiences of other Japanese Americans.

"I decided then that this is what I should work on. I had to understand what it all meant," Okawa said.

As part of her research Okawa gathered artifacts from the Japanese internment camps, some of which are on display in the English Department of DeBartolo Hall. The display includes photographs of the camps and the prisoners as well as letters to family members. One notebook has a collection of letters sent by a prisoner to his son who was serving in the military.

Another artifact is a roster of internees the prisoners published yearly, which kept information on everyone in the camp. Okawa said a method of controlling people was to keep them ignorant. She said the roster was a form of resistance on the part of the prisoners.

"They made sure they knew who was in the camp at different times," Okawa said.

Okawa said she does not think the internment camps were simply a reaction to the Pearl Harbor attack. She said the government had prepared to take such actions against Japanese-Americans as early as 1936, citing government documents containing names of Japanese people living in America.

"There was a lot of premeditation, they were ready. [Japanese citizens] were picked up immediately," Okawa said, snapping her fingers.

Also speaking at the sym-

posium will be Franklin Odo, director of the Asian Pacific American Program at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. Odo's address will focus on the historical and legal background of the internment.

In addition to Odo's address, the symposium will feature reflections by the Rev. Brian Nagata, a Buddhist minister from Berkeley, California. Okawa will do a slide presentation on specific experiences of Japanese internees and their children.

Touching on similar issues taking place in the present will be local attorney Staughton Lynd, who will be giving a presentation on current detentions. Joining him will be Christine Link of the American Civil Liberties Union who will lecture on the USA PATRIOT Act.

The symposium will also feature a panel discussion with Odo, Lynd, Link, YSU political science Professor Keith Lepak and Arab American community member Ray Nakley.

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of the T-1 permit, is authorized to allow tailgaters to bring beer and liquor into the tailgating areas without having to purchase directly from the tailgating vendors. This is allowed as long as a fence or barrier clearly defines and encloses the tailgating areas and security personnel are placed at the exits to prevent anyone from leaving with an open container.

"YSU has the best system

of tailgating in all of Ohio," Carano said, adding YSU already has guards in place at the tailgating areas. If the bill does not pass, YSU will simply return to its style of tailgating used last season. The school will purchase a liquor license and vendors will sell the alcohol on site. However, Carano is openly confident about the passage of Bill 12.

"I am more optimistic than

I've ever been," Carano said. Carano also said the style of tailgating at YSU is more of an ethnic gathering of all the diversity in the Mahoning Valley, rather than "wild drinking" as found at other state universities. "This is a tradition we've upheld for 28 years," he said. "It's a celebration of the people."

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"They want to know where is this hard work going to pay off."

Men's team looking for momentum

With only four games left in the season before the league tournament, Penguin's basketball head coach John Robic and his team wants and needs momentum if they are to make noise within the conference.

The Penguins play three of their last four games within the friendly confines of Boeghly Center with one road trip slated on Feb. 26 to Detroit. One of the three remaining games is set for Saturday when the Penguins will host Eastern Michigan in part of ESPN's Bracket Buster Saturday.

Despite enduring a tough stretch as of late, the Penguins, along with their coach, remain optimistic of their ability to make waves in the league tournament and said they believe the effort displayed in the last few weeks is the first stepping stone in achieving post season success.

"Overall, the effort was outstanding. It was a different team. We were a different team and I saw that yesterday in practice," Robic said at the weekly press conference.

Robic said he also believes while the Penguins will host a Mid-American conference school on Saturday, the other two games at home will be more vital toward the Penguin's overall success. The Penguins hosted Wright State Wednesday and will host Butler the following Wednesday. "We want to win these games. You talk about carrying momentum along, I think tomorrow's game (Wright State) and next Wednesday's game (Butler) are both bigger than Saturdays game against Eastern Michigan because it is a non league game, but it is a home game."

Last week the Penguins dropped a game to Horizon League leader UW-Milwaukee 90-67, but Robic believes his team played hard and wants to see that effort carry over to this weeks three game home stand.

"If we play with the same type of effort that we got on that

trip, I am very confident of my team." Three Penguins scored in double figures against Milwaukee.

With tournament time creeping closer, the Penguins could possibly be a deciding factor in who grabs the top spots in the tournament brackets, but the Penguins don't seem to be fazed by what others are doing, only with what they control of.

"It's going to be an interesting two weeks," Robic said. "I'm more concerned about how we're playing and that is the most important thing right now."

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of the year. But when I did break it of course I was excited, but I know that I have to keep building on this now and that if not I won't be satisfied I have to keep getting better and reach that next level.

J: What is that next level?

W: Well just winning the Horizon League in weight throw, then I have to take all that momentum into outdoor track in hammer throw and discus throw.

J: What is your favorite movie?

W: The Bad Boy's Movies and Miracle. Any movie with sports basically.

J: What is your favorite

food?

W: Pizza. Anything with red meat.

J: Is there anything you want to say to the team?

W: I definitely have to thank coach for giving me a chance and bringing me in here and also to Jarrod Davis whose record I broke. I know I couldn't really have broken it with out him because he helped me a ton and look forward to getting him back next year. We'll have a strong team next year.

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Cynthia Anderson, vice president for Student Affairs, said.

Anderson, was asked by University President David Sweet to evaluate how the proposal could affect YSU.

Anderson said \$618,000 given to YSU by the federal government for the Perkins Loans went to 319 students this year.

Although these cuts will allow Bush to put \$460 million into a new high school education plan, Anderson said those in place already mirror Bush's ideas.

"That initiative seems to liken what is already being accomplished by these programs," Anderson said.

She added enrollment could be affected — 171 students from Technical Preparations and about 92 percent of Upward Bound participants enrolled at YSU after they finished the programs.

Elaine Ruse, director of the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships, agreed and said the Perkins Loan program would be the "biggest loser" of the Bush proposal.

YSU matches what the federal government provides for these loans by 25 percent and recycles repaid funds to grant to new students, Ruse said.

Ruse said elimination of federal Perkins Loan funding would take away about \$200,000 from the fund, making it hard to accommodate students' monetary needs.

"It will be more and more difficult to help bridge the gap between tuition and available financial aid," Ruse said. "We can't match what we don't receive."

Sweet said the national government seems to be taking a cue from states in regards to interest in higher education.

"It looks like the federal government is following in its disinvestment of higher education," Sweet said.

Sweet said studies have shown that there is a relation between the financial growth of states and their investment in education funding.

Sweet added Youngstown has already been impacted by a lack of state funding and could be hurt by federal loss.

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Dr. Paul Finkleman
7:30 p.m., Presidential Suite, Kilcawley Center

Friday, February 18
Play—"The Color of Love"
7:00 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center

Saturday, February 19
Panel—"Myths and Realities on Health Issues in the African American Community"
7:00 p.m., Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center

Tuesday, February 22
Panel Discussion—"Black Artistic Creations at Youngstown State University"
7:00 p.m., SMARTS Center

Friday, February 25
Film—"The Ghosts of Rwanda"
7:00 p.m., Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center

Saturday, February 26
Lecture—"The African American Male and the HIV/AIDS Crisis in the Black Community"
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7:30 p.m., Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center

Monday, February 14
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Thursday, February 17
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7:30 p.m., Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center

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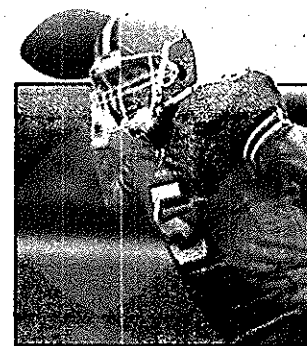
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Kalyn Leveto named Horizon League Athlete of the Week
INDIANAPOLIS —

Youngstown State senior diver Kalyn Leveto has been named the Horizon League Women's Swimming and Diving Athlete of the Week, the league announced Tuesday.



LEVETO

Leveto won the 1-meter event and placed second in the 3-meter at the Youngstown State Diving Invitational on Saturday morning. She finished with a score of 243.95 in the one-meter and tallied an 11-dive score of 382.1 to place second in the 3-meter behind Clarion's Jamie Wolf, who was the 2004 Division II National Champion in the event. The victory was Leveto's 24th of the year.

This marks the second time the Warren, Ohio, native has won the honor this season. She also earned the distinction on Nov. 2.

Records continue to fall at All-Ohio Championship

AKRON — Jeanna Cunningham and Danielle Bolt set individual school records and teamed up with Aaliyah Gillespie and Yandeh Joh to break the 4x400-meter relay mark on Saturday at the All-Ohio Championship.

Cunningham set the school mark in the 400 with a second-place time of 55.82 seconds while Bolt placed second in the 200 with a time of 24.59 to break the school record. The relay quartet ran a time of 3:49.66 to shatter the current YSU record by more than three seconds.

Gillespie also finished second in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.67 while Cunningham added an eighth-place finish in the 200 with a time of 25.10.

Marielle Glanz ran the second-fastest 800 time in school history with a third-place time of 2:15.02 while Emily Schnitkey placed sixth in the mile with a time of 5:06.07 and ninth in the 3,000 in 10:34.07 in her first meet of the season.

NHL cancels season over labor dispute
NEW YORK (AP) —

The NHL canceled what little was left of the season Wednesday after a series of last-minute offers were rejected on the final day of negotiations. A lockout over a salary cap shut down the game before it ever got a chance to start in October. Now the NHL, already low on the popularity scale in the United States, becomes the first major pro sports league in North America to lose an entire season to a labor dispute.

YSU
Bonner ready for challenge

New YSU volleyball coach gets things underway, but says the team still has a long way to go

By Justin Smolkovich
The Jambar

After only a few days on campus, new volleyball head coach Joe Bonner is delving right into the task. Bonner, who replaces former YSU coach Joe Conroy, who stepped down from the head job to accept a position within the new Andrews Wellness Center, has already started preparing the girls for the upcoming season. "We are underway making changes, teaching them my terminolo-



BONNER

gy and how I want practice run," Bonner said. Conroy, who spent 13 years as the Penguins' coach, achieved a record of 188-210 while working as the head man, including four 20-win seasons and a conference championship. Among other accolades, Conroy was a four-time coach of the year in the Mid-Continent conference. Bonner, who recently was an assistant coach at the University of Dayton, specialized in middle hitters and blockers and helped the Flyers to two consecutive league titles. Along with a two-year stint at

Dayton, Bonner paced the sidelines at Robert Morris where he was also an assistant coach from 2000-2002 and helped the colonials to three conference titles. Bonner has been part of five NCAA tournament teams, three at Robert Morris and two at Dayton, and said he believes some of that experience may prove helpful to his Penguins of the future. "I think I can teach the girls how to win in tight situations." Next year's lineup features several seniors who are eager to help the new coach as he begins his inaugural year as a Penguin. "The seniors are very important,

they want to make their mark," Bonner said. "My impression so far is that they are willing to accept change." Bonner, who was part of Dayton's teams that went 49-16 during his time there, said he believes his teams can win, but the Penguins first must walk before they can run. The Penguins are currently involved with off-season workouts preparing for next seasons schedule. "The girls have been working out, but we still have along way to go," Bonner said. Call Justin Smolkovich at (330) 941-3758



Momentum swing

Despite recent struggles, women's basketball coach Tisha Hill, above, said her team is ready to face up to UW-Green Bay on their home court. Right, men's basketball coach John Robic said his Penguins can build the momentum they need to take them into the tournaments. (Jambar photos by Chuck Rogers)

Still looking for answers...

With the end of the season looming the Penguin basketball program continues to struggle

By Justin Smolkovich
The Jambar

Only one game remains for coach Tisha Hill and the Penguins before tournament play begins, and the momentum they are currently shouldering is not the kind the second year coach had hoped for. The Penguins have a tough team remaining, as they will travel to Green Bay to test themselves against one of the best in the country. The Penguins lost an early contest against Green Bay, who is currently ranked 24 in the Associated Press poll. "To go in and face Green Bay in their environment, with their fans, it's something you have to be up for," Hill said.

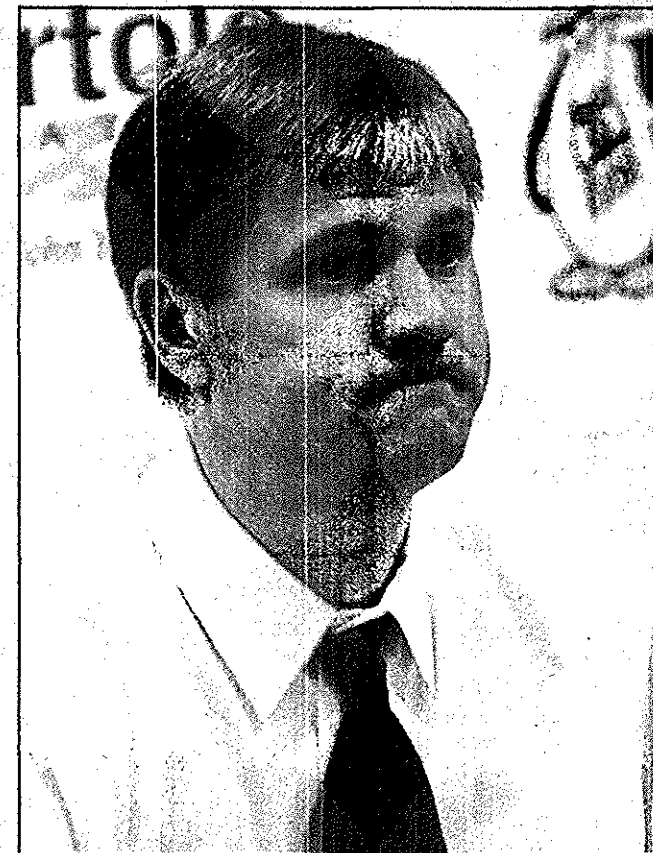
Only losing by two points earlier in the season has given Hill and the Penguins the belief and confidence that could provide the Penguins with a much needed win. "So we are certainly going to go in with an attitude that we've got to compete, and play hard and certainly try to play our best game to be able to pull out a win against them," Hill said. "I expect a hungry team, I expect a very hungry team."

The Penguins will need inspired performances by some of the seniors if they hope to win the second game

against Green Bay. The first meeting of the season between these two saw Barb Fabianova score a team high 17 points. The Penguins, like most teams at this point of the season, are facing more than just talented teams and hostile crowds. Injury and fatigue are rampant among most squads this late in the year but Hill insisted her team would not use that as an excuse. "But were not the only team going through it," Hill said. "Every team I am sure

has their own adversity. I am not using that as a crutch or anything; we've got to get momentum going into our conference tournament." A win over Green Bay would prove huge as the first round of the league tournament tips off March 1, only three days after the Penguins last regular season game. Hill believes the hard work of the entire season may soon validate the up and down past few weeks for the team.

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Q&A

In depth with YSU sophomore Drew Weizer

The track and field standout has already broke the school record in the weight throw

By Nijma Awadallah
The Jambar

Youngstown State University sophomore Drew Weizer has accomplished many goals within his short time here. Weizer recently broke the school record in the weight throw with a mark of 55 feet, 9 inches and has also earned the spot of athlete of the week. Recently Weizer spoke to a Jambar reporter about his experience as part of the Horizon League's Men's Indoor Track and Field.



WEIZER

J: Where are you from?
W: I am from Cleveland, Ohio.

J: How is it coming from Cleveland to Youngstown?
W: Pretty much the same thing for me because, I grew up in a small suburb in Cleveland. And Youngstown is basically just a little bigger than my suburb, so I like it a lot.
J: When did you get involved with weight throwing and track and field?
W: Well I started out in high school doing track my junior year kind of messing around, because I didn't know what to expect with it. Then I started throwing shot put and discus and my senior year was when I started to do well in the discus and making State. That is when Coach

(Shawn) Cobey recruited me for Youngstown State. That is when I got started here because of him.
J: This is your second year. Can you talk to us about your experience with the Penguins?
W: It's starting off great. I love the coaches and I love the team, we all work real hard and I know we're just going to keep getting better in future, so I just love it here.
J: What's your major?
W: Physical education. I decided to do that after being here on the track team and seeing how I could coach and stuff and I could do that if I majored in physical education. I'd eventually like to move up and become an athletic director for a high school.

J: Congratulations on becoming the second YSU athlete to earn athlete of the week. How does that make you feel?
W: Thanks. It feels great. I actually didn't expect to get it but I know we're all working hard and eventually we're going to have more athletes for the Horizon league. It's a great accomplishment.
J: Not only have you earned athlete of the week, you recently broke the school record in the weight throw. How do you feel about that accomplishment?
W: Going into the season I knew that I would become within range to reach the record I didn't expect to do it coming out to my second or third meet

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