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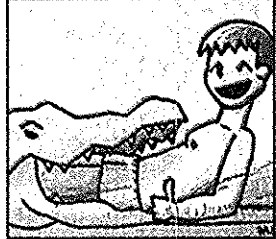
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News Briefs

Press Day set for today

Students and newspaper advisors from 24 area high schools will participate in Press Day at Kilcawley Center today. Brent Cunningham, managing editor of the Columbia Journalism Review, is scheduled to speak and David Lee Morgan Jr., author of "Lebron James: The Rise of a Star" will also speak.

Diversity Circle unveiling Wednesday

The Diversity Circle, a rock garden that celebrates diversity at Youngstown State University, will be dedicated during a ceremony at noon May 4. The Circle is located between Ward Beecher Hall and Maag Library. The event will feature a ribbon-cutting ceremony, music, prizes and giveaways donated by the YSU Bookstore and the Office of Student Activities.

Penguin Review celebration Friday

The Penguin Review Staff will hold a celebration for the 2005 Penguin Review at 7 p.m. May 6 at Inner Circle. Brady's Leap, a musical band comprised of YSU professors, will be in attendance.

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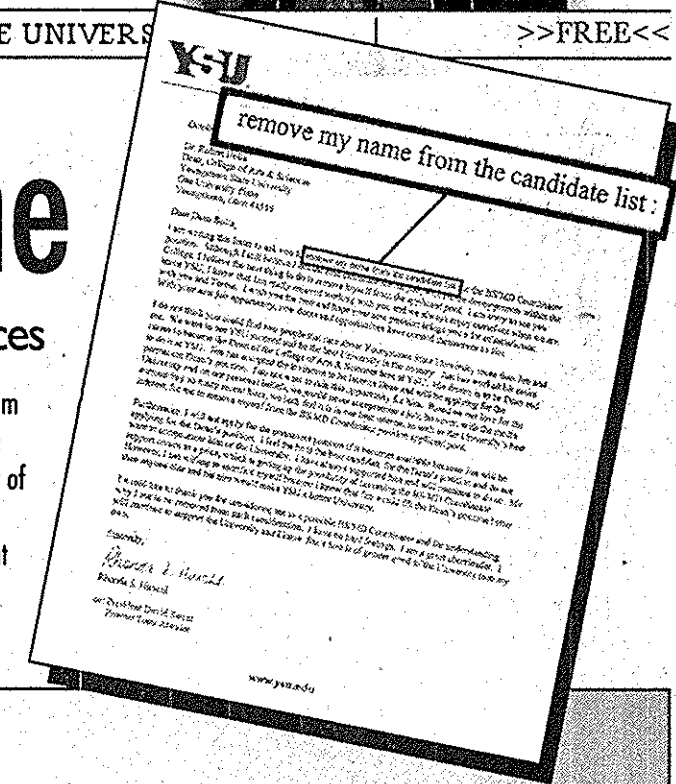
By Chuck Rogers
The Jambar

Rhonda Hirschl, the wife of Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences Jim Mike, withdrew her candidacy for a vacant adviser's position fall semester to avoid clouding Mike's run for

his college's top position, according to documents recently obtained by The Jambar.

In an Oct. 8, 2004, letter to Arts and Sciences Dean Robert Bolla, Hirschl, said she was willing to "sacrifice herself" to please see **HIRSCHL**, Page 3

Rhonda Hirschl, wife of dean candidate Jim Mike sent a letter to Dean Robert Bolla in October, removing her name from the list of candidates for the BSMD Coordinator position. The letter states she did not want to jeopardize her husband's chances of landing the position. >



YSU

A JAMBAR INVESTIGATION

heroin dreams...

One student struggles with crippling addiction

By Roxanne Torella
The Jambar

His body shivers. He is clammy. His pupils are huge, barely showing the blue that surrounds them. Full of emotion with one thing in his mind: getting high. He sleeps to "get rid of the pain," and eats to fill the aching void.

An addict at 25

He says he "feels hollow." The heroin withdrawals have sucked the life from him and he is lonely. Yet company is hard for him to keep when he can't even stand himself or his own skin — how it feels, what it looks like. The truth is buried in the drug.

It becomes a day's task to live without the drug and there are many times when he simply wants to end it all. He remains anonymous, scared of judgment; his family's reputation and another reminder of his drug addiction.

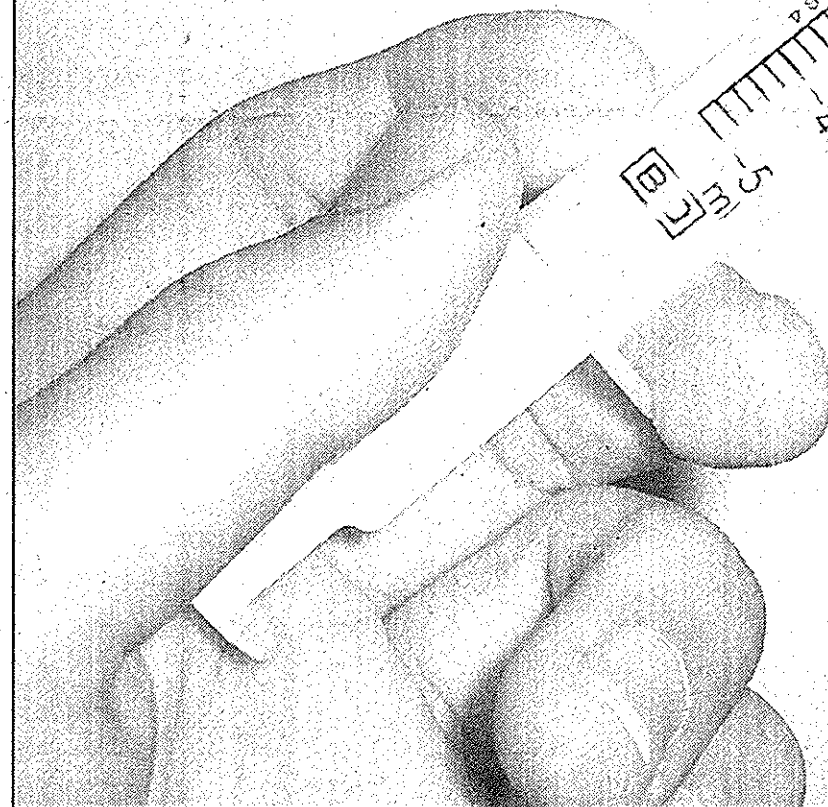
His story

It starts with a little bit of pot smoking followed with a few beers during his second year at a prestigious college studying business finance. Then he tried Vicodin and stronger painkillers. Next stop — Oxycodone.

The saga

Soon, he was bounced out of school

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Bursar's Office gets name change

It will now be called the Student Accounts and Receivables Office

By Christina Poe
The Jambar

Youngstown State University officials announced today that the Bursar's Office will be renamed the Student Accounts and Receivables Office.

Jim Herschel, who has been interim bursar since December 2003 after Cynthia Yates left the position, said part of the name change comes from the many questions he has received about the office's title as well as an effort to be more proactive in providing for the needs of students.

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YSU

Cisco Academy to close in June

Position of YSU-ACE President Domhoff terminated

By Leonard Crist
The Jambar

The Cisco Networking Academy, which provides non-credit courses at Youngstown State University's Metro College, will close as of June 30, university officials announced Monday.

As a result of the academy's closing, the administrative assistant position held by Christine Domhoff, the president and chief negotiator for the YSU-Association of Classified Employees, has been terminated. Another employee working at the academy, Michael Glonek, will be moved to a new position on campus.

Ron Chordas, YSU's associate provost, said enrollment at the academy had declined significantly during the last four years. The academy opened in 1999 and enrollment peaked in the winter of 2001 with 110 students, Chordas said. In the spring of 2003, enrollment dropped to 20 students. By spring 2004, there were only



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Christine Domhoff,
YSU-ACE president, chief negotiator

three students. There have been no students enrolled in the program this year, Chordas said.

Questions of timing

But the termination's timing has raised questions in the mind of Domhoff, who has led the classified employees union for just less than two years. The YSU-ACE contract expires on Aug. 15, and negotiations are slated for sometime after May. "I didn't do anything wrong. I have perfect evaluations. I've worked here 23 years," Domhoff said. "The whole action that was taken leaves one to question why. Why at this time?"

The Cisco Network Academy lost \$186,000 last year and is projected to lose

\$115,000 this year, Chordas said.

"It's a budgetary decision to close it and move it to campus because it doesn't make any sense to continue to pay the salaries when there are no students enrolled in the program," Chordas said.

For-credit courses at the Cisco Networking Academy will continue to be offered through the computer science and information systems department in Meshel Hall, Chordas said.

Union attorneys are conducting a legal review and assessing her legal options, Domhoff said. Domhoff can

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YSU

Counseling Clinic helps students cope with stress

By Christina Poe
The Jambar

With finals week looming, students are tensing up, freaking out and unaware of the damage they are doing to their short and long term health.

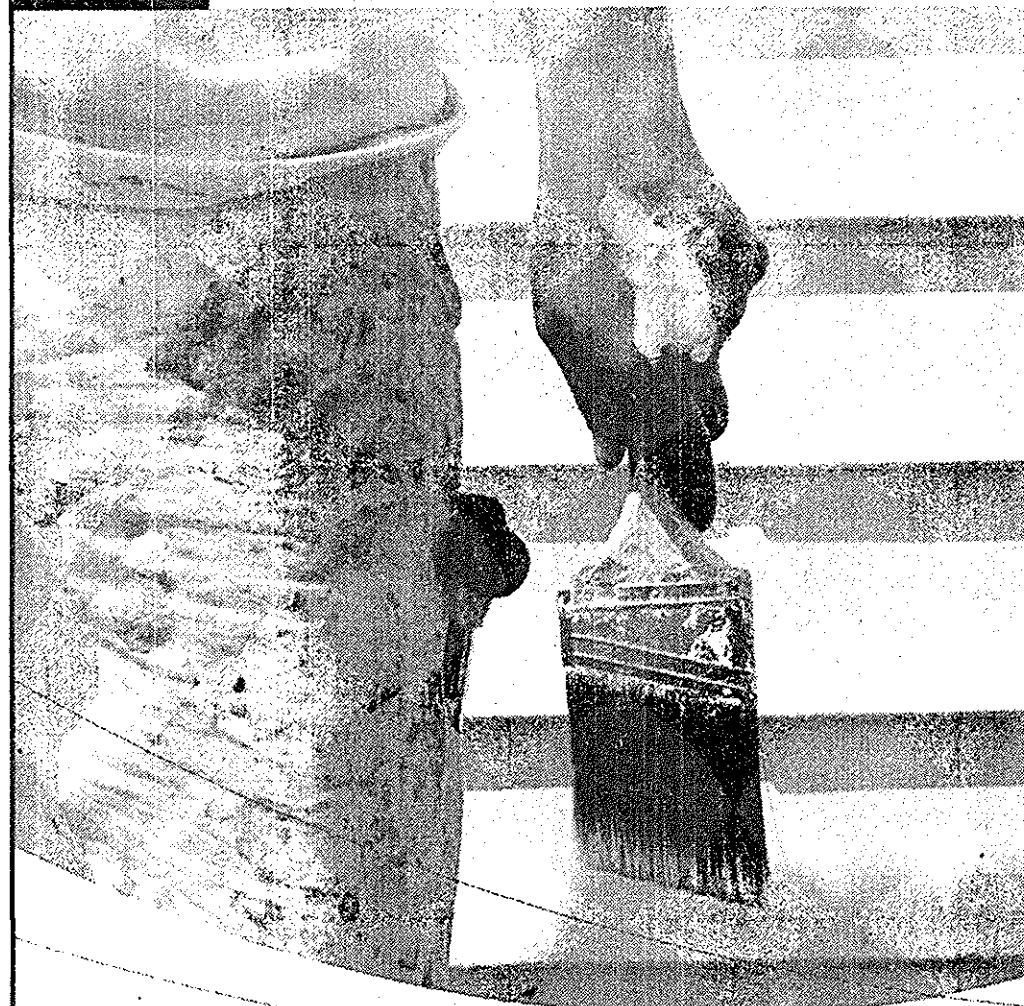
In order to make students more aware of these potential problems, the Community Counseling Clinic at Youngstown State University held a seminar called "Stress Management for Work and School" Monday afternoon.

As part of Mental Health Awareness Week, the clinic will sponsor this and other seminars, as well as a wellness fair.

Graduate student Nicole Drouhard, who also works in

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and caught up in a life beyond his control. Kicked out of his home, fired from jobs, he gave up on his dreams of being a big-time baseball player. It took too much energy to go outside and practice. He loses all hope.

"You don't just wake up one morning and want to become an addict," he said in a moment of lucidity.

He said there is more to his drug use than partying and filling empty voids. "Maybe you're born with something missing, something that needs, nags you. I was. This is more than a drug problem," he said.

Once an all-star baseball player, college scholar and well-known town jock, he doesn't like to think of himself as a has-been, seeing a life after being a drug abuser for the past five years. He lives alone, shivering. Pains shoot up his back, paralyzing him from going up the two steps to get a glass of water from the sink. He lies in the backroom watching TV, trying to forget about the withdrawals, about what wasn't, about what is.

He allowed a Jambar reporter to spend a few hours with him over two days, openly sharing his life and daily challenges. Going through withdrawal is not the tidy scene from the movies. The habit doesn't merely kick the next day.

Every day is a challenge with only one goal: staying sober. His demeanor is inviting, intriguing and charming. He is an open book aware of reality and willing to take responsibility.

"It's like someone is sitting next to you and poking on your arm. It won't just go away," he said. Though he's been clean for four days and suffering through physical and emotional symptoms, he fantasizes about and lives for the next high.

He knows the drug is wrong. He is powerless.

"You are constantly torn

between good and bad; staying clean or using," he said.

The cost is high

He fueled the early stages of his addiction with his salary as a contractor. "It gets expensive; too expensive," he said.

He can't pinpoint exactly when the addiction transformed him from an outgoing person who loved to party into a recluse.

He gave up nights on the town for numbed hours sitting in the chair staring into a painless world where had no admission ticket. Stealing and lying became second nature.

"I remember stealing CDs from my girlfriend's car and pawning them; that makes me feel like shit," he said.

He had many chances to get clean—three trips to rehabilitation and probation from the courts. It all failed. After pawning everything down to his class ring for "pill money," he found the drug that gave him the high he wanted for less cash.

Hello to Heroin

So now he shoots up. Needles slice into his veins, under his toenails and into his blood. Heroin runs through his veins and throughout his body and he is in an induced peace.

He feels euphoria. His skin becomes warm and the clamminess disappears. His mouth is dry, his arms and legs heavy. Then, comes the nod. Awake one minute, asleep the next.

His central nervous system becomes so depressed that thoughts disappear quickly.

He stayed in a Chicago rehab clinic in 2003. He wanted to be clean. He saw psychologists and went to Narcotics Anonymous meetings. He admits that he is at a loss to explain so much — why he went back to drugs, why nothing in his life matters as much as the feeling.

"Withdrawal sucks. I never

wanted to go through this again," he said.

He knows the symptoms all too well — they include drug cravings, restlessness, muscle and bone pain, insomnia, diarrhea and vomiting, cold flashes with goose bumps. Then, there's the uncontrolled kicking and so much more.

After landing in the Mahoning County jail a few times from his addiction, everyone who once adored him began turning their backs.

His three-year relationship is over, his brother doesn't acknowledge he is part of the family, his sister and godchildren are scared for him and his parents lock up their belongings, afraid he will sell them for a "fix." "I only steal to get high," he said. "I know it's wrong but I can't help myself. This drug takes over my thinking."

His parents say they are not willing to give up on him.

They sold their car, took out loans and talked to counselors across the country in search of help. His mother talks about him as if he is not in the room.

"He keeps running back to drugs because he is scared to face reality. I try, we all try, but I have to realize this is not my son anymore," his mother said.

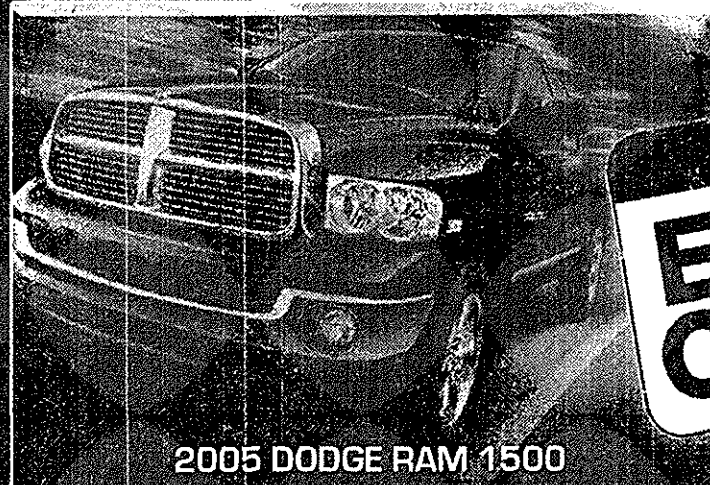
He wakes up in the morning only to go to sleep at night. After a silence, he blurts out,

"I hate who I am now; I don't know why I made it through all this time," he said.

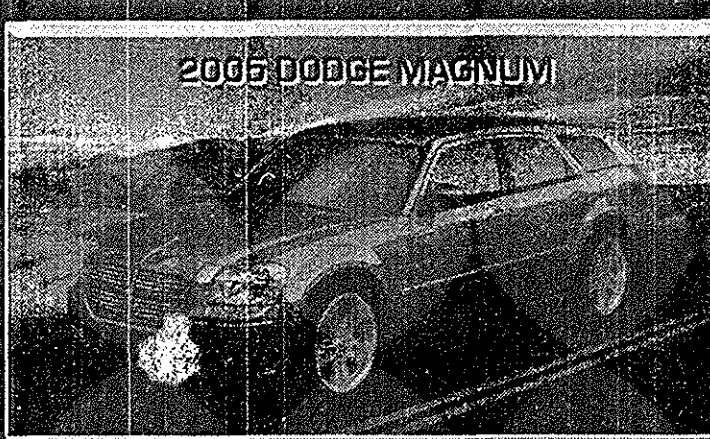
He knows he's better than who he is now. He talks about his plans for the future, his career, and even a wife.

"I want to be married and have kids, I just need to get over this hump," he said.

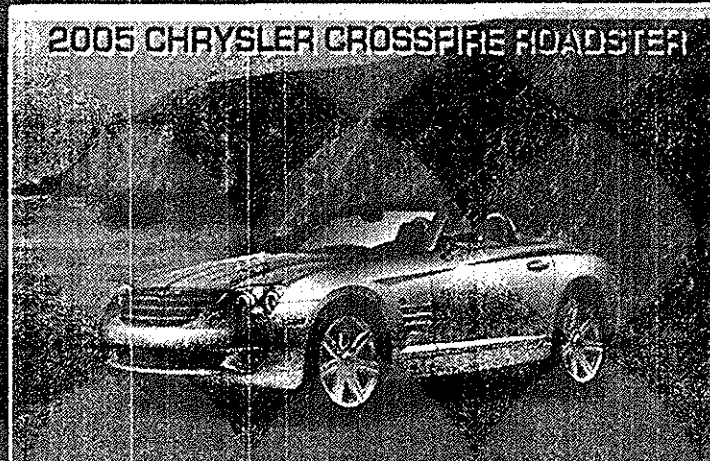
He thinks clearly and knows the steps he has to take. Starting over does not mean a clean slate; only a sober lifestyle and remembering why he became addicted in the first place.



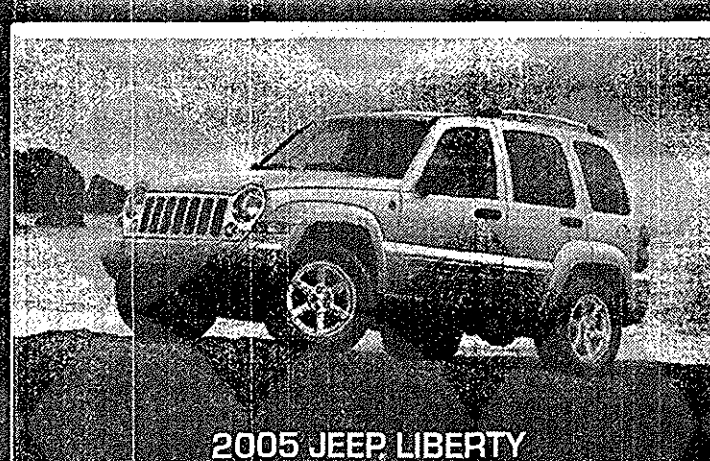
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OUR SIDE

Domhoff firing comes at odd time

Youngstown State University officials announced the closing of the Cisco Networking Academy at the Southwoods Commons Metro College as of June 30.

The course offerings will be moved to the YSU campus, with officials citing low enrollment numbers and a desire to make the program stronger financially as key reasons for the closing.

To help the financial situation, two classified staff positions will be eliminated.

All this is fair enough. In a time when funding for higher education programs is at an all-time low, it makes perfect sense for the university to consolidate Metro College courses to the main campus.

One would even go so far as to say it can be expected there would be employee cut-backs in an effort to reduce cost.

All of this was contained neatly in the weekly YSU news briefs that are sent to area media outlets, making just a brief mention that two individuals will lose their positions.

What was not mentioned in the news brief, however, was that one of the positions being eliminated belonged to YSU-Associated Classified Employees President Christine Domhoff. ACE is the union that represents the university's classified employees.

While it is not surprising Domhoff was not mentioned by name in the news brief, the timing of her termination is what is questionable.

Her termination is the first from the university for non-disciplinary reasons since 1991, Domhoff has said.

In her most recent evaluations, Domhoff has never received any negative comments in regard to her performance. Domhoff also holds numerous degrees qualifying her for other positions at YSU. After 23 years of employment at the university, there was no mention of relocating her to another department or position.

YSU-ACE contract expires Aug. 15, not even two months after the Cisco networking Academy is set to close and Domhoff is supposed to leave her post.

There is always the possibility of a strike during these times.

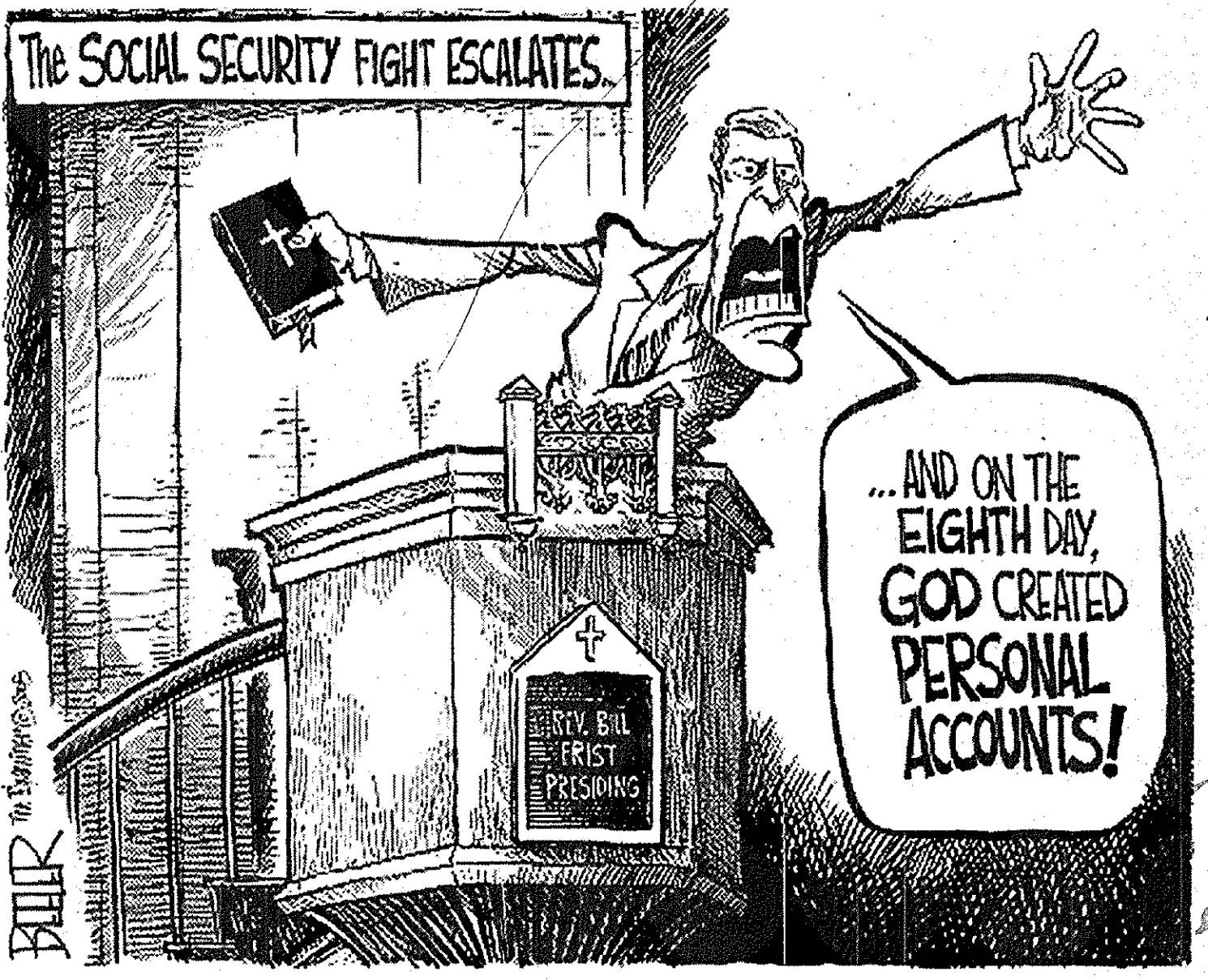
Recent conversations between YSU officials and ACE members, such as the salary study done two months ago comparing classified employees' salaries to other service workers in the area, may be an indication of turmoil ahead for negotiations.

At a time when YSU-ACE needs the most solidarity, it appears university officials are making decisions to undermine its strength.

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Through the looking glass

By Mike Pingree
KRT Campus

NEXT TIME, TRY WAVING YOUR ARMS

Motorists spotted a man lying on the Trans Canada Highway in Burnaby, British Columbia, in the predawn darkness, and called the police, believing he was dead. He wasn't.

The guy had run out of gas and lay down on the road to "attract someone's attention."

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police said they "don't really recommend this method."

IS THAT IN THE TOWN OF LOSERVILLE?

A potential employer kicked back a California woman's resume because he thought she was kidding about her address. She wasn't. She lives on Dork Street.

SHE SHOULD HAVE PUT IT ON 'VIBRATE'

A woman in a restaurant in Romania stole a cellphone from a fellow diner and slipped it into her vagina.

A witness spotted the theft and called the police, but when they came and quizzed her, she denied everything. They were about to let her go, when someone called the missing phone.

FEELING A LITTLE TESTY, ARE WE?

A man, driving in Fort Myers, Fla., felt the car in front of him was going too slow, so he rammed it — twice.

He then passed the vehicle, but the couple in the car followed him and confronted him at a gas station, where he pulled out a baseball bat

and smashed their windshield. He was arrested.

FASTER, FASTER, THEY'RE GAINING ON US

Two robbers, who broke into an ambulance boat near Askvoll, Norway, to steal drugs, intended to escape in a small rowboat at a nearby dock.

After setting off an alarm, they fled to their getaway boat, only to discover that neither of them knew how to row. Authorities captured them after watching them row around in tiny circles.

ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO? FZZZZ!

A drug suspect, arrested in Orlando, Fla., repeatedly refused to provide a urine sample requested by police, and resisted their efforts to take one via catheter.

So an officer whipped out the old stun gun and Tasered him twice. After that, police said he "voluntarily" provided the sample.

UM, THANK YOU DOCTOR

A doctor in Hertfordshire, England, conducting a routine checkup on a woman, fondled her naked breast and said, "Nice." An inquiry has been launched.

THE VERY DEFINITION OF A FREAK ACCIDENT

An off-duty San Antonio police officer went into a public men's room to answer nature's call. As he lowered his trousers in the stall, his gun fell out, landed with a thud, and fired into the floor, sending a piece of tile into the leg of a guy who was washing his hands at the sink.

YOU'RE NOT MAD AT ME, ARE YOU?

Escalating a minor feud with her neighbor, a woman in Heguri, Japan, cut a hole in her back door and blasted loud dance music toward the other woman's nearby house, day and night for almost two years.

The perpetrator was arrested. The victim suffered insomnia and headaches.

HEY, HERE'S A PRETTY GOOD CLUE

Dallas police caught the guys who shot a man to death, because the victim had written their license plate number on the back of his hand.

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

NEWS

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avoid compromising her husband's potential promotion. Mike is one of four finalists for the Dean of Arts and Sciences position.

"I do not want to ruin this opportunity for him," Hirschl wrote in the letter. "Based on our love for the university and on our personal beliefs, we would never compromise a job; however, with the media surrounding so many recent hires, we both feel it is in our best interest, as well as the university's best interest, for me to remove myself from the Bachelor of Science/Medical Doctor Coordinator position applicant pool."

Three Youngstown State University teachers, William Bruce Neil, Kevin Chakos and Joseph Serowik, received media attention in 2004 because of background discrepancies discovered after they were hired.

After a number of attempts to contact Hirschl and Mike, neither could be reached for comment.

Hirschl's application and subsequent withdrawal came after a

fall 2004 attempt by Bolla to assign her to the BS/MD Coordinator job while employed as a temporary instructor in the Chemistry department. Bolla re-assigned six hours of Hirschl's teaching load to allow her to fill the responsibilities of the position vacated by Jennifer Board.

After attempts to contact Bolla, he was not available for comment.

However, the Association of Professional/Administrative Staff (APAS) objected to the move, saying the assignment was a violation of the university's agreement with the union. The BS/MD Coordinator is one of the jobs specifically listed in the union's contract.

Sally Kenney, current president of APAS, was a union representative under then-president Sherri Martz when she received word of Hirschl's appointment to the position.

"We were made aware of it the day they were going to introduce her to the BS/MD students," she

said.

Kenney said she made an inquiry with the human resources department, who later requested permission to fill the position without going through the usual union protocols. Kenney said Martz denied the request.

The coordinator provides academic advisement and support for YSU students enrolled in the Northeast Ohio Universities College of Medicine's six-year Bachelor of Science and Medical Degree program. Academic advisers are represented by APAS.

In an April 22 correspondence to Interim Provost Bege Bowers, Bolla said Hirschl used her re-assigned time to assist BSMD program students in areas other than

advisement.

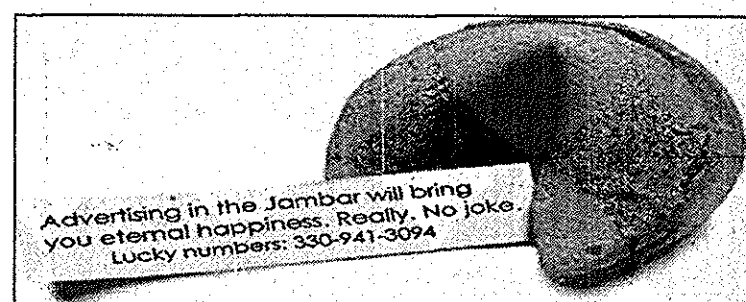
Hirschl has been a temporary chemistry instructor on a year-to-year contract since 2003.

The chemistry department obtained affirmative action waivers for both years of her employment.

Lack of time and funds were cited as the reasons for waiving a national search to select a candidate for the position she now holds.

In March, Hirschl's contract was renewed for the 2005-06 academic year, the third year she has filled the position without a search performed for the job.

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► *No wedding bells*
Cameron Diaz's rep calling published reports claiming the actress plans to marry Justin Timberlake in France this weekend "totally false."

CD REVIEW

Beck at most imaginative on latest release

90s acts giving hope to rock in 2005

By Bill Rodgers
The Jambar

If things keep going the way they are, I think 2005 will be a fantastic year for rock 'n' roll. Two things lead me to believe this.

First, staple mediocre bands are starting to fade away. Earlier this year Blink 182, a band representative of all the nasal-singing and obnoxious pop-punk acts, decided to take an "extended hiatus." Second the guitarist for Korn, a band representative of all the depressed, uninspired nu-metal schlock acts, lost their guitarist to God.

Pop-punk and nu-metal, a twofold evil, could be (thank heavens) on its way out.

Second, amazing alternative bands from the 90s are starting to worm their way out of the woodwork and release new material. Nine Inch Nails has a new CD on the way, and Tool is rumored to be in the studio already working on a new one. And the Rage/Soundgarden hybrid Audioslave is ready to release a follow-up CD.

Last but not least is Beck, the mop-haired skinny slacker icon. Beck recently wowed some critics with the release of his new CD "Guero." The CD catches Beck at his weirdest and most imaginative, the result is an excellent listen. I've had the CD for over a week now, and I've listened to it nearly every day.

"Guero," which is Spanish slang for "white boy," is classic Beck. There's a wide and diverse mashing of musical styles, weird sounds and lyrics that arrived on an express flight from crazy land. "See the vegetable man in his vegetable van"? Ah Beck, you card.

This time around, Beck boiled another mix of genres together in a unique brew. "E-pro," the song's opening track, is a loud distorted guitar riff played over Beck's lyrics. Then the album shifts to "Que Onda

Guero," a Latin hip-hop style song that calls back memories of "Loser" and "Two Turtables."

The album shifts immediately again during "Girl," which has notes of a classic rock song but is played along with a melody that sounds like it belongs in an old Atari videogame.

Also worth listening to on the CD is the lush string section and Latin beat of "Missing," the psychedelic western folk song of "Farewell Ride," the slow floating guitar sound in "Broken Drum" and the distorted guitars in "Rental Car" that unexpectedly give way to a loop of female singers "la-la-la-ing" out of the stereo.

All of the piecemeal musical influences Beck bends could really make for a jarring, discontinuous album, but "Guero" is surprisingly unified. The entire album flows very well and it's hard to just listen to one song without playing the entire album.

True, as one critic pointed out, there isn't a single song that really jumps up and stands out on the album.

This would be a huge problem if the album was just a mediocre collection of genre-mashed ramblings, but it's here that the CD's continuity really helps it out. The entire CD is one long grooving thought.

In short "Guero" is a great musical effort by Beck. The songs are smooth with many of their own peaks and sounds that'll really jump off of the CD and surprise you. With lines like "I dunno, I saw a puppet at Tang's with a mullet and a popsicle" one begins to worry that Beck's brain is home to a colony of weird supernatural little gnomes.

Whatever they are, though, they turn out some pretty wicked music so they're more than welcome to stay as far as I'm concerned.

Call Bill Rodgers at (330) 941-3758



Beck performs live at The Universal Studios Home Video/Focus Features DVD Launch Party of "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" held at the medical offices of Lacuna Inc. in Los Angeles, California, September 23, 2004. (KRT Campus)

COMMENTARY

The grace and beauty of water slides

By Bob Mackey
The Jambar

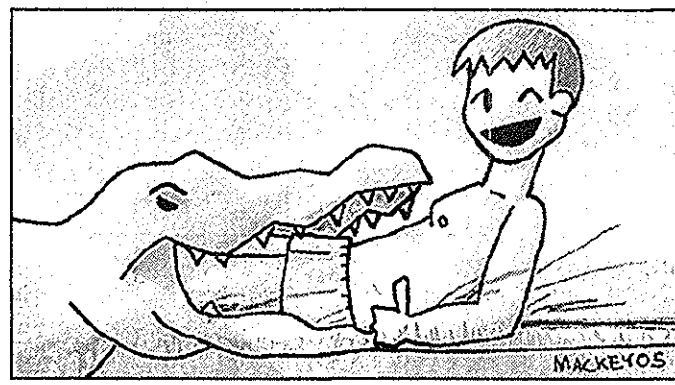
I've always believed that the water slide was man's greatest creation. You have all of the sensation of rocketing toward your untimely death, but instead of smashing your tailbone into a million pieces on harsh, unforgiving concrete, you are cushioned by the loving arms of sweet lady water. As a child, I found regular slides to be both intimidating and burn-inducing, which is why to this day I prefer slides of the water-based variety. There are no benefits to a superheated steel structure sitting in the sun.

Waterslides need not be elevated structures, though.

Some of the greatest water slides have been land-based. I have fond childhood memories of Crocodile Mile, and it's less successful British iteration, Alligator Kilometer (because the metric system just sucks the fun out of everything). For those of you who aren't familiar with the product, it included a long slick surface, sprinklers, and a pool with a fake crocodile mouth at the end. Crocodile Mile allowed me to tear ass through my backyard, all while giving myself a terrible rash on my stomach. It's every kid's dream! My lifelong fantasy has been to create a Crocodile Mile that is actually a mile long, only in my version, real crocodiles will devour you at the end. My reasoning

behind this is after taking a trip on my Crocodile Mile, you will have experienced the peak of happiness, leaving the rest of your life an abyss of misery.

If I ever become crazy enough to want to get married, I think I'm going to have the first water slide wedding. I have all of the logistics worked out. We will have a priest tethered to us, who will go down the slide a few seconds before we do. Once we've launched, we have until we reach the bottom to exchange vows, rings and kiss each other. If we can't do this before splashdown, the wedding is cancelled and we go our separate ways. Sorry, baby, I don't make the rules! Of course, the logistics behind a water slide honeymoon are too



graphic to go into detail about.

Even if my wedding plans don't pan out, the world would still be a better place if I would be able to travel to all of my destinations via water slide. Hell, even a Slip N' Slide would work!

Unfortunately, in our litigious country, the Slip N' Slide has turned into the Slip N'

Displace Your Hip N' Sue. Heck, the Romans had the right idea with aqueducts; unfortunately this society centered on water slides crumbled because the aqueducts were not used for their intended purpose. They don't tell you this in the history books, people. That's why I'm here.

Every time I see a store open in my town, I'm ultimately disappointed that it's not a water slide factory. Where I live, there are four grocery stores within a three block radius... Four! And yet, when I show up in my swimsuit, desperately looking in vain for a water slide aisle, the clerks always tell me to leave. I'm a little upset that YSU doesn't offer a water slide architecture degree; maybe then I could leave my impact on the world. After all, who needs books when you could be shooting down a slick tube of joy and wonder?

MOVIE REVIEW

'A Lot Like Love' a lot like average

By Sean Ludwig
The Mancater (U. Missouri)

(U-WIRE) COLUMBIA, Mo. — If the two main characters of a romantic comedy have sex five minutes after the movie begins, it can't be too bad.

It's a sign that the filmmakers are willing to explore characters who disregard morality and embrace their desires. It also means the film has to work hard to make the audience like these decadent characters.

In "A Lot Like Love," a new and unimpressive romantic comedy, this is how we are introduced to Oliver Martin (Ashton Kutcher) and Emily Frichl (Amanda Peet), two 20-somethings on a flight to New York.

Oliver, a recent college graduate who wants to pursue a career in Internet sales, has his life planned. He wants a house, a car and a job before he settles down with that special someone.

Emily, a free spirit who likes to cause trouble, couldn't

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care less about what's ahead. She had just been dumped by her rock 'n' roll boyfriend and decides to jump in an airplane bathroom with an unsuspecting Oliver.

The two have a few drinks after the flight and spend time together in the city. Before they part ways, Emily challenges Oliver, betting him \$50 that he won't have everything in his life settled in six years. Then, Oliver gives Emily his phone number.

Over the course of seven years, these two grow, move, find and lose jobs and come across each other now and again. From the start, the audience knows they belong together, but if they didn't stay apart at least for a while, there wouldn't be a movie.

The two are extremely dim, but little bits of character are thrown in to trick us into thinking they might actually have brains. Emily misses her mother, who passed away when Emily was young. She visits her mother's grave whenever she goes to New York. Oliver has a deaf brother and knows sign language.

The script, by first-timer Colin Patrick Lynch, brings the movie down the most. Inventive, quality dialogue is severely lacking. In one scene, rather than Emily and Oliver conversing about something meaningful, they just spit water at each other.

Another piece of the blame can be placed on Director Nigel Cole, who has only helmed the British comedies "Calendar Girls" and "Saving Grace." He has potential, but doesn't have the talent to transform an American romantic comedy into something special.

A tight soundtrack, including varied tracks by Third Eye Blind, Aqualung, Groove Armada and Travis, improves the movie. These songs create a resonating musical heartbeat that fills in some of the words the characters never say.

Surprisingly, natural performances by Kutcher and Peet save "A Lot Like Love" from being completely without merit. This is Kutcher's best work in a film. He only has a limited array of expressions, but somehow it works well with his character. Peet also does an admirable job.

However, in the end, even worthy performances can't save "A Lot Like Love" from being a lot like every other romantic comedy.

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The name change is also a means of clarifying the office's activities for students and their parents, Herschel said.

"We were just looking for a way to give students a better idea of what the office does," Herschel said.

Herschel said the word 'bursar' is an old term from the Latin bursa, which is defined as "keeper of the money."

Despite restructuring, Herschel said the office would continue to perform the same services as before.

These services include student billing, deposit collections, delinquent account collection and monitoring the collection of the federal Perkins

Loan Program.

Herschel said two new positions, manager of customer service and operations and manager of financial analysis and collections will replace the vacant supervisory position and the associate bursar position.

While the search committees for these jobs pursue applicants, Herschel said the work they do will continue to be divided among the current 15-person staff.

Around campus the name change appears to have received as a positive reaction among YSU students.

When asked by a Jambor reporter if she knew the mean-

ing of the word 'bursar,' sophomore Angie McNeely gave the popular answer among the student body.

"It's where I go to pay my money," McNeely said.

When informed of the Bursar's new moniker, McNeely said it clarified to her what happened within the office.

McNeely said Student Accounts and Receivables sounded "pretty cut and dry" and should help all students gain a better understanding of the office.

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remain YSU-ACE president and chief negotiator regardless of her employment status.

"I'm not convinced I'm not going to have a job here. I think they've taken some action, but I don't know what all my legal rights are, so I'm not waiving any rights."

Externally funded positions
Domhoff wasn't reassigned to a new job within the university because she signed a contract in 2001 for an externally funded position, Chordas said.

"Whenever the funding runs out on externally funded positions, the person's contract isn't renewed," Chordas said.

However, Domhoff said after her first externally funded year, her salary was listed as permanent in the university budget.

When Domhoff started at the academy, the program was exclusively non-credit, she said. But it made more sense for students to take for-credit courses to aid in their market competitiveness, so she encouraged CSIS to offer the Cisco classes for credit.

"I took a lot of my students out of the non-credit program and encouraged them to go into the credit program," Domhoff said. "As a result of doing what I was told to do, I've eliminated my job."

YSU last laid off employees in the early 1990s, Domhoff said.

It is very uncommon for a company to terminate a union president so close to contract negotiations, John Russo, co-director of YSU's Center for

Working Class Studies, said. "Unconscionable"

"I think this is unconscionable," Russo said. "It's clearly an attempt at intimidation."

Russo said the union should file wrongful termination and unfair labor practice complaints.

"It shows you the extent to which John Habat [YSU's vice president for administration and the university's chief negotiator] and the current leadership of the university will go to try to influence collective bargaining," Russo said.

Habat referred all comments to Chordas.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Youngstown State University police officers saw two suspicious persons in the breezeway between the Kilcawley House dormitory and Kilcawley Center on April 27. The officers asked the men for identification and one man showed a valid YSU ID card. The other suspect, James Clinkscale, was acting nervously and pacing around the breezeway according to the police report. Clinkscale is not a YSU student and lied about his age. Due to his nervous behavior, the officer asked the man to go to the wall and be patted down. After several commands, Clinkscale took his hands out of his pockets and began was uncooperative. According to the police report there was an active warrant for his arrest from the Youngstown Police Department. Clinkscale was arrested and was told by police he was never allowed on YSU properties. He did not take the charge seriously and said "It's only assault, I'll get out."

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Students meet for Model U.N. Conference

By Elizabeth Tabak
The Jambar

Local high school students gathered in Kilcawley Center Friday for the 17th annual Regional High School Model United Nations Conference.

The students gathered to discuss issues that impact individuals, countries and regions of the world and to get a closer look at how the real U.N. works. Months ago, the students were assigned countries to research and represent.

Students and their advisers agreed the day's events, and the subsequent months of research they had done on their topics, gave them a better understanding of diplomacy, brought them up to date on world issues and prepared for them for their futures.

Matt Sammartino, a teacher at Ursuline High School and the adviser to the UHS MUN team, said he has been bringing students to the event for four years. Sammartino said he was glad students were given countries outside of the United States to research.

"It's a good experience," Sammartino said. "They get to see that there is not always an easy solution and there is always another perspective to see things from."

His student, junior Nadia Suzellis, agreed, adding though she's not very interested in politics, she did enjoy learning about different "peace-keeping practices."

"While learning about

your country, you also learn ways to get along with people," Suzellis said. "It can even help in mediation between your little brothers and sisters."

Suzellis and her teammate Matt Sanders represented Syria for the day. Both agreed the event could help shape an interest in politics and diplomacy as a career.

"I'm pretty undecided right now," Sanders said, "but this is definitely helping me think a lot about a possible career."

Colin Kelty, a Boardman High School student, said he got involved because he's "actually a big fan of the real U.N."

The representative of Russia said he is currently looking to study medicine when he attends college in the fall. However, he is interested in a career in politics after taking on a medical practice.

"You learn a lot about parliamentary procedure, how to keep countries happy," Kelty said.

"It's interesting because they have a difficult time keep-

ing things together."

Kelty added, "Not only is it interesting, but the day off of school is an added bonus."

Representing the Ukraine and the Gilmore Academy in Mills Gates, Ohio, was Holly Tassi.

The high school junior said she initially got involved in the event because one of her teachers was the team adviser, and she thought it may be comparable to her other activities, speech and debate. Once she began researching and taking part in the event, Tassi said she was happy to get "more up-to-date" on world events and able to meet more people that could teach her about them.

"I like hearing other views on these topics," Tassi said. "I really found it surprising, but it is amazing how many young people care and are so passionate about events that don't directly affect them on a day-to-day basis." Her teammate, Nikki Craker, added she participated "to get an inside look at our own culture."

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the Reading and Study Skills Center, talked to the crowd about the sources of stress.

Drouhard said though students share the pressures of school, they also have more than one worry at a time that can pile on stress.

"We all have many roles in our lives that are sometimes hard to balance out," Drouhard said.

Drouhard said the effects of stress can be both physical and mental, adding she was consistently sick every finals week due to lack of sleep caused by worry.

Drouhard said effects from stress can range from gum disease, osteoporosis and, in the long run, even cancer.

Graduate student Rachel Hoffman said one of the biggest lessons students need to learn to conquer stress is by taking breaks.

Hoffman said making realistic goals and keeping them in focus would alleviate much of the stress.

"You need to realize that the world isn't going to end if you can't get everything done," Hoffman said.

Hoffman said recharging through relaxation is key to maintaining concentration on studies, something unlikely to happen when stress builds up.

Hoffman said many students are not aware of the tension they put on their bodies and should find a calming routine that works for them.

Hoffman, who said she clenches her fists when stressed, added that some

useful techniques include meditation and walking.

Graduate student Amber Stiles-Bodnar, a graduate assistant in the office of Career and Counseling Services, said her technique is time management.

She said though everyone feels stressed at some point in time, students should recognize abnormal symptoms, such as chronic fatigue, consistent irritability and the inability to work well, as signs they need outside help.

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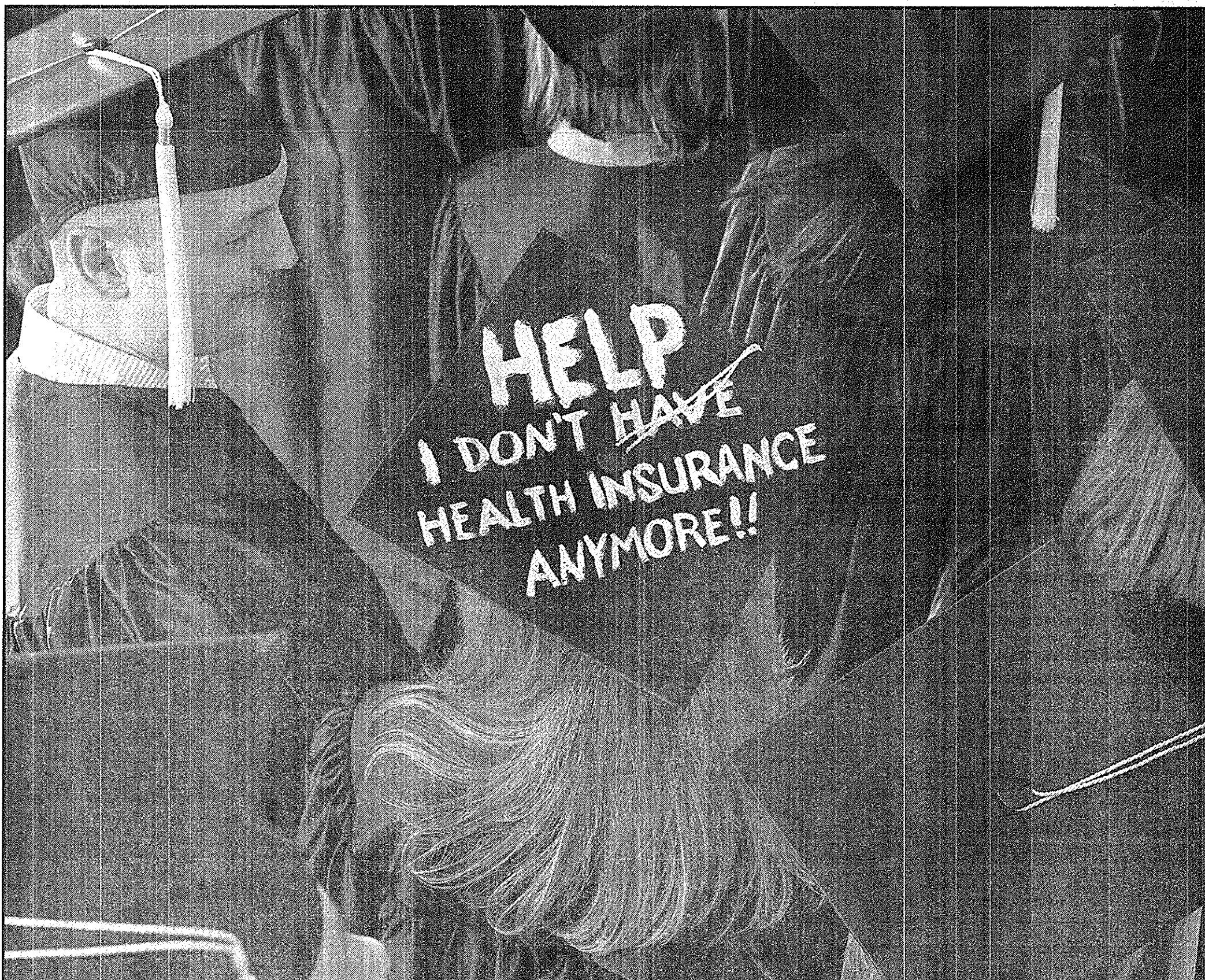
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was just starting to come into his own as a pitcher," Florak said. "When I saw him he looked pretty sick, and at that point you just start saying your prayers and hoping that everything works out. But he's a tough guy. He fought his way through it and it's great to see him back."

Gnacinski said Florak helped him through his battle.

"They say you don't really know anybody until you walk a mile in their shoes. I haven't walked a mile in his shoes, but I've definitely gone down a similar pathway," Gnacinski said of Florak, who was hospitalized due to Crohn's Disease during his own college baseball career.

Gnacinski's two-week stay at the hospital began to take its toll on the family, especially because the disease hit the healthiest member of the family so quickly. "I know it was rough on my dad," he said. "He was at the hospital, but when he came in to see me he would always sit in the corner."

His older brother Phil also offered to donate a kidney when doctors thought Gnacinski needed a transplant.

By this point Gnacinski had lost 15 pounds and, as doctors described, was breathing as though he had two 50-pound bags on his chest. He was placed on a chemotherapy drug and a steroid called prednisone. He checked out of the hospital and headed home.

For the next two months, Gnacinski struggled with sleeping, eating, moving, breathing and socializing.

Nights were a torturous cycle of sleeping for an hour at a time before waking up in a frenzy that would last for another hour. His stomach wouldn't keep any meals down. Being bedridden for so long also left him struggling to move. "After being in the hospital for so long, I had to think about how to walk," he said. "Walking up the stairs in my house put out of breath for five to 10 minutes."

Depression started to set in.

"Every day since it happened until probably just a couple of months ago I would ask myself 'why me?' Why am I person that has to wake up and take 24 pills every day? I had to learn how to walk again. I had no balance. I had to teach myself to run again."

While Gnacinski was in recovery, the team was putting together a historic postseason run in the Horizon League Tournament that led to an NCAA Tournament berth. The Penguins entered the tournament as the No. 7 seed out of seven teams in the tournament and trailed Butler 3-0 in the ninth inning of the opening round before mounting a four-run comeback that led to a 4-3 victory.

Gnacinski surprised his teammates and showed up at Eastwood Field for the team's game against CSU. Though he sat in the dugout in street clothes, Florak said his presence was inspiration to the team.

"He wasn't feeling too good, but I pulled the guys into

a circle and said, 'there are going to be ups and downs. But look at this guy. This is what we're all about.'

YSU won the next three games to win the Horizon League Championship for the first time in school history and earned the league's automatic bid into the NCAA Tournament. Ironically, the Penguins played Texas in the first round, and that made Gnacinski hungrier than ever to get back on the mound.

"That was the best news I had heard in a long time," he said. "Once I found out we were going to go to Texas and Coach Florak asked me to go, I wanted to be back and be part of it so bad again."

He started to try to go out and run, but after a few minutes he was out of breath and had to turn around. Gnacinski's 10- and 12-year-old brothers also tried their best to get him going by continually asking to play catch.

By July, Gnacinski's health had improved enough to begin playing summer ball in the Glenwood League in Erie. It was a victory to get back on the diamond, but not being able to perform at his best was tearing him up inside. In fact, he said his lowest point psychologically came during a game in July when someone hit a chopper back to the mound and Gnacinski couldn't field it. His body just wouldn't let him.

"I almost fell on my face trying to run after it," he said. "When that happened, I just wanted to give up right there. I couldn't do anything except

throw the ball"

By the time August rolled around, Gnacinski was healthy enough to attend classes and compete with the team in fall practices.

In December he was taken off of the steroids and is now down to only taking Methotrexate to keep the disease in remission and has weekly blood work done as a precaution.

On that February afternoon when Gnacinski made his comeback, the Penguins were again playing the nation's top-ranked Texas Longhorns.

"The first time I pitched against Texas I probably threw eight to 12 balls in a row. But just to be out there right then was..." He paused to find the right word. "It was overwhelming."

He's gone on to make nine more appearances this season for the Penguins, who are currently in first place in the Horizon League. Among those nine appearances were another outing against Texas and Missouri, and he hasn't been scored upon in his last five innings. Looking at the statistics, Gnacinski reflected on the year.

"Not a lot of people have been through what I've been through. People have heard what happened, but they don't understand everything I've been through."

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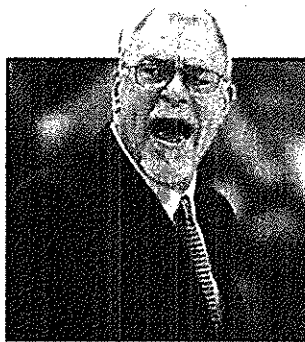
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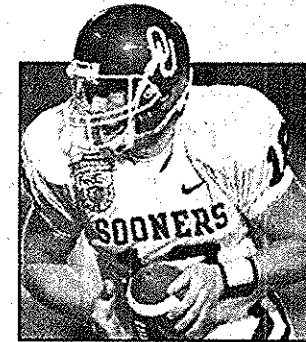
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YSU

Red team wins spring game

Tom Zetts led his squad to a 26-21 win

By Justin Smolkovich
The Jambar

This year's 33rd annual Red and White spring football game saw the Red team victorious with a score of 26-21.

The Red team wasted little time after stopping the White squad on three plays when Red team quarterback Tom Zetts orchestrated a high-powered air attack. Zetts went four of five, culminating with a 5-yard touchdown toss to Kyle Smith, putting the Red team ahead 7-0. Zetts finished the game with the most yards of any quarterback with 143 on 13 of 22 passes.

Both teams defenses stepped up as they made each other trade punts until the Red squad hit a 37-yard field goal behind the leg of freshman Brian Palmer, increasing the lead to 10-0.

On the next possession the White squad answered behind surprise quarterback Vince Gliatta. He went 4 in 4 in his first series at the helm, ending with a 19-yard touchdown heave to Rory Berry. Gliatta finished the night 8 of 11 for 130 yards and two touchdowns.

The scariest moment for the Penguins came on the ensuing kick off as cornerback Jason Perry took it 55 yards into White territory before being pushed out of bounds.

With great field position the Red team's other talents were highlighted in tailback Monquantae Gibson. On fourth and one Gibson broke down the right sideline for a 37-yard scamper to pay dirt. Brandon Brown blocked the extra point, giving the Red

team a 16-7 lead. Gibson rushed for 64 yards on just five carries. The White team's Brandon Nicholson also gained 52 yards on 12 carries.

Senior Aaron Marshall took the reins after throwing an interception earlier in the game, driving the White squad 77 yards in 11 plays before hitting tight end Max King in the end zone. The White team did not miss their point after making the score 16-14.

Zetts rebounded, taking three plays before he found Smith in the back of the end zone for the pair's second touchdown connection of the game.

Gliatta returned, leading his team to another scoring opportunity. Jameson Evans caught six balls for 89 yards and a touchdown making the score 23-21 in favor of the Red. This proved too much for the White when, on the Red's next possession, Palmer booted a 35-yard field goal closing the game.

After the game head coach John Heacock said he was pleased with the play. "I think this group has some confidence, and I think there is some maturity," Heacock said.

Overall it was the receiving corps that got the most admiration from both the head coach and the quarterbacks, who were throwing them scoring strikes. Smith who finished with seven catches for 61 yards and two touchdowns, gave most of the credit to Zetts.

"It's pretty easy when you have a guy like Zetts," Smith said.

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White Team corner back Anton Rush (23) nabs wide receiver Kyle Smith (11) in the first quarter of the Red and White Spring Game. Smith caught seven passes and scored two touchdowns in Friday's contest. (Jambar photo by Ron Stevens).

YSU

Gnacinski faces much tougher battle than one on the field

YSU pitcher lives with rare disease that unfortunately has no cure in sight

It was a cool and windy Friday afternoon in late February at Disch-Falk Field in Austin, Texas, as Youngstown State University pitcher Matt Gnacinski jogged from the bullpen to the pitcher's mound.

For Gnacinski, this was a final triumph in a 10-month battle with the rare illness Wegner's Granulomatosis.

It hit quickly and without warning. On April 6, 2004, Gnacinski won his first collegiate game, leading YSU to a double-header sweep of West Liberty State as the Penguins began a seven-game Easter week schedule. He had the best game of his collegiate career, striking out five hitters in six innings while allowing only three hits. That was Tuesday. By Saturday, doctors didn't know if he would see Easter morning.

Wegner's Granulomatosis is a disease that affects about 1 in 30,000 people. It is characterized by inflamed blood vessels that limit blood flow to important organs and most often affects the respiratory tract and the

kidneys. There is no cure — only a state of remission — and health experts don't know its cause.

On Wednesday, Gnacinski anticipated waking up to pain in his right arm and elbow from his performance the night before. Instead, every joint in his body was sore.

He fought through the pain and went through a light workout before the team's game against Akron that afternoon.

At practice on Thursday Gnacinski started spitting up blood and having trouble breathing midway through his warm-up laps.

"I got a little scared, so I called my mom the next morning and she wanted me to get checked into the hospital and get checked out," he said, adding he thought he just had pneumonia.

The team was scheduled to play at Cleveland State University that Friday, so Gnacinski drove back to his home in Erie and checked in to Saint Vincent Health System. After an X-ray revealed he had pneumonia in both lungs, he went home with med-

ication. By Saturday, Gnacinski was facing his worst conditions yet.

"My mom called to check on me every two hours, but half of the time I didn't even answer the phone because I couldn't get up," he said. "I was spitting up so much blood, my nose started bleeding and wouldn't stop and my eyes were bloodshot. I had big time pain and I couldn't breathe."

The pitcher was taken in for further examination, which only raised more questions. At one point, the doctors thought Gnacinski was a crack addict. It wasn't until results from another X-ray were compared to his previous results that anyone had any answers.

"Within one day — in less than 24 hours — my lungs had gone from slightly cloudy to completely covered. They said they had never seen anything like it before," Gnacinski said. "We didn't find out

until later, but my lungs were filling up with blood. My kidneys had completely shut down. I was bleeding from everywhere and it wouldn't

and replaces it with new plasma fluid and four blood transfusions.

He woke up Easter Sunday to his last rites, a Catholic sacrament only given to those in danger of death. Family and friends started coming in to visit fearing the worst.

The decision was made to transport Gnacinski to the Cleveland Clinic as soon as possible.

He was moved on Monday where he spent the next two weeks undergoing hours of grueling tests and prodding.

"They told my parents that I was the sickest person in the ICU in the Cleveland Clinic," he said.

"My parents tried to keep that stuff from me, but I knew it was serious or else they wouldn't have transferred me."

YSU head baseball coach Mike Florak was one of his many visitors.

"What made it worse was that he

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