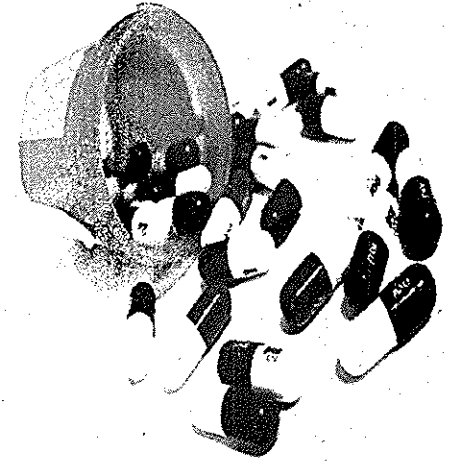




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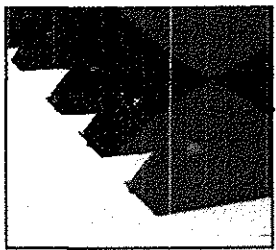
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#### Saxophonist set for Stambaugh

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.

#### Paranormal lecture

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.

#### YSU alumnus joins board

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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## WASHINGTON

# To display or not to display?

### High court plunges into debate over government displays of Ten Commandments

By Hope Yen  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia on Wednesday challenged people seeking to ban displays of the Ten Commandments on government property, noting legislative proclamations invoking God's name are permissible.



SCALIA

"I don't see why the one is good and the other is bad," Scalia said from the bench as the high court waded through oral arguments embracing the legal thicket of church-vs.-state issues.

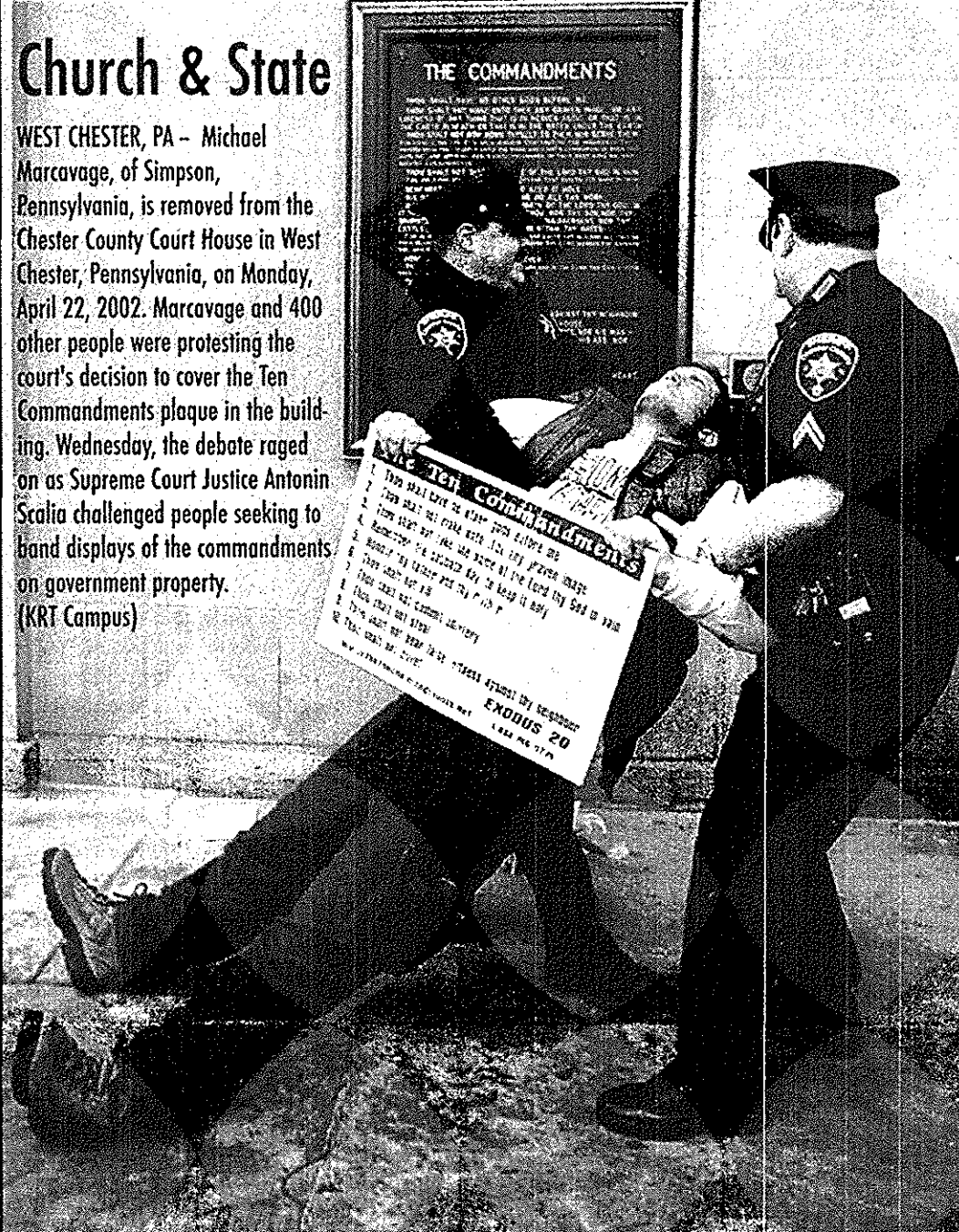
In a case surrounding a Ten Commandments monument outside the Texas capitol, the critical question for the justices was whether the structure amounts to an unconstitutional government endorsement of religion.

Erwin Chemerinsky, a lawyer representing a man who seeks its removal, told the justices the display is a "religious symbol." The prominence of the display on the capitol grounds and the fact that so many of the commandments

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## Church & State

WEST CHESTER, PA — Michael Marcavage, of Simpson, Pennsylvania, is removed from the Chester County Court House in West Chester, Pennsylvania, on Monday, April 22, 2002. Marcavage and 400 other people were protesting the court's decision to cover the Ten Commandments plaque in the building. Wednesday, the debate raged on as Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia challenged people seeking to ban displays of the commandments on government property. (KRT Campus)



## YSU

# Officials to form housing committee

### Officials recognize a need to examine the university's housing situation

By Christina Poe  
The Jambar

Youngstown State University officials are forming a committee designed to assess the university's student housing situation.

As YSU continues to grow as a university and community, officials say they recognized a need to examine the university's housing situation.

Cynthia Anderson, vice president for Student Affairs, presented a Student Housing Plan Overview to the YSU Board of Trustees outlining goals for housing research and occupancy statistics over the last five years.

According to that report, the residence halls and University Courtyard Apartments combined are not occupied to their full extent.

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## YSU Prof's look to bridge health care gap on trip

Janet Boehm and Carol Milkanowicz will travel to South Africa

By Chuck Rogers  
The Jambar

A group of Youngstown State University professors will spend their Spring Break bridging the cultural and educational gulf between American and South African health care systems.

Associate professor Janet Boehm of the department of health professions' respiratory therapy program was chosen to lead 15 American health care professionals in the conference. Two other YSU professors will be part of the group, which leaves on March 7.

Carol Milkanowicz, director of the Master's in Health and Human Services program, and Dorcas Fitzgerald, professor of nursing, will join Boehm.

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## Grad Resources crisis line helps stressed students

### The main concern of 1-877-GRADHLP is suicide prevention and stress

By Shawn Buskirk  
The Jambar

Many students experience the challenge of survival at the collegiate level. For graduate students, those final years cause some of the most stressful times a student will ever

face. That's where Grad Resources comes into play. A faith-based service of Campus Crusade for Christ International, Grad Resources is in equal operation with Girls and Boys Town, a national organization that serves the

needs of children. Founded in Omaha, Neb. in 1989 by Nick Repak, Grad Resources has served more than 50 colleges and universities across the country for the past five years.

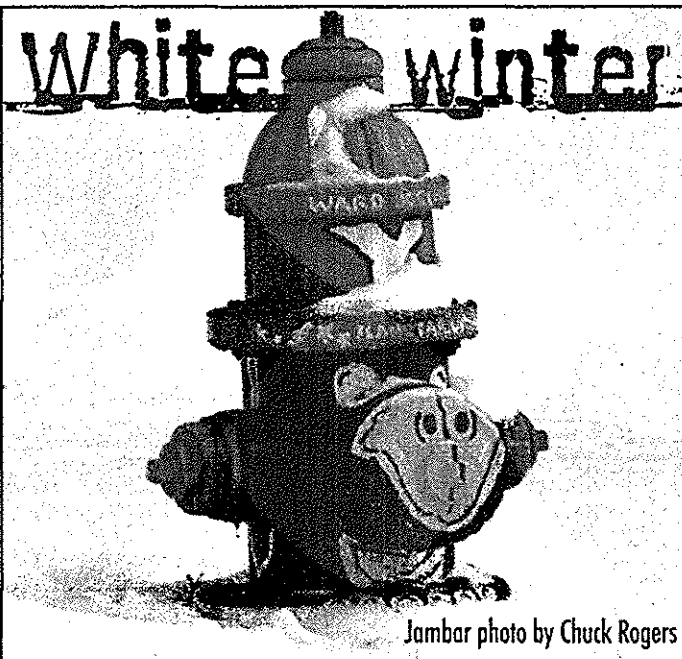
The main focus of the Grad Resources National Grad

Crisis Line, 1-877-GRADHLP, is to help graduate students deal with the pressures of their final years of college. Suicide is the largest concern.

According to the National Center for Injury Prevention

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## YSU



Jambar photo by Chuck Rogers

## Spring may be on its way, but winter weather shows no signs of slowing

By Maysoun Abdelrasul  
The Jambar

A freshman Stephanie Collier awoke Wednesday morning, she looked out her bedroom window only to be greeted with an all too familiar scene: a haze

of rapidly falling snow. Usually, Collier takes only 20 minutes to get to Youngstown State University. However, in the past few days, it has taken her double the time, much to her frustration.

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## Ex-paramedic, prof looks back on career

### Joe Mistovich is one of the most published authors in the emergency medical field

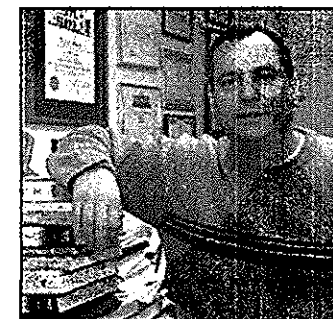
By Bill Rodgers  
The Jambar

Youngstown State University associate professor Joe Mistovich has seen a lot in his life.

Women in labor, heart attacks, collapsing bridges and gunshot wounds are just a sampling from his days as an inner-city paramedic in Youngstown.

Today, he is the chair of YSU's health professions department and one of the most published authors in the field of emergency medical services. Though now he works out of a quiet, albeit cluttered, office in Cushwa Hall, in the early 1980s, Mistovich rushed all over the city of Youngstown in an ambulance, answering emergency call after emergency call.

On the Road as a Paramedic



MISTOVICH

He can trace it all back to a television drama he saw in the 1970s called "Emergency," a show whose central characters were paramedics in Los Angeles. Mistovich said the show and his desire to help people were responsible for his transition from a forestry major at YSU to the field of emergency medical services.

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Only 87.5 percent is filled. Anderson said the drop was expected, but research needed to be done if officials plan to reach the goal of 20 percent of the student body living on or near campus by 2008. Anderson said less than 10 percent of the YSU student body resides in on-campus housing now. Anderson said the committee will be working to find out if the 2008 goal is feasible by gathering information such as what students want in housing and how much they are willing to pay.

Jack Fahey, director of Auxiliary Services, said other topics the committee will explore include previous occupancy plans, past housing rates and enrollment procedures. Fahey said although a drop was anticipated because of the opening of the Courtyard Apartments, the occupancy decrease in that facility — from 99 percent in fiscal year 2004 to 84.7 percent in fiscal year 2005 — was unexpected. Fahey said that factor caused the university's combined occupancy numbers to "go backward" this year, something he says has never happened.

Fahey accounted the loss to bad management of the University Courtyard Apartments, yet said the situation is looking up in light of the committee and new management.

"It was too late to undo what resulted in that drop, but we're back on the right track," Fahey said.

Anderson added an increase in students on campus would also boost YSU's retention rate by "bonding" students to the university.

When students live on or around campus they tend to become involved in campus organizations, make friends and are more likely to finish their education where they are, Anderson said.

Another benefit that would come from on campus increase would be opportunities for economic growth, Anderson said.

Anderson said more students on campus would result in the need for different types of stores, services and restaurants.

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as opposed to drive-thru fast food.

"It's one thing to listen to music on the radio," Aboul-Ezz said. "It's another to sit and listen to it live."

Joseph Edwards, interim dean of fine and performing arts, said having "high caliber" guest artists promotes excellence and puts YSU at the center of positive attention.

Edwards said community and regional artists are drawn to the campus by this event, which adds more culture to the community.

He added students not only benefit by gaining performance experience, but also having the chance to learn from skilled international and national musicians.

"It strengthens the community, strengthens reflections of YSU as a leader in the arts and strengthens the educational experience for our students," Edwards said.

Edwards added he is excited to see guest pianist and alumnus Harold Danko return to campus for the week. Danko will teach jazz to Dana students and perform Friday with the Dana Faculty Jazz Ensemble.

For more information about Piano Week, call (330) 941-7448.

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and Control, suicide was the third leading cause of death for young people ages 15-24 in 2001. For college students alone, suicide takes the second leading spot.

For graduate students, the rates go even higher. NCIPC also shows that male students are more likely to commit suicide (86 percent) than female students (14 percent).

In 2002, the American Association of Suicidology published more statistics on suicide of young people. According to the AAS there were 4,010 suicides amongst people ages 15-24, which totaled to 11 deaths per day.

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ashamed of — we feel we need to hide it so others can't see and sometimes even so we don't have to see it ourselves.

We are prisoners of our own minds, the Buddha says, trapped in a state of blindness. To overcome we must acknowledge the necessary existence of this duality. Rather than squelching the chaos, we must accept that it is a very real part of our lives. It is only through the channeling of these two elements that we are able to relieve the blindness and achieve a more balanced existence.

The Olsens, whether inten-

tionally or not, have morphed themselves into the embodiment of this duality. It is surreal to see the same face on two bodies, one fleshed out and radiant beneath a platinum mane, the other pulled taut around an angular jawbone and framed by a mass of stringy chestnut waves. One's eyes sparkle with the reflection of the California sun and the photographer's flash while the other — the one we are told wants out of the business — hides hers behind oversized shades. Thank you, little Mary-Kate, for silently drawing our attention away from J. Lo

and Briney (are they engaged? Pregnant?) to a much more sobering reality. Thank you for the reminder, as Spalding Gray once said, of "the invisible dark clouds of evil which land in places like Iran, Cambodia, America." It is hardly surprising that few have approached Mary-Kate's plight as anything more than buckling under the collected pressures of fame, wealth and coming-of-age. Mary-Kate has problems, we are told, with food or drugs or self-esteem or any number of things. We are assured that she is being coded into complacency at one of

those expensive resorts where celebrities go when they start toeing too closely to those dark places in their heads. This isn't about those things, though. It never has been. For her entire life, Mary-Kate has lived not as a human but as a brand (and a shared brand, at that). The pressure of maintaining such an existence is incomprehensible.

Why are we so shocked that she has decided to explore some of the chaos in her head? Bear in mind, she should be treated for anorexia or a drug problem or whatever else is causing her excessive unhappi-

ness. But she should also be lauded for laying it out so carefully for us. We all have this Olsen twin duality, and though we may feel pressure to subvert our inner demons and pathologies from time to time, it helps to remember two things. First, it is not such a tragedy to take a break from the perpetual California sun for awhile. Second, it is necessary to embrace both extremes of our existence. Mary-Kate, I am sorry we were blind to you for so long, but I thank you for quietly reminding us to stop being blind to ourselves.

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deal with God "does promote religion," he maintained.

In the high court's first confrontation with the Ten Commandments issue in a quarter-century, a case from Kentucky also was being argued. Lawyery invocations of legal theories were heard in an ornate courtroom that, among other things, in sight of a wall carving of Moses holding the tablets bearing the commandments. Monuments carrying the Ten Commandments are common in town squares, courthouses and other government-owned land around the country. Lawyers challenging these displays argue that they violate the First Amendment ban on any law "respecting an establishment of religion," or simply represent a secular tribute to America's legal heritage.

The question has sparked

dozens of heated legal battles, including one in Alabama by Roy Moore.

He lost his job as chief justice a year ago after defying a federal order to remove a 5,300-pound Ten Commandments monument he had installed in the state courthouse.

More than 50 groups have filed "friend-of-the-court" briefs weighing in on the issue.

About two dozen demonstrators gathered in front of the Supreme Court in the icy cold for rallies following a candlelight vigil by supporters of the displays.

"I don't think government should be in the business of morality," said David Condo, 40, of Beltsville, Md., as protesters wrapped in parkas, scarves and ear muffs marched nearby.

While the cases strictly involve Ten Commandments dis-

plays, a broad ruling could define the proper place of religion in public life — from use of religious music in a school concert to students' recitation of "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance. A decision is expected by late June.

The Bush administration, which sided with a California school district last year to keep "God" in the Pledge, is now joining Texas and Kentucky officials

to back the Ten Commandments displays.

"Countless monuments, medallions, plaques, sculptures, seals, frescoes, and friezes — including, of course, the Supreme Court's own courtroom

frieze — commemorate the Decalogue. Nothing in the Constitution requires these historic artifacts to be chiseled away or erased," writes Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott in his court filing.

of campus-based sources. Although formerly taking claim to being a faith-based organization, one counselor said otherwise.

"We're not primarily faith-based," confirmed Trista of the crisis line.

"We understand that not everyone feels comfortable with those views. We try to fit to the person."

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## OUR SIDE

### Proposed meth bill is going too far

In March, when winter battles with spring for supremacy and the weather fluctuates between bitter cold, snow-filled evenings and sudden spurts of sunshine and warmth, the common cold often rears its ugly, congested head.

However, if State Rep. Sylvester Patton (D-Youngstown) and a bi-partisan gaggle of Columbus politicians have their way, alleviating a stuffy nose associated with allergies and the common cold might land you in jail.

The recently introduced Ohio House Bill 99 would limit the sale of pseudoephedrine, an ingredient found in many over the counter cold medicines such as Sudafed but also used, along with other ingredients such as ammonia, to make the illegal drug methamphetamine. The bill would criminalize possession of more than 6 grams of pseudoephedrine, or about two boxes.

H.B. 99 would also require pharmacies to keep the cold pills locked behind the counter. Identification would be required and sales would be limited to people over the age of 18.

But the most heinous aspect of the bill provides that parents who possess more than 6 grams of a "pseudoephedrine product" be charged with child endangerment. Rep. Joseph Kozziura (D-Lorain) said he does not think this requirement is extreme, but did admit the bill could lead to excessive prosecutions.

H.B. 99 would apply only to the solid pill form, normally sold in blister packs, where pseudoephedrine is the main ingredient. The bill would not limit the liquid or gel cap form, because it is harder for meth producers to convert pseudoephedrine into methamphetamine, State Sen. John Carey (R-Wellstone) said in an interview Wednesday.

The separately conceived Senate Bill 53 would limit the sale of pseudoephedrine, but would not consider criminal possession of the drug tantamount to child endangerment.

The legislators say there is a growing methamphetamine problem in Ohio, but criminalizing the possession of more than two packages of cold pills is a misguided and poorly thought out method of combating it.

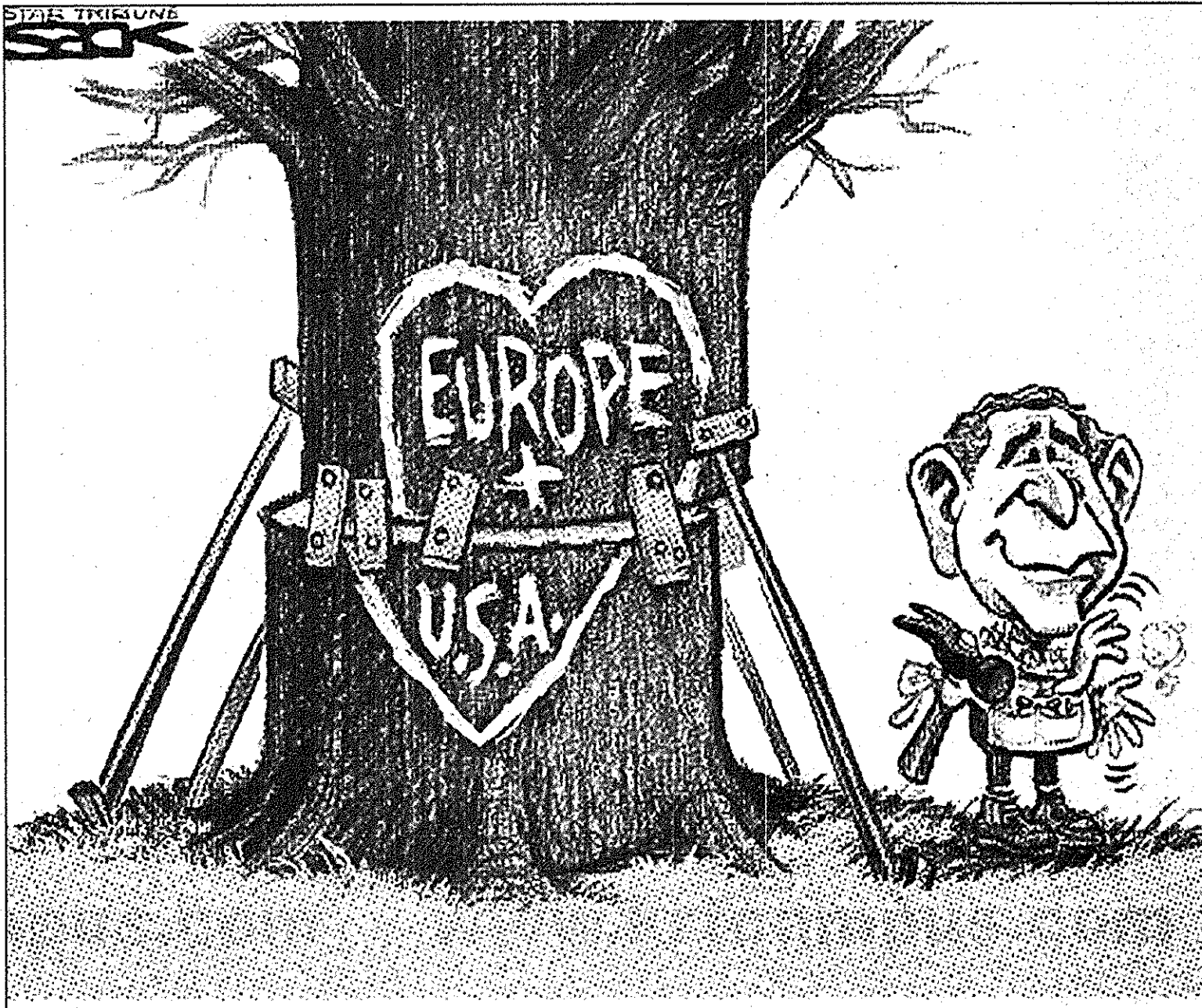
For example, there is no exception for large families. A family of eight could conceivably use more than two packages of cold pills if they passed a particularly nasty bug between them. Under the proposed bill, parents in possession of three boxes of cold pills could be arrested and charged with child endangerment and possession of a "pseudoephedrine product."

While a bill limiting the amount of pseudoephedrine a person can buy may be a good idea in concept, the proposed restrictions are too extreme. Unfortunately, the bi-partisan support behind this bill seems strong enough to pass it into law.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Downtown region in need of a 'Maury makeover'

Editor,  
As the Youngstown 2010 grand design makes its way through each scripted step, many wonder how soon we will start to see changes, if at all. One of the areas in dire need of a Maury-makeover is the downtown and YSU region. I know there is more pessimism about this project than a Cleveland Browns preseason campaign. But, don't count out the Hail Mary — every team must win at some point in time.

I think uniting the downtown metropolitan area with the campus is a way to inject life back into downtown. People dread driving to and staying downtown. Students evacuate downtown after classes like there's a rabid virus on the loose. A lot of the disinterest in the city comes from the lack of safety and the lack of everyday activities. Whereas, Boardman is congested with traffic and people on the move, downtown has merely become a place of duty and departure. Downtown Youngstown needs more human traffic.

The plan itself subscribes to the idea of beautifying the major gateways to downtown to at least show out-of-towners that they aren't headed into a gutter. More on-campus housing is also in the works to broaden campus limits. The North side of town has potential to have big, inexpensive student housing. And vacant buildings all over town could be made into apartments.

But, there must be more activities for students to do in between classes. With campus only being but a 5-minute walk away, students should be able to walk to other shops and cafes beyond the borders of Lincoln and Rayen Avenues. There are a handful of shops and restaurants that many discard due to location. But if the city makes things convenient for people, it's just that much simpler.

Parking is another issue. I understand the desire to get a close parking spot, especially in this blisteringly, rigid Ohio winter, but having more parking throughout downtown will help sway students to take care of other tasks while in downtown. The city has mentioned the idea of using the Western Reserve Transit Authority to schedule bus loops for students to get around town in between classes. This would be helpful in that students won't have to move their cars in between class and struggle to find another spot in the same vicinity.

Even the lighting at night prevents people from enrolling to night classes or enjoying the nightlife. Youngstown isn't the prettiest site at night but it can have plenty to offer. The city appears to be a cross between Gotham City and a homeless shelter. The awful site of people sleeping in boxes on the street has been an integral part of Youngstown since I've been a resident. As a result, people choose not to make their way downtown.

Even though I am a pessimist, I do believe that good things can happen to the city of Youngstown and YSU. But it all starts in training

camp and every little step can further this plan and hopefully, Youngstown won't place in dead last.

Joe Rafidi

### YSU has been working on transferring credits for a few years

Editor,  
In a recent article and editorial the Jambar talked about the efforts of the Ohio Board of Regents to make transferring easier. Although it is a beneficial reform, students should be aware that YSU has been working on the task of making transfer more equitable for quite a few years. In particular, the offices of degree audit, general education and admissions have established equates between YSU courses and those of Ohio and Pennsylvania colleges and universities, and placed that information in computer data banks that automatically link transferable courses. Much of this information is readily available to students through an OBOR program entitled the Course Applicability System. Any student who wishes to see how individual courses will transfer to other state institutions can log on at [www.transfer.org](http://www.transfer.org).

— Marie Cullen, Bill Jenkins, Pauline Saternow

### No one wants to fight with politicians

Editor,  
This is in response to Peter Gibb who has commented on my letter on "Youngstown's Image" on Feb. 24. Peter has raised a very good point that I left out in my article, and I am very glad he called me on this. Most of the projects in the city of Youngstown have primarily been governmental in nature. Funding for various projects have been at the expense of the taxpayer and the private sector has been nowhere to be found.

Why then has Youngstown failed to come by private investors? Youngstown has roads, railways and an airport, so transportation cannot be the issue.

The city is located between two major cities (Pittsburgh and Cleveland) and is a short drive from Akron. Location cannot possibly be the problem, because it's prime.

Maybe the problem is the cost of living. The last time I checked, it was dirt cheap to live here in comparison to almost every city in America.

Housing is relatively cheap, food is cheap, just is about everything else.

Mind you, everything is relative. But in comparison to other places in

America, the prices cannot be beat here. So pricing is not the problem, unless someone knows something I don't.

If it's not transportation or cost of living, the problem must be the lack of a work force. Yes,

that's it. Youngstown simply does not have the workers or the skills. Well, obviously that is not the answer either.

Youngstown is chock full of hard working people that would do anything for a decent job. I like to think Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana Counties have a very capable work force.

What then is the problem? The answer is simple. Who wants to fight with the local government to accomplish anything? Anyone who has dealt with the local politicians will tell you how hard it is to work with them (the Convocation Center project is a prime example, and it's free money we're dealing with). The second issue is the unions. Even if company policy dictates that a business must use their own company unions, the local unions will throw as much opposition in the way as possible to cause problems. No one wants their construction sites vandalized.

Once the city starts to accommodate prospective businesses, and the unions lay off a good deal, Youngstown might start to see private enterprise return.

— Alex Mangie

### Little effort to keep tuition 'affordable'

Editor,  
Every time I hear someone refer to how "affordable" YSU is, I get irritated. I'm a veteran with GI Bill benefits, and I get tuition reimbursement through work, but every semester I get the nasty letters from YSU threatening to cancel all of my classes for non-payment.

For those not familiar, the GI bill sends a check every month that I'm attending school, but usually it takes awhile for the paperwork to process, so I'll probably get my first check for the spring semester sometime this month. My work will reimburse me when I complete my classes and get my grades. I have until the end of the week to pay my tuition.

I transferred from Kent State a couple years ago, and never had a problem there. I would send payments as I received them from Veterans Affairs. KSU also has an "Employer Reimbursement Tuition Deferment Contract" that allows student to pay at the end of the semester if their employer offers tuition reimbursement. The other local state university, Cleveland State, also will defer 75 percent of tuition for employer reimbursements.

I contacted the bursar's office last semester to see if YSU is considering any options like these. I got a lecture about paying my bill, then a suggestion that maybe I should get another credit card to pay my tuition (and some wonder why students graduate so far in debt). I have my tuition paid in full, (just not in advance) I can't imagine how difficult it must be to pay out of pocket. YSU is working hard to raise tuition; it's pathetic how little effort is spent to keep the tuition "affordable."

— Ryan Tietz



**HEADLINES**

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Kobe Bryant reportedly settled out of court in his civil case. Estimates of the settlement range from \$5 to \$10 million.

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**Sportswire**

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

**Frantic comeback falls short against Loyola**

Chicago, Ill. — Trailing by 16 points with just over four minutes remaining in the game, the Youngstown State men's basketball team put on a frantic last-moment comeback, but fell just short losing 78-75 to Loyola at the Gentle Center on Tuesday night in the first round of the American Family Insurance Horizon League Tournament.

With the loss, the Penguins finish the year with a 5-23 record. Loyola improves to 12-16 and advances to play crosstown rival UIC in the tournament quarterfinals on Friday night in Milwaukee.

For the game Quin Humphrey led the Penguins with 22 points.

John Barber scored 17 points and grabbed 10 rebounds while Brian Radakovich had 14 in his final collegiate game.

**Perugini, Branson earn league postseason honors; Perugini named Player of the Week**

Indianapolis, Ind. — Youngstown State senior Jen Perugini was named All-Horizon League First-Team by a panel of the League's head coaches, sports information directors and selected members of the media, the League office announced on Monday.

YSU freshman Lauren Branson was tabbed to the Horizon League All-Newcomer Team. Both players helped the Penguins to a 12-15 mark, a nine-win improvement from the 2003-04 campaign.

Perugini, who is the first YSU player to earn first-team all-league honors since the 2000-01 season, ranks second in the Horizon League in scoring at 14.5 points per game and leads the league in rebounding with 10.7 boards per contest. Perugini also recorded 13 double-doubles this season, including eight against Horizon League opponents.

Perugini was also named the Horizon League Player of the Week for the week of Feb. 28. Last week, the 6-foot-2 senior averaged 17 points and 10.5 rebounds per game while shooting 60 percent from the field and 76.9 percent from the free throw line in leading the Penguins to victories over Detroit, 71-68, and UW-Milwaukee, 75-68. She scored 17 points with 11 boards over the Titans and posted 17 points with 10 rebounds against the Panthers.

Branson, a 5-foot-6 point guard, led the Horizon League with 5.8 assists per game and assist-to-turnover ratio at 1.77, and ranked 13th with 1.63 steals per game. She is the first YSU freshman since Perugini was named the 2002 Newcomer of the Year to receive any postseason honors.

**GREENCASTLE, Ind.**

**Indoor track repeats as league champs**

It was the second conference championship in as many years for the Penguins

By Justin Smolkovich  
The Jambor

Track coach Brian Gorby has become accustomed to outstanding track teams and winning conference championships while at Youngstown State University, and this past Saturday was no

exception. The Lady Penguins track team won their second indoor track and field conference championship in as many years. The Penguins are the first women's track and field team to



**GORBY**

win back-to-back conference championships. The Penguins completely dominated the field Saturday, shocking even Gorby in how well the Penguins ran around the competition.

"We expect some things to go wrong...nothing went wrong Saturday," Gorby said. Gorby accepted the Women's coach of the year award on behalf of the entire coaching staff. The honor was the 12th of Gorby's 15-year career at YSU. Gorby's team, who won

last years meet by 30 points, upped the ante, winning this year's meet by 62 points. Gorby does admit that 60 points is shocking with the number of upperclassmen the Penguins have. "With three seniors we please see **CHAMPS**, Page 5

**COLUMBUS**

**Ohio State at crossroads as it closes out season**

By Rusty Miller  
Associated Press

Before his No. 5 jersey number was retired at Ohio State's game Sunday against Wisconsin, NBA great John Havlicek gave an inspirational speech to the current Buckeyes.

The former Ohio State star, who helped the team win the 1960 national championship before a Hall of Fame career with the Boston Celtics, stressed that the Buckeyes needed to play so hard that opponents were forced to respect them regardless of the final score.

The Buckeyes promptly went out and played as if they'd rather be walking around a mall or taking a nap than winning one for Hondo.

"It was one of those things where he came and gave us that talk about, 'If you do get beat make sure that the guy who beats you knows that you were there,'" captain Terence Dials said. "And I don't think Wisconsin knew we were there."

The Badgers rolled to a 10-point halftime lead and never let Ohio State get even remotely close the rest of the way in taking a 64-56 win.

After the game, Buckeyes forward Matt Sylvester said he was disgusted by the way he and his teammates performed.

"I packed it in and played like a big wimp," Sylvester said after the game. "We were flat from the start. The first possession we give up a 3-pointer. We were flat the whole game. I'm utterly ashamed of myself."

With two games remaining in the regular season — Wednesday night at Iowa and the home finale Sunday against No. 1 Illinois — the Buckeyes may be at a crossroads. A solid finish, and the 2004-2005 team will be remembered for playing well despite a season

of turmoil. Three quick losses and all that the Buckeyes have done will be quickly forgotten.

The NCAA tournament is already off the table, part of self-imposed penalties by athletic director Andy Geiger designed to stem a lengthy investigation of the men's basketball program.

The Buckeyes (18-10, 7-7 Big Ten) have their season hanging in the balance before heading to next week's Big Ten tournament to close out their year.

"We're searching for a pace daily and how we want to try to improve," first-year coach Thad Matta said Tuesday. "That's why I give our guys credit yesterday in practice. They take to heart what we're saying about 'We're going to come in and we're going to work hard.' My focus is on tomorrow night's game and trying to do the best we can."

Matta said that, judging from Monday's practice, his team had shaken off Sunday's humiliation and was preparing for a strong finish.

"Guys came in and we got after it," Matta said.

"When I left the building last night I felt that we had gotten better as a team. That's what my No. 1 goal is, to continue to get better."

Shooting guard Je'Kel Foster said he was certain that Sunday's malaise is a thing of the past.

"We're over that," he said. "Every team goes through its ups and downs. You just try to get over it and look forward."

Senior Tony Stockman believes the Buckeyes still have a big goal within reach — a 20-win season.

"That's something we talked about earlier in the season," Stockman said. "Hopefully we can get this one (Iowa) and see what we can do in the last one (Illinois) and then in the Big Ten tournament."



**Honoring a legend**

Former Ohio State basketball player John Havlicek waves as he makes his way on to center court as Ohio State held a ceremony to retire his number 5 during half time of the men's game against Wisconsin at Value City Arena, February 27. Havlicek lettered from 1960-62 and started for the Boston Celtics, he helped the Buckeyes to three consecutive trips to the NCAA Final Four and three national championship games during his career. (KRT Campus)

**CLEVELAND**

**Source: Browns close to dealing Warren to Denver**

The team is close to a deal that would swap the lineman for a draft pick

By Tom Withers  
Associated Press

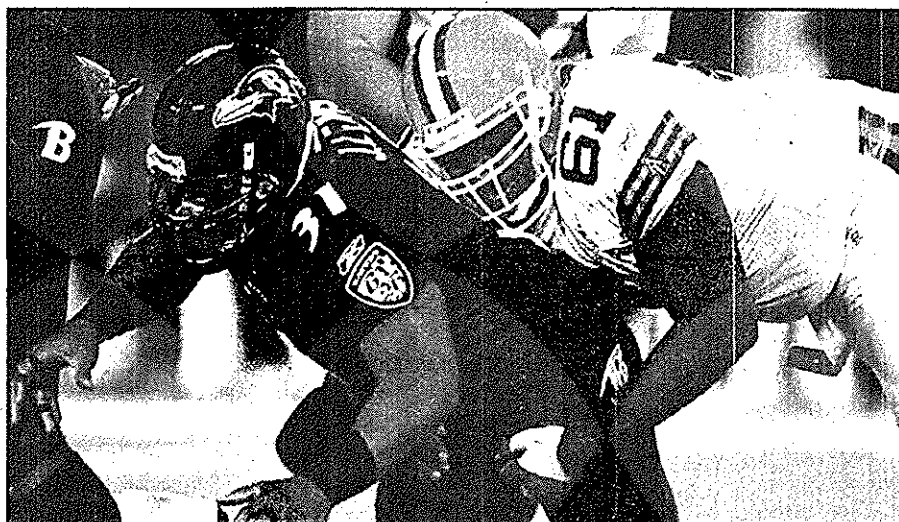
CLEVELAND (AP) — On the eve of NFL free agency, the Cleveland Browns were nearly free of Gerard Warren.

The team is close to finalizing a trade that would send the underachieving defensive tackle and former first-round pick to the Denver Broncos for a fourth-round draft choice, a football source told The Associated Press on Tuesday night.

Warren, taken No. 3 overall in 2001, has been a disappointment during his four seasons in Cleveland. The teams still had work out some financial aspects before the deal is completed, said the source, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

"It's very, very close," said the source, who expected the deal to be announced on Wednesday when the league's free-agency period opens.

ESPN.com reported that the teams were trying work out how much Warren will be paid in the final season of his original contract. Warren was due a \$1.3 million roster bonus on Wednesday from the Browns. His base salary for 2005 is \$950,000.



Cleveland defensive lineman Gerard Warren (61) strips the ball from Baltimore running back Jamal Lewis (31) in the first half of the Browns game against the Ravens, November 7, 2004 in Baltimore, Md. Warren may be dealt to the Broncos shortly. (KRT Campus)

Last week, Browns general manager Phil Savage and coach Romeo Crennel gave Warren permission to seek a trade. Warren's agent, Joel Segal, spent last weekend at the NFL combine in Indianapolis shopping for a new home for his client.

The Broncos are a good fit. They need help on their defensive line after deciding not to re-sign free agent Reggie Hayward, who led the club with 10 1/2 sacks last season. Denver is also seeking a trade for

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**COMMENTARY**

**The one record that's better off in tact**

By Jim Litke  
Associated Press

There's one baseball record that better not be broken this season. That's the number of major leaguers who tested positive for steroids last season:

Zero.

It's a qualified zero, to be sure, since under the 2004 drug policy, a first positive test was kept confidential and resulted only in treatment; a ballplayer had to get caught twice to draw even a brief suspension. No one was suspended for steroids, and word never leaked out of any referrals for treatment, so we'll have to

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People to People International, a cultural and educational exchange organization founded in 1956 by then-president Dwight D. Eisenhower organized the 10-day trip.

The People to People organization, now privatized, seeks to expand communication and humanitarian activity between nations in order to foster tolerance and understanding, according to its Web site.

The focus of the delegates' mission will be to exchange information about respiratory care techniques and issues involved with respiratory care, such as infectious disease control and long-term care of the elderly.

"We have identified topics that are in common between the two of us," Boehm said, "and we will be sharing them with doctors, nurses and physiotherapists from South Africa." Boehm said she is also interested in finding out how health care professionals are educated in South Africa.

Boehm said she will give presentations about the economic impact of chronic diseases and about respiratory therapy as a profession. Currently, South African health care systems do not have professional respiratory therapists.

Mikanowicz said she feels both her American and South African colleagues will benefit from the cultural and technical exchange, but, she cautioned, her delegation needs to be sen-

sitive to their counterparts' needs.

"We need to make sure we are very careful and do not look like we are over-sharing," she said, "We need to ask them what they want to know from us."

Sub-Saharan Africa has more people with AIDS and HIV than the rest of the world combined, according to Mikanowicz, and she says she hopes to gain from her South African colleagues' expertise in treating the disease.

Mikanowicz specializes in public health and infectious diseases. She said she hopes the South African delegation will be interested in the educational information her group has to share.

"They need a lot of education, they need a lot of prevention kinds of things," she said, adding that there are programs developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention she can tell them about if they are interested. Fitzgerald is interested in South Africa's long-term care of the elderly.

She said the country has fewer nursing-home type facilities, since their average life expectancy is shorter, but has a good home-care plan for the elderly.

Fitzgerald will be leading the session on long-term care.

Although their itinerary is full for the working portion of their trip, part of the American delegates time will be spent

learning about the local culture. They will visit the Apartheid Museum, travel to Soweto to walk in the footsteps of Nelson Mandela and visit national monuments dedicated to the nation's history. They will also visit clinics and other medical facilities.

Not all of their time will be spent in conferences and clinics. Boehm said their South African hosts have arranged a two-day stay in Kruger National Park for the American delegates.

Their itinerary at the park includes a traditional feast given by the Shangaan tribe and a photo safari to view the park's more than 600 species of animals.

The trip will be partly funded by YSU, with costs divided between the administration and the College of Health and Human Services. Fitzgerald said about half of the cost of the trip will be paid by the delegates.

Mikanowicz, a veteran of a previous People to People delegation to China in the 1980s, said she thinks the cost is worthwhile for everyone because the exposure would benefit YSU in the future.

"The good thing about this is that YSU will be known," Mikanowicz said, "I'm sure [the South Africans] will want to continue a partnership with us as YSU."

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expected to win by 40," Gorby said.

One of the top athletes Saturday was sprinter Jeanna Cunningham, who tallied point after point for the Penguins. Cunningham won the 400-meter dash in a time of 56.59, took second in the 60 m dash, recorded another second place finish in the 200 m dash and was part of the winning 1600 m relay.

She was also awarded track athlete of the meet.

Another bright spot for the Penguins was the performance turned in by freshman Bethany Anderson, who was voted the field events newcomer of the year for the conference. Anderson Horizon League and YSU records in the shot put and set a school record in the weight throw.

"Bethany Anderson had the best performance of the meet...mind boggling," Gorby said.

Gorby said.

Carly Youlton, who recorded a win in both the long jump and the triple jump, received honors as she was awarded the field athlete of the meet.

"Those type of people are a step ahead of the rest," Gorby commented on the award winners.

The entire team contributed Saturday with 28 out of 30 girls scoring for the team, but it was the intangibles, Gorby said, that pushed the Penguins forward.

"This group understands the heart needed," Gorby said. "The senior leadership was phenomenal."

The Penguins have been preparing for this meet by traveling nearly every night to Kent State University to practice at their indoor facility.

It was a record-breaking night for other Penguins, as

well.

Freshman Danielle Bolt set two conference records when she won first in the 60 m dash and in the 200 m dash.

The performances by the freshmen overall were somewhat surprising to Gorby.

"From the standpoint of freshmen on the team, that's a variable you can never control," Gorby said.

Senior Aaliyah Gillespie also set a conference record in the 60 m hurdles with a time of 8.68.

With the outdoor season creeping closer and closer, Gorby said he and the Penguins are eager to take the track again.

"We bring the whole team back for the outdoor season," Gorby said. "We have taken things to a whole new level."

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"What [the paramedics] were doing was looked at as a commendable public service. I thought: 'This is exciting and every day would be different,'" Mistovich said.

After passing a basic emergency medical technologies course and a national exam, Mistovich began to work as a full-time paramedic in inner-city Youngstown in 1981.

"I've seen anything you can imagine," Mistovich said. "You have to be prepared for anything. You could be delivering a new born baby at one call and the next you'd have to help a 101-year-old geriatric in a nursing home."

Mistovich faced other extreme situations as a paramedic. He said he was helping people injured by a collapsed bridge in Youngstown, he delivered 5 children, including one set of twins, and he helped many people who were injured in stabbings and shootings.

He said his shifts could be very busy, having as many as 18 calls in a 24-hour period.

"Some days I would go out at 7 in the morning and not get back until 4 a.m."

Mistovich said he preferred being busy to not getting a call.

"Some shifts you wouldn't move," he said. "The anticipation was very stressful. You'd go nuts waiting for a call."

Mistovich said he nearly quit his job after a shift where he got a call about a 12-year-old who committed suicide followed by a call where a mother of two was killed while driving to pick up a pizza for her kids.

"I decided that I had seen enough, but then I got toned right back out on another call. There was no time to think about it," Mistovich said.

He said that he and his partners would deal with the

stress of their job by informally debriefing their calls after they completed them.

"We talked about what we did right, what we did wrong and what we could have done better," Mistovich said.

**Teaching and Books**

The professor said he discovered his love of teaching as a paramedic. Medical students would come for ride-along trips in the ambulance. While some found the students to be a nuisance, Mistovich enjoyed the opportunity to teach while he was in the field.

He began teaching at YSU part-time, and worked his way to full-time in 1985.

"Teaching is my passion. I love to teach even to this day. I love coming into class," Mistovich said.

The teaching career led him into a writing career. He worked on writing basic EMT curriculum and in 1990 Prentice Hall Health approached him with an offer to write about emergency care.

"I had no idea how to write a textbook, but I jumped in with both feet," he said.

The book, titled "Pre-hospital Emergency Care," was a 1000-page project that took Mistovich two years to complete.

"I spent an entire summer just writing photo specs," Mistovich said, remembering going through stacks and stacks of photos for the book.

Mistovich's first book is now in its 7th edition and sells 38,000 copies a year.

Another one of Mistovich's books, "Advanced Medical Life Support" was translated into Italian. Mistovich says he remembers autographing a few copies of the book for Italian nurses at a lecture.

He has published eight books total. His eighth book, "First Responder Self-

Assessment Exam Prep" was published recently. The book helps would-be emergency medical first responders study for the National Registry exam. Mistovich expects to have as many as 12 published books by 2006. He sells as many as 50,000 books annually.

Mistovich says he writes his books to help EMS students understand their classroom material more fully.

"I want students to do more than memorize, I want them to truly understand what they're doing," Mistovich said. "Every project I've done has been out of a desire to help students learn."

The former paramedic said he thinks his experiences on the job have helped him with his teaching and writing career.

"It sounds sick, but the more challenging the call was, the better I liked it," Mistovich said. "It meant that I had to use critical thinking and all the knowledge that was available to me."

Mistovich said he originally had some problems leaving the paramedic job behind to pursue his teaching career. But some advice from a friend helped ease his mind about his new job choice.

"That person told me that if I teach 20 people, they then go out and help 20 more people who need it," Mistovich said.

His newfound career does have its own kicks, he said. UCLA in Los Angeles, the town where the show "Emergency" took place, published an exclusive version of one of Mistovich's textbooks.

"I got a real charge out of that," Mistovich said, laughing.

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defensive lineman Trevor Pryce.

A new start may be just what Warren needs. Although he played much better at the end of last season, he was never the impact player the Browns envisioned when Butch Davis made him his first pick in '01.

In Denver, Warren will be reunited with Andre Patterson, who coached him the last two seasons in Cleveland and recently joined the Broncos' staff.

Warren's stay with the Browns will be remembered as much for his outrageous com-

ments as anything he did on the field.

As a rookie, he was fined \$35,000 for a late hit on Jacksonville quarterback Mark Brunell.

Last year, the league warned Warren after he threatened to deliver a head shot on Pittsburgh QB Ben Roethlisberger.

Interim coach Terry Robiskie made it his personal project to get the most out of Warren, and the 6-foot-3, 325-pounder showed signs of becoming a dominant interior lineman in the last weeks of the season.

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take major league baseball — always a dicey proposition — at its word. During a dress rehearsal two years ago, under another, even more lax set of rules, between 5 and 7 percent of the anonymous tests came back positive. That meant as few as three dozen ballplayers, or as many as a hundred, were either stubborn, stupid or lazy enough to stay on the juice, despite knowing six months in advance that testing was on the way.

But even those guys will look like geniuses compared to anybody who gets caught when the men in lab coats start collecting samples at spring training sites Thursday. Some people like to say the new credo in sports is, "if you aren't cheating, you aren't trying." But get caught cheating now and you definitely weren't trying.

The BALCO investigation is quiet for the moment, but the last few weeks have brought Jose Canseco's tell-all, Jason Giambi's semi-confession, Bonds' Sturm und Drang, and most recently, Kevin Towers' mea culpa. Earlier this week, the San Diego Padres general manager became the first credible baseball insider to acknowledge he looked the other way "when clear evidence of steroid use by one of his players was right before his eyes. Ken Caminiti, who later became the first player to admit juicing, died last October of a drug overdose at age 41. In an interview with ESPN The Magazine, Towers discussed his guilt over doing nothing to stop the abuse that he believed contributed to Caminiti's death.

The GM hedged on how much he really knew and threw in plenty of qualifiers "had reason to think ... was probably using," phrases like that. But it's impossible to read Towers' words and not see how the steroid problem could get out of hand very easily.

Predictably, soon after publication, commissioner Bud Selig called Towers for a clarification and got one. Towers

"assured us that he didn't know," an MLB spokesman said. "He said he suspected." And for the moment, Towers is the only one to say so on the record.

Boston Red Sox CEO Larry Lucchino, who held the same job in San Diego during Caminiti's time there, told his hometown newspaper, "We didn't see anything to cause great warnings."

And Caminiti's manager, Bruce Bochy, told his, "the antennae for steroids was not up there like it is now."

No matter. Everyone is paying attention now. And a frank discussion about who knew what and when about Caminiti, and perhaps a host of other guys, is already penciled in on the schedule. On April 21, which would have been Caminiti's 42nd birthday, the Padres will stage a ceremony honoring their only MVP, and the leader of only the second San Diego team to reach the World Series, an accomplish-

ment in 1998 that moved the good people of the city to vote one month later to help build a pricey new stadium for the ballclub. It will be difficult to come up with a fitting tribute, one that acknowledges Caminiti's dual roles as contributor and counterfeiter. And either way, it should provide a preview of how baseball and its fans plan to treat the superized achievements of the last 15 years or so. That will come in handy when Bonds is about to pass Babe Ruth on the all-time home run list this summer and somebody in the Giants organization calls Selig's office to find out how many seats to hold. It would be nice, as Bonds reminded us over and over last week, to simply "move on." And really, who among us wouldn't benefit from a fresh start? The difference is that baseball and its players actually may get theirs.

Lord help them if they blow this one.

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"Waking up early to come to school and face the weather gets to me," she said.

Collier is not the only one who is irritated when she sees the snow falling and patches of ice on the road in March. Many YSU students are sharing the same feeling of disgust with the snowy weather conditions.

Non-traditional student Patti Adams said she has to come to school no matter what kind of weather because she is in the nursing program.

"The roads did not seem that bad but people freak in the snow," she said.

Last year Adams said she fell on the ice, so now she is scared to walk down steps

because she does not want to fall again. Not only is she worried about falling, but Adams said she also has to deal with aching bones because of the bitter cold, something she said slows her down.

Jen Donatella, an employee of the Rich Center for Autism, said she has three children who love playing in the

snow. Donatella jokingly attributed it to the fact that they do not have to get up an hour early to get ready to drive in the weather. "The roads are not clear and traffic moves slower because of the snow," she said.

For all the students' weather woes, most are fortunate to stay safe inside a warm heated building for most of the day,

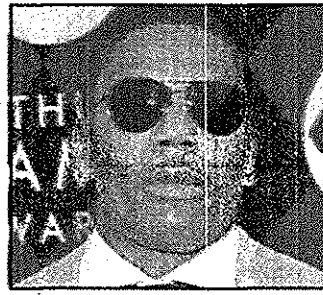
unlike Ed Callahan of Contemporary Management.

Callahan's job is to clean windows, no matter the weather conditions. The window washer, who could be found working outside Fedor Hall Wednesday morning, said when it is below 30 degrees he starts getting annoyed. Not only does it freeze the win-

dows he is working on, but it also causes some health problems.

"It slows us down because it's cold and we have to stop and warm our hands up with the hottest water we can find," he said.

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HEADLINES

► **Nelly protested**  
 Ministers from 20 churches have banded together to protest rap singer Nelly's performance at Arkansas State University on March 12, saying they do not want the Grammy winner's negative message in their town.

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YSU  
 The Dana School of Music celebrates fifth annual

# Piano Week

By Christina Poe  
 The Jambar

**S**tudents, faculty and guests are preparing for the Dana School of Music's fifth annual Piano Week, their first as an "All-Steinway School."

Piano Week, which begins Sunday with free events, will be a week-long feature of the school's finest piano students and piano professors. Darline Oltmanns said the week will offer something for everyone, delighting ears with jazz, classical and every type of music in between.

Oltmanns said students are a large part of the week. Most play at least one in most events and are usually at the center of the attention.

Oltmanns said Piano Week has evolved over the years from two to three events and cheap flyers to 11 events and glossy professional programs. Piano Week for 2005 and 2006 are already almost completely booked.

The school has become well known on a national and international level partly due to its close ties to an All-Steinway School, something the community should have pride in, Oltmanns said.

Oltmanns said the negative views most residents have about Youngstown stems from the city and the fact that events like Piano Week that could and should benefit the community.

"People don't realize how good the staff is that's happening here," Oltmanns said. "They need to get out of that loop of thinking."

Graduate student Matthew Abate-Lee will be playing Chopin's Nocturne on Wednesday night in Miss Hall's Ford Theater as part of a student recital.

Abate-Lee said he is always excited to perform and is especially looking forward to sharing the fun of the experience with the audience.

With fun comes work and Abate-Lee said he and his peers have spent three months preparing for Piano Week.

Abate-Lee said the concert gives the community a chance to enjoy the music, comparing the experience to going to dinner at a sit-down restaurant.

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Fancy keys

The Dana School of Music will celebrate its fifth annual Piano Week, starting Sunday. It will be the first celebration for the department as an "All-Steinway School."

CD REVIEW

Oval Opus self-titled EP lively even without 'beer goggles'

By Elizabeth Tabak  
 The Jambar

**W**hen I heard that my Jambar mailbox contained a copy of Oval Opus' new, self-titled EP I was, for lack of any better expression, pretty damned excited.

After all, this is the Cincinnati-based band that I stumbled upon (literally) twice while going to see my Pittsburgh favorites, The Clarks.

This is the same band that my friends and I drunk-girl danced to after downing Jager bombs to toast a 21st birthday. The same band whose bassist my two best friends and I posed with while he donned his electric blue "I rock Catholic girls" T-shirt.

Then it struck me that maybe I shouldn't be so excited.

Beer goggles can apply to more than just that hideous beast across the bar that seems they could be the love of your life after countless Bud Lights and Jager-bombs. I was running the risk that the music was just good because, well, the drinks were flowing.

Needless to say, I was relieved after one listen through proved my beer goggle theory entirely wrong.

Oval Opus is comprised of Aaron Patrick, Josh and Dan Edmondson and Patrick "Trick" Martin. They group met at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, in 1997 and have been traveling the east coast and Midwest ever since. The self-titled EP is their fourth overall release, and, according to a press release, the group worked with the production team Pop Rox to create the four-song piece.

Overall, the end result was pretty good. The music is lively and the tracks each contain an infectious beat — even the ones dealing with broken hearts. It is the perfect background for a night out with friends and can brighten the dullest Northeastern Ohio winter day. The first track, "Settle Down," can easily be played over and over again. "First Kids Names" the last track, is one that will get stuck in your head, but not in that annoying, Britney Spears kind of way.

I won't go so far as to say the

lyrics are profound, nor do they cause you to search your soul. (Come on, they worked with a production team named after an explosive, and, according to urban legend, dangerous candy.) Look at "Anchorman," the refrain is "I'm your anchorman, hold you steady in the ocean. Whoa, I'm keeping your feet from the undertow." At least it's easy to memorize so you can sing along at one of their shows.

However, the songs deal with topics anyone can relate. You know, heartbreak, girls, relationships, heartbreak, girls.

The CD is catchy, wholly enjoyable and a very solid piece of work. But I must also admit that, as much as I hate to, I am a slave to radio-ready pop music and the like. It's my guilty pleasure. So, if the Goo-Goo Dolls, Maroon 5 or even the not so well known Pat McGee Band is not your thing, steer clear of this quartet.

However, if they rank among your favorites, then I strongly recommend buying their EP at the first chance you get, and going to see them live at Jillian's in the Southern Park



Album opus

Cincinnati natives Oval Opus have a new self-titled EP full of vibrant, catchy rock. (Photo courtesy of ovalopus.com)

Mall Saturday, March 5.

The live experience is electric, vibrant and should prove to be a great time. The whole band has great stage presence. I promise you won't find

your attraction to Oval Opus an alcohol-induced infatuation.

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COMMENTARY

Mary Kate and Ashley Olsens' Ying and Yang

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(U-WIRE) COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Lately, I can't approach the cashier at a grocery store without being reminded. Mary-Kate Olsen's huge eyes stare out at me — vacant and pained — from every direction, surrounded by sensational headlines.

Is this little starlet falling apart (ironically with her self-created empire still steadfastly intact)?

Frankly, I don't care what went wrong. I am drawn to her plight, and her sister's too, because together they represent the most basic human power play: The struggle between darkness and light.

Did we really believe that Mary-Kate's darkening locks were just an innocent change? We played along for awhile, choosing to ignore the other aesthetic presages — the black satin

dresses, the huge jewelry, the bedraggled paparazzi shots. We ignored the red string she wore around her tiny wrist, identical to those worn by members of the pro-anorexia community as a reminder to remain strong while resisting the temptation to eat. We even ignored her twin sister, Ashley, who took to dressing impeccably and coloring her hair even lighter. We were told this was merely the blossoming of two distinct personages. This craftily lie sedated us until it became clear that this was something very different.

The universe is governed by both harmony and chaos and each human is responsible for managing the two extremes, according to the Buddha Gautama. The chaotic dark side is symbolically earthly, uncontrollable and evil while the harmonious light is somewhere in the sky — transcendent, controlled and as far from the darkness as possible. The dark side of our nature is the side we are compelled to feel

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