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Sweet announces Habat's new YSU post

By: Bill Rodgers
NEWS EDITOR

After extensive debate, the future of John Habat at Youngstown State University has been decided.

David Sweet, YSU president, announced Thursday his final response to

January's Labor Management Panel.

Sweet came to The Jambor office on Monday to discuss Habat's new position, campus labor relations and why Habat was such a source of controversy and tension on campus.

The decision comes almost three months after a Labor-Management Review

Panel, formed by Sweet to make recommendations to easing labor tensions on campus, recommended that Habat be fired.

Habat, the vice president of administration, will be reassigned to a new position effective June 30. The position, vice



HABAT

president of special projects, will require Habat to work from home, earning \$148,378 per year and benefits, in line with his contract. Under the new deal with Habat, no one from YSU will report to him and he will keep his \$6,000 yearly allowance until July.

Sweet said the university would supply Habat with a steady stream of special projects, which the administrator will work on, making monthly reports of his progress to the university. Sweet said Habat's first project would be to represent YSU on an Inter-University Council committee responding to the pro-

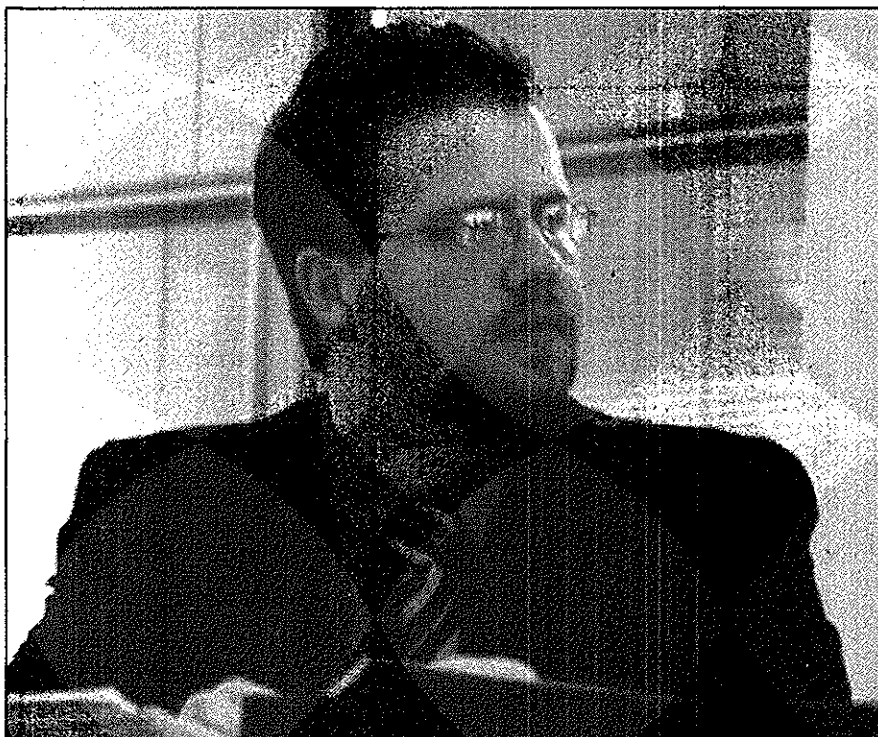
posed Taxpayers Bill of Rights in Ohio.

Sweet said the proposed bill of rights could decrease university funding.

Sweet said Habat would work from home because he was surrounded by controversy on campus. Habat has been working from his

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DEBATES



ABOVE LEFT: SGA presidential candidate and current SGA Parliamentarian Chad Miller watches his opponent respond to a question during Thursday's debate in Cafaro House's Multi-Purpose Room. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Miller's opponent, SGA presidential candidate Wayne Penny Jr., responds to a question.

SGA candidates prepare for elections with debate

By: Cheryl Thompson
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

With voting starting today, the Student Government Association presidential candidates had one last chance to address the student body and each other last Thursday in Cafaro House's Multi-Purpose room. Both parties reemphasized their platforms and vied to be seen as the most effective candidates.

Although they are running for the same positions, the two sets of candidates each bring a different

set of experiences to the table. Chad Miller and his running mate Sarah Vansuch emphasize their respective roles on the current SGA, while Wayne Penny Jr. and his running mate, Andrew Eich, emphasized their military service.

Penny and Eich said they would bring life experience and military experience to SGA if elected.

"While I was in the military I had the experience of leading troops into combat. It was a good opportunity for leadership," Penny said.

The debate's moderator, Jambor editor in chief Leonard Glenn Crist, asked Eich and Penny how their military leadership would transfer to effective SGA leadership. Eich said his time in the Marine Corps has helped him to cope with change and though SGA is a different environment, he said he and Penny, who served in Operation Enduring Freedom, are confident they can handle the job.

"One thing Marines pride ourselves on is our ability to adapt to any situation," Eich said.

Miller and Vansuch said they are the ideal candidates for the positions because have prior knowledge of SGA.

"As parliamentarian this past year, I experienced first hand how the different levels of SGA work, how the committees work together with the rest of the body," Miller said.

Miller also said he and Vansuch have built relationships with university officials and have established contacts to further SGA's

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Provost denies nine promotions

By: Bill Rodgers
NEWS EDITOR

A decision on faculty promotions has opened new tensions between the faculty union and Youngstown State University's administration, the faculty union president said last week.

Nine faculty members were denied promotions by YSU's provost, prompting the faculty union on campus to file a pre-grievance with the university. The faculty union president, Julia Gergits, said some of the faculty would be appealing the decision to YSU President David Sweet.

Provost Robert Herbert, who approved 12 promotion candidates while denying the nine, made the decision in late March.

The faculty members applied for the promotions in November, most seeking a step up from their roles as assistant professors to associate professors, a document from Human Resources showed. With the promotion, the faculty members would enjoy an almost \$8,000 raise; with little change to their responsibilities, Gergits said.

Gergits said that the raise keeps faculty members interested in YSU. She said the professors who applied for the promotion were already doing much of the work of a full professor.

"It's what YSU offers for all of that work," Gergits said of the promotion. "They have the chance to earn a little better income. [YSU] needs to offer this in order to keep faculty."

The faculty members applied for the promotions in November. All 21 applicants were recommended by their departments and colleges to receive the promotions, Herbert said. The provost

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Charitable Revolution



Darla Wilson and Roger Lewis compete in Phi Mu Epsilon's Dance, Dance Revolution contest Monday in Kilcawley Center. Money raised will go toward Phi Mu's philanthropy, which promotes music education.

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Petro discusses higher education at YSU

By: Maysoon Abdelrasul
FEATURES REPORTER

Higher education in the Mahoning Valley and Youngstown State University's future could change if Attorney General Jim Petro's initiatives are successful.

A small group of students and several faculty members listened to the Republican gubernatorial candidate discuss his plans for higher education in a roundtable discussion on Thursday.

Petro stressed the importance for affordable and accessible higher education

to the small group of faculty and students in the DeBartolo Stadium Club. He said his goal is to reduce Ohio's public college tuition by 30 percent.

"Higher education is one of the most important keys for economic growth,"

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Underage drinking leads to three arrests at YSU

By: Maysoon Abdelrasul
FEATURES REPORTER

According to police reports, Katy Ambrass, a Lyden House resident, was arrested by YSU Police after drinking off-campus. A desk attendant observing the security cameras Friday night observed Ambrass attempting to enter a back

door of the dorm with two males, who were Kilcawley House residents, according to the reports.

Ambrass was arrested between 3:21 and 4:12 a.m. Saturday and issued a summons for underage consumption, then released to her room, the reports said.

Then on April 9, YSU-PD arrested two people in the

Courtyard Apartments for underage drinking, disorderly conduct and falsification.

In the first incident YSU-PD was dispatched to the Courtyard Apartments in reference to a large fight on the first floor. Upon arriving police officers didn't find a fight or occupants,

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YSU celebrates Earth Day

Youngstown State University's Annual Earth Day Festival will be 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 19 in front of Kilcawley Center. The event will feature displays by NASA, the Ohio EPA, Mahoning County Green Team, Mahoning County Health Department, Youngstown Litter

Control and Recycling, Youngstown CityScape, Evergreen and the YSU Environmental and Animal Rights Coalition.

There will also be a talk for local high school students by Alan Jacobs, chair of the Geological and Environmental Studies Department from 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday in DeBartolo

Hall room 132. For more information, call Dan Kuzma at (330) 941-2294.

Biology Day informs YSU students

Youngstown State University's first "Biology Day" will be conducted by the Department of Biological Sciences April 20. It will be located on the third floor

of Ward Beecher and will display research activities within the department and inform students about opportunities at YSU. Students can meet faculty and learn about internships, summer research programs, graduate school and careers in science. Awards will be given to graduate and undergraduate students based on poster presentations.

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agenda.
"We have set forth with various projects and if elected, we will be able to promote the continuation of those projects," Vansuch said.

One primary focus of the debate for both the candidates were motives for running for SGA leadership.

Penny said he wants to be the next SGA president because he loves being in leadership positions and says he has a lot to offer the student body.

Current SGA Vice President Amanda Meilke, from the audience, asked why Penny and Eich, having no prior SGA experience decided to run as president and vice president as opposed to representative positions.

Penny said it was because he hadn't had a chance to do so before, citing time being deployed overseas with the military and having medical problems.

"This is the first time I haven't been in danger of getting my head blown off," Penny said.

Eich said he is Penny's running mate because he was asked to run as a favor.

"I wouldn't have struck out on my own to do this," Eich said.

Miller and Vansuch said they are running because they would like to continue the work of the previous SGA administration.

"Experience tends to speak for what we will do in the future," Miller said.

Diversity
An important part of the

platforms for candidates' platforms is diversity. Penny said one of the problems he sees with YSU is self-segregation and said if he is elected; he would work to end it. He says diversity encompasses many different aspects.

"Diversity is not just black and white, it is religious and non-religious beliefs, it's traditional and non-traditional, it's handicapped individuals and gays," Penny said.

One way Penny said he would bring more diversity to campus is to sponsor events where various organizations can interact with each other.

"No one on campus seems to interact with each other. Eich and I are people-persons and we intend to change that," Penny said.

Miller said he empathizes with diverse students.

"We have different people that work together to accomplish a common goal," Miller said.

One issue facing YSU the candidates addressed is YSU's standing as a commuter campus. The candidates were asked how they planned to make YSU a more popular hang-out.

Vansuch said that the movie night initiative started by SGA this year was a good start and is planning to bring more entertainment acts to Peaberry's Café.

Penny and Eich said SGA should focus on bringing bigger name acts to campus in order to offer something students could-

n't be exposed to at home. "Students can watch movies in the privacy of their own homes," Penny said.

Tuition
Miller and Vansuch said one way to prevent tuition increases is to get students more involved with state politics. Miller said higher education is seen as an economic leisure in the state and has ideas to combat the notion, including an on-campus gubernatorial debate.

"We spoke with [Republican candidate] Jim Petro, and he agreed to speak about issues and have a debate on campus," Miller said.

In regards to tuition, Penny said change isn't going to occur overnight.

"Fighting tuition increases is an on-going process that starts with us. We have plans to work with [gubernatorial candidate] Ken Blackwell, to help gain higher education support," Penny said.

Miller refuted Penny's plan to involve Blackwell by pointing out legislation Blackwell supports that would likely prove detrimental to higher education funding in other states.

"Blackwell supports the Tax Payers Bill of Rights. The problem with that is that when it was implemented in other states, higher education funding decreased. Colorado has the bill in place and they rank 48th in higher education funding," Miller said.

Call Cheryl Thompson at (330) 941-1913.

SGA Elections

When: Today and Wednesday

Where: Computer terminals in the Lariccia International Student Lounge in Kilcawley Center, Maag Library's main lobby or from any computer by visiting the SGA homepage at www.ysu.edu/studgov. Students must have a valid CUE-Mail account to vote.

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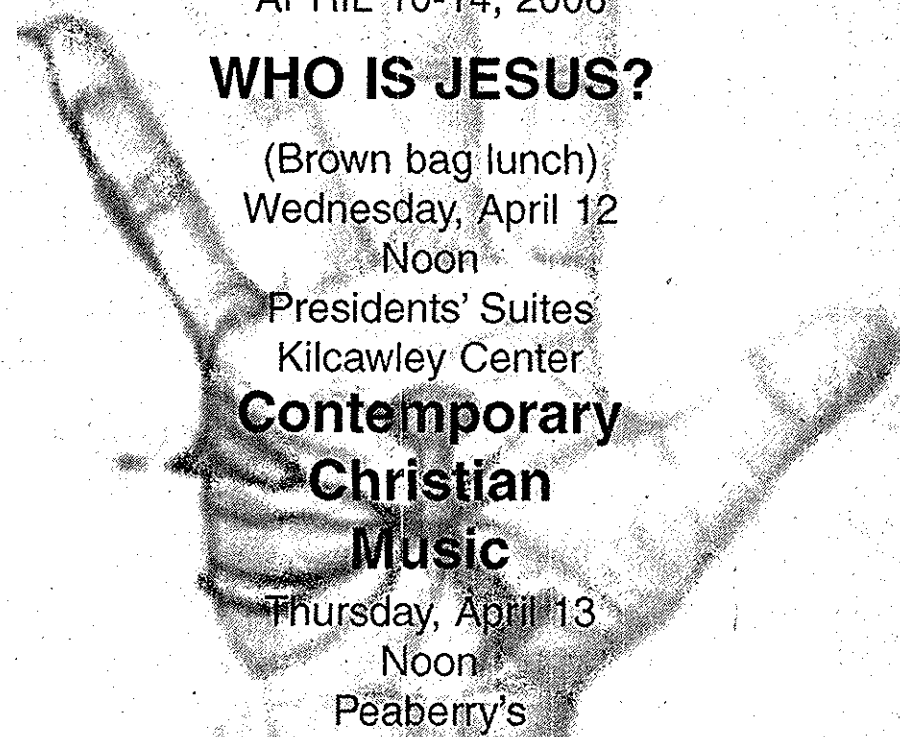
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OUR SIDE

Miller, Vansuch best choice for SGA

Though many students at Youngstown State University might not pay much attention to what goes on in Student Government, the organization has a considerable amount of control over the campus community.

In recent years, SGA has worked toward getting the new recreation center built, lobbied politicians for lower tuition costs, helped mediate a fiery labor dispute and sponsored different entertainment events around campus. In addition to that, SGA controls the purse strings for all student organizations that request funds for various events.

Despite all of this, the vast majority of YSU's more than 12,000 students don't vote in SGA elections. Last year, only 599 students voted for SGA president. Elections for SGA president, vice president and representatives will be held today and Wednesday. Every student who has a spare second should vote. All you need is a Cue-mail account and a computer. SGA will be manning on-campus voting locations to assist students.

This year's race for president and vice president should be tight as both groups of candidates have strong visions for the future of YSU and SGA.

Presidential candidates Chad Miller with his running mate Sarah Vansuch and Wayne Penny Jr. with his running mate Andrew Eich all have strong leadership skills. But in the end it comes down to experience.

While Penny and Eich would more than likely adapt to the job just fine, there is a certain learning curve they would have to overcome, which might put the candidates off to a slow start.

Miller and Vansuch, on the other hand, have SGA experience. Penny and Eich cited their military careers as appropriate leadership experience for the highest SGA offices. While that is both noteworthy and respectable, it isn't a substitute for knowing the ins and outs of an organization such as SGA. Having spent at least a year as a student representative or even regularly attending the meetings could have given Penny and Eich the edge they need.

The key advantage Miller and Vansuch have over their opponents are concrete details on how they will actualize their plans. For example, Eich and Penny want to bring comedian Dane Cook, or other similar big name artists, to campus. But they don't have a plan to do it. On the other hand, Miller and Vansuch want to hold gubernatorial debates at YSU, which could bring the issues facing YSU directly in front of the politicians who can do something about it. Miller already met with candidate Jim Petro, who agreed to a debate on campus should he win the Republican primary.

Throughout the debates, Penny and Eich were short on details, if not on vision. They want to keep tuition affordable, promote diversity, bring wireless Internet to YSU and increase entertainment options for students; but again, with no substantial details or plans to back up their bold visions.

Miller and Vansuch have similar goals, including keeping tuition low, increasing the quality of student life, enhancing campus technology and improving academic accessibility. Their platform, which is available on their web site, details how they plan to accomplish these goals. Our only real fear for Miller and Vansuch is that they will work too closely with administrators, to the detriment of the student body.

It's almost a shame that Penny and Eich aren't as strong candidates as Miller and Vansuch because if SGA needs anything, it's new blood. The last three consecutive SGA presidents have been YSU University Scholars.

While it's good that the scholars commit themselves to university politics and student concerns, it's only a matter of time before the constant line of scholar presidents causes SGA's views on campus issues to stagnate.

We could see this stagnation already at work in this year's debates. SGA members (many of whom are scholars) show up at the debates to ask questions spun to make the opposing candidates (who aren't scholars) appear poorly-qualified for the position. We saw it last year and we were sorry to see it again this year.

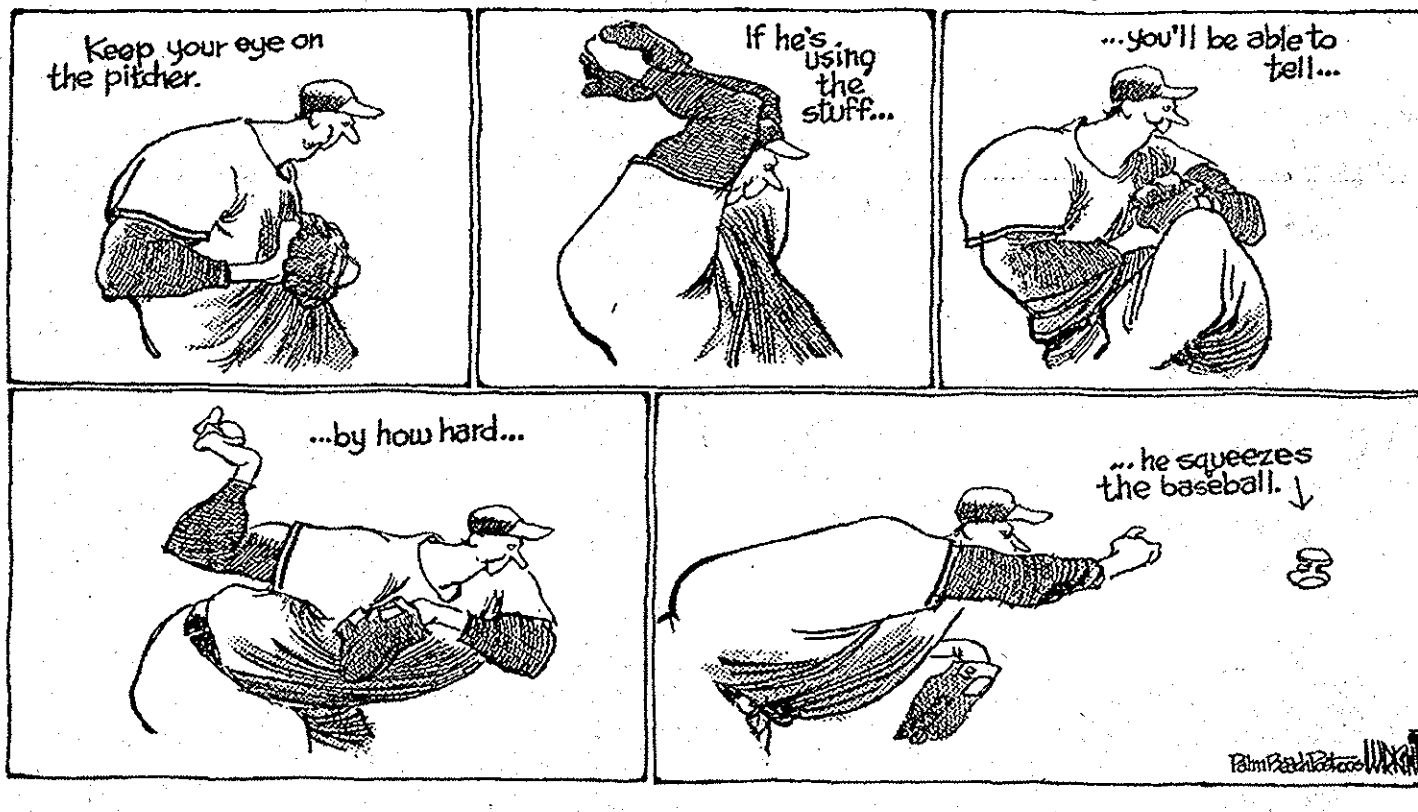
We cannot agree with this; it stifles the valuable opinions of outside candidates and makes SGA elections unappealing for any candidate who isn't within the scholar circle. These attacks only turn people away from running for SGA office and can only result in the stagnation of student government.

We ask the YSU student body to take note of campus issues and get involved with SGA. SGA is the students' voice to administration and beyond regarding tuition, the quality of education and any number of other campus issues. For a student to ignore SGA and not make his or her voice heard, that student gives consent for Ohio's funding-slashing legislature and YSU to do what they will with that student's education, that student's future.

And with increased student involvement, SGA could finally see some new faces and become a better tool for the students of this university.

Though Miller and Vansuch are the superior candidates, Penny and Eich would not be poor choices for SGA. However, we need to side with the candidates who have the experience to fight for the interests of YSU's students. The Jambar endorses Miller and Vansuch for SGA president and vice president.

TIPS ON SPOTTING STEROID USERS



GUEST COMMENTARY

The missing link: YSU and downtown

By: Nathan Pavalko
GUEST COMMENTATOR

It has been proposed that Youngstown City Council rezone an area of land near Youngstown State University that is bordered roughly by Wick Avenue, Lincoln Avenue, Fifth Avenue and Commerce Street. While this is a good idea and can only help the area immediately adjacent to campus, it is still only paying lip service to YSU's commitment to connecting downtown and campus.

One of the major anchor projects in the proposed urban renewal area is the new business college building to be built somewhere on Rayen Avenue. YSU appears to be wanting to link to downtown from campus towards downtown. How exactly is the city to reciprocate? Youngstown is not able to build a new city hall on Elm Street near campus, however YSU could build their new business school building in or near downtown.

YSU needs to take the first step towards linking itself and downtown. The administration has a fine opportu-

nity to take the first step, and I for one feel they should jump at the chance. Some may argue that linking may take time, but I say if not now, when?

Improvements

YSU has also embarked on numerous improvements within the infrastructure around campus. While these improvements are needed, they are misguided. Most of them are around the northeast part of campus, near the Writing Center in Coffelt Hall, Alumni Plaza, and the Wellness Center, as well as the proposed improvement of Spring and Bryson streets, are needed. Those projects are on a part of campus that has low traffic compared with parts. The University seems to be investing money in the part of campus that is seen more on tours and open houses than by the regular student body.

YSU would be much better off spending some of that money on a part of campus used by students (namely around Lincoln Avenue). The administration should consider the overall student body and their wellbeing rather than what will attract more students. I return to a major idea in an earlier com-

mentary I wrote; why isn't there a general store and other basic needs on campus? We should invest more money into the needs of students already enrolled at Youngstown State University, rather than on how to attract more students.

YSU is primarily a commuter campus. The administration and Board of Trustees seem to think otherwise. Case in point is the proposed "Great Lawn" project. It was an attempt to make YSU into a New England-style campus with a common grass area in the center of campus. In doing this, we would have lost one of the great aspects of campus. YSU is a classic example of an urban campus design and it should be kept that way. The administration, however, felt that we need to level out campus so as to make things more conducive for students who want to play catch with a Frisbee. If President David Sweet and the YSU Board of Trustees truly want to improve campus for students they should talk to the students, and if they truly want to link YSU and downtown they will take the first step.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Herbert's actions hurting YSU morale

Editor:
According to the recent report by the Labor-Management Review Panel (12 January 2006), last fall's strikes by the faculty and staff produced a "palpably adverse impact on employee morale and deep-seated resentments that continue to exist amongst university employees. [IA]" The report went on "to make recommendations on needed improvements." Although the report emphasized improvements to labor negotiations, it made clear that other areas, such as the large number of unresolved grievances, also needed to be addressed. The panel was chaired by Dr. Robert K. Herbert, YSU provost.

Recently, this same Provost Herbert removed from the list of promotions nine faculty members who were recommended by their college promotion committees, their departmental promotion committees and/or their chairs. These committees were composed of people who knew the individuals involved and their areas of expertise very thoroughly. The provost, however, is an acknowledged expert in a very narrow field. For him to make subjective management decisions in areas where he is a complete novice, as well as a newcomer to YSU, is quite detrimental to faculty morale and brings up questions of his competence even concerning his appointment to the above review panel (Dr. Herbert was appointed chair of the above panel by the same man who hired him).

Most of the faculty believes that Herbert's capricious and arbitrary decision to remove these people from the list of promotions smacks not only of pettiness, but of a complete lack of concern for the morale of the university community. Sure, in these difficult financial

times for YSU it's good for administrators to save a few dollars. But to do so on the backs of some of the most productive members of the younger faculty is as unprecedented as it is distasteful. The man appointed to chair a committee on improving labor relations should take his head out of his oulbette and do something positive. In addition, he should certainly be able to handle the entire re-accr- accreditation process himself without the assistance of the faculty. Perhaps he can work at home too!

Ronald G. Tabak
Professor of Physics & Astronomy

Students should get VIP parking too

Editor:
I attend a class on Saturday mornings from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Fedor Hall, which is next door to Beeghly Center. I believe that this might be the only class in this building at this time. The adjacent parking lot allows for faculty and staff parking during the week until 4:30 p.m. After 4:30 p.m. and on Saturdays, it is open to all with a parking permit.

There have been at least three occasions during this semester when parking on Elm Street in the area of Fedor Hall and in this lot in particular have been closed to all except "VIP's Only," as the signs at the entrance to the street indicate. When I have questioned the attendant, they have indicated that there was a sporting event in Beeghly or some special event going on in the area. As a paying student at YSU (for the third time) with a paid parking permit, as well as a member of the alumni association and one who has made contributions to various organizations on campus, I would think that I was a member of this "VIP's Only" group.

On the most recent Saturday, we were not allowed to park in the area of Fedor Hall due to one of these events. At 11 a.m., there was one car in the parking lot and a few on the street. At the conclusion of our class, there were about 10 cars in the lot that probably holds between 30 to 40 cars. There are approximately 40 people in our class and not all of them park here. It seems to me that both the students attending classes and the people attending the special event could've been accommodated. I am not sure who handles the scheduling, but it would seem to me that if events in this area cause parking to be limited or even eliminated for the university students, the class could easily be moved to another building more accessible to parking. The events are planned way in advance. We should've been notified the week before of the conflict in the schedule, so that we weren't caught off guard on the morning of class. If this is an issue in this area, then classes should not be scheduled in this building at all. They should be held in other buildings on campus where this would not be an issue.

As a university student, with a paid parking pass, I should be allowed to park in any designated lot at any time. If I have to walk any distance, so should visitors and others. I think that YSU should be able to better coordinate issues like this. For example, when events are scheduled in Boardman Park and parking is going to be an issue, lots at the Southern Park Mall are designated for visitors to the event and shuttles to the park are used. To better connect the city of Youngstown to the university campus, I would think that parking lots in the city could be used and WRTA shuttles could transport the visitors to the university event. I don't think there should ever be a time that a university student should be deprived of parking privileges. The students are the

ones who keep the university going and they should be the real VIP's catered to.

Patti Wilson

Jambar Support for Habat Hurts YSU

Editor:
It seems incredible that so many people would bother to comment on the inanity of a Bob Mackey column while remaining silent on The Jambar's metamorphosis into the Fans of Habat Newsletter. Habat was charged by the university with reaching an agreement with the unions on campus, a process that unfolded so disastrously under his leadership that it led to a strike unprecedented in the university's 100-year history. The Labor Panel was right to suggest a change of leadership in the unions, and it was right to suggest that Habat is unfit for his job. The editors at The Jambar keep harping on the lack of evidence presented by the Panel to support its recommendations. To anyone who observed the events of last summer, it's obvious that Habat's performance is evidence enough. Also, The Jambar likes to fancifully depict Habat as a bulwark against faculty greed, but I have to wonder: When Habat leaves, taking a nice big hunk of tuition-funded severance pay with him, will there be a write-up in his fan club newsletter? If we've learned anything from politics, it's that patting ineffective people on the back and saying they're doing a heckuva job is a good way to look really stupid. Stop defending this guy, Jambar. Do the students, faculty and staff of YSU a favor and start badgering the administration to hire someone who can do the job right.

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not intended to answer any heavy existential questions, but I can't help but jump to conclusions. Conclusion "A" makes perfect sense to me, as it justifies the existence of cancer, AIDS, 90 percent of ocean life, the non-fuzzy parts of nature and "Big Momma's House 2."

The actual prayers could be the real culprits of this study, though. The people who prayed were told to stick to a very specific format, praying only "for a successful surgery with a quick, healthy recovery and no complications." This is where I see a problem: if God hears thousands of the exact same prayers every day, they'll eventually turn into white noise and the annoyance equivalent of God staying in the hotel room that's next to the ice machine. So, if God is out there and you want him to be effective, you have to mix things up a little. Sure, the Lord's Prayer is traditional, but to God it's all, "Been there, delivered from evil that."

The following formula offers variables that the recent study neglects, and should prove more effective than the prayers of the first study. Think of it like a Mad Lib, except it's

a serious request to help someone in need, so you won't be using "boobs" as often. Or, depending on the ailment of the stranger you will be praying for, you may be using it a lot more. The ball's in your court.

Dear (monotheistic deity),

First of all, I would like to say that I represent no large data-gathering firm. Even though I'm holding a clipboard at the moment, it's due to a (sexual deviancy) problem that is so rare it's only in the DSM-IV's annual swimsuit issue. Changing gears a bit, my name is (a slightly more biblical name than your own, like "Judah Pilate") and I have a small request for you. You may remember me from my weekly donations of (number divisible by 800) dollars in the collection (plate/basket/hollowed-out pig skull). When not in Church, I tend to spend my days saving (orphans/widows/widowed orphans) from exploding (vehicle) accidents, so you've probably heard of me. By the way, I couldn't help but notice your (complimentary adjective) (body part). Have you been working out? You

remind me of (famous movie star) before all of the (drug), (booze), and his affair with (well-documented Hollywood whore). Even after all of that, though, I still don't believe the rumors of his (sexual innuendo) with (famous sitcom animal). How could that happen in a world with you up there, Cap'n?

The reason I've got you on the horn is because I feel the need to pray for (victim of debilitating physical/social disorder) because of (a reason that would fool an omnipotent being.) Now, I know what you're thinking, "The person talking to me has nothing to gain. What's his deal?" Au contraire, (French word). I get more of a charge out of altruism than I do (something in a Mountain Dew commercial). In fact, if I don't do any altruistic acts within a 24-hour period, I come down with the shakes and I'm forced to (reprehensible act performed in public) just to get some money to give to charity! But what's in it for you? Well, I'll try to take out (secular humanist political opponent), and I promise to watch (clearly insane televangelist), even though (he/she)

says (cartoon character beloved by America) is doing the work of (really cool demon that is totally badass). I will also make sure to leave out a bowl of (delicious Kraft product) by the fireplace for you every night.

Despite the fact that I'm surrounded by bar graphs, this prayer comes straight from the (major organ). Just heal this person and no one gets hurt. Unless you want them to. Oh, and (a bunch of random Latin words that sound really holy). Amen.

Now you have the tools you need to help an ailing stranger. But people, for the love of God — and I cannot stress this enough — do not pray for me, under any circumstances. Barring any unforeseen mysterious fires, I don't need anything keeping me from staying alive for at least another year.

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home office for about one month.

"John became a lightning rod for controversy at YSU. We're turning the page and moving on," Sweet said.

Part of the new agreement is that Habat will not sue for the changes to his contract. Sweet called this a complicating factor in the university negotiations with Habat. Sweet said the vice president didn't want to accept a buyout.

"Some just wanted us to write a check, but John didn't want to accept a buyout. He wanted to keep working," Sweet said.

Sweet said Habat could have sued for a breach of his contract if he were fired because the university had no just cause to fire him.

When asked why the Labor Panel would recommend firing Habat if he didn't step outside the bounds of his contract, Sweet said it was a combination of the directions Habat was given and the tensions it caused on campus.

"His interactions with his colleagues and other people at the university were a continuing source of controversy. He had been making decisions under my supervision. It led to pent-up controversies with his role and responsibility," Sweet said.

Sweet said a lot of those tensions were due to the university's funding woes.

He has been critical of continued state budget cuts to higher education in the past.

"It's not a pleasant environment to operate in," Sweet said.

Sweet said he hoped the university's response to the Panel Report, including the formation of a Labor Management Council would prevent the same thing from happening to the next vice president of administration. Until the university can do a search for a new vice president, the directors who reported to Habat will carry out his duties on campus.

A summary of the new contract released by the university said Habat would seek employment outside of the university and must keep YSU briefed on his job search. If Habat has not found another job when his contract ends in July 2007, he can stay at YSU as a senior advisor, working from home and earning the same salary and benefits.

Starting July 2007, if Habat has found another job, his salary and benefits would cease. Sweet said this would fulfill YSU's contractual obligations with Habat, whose contract expires in 2007.

The panel that targeted Habat was formed during the fall semester to study why the faculty and classified unions went on strike

following a failed round of contract negotiations in the summer. The panel made 24 recommendations to Sweet and to campus labor unions in January to improve labor relations on campus.

Sweet said he was optimistic that labor relations would get better on campus.

"I think the theme of having new faces with labor relations could lead to beneficial results. We're going to work on building trust, that's a goal we should all have," Sweet said.

Sweet said the response to the panel report was complete with the exception of Christine Domhoff, the classified staff union president. Domhoff was laid off from her job at YSU's Cisco Networking Academy when the external funding for the program ceased last year. The Panel recommended she be rehired, and Domhoff filed a grievance saying that the classified employee contract allowed her to be placed at a different position on campus.

The university claimed that since she was hired with external funds, the placement rights don't apply to her. Domhoff disagreed that she was an externally funded employee. The university and Domhoff had two arbitration hearings in March to settle the dispute and a

result of those hearings will be reached sometime this month.

Sweet said the arbitrator's decision could have far-reaching effects to university employees who have externally funded positions.

Julia Gergits, the faculty union president, said the president's response to the Labor Panel Report was complete, but not in compliance. The classified staff and faculty unions had a joint press conference in February saying they would only comply with their half of the recommendations, which called for them to dissolve their respective negotiating teams, when Sweet fired Habat and Hugh Chatman, YSU's former human resources director who was also named in the report; and rehired Domhoff.

Chatman was moved in March to a new position on campus — the executive director of university compliance, which oversees YSU labor policy to see if it's in compliance with state and federal law.

Gergits said she would keep her negotiating team together until the union elections in 2007.

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is the last in line to approve the promotions.

Herbert said that the nine applicants didn't fulfill a longevity requirement for promotions in the YSU faculty contract. The faculty agreement requires that an assistant professor serve for four years before being eligible for a promotion. Herbert said that some of those seeking promotion were about one year early.

The contract makes an exception for early applicants. The agreement says that faculty members who demonstrate "consistently outstanding performance" in scholarship, teaching and service could be considered for an early promotion. Herbert said he believed the nine didn't meet the exception.

Gergits disagreed with the decision. She said the colleges and departments that recommended the faculty already had guidelines defining "outstanding performance" for early promotions. Gergits said the departments already deemed the faculty members as "outstanding" when they were recommended for promotion.

"They all should have been promoted," Gergits said.

Gary Walker, an associate biology professor who was denied a promotion, said he thought it was odd that Herbert went against the recommendation of his department.

"I have no idea what standard I'm being held to," Walker said.

Walker said he believed the provost's decision was within his rights as an administrator and that he personally wasn't angry with Herbert, but he would appeal the decision to the president.

Rules governing an appeal

are in the promotions article of the faculty contract. A faculty member can appeal the decision to the president within 15 days. An appeal board consisting of five people, two chosen by the YSU president, two chosen by the faculty union and one independent member, will then study the appeal and make a recommendation to the president. The president can then choose whether to accept the recommendation of the panel.

At this point, most of the nine faculty members will be part of the appeals process, Gergits said.

Those who were denied the promotions were Walker and Thomas Diggins in biological sciences, Jay Gordon in English, Diane Barnes in history, Jacek Fabrykowski in mathematics and statistics, Qi Jiang in sociology and anthropology, Faramarz Mossayebi in electrical and computer engineering, Diane McDougal in nursing, and Marleen Iannucci in physical therapy.

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doubleheader against league rival Cleveland State. Florak, however, said that despite being within an hour's driving distance, the Vikings of CSU are no more a rival than any other Horizon League opponent.

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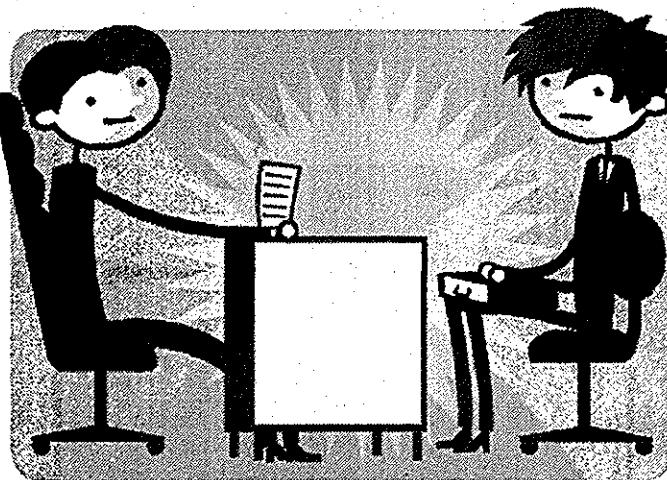
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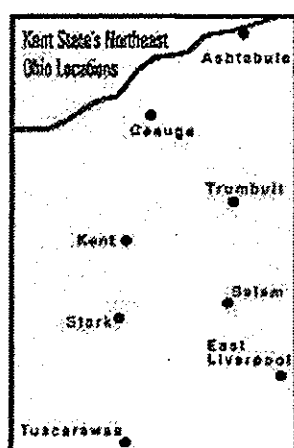
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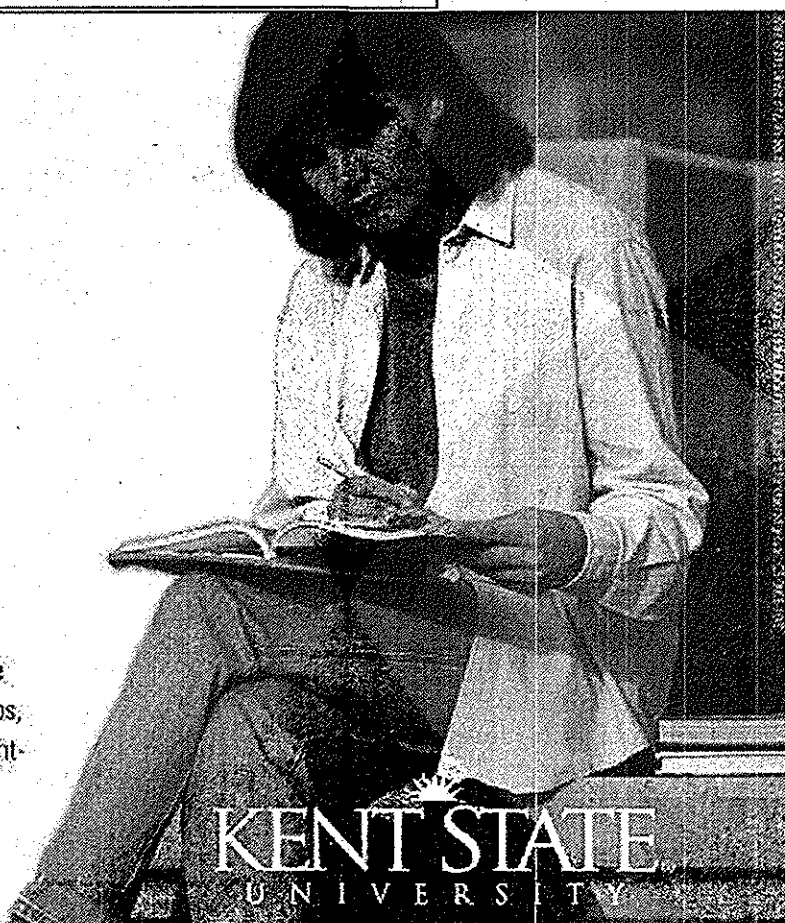
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According to the police report.

As the officers were leaving, the report said YSU student Nathaniel Berrios entered the building carrying a half-consumed can of Budweiser beer. According to the police report, Berrios said he was 21 but a background check revealed he was 18-years-old. He was then arrested and police found 6 full cans of Budweiser beer in his backpack.

According to the report, he was handcuffed and transported to the station and issued a court summons for underage consumption/possession and for falsification according to the police report.

Reports indicated that as the officers tried leaving again, they were flagged down by two resident assistants of the Courtyard Apartments requesting accompaniment to a specific room, Room 2110. After several knocks on the room door by a police officer a male subject opened the door and told

police that it was not his room, according to the report.

According to the police report, the officer requested to speak to a resident of the apartment. When he arrived, Sean Harris appeared to be intoxicated, had a strong alcoholic odor, bloodshot eyes, slurred speech and was unable to stand on his feet, according to the report.

Harris cooperated with police after the assistant said told him the actions of the party would be on tape. Harris told police his roommate Greg had thrown the party, but he knew nothing about the beer cans in the hallway or anything else that was going on at the party, according to the report.

The reports said police checked his identification and it revealed that Harris was 19-years-old. Harris began arguing with the assistant and then police handcuffed and arrested him for public intoxication and disorderly conduct, according to the report.

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Hibner to reach first base. After a one-out single by catcher Kristen McDonnell, sophomore Jamie Fornal delivered.

Fornal hit a low inside pitch from Butler's Nikki Nafziger and sent it over the left field wall, giving the Penguins a 3-0 lead. It was Fornal's second homerun of the year.

"It was a good strike. Its one of those ones that comes off the bat and you feel good about it," Fornal said.

Fornal went 1-for-3 with three runs batted in on the day.

Head coach Christy Cameron was pleased that her team was following up on the other team's mistakes in the first inning.

"In that inning there was an error. We keep saying anytime teams are going to give us walks or errors we need to capitalize on that. We did a great job capitalizing early on with the mistakes they made," Cameron said. "We just have to continue to focus on every pitch, every at bat. Every play is huge."

Starting pitcher Tricia Hilbish also was a huge reason for YSU's strong weekend. Hilbish retired the first seven batters she faced and got out of a bases-loaded jam in the third inning, earning her fifth win. Hilbish is now 5-3 on the year with a 3.16 earned run average.

"Were asking from them to keep us in the game and give us an opportunity to win," Cameron said about her pitching staff.

YSU scored again in the third and fifth innings. In the fifth, Megan Bricker doubled home freshman Allyse Ledford giving the Penguins a 6-0 lead. Bricker

was 2-for 3 raising her batting average to .261 on the year and Ledford went a perfect 3-for-3 with a RBI and two runs scored on the day.

"That run was a huge run for us," Cameron said. "We could have relaxed and say 'Hey, we're up five-nothing.' But when we get that extra run it gives you a little bit of a breather."

Hilbish needed the extra run after she ran into trouble in the late innings. Butler attempted to rally with a three run homer by Jenny Jacobs in the sixth and a solo shot by Boros in the seventh. Karlie Burnell relieved Hilbish in the sixth and earned her team leading third save of the year.

"Tricia and Karlie stepped up. They pitched what they needed to pitch," Ledford said.

Team chemistry is what Fornal and Ledford said helps this year's team build on its success.

"Talent-wise, we've been the same as we have in the past, but chemistry is what makes us better this year than years past," Fornal said. "If someone has a bad day someone's going to be there to pick you up."

"We really bond with each other a lot. Were there for each other, we know the next play we'll get an out. We have confidence," Ledford said.

Cameron said she hoped the chemistry the Penguins have continues to grant victories.

"We've really started to put things together. We really started to play some good softball," Cameron said.

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season is that he won the award during a season that proved to be a prolific year for Ohio colleges and their respective coaches.

Heacock beat out former Penguin Jim Tressel who is now at the Ohio State University and J.D. Brookhart, the rookie head coach at the University of Akron who led his team to

their first ever Mid-American Conference championship as well as Division III powerhouse Mount Union's Larry Kehres, who guided his team to their eight National Championship during his 13 year tenure.

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Petro said.

Part of his plan for higher education includes creating a community college that focuses on technical instruction, career service training and concentrates on remedial education. He said he believes having a 'Youngstown State Community College' and YSU would encourage more students to come to Ohio.

One question posed was how would he plan on keeping those students here after graduation, with limited work in Ohio. He responded by saying more employers would come to Ohio after they realize how many Ohio graduates there are and will come to search for them.

"Business will relocate wherever the qualified people are," he said.

Some students said Petro did not specifically answer questions during the discussion.

Senior A.J. Zalewski discussed how he believed it was the job of secondary education to concentrate on remedial skills and wanted to know how Petro planned on dealing with that. Zalewski said he didn't feel his question was answered.

"I think my question was dodged," Zalewski said.

Senior Greg Diamantis said Petro answered his question about higher education but did not provide all of the necessary information.

"He was running around about the plan," Diamantis said. "He gave points A and F but not the middle."

Petro said the students asked "good pointed questions" and that he believed he answered them for the most part.

At the beginning of the discussion, Petro said he did not want to discuss other gubernatorial candi-

dates because he did not want the discussion to become too political.

However, toward the end of the discussion, he said there was a scheduled debate with his Republican primary opponent Secretary of State Ken Blackwell, but Blackwell canceled. Petro said he made time with his busy schedule for the debate and Blackwell decided he did not want to have any debates.

Zalewski said he felt Petro's motives were both political and informative. He said that he felt Petro's discussion was just another way of getting his ideas out to the public.

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Sheppard posted a final time of 1:57.29. R.D. Goodright also placed third in the men's 5,000-meter run with a final time of 3:59.40 and Junior Nick Kruse finished second in the 10,000-meter event with a time of 15:05.68.

Gorby said the early meets are more geared towards the individual performances rather than the team aspect.

"We treat it more individually now so we can focus on the team come conference time. It's train-

ing now," Gorby said. "We need to peak when it counts."

Gorby said he hoped the warmer weather awaits the team next week when they travel to Tennessee to take part in the Sea Ray Relays in Knoxville.

"Its important to get good weather for our legs," Gorby said.

If keeping his runners legs warm is the trick, Gorby might want to consider the same treatment for his field athletes.

At the All-Ohio

Championships, senior Katy Williams placed seventh in the hammer throw with the high toss traveling 40.62 meters.

Equally impressive were the tosses by Jarrod Davis in the hammer and javelin throw. Davis also placed seventh overall in the hammer throw with a toss of 44.43 meters. Davis topped this performance by finishing third with a throw of 57.83 meters in the javelin toss.

"Not too many can walk around the campus of YSU

ranked in the top 25 nationally," Gorby said of Davis.

Gorby said he hoped his athletes remain healthy so they have a chance to win the Horizon League Championship in June.

"Hopefully everyone stays healthy. It's lining up for us to have another great year. Everyone is on the same page and we got a chance to be a power at the end of the year," Gorby said.

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Samantha Drews 6-0, 6-0; Fuleky defeated Lauren Fenly 6-3, 6-1; and Harambopolous won over Elizabeth Angel 6-2, 6-3.

Ronan said he was happy with the girls' performances over the weekend.

"It was a great win," Ronan said. "What's going to be important is Detroit on [April 18]. We need that

one, it's going to be really big."

Ronan said he was confident the girls would defeat Detroit in their last regular season game to get the second seeded spot in the championships.

"They can definitely do it. They just have to be aggressive and play their game," he said.

The match against Eastern Michigan sched-

uled for this weekend was cancelled due to illness on the opponent's side.

The girls will travel to Michigan for their match against Detroit on the 18th, before beginning the Horizon League Championships April 22.

The men also traveled this weekend to face Cleveland State, where they lost 2-5. Both points came from singles action, with

wins by Tom Barth and Scott Kathary. Barth defeated Cleveland State's Jay Tee 6-2, 6-2 and Kathary defeated Oliver Dhanie 6-3, 7-5.

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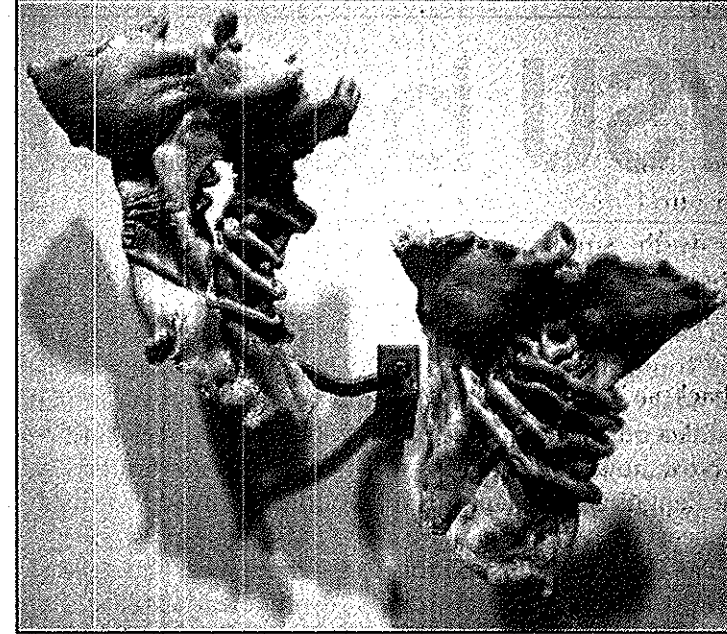
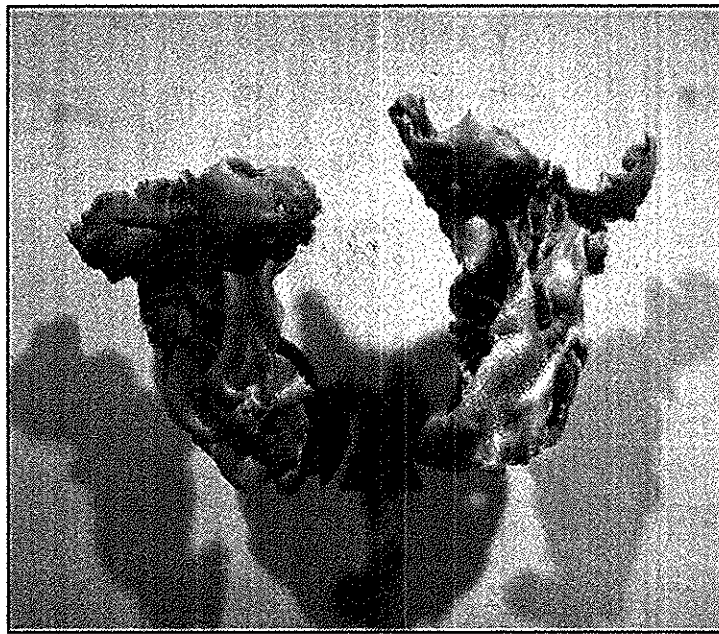
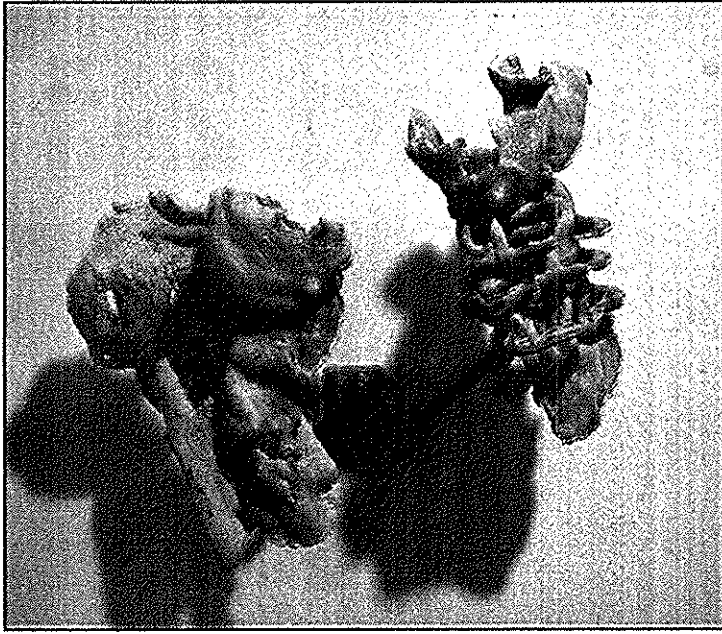
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ART



ABOVE: Samantha L. Grbinick's "Primordial Unfleshing" won the Student Art Association's Best in Show Award. She said she created it to portray "the connection between humans and nature." Each of the porcelain pieces has five firings, and she said it took about a year to create. The Student Art Association held the opening reception for the 70th Annual Student Art Show Friday at the McDonough Museum of Art. Coordinators said any student currently enrolled in the art department at Youngstown State University could enter the exhibition.

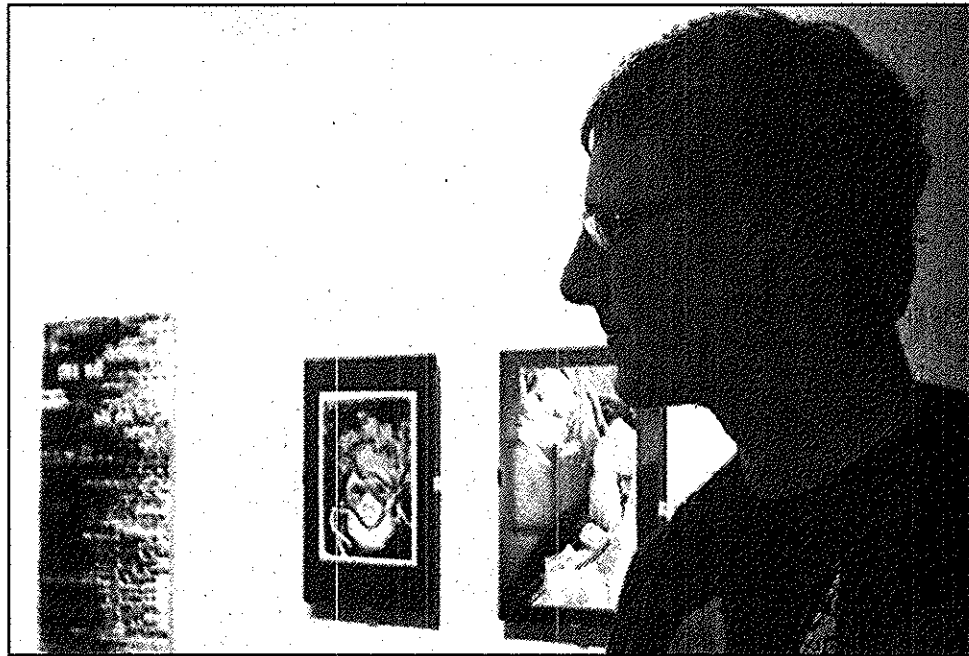
showcasing student art



ABOVE: Mary Farragher, president of the Student Art Association, talks to a friend during Friday's opening reception for the 70th Annual Student Art Show.
 "For many students, this is their first experience in a professional format. It's an exercise in getting ready for the real world, but it's a competition, too," she said.
 Farragher's entry, "From Deanna's Mouth," won the McDonough Director's Award.

RIGHT: Pete Lueders talks with friends about the creation of his artwork, "Bite to Break Skin" (shown at the very left of the photo.) The graphic design entry illustrated the Senses Fall song of the same name.
 "The file was 72 [megabytes.] It's just layers of type and transparency, all of the lyrics in different fonts and types. Lots of levels," Lueders said. He said he chose the song because "it had a lot of emotion and I tried pulling it out and putting it on paper."

BELOW RIGHT: Carolyn Roble's entry "Decision Time" won the Spatial Arts Award in the Student Art Exhibition. The artwork included six columns, five with figures, and swings suspended from the ceiling between each.



BELOW: Everett Beeman, a Dana School of Music student, performs with the Bronze Rat Battalion in the art show. The band's name was inspired by "An Even Dozen, One Removed," which featured 11 ceramic and bronze rats mounted on the wall, with one in a glass display case. The artist, L. Bryan Morgan, is in the band.



ABOVE: Dan Wegendt's "Frozen Fears" won the Star Supply Award for use of Non-Traditional Materials. His mediums were wax, clay, LEDs and wire. The show was jurored by Rod Bengston. About 150 entries were received and 75 were included in the show.



ABOVE RIGHT: Mary Anne and Albert Schmalzreid watch their son's entry for the show, a video titled "Dark Conscience." Bernard Schmalzreid said the film's objective was to be "surrealist, like Dali." He said it was a meticulous process, edited in Adobe Premiere. The film includes hundreds of images, with no dialogue. "It's a meticulous process. You just keep working on it until you think you can't do anything else, without making it worse," Schmalzreid said.



Jambar Photo Story by Katie Libecco

By: Bob Mackey
 COLUMNIST

If you haven't been reading The Jambar for the past few weeks, you missed the stink that arose due to the publication of what I intended to be a lighthearted article about Catholicism. Discussions were had, letters were writ-

ten, and like all arguments about religion, no compromises were made on either side. After all of this, I was ready to go back to thinking about religion as much as I normally do: very little. You could say that the amount of religion in my head was comparable to the number of rat feces the FDA allows in a normal hot dog. But, a

recent scientific study has brought me back to this topic, and at the risk of repeating myself I feel the need to write about it just because it's so tragically hilarious, or "tragilarious," a word used to define humorous things that render life bleak and pointless for most people. So, what were the results of this \$2.4

million study? Not only does God not answer prayers targeted toward strangers in need of help, but God may actually seek vengeance on those prayed for. It's no lie. The study was conducted by Herbert Benson and colleagues at the Harvard Medical School and five other U.S. medical

centers, with three groups of patients from six hospitals. Three Christian groups were contracted to pray for patients they had never known personally. In the study, heart surgery patients who didn't know strangers were praying for them fared no better than patients who weren't being prayed for at all. In

fact, the former group experienced more post-surgery complications than the latter, which leads me to two possible conclusions: A.) There is no God, or B.) If there is a God, he's willing to harm heart surgery patients just to spite science. The study stressed that it's

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ENTERTAINMENT

How to pray: Use creative God-libs to help strangers

- ▶ 4/11 Baseball vs. Cleveland State
- ▶ 4/12 Baseball @ Kent State
- ▶ 4/12 Softball @ Cleveland State
- ▶ 4/14 Softball vs. UIC

YSU BASEBALL

YSU baseball ends weekend 2-1

By: Justin Smolkovich
SPORTS REPORTER

There is no place like home, there is no place like home. The Youngstown State University baseball team knows this old adage well after spending much of the season cramped inside a bus traveling the country like touring rock stars.

Now however, with the meat of the season underway, the Penguins are thankful to be home and ready to finish the season on a high note.

The Penguins finished this three-game weekend against Wright State 2-1. Saturday's doubleheader saw the Penguins take home two wins, 9-1 and 6-1. Sunday they saw a loss of 3-2.

Head coach Mike Florak — in his seventh year as skipper for the Penguins — said he was happy to be home and playing in front of friendlier crowds.

"Yea, definitely," Florak said when asked if he was glad to be playing games again at Eastwood Field in Niles. "Feels good to be home."

The Penguins should be happy to be home. The Penguins have a 3-1 record at home this season. Overall, the Penguins stand at 12-17 overall and 4-5 in the league.

The Penguin bats have also been revived after the team returned home, putting up impressive numbers. Since their first home game of the season on March 23 when they smashed West Liberty 18-1, the Penguins have outscored

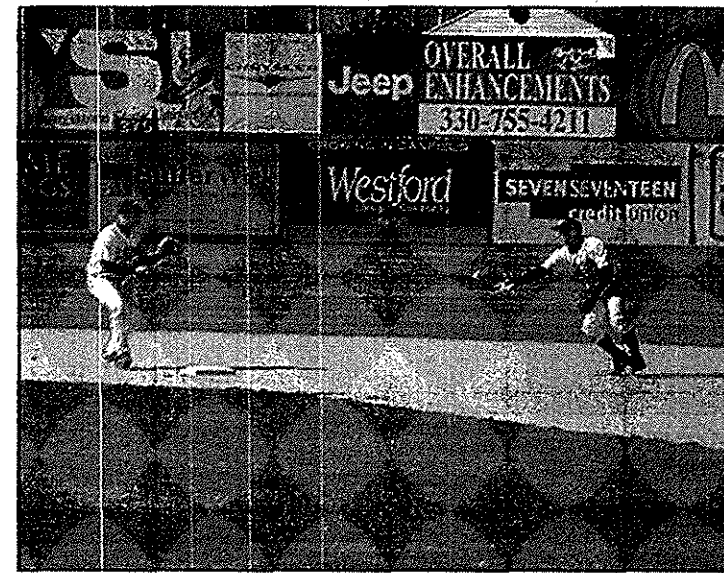


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Junior Josh Wells pitches in Saturday's doubleheader against Wright State. The Penguins won 9-1 and 6-1.

their competition 98-77 and have gone 7-6. Not only are the Penguins happy to be home, but they said they are also happy they can get some field time now that the usually hostile Northeast Ohio weather has abated some.

Florak said everything at this point is a work in progress and that continued improvement is the key for the



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The Penguins field to make a play at second base in the doubleheader.

Penguins overall success.

"I think we are going to try and improve everyday," Florak said. "I think right now you really don't assess things until after the season, but there are things we need to improve on."

The Penguins return to action Tuesday afternoon for a

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YSU SOFTBALL

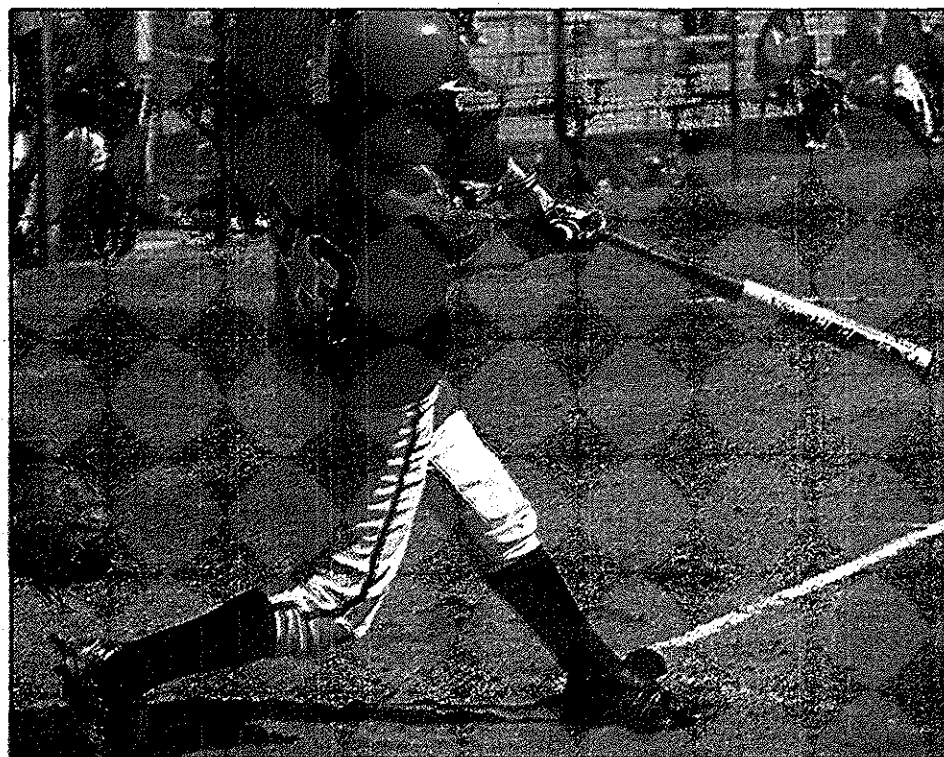
Softball leads conference

By: Steve Lettau
REPORTER

The Youngstown State University softball team brought their bats and brooms with them Sunday, sweeping the Butler Bulldogs 6-4 in the last game of a three-game series at Canfield's McCune Park.

The Penguins moved into sole possession of first place in the Horizon League standings with the win. YSU is 9-10 on the year and 5-1 in the Horizon League.

The brisk day did not cool off the Penguins' bats to start the game. A four-run first inning was helped by Butler's shortstop, Alex Boros, whose mishandling of the ball allowed Becky



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Sophomore Bethany Hafley takes a swing at bat during Saturday's doubleheader against Butler. The girls swept the weekend against the Bulldogs, 7-6, 8-2 and 6-4.

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YSU TENNIS

Women's tennis sweeps weekend

By: Katie Libecco
COPY EDITOR

The women's tennis team played strong this weekend and brought in two 6-1 wins against UW-Green-Bay and UW-Milwaukee, raising their conference standing to 4-2 in the Horizon League.

The wins were especially sweet for the girls, as coach Michelle Grim came back from maternity leave to help assist with coaching, her newborn daughter on the sidelines. Men's coach Eric Ronan has stepped in to help coach the girls while Grim has been out.

"I think the girls did really well, they played very competitively. They went out to win," Grim said of their performances over the weekend.

Sunday's match saw competitive play from the women, including senior Whitney Thomas who defeated UW-Green Bay's Jennifer Tan in a 10-point tiebreaker, playing hard at the end to score 8 points straight to win the tiebreaker.

"I had a great last match. It was nice hav-

ing lots of fans here, I really wanted to play my best," senior Whitney Thomas said.

Sophomore Michelle Fuleky had a similar comeback in her singles match against Kristin Leeder, which she won 6-2.

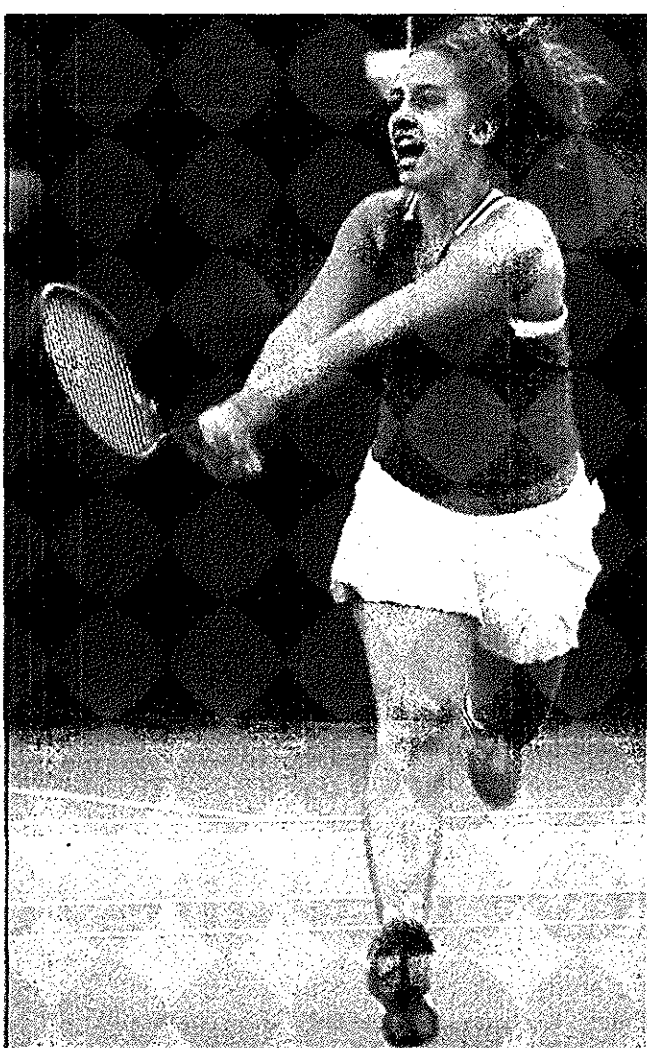
"I was struggling making shots all day. I did what I had to do to win. Sometimes you just gotta win ugly," Fuleky said.

Other wins came in singles action from Allison Day, Gina Peretti and Nicole Haralambopolous. The women's team swept doubles action, with Haralambopolous and Day winning 8-6, Peretti and Thayer winning 8-4 and Fuleky and Thomas beating out their opponents 8-2.

Grim said that she was "very happy" with how the girls played.

"It's a great way to go into the conference tournaments," she said.

Saturday the girls were equally successful, defeating all of their UW-Milwaukee opponents in singles.



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Michelle Fuleky dives into a shot against her UW-Milwaukee opponent on Saturday. Fuleky won both of her singles matches this weekend.

Emily Thayer won against UW-Milwaukee's Margie Van Lieshout 6-0, 6-4; Thomas beat Shayna Illingworth 6-1, 7-3; Peretti defeated

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YSU FOOTBALL

Heacock named Lee Tressel Ohio Coach-of-the-Year

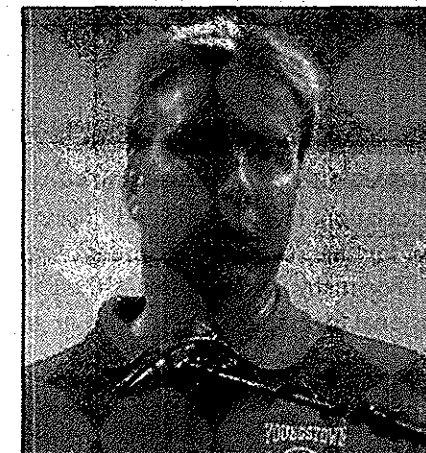
By: Justin Smolkovich
SPORTS REPORTER

Football coach Jon Heacock's trophy case is becoming cluttered this offseason. And that is not a bad thing.

Heacock, who recently inked a four-year contract extension that will make him the headman until 2009, was named the Lee Tressel Ohio College Football Coach-of-the-year. The award is given out by the National Football Foundation's Northeast Ohio Chapter and is named after former Penguin head coaching legend Jim Tressel's father who coached at Baldwin-Wallace.

The Tressel award is one of many that have come Heacock's way this year following the schools first ever Gateway Conference title after being picked to finish sixth in the league. The Penguins also finished the season ranked for the first time since 2002. YSU ended the season ranked 15 by ESPN/USATODAY.

The Penguin coach who is now in his sixth season guiding the Penguins, was earlier recognized for his efforts by being named the Bruce Graddock winner, which is given out to the best coach in the



Heacock

Gateway Conference.

Heacock added to his trophy case by being named the American Football Coaches Association's Division I-AA Region Four Coach of the Year and was a finalist for the Eddie Robinson Division I-AA Coach-of-the-year award.

Heacock became only the third coach in Penguin history to earn the award. Former Penguin coaches who won the award include Bill Narduzzi and Jim Tressel. Tressel won the award six times.

Perhaps what is most impressive about Heacock being named Ohio's best collegiate coach last

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YSU TRACK

All-Ohio Championships prepares YSU for season

By: Steve Lettau
REPORTER

Youngstown State University track and field coach Brian Gorby said this weekend's All-Ohio Outdoor Track and Field Championship was a great way to get his runners and throwers "primed and ready" for the rest of the season.

The two-day championship was held at the Jessie Owens Memorial Stadium on the campus of the Ohio State University. The Penguins held their own against much larger teams such as Ohio State, Akron, Cincinnati and Dayton finishing with a total of 40.5 points. Gorby said that this is a good sign.

"We were going up against Big

10 schools and we like competing. I think we finished in between Ohio State and the big competitors all day," Gorby said. "We had some very good performances."

Strong performances filled the Penguin roster. Both the men and women's programs had outstanding short distance runners place in the top 10.

Senior Satara Freeman placed third in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 14.24 seconds. Freeman followed up with this performance with a 1:09.38 mark in the 3,000-meter steeplechase finishing ninth.

The men had a couple of top finishes as well.

John Sheppard placed third for YSU in the men's 1,500-meter run.

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