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Tiger Woods regains top form in Masters playoff victory. See page 8. ▶

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News Briefs

Singler to speak

As part of the Sigma Xi Scholar Brown Bag Luncheon series, professor and chair of environment sciences, Charles Singler, will speak about Radon and Geology in Northeastern Ohio at noon Wednesday. The lecture will be held in Bresnhan Rooms I and II in Kilcawley Center.

Knecht receives award

Connie Knecht has been named the recipient of Youngstown State University's 2005 Friend of the University award. Knecht will be honored on at a dinner Friday at the Butler Institute.

Knecht is the ninth recipient of the award, which was started in 1997 to recognize alumni and donors who have had a significant impact on YSU.

Knecht is the wife of the late Bill Knecht, a former member of the YSU Board of Trustees. She has been involved in leadership positions in a variety of organizations and has served many years as secretary of the Mahoning County Republican Party.

Research Explosion

The Nursing Research Symposium "Research Explosion" will take place from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 26 in the Kilcawley Center.

Registration deadline is April 12 and the fee is \$40 for the public and \$25 for students. For more information call (330) 941-1791 or (330) 480-3111.

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Will McGovern and Mielke do a competent job as SGA president and vice president?

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McGovern, Mielke win election

With 76 percent of the vote, it was a landslide victory over Aaron Dages and Todd Diehl

By Bill Rodgers
The Jambar

Results for the 2005 Student Government Association elections were posted on SGA's Web site Thursday at 4 p.m. A total of 599 students voted in the presiden-

tial race. Candidate Bob McGovern and his running mate Amanda Mielke won the election with 76 percent of the vote, beating out contender Aaron Dages and his running mate Todd Diehl.

Also up for election were SGA representatives. Some rep-

resentative seats are still open for certain colleges. The colleges of Education, Engineering and Technology, Fine and Performing Arts, and Health and Human Services are all short at least one seat.

Two issues were also on the ballot. One issue, a resolution to

establish a budget authority for SGA, passed with 354 votes. Another issue that would amend the legislative body's ability to overturn a presidential veto failed with only 299 votes.

Voting for the elections took

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MIELKE, MCGOVERN

YSU

Serowik says resignation 'compromise of opinions'

The assistant professor of forensic science says both sides were satisfied

By Elizabeth Tabak
The Jambar

Early Monday morning, Joseph Serowik walked through the criminal justice department of Youngstown State University, a thick stack of papers under his arm.

He entered the main office, nodding pleasantly to each person he passed and made his way into the office of the interim chair of the department, Jim Conser. Taking a seat in a thickly upholstered green chair beside the rectangular window, he assembled his papers beside him as bright sunlight poured over him.

After some small talk, Serowik took a breath.

"As far as the resignation goes, it was a compromise of opinions," Serowik said. "Everyone was extremely fair, and both sides walked away with a compromise both sides were satisfied with."

The assistant professor of forensic science handed in his resignation two weeks ago to Interim Provost Bege Bowers. The resignation was the result of an appeal Serowik filed when his contract was not renewed for the 2005-06 academic year.

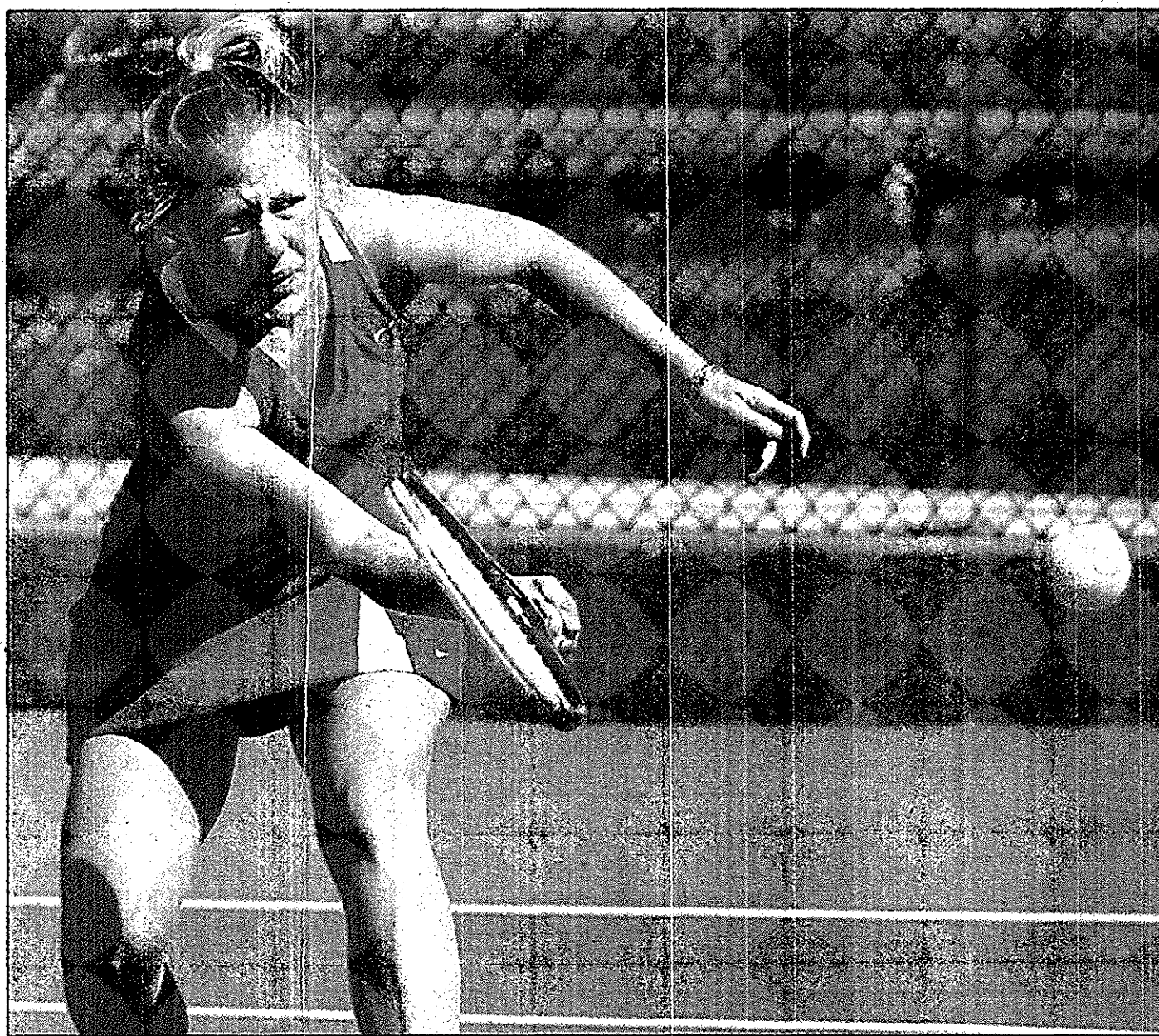
Serowik was hired Aug. 9 as a full-time assistant professor of forensic science at YSU. However, just months prior, he was suspended and subsequently fired over allegations he gave erroneous testimony in the 1988 trial of Michael Green, who was accused of rape. Green spent 13 years in jail before further DNA testing proved his innocence.

Included in his letter of appointment was a codicil stating his reappointment was contingent on Serowik remaining in "good-standing" as an "expert witness" in the Courts of Common Pleas in Ohio.

In addition, it was also required Serowik continued to advance his training in forensic science.

Serowik and others in the

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Clean sweep

The YSU women's tennis team swept Detroit 7-0 in a Saturday match at YSU Tennis Courts. Senior Heather Hagood won 6-2, 4-6 (14-12) to take the third place slot. See full story on page 8. (Jambar photo by Chuck Rogers)

YSU

Collaboration yields success

The Headstart Program offers hands on experience

By Maysoon Abdelrasul
The Jambar

Youngstown State University early childhood education majors are gaining first hand teaching experience from a new type of instructor: 4-year-olds.

These college students are working with preschool students in the Beeghly College of Education. The preschool program is made available through a collaboration between YSU and the Headstart Program of Mahoning County.

YSU houses one of 12 sites throughout the county and has been in place on campus since the opening of Beeghly Hall. Susan Raubenstraw, a classroom instructor, said YSU provides the environmental setting for the preschool and the county provides the staff.

She said the program influences the young preschool students as well as the college students who are in the classroom.

As part of the early childhood curriculum, students take a



Head Start

YSU's on-campus Head Start program gives early-childhood-education students a chance to put their knowledge into practice by working with preschoolers in the classroom. Seniors Susan Bell, Tali Williams and Robin Green took a break from teaching Monday while the children ate lunch. (Jambar photo by Chuck Rogers)

child and family preschool laboratory course, giving them training for the work field.

Senior Robin Green said she learns more when she is teaching because she can see the work she has done on paper

come to life. Green said this helps her in realizing what works and what fails so she can excel at her future profession.

Joyce Bowser is one of the

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OXFORD, Ohio

House fire kills three at Miami U. in Oxford, Ohio

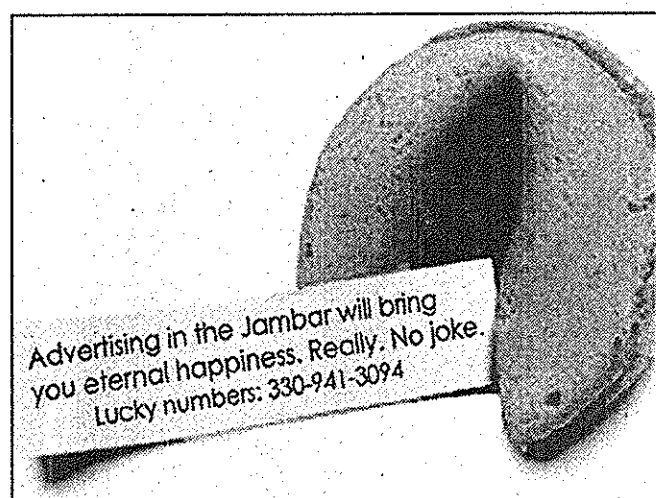
By James Hannah
Associated Press

OXFORD, Ohio — Fire ripped through a two-story, brick house near the Miami University campus, killing three students, injuring two others and forcing one person to jump to safety from a second-story window.

School spokesman Richard Little said it was the deadliest fire involving the university since a student died in an off-campus blaze in 1994. "This is as severe as anything we've ever dealt with," he said.

Investigators believe the fire early Sunday was accidental and may have started in a recreation room downstairs. Police said that when they

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POLICE BLOTTER

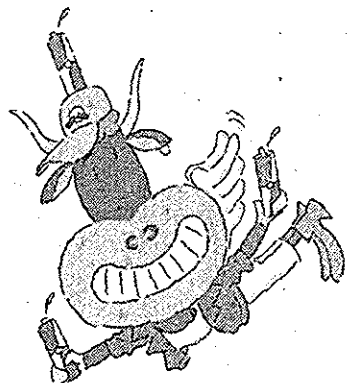
A Youngstown State University Police officer was dispatched to Williamson Hall on April 6 in reference to missing laptop computers. The computers were last seen on April 5 on carts in a secure room. The room was secured and unsecured throughout the day by various faculty members. The suspect or suspects attempted to cut the cables and failed, then damaged the locking devices to remove the laptops.

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ELECTION RESULTS

<p>► President and Vice President: Aaron Dages and Todd Diehl - 146 votes, 24 percent</p> <p>Winner: Bob McGovern and Amanda Mielke - 453 votes, 76 percent</p> <p>► Arts and Sciences Representatives Amber Bibey - 62 votes, 7 percent Craig Callow - 58 votes, 6 percent Dustin Dickerson - 46 votes, 5 percent</p> <p>Winners: Sarah Vansuch - 124 votes, 14 percent Josh Hiznay - 123 votes, 14 percent Chad Miller - 119 votes, 13 percent John Vogel - 111 votes, 12 percent Danielle DeChant - 104 votes, 11 percent Emilie Kiko - 83 votes, 9 percent Joe Ilesue - 79 votes, 9 percent</p> <p>► Business Administration Representatives: Amanda Shina - Cutright - 30 votes, 11 percent Krishna James - 21 votes, 7 percent James Cook - 21 votes, 7 percent Carlos Montalvo - 14 votes, 5 percent Jemimah Robbs - 6 votes, 2 percent</p> <p>Winners: Heather Novak - 60 votes, 21 percent Lori Griffin - 53 votes, 19 percent Josh Sturges - 40 votes, 14 percent</p>	<p>Katie Marsh - 37 votes, 13 percent</p> <p>► College of Education Representatives (3 seats open) Mike Potts - 43 votes, 54 percent Ryan Burd - 37 votes, 46 percent</p> <p>► Engineering and Technology Representatives (1 seat open) Jason Reinert James JR Jackson - 6 votes</p> <p>Fine and Performing Arts Representatives (1 seat open) Katie Libecco - 48 votes</p> <p>► Health and Human Services Representatives (4 seats open) Catherine Serenko - 37 votes, 27 percent Daniela Barletta - 35 votes, 26 percent Graham Johnson - 34 votes, 25 percent Christine Franz - 30 votes, 22 percent</p> <p>► Issues To establish a budget authority for SGA - Passed - 354 votes To amend the ability of Legislative Body to overturn a Presidential Veto - Failed - 299 votes</p> <p><i>(Note: All percents rounded to nearest whole number)</i></p>
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place on Tuesday, April 5 and Wednesday, April 6. Students were able to vote online at designated election centers in Kilcawley Center and in the lobby of Maag Library. Students were also able to vote at home online through a link on SGA's Web site.

SGA President Angela Mavrikis said she was happy with the voting turnout and the online voting system. She said the computerized voting was an improvement from last year.

"I believe that the number of people who voted are the people who try to vote. I'm confident in the voting results. Last year there were so many questions about the computerized voting. The changes made this year were just right," Mavrikis said.

Mavrikis said she thinks the voting locations for next year should be more visible and publicized, adding that she thinks a voting location on the bridge by Meshel Hall would be a good idea.

Mavrikis also said she

was confident that McGovern would be an effective president.

"He served on SGA for two years, so there's going to be a lot of continuity from this year to next. [His previous service] also reduces the learning curve that comes with the position," Mavrikis said.

McGovern said on Sunday he was looking forward to beginning his term and that he was happy that the vote turned out largely in his favor.

"It's great to have the students overwhelmingly show support for us and for our ideas. I'm looking forward to a great year for SGA — hopefully our best yet," McGovern said.

McGovern generally outlined his plans for SGA.

"A lot of times people will say that students will be hearing more from SGA, but next year's SGA will be seeking out students to hear from them. We'll also be focusing a lot on government relations,

continuing the work we started this year, as well as taking a more in-depth look at YSU's inner-workings," McGovern said.

McGovern was asked what his first action in office would be; he said he could not point-out one exact thing he wanted to do first. "I don't know if I can narrow it down to one first action," McGovern said. "Over the summer, Amanda and I will be laying the groundwork for the year. We'll move along with our plans for communicating with students and continue talking to the state legislators."

"We also know that big issues may come up over the summer, and we'll have to be prepared for them too. The bottom line is that we will do everything we can to ensure that all students are represented and all of their concerns addressed," McGovern added.

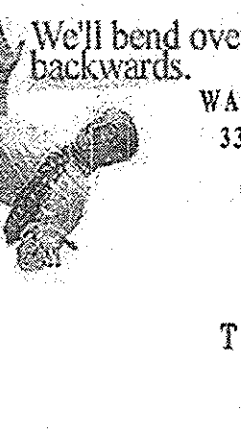
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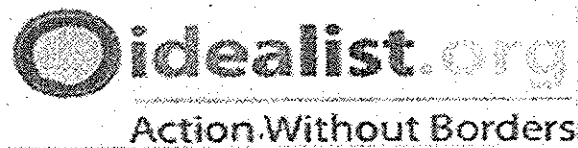
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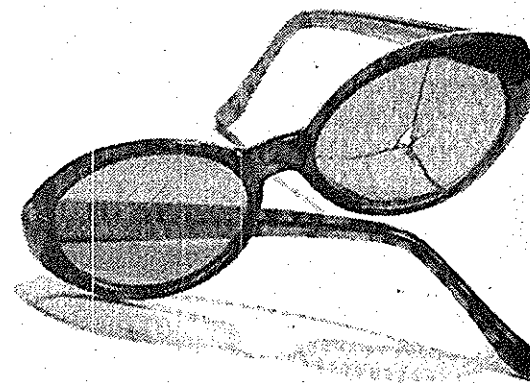


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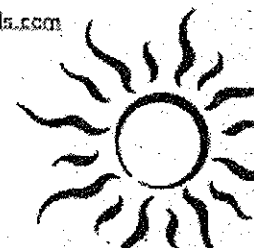
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OUR SIDE

YSU should keep Serowik around

By erring on the side of fairness and offering forensics professor Joseph Serowik a non-tenure track position, Youngstown State University officials made the right decision.

The allegations against the suspended Cleveland crime lab technician are enormously serious.

In 1988, a 22-year-old Cleveland man named Michael Green was tried and convicted of rape. Serowik testified in the trial that hair and blood samples found at the scene of the crime were very similar to Green's hair and blood type. In a time before DNA testing, Serowik testified there was a 1 in 40,000 chance the hair came from somebody other than Green. He also testified blood found at the scene matched Green's and was found in only 16 percent of the male population.

In 2001, Green was set free, exonerated by new DNA evidence. Experts hired by Green's defense team said Serowik's testimony in the 1988 trial was flawed. Green then filed a lawsuit against the city of Cleveland, settling last June for \$1.6 million under the condition that Serowik's work be reviewed.

In August, YSU hired Serowik as a tenure track full-time assistant professor with the caveat that he remains in good standing as an expert witness. He had previously worked as a part-time professor for the last 11 years.

If it turns out Serowik purposefully or negligently gave bad testimony in the Green trial, he should absolutely lose his job at YSU.

However, the review of his cases has not yet been completed and in America a person is innocent until proven otherwise.

The bulk of the allegations leveled against Serowik come from Green's defense team. After settling a \$1.6 million lawsuit, the city of Cleveland needed to hold someone accountable, and Serowik, fairly or unfairly, proved a fine scapegoat.

Also, a columnist with an agenda, not an objective reporter, penned some of the most damning stories about the case and Serowik's involvement.

That columnist, the Cleveland Plain Dealer's Connie Shultz, recently won the Pulitzer Prize for her work last year, including a piece titled "Another slap in face of justice" about Serowik's hire at YSU. That column suggested YSU should not have offered a tenure track position to Serowik because of his testimony.

A Pulitzer Prize winning commentary about university hiring practices is not the type of publicity YSU wants or needs.

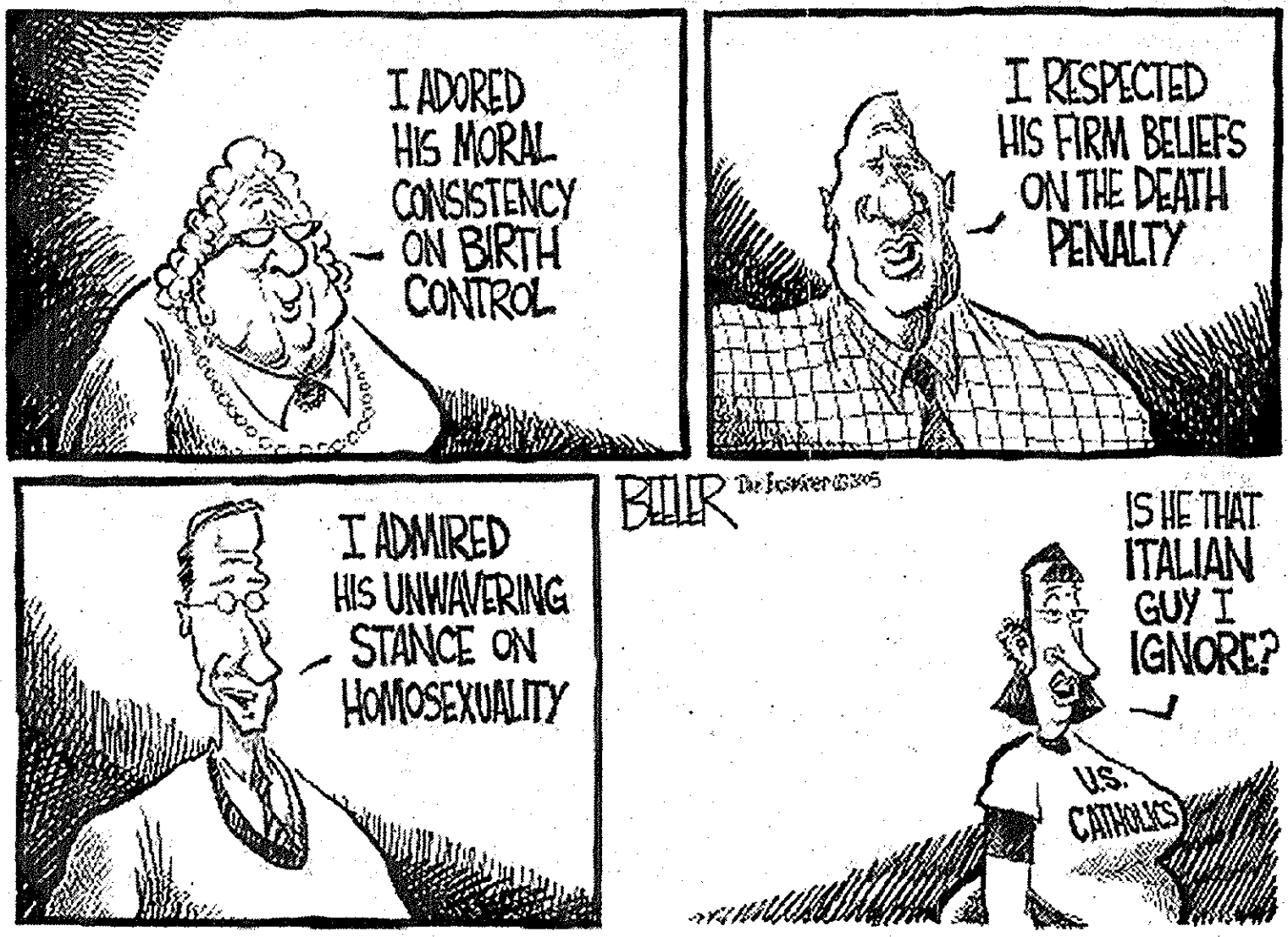
Still, if the review of Serowik's past work comes out clean, he should definitely remain employed as a professor of forensics. Hopefully the review will soon be completed. Until then, the university should keep him around. It's the fair thing to do.

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The WORLD REACTS to the POPE'S DEATH



Leonard Crist...



declares total thermo-nuclear war...

In the waning days of this spring semester, I find I have little motivation to do much of anything, let alone declare total thermo-nuclear war week after week. Writer's block, apathy, sunny days and 12-page term papers all combine to form an effective nuclear deterrent.

Though laziness is appealing, an absence of longer than two weeks would be an indication that my College Republican opposition has won (through whispers and hearsay, I gather they don't like me much). Not wanting to disappoint

This week: On Coca-Cola

anyone, I will keep on trucking. A few topics jump out at me.

I could write an I-told-you-so style column regarding the recent pre-Iraq war intelligence report that showed Bush is a big f---k up and all the intelligence was dead wrong. But to be quite honest, I'm tired of criticizing ODB — of Dubya Bush. It gets to a point where it's like I'm reciting a list: "...reason number 734 why the president is a tool..."

Or I could write something about the Pope and how his narrow sighted view of the world barred the use of condoms as a means to prevent AIDS — and babies — because some passage in the Bible mentions not spilling your "seed." However, we already covered that in a Jambar editorial last week, pissing off regular letter writer Joe Issue in the process (see Letters to the Editor below).

But what's really been bugging me for some time now is the

all-Coca-Cola status of our fair campus.

Youngstown State University has a long-term contract with Coca-Cola that says in exchange for exclusively selling Coca-Cola's soft drinks (read: Sprite, Minute Maid, Nestea) on campus, YSU gets new scoreboards, money and other fun things. The current contract expires in 2014; YSU first became a Coke campus in 1994.

This is a completely common occurrence. Many colleges, universities and high schools have exclusive contracts with Coca-Cola or Pepsi. Still, exclusive soft-drink contracts subvert capitalism. There are anti-trust laws in place that block monopolies and break them up when they gain enough market share to undermine competition. Exclusive contracts are just monopolies on a smaller scale.

Chris Cole, manager of Peaberry's Cafe in Kilcawley Center, an independent business

that contracts with the university, said his cafe is forbidden from selling any beverage that would compete with Coca-Cola products. He said it would be nice to be able to offer other soft drinks to students and in fact, the Peaberry's location in Canfield does not sell Coke products. He said occasionally students ask for Pepsi, but most people understand YSU is a Coke campus.

I, for one, prefer the crisp sweet taste of Royal Crown Cola. I'm not the only one who isn't a huge fan of Coke.

A growing number of student protest groups have formed on Coke campuses nationwide, pressing for boycotts and urging their schools to pull out of their contracts because of the company's unethical practices overseas. The foremost accusation against Coke revolves around the alleged role

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pope editorial unfounded

I was distressed by the attitudes of an editorial published against Pope John Paul II. It saddens me that someone who does not understand the religion or the teachings would write an article such as this. The pope advocated the stop of HIV/AIDS by promoting abstinence, which has been proven as the only way to prevent the spread, so why blame the pope for the spread of AIDS? The pope was more than a religious leader; he was a political powerhouse. If you have never taken a political science class, I would wager you would not know that. It was his statements that led to the fall of communism and to bad mouth him with such utter disrespect is sickening. Many Catholics and other people of many religions are upset at the statements made by this editorial because this pope has sought to unite all religions. I feel the author, who did not sign their name, was trying to state that they are afraid of this Pope because he sought to make all religions united instead of the divide that has split us. That is why all world religions have honored him for his achievements, and the president and the delegations went over because they honor his achievements in a political sense, not just a religious sense. You do not understand the Catholic faith, and that is fine, but your ignorance does not give you an excuse. Faith and religion are not supposed to be easy, and Catholics are not the only religion out there that has a belief of anti-gay rights, or against abortion, or against pre-marital sex. Why do you not just sum up your words and say, "I hate religion?" At least then we would see exactly what you are trying to state. I have admired this Pope because of his resolve to stick to tradition, which is the building block of our faith, which is centered on Jesus Christ and the Almighty God. I am sorry you do not agree with Catholics, yet I will pray you learn the error of your words because they are talking about something that

you seem to not have an objective reasoning to. You blame Catholics for the problems of the world, yet you do not realize that religion is not about changing the rules to fit you, it is about changing you to fit the rules. What is the point of believing in a God that forgives, when you want to change the rules to say that you can do no wrong?

— Joe Issue

Diversity Council bulletin board inappropriate

Editor,
This is the simple description provided for the Student Diversity Council (from Student Organizations link at YSU.edu): "To promote an awareness of the different on-campus cultures and celebrate the contributions that these cultures make to our campus, our community, and our great country."
As for the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity, its commitment to diversity mentions the "...need to actively oppose all discriminatory practices and to develop and support organizations that reflect and empower diverse perspectives."
Via a bulletin board in Kilcawley Center, the Student Diversity Council invited everyone to give a personal opinion on whether or not students with disabilities receive unfair advantages due to the accommodations they are given.
This is, at best, completely inappropriate. It does not matter who thinks it unfair! Moreover, the law requires accommodations of this nature.
I am sorry for anyone who took this act personally, for inviting discrimination in this manner does little to broaden our horizons.

— Alvin E. Crawford III

Ebay article uninformed

Editor,
I read your article and as someone that has been buying and selling on eBay for more than six years, I feel I should address a few things that you pointed out.
Anthony Roscoe's story could have had an unhappy ending, but he eventually got results (or so I gathered, the ending of his story wasn't very clear). Despite your description of eBay as a "shady outpost for online scammers," Roscoe seemed to be dealing with a record store that was using eBay for its online marketplace (many businesses do this). Your article made it sound like some 12-year-old ripoff artist living in his parents' basement was scamming people with the lure of obscure CDs.
Without using eBay (and PayPal), Anthony would not have any record of his purchase.
This is why eBay is much safer than buying items through mail order or newspapers ads: it gives you a complete record of your purchase. And if eBay isn't giving you enough with their insurance policy, you can always sue the person who ripped you off for fraud. Oh, and Roscoe should really look into the services he is using, such as PayPal.
There is no way for someone to get your credit card information through PayPal; this is one of the major benefits of the service.
It simply acts as a middleman between your checking account or credit card and another person or business.
Your piece on eBay came off as an uninformed editorial rather than an informative article. In the future I hope that you will look at the other side of things when doing exposes such as this one.

— Bob Mackey
Junior, English



HEADLINES

► *Royal wedding*
 After postponing their wedding out of respect for the pope, Prince Charles and HRH the Duchess of Cornwall were married at St. George's Chapel in Windsor Castle on Saturday.

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YOUNGSTOWN

53rd annual Greek Sing gave reason to shout

Youngstown State University fraternities and sororities put on a show Saturday night at Stambaugh Auditorium

By Christina Poe
 The Jambar

The crowd erupted in cheers as Prince Ali waded to the crowd as he rode onto the stage atop an elephant amidst music, the genie of the lamp and dancing harem — guys.

Sigma Tau Gamma's performance of "Prince Ali" from Disney's Aladdin was just one of many at Youngstown State University's Greek Sing Saturday night in Stambaugh Auditorium.

The sororities traded in their shoes for spurs during their country routine while the men transformed themselves into various Disney characters.

Janice Baker came to support her son Chris and said all the Greeks' hard work was paying off.

"Everybody deserves such a hand," Baker said.

"You can see the heart they put into this."

The younger Baker, a freshman and member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, said his fraternity's hard work with singing and choreography was worthwhile.

Baker, who was one of the members who literally flipped over a push broom in the group's performance of "Chim Chim Chere" from Mary Poppins, added it was fun to watch the different performances.

Freshman Julie Bush, member of Zeta Tau Alpha

sorority, had a Texas-sized grin after her group's performance of a country music medley, including Shania Twain's "Man I Feel Like a Woman" and "Save a Horse, Ride a Cowboy" by Big and Rich.

Bush said she "had a blast" working with her fellow members and felt their many practices paid off.

"It was all around fun," Bush said.

"Everyone contributed. It was really a team effort."

Barb Zorn, Bush's aunt and a YSU alumnus, said the event made her regret not joining the Greek system when she was in college.

Zorn said the groups looked like they were having a great time and said their good vibes rubbed off on the crowd.

"You can't help but feel how contagious it is," Zorn said.

Zorn added that Greek Sing shows people the sororities and fraternities are not just about partying, but about serving their community as well.

Junior Todd Diehl, whose fraternity Sigma Chi also sang selections from Aladdin, said the competition is a fun one every year.

Diehl added that although it was a contest between the Greeks, his group sought to showcase their "good sense of humor."

"We don't do it for the awards, we do it to have fun," Diehl said.



Sing and shout

Hats and confetti flew Saturday when members of Delta Zeta Sorority finished their act at YSU's 53rd annual Greek Sing held in Stambaugh Auditorium. The sorority sisters danced as they performed country songs including "Save a Horse, Ride a Cowboy" and "Man, I Feel Like a Woman." (Jambar photo by Chuck Rogers).

Sigma Alpha Epsilon swept the competition in the fraternity section, with Sigma Tau Gamma riding on their

magic carpet to a close second. For the girls, Zeta Tau Alpha won and Alpha Omega Pi scooted into the second

place slot with their renditions of Gretchen Wilson's "Redneck Woman" and "Here For the Party."

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The great elevator debate

By Cheryl Thompson
 The Jambar

It is 8:58 a.m. A 9 a.m. class waits on the third floor of DeBartolo Hall.

With only two minutes to spare, you debate whether to take the stairs or to wait for the elevator during one of the busiest times of the day.

It is hot out, and the book bag you are lugging around seems to get heavier with every step and your feet are hurting; the elevator wins.

After punching the "up" button, you wait. As it finally arrives, the car is loaded with people and no one is leaving. Again, you wait, looking at the row of small floor number tiles above the carriage. Only one is lit, and it stays that way.

Some opt for the stairs after waiting a while. Not you. You would rather stick it out. Patience is a virtue and you have already invested plenty of time into this waiting game. The student next to you goes over and hits the "up" button again.

At last an empty elevator arrives. You and two other students silently board.

And then that sinking feeling, literally: you are going down instead of up. First stop, the basement. Two more students get on.

Then up, back to the first floor. For all of this, you could have just stayed and waited. The last passenger boards. The student near the buttons hits the already lit circles, hoping to speed up the ride. One last stop. One of the students picked up in the basement wants off on the second floor. He exits. The buttons are hit again. Finally, you reach your destination. You are one minute late.

There are many elevators on campus, 48 to be exact, from the small frigid car in Ward Beecher Hall to the bright orange carriages in DeBartolo. Many are willing to wait for elevators, although a Jambar investigation determined that taking the stairs would be quicker in many instances.

A reporter waited with students to see how long they would linger for the eleva-

ELEVATOR VS. STAIRS

Building	Elevator	Stairs
Beeghly Hall	1 minute 8 seconds	44 seconds
Bliss Hall	38 seconds	22 seconds
Williamson	48 seconds	56 seconds

tors in DeBartolo and Cushwa Halls. Elevators often seem like the quicker, easier alternative to taking the stairs.

In DeBartolo, taking the stairs from the basement to the fifth floor takes approximately one minute and 13 seconds on a Wednesday around 2:30 p.m., half an hour before classes start and 20 minutes before they let out. The elevator took only about 14 seconds. So the elevator was quicker.

However, this was while class was in session. During the elevator rush — that period of time right before classes start when everyone wants to get on the elevators — it can take more than 2-and-a-half minutes to get from the first floor to the third floor.

Michael Orto, who is in charge of elevator maintenance on campus, said how long the elevator takes depends on the people to elevator ratio.

"In buildings such as Bliss and Beeghly Hall, there is only one elevator. [They] can have a long wait time," says Orto.

So if it takes longer, why do some students wait? The reasons vary from heavy book bags to uncomfortable shoes, but sometimes it is narrowed down to simple laziness.

Freshman Stephanie Redman said she waits for the elevators because even though it takes more time, it is easier than climbing up the stairs. Pointing down to her boots with two-inch heels, she said there is no way she is taking the steps.

Other students said they do not like waiting and give up after only a few seconds.

Sophomore Erin Richardson stood in the corner of the elevator in DeBartolo Hall, riding from the first to the second floors. Although she said she rarely takes



The ride is quicker, but the wait could be longer than taking the steps. If you are worried about being late for class, walking might be a safer bet than taking the elevator during peak hours. (Jambar photo-illustration by Chuck Rogers)

the elevator and would not wait long, she said she took it because she was feeling lazy.

Another student, freshman Jeannette Rowe, said she would wait for the elevator, but only for a half a minute, unless she was feeling really tired that day.

"Most of the time it's definitely quicker to take the stairs, I don't like to stand around and watch the buttons," she said.

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criminal justice department say he has accomplished this, and has continued to work with the Mahoning County Court of Common Pleas. They add it is unfair he be known simply for something that happened years ago.

"To define a person's 17-year history by one thing that happened when they had a two-year history, well, I question the fairness of that," Serowik said, adding that his union representatives in Cleveland are arbitrating his termination by the city of Cleveland.

"I am confident the arbitration will overturn the termination," he said.

The professor said this specific case is one of thousands he has worked on in cooperation with the Cuyahoga Court of Common Pleas. He added that he has done more than just testimony on lab work, citing crime scene analysis, creating protocols for departments and doing research in the sex crime and homicide departments as a good portion of his body of work.

Conser also spoke of the assistant professor, saying there is no question Serowik's presence in the department is welcome and "pleasing." The interim chair said Serowik's field-work and experience is something they wanted to bring to the classroom and the students in order to advance their knowledge of the field.

"I think he is known as a hard-worker, knowledgeable and committed to the program," Conser said. "He is dedicated to the advancement

of the field."

Bowers said Serowik will be offered a non-tenure track position for the upcoming academic year. Still, Serowik said the news his contract would not be renewed still stung.

"It caught me by surprise," Serowik said. "From the very beginning my whole goal was to put what happened in Cleveland behind me. I hoped to be evaluated on what I did here instead of what happened in Cleveland."

He added, "I do totally understand, however, the dean's reasoning to do that. I have no animosity toward that."

Conser said he would rather focus on the outcomes of the situation, and said he is pleased he will be able to tap Serowik's resources in the upcoming academic year. He listed a number of objectives both he and Serowik are aiming for in the future of the forensic science program. One of the top is making changes to the curriculum in order to make it more concurrent with the objectives set by the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, one of the leading accreditation agencies in that field.

Serowik also added that he would like to improve and update the laboratory space for students to have a more "in-depth" laboratory experience.

"Though sometimes I think my main objective should be getting through the day," Serowik said with a laugh.

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supervisors of the class. She said her students have to plan the activities for the preschool children. The experience is beneficial because her students get a hands-on experience.

Students say while fun, sometimes it is hard to plan the assignments. "Assignments are time consuming and sometimes it is hard finding material to keep the kids busy," senior Tali Williams said. Lisa Moser is a teacher employed by the county and said having the college students in the classroom helps them later in their career.

"The students are provided with opportunities to teach," she said. Raubenstraw said she had students who never wanted to teach preschool and changed their minds because of this experience.

"It is the basis for all their learning and they found out how critical it is," she said.

This particular site is also known as the Little Penguins Child Study Center. The preschool students at the YSU site are inner-city children.

The state funded Headstart Program also provides services for preschool students with disabilities. In the classroom there is the instructor, the college student, the teacher for the disabled and a couple supervisors.

The preschool students walk to different places on campus, Raubenstraw said. They have taken field trips to the greenhouse, planetarium and the Butler Art Museum. They have more opportunities to explore than the students at the other preschool sites, Raubenstraw.

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arrived at the house, occupied by 11 people, they saw flames in the first- and second-story windows.

"Nobody understood what was happening until we saw the huge flames coming from the house," said Muna Osman, 21, a Miami student who lives next door. "It was terrible, just terrible. The smoke was thick and white, and it just covered everything."

Classes were in session Monday, but school president Jim Garland asked faculty to be sensitive to students' needs. "We are doing everything we can to help and provide

support to the families and friends of the victims, but this is a tragedy that is touching everyone in the university," Garland said in a statement Sunday.

Two students, Julia Turnbull, 21, of Milford, Ohio, and Kathryn Welling, 21, of Bronxville, N.Y., died of carbon monoxide.

The cause of death had not been determined for Stephen Smith, 22, of Bethesda, Md. All three bodies were burned beyond recognition, Butler County Coroner Richard Burkhardt said.

Turnbull and Welling were

found in second-floor bedrooms, Fire Chief Len Endress said. Smith was found near the front door.

Two residents were released after treatment at McCullough-Hyde Hospital.

Investigators believe seven residents and four guests were in the house when the fire started and someone awakened by a smoke detector called 911, Endress said.

Fire officials wanted to interview survivors Monday, he said.

All four people on the first floor left the house safely, he said. Three of the seven on the

second floor got out through a fire escape and one jumped out a window. He stumbled to a nearby hospital emergency room.

"A guy jumped out of a second-story window and walked straight into the hospital, head down, a nasty cut on his leg," said a witness, Alli Davis, 18.

The roof of the two-story, brick house partially collapsed. The house is in a neighborhood of older homes surrounded by large trees a few blocks from campus.

It took firefighters 90 minutes to bring the fire under con-

trol. "It looked like the house had wings of flame, almost," said Jesse Gerulis, a Miami sophomore who lives nearby.

About a dozen people stopped in front of the house Sunday evening. They propped flowers up against a utility pole and gathered in a circle, some crying, and bowed their heads in prayer.

Tyler Rand, 19, a Miami student from Columbus, said he played on the school's club rugby team with some of the house's residents.

"I care a lot for these guys, and it's just unfortunate," he said.

Oxford is a college town of 22,000 about 30 miles northwest of Cincinnati. The last major house fire involving Miami students was in November 2000, when 50 people were evacuated from the Sigma Chi house and one was hospitalized.

In a fire two years ago, three Ohio University and two Ohio State students died in a three-story house near the Ohio State campus in Columbus after a birthday party. Authorities labeled that fire as arson, but charges against one person were dropped because of a lack of evidence.

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sets 6-1, 6-1. Nicole Mezuchuk also took her match to three sets with Amy Inman of Detroit.

Mezuchuk pulled away to win the match 7-5, 6-7, 10-7. Emily Thayer took the winning mark in No. 6 singles

for YSU when she defeated Ashley Cummins of Detroit, 6-3, 6-1. The No. 1 doubles match

ended in the only match victory for Detroit on the afternoon. The team of Smith and Savorino of UDM defeated the Penguin tandem of Najbert and Peretti, 9-7. In No. 2 doubles, Thomas

and Michelle Fuleky of YSU earned the win against Butler and Cummins, 8-2. The senior/freshman duo of Hagood and Thayer won at No. 3 doubles for the Penguins. The two won in a

shut out 8-0 against Inman and Rachel Merritt of UDM.

Up next for the YSU women's tennis team is the University of Illinois-Chicago, at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 16 at the YSU Tennis Courts.

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Coca-Cola played in the murder of several union members at bottling plants in Columbia. Coke, of course, denies responsibility for the killings but has not called for an independent investigation.

In India, a chorus of disapproval has grown increasingly louder over Coca-Cola's production practices there. Local bottlers in need of water to make Coke have drained public groundwater, leaving the surrounding farming communities dry and barren.

K.J. Satrum, YSU's executive director of student services, admitted she did not look into any of the ethical issues surrounding the Coca-Cola Company when she helped negotiate the most recent contract last summer.

There's also the argument that Coke and Pepsi and Faygo and RC and every other kind of sugar water is bad because they offer no nutritional value and are filled with empty calories. Some people claim soda

is one of the biggest reasons America is suffering through an obesity epidemic and public institutions have no business promoting such unhealthy beverages. This is probably true, however, I like Mountain Dew and diet pop tastes like crap. I don't subscribe to this argument.

YSU absolutely benefits from their exclusive contract with Coke. The university will receive around \$1 million from the company over the course of the current 10-year contract. If Pepsi had made a better offer last year, we'd be a Pepsi school right now and I'd be complaining about how I can't get Mr. Pibb on campus. But what it all boils down to is choice. Essentially, the university has said, "We value a little bit of extra income more than we value student choice, free market economics or ethical decision making."

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He served three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives beginning in 1972. In 1977, he was appointed U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations by President Carter. Five years after his appointment, Mr. Young was elected mayor of Atlanta and served until 1989. Among his many accomplishments in that office, he helped bring the 1996 Summer Olympics to Atlanta and acted as co-chair of the Centennial Olympic Games.

In 1994, Mr. Young was appointed by President Clinton to head the Southern Africa Enterprise Development Fund, which manages \$100-million in private funds to assist developing businesses in 11 countries.

Mr. Young, an ordained minister, was president of the National Council of Churches from 2000-2001. He also was appointed by the Secretary of Defense to serve on the National Security Study Group.

A top aide to Martin Luther King, Jr. during the civil rights movement, Mr. Young currently serves on the board of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center of Non-Violent Social Change.

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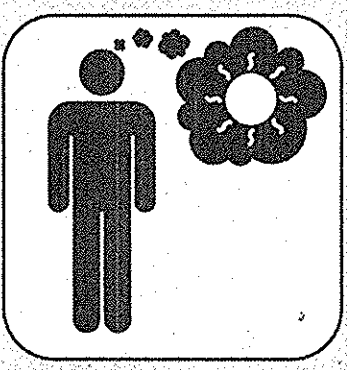
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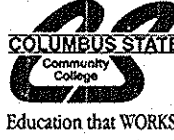
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day before the greatest sustained run in the history of major championship golf ended with his defeat at the British Open. By the time the PGA Championship rolled around a few weeks later, the promise Woods made in his first victory speech — that he would get better — was ringing in his ears with an unsatisfying echo.

He and his coach, Butch Harmon, had been together since Woods was a 17-year-old, but he put Harmon at arm's length, determined to delve further into the mysteries of the swing on his own. It seemed like an inexplicably rash decision at the time, considering they had won three consecutive U.S. Amateurs and eight majors together — including 7 of 11 during that sublime run — and extensively rebuilt Woods' swing once already.

A Golf Digest writer described it this way — "like Michelangelo going back to chisel a more impressive six-pack on David" — and when Woods' winless streak extended to 10 majors, it seemed like he had destroyed the masterpiece that was once his swing.

In public, Woods parried critics with the promise "I'm close." In private, he had begun working with Haney, who was coaching his close pal, Mark O'Meara, but wouldn't acknowledge they were teacher and student until March 2004. That Woods did so at the start of what would be his worst season as a professional only made things worse.

Haney is the rare teacher who works backward, tracing the flight of a shot back to the clubhouse. What he and Woods settled on was devising a swing that was flatter and wider, hoping to produce a

longer, more consistent path through the hitting zone. But the results, at least at first, were neither consistent nor encouraging.

"Frustration," Haney said, standing on the lawn behind the Augusta clubhouse, "is not something I really sensed, except for short periods of time. It never lasted more than a few minutes or a few hours. But he never asked me how long it would take him to get it. He just kept pushing forward."

Both of them sensed something special was in the offing when Woods won at Doral five weeks ago, much more so than his shaky early-season win at the Buick Invitational. And even though Woods started the Masters with a first-round 74 — the lowlight was a putt for eagle that rolled off the 13th green and into Rae's Creek — nei-

ther he nor Haney ever panicked. As it turned out, with good reason.

Woods made seven birdies in the rain-interrupted second round, then a record-tying seven straight and nine in all in his third round, also halved by rain. Between the nines that made up the second round, caddie Steve Williams parked himself and Woods' bag beneath the clubhouse veranda Saturday afternoon with a wide smile creasing his face.

"He's got it now, mate," he said about Woods' new swing. "That's what it looks like."

It couldn't have looked any more beautiful through the rest of Saturday, or the completion of the third round early Sunday morning, when it appeared Woods had put away DiMarco and the rest of the field. Maybe the old Tiger would have put his foot on

their throats and never looked back. Instead, he produced stunning bogeys at Nos. 17 and 18, abandoning nearly everything he and Haney had worked on for so long. Instead of trust, or overpowering skill, Woods had to find his way home this time on little besides guts.

"But at least I got into a playoff," he said. "At least, I didn't lose it on the last hole. Got into a playoff and I hit — for some reason — I hit two of the best shots I had hit all week. The 3-wood was perfect. I felt so good over that shot when I hit it, and all of a sudden the 8-iron in there was flushed."

None of it surprised Haney. Not the sustained brilliance for most of Friday, all of Saturday, and all but the last two holes of regulation on Sunday. Not the two perfect shots that preceded the birdie

putt in the playoff, and especially not the way Woods fought through that valley of doubt to find his swing on the other side.

"His ball-striking left him on 17 and 18," the teacher said. "But in the end, I'd always say it's about heart. The golf swing is something you don't get and have, but he's getting closer and closer." Woods wasn't so sure.

Reminded about all those times he said "I'm close," Woods was asked whether he was back to being the seemingly invincible player who pounded the game into submission just a few years ago.

"You never arrive," he said. "If you do, you might as well quit."

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2-6) found a way to withstand the Detroit rally that began in the top of the fifth inning.

Down by four runs, 5-1, the Detroit Titans (10-12, 3-2) were looking for a spark to ignite the scoring. That spark came off the bat of Anna Ollgaard who shot a single down the right field line to bring home Sarah Dickey making the score 5-2 in favor of YSU.

With two down in the top of the fifth, Detroit's Michelle Baggio bombed a 3-run home-run to center field bringing in Ollgaard and Katrina Klemp who reached on a walk earlier in the inning.

After Baggio's 3-run shot that knotted the game at 5, the ensuing at-bat for YSU in the bottom of the fifth proved to

be the game winner.

Jamie Fornal, pinch hitting for Kelli Sheibly, singled and drove home Lacy Bronson to give the Penguins the winning run.

Bronson lead the Penguins at the plate going 2-3 with a single in the third inning and a single in bottom of the fifth. Bronson also scored twice.

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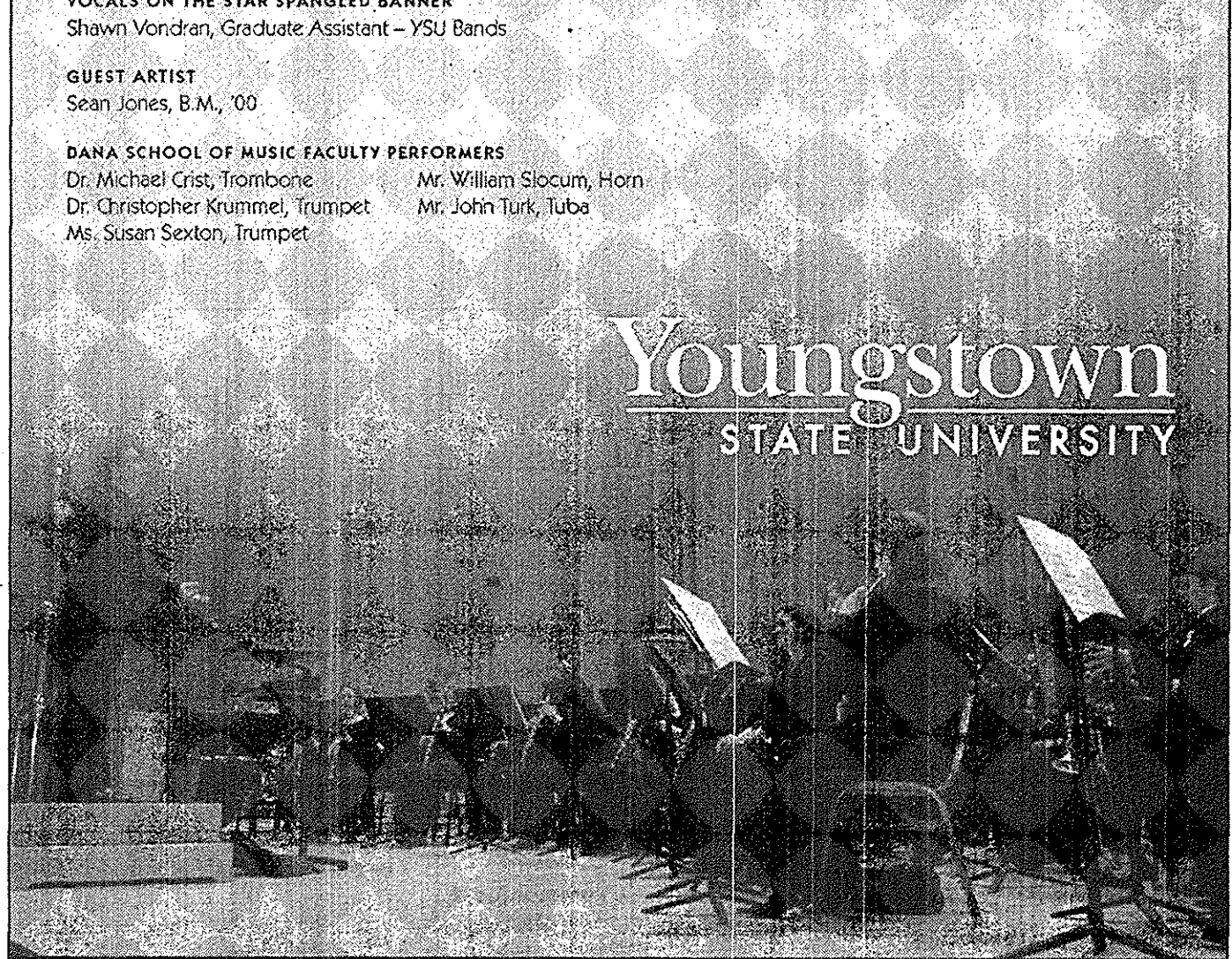
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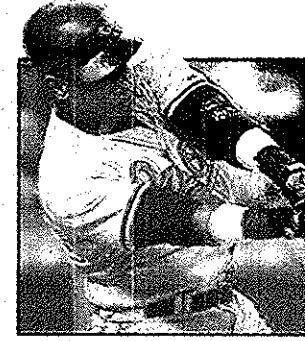


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HEADLINES



← *Gordon rolls to victory*
Jeff Gordon won the Advance Auto Parts 500 on Sunday.
→ *Sosa: I'll be done before 40*
Sammy Sosa said he will retire from baseball before his 40th birthday, even if he falls short of his goal of reaching 700 career home runs.



YSU

YSU kicks off spring practices

The team has a great deal of experience returning and has some new faces on the coaching staff

By Justin Smolkovich
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University football team took to Stambaugh Stadium this past Wednesday to kick off spring practices. Unlike most years where Northeastern Ohio weather is unpredictable at best, this year's practices started off picturesque in temperatures in the upper 70s.

The weather was not the only promising aspect as players said their hopes and expectations are higher than ever.

"A lot of guys' attitudes have been kicked up a notch," senior wide receiver Kyle Smith said in a pre-practice press conference Wednesday afternoon.

Smith alluded to the fact that Penguins seniors are running out of time in making their playoff dreams come true.

"We're a team that has a lot of seniors and a lot of guys who are ready to do that," Smith said.

"It's time to go now because there's not much time left for me or any of those other seniors."

Along with a beefed up attitude, the Penguins have made moves this winter in the coaching ranks.

Former offensive coordinator John Klacik accepted the position of head coach at his alma mater of Lock Haven, leaving a vacancy on the staff.

The position was filled when YSU quarterback coach Brian Wright was handed the reigns of the Penguin offense.

With a change in coach-

ing, the Penguins said they feel that while many aspects will remain, the offense will have a few new wrinkles in the play-book.

Senior lineman John Bartos said he, along with the rest of the team, are eager to accept the responsibility of doing whatever it takes to win ball games.

"Whatever we have to do to win more games this year is what we are going to do," Bartos said.

Bartos also said he has no problems with Wright going to the air more to spread defenses out.

"Coach Wright wants to open it up a little bit more. He wants to pass the ball, which in my opinion is a good thing. With the receivers and the quarterbacks we have that's what we should do," Bartos said.

Penguins defensive back Jason Perry said with the departure of many defensive Penguins, the team needs to have players step up and take the roles of leaders.

"Losing Mike Bracken and the seniors on the defensive line, we are going to be real young."

"That's where we need someone on the team to step up and really help the coaches out."

"Coaches spend a lot of hours going over game plans, but it's the players who do the little things on the field that count," Perry said.

The Penguins are allotted 15 practices before summer camp begins in August.

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YOUNGSTOWN



Game, set, match

The YSU women's tennis team downed Detroit 7-0 in a Saturday match at YSU Tennis Courts. Junior Whitney Thomas (above) and partner Michelle Fuleky took doubles first-place honors. Thomas also took second place in singles competition. (Jambar photo by Chuck Rogers)

Tennis squad remains perfect

With their shutout over Detroit, YSU is 5-0 in the Horizon League

By Shawn Buskirk
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University women's tennis team continued its winning streak with a 7-0 shut out of the University of Detroit Titans on Friday at the YSU tennis courts.

The team improves its Horizon League play to a mark of 5-0 and 10-8 overall. Detroit falls to 1-3 in league play and 10-10 overall.

The team was perfect in singles play, taking all six matches. YSU won two of three in doubles.

For the Penguins, it was Karen Najbert getting the win at No. 1 singles in straight sets 6-2, 6-2 against Holly Smith.

At No. 2 singles for YSU Whitney Thomas was also victorious taking on the Titan's Bianco Savorino 6-2, 6-2.

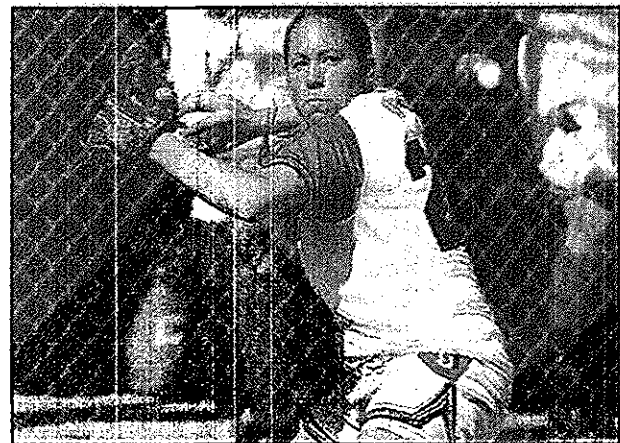
Heather Hagood rallied in the third set of her match with UDM's Andrea Buter to win 6-2, 4-6, 14-12 in No. 3 singles.

In No. 4 singles action, Gina Peretti defeated Stephanie Hill in straight

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CANFIELD

Softball team gets much needed win after sweep



The Penguins finished Saturday's double-header against the Detroit scoreless, but redeemed themselves Sunday with a 6-5 victory. Third baseman Lacey Hess fires the off the ball that would take the Titans' Anna Olegard out at first in the second inning of Saturday's second game. (Jambar photo by Chuck Rogers)

The Youngstown State University softball team defeated the University of Detroit 6-5 in a game Sunday at McCune Park in Canfield.

The team bounced back after getting swept by

Detroit in a double header on Saturday. The Titans shut out YSU in both games on Saturday, 6-0 and 1-0.

The Penguins (14-20,

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COMMENTARY

Woods 'just kept pushing forward' in win

By Jim Litke
Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — The lesson doesn't begin until the pupil has hit two dozen or so full shots down the range, two pairs of eyes tracking the flight of each ball as one.

Few people would dare keep Tiger Woods waiting for five seconds, let alone five minutes. But Hank Haney never hurries. If the two men have learned anything over the 13 months they've collaborated on remaking the most scrutinized golf swing on the planet, it is this: Some things cannot be rushed.

"More than anything," Woods said after surviving a playoff with Chris

DiMarco to win his fourth Masters, "it's validation of all the hard work I've put into it. Hank and I have put some serious hours into this and, you know, I read some of the articles over the past year of him getting ripped."

"And I'm getting ripped for all the changes I'm making," he added, "and to play as beautifully as I did this entire week is pretty cool."

The story of this championship is less about vindication than the steadfastness and heart only real champions possess. It began in the wind and sideways rain at Muirfield when Woods shot 81 in the third round, nearly three years ago, exactly one

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Phil Mickelson helps Tiger Woods put on the green jacket after winning The Masters Sunday. (KRT Campus)