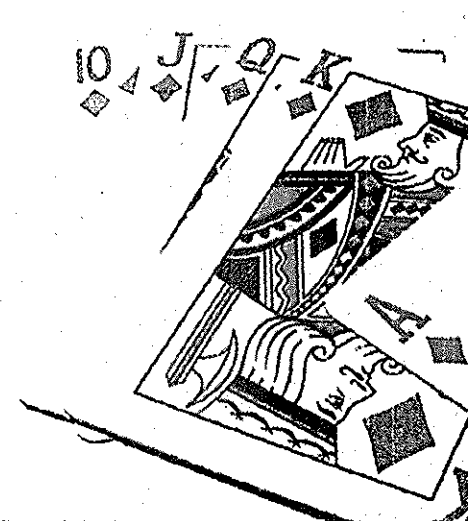




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There were tears off the court, but it was all business on it as the Lady Penguins dropped Detroit. **See page 4.**



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WHOT and campus departments bring Texas Hold 'Em tournament to Kilcawley Center. **See page 6.**

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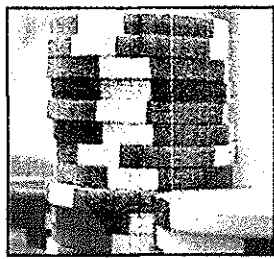
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Lecture set

"Building New Communities in Old Neighborhoods," the second lecture in the series titled "Wednesday at the Butler," by Urban Designer Stefani Danes, will be held at 7 p.m., on Wednesday March 2 in the Butler Institute of American Art on Wick avenue.

Paranormal speech

Dr. Joe Nickell, a paranormal investigator, and author of "My Adventures with the Paranormal and Miracles," will hold a free lecture on Thursday, March 10, at 12:30 p.m., in the Chestnut Room at Kilcawley Center. For more information contact 330-941-3448.

Lester named director

Sharon M. Lester was named executive director of Youngstown CityScape. It is a non-profit organization to revitalize Youngstown through downtown and corridor beautification along with historic and education preservation. A major goal will be to build on the successful track of downtown Youngstown and extend these efforts along major transportation corridors leading into the city.

Saxophonist set for Stambaugh

Grammy Award-winning saxophonist Branford Marsalis will perform at Stambaugh Auditorium on Wednesday, March 23, at 8 p.m. Reserved seats are \$5, and are available by calling 330-941-3105.

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HILLAH, Iraq

Suicide bomber kills 115

The attack occurred as Iraqi police and national guard recruits gathered for physicals outside a clinic

By Ali Al-Fatlawi
Associated Press

HILLAH, Iraq — A suicide car bomber blasted a crowd of police and national guard recruits Monday as they gathered for physicals outside a medical clinic south of Baghdad, killing at least 115 people and wounding 132 — the single deadliest attack in the two-year insurgency.

Torn limbs and other body parts littered the street outside the clinic in Hillah, a predominantly Shiite area about 60 miles south of Baghdad.

Monday's blast outside the clinic was so powerful it nearly vaporized the suicide bomber's car, leaving only its engine partially intact. The injured were piled into pickup trucks and ambulances and taken to nearby hospitals.

The deadliest previous single attack occurred Aug. 29, 2003, when a car bomb exploded outside a mosque in Najaf, killing more than 85 people, including Shiite leader Ayatollah Mohammed Baqir al-Hakim. Although officials never gave a final death toll, there were suspicions it may

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Deadliest attack

Local residents look at the scene after a suicide car bomber blasted a crowd of police and national guards recruits as they gathered outside a clinic in Hillah on Monday, about 60 miles south of Baghdad. The attack left at least 115 people dead and 132 injured in the single deadliest attack since the end of the war. (KRT Campus)

YSU buys upgrade in software

Will make switch from SOLAR and SID to SCT Banner

By Christina Poe
The Jambar

Youngstown State University officials are hoping new software will make information accessibility easier and less time consuming for students, faculty and staff.

As part of the university's Technology Master Plan, the YSU Enterprise Resource Planning Solution (YES) has purchased SCT Banner software to replace the current SOLAR and SID systems.

The software is divided into five modules—finance, human resources/payroll, student, financial aid and advancement — and those working in those areas will be trained on the system over the next three years.

The advancement and finance teams are currently being trained and the other groups are set to begin in Fall 2006 semester.

Eileen Graef, interim executive director of finance, said some of the other teams have already begun the basic navigational training.

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Commencement will be split

An increase in graduation rates will result in two ceremonies

By Leonard Crist
The Jambar

Spring semester commencement will be split into two separate ceremonies this year due to increased graduation rates, Youngstown State University President David Sweet announced Thursday during a meeting of the Executive Committee of the YSU Board of Trustees.

An undergraduate commencement will be held in the morning, a luncheon event honoring speakers and others for both ceremonies will be held in the early afternoon, followed by

"As we increase our enrollment, our objective is also to increase our graduation."

David Sweet,
YSU president



a graduate commencement held at Stambaugh Auditorium, Sweet said.

"As we increase our enrollment, our objective is to also increase our graduation," Sweet said.

As of Friday, 1,151 students had applied to graduate at the end of this semester, Mary

Bodnovich, administrative assistant for the records office, said. Of those students, 175 will receive their master's degree.

Sweet noted some students apply and then decide not to actually attend commencement.

The gymnasium floor in

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Campus construction irks students

Work that will create an underground tunnel is dirty job

By Maysoun Abdelrasul
The Jambar

Recent construction between Fedor Hall and Kilcawley Center is leaving some students slightly dirty and irritated.

The construction, which will create an underground tunnel to service the Andrews Recreation and Wellness Center, has been going on for approximately two weeks. Though some students say they are annoyed by the mud, congestion and makeshift walkway, they and some construction workers say it is necessary.

Dennis Clouse, director for campus planning and construc-

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Rain, snow and construction vehicles have dragged mud from the Andrews Wellness Center work site into University Plaza in front of Kilcawley Center. (Jambar photo by Chuck Rogers)

Licata hopes to secure new site for college

The dean wants a new home for the WCBA

By Laura Cagley
The Jambar

Ground has yet to be broken but Betty Jo Licata, dean of the Williamson College of Business Administration, hopes her vision for a new building for her college will soon be a part the campus' landscape.

As part of Youngstown State University's 2008 Centennial Master Plan, Licata wants to build a new building to house the WCBA, replacing Williamson Hall.

Licata said, "The new building will create a professional atmosphere to support a teaching-learning process that is focused on developing students to be leaders in business, government, nonprofit organizations and society."

Students would benefit from a building that supports the teaching-learning process and provides students with access to the resources needed in building their professional portfolios, Licata said.

The planning is still in the exploratory phase. While no location or definite time for groundbreaking has been deter-

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Beeghly Center only holds about 900 seats. Sweet said the university did not want there to be an overspill of graduates forced to sit on the bleachers.

Sweet ruled out holding commencement in Stambaugh Stadium because of weather concerns.

"I, as your president, do not have a very good track record. The first two fortes on the fifty, we got poured on," Sweet said.

Holding multiple commencements is not unique. YSU has, in the past, held more than one commencement, and other universities consistently do it, Sweet said.

If enrollment and graduation rates continue to increase, one option the university may have for future commencements is to use the new convo-

lution center under construction downtown, Sweet said.

Also discussed at the meeting was the search for a new provost.

A 22-person search committee, chaired by Cynthia Anderson, YSU's vice president for student affairs, has been named, an announcement has been published and the process is under way, Sweet said.

Interim Provost Bege Bowers said she will not apply for the permanent position.

Screening of applicants will begin on March 21 and continue until the position is filled, according to the official job notice.

The new provost can begin as early as July 1.

The goal is to have the new provost appointed before

the start of the next academic year, Sweet said.

The field will be narrowed to about 12 candidates who will undergo a detailed background screening, Sweet said.

Board Chair Larry Esterly said the trustees wish to be very engaged in the search process.

Once the candidate field is narrowed down to a few finalists, the board will interview each candidate individually and then have dinner with the candidate.

Sweet and the trustees will then discuss the strengths and weakness of each candidate, however Sweet has the final say on who gets hired, Esterly said.

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Graef, a project manager for YES, said the system should "make life easier" for the YSU community by eliminating the time consuming effort of retyping passwords to access different information.

Students currently do not have Internet access to information about topics such as their tuition bills and financial aid, Graef said.

Graef said when the new student system takes effect in Spring 2007, students will be able to pay tuition online, check financial aid status and take advantage of other options with one login session.

"From a single point of access, they will be able to customize their screen and

completely have all their information readily available," Graef said.

Graef added that, although the system costs \$7 million plus \$5 million for maintenance over the next three years, some of that money will come from funds used to operate SOLAR and SID. Catherine Cala, associate director of internal operations, said the system consists of features and capabilities SOLAR and SID do not provide.

Cala, advancement team leader, said university departments are presently unable to electronically share information with each other.

In reference to her department, Cala said her office will

be able to share donor and accounting information more clearly and effortlessly to the general accounting department.

Cala added her team is looking forward to the ease that SCT Banner will bring to departments around campus.

"We are very excited about the opportunities this new system will provide, such as great capability and efficiency," Cala said.

The current YES newsletter said financial services will be the first to use the product and is anticipating a July 1 'go live' date, the beginning of fiscal year 2006.

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mined, YSU President David Sweet said the addition is part of the Master Plan that is "looking at the total campus."

Sweet said plans for a new building would be part of a three-step process.

"We will be discussing with the Board of Trustees Thursday about the current draft of the Master Plan," Sweet said. "The second step will be retaining a consultant to look at the specific needs and identify the dimensions of a new building. The third step would be a cost projection."

The money required for the project would come from a variety of sources, Sweet said. Funds from the state's capital budget, which are used for the campus' physical development, would be used alongside private fundraising.

Licata said no programs would need to be cut to fund the construction.

Licata said Williamson Hall, the current home to the WCBA, does not enable the growth of the college's programs or provide students with

quality study and meeting space. Plans for the new building include study spaces, team meeting rooms, computer labs, gathering space and career development resources.

"Classrooms would all be designed to facilitate student interaction," Licata said. "Classrooms must enable interaction and provide multi-media equipment for the instructor and the students. The new building will provide students with spaces that support both curricular and co-curricular activities."

The faculty, staff, students and business community will have significant input to determining the design of the new building and the types of teaching-learning spaces that will be required, the dean said.

After the construction is completed, Williamson Hall will be used for relocation purposes.

"The campus is in dire need of swing space," Sweet said, to reposition people and offices during renovations to other buildings on campus.

Though the WCBA has funded some classroom improvements, such as the installation of multi-media equipment and tables and chairs in place of tablet-top desks, Licata said "these are short-term fixes."

Sweet added, though some improvements have been made, the current facilities are not competitive enough, and the new building will help attract students to the university.

"The Williamson College is a bridge between YSU and the community, particularly the business community," Sweet said.

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said the tunnel must be underground because of the large pipes that are being built. He added they are doing everything they can to make it a safe environment and are trying to stay out of the way.

In order to make it safer, a small walkway was built over the construction. The walkway, which should withstand normal traffic, will allow people to walk through and allow more construction to take place.

He said he hopes the walkway will be gone early in the week.

Freshman Mike Cavin said he appreciates the walkway, but wishes it was cleaner so he does not mess up his shoes. He said the actual construction

does not bother him, just the mess it leaves.

Senior Kari Utterback said she walks through the construction almost every day. Though she has to detour to class, she is patient with it.

"It's worth it and needs to be done, but it makes a mess for everyone," Utterback said. Some find the walkway too small and crowded.

Freshman Mary-Hope Strayer is one of those people who are not pleased with the walkway because it makes her late to class.

"The little walkway is annoying and people are rushing to get to their 8 a.m. classes," Strayer said. Although Strayer said it is

an inconvenience she knows it is for a good reason.

Sophomore Abby Markovich agreed, and said she "hates the walkway" because she likes to walk in the big open space.

She said the equipment being used by the workers is also causing her trouble getting to class.

She said she had to wait for the machines to move before she could walk across and that is a problem if she is running late.

"I wish they wouldn't do it while we were in class," Markovich said.

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POLICE BLOTTER

A Youngstown State University Police officer was flagged down at Arlington and Ford Avenue, on Feb. 24. The victim told the officer a male grabbed her while she was walking to her car. She screamed and the subject fled toward Taco Bell on Fifth Avenue. She told police she did not know what the subject wanted from her. YSU PD checked the area and did not find anyone.

in reference to a fight involving 10 men. The officer checked the deck and then dispatch advised him to go to Walnut and Adams Streets. The officer saw six men on the street and in the M-9 parking deck. The police report said the two fighting were easily spotted because of the bruises on their face. All the men were taken to the police department and the two involved in the fight were given minor misdemeanors.

YSUPD was sent to the M-1 deck on Feb. 23

BRIEF

A new member of the board of trustees of the University Housing Corp is a Youngstown State alumni. Rick Schiraldi coordinates the accounting firm Cohen and Co., non-traditional business lines and value-added traditional acquisitions/mergers. The UHC is a tax-exempt organization formed to finance and build additional student housing and other educational facilities. It owns University Courtyard Apartments in Smoky Hollow.

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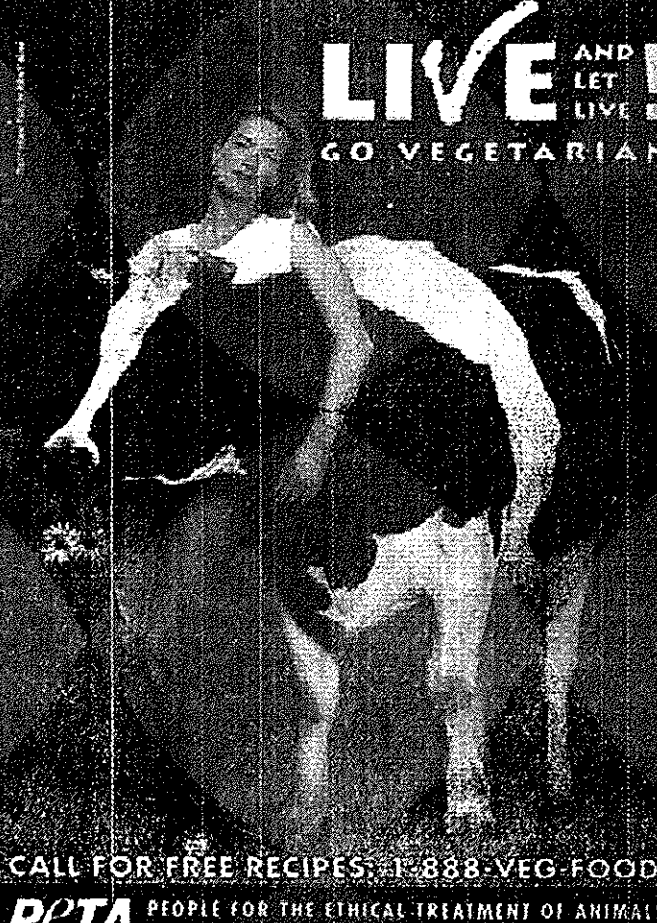
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OUR SIDE

Take notice of what's happening

Monday morning in Hillah, Iraq, 60 miles south of Baghdad, a suicide bomber drove up to a line of Iraqi police and national guard recruits who were waiting outside of a clinic to receive physicals. The bomber detonated his weapon, leaving at least 115 dead and 132 injured.

News agencies reported that torn limbs and other body parts littered the street outside the clinic, while other reports are calling it the single most deadly attack since the fall of Saddam Hussein.

Later in the same day, at a police check point in Musayyib, Iraq, a smaller bombing occurred, killing at least one Iraqi police officer and wounding several others.

On Sunday a U.S. soldier was shot and killed while manning a traffic checkpoint in Baghdad.

Hours later, Hollywood stars came out in droves to walk the red carpet in Los Angeles while being seen in their designer gowns and be honored for their cinematic achievements.

While the American viewing public was safe inside their homes watching the Oscars on television, the bombers mentioned above were plotting their murders and securing their weapons.

Nearly 1,500 U.S. troops have died since the war began in March 2003 in addition to all the innocent Iraqis who have been murdered while trying to rebuild their war-ravaged country.

This is not a commentary on the justification for the war; we are not judging our leaders for their actions or the decisions they have made. We do not care to lay blame on them or anyone else for the rising death toll. This editorial is instead intended to make everyone aware of what is happening in their world.

We are not asking you to turn off your televisions, but instead to take notice of what is happening outside your own safe, secure bubbles. We were enamored with the glitz and glamour of Hollywood while innocent people lost their lives.

Do not just gloss over the newspaper headlines that tell the daily realities the citizens of Iraq and the American troops face to rebuild their country.

Give them the same respect and attention as you do the movie stars, directors and musicians who provide us with entertainment and an escape from reality.

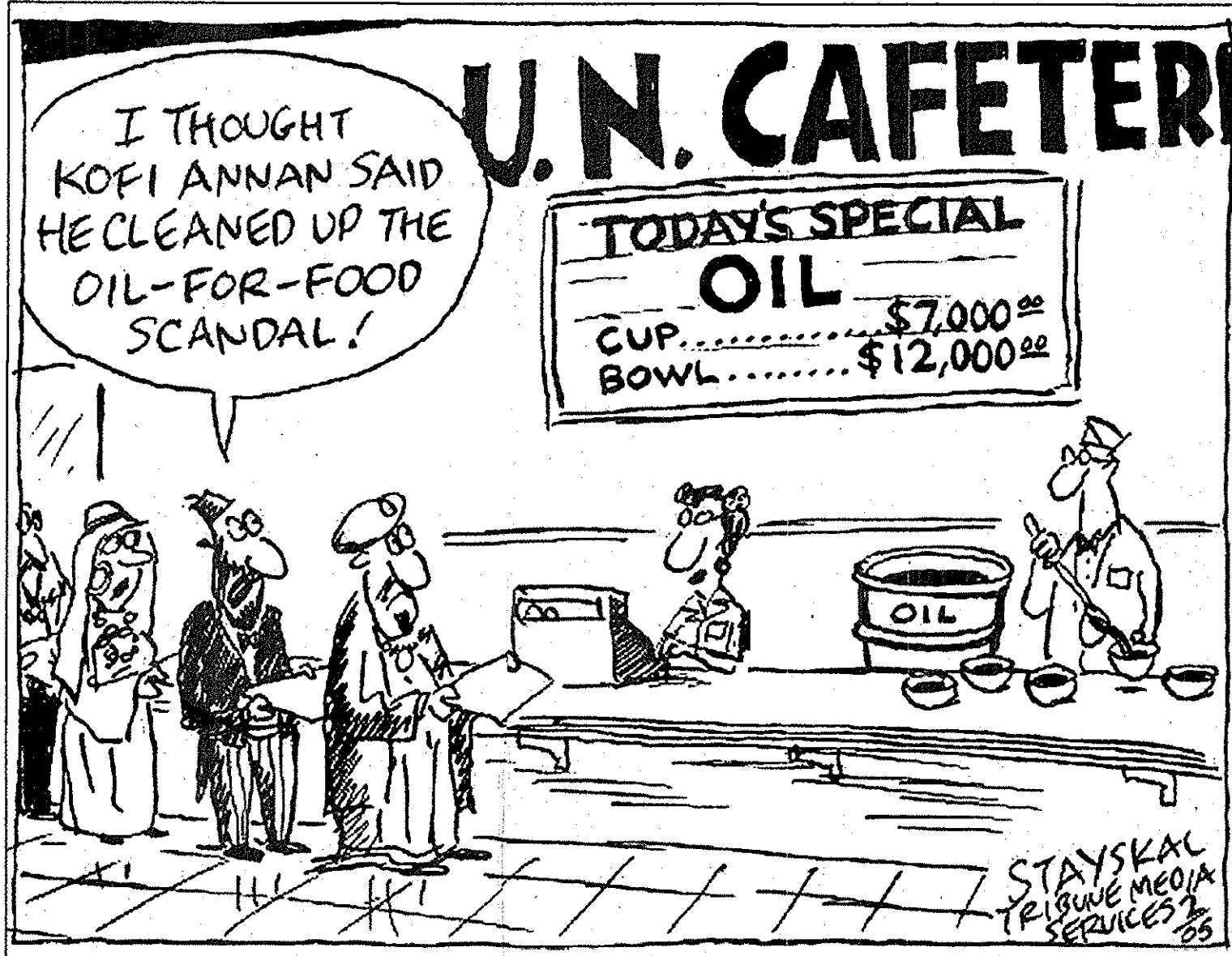
But what about those who can't escape from their realities?

White not always as glamorous, fact is more important than fiction.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We must all take part in 2010

Editor,
 2010 is an important part of history here in Youngstown, Ohio, and also for Youngstown State University. Although we all are not part of the 2010 campaign, that does not mean we can sit idly by and look at this city and not lend a helping hand. We are all apart of this community whether we like it or not. Whether we commute to class or live on campus, this is still our environment. As a community and a university we should seek to make this town a better place than when we first arrived.

Whether this is to volunteer our time, donate our money, or lobby political leaders or businesses to pay attention makes no difference. The fact remains that we need to open our minds to the prospects of doing something besides running to our classes and then running to our cars. Without an understanding of our environment, we can not have an understanding of each other, and without that we first do not get a true view of what college can be, and second, we do not experience what is called humanity.

Get involved, get informed and stay intrigued. To the credit of the Jambar, we as students need a paper institution in order to keep us informed of the processes around us, yet we also have to go beyond printed information and make that information relevant by our actions. Get online, read the Vindicator and the Jambar. But by all means, get out, get involved and give of your time, money or skills. We are all smart and intelligent people, so why do we not show this town, state and nation what we are made of and what we are all about? If we do that, then we will

feel better about ourselves and we will have accomplished much more in our lives.

— Joe Ilesue

Radio station needs more promotion

Editor,
 I read the article on the Internet radio station the wYre, and agreed entirely with it. This is a good thing that we have, or at least it has the potential. I have never read where to find it, never seen an ad for it posted anywhere, or even heard mention of it other than in the Jambar. WYSU has a link on the university's homepage, why should the wYre be denied? There is a lot that needs to be done, as I have just found the site today, I have not had much chance to listen to the station, but if what is stated in the article is true, and the same playlist has been cycling non stop since fall, this is a horrible crisis. We have been given a gift and a great opportunity to put Youngstown on the map for something good, other than our crime rate. We have the opportunity to give the artists in our hometowns a way out. Our music culture had been thriving within recent years and it was ready to burst, they just needed a media. Now that most of these acts have broken down and given up defeated, we finally find this little gem in the rough. Youngstown could turn into a cultural Petri dish for music much like better known cities like Buffalo and Detroit. But enough about what it could become, lets talk about what it is.

By the looks of the website, it appears that a board has not even been set up yet. I can

understand this, finding volunteers may be hard, but why not advertise the positions? I see all over campus flyers for the Jambar's editorial positions, and even as I look right now at the paper itself, there's a near full page add on the second page. Why isn't this being done for the wYre?

I don't even feel necessarily that having a board is a good place to start; we need talent, personalities to listen to, something other than a machine that can respond to listeners wants and change the playlist. Is this such a strange idea? I would be more than willing to take more responsibility than just be an on air personality, but what about those people who wouldn't? We shouldn't turn them away just yet. As far as I can tell by the bylaws, and yes I actually read them all, the only way for talent to be acquired is to apply to one of the directors or the manager, but if none of these exist, then where do we apply?

Being that I have class in less than 10 minutes, I'm forced to end my rant and sum up my intentions.

I think that the wYre has potential, and it should be given a chance to reach that potential. There should be flyers stuck on every bulletin board on campus, it should be at the very least given a link to the website on YSU's homepage, if not a banner ad, and at least a small business card size add should be placed in the Jambar advertising positions/music being played. I do not think that these suggestions are unreasonable or unattainable and I feel that they should be taken care of as soon as administratively possible.

— Jeremiah Mount

Through the looking glass

By Mike Pingree
 KRT Campus

NO! BAD DOG!

A young man, who had been smoking marijuana in a suburban Texas park, spotted a police officer on patrol, so he took his illegal weed, which was wrapped in plastic, and dropped it into a nearby lake. Unfortunately, the man's Labrador retriever ran into the water, fetched the dope and dropped it at his master's feet while the cop was questioning him.

GET AWAY, VARMINT, BLAM! AIEEEE!

In order to scare off coyotes on his property, a Wisconsin man went to pull his .45 caliber pistol out of the rear waistband of his pants and accidentally shot himself in the buttocks. Police said he may have been intoxicated.

SHOULDN'T YOU GUYS KNOW BETTER?

A mobile camera van, used to catch speeders on the highways of Trefonen, England, was

pulled over for speeding.

IN THAT CASE, HE'S EXCUSED

A dead man was on the list of potential jurors being considered to hear a murder trial in Oklahoma. He had been murdered. By the defendant, police say.

DISCRIMINATING BEARS PREFER MOOSEHEAD

A New Brunswick trucker is charged with stealing 50,000 cans of Moosehead beer that was headed for Mexico but never made it out of Canada. While most of the brew was not recovered, a few cans have turned up in some unlikely places. Police, busting up a marijuana operation deep in the woods near Doaktown, New Brunswick, found some. They reported that bears had consumed at least six cans. The Moosehead brewery was very proud that the bears had chosen their beer over the dope.

WHERE THEY GO, SO GOES THE PAR-TAY

Police stopped a U-Haul truck in Rock Hill, S.C., for a burned-out taillight and discovered 20 guys in the back holding a rolling keg party, drinking heavily as the truck aimlessly traveled the city streets. Half of the merry-makers were underage. The cops made everybody get out and call for rides home.

A FOOLPROOF PLAN

A bank in District Heights, Md., was robbed so many times that officials banned

"A dead man was on the list of potential jurors being considered to hear a murder trial in Oklahoma. He had been murdered. By the defendant, police say."

people from coming inside.

After the new policy was instituted, the bank was robbed again. One of the tellers went to the drugstore, and the robber was waiting when she came back, and forced her to let him in.

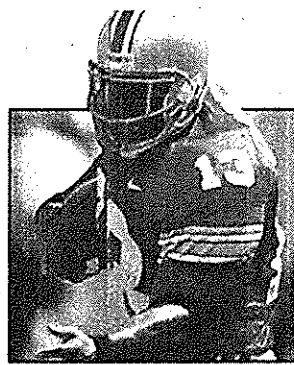
HEY, WHERE'D THOSE PIGEONS GO?

A Dutch farmer, who apparently hates seeing pigeons eaten by birds of prey, has come up with a way to protect them. For the past year, he has been capturing the pigeons and painting them pink and green. It worked.

"The colors make the pigeons seem unsuitable as prey," he said.

"The birds of prey simply don't recognize them any more."

(Mike Pingree is a columnist for the Boston Herald. Read a second "Looking Glass" column on the Internet at www.pingreeslookingglass.com.)



HEADLINES

► *Slow Mo*
Maurice Clarett ran 4.82 and a 4.72 seconds in the 40-yard dash at the NFL Scouting Combine Saturday. Many scouts believe the slow times drastically hurt his pro chances.

► *Seek and destroy*
Temple head coach John Chaney was suspended for three games for telling one of his players to intentionally foul a player on the opposing team. The player sustained a broken arm as a result.



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Sportswire

Information taken from the YSU Sports Information Web site (ysu.edu/sports) and wire reports.

YSU track and field team wins Horizon League Indoor track title

Greencastle, Ind.—The Youngstown State women's track and field team turned in a dominating performance to win by 62 points and capture its second indoor conference championship in as many years and its third straight title overall this weekend at DePauw University.

The Penguins also dominated the individual awards as senior Jeanna Cunningham was named track performer of the meet and freshman Carly Youton was named field performer of the meet. Freshman Bethany Anderson was named the league's field newcomer of the year. Head Coach Brian Gorby also accepted the Women's Coach of the Year award on behalf of the entire coaching staff.

Penguins Go 2-2 at Eastern Kentucky Invitational

Richmond, Ky.—The Youngstown State softball team opened the 2005 campaign with a 2-2 record at the Eastern Kentucky Invitational this weekend. The Penguins defeated IUPUI twice, 2-0, and 2-1, and lost to Dayton in eight innings, 3-2, and Eastern Kentucky, 8-0.

Junior Kelly Murphy picked up both wins for the Penguins, including a one-hit shutout, 2-0, against IUPUI on Saturday.

Longhorns break open game in seventh to beat Penguins

Austin, Texas—For six-plus innings, the Youngstown State baseball team kept hopes alive to upset top-ranked Texas, but the Longhorns were able to score four runs in the seventh and another in the eighth to earn an 8-2 win. The Penguins (1-4) lost all three games in the series to the undefeated Longhorns. Texas improved to 15-0 with two victories on Sunday at Disch-Falk Field.

Leveto Wins One-Meter; Dunn, Darling Break Records in Final Day

Brown Deer, Wis.—Senior diver Kalya Leveto won the one-meter board while senior Jordan Dunn set the 1,650-yard freestyle record and freshman Julia Darling broke the 200-yard breast record at the final day of the Horizon League Championship.

Leveto dominated the field with a Horizon League record score of 284.00 to win by nearly 30 points after a fourth-place showing in the three-meter on Thursday. Dunn's time of 17:56.50 broke Cathy Sipka's record that was set back in 1986 and was good enough for eighth place while Darling swam a 10th-place time of 2:28.27 to top senior Danielle Blagg's mark that was set earlier this year.

YOUNGSTOWN

Final home game is successful one

On a night full of tears, the YSU women's basketball team downed Detroit 71-68

By Justin Smolkovich
The Jambar

It was tears before and after Thursday's game for five senior Penguins as they strode into Beeghly Center for the last time of their basketball careers. The Penguins went on to defeat Detroit 71-68.

The five senior Penguins, Barb Fabianova, Jen Perugini, Cathy Hanek, Melissa Tarrant and Tara Fleming were honored before the game to standing ovations in front of the home crowd for the last time.

The emotion shown by the seniors, however, did not hamper their game plan. After the ceremony, the team was given five minutes to return to the locker room.

"We gathered ourselves during that little break," Hanek said.

"After that cry I was ready to go," Perugini said, who was escorted to mid court before the game by her parents Terry and Monika.

Perugini scored 17 points and nabbed 11 rebounds for her 12th double double of the season.

Several seniors scored in double figures, Fabianova scored 15 points and Hanek added 11. Michelle Holmes, the only double figure scorer not in this year's senior class, added 11 points as well.

The festivities continued after tip off for the Penguins, as they showed no signs of slowing down after defeating ranked UW-Green Bay the week before.

The Penguins built an extensive lead through the first based primarily around the post play of Holmes who paced the Penguins with seven points in the first half. The Penguins outscored the Titans in the paint by a margin of 14-6 and added 13 points off of Titan turnovers.

The Penguins led by eight points at intermission. The lead would soon increase at the onset of the second half.

"Offensively everything is flowing," head coach Tisha Hill said after the game.

The Penguins continued to roll in the second half where they drained shot after shot extending the lead to as many as 18 points with 12 minutes

remaining in the game before the Titans began to catch their own offensive rhythm.

The Titans ripped at the lead deep into the second half behind an offensive display by Detroit sharpshooter Lindsey Pasquino, who scored 15 points in just over 2 minutes by connecting on five 3-pointers as she paced the Titans on a 14-8 run, including a suzzer beater. Fortunately for the Penguins it was too little too late as the Penguins recorded their second win in as many games.

"Any win for us is a good win," Hill said.

Despite a momentary lapse in the second half, the Penguins played sound defensively, pleasing Hill.

"I go through a 15 minute speech before every game, and 14 minutes of it is defense."

The defense forced 14 turnovers and recorded six steals. Leading the defense in the first half was freshman guard Lauren Branson, who took two charges and led a defense effort that forced two shot clock violations in the first half.

Road to the tournament

The Penguins, who defeated UW-Milwaukee Saturday, will end the season on a three game winning streak, giving them the momentum they will need to make a push for an NCAA tournament seed. However, the Penguins will have to battle through the tough Horizon League tournament first and Hill knows the danger of teams with their backs against the wall.

"This is crunch time for everyone," Hill said. "No one is going to give up."

The Penguins, who finished the season with a 12-15 overall record and a 6-10 league record, have been paired with Wright State in the first round of the league tournament.

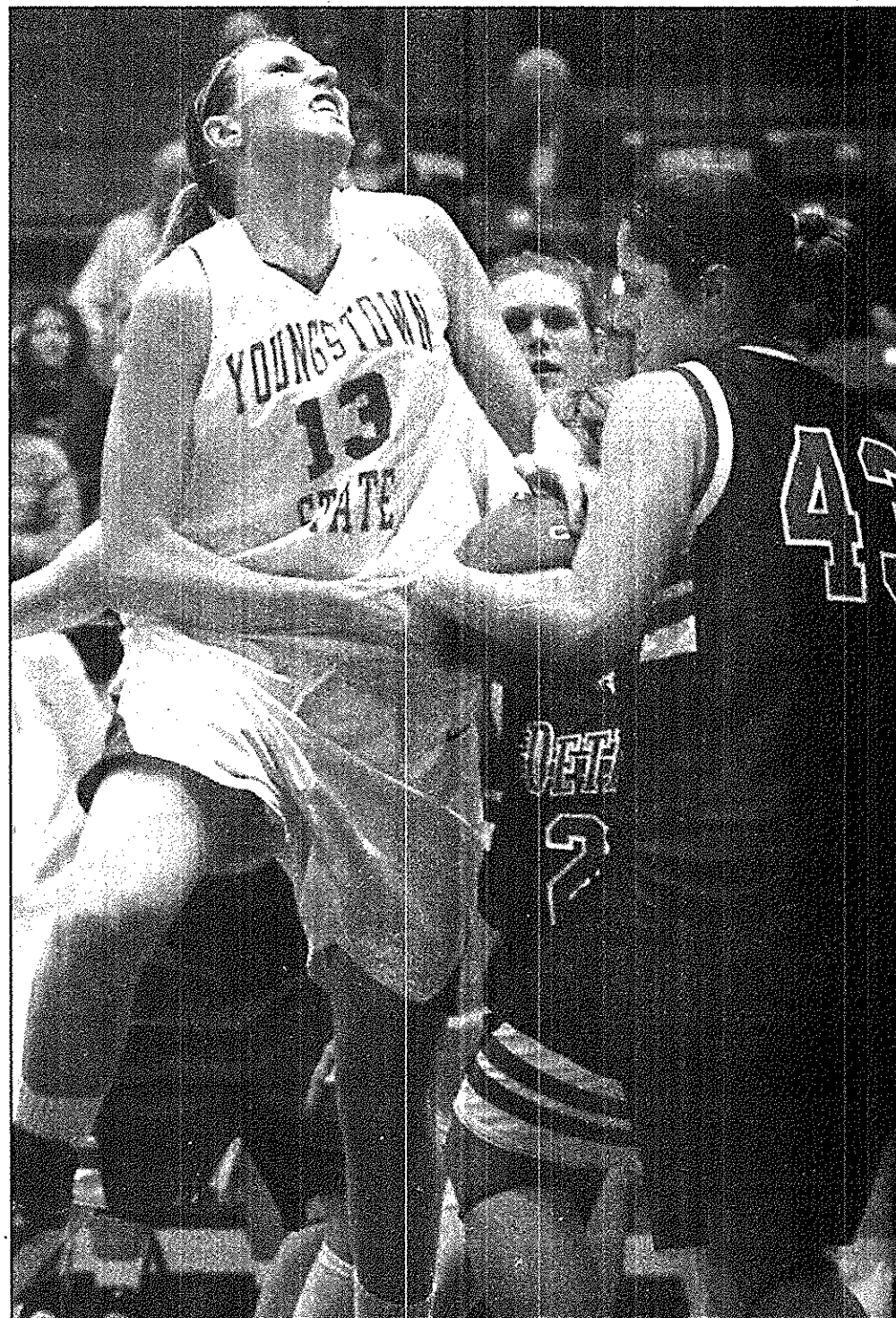
The Penguins dropped both contests against Wright State this season.

If the Penguins wish to move on they will need to get over the Wright State hurdle.

Wright state is currently 17-10 overall.

Tip off is set for 7 p.m. in Fairborn, Ohio.

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Last stand

The Penguins refused to be defeated Saturday in their final season game against the University of Detroit. Above, YSU senior forward Jen Perugini (13) struggles for control of the ball with the Titans' April Savalli (43). YSU won the game 75-68. At right, Teary-eyed seniors Tara Fleming (left) and Barb Fabianova (right) were honored before the contest. (Jambar photos by Chuck Rogers)



Do you have the skills it takes to succeed at poker?

By Bill Rodgers
The Jambar

An article on PokerTips.org outlines some of the skills all good poker players have.

Math Skills: PokerTips says good math skills are the most basic skill of the game.

"Good poker players know general percentages. They know that you have about a 1 in 8 chance of hitting a set when holding a pocket pair, and that you have about a 1 in 3 chance of completing a flush draw at the flop," the article says.

The article says poker players also understand the concept of "outs," the number of cards that will improve their hand.

Using the knowledge of "outs," the article says players should be able to figure out their "pot odds," the percent chance a player has of getting the cards needed compared to the amount of money they have to bet to stay in.

Psychological skills: The article

says a good poker player has to think like his opponents.

"He tries to think what they think and understand the decisions they make and why they make them," the article says.

The article says a good poker player should try answering the following questions: What hand does my opponent have?

What does he think I have? What does he think I think he has?

The guide on SoYouWanna.com goes into some other skills poker plays should have.

"Don't be scared to fold," the guide says. "As a general rule, if you have nothing in your hand, do not expect that later cards will remedy that situation."

Tableside Manner

How a player behaves at the table affects his or her chances of winning. How a player plays and how a player acts can factor into the game.

An article on Wikipedia says there

are two different styles of play: passive and aggressive.

"A passive player frequently checks and calls or checks and folds after the flop and does not push the betting with an advantage; conversely, an aggressive player often raises for a variety of reasons..."

PokerTips says by switching between the two styles of play, you can keep your opponents guessing at what you have in your hand.

If you find you have a good hand, a technique called "slow playing" could muddle your opponents even more. Slow playing, or playing as if you didn't have a good hand, is the opposite of "bluffing," or playing as if you had a better hand than you do.

By slow playing a hand you can draw your opponents to bet more and more money into the pot before hitting them with your full house.

The SoYouWanna article offers some more techniques to add to your poker bag of tricks. It says poker players should work on eliminating invol-

"Good poker players know general percentages.

They know you have about a 1 in 8 chance of hitting a set when holding a pocket pair, and that you have a 1 in 3 chance of completing a flush draw at the flop."

untary actions called "tells" that would let other people know what they have in their hands.

"A tell is a mannerism that you inadvertently repeat that lets the other players know how good your hand is," the article says.

The article says a tell could be a little clue such as a player gritting his teeth or wiping his brow. It says that players should work on eliminating their tells while trying to figure out the tells of the other players.

"Try to play as stoically as possible... Practice that poker face," the article suggests.

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have been higher.

On March 2, 2004, at least 181 people were killed and 573 were wounded in multiple bombings at Shiite Muslim shrines in Baghdad and Karbala, although those were from a combination of suicide bombers, mortars and planted explosives.

Outside the concrete and brick building in Hillah, people gingerly walked around small lakes of blood pooling on the street. Scorch marks infused with blood covered the clinic's walls and dozens of people helped pile body parts, including arms, feet and limbs, into blankets. Piles of shoes and tattered clothes were thrown into a corner.

Angry crowds gathered outside the hospital chanting "Allah akbar!" — Arabic for "God is great!" — and demanded to know the fate of their relatives.

"I was lined up near the medical center, waiting for my

turn for the medical exam in order to apply for work in the police," Abdullah Salih, 22, said. "Suddenly I heard a very big explosion. I was thrown several meters away and I had burns in my legs and hands, then I was taken to the hospital."

Babil province police headquarters said "several people" were arrested in connection with the blast, the biggest confirmed death toll in a single attack since the fall of Saddam Hussein. Insurgents have repeatedly targeted recruits for Iraq's security forces, and the attack comes at a time when Iraqi politicians are trying to form a new government following landmark Jan. 30 elections.

Iraq's interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi wrote in The Wall Street Journal on Monday that Iraq still needed international forces on the ground while the effort was

under way to rebuild Iraqi security forces.

"But we will continue to need and to seek assistance for some time to come," he wrote.

Maj. Gen. Osman Ali, an Iraqi National Guard commander in Hillah, put the toll at 115 dead and 132 wounded. A health official in Babil province said the death toll could rise.

Dia Mohammed, the director of Hillah General Hospital, said most of the victims were recruits waiting to take physicals as part of the application process to join the Iraqi police and national guard.

"I was lucky because I was the last person in line when the explosion took place. Suddenly there was panic, and many frightened people stepped on me. I lost consciousness and the next thing I was aware of was being in the hospital," said recruit Muhsin Hadi, 29. One of his legs was

broken in the blast.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair condemned the attack and pledged to help the Iraqi government track down those responsible.

"All civilized people should feel nothing but revulsion for the terrorists who can kill innocent Iraqis who only want to help build a new democracy and a better society," he said.

A second car bomb exploded Monday at a police checkpoint in Musayyib, about 20 miles north of Hillah, killing at least one policeman and wounding several others, police said on condition of anonymity. In Baghdad, the U.S. military said it was investigating the death of a U.S. soldier who was shot while manning a traffic checkpoint in the capital a day earlier. Nearly 1,500 U.S. troops have died since the war began in March 2003. Iraqi troops blocked main avenues leading to and from Firdous Square, the roundabout in central Baghdad where Iraqis toppled a statue of Saddam on April 9, 2003. Occasional shots and bursts of automatic weapons fire could be heard during the sweep of the Battween area, known locally as the Sudanese district.

Several people believed to be Sudanese were seen being arrested by police. Some of Baghdad's past suicide bombers have in the past been identified as Sudanese.

In al-Mashahda, 25 miles north of Baghdad, police found three unidentified corpses with their hands tied together with plastic cuffs, police commissioner Abbas Abdul Ridha said.

The Hillah suicide bombing came one day after Iraqi officials announced that Syria had captured and handed over Saddam Hussein's half brother, a most-wanted leader in the Sunni-based insurgency, in the latest in a series of arrests of important insurgent figures that the Iraqi government hopes will deal a crushing blow to violent opposition forces.

The arrest of Sabawi Ibrahim al-Hassan also ended months of Syrian denials it was harboring fugitives from the ousted Saddam regime.

Iraq authorities said Damascus acted in a gesture of goodwill.

Sabawi Ibrahim al-Hassan, who shared a mother with Saddam, was arrested along with 29 other fugitive members of the former dictator's Baath Party in Hasakah in northeastern Syria, 30 miles from the Iraqi border, officials said Sunday on condition of anonymity. The U.S. military in Iraq had no comment.

Meanwhile, the Iraqi Special Tribunal said it had completed preliminary investigations into some of the alleged crimes committed by several of Saddam's top henchmen, and it will send the first group of five to trial.

No date was given, but the announcement marks the first time the special court has issued referrals, similar to indictments — the final step before trials can start.

The five include Barzan Ibrahim al-Hassan al-Tikriti, another of Saddam's half brothers, and former vice president Taha Yassin Ramadan. The three

others were senior Baath party members.

The five officials are facing charges of crimes against humanity for their alleged involvement in a crackdown in Dujail, 50 miles north of Baghdad, that was organized in retaliation for a failed 1982 assassination attempt against Saddam.

At least 50 Iraqis were allegedly executed in the Shiite town.

In an interview published Monday in the Italian newspaper La Repubblica, Syrian President Bashar Assad denied U.S. accusations his regime lets militants slip across the Iraqi border. He said Washington blames Damascus in order to cover for its strategic mistakes in Iraq.

"Washington accuses us of failing to cooperate, of nurturing the guerrilla," he said. "But in reality they are asking us to remedy to their mistakes: the dissolution of the state, of military forces."

Syria is under intense pressure from the United States, the United Nations, France and Israel to drop its support for radical groups in the Middle East, to stop harboring Iraqi fugitives and to remove its troops from Lebanon.

A week ago, authorities grabbed a key associate and the driver of Jordanian-born terror leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, leader of al-Qaida in Iraq and believed to be the inspiration of the ongoing bombings, beheadings and attacks on Iraqi and American forces. Iraqi officials said they expect to take al-Zarqawi soon.

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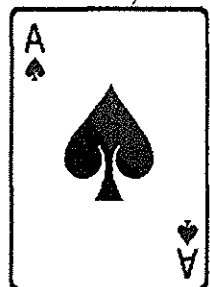
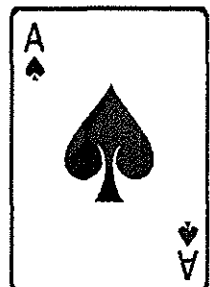
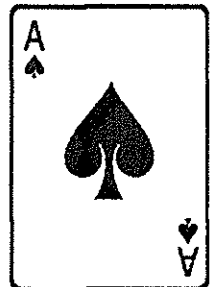
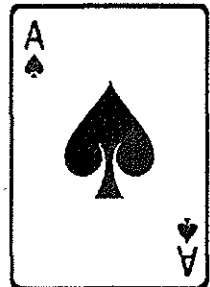
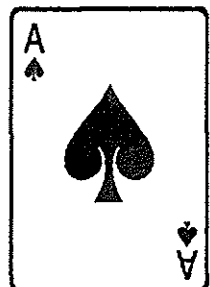
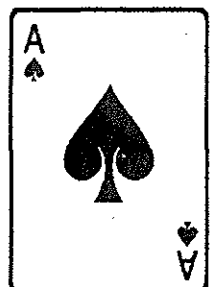
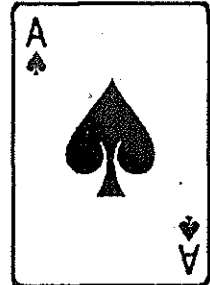
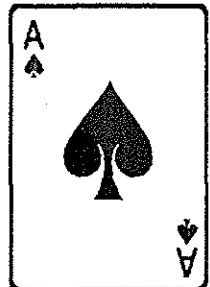
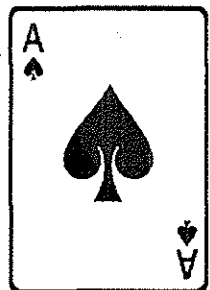
► **Oscar wrap-up**
 "Aviator" took home five awards on Oscar night, and Jamie Foxx and Hilary Swank picked up best actor and actress nods.

YOUNGSTOWN

TEXAS HOLD 'EM

National card playing fad hits Kilcawley Center

By Bill Rodgers
 The Jambor



Last Wednesday in Kilcawley Center, the Ohio room fell prey to one of the biggest fads in recent years. The Campus Recreation and Intramural Sports departments in collaboration with WHOT 101.1 from Youngstown worked together to hold a large Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament.

Wednesday's gathering was the second round in the tournament. The first round, held on Monday, Feb. 14th, drew more than 100 players. Wednesday's semi-finals had 56 players competing to be one of the eight who would move on to the final round, to be held tomorrow at 12:30 p.m. at Peaberry's Café.

The players are playing for the championship title and a \$1000 travel voucher from Pan Atlas Travel.

Chris Hritz, a student employee of the Campus Recreation department, talked about the tournament in a phone interview. He said a student first brought up the idea of a poker tournament to Jack Rigney, the director of Campus Recreation and Intramural Sports.

Ritz said the assistant director of the Campus Recreation department, Matt Morrone, took over organizing the tournament. Morrone got some help from local radio hosts A.C. and Kelly of Hot 101.1, who phoned-in updates about the tournament to their radio station.

"Matt took the reins to put this stuff together and collaborate with A.C. and Kelly," Ritz said. "Everything has gone pretty smoothly."

Ritz said the event was free to join and players were playing for chips.

"There was no buy-in to play," Ritz said.

Greg Gulas, assistant director of Student Activities was at the semi-finals on Wednesday and said he liked the friendly competition he saw at the tournament.

"I'm totally impressed with the overall participation," Gulas said.

"It's serious, but fun."

It was easy to see what Gulas was talking about Wednesday night. Some players were taking the competition very seriously.

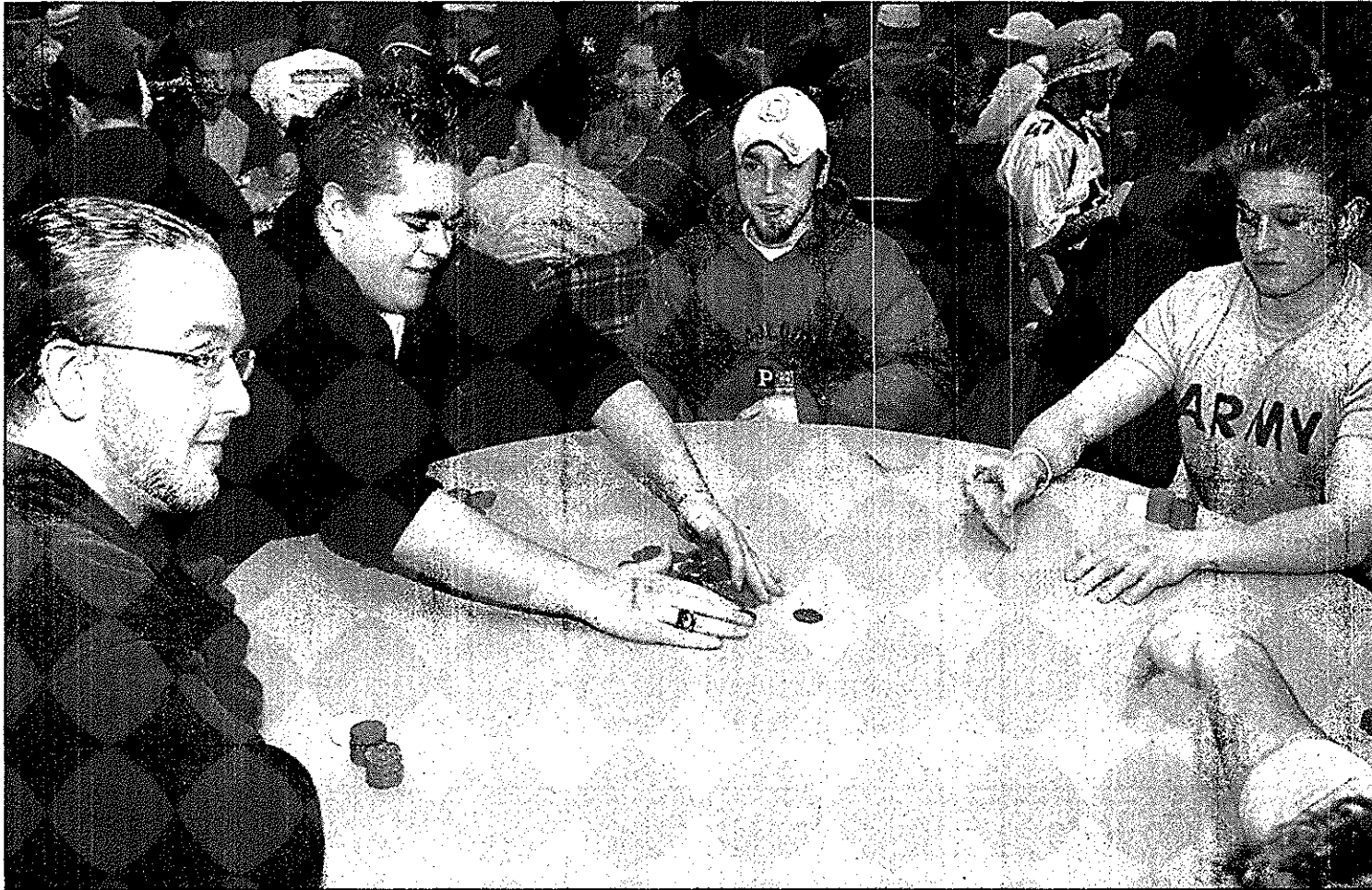
One player, perhaps taking a page from the televised poker tournaments on ESPN, was wearing dark sunglasses at the tables even though play didn't begin until 7 p.m.

The poker drew out YSU's resident poker aficionados. Junior Jeff Lanam said he has been playing poker for four or five years and he said that strategy alone couldn't make him a winner.

"I'm just hoping to catch some good cards," Lanam said. "You can't beat luck."

There was also some friendly competition at the semi-final eight tables.

"I'd like to beat this guy," said sophomore Ernie



Read 'em and weep

The players all stay friendly, but the winner is the only one at the table who is really happy. Nick Durse (second from left) rakes in his winnings as Joe Dixon (left) and Dan Wiery (second from right) watch. Jeff Lanam (right) gets ready to deal the next hand. (Jambor photo by Chuck Rogers)

Cunningham pointing to fellow player Joe Parisi. "He was doing pretty good against us all last week."

Morrone said the tournament went smoothly and he plans on organizing more tournaments in the future. He said that he would like to see at least one tournament a year, if not on a semi-regular basis.

Morrone said he was planning some changes for the following years. He said he would like to limit the number of players so that the tournament could be held in one day.



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Greg Gulas,
 Assistant director of Student Activities

The Mad Fad of Hold 'Em

Texas Hold 'Em is one of the most popular community card games, an article on Wikipedia.org says. It experienced a huge surge of popularity in 2003 when ESPN covered the World Series of Poker and an amateur Internet poker player Chris Bryan Moneymaker won the series.

Texas Hold 'Em is a variation of poker. Each player in the game is dealt two cards, called "pocket cards," face down.

A series of five community cards are dealt in the middle of the table. The players try to make the best five-card combi-

nation they can, using their pocket cards and the community cards.

Dealing occurs frequently during each hand. Players bet when they get their pocket cards, before "the flop" when three community cards are dealt, and again before each of the last two community cards are dealt.

A forced bet, called a "blind," is required before each hand is dealt to ensure betting action on each hand.

Gambling Addiction?

A representative from the Cleveland chapter of Gambler's Anonymous said the current fad of Texas Hold 'Em poker may have a long-term effect on some poker players, but the group has not spoken out against it.

"We don't take a political stand on gambling," the representative said.

"We're not a group who goes around with billboards."

The representative said the fad may be adding to the 3 or 4 percent of gamblers who develop a gambling addiction by making poker more accessible, citing Texas Hold 'Em sets being sold in many stores.

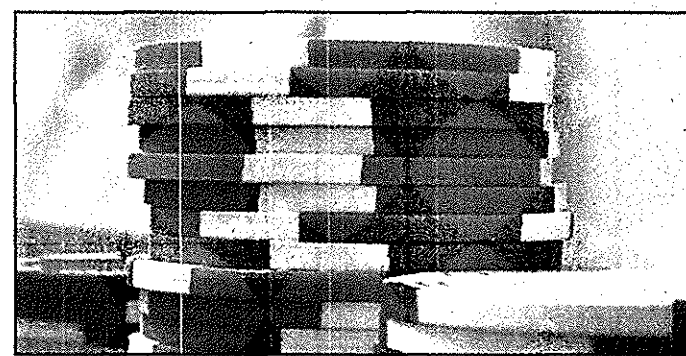
But he said gambling addiction is a problem that develops over a long-term period, usually when a person is in their mid-30s.

"You're not going to have teenagers who bet a week's salary, gambling addiction is a long range problem," he said.

The representative said if anyone felt they had a gambling problem, he'd suggest enrolling in a 12-step program like Gambler's Anonymous.

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WINNING HANDS



So, how do you get from the copious rounds of betting to laughing maniacally as you take your best friend's money, pants, car or significant other? You need to get the best hand on the table.

As with most games of poker, there's a hierarchy of five-card combinations in Hold 'Em that each have their own value. The object of the game is to get the highest hand. SoYouWanna.com, an online how-to site, outlines the winning hands.

- + **Royal Flush:** The most valuable poker hand and the hardest to get. It's made of the 10, Jack, Queen, King and Ace cards, all of the same suit.
- + **Straight Flush:** A straight flush is composed of five cards in numerical order that are of the same suit. If for some rare, strange reason two people at the table have straight flushes, the hand that has the highest value cards wins.
- + **Four of a Kind:** This hand has four cards of the same value and one random card. If there are two such hands the hand with the highest ranking four of a kind wins.
- + **Full House:** A set of three cards of the same value and two other cards of the same value. In a tie, the full house that has the highest value set of three is the winner.
- + **Flush:** A flush is made of five cards of the same suit, regardless of their numerical value. In a tie, the hand that has the highest card wins.
- + **Straight:** A straight is five cards of numerical order, regardless of their suit. In a tie, the straight with a higher-ranking card wins.
- + **Three of a Kind:** Three cards of the same value and two other cards that are not a pair.
- + **Two Pair:** Two sets of pairs and one random card.
- + **One Pair:** A pair of cards of the same value and three random cards.
- + **High Card:** If no player has any of the combinations, whoever is holding the highest value card wins the hand.

So, how do you know that the two cards you've been dealt are worth betting with? PokerTips.org, a poker strategy Web site, mentions some of the "premium hands" that you may want to bet on.

The premium hands can be any of the following values of any suit: AA, KK, QQ, AK, JJ, AQ, 10-10.

The following hands should be called with until the "flop" is dealt: AJ, KQ, QJ, J10, 10-9 (of the same suit), 9-9, 8-8, 7-7 and an Ace and any other card of the same suit.