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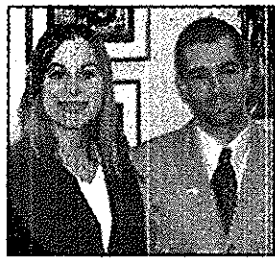
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Young to visit YSU

Andrew Young, former United States ambassador to the United Nations, will visit Youngstown State University Wednesday, April 20 in the Chestnut room of Kilcawley Center. Young, who also served in the United States House of Representatives, will be appearing as part of the Paul J. and Marguerite K. Thomas Colloquium on free enterprise. The lecture is free and open to the public.

J.L. King to speak in Kilcawley

Speaker J.L. King will discuss the crisis of HIV/AIDS in the black community at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 9 in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center. King has appeared on The Oprah Winfrey Show and is a best selling author. King is a national HIV/AIDS prevention activist. For more information contact the Africana Studies Program at (330) 941-3097.

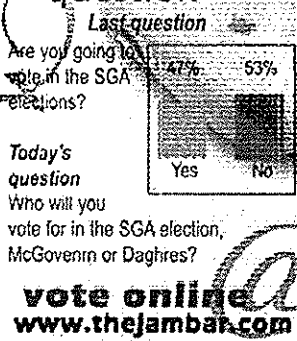
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Vatican: Pope's funeral set for Friday

The funeral is expected to draw up to 2 million people including heads of state from around the world

By Victor L. Simpson
Associated Press

With tens of thousands of pilgrims converging Monday on Rome, the Vatican set the funeral of Pope John Paul II for Friday, with burial in the grotto of St. Peter's Basilica, where pontiffs throughout the ages have been laid to rest.

Chief spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls made the announcement after the College of Cardinals held two meetings over the course of 2 1/2 hours in its first gatherings ahead of a secret vote later this month to elect a successor to John Paul.

The funeral is expected to draw up to 2 million people, including heads of state from around the world. President

Bush and his wife confirmed they would attend, as did Spain's prime minister. Prince Charles put off his wedding to Camilla Parker Bowles for a day so he could attend.

Vatican employees filed silently past the body Monday morning to pay their last respects. Members of the public lined up by the tens of thousands in the glaring sun hours before

the start of a public viewing and a prayer service at St. Peter's Basilica later in the day.

Rome police estimated the crowd stood at 100,000 at 2 p.m.

The spokesman said John Paul's body will be carried briefly through St. Peter's Square later Monday en route to the basilica, where a prayer

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POPE JOHN PAUL II

YSU Candidates debate for second time

Voting for SGA president and vice president begins today

By Bill Rodgers
The Jambar

Hopefuls for the seat of Student Government Association vice president debated their plans for office as well as a number of issues that affect students such as Youngstown State University's accreditation, parking and tuition during a Jambar sponsored SGA debate.

The two vice-presidential candidates were asked what their goals for office were. Amanda Mielke, Bob McGovern's running mate, said she would like to reach out to students on campus through in-class visits to inform them about SGA and collect feedback.

Mielke said SGA representatives from the different colleges would go into classes and inform students in their respective schools about SGA. She also mentioned passing out pamphlets to students that would outline the role of SGA as well as containing contact information for students who wished to talk with SGA members.

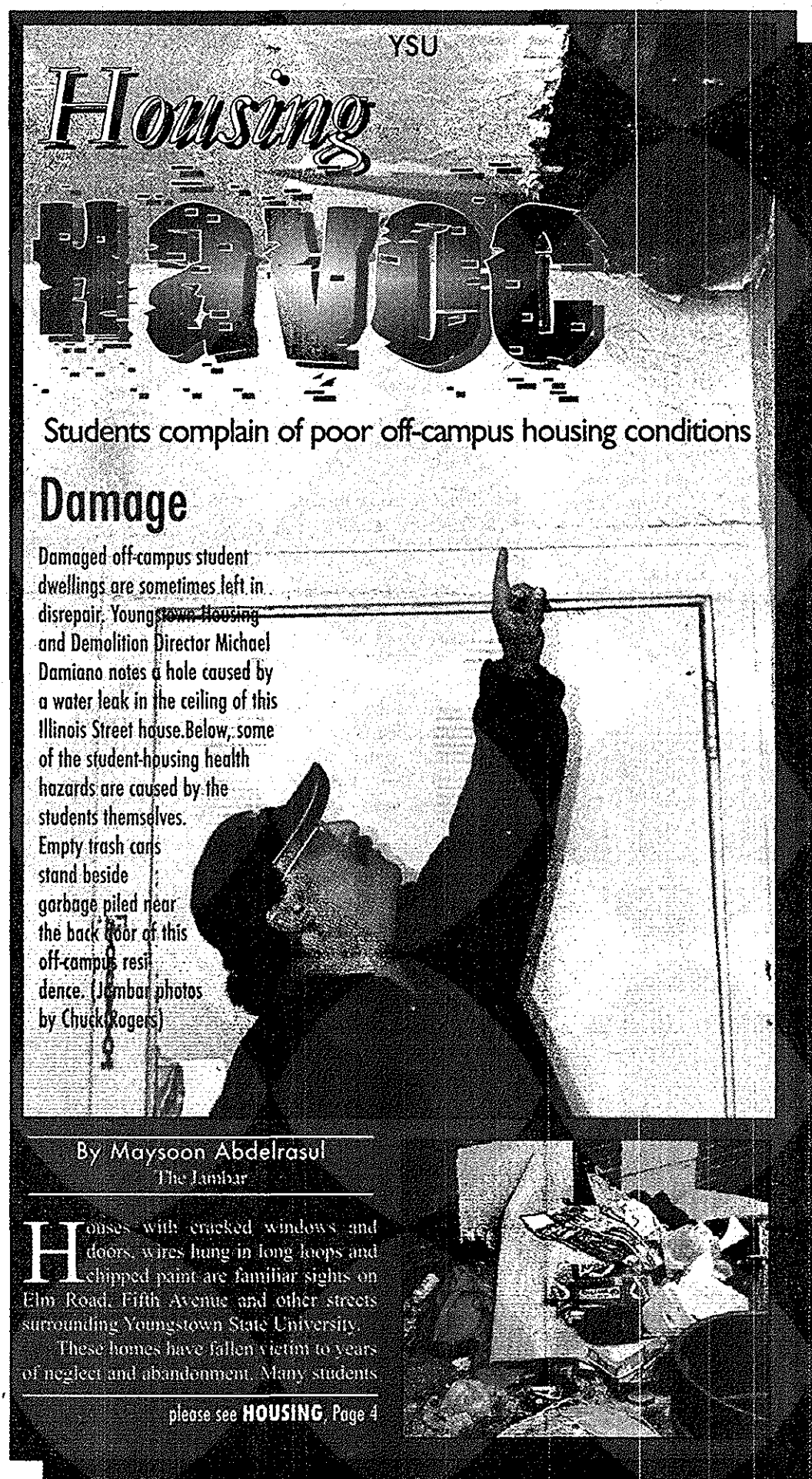
"I want to engage all the students and hear their concerns, not just those that have the time to be involved," Mielke said.

Mielke said she and McGovern would also like to help contact politicians with student concerns about rising tuition costs by creating a government relations committee.

Todd Diehl, Aaron Dagres' running mate, said he and Dagres would also like to visit the classroom, but would also like to hold town hall meetings for students and student organizations on campus, calling it an "open-door" policy.

The candidates argued whether it was necessary to have prior experience on SGA. Mielke, who has served for two years on SGA as a representative and as the secretary of campus life, believed prior experience in SGA was necessary to run the organization.

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Housing Havoc

Students complain of poor off-campus housing conditions

Damage

Damaged off-campus student dwellings are sometimes left in disrepair. Youngstown Housing and Demolition Director Michael Damiano notes a hole caused by a water leak in the ceiling of this Illinois Street house. Below, some of the student-housing health hazards are caused by the students themselves.

Empty trash cans stand beside garbage piled near the back door of this off-campus residence. (Jambar photos by Chuck Rogers)

By Maysoon Abdelrasul
The Jambar

Houses with cracked windows and doors, wires hung in long loops and chipped paint are familiar sights on Elm Road, Fifth Avenue and other streets surrounding Youngstown State University. These homes have fallen victim to years of neglect and abandonment. Many students

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YSU Harvey gives lunar lecture

By Chuck Rogers
The Jambar

Ralph Harvey spends his summers searching the Antarctic wasteland for visitors from outer space. But he is not chasing bug-eyed monsters or little green men; he is looking for rocks—pieces of other planets that have fallen to earth as meteorites.

Harvey, an assistant professor of geology at Case Western Reserve University, is also principal investigator for the Antarctic Search

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Pieces of the moon were available for viewing under the microscope Friday at Ward Beecher Planetarium. Lunar rocks were on display before the presentation by geologist Ralph Harvey about martian meteorites. (Jambar photo by Chuck Rogers)

YSU Criminal justice prof hands in resignation

Joseph Serowik was known for his testimony in a Cleveland rape trial

By Elizabeth Tabak
The Jambar

The criminal justice instructor known for his testimony in a Cleveland rape case has handed in his resignation for his position as an assistant professor.

Joseph Serowik, assistant professor of criminal justice, handed his resignation in March 30 to Interim Provost Bege Bowers. The resignation was issued as a result of an appeal Serowik made when he was not recommended for rehire.

Bowers said Serowik would be offered a non-tenured track position for the upcoming academic year. A non-tenure track position, as outlined in the Youngstown State University-Ohio Education Association agreement, differs from a tenure track in that it does not put an instructor on track to become tenured, and a contract goes from year to year.

Serowik could not be reached for comment, but according to a press release, he plans to accept the position.

Serowik was hired Aug. 9 as a full-time assistant professor of forensic science at YSU. His hiring is now under scrutiny because of his suspension from his position as a Cleveland lab technician. Serowik was suspended because of allegations that he gave erroneous testimony in the 1988 trial of Michael Green.

Green was sent to jail on a rape conviction but was freed in 2001 after DNA testing proved his innocence.

The case became the focus of a federal lawsuit, which the city of Cleveland settled for \$1.6 million in June 2004. The settlement included a stipulation that the city review previous crime cases analyzed by Serowik.

In his initial contract, a clause was included stating he

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"Experience is everything," Mielke said. "My two years of experience were necessary to understand how SGA worked."

Diehl, who served as an SGA representative for two months and as a leader in Greek campus life, questioned the importance of prior SGA leadership, saying it was more important to have leadership skills.

"It helps, but it doesn't qualify one person more than another. It's not as important as leadership skills," Diehl said, citing his leadership in Greek campus life and his running mate's leadership in the military.

"It never hurts to get new blood in an organization," Diehl added.

The question of whether a statewide audit of university spending would help curb rising tuition came up again in the debate as it did in the previous debate.

The candidates were questioned on whether they believed the cost of an audit, which could come out of the education budget, would hurt Ohio students by causing a rise in tuition.

Mielke, whose running mate McGovern went to Columbus with an SGA resolution proposing a statewide audit, said the audit would cost money but would ultimately help students.

"Of course the audit will cost money, but in the end it would promote fiscal responsibility in universities. It will help students in the long run," Mielke said.

"The focus of the issue is that we stood up for [lower tuition]. The legislators loved that we came to Columbus with ideas and not just to com-

plain," Mielke added. Diehl questioned the trip to Columbus.

"We feel that there are better ways to get this done. A proposal for lower tuition starts at home. Students, local politicians, SGA and faculty need to get behind it before we take it," Diehl said.

"I don't think it's pertinent to invest money when cuts are going on," Diehl added.

The two candidates agreed on some issues. Both thought availability of parking was not as much of a problem as it was made out to be. However Mielke said parking needed to be closer to campus and YSU needed to promote easier access to parking. Diehl said unifying parking was a great idea and that the Lincoln Deck should be renovated.

Both candidates said they were not sure why the student-run radio station McGovern pushed for, The WYRE, was not a success. They agreed a student radio station was a novel idea.

Mielke questioned Dages and Diehl's suggestion of building two new dormitories on campus, saying the dorms YSU owns now are only 84 percent full.

But she agreed that Diehl's suggestion of bringing YSU's Greek housing closer to campus, as part of a "Greek Row," was a good idea. She said a Greek Row had been discussed before, but was currently on a standstill.

The topic of YSU's accreditation possibly being in jeopardy because of too many part-time faculty members was discussed and both candidates said they had respect for part-time faculty members and would like to see them stay. They said, however, YSU should protect its accreditation.

"If you need to decrease the number of part-time faculty members to keep YSU's accreditation, then you have to," Diehl said.

SGA elections will take place on April 5 and 6.

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must maintain "good standing" as an expert witness in the common pleas courts of Ohio or his contract would not be renewed. It also stated he would undergo yearly evaluations.

Bowers said she and other administrators thought the new contract was "fair" to Serowik because during his employment at YSU, he had "provided good service to the university." She also added the case audit in Cleveland had not yet been performed on his work.

"There were ramifications placed on his employment, very significant ramifications," Bowers said. "By the same token, we had to be fair."

The university will again review Serowik's employment before his new contract expires in May 2006, Bowers said.

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service will be celebrated by Cardinal Eduardo Martinez Somalo, the camerlengo, or chamberlain who is the most important official running the church following the pope's death. After the service, the public will be allowed to view the body.

"It's extraordinary. It happens once in a lifetime," said Uwe Kunzmann, a civil engineer from Karlsruhe, Germany. "We want to be in the crowd."

Navarro-Valls said John Paul would "almost surely" be buried in the tomb where Pope John XXIII lay before he was brought up onto the main floor of the Basilica.

That pope, who died in 1963, was moved after his 2000 beatification because so many pilgrims wanted to visit his tomb, and the grotto is in a cramped underground space.

In the first meeting Monday, the cardinals took an oath of secrecy, as called for in the Vatican document outlining the procedures following the death of a pope. In the second one, they made their decisions on the funeral rites, Navarro-Valls said. There were 65 cardinals attending.

There had been speculation that the pope might have left orders to be buried in his native Poland, but Navarro-Valls said John Paul "did not show any such wish."

Poles have hoped the heart of the pope might be placed in Wavel Cathedral in Krakow, where Polish saints and royalty are buried. Asked if this was ruled out by burial in St. Peter's, Navarro-Valls did not directly reply, saying he was merely transmitting information on decisions taken by the cardinals Monday.

The Rev. Eduard Berezowski, who was bringing 50 pilgrims from Gdansk, Poland, for the funeral, said he saw no problems with the burial in St. Peter's.

"It's only right. He was the bishop of Rome," he said.

Under Vatican tradition, Friday is the latest the funeral could have been held. John Paul will be buried immediately after the 10 a.m. (4 a.m. EDT) funeral, Navarro-Valls said.

"It will be a moment without precedent," Rome Mayor Walter Veltroni told Repubblica Radio on Monday. "Rome will grind to a halt to guarantee the full development of the demonstration of love for the pontificate, guaranteeing the maximum security for all the heads of state who will arrive to pay homage to the pope."

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SGA ENDORSEMENT McGovern, Mielke for SGA office

Once again, Youngstown State University students are charged with the task of electing a new Student Government Association president and vice-president.

Last week, those candidates vying for the top SGA position brought their plans and platforms to the students of YSU on the stage of Peaberry's Cafe. The candidates, Bob McGovern, Amanda Mielke, Aaron Dages and Todd Diehl, debated and discussed how each would address student issues and lead the student body if elected for the upcoming term.

For those students who missed the debates, a Jambar reporter and editor sat with the two groups of candidates in order to take their information to the students.

After the meetings and debates, the editorial staff of The Jambar evaluated each team's strengths and weaknesses as candidates. After doing this, we selected the team of candidates we feel is best suited for office.

McGovern and Mielke gave a clearly outlined platform that expressed a realistic approach that seems to embrace the diverse and broad student body of YSU. The two are student centered in their ideas and defined the manner in which they believe they can best reach students: by going to them instead of expecting the students to come to them. The two say they plan to attend classrooms to talk to students, to let them know who the members of SGA are and what they can do for them.

They say they will address the big and the small problems and make sure each concern is taken to the correct authority for resolution. They promise to make the student voices heard in Columbus, something they have already begun doing in their recent testimony before the Ohio legislature.

This, paired with the fact they each have two years experience, we feel makes them the best candidates.

Not to say Dages and Diehl are poor candidates. They have interesting and valid ideas, however, these ideas are unproved. Their inexperience with SGA is their greatest flaw. If elected they would probably demonstrate good leadership, but would be more likely to make beginners' mistakes.

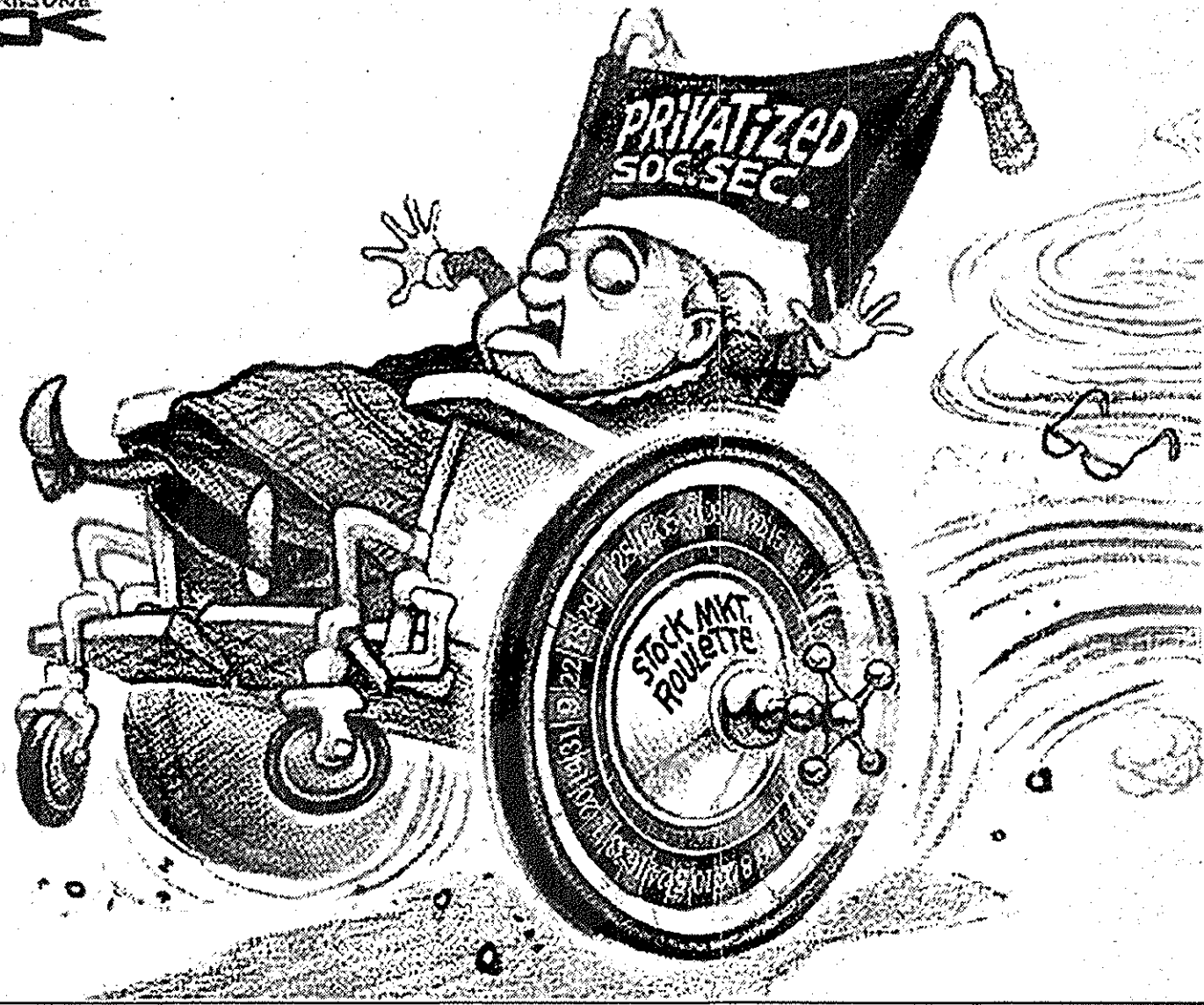
The task of choosing the leaders of SGA is one that carries great weight and responsibility for the students of YSU. Each student must take the time to find out what the candidates stand for and to make sure they vote on April 5 and 6. This is the student bodies' best opportunity to become involved in their university.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letters missed the point

I believe both of the letters that were published in the Tuesday edition of The Jambar missed the point I was trying to make. I fully support the trip Bob McGovern and others made. It is great they went down to Columbus and that is a necessary step. My only contention was they should have talked to local leaders first. I further understand that they did talk to local leaders when they were down there, however, why did they not attempt to form a coalition before they went?

My second point, which I could not fit into the 300-word limit of my last letter, is that their plan is flawed.

They want to have the state audit the budgets of Ohio universities; this sounds wonderful in theory. However there is currently no money allocated for this type of audit.

Where is the money going to come from? My guess is that it will come from the same place where all the other money the state needs will come from, which is higher education. This will not lower our tuition, but will

instead have the opposite effect.

Lastly, if we are going to go ahead and do auditing at some point, why are we auditing the budgets of the state universities? Why are we not instead having people audit the state budget and find other places money can be moved from to reduce the cuts to higher education or even reverse some of them?

As I have said many times before, I applaud the idea, I just do not approve of the method. I am not criticizing our representatives for going to Columbus. In fact,

I applaud it. I just think that some more time, research and preparation could have been done beforehand so that we can have real change for once. Not just the appearance of change that everyone seems to be working for.

Brad Adair
Senior
Political Science

Through the looking glass

By Mike Pingree
KRT Campus

AND I'LL NEED THEIR PHOTOS TOO

Soon after Britain passed freedom-of-information laws, a lonely woman filed a request with her local police force designed to help her find a man in uniform.

She asked Hampshire police officials to provide her with the names of all "eligible bachelors within Hampshire constabulary between the ages of 35 and 49."

She also asked for their "salary details and pension values." Request denied.

THIS COULD BE PART OF THE PROBLEM

To combat the truancy problem in Tennessee schools, prosecutors called an important meeting of parents of those children who were repeatedly absent.

About 40 percent of the adults didn't show up.

YA' CAN'T SEE ME, CAN YA'? BLAM!

A man tried to rob a bank in Mali while wearing a great number of magical talismans. He believed they would make him invisible. They didn't. He was wounded by a guard and arrested.

THAT'S TO GO — AND MAKE IT QUICK!

A man gassed up his car in the wee hours of the morning and then drove off without paying, prompting police to pursue him on a slow-speed chase through the streets of Mount Carmel, Tenn.

It ended at about 5 a.m., when, much to the lawmen's amazement, the guy pulled into the drive-through lane of a restaurant to order breakfast. The cops, with guns drawn, quickly surrounded him.

GOT ANY TUNES FROM THIS CENTURY?

Fed up with groups of drunken, rowdy teenagers hanging around in front of his shop, a merchant in the Rhondda Valley of Wales installed loudspeakers and began playing medieval Gregorian chants on a continuous loop. It worked. The lads left and have not been back.

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK IT WAS ME?

A man hired to paint a home in North Charleston, S.C., broke into the place at night and stole thousands of dollars worth of guitars and amplifiers. He was later arrested and the merchandise recovered.

Four years later, the same man returned and stole the same guitars and amplifiers once again. He was soon arrested.

The owner told the local newspaper: "This guy is a moron."
IS THAT THE RESURRECTION OR ARE YOU JUST GLAD TO SEE ME?

A Baptist minister has assured those who attend next month's three-day nudist festival in Cabarita, Australia, that they won't have to miss Sunday services.

He said he will conduct the services, and, as a nudist himself, he will do it naked.

MY, WHAT LARGE HANDS YOU HAVE

After his mother died, a man in Istanbul, Turkey, disguised himself as her, and went to the bank to collect her pension. His deep voice gave him away.

REMEMBER, DON'T DO TOO MUCH AT ONCE

After a tireless effort to raise money to build a gymnasium in his small English village, a man saw his dream come true, and was named the first customer of the brand-new facility.

He took a brisk walk on a treadmill and immediately dropped dead.

WHEN YOU STEAL A TRUCK, TAKE OFF

A man went to the police station in La Quinta, Calif., to report that his truck had been stolen. While he was inside, he looked out the window and saw it go by.

A police chase was immediately initiated resulting in arrests.

BUT NONE OF THE MEN COMPLAINED

An uninhibited woman in West Kilbride, Scotland, has been forbidden from answering her front door in her bra and panties.

Her neighbors had filed an anti-social behavior order after repeatedly seeing her in her undies.

HMMM, WHAT DOES THIS BUTTON DO?

An Indiana woman inadvertently pressed the remote starter button on her keychain, causing her vehicle, which was out in the driveway, to start up. But she had left the car in reverse gear when she parked it, so it backed out and crashed into the home across the street.

She has accidentally started the car before, because she doesn't understand how the remote control works. She has removed it from her keychain.

PROMISE ME YOU'LL COME RIGHT BACK

A man in Hong Kong has been wooing women over the Internet and then taking them to the city's finest restaurants where he feasts on lavish meals then excuses himself and leaves before the bill arrives.

He left one woman with a \$900 tab for abalone, lobster and shark fin soup.

BUT IT'S OUR CAR, HONEST!

Three men burglarized a home in Bules Creek, N.C., then went outside to find that they had locked themselves out of their getaway car. A neighbor spotted them breaking into the car and, thinking they were trying to steal it, called the cops.

ODD, YET SOMEHOW BELIEVEABLE

Children in the Busia district of Uganda have a good — if unusual — excuse as to why they have been absent from school so much in recent weeks: Their parents have been keeping them home to help fend off bands of marauding baboons who want to feast on the food grown in their gardens.

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



HEADLINES

► *Forbidden fruit*
 A New Zealand court on Wednesday slapped Hilary Swank with a \$142 fine after she failed to declare she was carrying an apple and an orange during a January visit to the country.

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Greek Sing set for April 9

By Christina Poe
 The Jambar

Music will soon fill Stambaugh Auditorium thanks to a dash of country twang, a pinch of Mickey Mouse magic and Youngstown State University's sororities and fraternities.

The 53rd Annual Greek Sing begins at 6 p.m. Saturday April 9 and audiences can watch for free as the girls boot scoot to honky-tonkin' hits while the boys "zipp-a-dee-doo-dah" to the beat of Disney drums.

Junior Chrissy Rossi, vice president of the Panhellenic Council, said this big "she-bang" is what all Greeks look forward to at the end of the year.

Rossi, also president of Alpha Omega Pi, said each group gets seven minutes to perform one song, two songs or a medley.

Rossi said her sorority would be stomping their boots to country newcomer Gretchen Wilson's "Redneck Woman" and "Here For the Party."

While the competition is healthy and fun, Rossi said the desire to win can add stress as each group strives to perfect their moves.

Rossi said the trophy is not the only award to be handed out tomorrow night — leadership, philanthropy and scholarship awards will also be given out.

Rossi said promotions, such as food specials in Kileawley Center, are part of an effort to foster attendance to a program that could lift negative Greek stereotypes.

Besides the statuette and money, Rossi said the competition also serves as a way to bring each Greek group together.

"It gives you time to get to know your sisters a little more," Rossi said.

Greg Gulas, director of Student Activities, agreed and added the event brings out a sense of support and camaraderie among all members of the Greek system not usually seen throughout the academic year. Gulas said the success of each number falls on the groups alone, which are responsible for choreographing their dances and making their own costumes.

Greek Sing is a way for the sororities and fraternities to display how they work and the effort they put into the show, Gulas added. Junior Josh Harstine, a member of Theta Chi Fraternity, said the group chose songs from Disney's "Remember the Titans."

The members of his fraternity have found ways to "bring humor to the show" in the past and that this year is no different, Harstine said.

Harstine, this year's Greek Sing chair, said one night his group watched the movie and broke it down to get ideas for their performances.

Although he cannot participate because of his involvement in planning the event, Harstine said he is looking forward to being a part of the audience.

"I'll enjoy sitting back and watching all the other groups," Harstine said. "Everyone has put lots of time into this."

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COMMENTARY

Lohan's father hitting below the belt

By Talia Ron
 Cornell Daily Sun (Cornell U.)

(U-WIRE) ITHACA, N.Y. — Hey there, Lindsay Lohan's dad. What's your deal, man? I know you have quite a lot to be upset about. Maybe the original "Parent Trap" is your all-time favorite movie, but that's nothing to be ashamed of. It's my favorite movie too. In fact, I like it so goddamn much that I have never stopped to question the feasibility of a plot which involves two divorced parents who never found it pertinent to inform their daughters that, somewhere, there happens to exist an individual with whom they once shared an egg.

Yeah, I bet you really liked that movie too and I'm sure you were upset when they exploited your daughter in such a hideous remake of a nearly perfect film. You must be pretty upset about what those balding, corporate fat cat record executives over at Universal have done to your daughter's first album "Speak." I know, you must silently throw up in your mouth every time you hear your precious Lindsay wail "Don't wanna grow up / I want to get out / Hey take me away / I want to shout out." I, too, cringe at the thought of rhyming the word "out" with the word "out." You see, the reason they sound so similar is because they're the exact same word.

The notion that there is anything

unnatural about the fact that your daughter was hospitalized for "fatigue" around her 17th birthday and emerged from the visit with a set of perfectly spherical D's is totally unfair. That kind of thing happens all the time. Besides, everyone knows that child stars mature superhumanly fast. That little kid on "Family Matters" went from being 2 years old to being 6 years old in a matter of weeks and no one batted an eyelash. Why can't they leave your daughter alone?

You see, Mr. Lohan, we know that you have plenty to be upset about and that's totally understandable. But you're gonna have to stop getting arrested. I really can't emphasize this strongly enough. I know this may sound like a lot to ask of you, so I've formulated a few user-friendly tips to aid you in your quest.

First, you're going to have to stop drinking and driving. This past weekend, you got arrested for drunk driving, when you crashed into a utility pole in your hometown of Syosset. Look Michael (I can call you Michael, right?), you're really going to have to stop doing that. Now, I realize that there are plenty of people who have gotten away with drunk driving. However, you're not that kind of person. Another strategy is to stop physically assaulting people, especially family members. I'm sure many people have wanted to clock their brother-in-law at his son's Holy Communion and



Lindsay Lohan is shown backstage at the Jingle Ball 2004 sponsored by Z100 in New York City on Friday, December 10, 2004. (KRT Campus)

I'm sure some have actually acted on this desire. But when you pull these sorts of stunts, you get arrested.

Another helpful hint to avoid more prison visits is to actually pay for items that you purchased. Remember that time this June when you charged

\$3,800 to your hotel room and skipped out of town before actually paying the aforementioned bill? If you order something, you will have to pay for it. Or else you will get arrested. And that's precisely what we're trying not to do anymore.

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said they live there anyway because they have no choice; north-side houses and apartments are both affordable and close to campus.

However, some of these student apartments are plagued with safety problems ranging from unstable fire escapes to exposed wiring.

Youngstown Housing and Demolition Director Michael Damiano led a Jambar reporter through the residential areas on the north side of Youngstown and pointed out some of the safety violations. Damiano said many of the houses need major repair.

Garbage piles surround these houses making it difficult to approach the houses because of the rancid smell. Damiano compared the area on Illinois Street to a junkyard.

Smashed windows with broken chips of glass lying on the ground are common about every 10 feet. Some siding is ripped apart, while in other spots it is not even present.

The structure of the house depends largely on the roof, Damiano said. In some cases, the roofs are caving in.

Damiano said it would cost approximately \$80,000 to fix each

house. "Is it even worth restoring?" he questioned. He said it would be cheaper to demolish and build new houses.

YSU student and Illinois Street resident Jason Detech shared his experiences living in such housing.

"When I first moved in, I tore out the stained carpet," he said.

Upon examination of Detech's residence, Damiano said the electrical outlet on the wall with the wires hanging is a serious safety issue and if it is not taken care of properly, may cause injury.

The plastic duct taped on the windows to keep the cold air from coming inside is common in many old houses, Damiano said.

Detech said he knows his house is not in the best conditions, but as a college student he cannot afford much more. He said he likes living there but he wishes the conditions were a little better.

"It is depressing to drive home from class and see a dilapidated house," he said.

In the entrance of the house, there is a hole in the ceiling from the toilet

leaking upstairs. The pipes are visible and not appealing.

When leaving the house, Damiano noticed the fire escape is not in a safe condition. Cinder blocks prop up the stairs and the balcony railing does not exist.

"I don't like the fire escape," he said. "If there is a fire and people are rushing to get out, any one can easily fall."

George Clendenning, an instructor of English at YSU, is the former manager of Pelton Apartments on West Wood Street.

Clendenning said the floors and hallways need to be repainted and the ceiling needs to be repaired.

He said officials have been trying to rewire the building.

"Some tenants say that fire alarms are missing," he said.

The landlord took them down when the rewiring was in progress and when Clendenning left they were not yet installed.

Freshman Alicia Edwards, a Pelton Apartment tenant, said her apartment is not what she had hoped. Edwards, who has been living

there since October 2004, said the vanity in her room fell off and she said she could still see the cement on the wall. "Nobody came back to patch up the cement," she said.

"I complained to the landlord and he said he would fix it," she said, noting that she made the complaint three months ago.

She said workers came in to rewire the apartment building but they did not finish the job. After the rewiring, they did not plaster the walls so not all the wires are hidden.

The current manager of Pelton Apartments, Adam Rutushin, said the entire building has been updated. New windows have been installed and rewiring of the building has taken place.

"I am very pleased with the way the building is progressing," he said. "Tenants' complaints are frequent. He said sometimes people's complaints are for a good reason, but the majority of the time is because they want to get out of paying the rent."

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for Meteorites.

He spoke Friday at the Ward Beecher Planetarium about how rocks from Mars that were discovered on Earth reveal the history and environment of the red planet.

After studying them for almost two decades, Harvey is an expert on meteorites. He has even made some discoveries of his own during his annual expeditions to the ice-bound continent, and said Antarctica is an ideal place to look for space rocks.

"Any rock you find on that part of the ice sheet," he said, "has to fall from the sky."

His presentation, "Written in Stone: What the Martian Meteorites Are Trying to Tell Us About Mars," used history, humor and scientific facts to explain how these meteorites came to Earth from Mars and whether they prove there is life on the planet.

As an introduction, Harvey recounted popular myths held about Mars, some of which once were accepted as scientific facts — that Mars had a network of canals, seasonal plant growth, water-filled oceans and the potential for an intelligent civilization.

Images of water-filled canals, lush vegetation and strange beings and pro-

jected against the planetarium dome illustrated some of the romantic notions.

But information gathered by telescopes and space probes over the past 30 years tells a different story. The real Mars, he said, is a cold, desert world with an atmosphere mostly made up of carbon dioxide gas and no liquid water — and no life.

One popular theory, Harvey said, was that life must exist on Mars because of the presence of methane gas — an organic compound usually associated with metabolism.

The image of a cow with antennae projecting from its head and vapor emanating from its rear was shown against the planetarium dome.

"The argument is," he said, "that methane must be produced by organisms. Cow farts are just one example."

But, he said, living creatures are not the only way methane can be produced — volcanoes and chemical reactions also produce the gas.

"It does not have to be Martian cows," he said.

With that background, Harvey told the audience how scientists determined the meteorites he studies are actually from Mars. He said evidence that the meteorites he studies originated on Mars

comes from microscopic examination and chemical analysis.

He makes a convincing argument that compounds and structures seen in meteorites like ALH84001, discovered about 20 years ago in Antarctica, could not have originated on Earth, and yet had to originate on a planet with the gravity and atmosphere of Mars.

Some of the meteorites show evidence of volcanic activity, Harvey said, aiding researchers in locating the places on the planet's surface where they may have originated. But the reason they are here, he said, is the result of powerful meteor impacts on Mars itself.

He said numerous meteor craters on the planet's surface show that large pieces of debris have struck hard enough to expel chunks of Mars from its thin atmosphere and send it into space. Eventually some of the pieces fell to Earth.

The rocks, he said, are "witness plates" that have, locked within them, the geological and atmospheric history of Mars. Some, Harvey said, have imagined that, even though the red planet's climate is currently inhospitable to life, things might have been different in past millennia.

He said it has been speculated Mars

was once warmer and water was more plentiful than now, increasing the possibility life existed on the planet. But according to his research, Harvey said, the rocks do not bear out that theory.

"There is no reason to assume Mars was more than a few tenths of a percent as warm as Earth," he said, "Through most of Mars history, it has been frozen."

Harvey said the search is now on for the "Holy Grail" of Mars meteor research — the actual place of origin for one of the 30 known Martian meteorites. And, he said, he's made some progress.

"I think I've stumbled onto one," he said, "Let me try to convince you."

He said he discovered an impact crater that corresponds chemically and geologically to a type of Martian meteor discovered in Nahkka, India.

"It's the only spot on Mars," he said, "that matches up."

Harvey ended his presentation with what he said was the secret photo from the Mars probes the government didn't want anyone to see — an image of a cow set into a photo of the Martian landscape as seen from one of the recent Mars Rover missions.

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ball?

T: I enjoy playing cards, listening to music and hanging out with my buddies.

J: What's your favorite kind of music?

T: I like rap music; Eminem

J: Who on your team has surprised you the most?

T: The person that has improved the most is Erich Diedrich. He's the back up catcher. He is a great left-handed batter. He's improved a thousand percent since last season. He's done a great job.

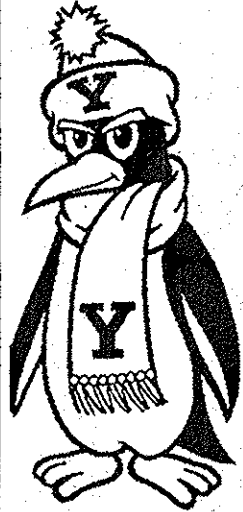
J: If there was anything you could say to your teammates what would it be?

J: I would just keep working hard. We're making good strides. I can't wait until we defend our championship when we start to play our conference games.

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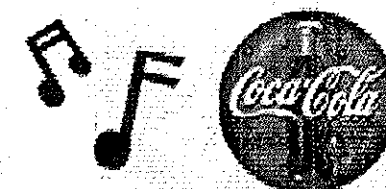
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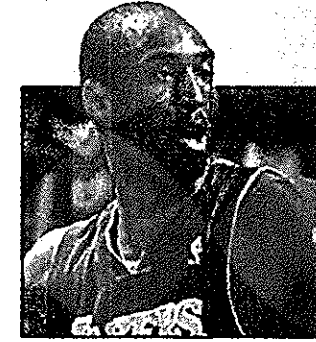


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► **Cavs roll Mavs**
Lebron James scored 37 points and Zydrunas Ilgauskas added 21 to lead the Cleveland Cavaliers past the Dallas Mavericks 100-80 Sunday

► **Lakers near playoff elimination**
With Sunday's 102-82 loss to Memphis, the Lakers have dropped 11 of their last 12 games.



Sportswire

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YSU Sports Information
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**Men's Basketball:
Three finalists
announced For
vacant coaching post**

Youngstown – Executive Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Ron Strollo announced on Monday three finalists have been named to interview this week for the men's basketball head coaching position.

The three finalists are Indiana, Pa., head coach Gary Edwards, Southern head coach Michael Grant and Gannon head coach Jerry Slocum. Each of the candidates will be on campus this Tuesday through Thursday taking part in the interview process.

Edwards, who has been the head coach at Indiana, Pa., for the past nine seasons, owns a record of 187-79 with the Indians. Overall he has spent 21 seasons as a collegiate head coach posting a 370-247 record for a .600 winning percentage. In 2004-05, the Indians finished 24-9 and were part of a three-way tie for the PSAC Western Division title. IUP defeated Edinboro in the first round of the NCAA Tournament before losing to Mount Olive. He was previously the head coach at Charleston Southern for nine seasons from 1987-88 through 1995-96 where he posted a 121-133 record with the Buccaneers.

Grant, who has been the head coach at Southern for the past two seasons, owns a 26-31 record with the Jaguars. In 2004-05, Southern finished 14-15 and had a 10-8 record in the Southwestern Athletic Conference. He has spent nine seasons as a collegiate head coach posting a 152-125 record for a .549 winning percentage. Prior to going to Southern, he was the head coach at NAIA Central State for seven seasons from 1996-97 through 2002-03. He posted a 126-94 record while with the Marauders.

Slocum, who has been the head coach at Gannon for the past nine seasons, owns a record of 179-78 with the Golden Knights for a .696 winning percentage. In 2004-05, Gannon finished 18-13 while posting an 11-6 record in the competitive Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. The Golden Knights lost to Southern Indiana in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. He has spent 30 seasons as a collegiate head coach posting a 580-325 record for a .641 winning percentage. He was 202-81 while at Geneva for nine seasons and was 199-166 while at Nyack for 12 campaigns.

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CANFIELD

Late rally gives Penguins split

McKenzie Bedra's two out infield single gave YSU a 6-5 edge in game two

By Shawn Buskirk
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University softball team capped off a double-header against Pittsburgh with a come-from-behind victory in the final inning of Thursday's second game at McCune Park in Canfield.



In a dramatic finish, it was McKenzie Bedra who chopped out an infield single with two outs that brought in Lacy Bronson to give the Penguins (11-13) a 6-5 edge in the final inning. The hit came during Bedra's only at bat of the game — a pinch-hit for Kiisha Warfield.

The evening started off on a dry note for the Penguins, who were coming off a two game losing skid at Kent State. In game one, neither team scored until the sixth inning. It was Francesca DiMaria of Pittsburgh (12-15) who belted a triple to left field to bring in Morgan Howard and Jessica Thomas. Sheena Hellon singled to center and drove in DiMaria to put Pitt up 3-0 going into the bottom of the sixth.

Penguins' Tiffany Patteson scored on a sacrifice fly from Sarah Berry to give YSU its only score of the game. Pitt would knock in two more runs in its last at-bat off of a Heather Connor homer and a double by Joey Scarf to bring in Valerie Mihalik giving the Panthers the 5-1 edge after game one. Pitcher Christa Hunter got the win for the Panthers giving her a mark of 7-7 on the season. Ashley

Lockmiller of YSU fell to 4-2. The tides would turn in favor of YSU in the second game at McCune Park. Patteson was first to score for the Penguins in the bottom of the first after a Shauna Berry single.

Pitt would equal YSU with a run of its own in the top of second. Laura Belardinelli singled to center to drive in Hellon who reached on a throwing error.

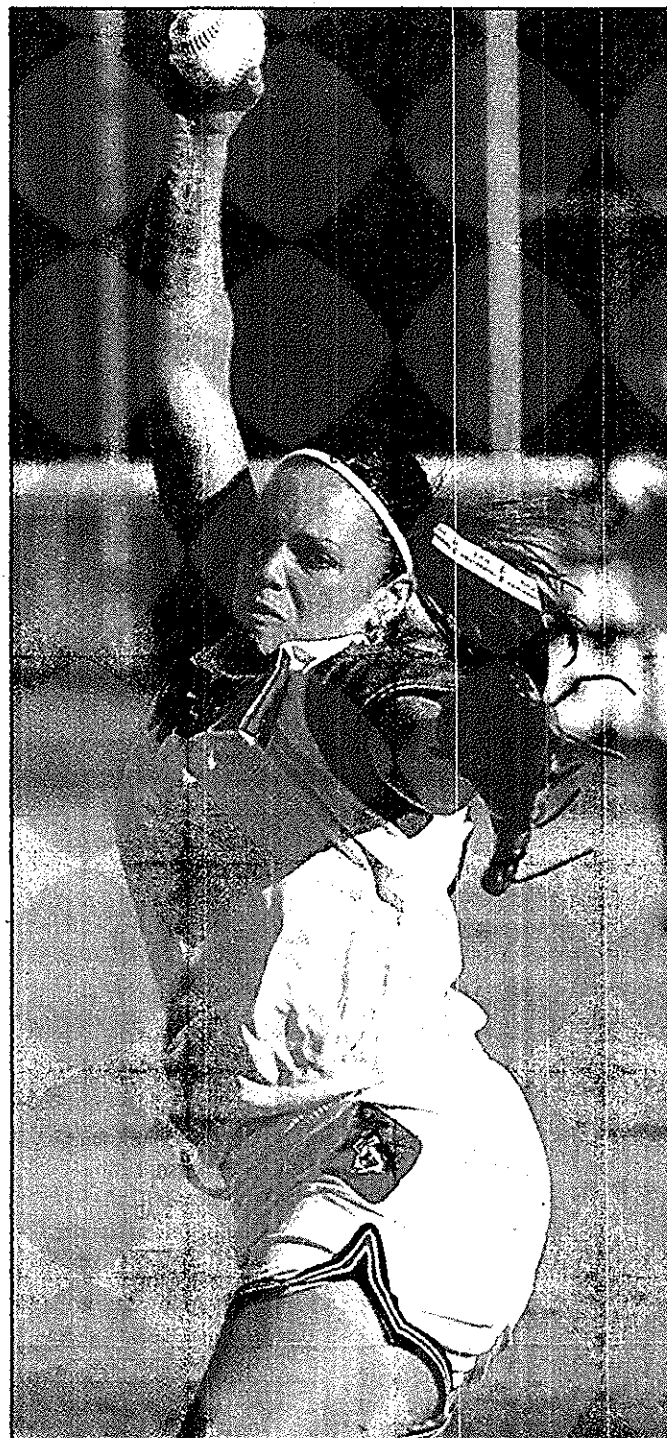
The Penguins would sustain a 3-2 lead after three innings, but in the top of the fourth, Scarf would score for the Panthers to tie the game. Pitt would score two more runs in the fifth inning and lead the Penguins 5-2 going into the bottom of the seventh.

Char Kudlock got the rally going with a single to third base opening up the final inning of play of game two. Patteson kept the hits going with a single to right field advancing Kudlock to second. With two runners on, YSU would strike out, and fly out to bring Pitt one out away from a two-game sweep.

Jaime Fornal singled and drove in Kudlock. Sarah Conklin walked and Patteson scored to bring the score to 5-5.

Bedra would then single to third and Bronson crossed the plate to give YSU the 6-5 victory. Karlie Burnell went to 2-6 with the win for the Penguins and Pittsburgh's Meghan Bostick dropped to 1-3.

The Penguins next home game will begin at 3 p.m. Thursday, April 7, as YSU takes on Toledo in a double-header.



After Thursday's split double-header with Pittsburgh (1-5, 6-5), YSU's softball team lost two on Saturday to the University of Illinois - Chicago. Pitcher Ashley Lockmiller allowed only three hits in the second game against Chicago, but all counted as the Penguins lost 1-3 and 2-3 in the first game. (Jambar photo by Chuck Rogers)

Q&A

An interview
with YSU
pitcher Justin
Thomas

By Nijma Awadallah
The Jambar

Youngstown State University junior baseball player Justin Thomas has achieved some impressive accomplishments. Last season the lefthander, whose favorite pitch is the fastball, posted a 7-3 record and recorded 82 strikeouts in a school record of 93.1 innings. Thomas also earned second-team all conference honors and was picked as the Horizon League's second-best Major League prospect.

Justin had just enough time before a game to sit down with a Jambar reporter as he spoke of his times playing baseball for YSU.

J: Where are you from?
T: Oregon, Ohio

J: When did you first start to play baseball?
T: I first started to play baseball when I was 9-years-old. That's the first time I played original baseball, but I played t-ball before that.

J: Is there any other sports you played?
T: I always played basketball. Then in high school I played golf as well.

J: Would you say you like baseball more?
T: Baseball is my favorite sport, by far.

J: Can you tell us about your experience with the Penguins? What have you enjoyed the most?
T: Our team comradely is good. I made a lot of good friends playing baseball with the Penguins. We have a good coach who takes us in the right direction. I just enjoyed playing for the Penguins.

J: The number two that you wear, is there significance to that number?
T: I always pretty much wore the number two; it's pretty much my favorite number. I've always had a number with a two in it, if it was 52, or 22; I just like the number two.

J: What is your favorite pitch?
T: I like to throw a fastball. It's an exciting pitch to throw because if you could get it passed someone, it feels good.

J: What's the fastest you've thrown?
T: The fastest I've thrown was 94 mph.

J: If you could describe yourself in one word what would it be?
T: I would say I am a competitor, just because I enjoy having the ball in my hand on the mound, you know, me against the batter. I enjoy those kind of competitions.

J: Where do you get your work ethic?
T: I would say I get my work ethic from my father. He's coached me all the way up since I was about nine until I got up in high school. He has been real hard on me because he coached my teams and he had to make an example out of me. So I think that's where I got my work ethic.

J: What do you like to do when your not playing baseball?
T: I would say I like to hang out with my friends and watch the game.

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Cubs open without Sosa, Sanchez tests positive

Ten Major League Baseball squads open their seasons today

By Howie Rumberg
Associated Press

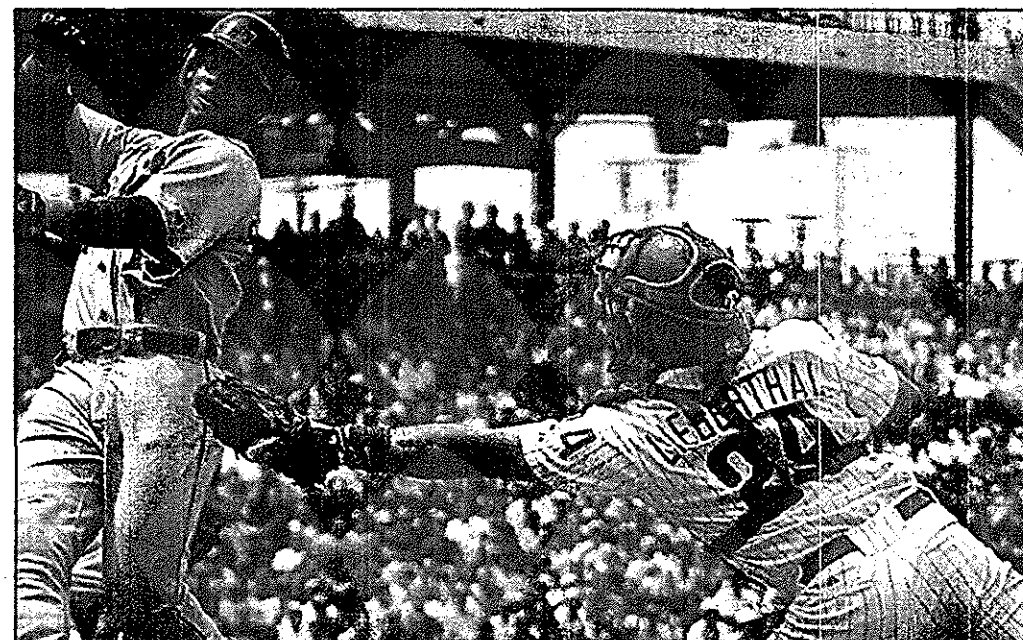
The Chicago Cubs won't have Sammy Sosa to rely on when they face the revamped Arizona Diamondbacks in their season opener.

But before any team took the field this season, Tampa Bay's Alex Sanchez became the first player to be publicly identified for testing positive under baseball's stricter policy on performance-enhancing drugs on Sunday. As a first-time offender, his 10-day suspension was to begin Monday when the Devil Rays played the Kansas City Royals.

"I'm going to fight it, because I've never taken steroids or anything like that," said Sanchez, who was set to start in center field for the Devil Rays.

While the \$200 million Yankees' biggest — and tallest — offseason acquisition, Randy Johnson, beat the World Champion Boston Red Sox 9-2 on Sunday night in the official start to the season, there are 10 openers in ballparks around the major leagues Monday, including one involving the new Washington Nationals.

At Phoenix, the Cubs will take the field against the Diamondbacks with Jeromy



Philadelphia catcher Mike Lieberthal, right, reaches to tag Detroit's Alex Sanchez during a contest last season. Sanchez tested positive for performance enhancing drugs Sunday and was suspended. (KRT Campus)

Burnitz in right because they traded Sosa to the Baltimore Orioles after a contentious 2004 season. Moises Alou is also gone, and Carlos Zambrano will be on the mound because ace Kerry Wood's (sore elbow and shoulder) first start has been pushed back to Thursday and Mark Prior will begin the season on the disabled list while he works back from an elbow injury.

"For me, mentally I'll prepare like a normal game, like I was the No. 4 starter," Zambrano said. "I just wanted

to be focused for the game and not worry about anything else, not think about it being opening day."

The Diamondbacks needed a new look — a dismal 51-111 record demanded it. Johnson might be gone, but big hitters Troy Glaus and Shawn Green are with Arizona now. Javier Vazquez, who struggled in the New York spotlight, will make the start Monday.

"You know what? I'm confident in my ability," Vazquez said.

"A lot of pitchers go through struggles like I did in

the second half. But because I was with the Yankees, and the stage I was on, everybody magnifies that. I know what kind of pitcher I am, and I know I'm going to help this team." Sosa joins fellow 500-homer club member, Rafael Palmeiro, on the Orioles, who face the Oakland Athletics. Palmeiro begins the season 78 hits shy of joining Hank Aaron, Willie Mays and Eddie Murray in the exclusive 3,000-hit, 500-homer club.

"I have to go out there and fight to win the fans," Sosa said, 26 homers short of 600.