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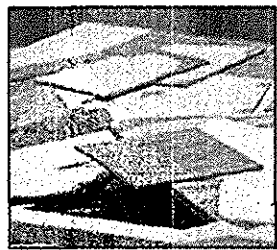
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News Briefs

Women in Science Workshop

The annual Women in Science and Engineering Career Workshop will be held Saturday, March 12 in Kilcawley Center.

Lenka Fedorkova, a Youngstown State University graduate, will be the keynote speaker. Fedorkova is a science and technology fellow at the National Institute of Health.

For more information, call (330) 941-1554 or (330) 941-1943.

Hare Awards

Submissions are now being accepted for the 2005 Hare Writing Award. Youngstown State University students can submit their writing in two categories: poetry and fiction/drama/screenwriting to room 212, DeBartolo Hall. A prize of \$100 will be given to one student in each category.

The deadline for submissions is Monday, March 28.

For more information, contact the English department at (330) 941-3414.

Wind Ensemble

The 57-member Wind Ensemble group from Youngstown State University's Dana School of Music has been chosen to play at Carnegie Hall in New York.

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BAGHDAD, Iraq

Security forces find 41 corpses

A truck bomber kills three, wounds 30 American contractors in attack

By Todd Pitman
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraqi officials said Wednesday that 41 bodies have been found at two sites, and they believe some of

the corpses are Iraqi soldiers kidnapped and killed by insurgents. At least 30 American contractors, meanwhile, were wounded by a suicide bombing near a hotel.

Interim Planning Minister

Mahdi al-Hafidh escaped assassination after gunmen opened fire on his convoy in Baghdad. One of his guards was killed and two others were wounded, police said.

A U.S. soldier was killed

and another was injured Wednesday when a roadside bomb detonated as they were patrolling in the capital, the military said.

Authorities found 26 of the corpses late Tuesday in a field

near Rumana, a village about 12 miles east of the western city of Qaim, near the Syrian border, police Capt. Muzahim al-Karbouli and other officials said.

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YSU

University hiring policy questioned

The Academic Senate is concerned the policy could lead to abuse of affirmative action laws

By Shawn Buskirk
The Jambar

A Youngstown State University hiring policy that has been in place since 2003 is being questioned by the Academic Senate because it could possibly lead to the abuse of affirmative action laws.

The concern is over the YSU Board of Trustees policy Number 9000.01 regarding the search procedures and selection of administrators, executive directors and the university president.

Under the current policy, when an administrative vacancy occurs, the university has the option of requesting a "search waiver" to bypass the normal national search process if the best candidate is already in the system or known in the area, and if it "offers demonstrable benefits for the university."

YSU has never requested a search waiver since the policy was instituted, university spokesman Walt Ulbricht said.

The Academic Senate appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to further study the policy last fall. In charge of the research was Chet Cooper, associate professor of biological science.

A report written by the committee found the policy to be "extremely vague and undefined."

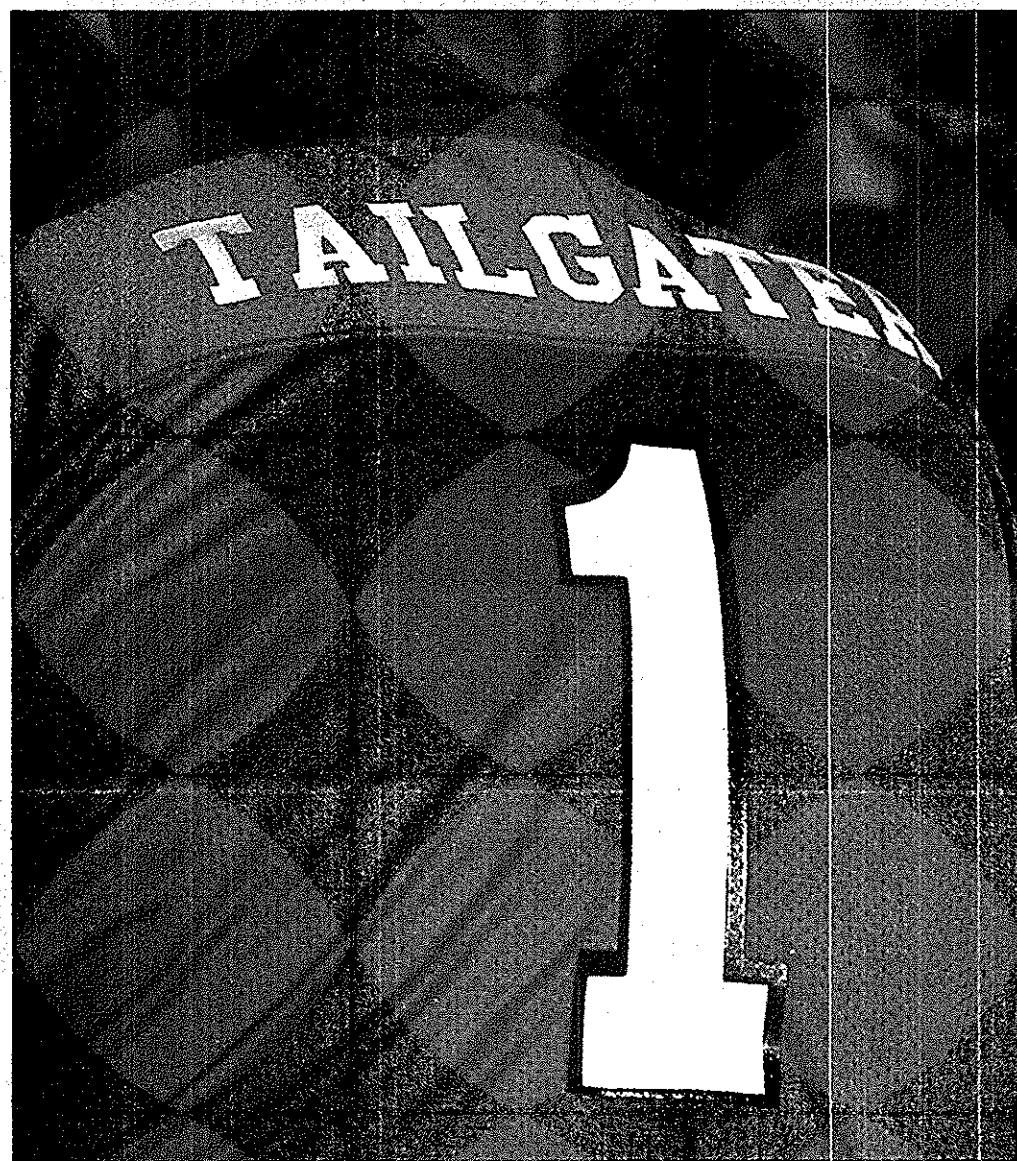
In the policy there is no clear explanation as to what constitutes "demonstrable benefits," Cooper said. It is unclear what the criteria are in determining these benefits and also if the benefits will be applied to each position, he said.

The report listed another concern with the policy — the potential for abuse regarding equal opportunity laws. Shipka said the "procedural sidestepping" leads to further potential for such abuse of the system.

The Ad Hoc Committee's report said the search waiver policy is not in compliance with Affirmative Action policies. According to the commit-

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YOUNGSTOWN



Carano stumps for tailgating bill

The bill would allow tailgaters to bring their own alcohol

By Maysoun Abdelrasul
The Jambar

Youngstown State University's tailgaters may be raising a glass to State Rep. Ken Carano (D-Austintown) if his legislation clears the Ohio senate.

On March 2, Carano's House Bill 12 passed through the Ohio House by a vote of 82-10.

The bill would allow alcohol consumption on designat-

ed areas during home games. Sara Hall-Phillips, Carano's aide, said the bill applies to colleges and universities with less than 15,000 students, including YSU.

Currently, tailgating vendors have to buy a permit to sell alcohol. If the bill were passed, tailgaters would be allowed to bring beer and liquor into the tailgating areas without having to purchase

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(Jambar photos by Chuck Rogers)

YSU

Paranormal Investigator speaking at YSU today

Joe Nickell will appear as part of the Albert J. Shipka Speakers Series

By Bill Rodgers
The Jambar

Joe Nickell ain't afraid of no ghosts.

The renowned paranormal investigator of the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP) is visiting Youngstown State University today.

Nickell is appearing for the philosophy department's Albert J. Shipka Speakers Series. His lecture, which will be held at 12:30 p.m. in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center, will discuss the investigations he's done in his career as a paranormal investigator.

Nickell is the senior research fellow of CSICOP, located in Amherst, N.Y. He is also an investigative columnist for "Skeptical Inquirer" magazine and the author, co-author or editor of seventeen books on the paranormal.

The paranormal investigator has made a career of chasing down the weird by objectively investigating cases of the strange and bizarre including spontaneous combustion, the Shroud of Turin, alien abductions, miracles and ghosts since 1972.

Nickell said that he first discovered his interest in the paranormal when he was young.

"I was influenced a lot by my interest in magic," he said, citing that his father was a stage magician. "I used to practice tricks while wearing a glued-on moustache."

Nickell's love of parlor tricks turned into the love of the weird when he heard one of his favorite magicians, The Amazing Randi, investigated claims of the paranormal.

"Over time I decided that I wanted to conduct my own investigations," Nickell said.

But before deciding to become a full-time investigator, Nickell worked many different jobs. He worked on a riverboat casino, as a private detective and as a resident stage magician for the Houdini Magical Hall of Fame in Canada.

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YSU

SGA pushes for lower tuition

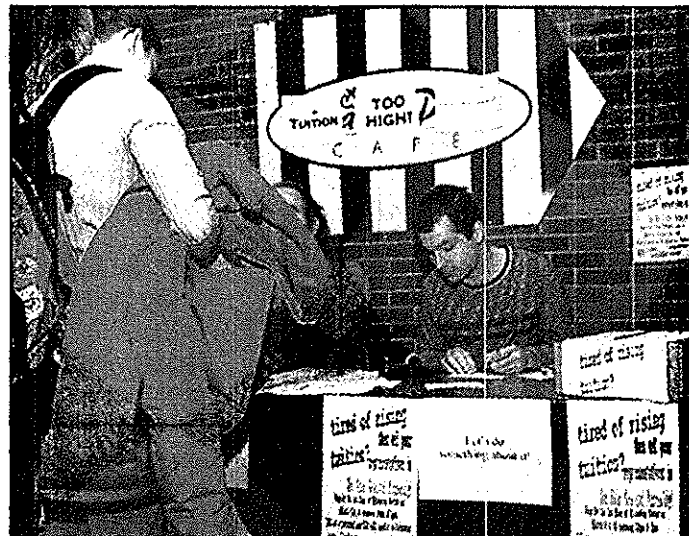
By Christina Poe & Leonard Crist
The Jambar

Bob McGovern, the vice president for student affairs of Youngstown State University's Student Government Association, sat outside of Arby's in Kilcawley Center Wednesday afternoon, imploring students to write to their state representatives.

Just a few sentences telling the state legislature why tuition costs need to be restrained, McGovern asked of the passing students.

A stack of postcards addressed to various members of the Ohio House of

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Students lined up to fill out postcards telling their state representatives how they are affected by rising tuition costs. The cards will be delivered to Ohio legislators over spring break by members of YSU's student government. (Jambar photo by Chuck Rogers)

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After earning a doctorate in English, focusing on literary investigations and folklore, he worked on his first case was in 1972, when he investigated and debunked a supposed haunting in the Mackenzie House in Toronto, Canada.

In 1995, he was offered a job working for CSICOP, a scientific organization that investigates paranormal and fringe-science claims objectively.

He has since tackled such cases as the Amityville Horror, a water monster and a variety of myths and hoaxes.

The job, he said, has taught him much about people. After investigating the Shroud of Turin and declaring it a "medieval forgery," Nickell said he learned that people's desire to believe in something often outweighs reason and evidence.

"That investigation caused me some grief," Nickell said. "I had the naive belief that if I found the truth and backed it up with evidence, that's all I needed to convince people."

Nickell ran into that problem again when he investigated the "glowing" eyes of statues at St. Joseph's church in Campbell, Ohio. Nickell said he determined the statues were not glowing, but reflecting sunlight and the headlights of traffic. He demonstrated this by shining a spotlight on the statues.

"It had no effect on the worshippers whatsoever," Nickell said. "After I explained the phenomena to one lady she told me that she'd prefer not to believe me."

Nickell said he learned much of the paranormal is based on people's emotions and desire to believe in an underlying message unique to a paranormal event.

"People make connections to the paranormal out of their own wishful natures," Nickell said. "Aliens carry the message that we're not alone in the universe. Ghosts carry the message that there's life after death."

Tom Shipka, chairman of the department of philosophy and religious studies, says he hopes Nickell's lecture will help students develop critical thinking skills.

"A lot of people are naive or gullible about paranormal phenomena," Shipka said. "I hope Nickell's expertise will help students become more sophisticated in their interpretations of paranormal claims."

Shipka said that he respected Nickell's approach to investigating paranormal claims.

"A lot of skeptics begin an investigation with a chip on their shoulder," Shipka said. "[Nickell] doesn't, he's conducts thoroughly objective investigations."

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tee, the policy states only a recommendation is required from affirmative action/equal opportunity officials, rather than a formal approval.

The committee's concern in this section is "the wording suggests that the recommendation may be ignored, thereby conceivably placing YSU in noncompliance with government laws and regulations."

In the official Board of Trustees search policy, the rule states that exceptions to the requirements may be given in special circumstances. A written request is to be sent to the Human Resources and Labor Relations Department and the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity. The university president will provide the final procedures before the request is submitted in front of the board.

Cooper commented, "When you advertise for a position you have to go through certain procedures, and to make sure that the position is open to everyone - equal opportunity. It is not clear in the policy if those procedures will be followed."

Another issue with the policy is that YSU's search waiver does not comply with those of other state universities.

Thomas Shipka, chairman of the Academic Senate, said, "usually when there is a vacancy, applicants are invited and a search committee is appointed to screen the applicants and come up with recommendations."

Shipka also said waivers are hard to come by, but it is easier to obtain one at YSU than at other state schools.

Charles Singler, another member of the Ad Hoc Committee, said, "we talked to other officers of universities and we [YSU] stand alone in the adoption of that policy."

The Ad Hoc Committee's report has been filed with the Academic Senate and it is now up to university officials to review the report and decide if changes will be made.

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directly from the tailgating vendors.

Those that voted against the bill, such as Ohio Rep. John Widowfield (R-42), say there are too many legal and safety issues that would come into play if the bill were passed.

One problem he said he had with the bill was potential liability. Widowfield said he wondered if the school would be held liable if a person left the tailgating area drunk and caused an accident.

"I don't think it was a good sound policy at the time," he said.

The state representative said fans could look into other opportunities to celebrate and drink, such as local pubs and bars.

However, Ron Strollo, executive director of athletics at YSU said he is happy the bill passed the house because he said tailgating is part of the entire football Saturday at YSU.

"We have been fighting for it for two years and we hope we can get it past the senate and on the governor's desk," he said.

Strollo added that safety in the tailgating lots has never been a concern because the YSU Police

Department does a good job monitoring the tailgaters.

YSUPD Chief John Gocala said whether the bill passes or not they will be prepared.

"YSU tailgating has not been problematic and we will be prepared if the legislation goes through," he said.

Some YSU students said they are hoping that the bill follows through.

Sophomore Jim Hall said he does not want to deal with the university's prices on alcohol, and he said he rather "shop around for the best deals."

He added he likes a wider selection of alcohol and does not want YSU to dictate what he buys to drink.

Junior Amanda Golembiewski said tailgating is a celebration that should not be limited in selection of alcoholic beverages, especially because it may help bring more people to the games.

"I think we should be able to bring our own alcohol," she said.

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POLICE BLOTTER

A faculty member from the Sociology and Anthropology department went to the Youngstown State University police department on March 7 to file a report. A student was upsetting the faculty member. She said the student expressed vulgar language towards her. The police department put her in contact with the YSU Escort Service. YSUPD had two reports on file in reference to this student the police report said.

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OUR SIDE

Much work to be done for equality

March is Women's History Month, and looking back over the last 100 years, women around the western world have made tremendous strides in equality.

It's hard to imagine a time when women were denied the right to vote simply because of their sex. Just 40 years ago, women in politics and business were rare — now it's conceivable that the United States could have a female president in the near future.

Still, there is much work to be done before women are truly equal.

In America, women earn only 76 cents for every dollar a man makes, the National Organization for Women reports. Over an entire career, the average woman loses around \$250,000 because of sex discrimination in the workplace.

Another sad fact is that 1 in 6 women will be raped, an unacceptably high number for an unacceptably heinous crime. Worse still is that half of women raped are under 18 and more than a fifth are under the age of 12.

Around the world, oppression remains high. Every year in Pakistan, hundreds of women are killed for the "crime" of trying to escape an unhappy marriage, as well as for being promiscuous or committing adultery, according to Amnesty International. In Sudan, rape has been used as a weapon of war. In many countries, women still can't vote or even drive.

It is important to remember the history of women, but it is much more important to look toward the future for a way to help improve women's destinies.

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HOW OTHERS SEE IT

Congress addressing important college need
The Lariat (Baylor U.)

(U-WIRE) WACO, Texas — Student surveys across the nation show increased reports of depression and other psychological problems among college students, according to the South Florida Sun-Sentinel.

The number of students diagnosed with depression has increased by 4.6 percent over a four-year term, according to the American College Health Association's National College Health Assessment.

Every year, an average of 1,100 students commit suicide. Nearly one in 10 students say suicide has been on their minds before.

This is a problem. The U.S. Congress is helping with a solution. A part of President George W. Bush's 2006 budget is a \$1.5 million allocation to the Mental and Behavioral Health Services on Campus program administered by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

This program provides grants to universities and colleges with counseling programs.

Peace at last

Editor,
Whew! Alas we can all breathe a sigh of relief. That age-old mystery surrounding King Tut's death is finally resolved. Reported this week on NBC's morning Today Show was the fact that Tut was "not" murdered but died of natural causes.

After tossing and turning for years in a quandary about this historical puzzle, myself and millions others around the world will finally get a good night's rest without having to resort to Midol, Nyquil, Vioxx, Noxzema, Viagra or late-night thrill-packed info-commercials.

Countless thousands were spent to solve this cold case, and with the use of CAT scan — not affordable to the poor and needy (in the vicinity of Tut's Tomb) — Egyptologists have soundly put to rest the annoying question. Tut just died.

Other important development this month of March — before its lides — is Marsha Stewart's release from prison. And although on house arrest at her

125 thousand acre home, we all can continue to rest easy because Marsha has an electronic ankle bracelet that tracks her every move — and she won't be allowed to move beyond one house. What does it all mean? That we don't have to sweat the fact that she might sneak off to Wall Street and place a bet on some stock — causing less damage to the Economy and Tax Payers than did the mammoth deceptions of Enron, WorldCom and Halliburton's un-served meals.

It makes you wonder if such ankle bracelets weren't available when child rapists and murderers were let out of prison — because none had them — one child molester returned to the neighborhood and brutally murdered a nine-year-old. But I guess the important thing is he wasn't allowed access to Wall Street and juicy stock deals. That damn Marsha!

Ted Williams

Will tuition raise really be useful?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
The recent article unveiling the honorable President Sweet's plans to use our subsidized loan money amused me. Due to a recent increase in student debt, the university now has enough money to pay for some projects. This does not come as a surprise because they've probably sequestered enough money to retire each faculty member. I suppose every university has its corrupt administration and its occasional improvements. However, will I see an improvement in my education?

Does a teacher then become a better teacher because of a newer classroom? Most of my teachers have enough technology to project their knowledge effectively to the students. Yeah, a couple labs could be built, but then again, are the biology, chemistry, and engineering departments really that overflown? Maybe I'm wrong. I think they could add some early childhood education courses. Just ask one of the majors. They usually offer enough Terg courses to satisfy 1/4 the students who wish to take them. The

rest are sitting ducks till the next semester. But let's build more labs, not hire more teachers, open more classes, cut needless projects... let's build a bigger bridge, big enough for a wide load. I suppose we'll have much larger enrollment if we have a 12-foot walkway as opposed to 24-foot walkways. Those who walk on the east side of Elm will forever have to cross the street because West side now has a pride to it. Of course I'm babbling by now. This school's administration is a bunch of fat turkeys and every dollar they get is another basting to make their life more flavorful. Make way, I sense a large turkey statue is next on the list of improvements. The trustees meet March 18 to solidify our loss; two of those trustees will be our own students. Sounds like the kiss of Judas. Or shall I say, the kiss of Chantry and Paul.

Hah, the irony of it all. Go figure, they voted for our tuition increase as well. Kisses for all, and to all, a peaceful robbery, compliments of YSU.

Joshua Ehret

NEWS

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Representatives Committee on Finance and Appropriations were arranged neatly on the table alongside a box of pens, just in case someone walked off with a writing utensil after airing their grievance.

Josh Taylor, SGA's parliamentarian, pointed out to students passing by that tuition at YSU has significantly increased over the last six years.

A few students brushed the SGA representatives off. My mom pays for tuition, one female said. Two male athletes walked by. We're on scholarship, one of them said.

But other students were quite receptive. One student said he is basically living off his student loans because college is so expensive.

An unsigned postcard addressed to Rep. Shawn Webster (R-Hamilton) read, "Tuition is ridiculous. Please do something about it."

The postcards are going to be hand delivered to the legislators when four SGA representatives, including McGovern, visit Columbus next week to lobby legislators and testify before the House Committee on Finance, McGovern said.

At Monday's meeting, SGA passed a resolution detailing recommendations to the state.

The resolution requests half-percent increases for the State

Share of Instruction, Access Challenge and Success Challenge, which provide the bulk of YSU's state aid.

The resolution also asks the state to commission an auditor's report that would look into university spending practices across the state.

Secretary Amanda Mielke, who is also making the trek to Columbus over spring break, said their presence in Columbus would be a visual representation to Ohio legislators of the students' concern about decreasing funding for higher education.

Mielke added the data gathered by the ad hoc committee would also serve to show legislators what they could do to keep tuition increases at a minimum.

McGovern said the student delegation would be a first for the Ohio Congress.

McGovern will be testifying before the Financial Committee of the Ohio House of Representatives, where he will present the ad hoc committee's proposal. McGovern said although he has yet to receive confirmations from other Ohio universities, any size group would serve to show legislators students strongly believe in their cause.

"It's more important that we are taking this step," McGovern said. "Whether it is small or large, at least it will be a presence."

Academic Grievance Policy

Also at Monday's meeting, Executive Vice President J.T. Holt said the Academic Senate requested SGA look over a draft completed by the Student Academic Grievance committee.

Holt said the purpose of this was to garner student reaction as well as any further suggestions the members could make.

As of right now, Holt said those changes include allotting more time for a grievance to be filed.

Holt said current problems with the policy lie in no separation of grievances and the handling of academic dishonesty and loosely defined guidelines.

Representative Justin Truitt introduced a possible problem with the policy's appeal process.

Truitt said one of the reasons for appeal — insufficient evidence — was vague and could cause problems if not amended.

SGA President Angela Mavrikis recommended the body make recommendations on the policy because of their roles as representatives for the student body.

"Through this whole process, the students are the ones who are affected the most," Mavrikis said.

Class Fees

Truitt, chair of the Academic Affairs committee, updated the body on his committee's research

about class fees and how to lower them.

Truitt said committee members in the art school were looking into the fees they pay for related class and would soon add their findings to other gathered information.

Although some fees were not found to be too high, Truitt said students still felt they were paying unnecessary costs.

"Students don't like to feel like they're getting ripped off, even if they're not," Truitt said.

Tsunami Relief Campaign
Mavrikis informed the body that YSU is falling short of its \$15,000 goal for the Tsunami Relief Campaign.

Mavrikis said the cause was something the university was very invested in and is pushing for success.

"It would be a nice gesture for the university to donate a large amount to this cause," Mavrikis said.

Secretary Jaymin Patel said YSU's Tsunami Relief campaign was "losing gas" and urged those on the body who had not given to the cause to do so.

Patel said although the deadline for contributions is only days away, there was still plenty of time to make donations and make a difference for the campaign.


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BRIEF

The entry deadline for Press Day 2005 is March 24.

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Marshall football coach Bob Pruett retired Wednesday after nine years at the school.



Sportswire

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

Longtime assistant John Klacik named head coach at Lock Haven

Lock Haven, Pa. — John Klacik, who spent 16 seasons as an assistant coach with the Youngstown State football program, was named the head coach at Division II Lock Haven, the school administration announced on Tuesday. Klacik had been the Penguins' offensive coordinator and offensive line coach since returning to the program in 2001. He originally joined the staff in 1988.

Penguins add five more recruits

Youngstown — Midfielders Roehelle Boone (Stone Mountain, Ga.), Alex Lee (Frederick, Md.), Caitlin Lee (Frederick, Md.), defender Keeley Rice (West Warwick, R.I.), and forward Sade Tate (Victorville, Calif.) have signed National Letters of Intent to continue their academic and soccer careers at Youngstown State, Head Coach Anthony James announced.

SAAC raises money for tsunami victims

Youngstown — The Youngstown State University Intercollegiate Athletics Department's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee rallied around the university's efforts to support the 1.5 million children who have been devastated by the Dec. 26 Tsunami disaster, the department announced.

Berry named Horizon League softball Player of the Week

Indianapolis, Ind. — Youngstown State freshman catcher Sarah Berry was named the Horizon League Player of the Week for the week of March 8, the Horizon League announced on Tuesday. It marks the second straight week a YSU player has garnered the league's weekly honors. Last week, junior Kelly Murphy was named the Horizon League Pitcher of the Week.

Berry led the Penguins to a 1-3 record last week and batted .500 (5-for-10) over four games. Berry also scored three times, belted three doubles and a home run and drove in four runs on the week. She finished with a slugging percentage of 1.100 and an on-base percentage of .455.

Cunningham places sixth in 400-meters at Notre Dame

South Bend, Ind. — Senior Jeanna Cunningham closed out her indoor track and field career with a sixth-place time of 56.01 in the 400-meter dash at Notre Dame's Alex Wilson Invitational on Saturday. Freshman R.D. Goodright added a 16th-place finish in a personal-best time of 1:54.45 in the 800.

YSU

YSU ranked high in athlete academics

By Justin Smolkovich
The Jambar

Youngstown State University has reason to be proud of its Penguins. The NCAA, the governing body of college athletics, recently released its Academic Progress Rate report and YSU ranked among some of the nations elite.

The APR, which is graded from a scale of 1 to 1,000, ranks each university with a formula that measures how many athletes each programs retains and if athletes are making progress from graduating with a degree from each university.

YSU recorded a score of 953, well above the 938 average for public universities nationwide, giving YSU a national rank of 149. Receiving the highest grade was Yale with a 999, while Texas Southern University rounded out the bottom with a score of 839.

Athletic director Ron Strollo gave credit to the Penguin coaches for the high marks.

"I think number one, our coaches do a great job, making sure they kids go to study table, making sure on road trips they get their work done," Strollo said.

Strollo also mentioned the high grade YSU has earned is nothing new, as the Penguins recently have gained academic respect from the NCAA.

"Last year we finished third in graduation rates," Strollo said.

Youngstown State also was awarded USATODAY/NCAA Foundation Academic awards for the 2003 and 2004 school years due to YSU's high graduation rates among athletes.

In the state of Ohio, YSU achieved higher APR grades than Toledo (916), Cincinnati (929), Ohio State (938), Ohio University (951) and Cleveland State (952). Miami of Ohio received the highest grade in Ohio with 986.

However Strollo said it is still a work in progress, citing that the award is given out annually.

"I think the important thing is that it is only one year worth of data, but we are well above the average for public institutions," Strollo said.

Achieving in the classroom as well as in the athletic world is vital to a program's success. A university that scores below a 925 for two consecutive years could face stiff consequences such as a loss in scholarships among other penalties.

The report gives a grading scale for each sport the university offers.

The football program scored the highest mark in the eight team Gateway-Conference.

With the vacancy at the helm of the Men's basketball team, Strollo said it is important to find a coach who can continue to add to the schools laurels in the academic world along with winning on the court.

"Even more now than ever," Strollo said about hiring a coach who understands the role of academics in athletics. "That's a major factor in any hire."

Strollo also noted the recent grade given to YSU is the deciding factor in the athletic department's success.

"We're successful when those kids graduate."

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Q&A

An interview with pitcher, Kelly Murphy

By Nijma Awadallah
The Jambar

Youngstown State junior Kelly Murphy is entering her third season with the Penguins. Murphy has set in 2003 YSU's single-season pitching record with 22 victories and 179 strikeouts. She has held the honors of Horizon League Pitcher of the Year as well as second-team All-Horizon League. Kelly possesses a strong work ethic, going pitch by pitch not looking forward or back and staying within the present moment. She was taught young never to show emotion and just go out there and win.

Recently a Jambar reporter sat down as she spoke of her times at YSU and her love for the game.

J: Where are you from?
M: North Olmsted, Ohio. It's right outside of Cleveland.

J: When did you first start to pitch and play softball?
M: I started pitching fast-pitch when I was about 12-years-old. My grandpa taught me how to pitch. I went to his pitching clinic and I fell in love with softball that day and I haven't stopped pitching since then.

J: Who would you say influenced you the most?
M: I really don't know who influenced me the most when I was young, I think I was more of a cocky little kid and I didn't need a role model. Now that I am in college, I have two younger brothers. I think that they are role models for me. My brother T.J., he's a junior. He's probably one of the hardest working athletes I have ever met. My little brother Chad is just amazing. He's a 13-year-old with a 30-year-old man's personality and the way he is able to lead his team, both my brothers they have great leadership qualities and really hard workers. I know their younger but I really do look up to them.

J: Could you tell us about your experience with the Penguins?
M: It's been a great experience I'm really glad that I came here I had the opportunity my freshman year to start and then coach gave me the starting job. I've had it since I've been here. I think it's a



YSU pitcher Kelly Murphy delivers a pitch in a 2004 contest. (Jambar file photo)

real good environment. The coaches, the players, my teachers all the administrators and people in the athletic office, they really allowed me to excel here and helped with everything.

J: Is there a motto you go by?
M: There is this Bible verse in first Timothy. It goes, "I fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

J: Why is that so important to you?
M: At the end of my four years I want to be able to say that I worked as hard as I could in games, I fought as hard as I could. I stayed the course and accomplished all my goals and did all that I could while I was here. I want to look back with no regrets.

J: What is your favorite food?
M: Pizza. Mushroom pizza.

J: What is your favorite song?
M: I would have to say anything with Tim McGraw or Nelly.

J: If you were to describe yourself in one word, what would it be?
M: Stubborn or determined, however you want look at that. I really expect lot from myself and when I set a goal I expect to accomplish it. I think that one thing that a lot of people disagree about me on is when I got out to pitch or practice I expect to do well, I don't expect to fail. A lot of people

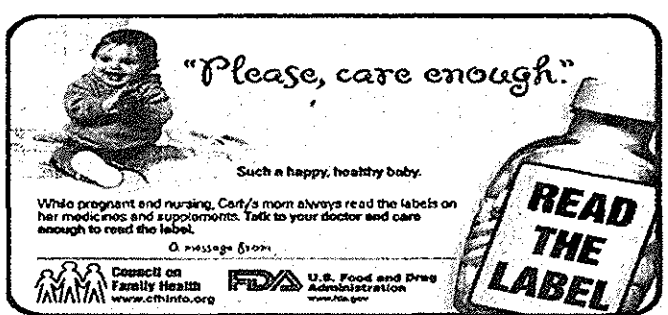
would say that is unrealistic, but what is the point of playing if you don't expect to do the best every time? That's how you reach success.

J: If you had the chance to meet anyone who would it be?
M: I want to meet Greg Maddux [Chicago Cubs], Curt Shilling [Boston Red Sox] and Tom Seaver [retired Hall of Fame Pitcher].

J: Why would you want to meet them?
M: All three of those pitchers, they are amazing in what they do. In way I would say they are role models for me. They are known to be really hard working pitchers and they love the game. Their work ethic and they stay even-tempered.

J: Do you want to say anything to the team?
M: My advice for the team would be not to take anything for granted. You may never get another chance. My freshmen year we had a chance to win conference. I knew how important it was, but in way I didn't realize how important it was to win Conference until we lost. We lost by one round and I pitched that game and that hurt me for a long time and it still hurts me now and I really want to win a conference again. To play with no regrets and just be able to say you worked as hard as you could and get the most out what you had.

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Each of the bodies had been riddled with bullets. They were found wearing civilian clothes and one of the dead was a woman, al-Karbouli said.

South of Baghdad in Latifiya, Iraqi troops on Tuesday found 15 headless

bodies in a building inside an abandoned former army base, Defense Ministry Capt. Sabah Yassin said. The bodies included 10 men, three women and two children. Their identities, like the others found in western Iraq, were not known.

Yassin said some of the dead men in Latifiya were thought to have been part of a group of Iraqi soldiers who were kidnapped by insurgents in the area two weeks ago, Yassin said.

In the Baghdad suicide bombing, a garbage truck packed with explosives blew up outside the Agriculture Ministry and the Sadeer Hotel, which is used by Western contractors, killing at least three people, and wounding the 30 Americans, officials said. The bomber also died.

The U.S. Embassy said the 30 injured Americans were among 40 people hurt in the blast, but no Americans were killed. In an Internet statement, al-Qaida in Iraq purportedly claimed responsibility for the attack on the Sadeer, calling it the "hotel of the Jews."

The bombing shook nearby buildings in the heart of the capital, injuring dozens of people and sending up a huge column of acrid black smoke. Volleys of automatic weapons fire could be heard before and after the explosion.

Police said a group of insurgents wearing police uniforms first shot to death a guard at the Agriculture Ministry's gate, allowing the truck to enter

a compound the ministry shares with the adjacent Sadeer hotel. Guards in the area then fired on the vehicle, trying to disable it before it exploded.

Officials at al-Kindi hospital said at least three dead and eight wounded were taken there. Ibn al-Nafis hospital counted at least 27 wounded, said Dr. Faleh al-Jubouri.

The truck blew up in a parking lot, where several burning vehicles were in flames and 20 others were damaged.

Two other car bombings were also reported. Police Lt. Mohammed al-Duleimi said one car bomber targeted an American checkpoint outside a base in Habaniyah, 50 miles west of Baghdad. Another car bomb exploded near U.S. troops close to a U.S. base in Abu Ghraib, just west of the capital, police Lt. Akram al-Zubaic said.

Guerrillas struck a police patrol with a roadside bomb in the southern city of Basra, killing one policeman and wounding three more, Lt. Col. Karim Al-Zaydi said.

The attack against Iraq's interim planning minister was the latest by insurgents who have repeatedly targeted top Iraqi officials and civil servants viewed as collaborating with U.S. forces.

A woman who answered al-Hafidh's cell phone and

refused to be identified confirmed he had survived the attack in the upscale Baghdad neighborhood of Mansour.

"Thank God, he's OK. He's fine," she said.

The violence came a day after the U.S. military announced it was speeding up an inquiry into the shooting death of an Italian agent killed Friday by U.S. troops at a Baghdad checkpoint. The agent was escorting Italian journalist Giuliana Sgrena to the airport just after insurgents freed her.

The shooting that killed Italian intelligence officer Nicola Calipari and wounded Sgrena, a 56-year-old journalist for the left-wing Il Manifesto newspaper, angered Italians and rekindled questions about the country's involvement in Iraq.

In Rome, Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, in his first major address since the shooting, said Calipari had U.S. military authorization for his operation to win the release of Sgrena.

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CD REVIEW

'Since U Been Gone,' Clarkson wrote a good pop record

There's something that separates the American Idol's "Breakaway" from the pop music pack — songs

By B.J. Lisko
The Jambar

The czar of pop music, Billy Ocean once said, "She dashed by me in painted on jeans, all the heads turned because she was the queen, in the blink of an eye I knew her number and her name, and she said I was the tiger she wanted to tame."

They simply don't write 'em like "Caribbean Queen," anymore. In fact, pop music hasn't really been poppy or even remotely catchy since the 80s. Think about it. All of top hits were the kind of tunes that fixated themselves to your brain like a pop culture tumor. Tumors the likes of Rick Astley, Huey Lewis, INXS, Billy Idol, The Bangles, Steve Perry, Poison, Bon Jovi — the list goes on.

For 15 long years, the music world has lied in wait of another pop music sensation. Britney Spears has yet to put out a catchy song. Jennifer Lopez shakes her ass, but as far as songs go, a hand-capped monkey with a snare drum could come up with something more entertaining. It's all flair and no substance.

Well my friends, to everyone's delight the yearning for this elusive pop culture tumor has ended, and that tumor is none other than American Idol, Kelly Clarkson.

Pop music is back, and Clarkson has delivered it on her latest effort, "Breakaway." Upon hearing Clarkson's

smash hit "Since U Been Gone," on MTV, VH1 and the like, one trait instantly stood out — it was actually a song.

Yes, a song I said. An intro, a verse, a chorus, a bridge, a

song! There was structure, there was style, and it was catchy. It wasn't Britney Spears rolling around on the bed, it wasn't Michelle Branch whining at the piano, and that fruitcake Santana was no where to be found playing unnecessary guitar licks.

No it was a song, and it was such a good song it actually prompted me to investigate the album further. What I found was 12 tracks of soulful, catchy pop.

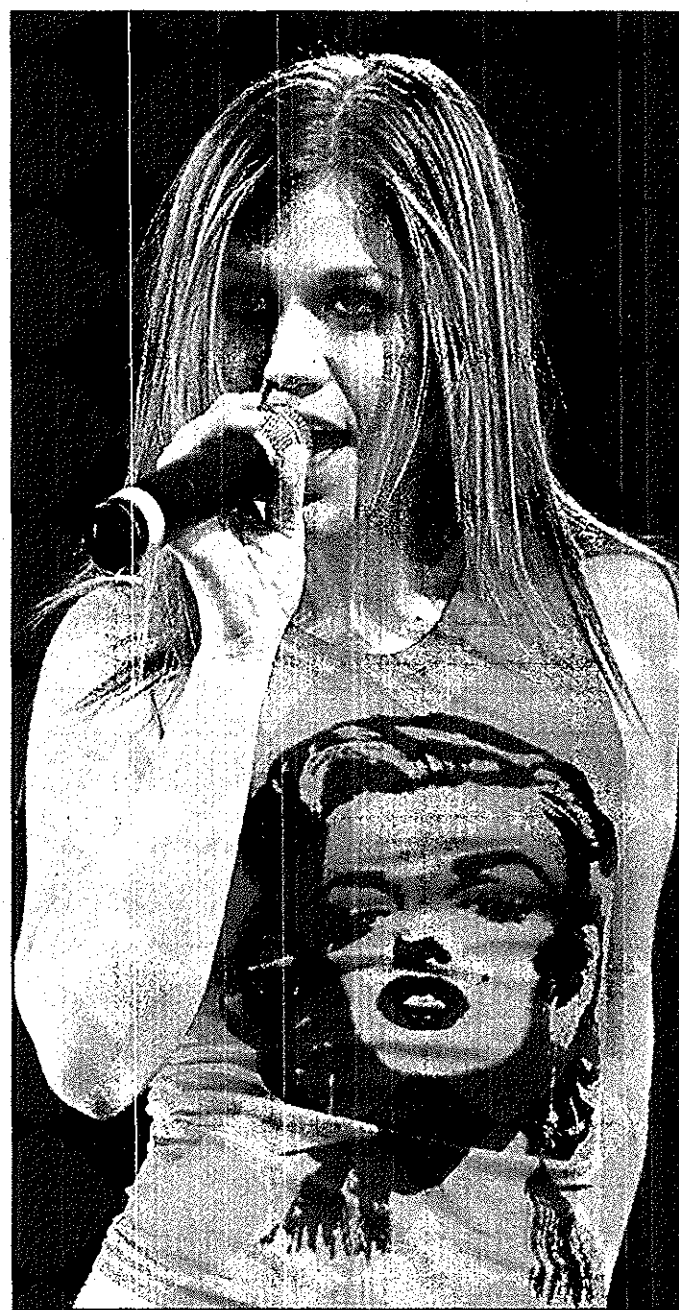
Title track "Breakaway," opens the album with a moody vocal line, and some creative overdubbing adds a great deal of punch to the chorus.

"Behind These Hazel Eyes," "Walk Away," and "Gone" move along with the same pizzazz that has made "Since U Been Gone," such a success.

Of course there's some slower, more intimate numbers here as well in tracks like "Addicted," "You Found Me," and "Where is Your Heart." But the difference between these and what you would come to expect in the pop world, is that here they're actually pretty moving. It's amazing what a little song structure and a good voice can do. Clarkson doesn't overdue it vocally like the Christina Aguilera's of the world, isn't obsessed with showing as many shots of her ass as possible in a three minute video. No, it sounds like she just wanted to write good songs. And with a little outside help of course, she's done just that.

Billy Ocean would be proud.

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American Idol

Kelly Clarkson performs at the Jingle Ball 2004 sponsored by Z100 in New York City in 2004. Her new album, "Breakaway" gives new hope to pop music. (KRT Campus)

YOUNGSTOWN



'Painted, Stacked; In the Process of Becoming'

While many artists' unfinished designs are considered works in progress, Russell Maltz's unique constructs are incomplete by intent. His exhibition, "Painted, Stacked; In the Process of Becoming," on display now through March 25 at the McDonough Museum of Art, uses raw materials accented with space-age colors to create sculptural pieces.

Maltz's works are usually large-scale outdoor displays.

The New York-based artist has installed his Day-Glo-color-painted cinder-block-and-lumber stacks in retail and industrial lots in Europe and across America.

His McDonough installation is necessarily smaller, but includes photographs of some of his larger works. Maltz's color palette includes fluorescent yellow and orange, his media are comprised of steel wall studs, plywood rectangles and, lengths of 2-by-4 lumber.

Sketches and architectural plans displayed behind and above the building materials provide a sense of their potential fate.

Of Maltz's exhibitions, Cleveland art critic Dan Tranberg said, "His use of unaltered concrete blocks and standard 2-by-4's speak of the nature of dormant materials bound for future applications."

"Yet by activating portions of these materials with Day-Glo paint," Tranberg said, "they become temporary mind puzzles, posing questions about the conceptual mechanisms by which we define what we see."

(Jambar photos and outline by Chuck Rogers)

YSU

Travel plans vary for spring break

By Cheryl Thompson
& Richard Coffie
The Jambar

The sunny beaches and hot sands of Mexico and Florida seem worlds away when stuck in cold, dreary, sunless Northeast Ohio, week after week.

Luckily, salvation in the form of spring break will begin Monday, March 14. For some Youngstown State University students, it's a magical time where a jaunt to Europe or Cancun doesn't seem so impossible.

Some students, like sophomore Dee Lampkin, are off to big cities like Manhattan. Lampkin said she had been to New York City before, but this will be the first time she has done anything for spring break.

"I'm just going to go and visit my friend, we plan to go to dance clubs and see some of the museums," Lampkin said. As far as planning ahead for the trip, Lampkin admits she is flying by the seat of her pants. "I don't really have a game plan, I just know I'm going for a few days."

Donna Kirkwood, a travel agent at Pan Atlas Travel Services located on the second floor of Kilcawley Center, said it is probably a better idea for students to plan ahead for their trip. She added that issues ranging from an upfront hotel cost to age restrictions at nightspots could dampen the trip.

"Just by coming to an

agency, you will know what the requirements are when you get to the desired destination and this can help estimate costs," Kirkwood said.

Although the number of students planning their trips with Pan Atlas has decreased due to the agency's service fees and the availability of cheap online tickets, Kirkwood said there have been a few students who planned their trips early to help travel go smoothly.

Some students said they are motivated by the idea of seeing friends and family and catching up on old times. Others are motivated by the nightlife.

Sophomores Matt Severn and Anthony Elgabri are heading to Niagara Falls because the drinking and gambling ages are both set at 19.

Elgabri said he is also interested in going to Canada because it's easy on the wallet.

"I've heard cool things about Canada, and I can't really afford to go very far from home this year," Elgabri said.

Junior Ashlee Russo said she and three high school friends decided it was necessary to go to Cancun for spring break before they graduated college.

For the past two years, Russo and her friends went to Panama City Beach in Florida to spend spring break doing nothing but going out and having fun in the warm weather.

Though Russo said it got kind of wild, she definitely would recommend it to other students.

"We had a lot of fun and I'm looking forward to this year's trip," said Russo.

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SPRING BREAK CALENDAR

If you lack the money or motivation to hop a plane bound to one of several tropical destinations this spring break, don't feel left out of the party. There are plenty of local events taking place to occupy the time away from the classroom this year.

The Bad Apple and Cedar's, as well as The Cellar in Struthers, have a spring break schedule filled with live music, St Patrick's Day parties, as well as an assortment of drink specials designed to aid an empty wallet.

Friday, March 11:
The Bad Apple: Rounding 3rd, Cleveland's The Interns, and Dexter Danger from San Francisco.

Sunday, March 13:
The Cellar: Theory of a Dead Man with guests River's Edge.

Wednesday, March 16:
Cedar's: Khepri Polite performing folk music and stories from the Emerald Isle.

Thursday, March 17:
The Bad Apple: Ladies' night featuring \$1 mixed drinks and \$2 martinis. Open at 9 a.m. for St. Patrick's Day with free corned beef sandwiches and specials on buckets of Killians, Guinness, and other Irish beer.
Nyanghiti: Gil Mantera's Party Dream

Friday, March 18:
The Bad Apple: Urbane and Zach Rock band to the stage.
Cedar's: West Fest with The Champions of All Time and December Son.