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A news conference to announce the completion of the Wick Neighbors Inc.'s Wick District-Smoky Hollow redevelopment plan will be held at 10:45 a.m. Wednesday, March 30 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 343 Via Mount Carmel Ave. in Youngstown.

Phi Kappa Phi to induct members

Youngstown State University Chapter 143 of Phi Kappa Phi will induct 163 new members at its annual spring banquet at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 31 in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center.

Dana Showcase Concert

The 15th annual Dana Showcase Concert will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 3 in Beeghly Center. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$10 and children under 12 are free. Proceeds for the event benefit the Dana Scholarship Fund.

Italy tour

WYSU-FM and Go Ahead Vacations are planning a two-week tour of Italy in May 2006. The \$3,099 per-person price includes round-trip airfare, 13 night's accommodations, food and ground travel. For more information and an application, call WYSU-FM at (330) 941-3363 or contact Barbara Krauss, tour coordinator, at krauss@wysu.org.

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PINELLAS PARK, Fla.

Schiavo's parents 'dealing with reality'

Protesters continue their plight — some head to Washington to plead with government officials

By Mike Schneider
 Associated Press

PINELLAS PARK, Fla. — Weak and emaciated, Terri Schiavo clung to life Monday as police stepped up security outside her hospice room and protesters praying for last-minute intervention by the government kept vigil.

As supporters of the severely brain-damaged woman carried their protest to the White House and Congress, her father repeated plea that his daughter be kept alive.

"Don't give up on her," Bob Schindler told reporters after a morning visit with his daughter, saying that she showed facial expressions when he hugged and kissed her. "We haven't given up on her, and she hasn't given up on us."

Schiavo, 41, was in her 11th day without the feeding tube that sustained her for 15

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Protest continues

Patrick Mahoney, director of the Christian Defense Coalition, speaks to the media outside the White House about the case of Terri Schiavo, the brain-damaged woman in Florida. (KRT Campus)

SANTA MARIA, Calif.

Judge allows evidence of past allegations in Jacko molestation trial

By Tim Molloy
 Associated Press

The judge in Michael Jackson's child molestation trial ruled Monday that the prosecution may present testimony about past allegations against the pop star involving five boys, including two who reached multimillion-dollar civil settlements with the singer.

Superior Court Judge Rodney Melville ruled after hearing arguments by District Attorney Tom Sneddon and vigorous opposition by defense attorney Thomas Mesereau Jr.

The judge said he would allow testimony about alleged sexual offenses and an alleged pattern of "grooming," or preparing the boys for molestation.

The prosecution had sought to introduce testimony

about seven boys, but the judge declined to allow evidence about two.

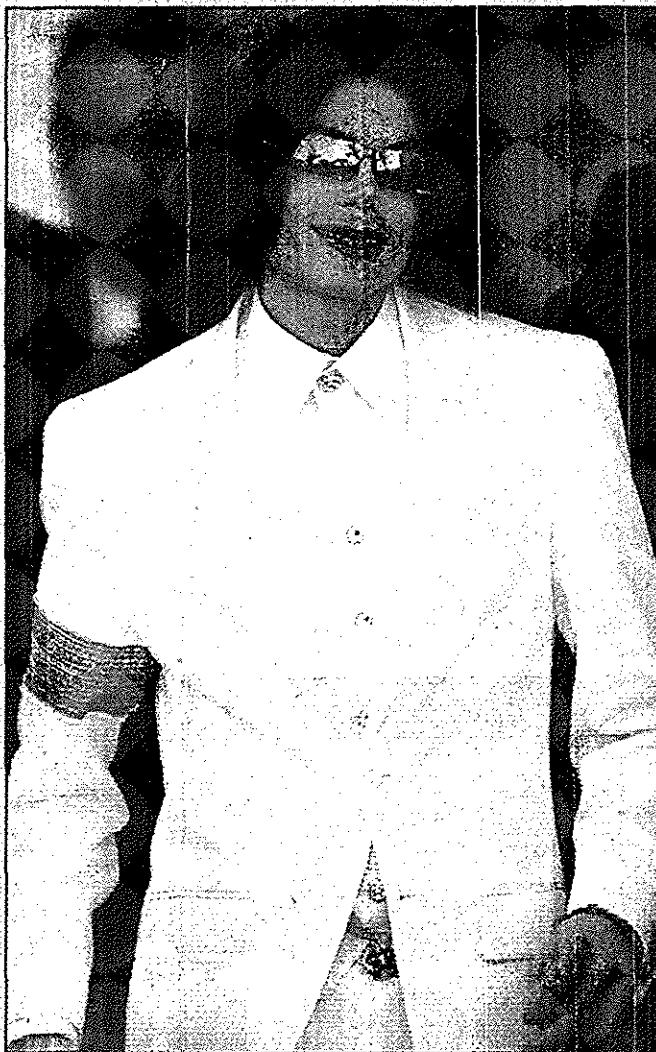
The judge said he would allow testimony by a 1990 accuser who received a \$2.4 million settlement from Jackson and testimony by that boy's mother.

A boy who reached a multimillion-dollar settlement from Jackson in 1993 will not testify. Other testimony will be allowed from people who allegedly have knowledge of the case.

The judge said the jury can be told that Jackson reached settlements with the 1990 and 1993 accusers but may not be told the amounts, unless the defense brings them up.

It was unclear exactly what Jackson was accused of doing with each of the five

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Michael Jackson arrives at the courthouse in Santa Maria, California, on Jan. 31. On Monday, the judge in the Jackson case ruled that the prosecution may present testimony about past allegations against the pop star. (KRT Campus)

YSU

YSU officials will request accreditation delay of 1 year

By Maysoon Abdelrasul
 The Jambar

Youngstown State University administrative officials said they are requesting an institutional accreditation delay of one year from the Higher Learning Commission.

Officials said reasons such as the lack of a liaison for YSU at the Higher Learning Commission, and the fact the university is in the midst of a provost search are why the university is requesting a delay on the accreditation.

However, Interim Provost Bege Bowers said she doubts there will be a delay. She said it is very rare for the Higher Learning Commission to grant such requests because it is the most external evaluation a college or university can have.

"It is important for the university, and there is nothing else we do that is more important," Bowers said.

YSU is part of the North Central Accreditation Agency. There are approximately 1,000 colleges and universities in the agency.

Gregory Fusco, vice-president of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, said the purpose of accreditation is to see the standards of quality education. It is voluntary and private, meaning it is not government operated, he said.

He said each college conducts a self-study and a team of people with different areas of expertise evaluates the study and are allowed to speak to anybody on campus.

"I think colleges need to be accredited to demonstrate to

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YSU

Finalist chosen for Wick Pollock

By Leonard Crist
 & Christina Poe
 The Jambar

A committee of Youngstown State University officials designated to find a developer for the Wick Pollock Inn has chosen a finalist.

The committee was searching for a company interested

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YSU

Stennis will end 43-year career

Diversity coordinator to finish run with YSU Aug. 31

By Maysoon Abdelrasul
 The Jambar

The man who has been a journalist, public relations worker and diversity coordinator in the Youngstown area will be retiring this fall.

Leon Stennis, Youngstown State University's current coordinator for diversity initiatives announced that his last day at YSU will be Aug. 31. However, Stennis, who is ending his 43-year career, said he always

planned to retire when he was 62 and "do other things."

He plans to keep YSU as part of his plans for the future as he said he has applied to both a doctoral program and to the YSU Fine Arts program.

"I am energized to pursue a second career," he said. "I feel charged up and I want to go and tell my stories."

Stennis began his career at YSU in 1992 as the news-editor in the marketing and communi-

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cations department. He said during his time at the university he made many close relationships, something he said is very important to a work environment.

"Establish friendships as you establish work relationships," he said.

Wendy Wolfgang, assistant editor of YSU's marketing and communications newsletter, met Stennis in 1997. She said he was on the selection board for her interview, and described him as unselfish motivated.

"Everything with Leon was never about him, it was always what was good for the university," she said.

Stennis describes his experience at YSU as "mostly delightful,"

adding YSU is a good place to work and go to school.

"YSU has been very fruitful for me," he said.

Before coming to the university, Stennis worked at The Vindicator for 21 years as the religion editor and general assignment reporter. He said his transition to YSU was easy because he was well known at The Vindicator.

Stennis also served two years as emergency room administrative coordinator and public relations assistant at St. Elizabeth Health Center, which gave him a wealth of different experiences than could be gained in a newsroom.

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themselves and others they quality of their education," he said.

Every one in the university plays a role in accreditation.

Bowers said there are more than 100 people on the committee to complete the self-study, ranging from the deans of colleges to community members.

"It is a very important process that requires the time and attention of everyone involved," she said.

Many deans said they believe accreditation is one of the most important factors that make the college what it is.

Cynthia Hirtzel, dean of engineering and technology, said her role in the process depends on what the administration gives her.

The board already accredits the

Rayen College of Engineering and Technology and North Central sees that information in the self-study, she said.

John Yemma, dean of health and human services, said he makes sure his 31 programs meet the national standards. Every year he conducts a self-study of each of his programs.

"I can't think of any other process to serve the programs better," he said.

YSU was last accredited in 1997-98 for the maximum of 10 years. The provost at that time officially led the process. The process takes three years to finish and each college can be accredited for a different amount of time.

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boys, although the 1993 accuser did claim repeated molestation, and Sneddon said in court Monday that the boy in the 1990 case was touched twice over his clothes and once under his clothes.

Jackson's lawyer fought the admission of evidence about so-called past similar acts, saying it was based on third parties, many of whom were after Jackson's money.

"How can you just allow a parade of third-party characters to come in without any victims?" Mesereau asked during arguments.

Sneddon, seeking to use past allegations to buttress the credibility of Jackson's current accuser, said the testimony of other witnesses will show that Jackson has a consistent pattern of abuse.

The prosecutor told the judge that Jackson was observed inappropriately touching four children. The alleged touching included kissing, hugging and inserting his hand into children's pants, he said.

"All of these children are basically within the ages of 10 and 13" at the time of the alleged offenses, Sneddon said.

The district attorney also said that testimony would include Jackson being seen in bed with four children while the underwear of the children and Jackson was at the side of the bed.

In his arguments, Sneddon noted that in the defense opening statement Mesereau listed gifts Jackson purchased for the current accuser's mother. Sneddon said Jackson has a pattern of buying gifts for the mothers of boys to keep them preoccupied.

Mesereau told the judge that the defense would put on a "mini trial" on each allegation that was allowed in. He had urged the judge to consider the evidence that has been presented so far on the current charges against Jackson.

"You have to consider what the case looks like," he

said. "It looks real bad and it's going to get worse. You can't stop the defense from putting on a full-blown defense and I mean just that."

Mesereau said that among the alleged victims that the prosecutor would bring in by reference would be Macaulay Culkin, who he said has always denied that anything improper happened to him while with Jackson.

"There's Macaulay Culkin who has repeatedly said he was never molested," Mesereau said.

He referred to some of Sneddon's third-party witnesses as "the gang." The reference was to former Jackson employees who sued the singer in the past and lost, and were then ordered to pay the singer \$1 million in damages.

Mesereau also said it would be unfair to have others testify about the 1993 case without putting that accuser on the stand. Mesereau asserted that the 1993 accuser's father and stepfather filed numerous lawsuits against Jackson to get money from him.

In his current trial, Jackson, 46, is accused of a then-13-year-old boy at Neverland in February or March 2003, giving him alcohol and conspiring to hold the boy's family captive to get them to make a video rebutting a documentary in which Jackson said he let children sleep in his bed. The singer said it was non-sexual.


The ruling came a day after Jackson declared his innocence in an interview with the Rev. Jesse Jackson and said he considers himself the latest of several "black luminaries" to be unjustly accused, citing former South African President Nelson Mandela and former boxing champions Muhammad Ali and Jack Johnson as others.

In the interview broadcast on radio stations and the Internet, Jackson also asked fans to pray for him, said he was currently in "the lowest point emotionally" of his life.

POLICE BLOTTER

Youngstown State University police officers were dispatched to Lyden House on Mar. 25 in reference to a fight. The two suspects, Bryan Johnson and Brody Quick, were brought to the front desk for questioning. According to the police report, Johnson appeared to be intoxicated. Johnson said Quick grabbed him and pushed him on the bed. Johnson said he did not want to file charges on Quick. Quick told police Johnson said he was going to "f--- Mr. Quick's ex-girlfriend in the a---." According to the police report, Johnson was acting disorderly the entire time police were taking to Quick. Johnson was issued with a citation and given a court date, according to the police report.

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OUR SIDE

Bolla unfair to chemistry chair

As the academic year winds down, departments naturally begin considering faculty changes.

Who can better identify qualified department chairs than the faculty who must work alongside their choice?

It seems, however, that in one instance, this process has been unfairly interrupted.

In preparation for the upcoming academic year, Youngstown State University's chemistry department began the task of evaluating department chair Daryl Mincey's contract. With only one abstention, the department unanimously decided to retain Mincey for another five-year contract.

Days later, College of Arts and Sciences Dean Robert Bolla sent a letter to Interim Provost Bege Bowers stating he could not and would not support the department's decision regarding Mincey.

After reading Thursday's story in the Jambar about Bolla's decision, the campus community should still wonder why.

In a two-page letter Bolla sent to Bowers regarding his evaluation of Mincey's job performance, Bolla makes a solid attempt to outline and define reasons for why Mincey should not retain the position he has kept with little opposition for the past decade. Yet, there are holes in all of his arguments.

For example, Bolla's first point of contention is departmental budgeting. He says Mincey has overspent the chemistry department's budget many times, expecting others to "fill the hole." In spite of this, there is only one example cited, which occurred before Bolla even began his three-year tenure with the university. There is also no regard for the amount of equipment the chemistry department must maintain when looking into Mincey's spending.

Another area discussed is what Bolla cites as an inability to discuss departmental problems with immediate superiors. In the letter, Bolla stated Mincey went immediately to the president's office to discuss certain issues instead of first going to Bolla. Though running to the president when problems arise could conceivably cause a communication breakdown, it is more than understandable that Mincey would bypass much of the university decision-making bureaucracy when it comes to the betterment of his department.

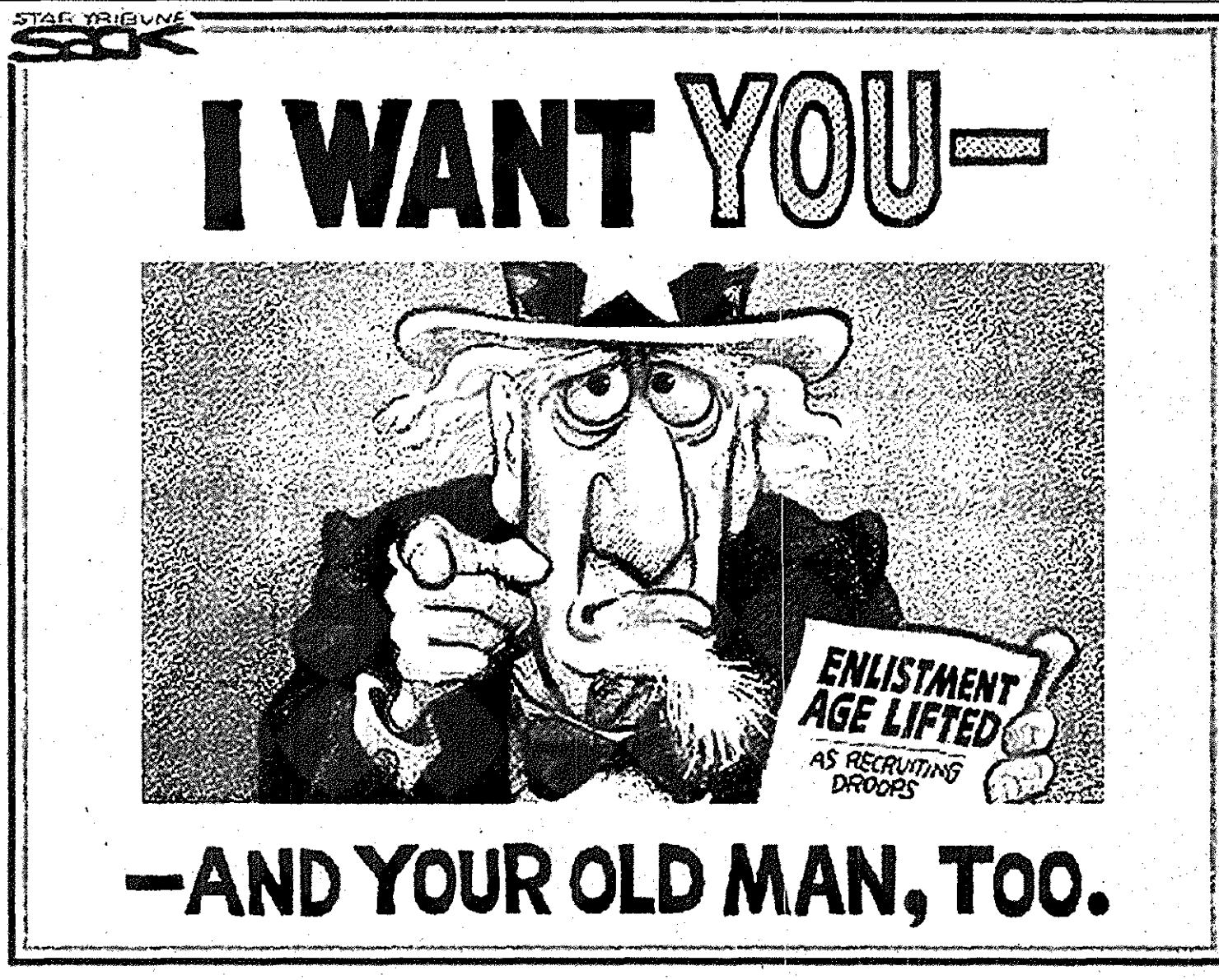
Bolla's concern over the academic leader may be genuine, but the fact of the matter is he has done little to prove Mincey has demonstrated deficiency in his position. Further, the fact that Bolla has worked with the department chair for only two of the three years he has been on staff (Mincey was on sabbatical for the 2003-04 academic year) makes us wonder if Bolla is even fit to judge Mincey's work as chair.

Without more solid examples, we believe the choice of department chair should be put back into the hands of the colleagues who have worked and known Mincey's work as chair for the last 10 years, not a relative stranger.

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Adair's argument illogical

Editor:

It's sad that Brad Adair, a political science major with obvious political ambitions, displays the all-too-common Youngstown mentality in his March 24 letter to the editor.

Adair is angry that a fellow student — god forbid — took matters into his own hands rather than rely on the Mahoning Valley's "politicians for life" to speak on his behalf. You're right, Brad. Bob McGovern should have done what Student Government leaders have been doing for years: kiss the asses of local legislators whom they hope will give them jobs after graduation and hope for the best.

Yeah, that's done a lot for YSU, hasn't it? Your logic is flawed for two reasons. First, the lack of a Republican state representative or senator makes it very difficult for Youngstown to have a voice in public policy that comes out of Columbus. Sylvester Patton isn't "in" with House Republicans. He's too busy running for mayor.

I'll grant that Ken Carano is an admirable legislator, and I know he was your high school teacher, but Brad, seriously, stop acting like you can leverage that relationship into lower tuition for YSU. All due respect, you've been talking to Rep. Carano for years now, Brad. Nothing has changed.

I give Bob McGovern serious props for organizing a group of students to lobby the legislators DIRECTLY. Think about it. What has more weight: schmoozing your local legislator or showing the initiative of driving three hours to raise your voice?

It never fails to amaze me that every time a student — god forbid — wants to rock the boat and break away from the political trends that have doomed and bastardized YSU, there's always someone like Brad Adair who, whatever his motivation, wants to ridicule the initiative.

I have no idea who the candidates for SGA president are this year. But it's about time someone stood up for your tuition rather than cede to the less-than-stellar stewardship of our local leaders.

Henry Gomez
 Part-time faculty

SGA has been in contact with local politicians

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to the letter published on Thursday, March 24 regarding SGA's recent lobbying trip. As both an SGA representative and a student trustee, I have been well aware of the work that has gone into this project. Although it may not have been highlighted recently, from the outset of this project, SGA has been in contact with state legislators from this area. Senator Bob Hagan (D-33), who first informed SGA of the hearings we attended, was the first legislator to give encouragement to what became our plan.

The notion that we did not follow correct procedures in talking with our representatives is misguided. I attended the recent trip and can confirm that the very first lawmakers we talked to were indeed Representative Ken Carano (D-59) and Representative Sylvester Patton (D-60). In addition, we were able to converse with Representative Randy Law (R-64) and Speaker Pro Tempore Chuck Blasdel (R-01). All of them are from this area, and all of them gave us positive feedback. They were refreshed to see a student presence in Columbus.

The idea that "the [Ohio House Finance & Appropriations] committee will continue to do nothing" will only discourage future groups of students from trying to make their voice heard in this democracy.

Student trustees from a majority of the public universities in Ohio attended the hearings that week and met individually with legislators as well. Clearly Youngstown State University was not the only higher education institute to think that this issue was important.

We still have work ahead of us, and we encourage, as we always have, that students share with us any concerns and ideas they may have.

Thank you.

Paul Walker
 Junior Finance Major
 Student Trustee, Youngstown State
 University Board of Trustees
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YSU has become leader in recycling program

Dear Editor:

According to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, 3.7 percent of Ohio's gross state product is attributed to it, and it supports 4.3 percent of the overall job market with a salary of \$8,000.00 above the average state wage. It is an industry providing Ohio with 169,000 jobs, \$6 billion in wages and \$30 billion in sales. The industry? Recycling.

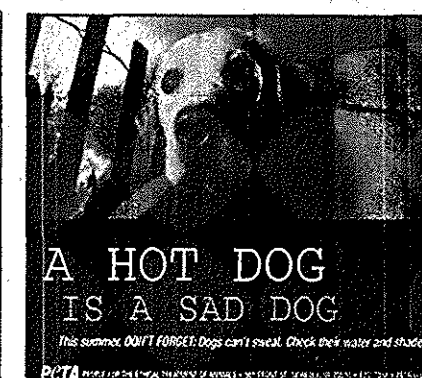
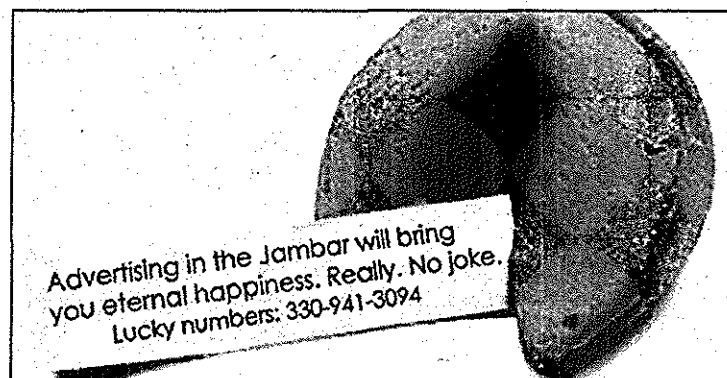
Two hundred sixty industries convert and process recycled plastic in Ohio and 40 paper-pulping plants along with 200 aluminum-recycling smelters are in operation. Recycling doesn't just aid Ohio's economy. The environmental benefits of recovering 13 million tons of cans, glass, paper and plastic include saving 53 million barrels of oil and preventing 8.7 billion tons of greenhouse gases from being released. Thus, recycling is a booming industry with real economic and environmental benefits for Ohio and our nation.

Youngstown State University has become a leader in recycling and we are proving it by competing in the US EPA WasteWise Recycle Mania challenge. During the first four weeks of the rigorous competition, YSU has beaten Brown, Carnegie Mellon, Utah State, U.C. Davis and other prestigious schools. The contest ends April 9, and if we continue to increase the recovery weight and volume of paper, publications, cardboard, cans and bottles then we could surpass the best schools such as Harvard, Yale and O.U.

I urge every person in our campus community to do the following: 1) Make a concerted effort to bring every piece of paper and all publications (newspapers, magazines, books) to the recycling bins located in the hallways throughout campus. 2) Bring every empty can and bottle (food and beverage) to the appropriately marked bins. 3) Utilize the YSU Recycling Center at Harrison and Adams (M-F: 8 to 4, Sat.: 8 to noon). 4) Pack up unwanted manuals, books, paperwork, and files no longer needed and call for a special collection.

Phone YSU Recycling at ext. 2294 for more information on how to help us win. YSU's reputation for recycling has resulted in various universities contacting us for information on how to commence a program. Together, we are making YSU Recycling a leader not only locally and statewide, but nationally.

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YSU

Moring looks to brighten up city with public art

YSU associate art professor has a vision for the city of Youngstown

By Shawn Buskirk
The Jambar

Behind every great work of art is a genuine motive — and for Greg Moring, the city of Youngstown inspires his dream.

Moring, who has a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from the State University of New York, and a Master of Fine Arts Degree from the Maryland Institute College of Art, is an associate professor of art at Youngstown State University. Moring has a vision for the city of Youngstown, and it comes in the form of public art.

Along with public art works showcased in public and private collections across the country, Moring dedicated two 14.5 foot steel gates to YSU President David Sweet and his wife Pat in October 2003. These gates, constructed of three-quarter inch steel, adorn the opening of the 18,000 square foot extension of Bliss Hall.

There lies a story within the gates themselves, which touches the lives of many Youngstown residents. The gates face the Smoky Hollow area on Walnut Street, the east side of campus. The gates were welded into shapes of steelworkers and the pictures of the industry that once made Youngstown a thriving city.

"I had many people tell me how much these gates meant to them. They had grandparents and even parents who worked in the mills, and this really hit home for them," Moring said.

The artist said he was not expecting the overwhelming praise he received from his work. However, because the gates meant so much to the people, he expanded on this idea.

Along with Sherry Linkon and John Russo, co-directors of the Center for Working Class Studies at YSU, Moring discussed plans to upgrade the university entrance located on the corner of Fifth and Lincoln Avenues.

"Our original plan is to put two 10' by 10' panels adorning that corner," Moring said.

These panels would also display the formerly thriving steel industry of Youngstown. As he drew the plans for his next work, Moring's dream piece was born.

Inside the shop of the Bliss Hall extension, Moring unfolded a massive roll of paper, revealing a 14-foot drawing of what may become an enormous 120-foot long community history commemorating work of art.

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MORING

MOVIE REVIEW

'Congeniality 2' a Bullock bomb

'One more debacle like this might land Bullock in Jennifer Lopez territory

By James Eppler
University Daily (Texas Tech)

Sandra Bullock openly has denied recent reports that she turned down the lead role for the Oscar-winning "Million Dollar Baby." She says she tried to get it made but couldn't.

Regardless, here are the facts: she made "Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous" instead. Talk about a blunder.

"Miss Congeniality" was a big hit for Bullock in 2000 and gave her career a fresh start.

She played Gracie Hart, a tomboy FBI agent who infiltrated the Miss United States beauty pageant to prevent a group from bombing it.

Bullock was both tough and adorable in that film as she was forced to doll herself up and learn etiquette.

Forget about smart humor in "Miss Congeniality 2."

The film is so drunk on cotton-candy cuteness and a contrived girl-power message that Gracie no longer is charming.

Armed and fabulous? Try annoying and frivolous.

In "Congeniality 2," Gracie has become so famous from the pageant that she no longer can do undercover work because too many fans recognize her.

Her boyfriend, Matt, breaks up with her over the phone, saying they are moving too fast. The real reason?

Actor Benjamin Bratt would have nothing to do with this stinker-sequel, so they had to write him out.

Gracie's boss (Eric Hudson), wants her to be "the new face of the FBI." Really, just a Barbie doll public relations boost for the bureau.

Ten months later, Gracie is touring the talk show circuit with a new book, a new fashion assis-

tant and a new partner.

Whereas a character played by Michael Caine taught Gracie to be modest and graceful in the first film, Gracie gets Joel (Diedrich Bader), a Queer Eye for the FBI Guy who also is a breathing stereotype.

Her new partner is Sam Fuller (Regina King, recently seen in "Ray"), a growling agent with anger management issues and a daddy complex.

Like any buddy comedy, Gracie and Sam butt heads, but is there any doubt they will be best of friends by the end of the movie?

While Gracie is on tour, two of her old friends are kidnapped — prissy pants Miss United States (Heather Burns) and the pageant spokesman (William Shatner). They are being ransomed by two brothers who specialize in crime — but what they really want to do is direct.

So Gracie and her entourage work to track down the kidnappers.

More scenes with the victims would have been nice, especially Shatner, who is enjoying a huge come-back with his excellent work on TV's "Boston Legal."

But this is Bullock's movie and bless her, she works hard to make the jokes fly.

When she's not being a klutz, Gracie chases down and tackles Dolly Parton, goes undercover as a granny in a nursing home and performs onstage in a drag queen show.

Each gag is better than the next.

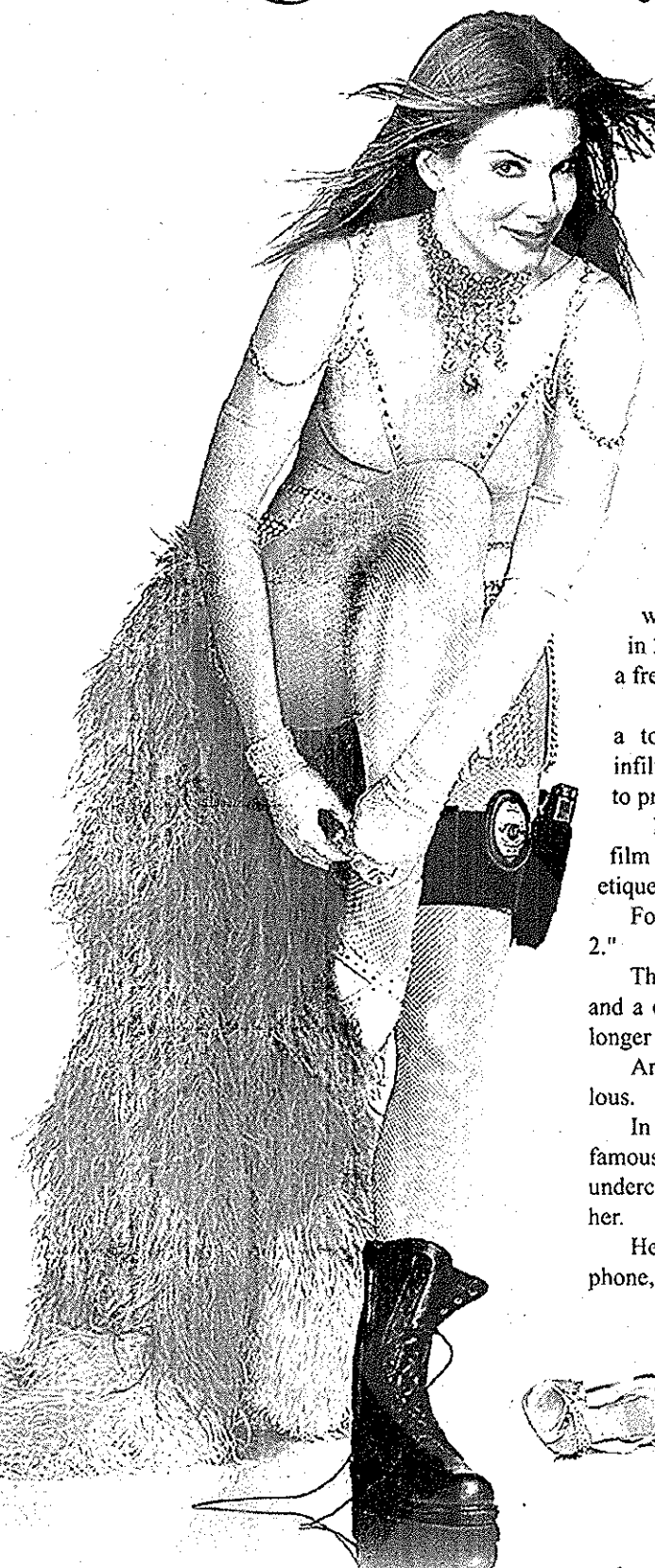
Blame Bullock's screenwriter-of-preference Marc Lawrence, who has written four of her films — and a script that produces few laughs and even fewer surprises.

Bullock, while a fine actress, is developing a bad track record for sequels ("Speed 2" was a disaster, too) and even worse, a fairly rotten resume.

She can't keep making sequels to the successes she's had. Should we be expecting "While You Were Sleeping 2: Drowsy and Weary" or "Hope Sinks?"

"Miss Congeniality 2" is an embarrassment for all involved.

One more debacle like this might land Bullock in Jennifer Lopez territory.



"Forget about smart humor in 'Miss Congeniality 2.' The film is so drunk on cotton candy cuteness and a contrived girl-power message that Gracie no longer is charming."

CD REVIEW

Queens' Homme showcases versatility on 'Lullabies'

By Brandon Linton
Daily Collegian (Penn State)

Queens of the Stone Age tend to make great, thought-provoking music. The band landed a deal with Interscope records after creating a buzz with the heavy stoner-rock of its independent self-titled debut album.

Queens' second album, "Rated R," garnered critical acclaim and an opening slot on the gargantuan Ozzfest tour. 2003's "Songs for the Deaf" featured the pulverizing stick work of former Nirvana drummer and Foo Fighters frontman Dave Grohl and produced two inescapable radio hits, "No One Knows," and "Go with the Flow," finally giving the band the mainstream success it deserved.

"Lullabies to Paralyze," the band's fourth album, has the Queens saying goodbye to longtime bassist and founding member Nick Oliveri — although he's rumored to return to the fold, he does not appear on the album — and hello to another collection of impressive tunes.

The album begins with "This Lullabye," which sounds exactly as the title implies — a short, quiet acoustic tune sung by long-time Queens collaborator and former Screaming Trees singer Mark Lanegan.

However, in typical Queens fashion, the song is much darker than anything with which your mother might have lulled you to sleep. The next two tracks, "Medication" and "Everybody Knows That You Are Insane," are fast and full of angst, the kind of stuff lead singer/guitarist and only remaining original member Josh Homme probably writes in his sleep.

"Lullabies" then kicks into high

gear with "Tangled Up In Plaid," a bouncy, trippy tune that, along with "Little Sister," the no-brainer hit on the record, contains some of the best guitar harmonies on the album. And of course, Homme reminds you that he can shred with a kick-ass solo at the end of "Tangled up In Plaid."

"Burn the Witch," a creepy tune that features ZZ Top's Billy Gibbons, leads right into "In My Head," a catchy, surefire radio hit, and probably one of the best pop songs Homme has ever crafted.

"Little Sister" serves as the first single released from the record, and rightfully so, with its undeniable chorus, catchy guitar riff and cowbell — you can never have too much cowbell. In fact, I think it needs more cowbell. Can we have some more cowbell please?

Homme tries his hand at a ballad with the melancholy "I Never Came." Although he is normally recognized more for his songwriting and guitar work, there is something to be said about his falsetto vocals on this track, which are kind of reminiscent of that guy from The Darkness, only serious and heartfelt.

But the guitar work is what keeps this album interesting.

Homme's noodling on the sexy "You got a killer scene there, man ..." and the epic rocker, "Someone's in the Wolf," has the improvisational feel of something you would hear at a jazz club.

"Lullabies" does have its weak points, though. "The Blood is Love" and "Skin on Skin" should have been outtakes or b-sides, as the bizarre nature of the songs just does not fit the rest of the record.



Queens of the Stone Age have released a new album "Lullabies." The band has experienced some inner turmoil since its last release and it reflects on the new disc. (Photo courtesy qtsa.com)

There is also something to be said of Oliveri's absence.

The album features a revolving cast of bassists, none of which have the depth Oliveri would have added to the fold.

And the album is not the same without the Oliveri-penned tunes that appeared on past Queens releases, notably "Songs for the Deaf," on which Oliveri's scream-sing aggressive song-

writing approach fit perfectly juxtapose Homme's soothing pop songs and stoner jams.

If this duo does reconcile, look out for the next Queens album. If Homme can produce an album such as "Lullabies to Paralyze" on his own, it will be interesting to see what a more mature combination of the two songwriters will provide us with in the future.

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"This is sort of my dream," he said. "I began drawing the original two panels and I told myself, 'why not?' and just continued to draw and here we are."

This "historical narrative," as Moring prefers to call the piece, "is more of a secret right now."

Moring has yet to display his dream plan to the administration of the university, or to the city of Youngstown. No formal approval has been requested.

"There are a lot of 'ifs' — like funding and location," he said. "As for now, I'm doing the two panels for sure, but in time, I'd love to do the entire work."

The drawing, which is still in its preliminary stages,

changes each day.

"This is just a drawing, so I keep moving figures here and there and a lot of things can change by the time I come up with a final version," he said.

One thing that is for sure about Moring's piece is the story it portrays. There are three main components to his narrative sculpture: a celebration and identification of the mills, the conflicts over workers' rights and the death of the industry in the area.

The piece depicts images such as the unity of the steelworkers in their prime and has finality to it with an angel carrying a fallen worker into the sky — symbolizing the end of the steel mills in Youngstown.

Moring also stated this work can be tied in with the

revitalization project of Youngstown 2010.

"One approach to actually helping revitalize urban centers is through public art," he

added. "Public art can act as an active agent for making a community look more prosperous."

As he folded up the plans for this 120-foot long steel

sculpture, Moring stressed this is not yet set in stone, this is only a dream for now.

"I'm hoping the university and the city will like the two

panels enough to let me do the larger version."

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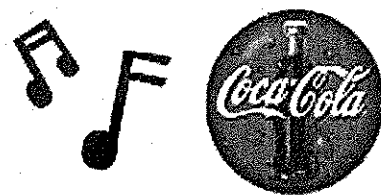
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and experienced in the development and management of similar buildings in a university setting.

John Habat, vice president of administration and committee member, said Cleveland based firm Paran Management Company has been selected as the prospective developer.

Although more than 20 requests were sent to various firms, Habat said the committee received "very little response."

Even though Paran Management was the only firm to submit a full proposal, Habat said their experience meshed well with the committee's criteria.

Habat said Paran Management was responsible for the renovation of Glidden House at Case Western Reserve University into a hotel and conference center.

"This company has a reputation and experience with this type of operation in a university setting," Habat said.

Habat said the committee has "more questions than answers" at this point and will learn more when formal negotiations begin between the university and Paran Management.

The Wick Pollock Inn, located on the corner of Wick Avenue and Spring Street, has been closed since 1998, when declining business forced the former leaseholder, the

Pollock Inn Restoration Association, to shut its doors. The First National Bank of Pennsylvania foreclosed on the lease to the building after the inn's closing, while YSU retained ownership of the property. In September 2004, YSU settled a lawsuit with the bank, allowing the university to move forward with plans for reopening the inn.

The Wick Pollock Inn has four components: the original Pollock House mansion, built in 1893, which has 14 guest suites and a dining area; a large addition, which has 16 suites and 48 rooms that was added in the 1980s when the building was converted to an inn; the gardens; and the stables.

Paran Management has proposed a 50-year lease for developing and operating a 25-room inn, with separate operators for the restaurant, gardens and parking. The company proposed an 18-month time frame for the renovation of the inn. YSU would pay the company \$250,000 to cover development costs under the proposal.

Once the inn is up and running, YSU would receive a "one-time advance rent payment" of \$250,000 from Paran Management. YSU would then receive \$1 a year in rent for every year thereafter until the expiration of the 50-year lease, under the proposal.

Paran Management's proposal is a "starting point" and discussions are already underway, Habat said. He added that although the company would run the inn if a contract is signed, YSU would retain ownership of the building.

Rich Delisio, committee member and director of materials management, said it is hard to say how much of the proposal will change before a contract is signed. One option is for YSU to look for other firms because only one developer submitted a proposal, he said.

However, nothing has been decided and it would be up to Habat and YSU President David Sweet to make a final decision.

Sweet was unavailable for comment on Monday.

"The longer it sits vacant the harder and more expensive it's going to be to bring back online," Habat said. "I think we all have a sense of urgency that we want this project to move forward."

But we also want it to be under the right conditions and with the right parties involved. So while we all have a sense of urgency, we all have a sense of caution to make sure it gets done right."

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YSU

Early College pleased with first year

By Michelle Doss
The Jambar

The first official school year is almost over for the Youngstown Early College, the first of its kind in the Youngstown area, and the 70 high school students enrolled are on their way to pursuing their postsecondary education.

Larry Johnson, dean of the YEC, said he is "very pleased with the school's progression this year."

Each upcoming year, 75 to 100 students will be introduced to the program with a limit of 400 for grades 9-12.

Johnson said students were concerned about lack of social activities and events as compared with their home schools, but "they understand the great benefits of the program and are willing to accept the trade-off."

"While facing challenges in the new environment, YEC has not made any major changes to the curriculum, but does remain flexible to the students' needs," Johnson

said. Despite the fact the students face rigorous instruction in order to prepare for their college education, more than 50 percent of students participate in community service, such as volunteering at the Rich Center for Autism and Wee Care Day Care, both also housed in Fedor Hall, along with some involvement in job shadowing.

The YEC, which opened August 2004, is one of only eight schools of this type in the Ohio region. Emily Hedrick of the KnowledgeWorks Foundation said the fact the schools are so new makes it difficult to talk about results and productivity. YEC received initial start-up funding from the KnowledgeWorks Foundation and the Gates Foundation, utilizing collaboration between Youngstown State University and the Youngstown Public School District, who will share the school's costs.

The KnowledgeWorks Foundation's core principle

states: "this initiative tests the idea that intellectual challenge and academic rigor, along with the opportunity to save time and tuition dollars, are powerful ways to motivate students to work hard and succeed in serious intellectual work."

Students enrolled at the institution face the common focus of early colleges — high expectations, a small learning environment, respect and responsibility, inclusion of parents and community, high performance standards and in-depth learning and understanding. The students will complete the program in four years with a high school diploma and with up to 60 hours of college credit without incurring any tuition costs.

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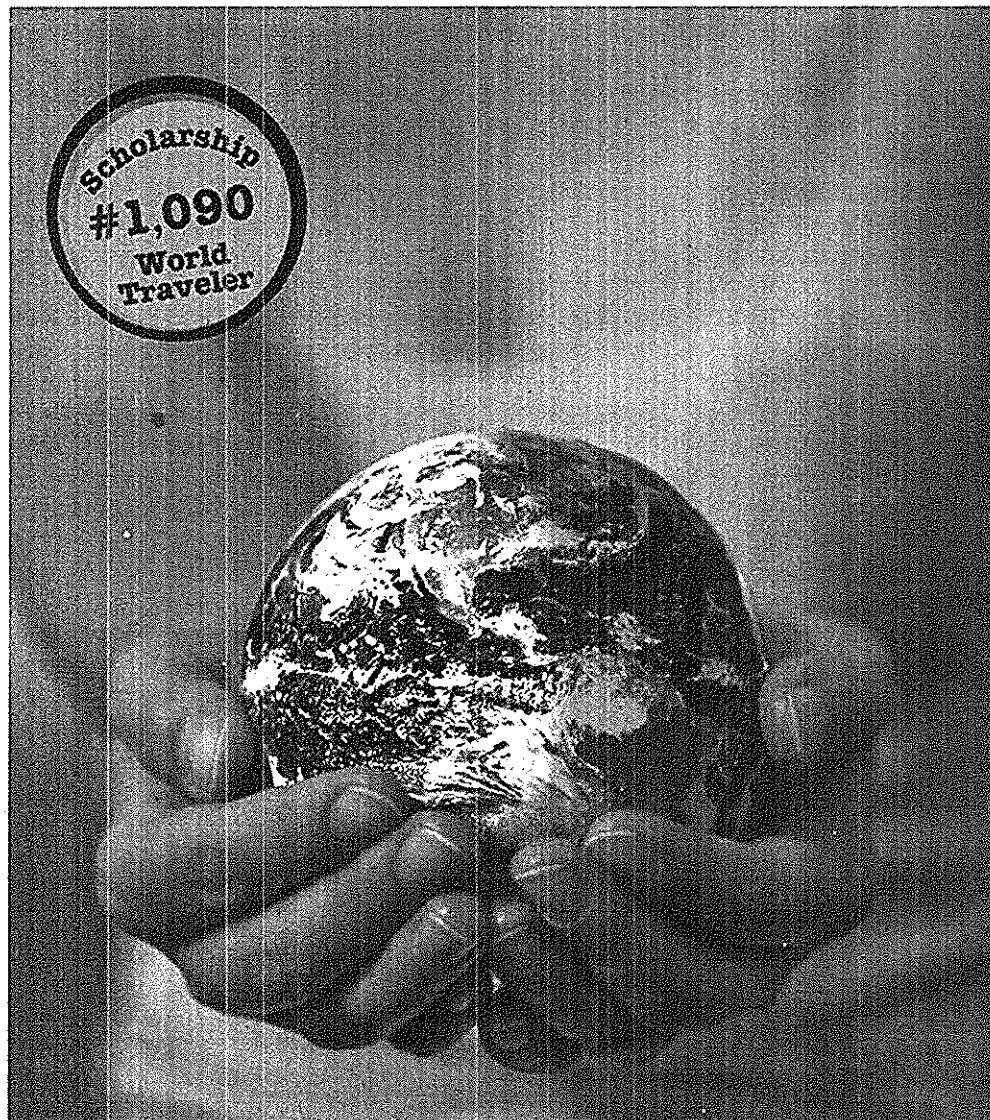
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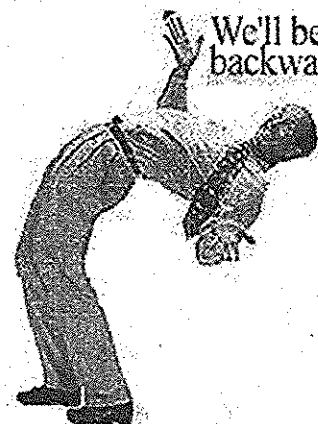
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years. Her parents pressed again for President Bush, Congress and the president's brother Gov. Jeb Bush to intervene to have the tube reinserted, and a small group of supporters protested outside the White House gates.

Schindler said he recognized that his daughter was dying but insisted that it was not too late to save her and that she was "fighting like hell to live and she's begging for help. ... She has just incredible strength to live."

As Schiavo drew closer to death, extra police officers blocked the road in front of the hospice, and an elementary school next door was closed so

students could avoid the crowd.

After overnight wind and rain thinned their ranks, about 100 protesters returned Monday with signs and renewed prayers. But the day also saw some of the harshest rhetoric, with some in the crowd mocking the police by goose-stepping like Nazis.

President Bush's aides have said they have run out of legal options. The governor said Monday that while it "made sense" to have federal courts review the case, he had to respect their decisions last week not to order the tube reinserted.

"I have not seen any means by which the executive branch can get involved. My legal

counsel has talked to the Schindler family and their lawyer over the weekend," the governor said. "My heart is broken about this."

Schiavo's parents dispute that their daughter is in a persistent vegetative state as court-ordered doctors have determined. Michael Schiavo contends his wife told him she would not want to be kept alive artificially.

At least two more state-filed appeals seeking the feeding tube's reconnection were pending, but those challenges were before a Florida appeals court that had rejected the governor's previous efforts in the

case.

Doctors said Schiavo would probably die within a week or two when the feeding tube was pulled out on March 18. She suffered catastrophic brain damage in 1990 when her heart stopped because of a chemical imbalance that was believed to have been brought on by an eating disorder.

Schindler said he feared the consequences of the morphine drip given to his daughter to relieve any pain. "I have a great concern that they will expedite the process to kill her with an overdose of morphine because that's the procedure that happens," he said.

Hospice spokesman Mike Bell said federal rules kept him from discussing Schiavo specifically, but "a fundamental part of hospice is that we would do nothing to either hasten or postpone natural death."

Comfort measures, including morphine drips, are taken in consultation with a patient's guardian, physician and hospice care team, Bell said.

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point shot. Increasingly, though, since arriving at Louisville at 2001, he's employed a zone defense to cover up for the lack of depth caused by injuries and even more, by the defection of so many talented youngsters to the pros.

And after watching West Virginia shred that zone while building a 20-point lead in the first half — the Mountaineers shot a blistering .650 from the field, .714 from the beyond the 3-point arc, making 10-of-14 3s — Pitino did a 180 of his own. He told the Cardinals in the locker room at halftime to start trapping and pressing all over the court, taking the risk that even in the altitude of Albuquerque, N.M., 5,300 feet above sea level, his players would have enough left to attack the basket on the other end down the stretch.

"I didn't really think we had it in us," Pitino said. "But it was the only way we could do it."

Unlikely as the 93-85 overtime win was, what followed it should have been no surprise at all.

Pitino talked very little about "I" and a lot about everyone else.

He talked about watching his players grow up a little and learning to play for one another a lot.

He talked about having all six of his nieces and nephews in the stands, the children of his brother-in-

law and best friend killed in the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, and how much the win would mean to all of them.

But considering the way things have gone since the last time Pitino crashed the Final Four eight years ago — the failure in Boston, the death of Bill Minardi, the expectations at Louisville stacked as high as poker chips — Pitino could have been talking about himself, too, when he explained a day later the lesson they could all take from this accomplishment.

"Life is tough," he said Sunday night on ESPN. "It takes some turns that you can't believe. But you can't look at that as being dealt a bad hand."

That's exactly what it looks like, though, since mighty Illinois is the latest obstacle standing between the Cardinals and their first national championship since 1986.

But with Francisco Garcia, Taquan Dean and Larry O'Bannon, Pitino has as strong a threesome as anybody who's had to face the Illini's vaunted trio of Deron Williams, Luther Head and Dee Brown.

And as the record books show, Pitino's no slouch in big games himself.

Jim Litke is a national sports columnist for The Associated Press. Write to him at jlitke@ap.org

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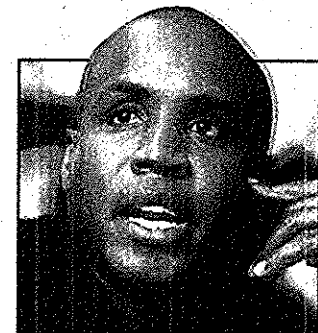
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Experienced assistant Chris Bache named offensive line coach

Youngstown — Youngstown State head football coach Jon Heacock announced the addition of Chris Bache as the Penguins' offensive line coach on Monday. Bache spent the previous six seasons at Division II Indiana (Pa.), including the last three as the offensive line coach.

Bache (pronounced BAY-zhay) helped lead the Indians to four Division II playoff appearances during his tenure at his alma mater.

Penguins top Cleveland State, 5-2

Boardman, Ohio — The Youngstown State men's tennis team improved its spring record to 3-5 after defeating Cleveland State on Saturday evening at the Boardman Tennis Center. The Penguins earned the doubles point after claiming wins at the No. 1 and 2 spot and won four of six singles matches.

In singles action, at No. 1 Tom Barth beat Eric Winn 6-4, 6-4, at No. 2 CSU's Jay Tee defeated Brian Meek 3-6, 6-7 (5-7) at No. 3 Scott Kathery beat Paul Haley 6-4, 2-6, 6-1 at No. 4 Ryan Trapp topped Dan Singer 6-2, 5-7, 7-5 at No. 5 Jason Trapp beat Brett Aronson 7-5, 6-0 and at No. 6 CSU's Mike Durr beat Zach Landgraf, 6-0, 6-0.

In doubles action at No. 1 Kathery/Meek beat Winn/Haley 8-3, at No. 2 Trapp/Trapp defeated Tee/Aronson, 8-4 and at No. 3 CSU's Singer/Durr beat Landgraf/Barth, 8-6.

The Penguins return to action at noon Saturday, April 2 at Robert Morris.

Seven-Member men's basketball coach search committee named

Youngstown — Youngstown State Executive Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Ron Strollo announced who will participate on the seven-member search committee for the vacant men's basketball coaching position on Monday.

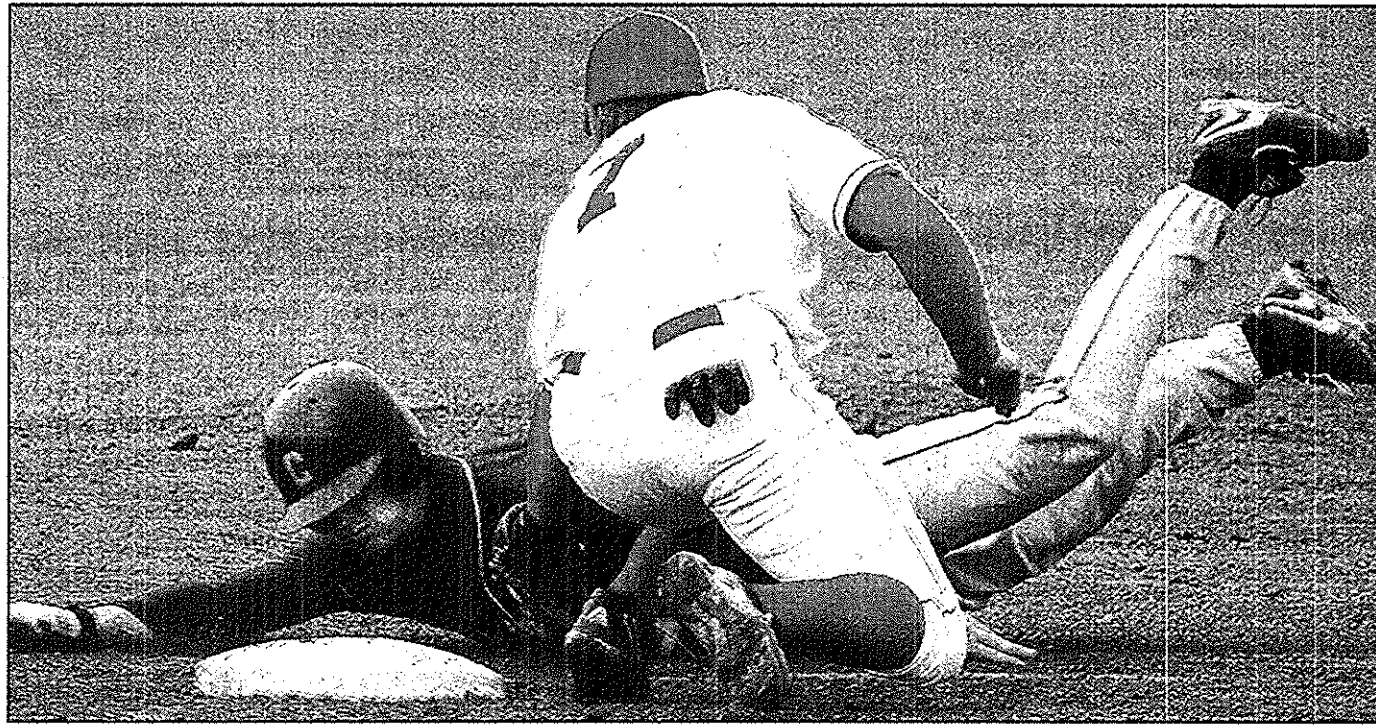
YSU Associate Athletic Director Rick Love will head the committee. The remaining six members of the committee are YSU Associate Athletic Director/Senior Women's Administrator Elaine Jacobs, Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences and YSU Athletics Faculty Representative Dr. Jane Keslner, YSU Events Manager Rick Bevil, Assistant Director of YSU Student Activities Greg Gulas, Special Assistant to the YSU President Dr. Thomas Maraffa and Youngstown Clear Channel Radio General Manager Bill Kelly.

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STRUTHERS

Penguins drop two of three

YSU pitcher Justin Thomas was impressive despite a 3-2 loss Saturday



Not quite

Junior shortstop Charles Schultz makes the tag as Central Michigan's Troy Moratti attempts to slide in to base. Schultz's two RBI's in the first half of the doubleheader against Central Michigan were not enough to win the game for the Penguins. (Jambar photo by Ron Stevens)

By Justin Smolkovich
The Jambar

The Penguins could only muster one win out of the three games played against Central Michigan this holiday weekend.



The Penguins' baseball team hosted Central Michigan Saturday in a double header at Cene Park, and again on Sunday afternoon. Game one saw the Penguins battle to extra innings before falling to the Chippewas in the 10th inning by a tally of 3-2.

Penguins' ace pitcher Justin Thomas pitched nine innings allowing only two runs and fanning batter after batter

as he recorded nine strikeouts. This was only the second time Thomas has gone nine innings.

Thomas threw 120 pitches in the first game, throwing 88 strikes.

Head coach Mike Florak said he was pleased with the effort by Thomas.

"Justin had good stuff today, he went out there and got after it every time," Florak said.

The Penguins' two runs came via RBI's from shortstop Charles Schultz and from left-fielder Dustin Thomas.

The second game of the afternoon favored the Penguins. Much like the first game of the afternoon, pitching determined the outcome of the game as the Penguins' combination of Andy Svitak and Kevin Libeg pitched a two

hitter. The Penguins went on to shut out the Chippewas 4-0.

The Penguins jumped on the scoreboard first in the second inning by way of an Erich Diedrich single that drove in both Jim Phillips and Dustin Thomas. The Penguins added insurance by adding two more runs when Schultz's single brought home Brandon Caipen and Tommy Nutt, giving the Penguins a four-run advantage.

Florak said the Penguins made better contact with the ball in the second game of Saturday's double-header.

"I think in the first game we hit the ball hard, but it was always at them," Florak said.

Svitak pitched six innings and gave up two hits while Libeg earned the save by pitching three innings, not allowing a Chippewa batter to make

contact for a hit.

After the game, Florak said the Penguins made strides in the double-header.

"They were the pre-season number one in the Mid-American Conference," Florak said. "These were two hard fought games today."

Sunday's game saw Central Michigan scoring five unanswered runs over the final four innings. Nutt led YSU through the game with two hits and one RBI. However, YSU fell to Central Michigan in a score of 7-3. The weekend's games brought the Penguins to 7-12. The Penguins host Duquesne in a doubleheader Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Cene Park in Struthers.

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YSU

Lockmiller earns pitcher of the week honors

The YSU ace went 3-0 this week, allowing only nine hits in 17 innings of work

By Justin Smolkovich
The Jambar

The softball player who is recognized as a team player by her coaches, has been honored by the Horizon League as pitcher of the week.

YSU pitcher Sarah Lockmiller was given the honor March 21 by the Horizon League.

Lockmiller, a senior from Bradner, Ohio, is the third Penguin softball player this year to win such an honor. Junior Kelly Murphy was the first to be named pitcher of the week earlier this season. Freshman Sarah Berry was named player-of-the-week on March 8. Lockmiller earned the award after going 3-0 during the week, topping it off by allowing only nine hits in 17 innings pitched for an earned-run-average of 1.24.

Despite being named the top pitcher in the league, Lockmiller said personal goals come second to the overall success of the team. She said the awards are meaningless if the team as a whole does not succeed. The senior pitcher added winning the award gives her more confidence in achiev-

ing those team goals.

"It gives me a little more confidence on the mound," Lockmiller said. "Obviously my goal is to win the league and to go out strong."

Head Coach Christy Cameron, now in her sixth season with the Penguins, said Lockmiller's confidence has been growing with every game. "She threw the ball very well this fall, she used the success from the fall to motivate her now," Cameron said.

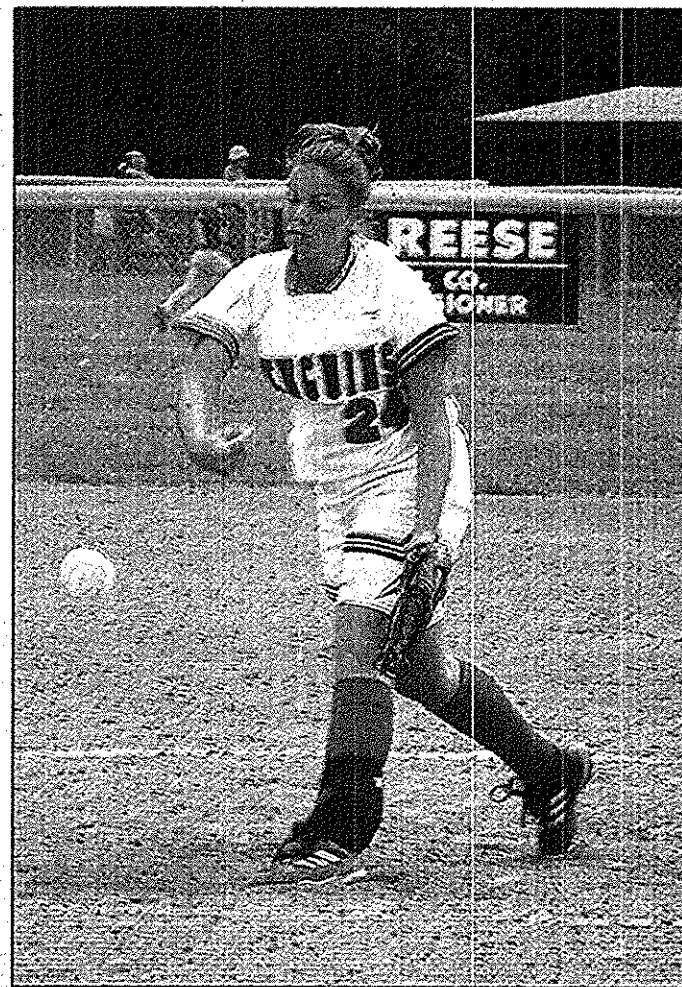
Lockmiller also has the intangibles to end her career at YSU on a high note, Cameron said. "She is a great team player with a great personality," Cameron said. "We have a lot of younger players here and her experience is invaluable."

Lockmiller gave her coaches credit for her development as well.

"The coaches have given me a lot of opportunities to go out there and play," Lockmiller said.

Lockmiller has played softball since she was 4-years-old and transferred to YSU after her freshman season at Owens Community College.

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Pitcher of the week

YSU pitcher Sarah Lockmiller was named Horizon League pitcher of the week after going 3-0, allowing only nine hits in 19 innings with a 1.24 earned-run-average. (Photo courtesy Sports Information)

COMMENTARY

Drawbacks of being a gypsy coach

By Jim Litke
Associated Press

Most of the stories about Rick Pitino in the coming week will point out that he is the first coach to take three men's programs to the Final Four.

To which the casual fan will remark: "Only three?"

Well, yes.

It only seems as if Pitino has had as many head coaching jobs as Larry Brown. The Louisville team Pitino brings to St. Louis to face Illinois is his sixth overall, his fourth from the college ranks. Brown, taking a break from the Pistons' bench while recuperating from hip surgery, is drawing his latest paycheck from a 10th employer, all but two of them pro teams.

And so while the comparison might be flattering in terms of success, it's done Pitino's image more harm than good. Because the players already turn over every few years, college basketball fans don't take to carpetbagging coaches quite as kindly. And they like the ambitious ones least of all.

For the longest time, Pitino did nothing to discourage the perception that he was always available to the highest bidder. He took Providence to the Final Four, but walked out on the Friars after just two seasons when the NBA's New York Knicks, his hometown team, came calling. He went back to college and won a national championship at Kentucky in 1996, seven years after a scandal rocked the program, then almost won another in 1997, losing the national title game to Arizona in overtime. But the year after, Pitino was on the move again, lured from Kentucky by the NBA's Boston Celtics with the promise of control over operations there.

And as the late Jim Valvano, another New Yorker who headed south to make his mark, used to say, "Perception beats reality by a mile, every time." Even if the perception no longer fits the reality.

Pitino, now 52, is a changed man, and a changed coach on top of that, and if his words aren't convincing enough, there are his deeds. Playing West Virginia on Saturday for a shot at the Final Four, Pitino did something he'd never done in 18 previous seasons as a college coach.

"I've never abandoned a whole scouting report at halftime," he recalled afterward. "But it had to be abandoned."

Pitino made his reputation as a turnaround specialist, both in college and the pros, by featuring a length-of-the-floor pressing defense and a frenetic offense built around the 3-

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