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YSU

Personnel changes announced

By: Bill Rodgers
 NEWS EDITOR

Youngstown State University's administration isn't really going through a changing of the guard so much as it is a shuffling of the guard. YSU President David Sweet announced personnel changes on Friday in response to January's Labor Management Panel report. Effective March 1, Associate Provost Ron Chordas will replace Hugh Chatman as Executive Director of Human Resources. Teresa Riley, professor of economics, will replace Tom Maraffa as Director of Faculty Relations.

Chatman will be moved to a new position at YSU, serving as the executive director of regulatory compliance. Maraffa will retain his position as special assistant to the president and as the coordinator of YSU's enrollment management program.



CHORDAS

The shift in staffing deviates a little from the original recommendations made by the labor management panel. The panel said that Chatman

and John Habat, YSU's Vice President of Student Affairs, were not able to serve the university in any capacity. The panel was created by Sweet to research the causes of last summer's faculty and classified staff strikes. The panel released 24 recommendations to improve labor relations in January.

Chatman and Habat both received criticism by union officials for their role in the failed negotiations.

Habat still holds his position as vice president. Sweet was reluctant to comment on any changes in Habat's employment in an interview with The

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Q & A

Sweet talks labor issues

By: Leonard Glenn Crist
 EDITOR IN CHIEF

Youngstown State University President David Sweet delivered his response to the controversial Labor-Management Review Panel report during a YSU Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday.

The panel, appointed by Sweet to study the causes and offer solutions to YSU's labor problems following the August 2005 faculty and staff strikes, offered a number of recommendations in its report, the most contentious of which called for the firing of two top administrators, John Habat, YSU's administrative vice president, and Hugh Chatman, YSU's executive director of human resources.

Sweet has announced that Chatman will be reassigned to a new position, but has been mum on the future of Habat. The president also announced the formation of a standing labor council that would bring union presidents and administrators together on a regular basis in hopes of improving communication.

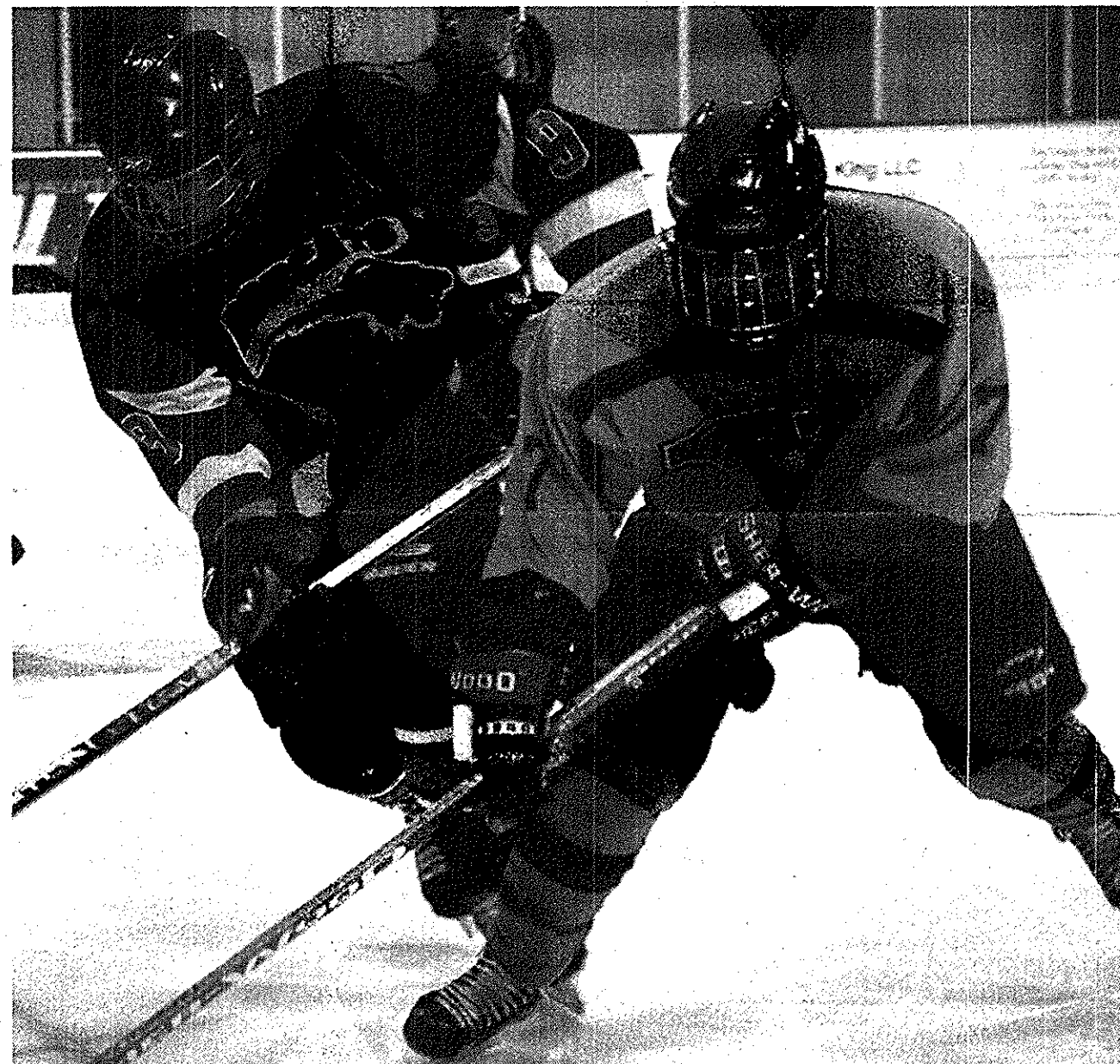
Sweet spoke with The Jambar Monday about the panel's report, his responses and the upcoming negotiations with YSU's police and administrative unions.

The Jambar: Did the Labor-Management Review Panel improve the labor situation at YSU or has it made it worse?

David Sweet: In all fairness, I think that's a question that can only be evaluated over time. I think there were many, many constructive comments in there. I thought there were others that would

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YSU hockey wins championships



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Sophomore Joe Steinman, captain of the YSU Men's Hockey Club, blocks a defender during Saturday's game against Frostburg State. The Penguins beat Frostburg State 7-1 and Hilbert College on Sunday 11-3 to become the College Hockey Association East Division II Champions. Steinman and teammate Tom Skook were named MVPs.

HOUSING

SGA investigates campus housing costs

By: Cheryl Thompson
 ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Student Government Association is looking into the rising costs of living on campus. Vice President of Financial Affairs, Josh Hiznay, proposed the investigation at SGA's general meeting last Monday.

The investigation will look into the ways the university spends money on students living in Kilcawley, Lyden and Cafaro houses on campus, particularly the money spent on employees.

The research includes the amount of money students paid from 1999 to 2004. In 1999, 921 residents paid a total of \$4,695 each in housing fees. This is compared to the 2004 figures, which

show 737 residents paid a total of \$6,100 each.

Hiznay said he proposed the investigation because he noticed more positions being added despite a decline in the number of students living on campus.

"Although the number of students in the dorms has decreased, the number of employees has increased. It takes more people to work for fewer residents," Hiznay said.

One of the goals of the research is to find out whether or not the university is spending housing money properly, Hiznay said.

Citing a 40 percent increase in personnel costs, Hiznay said the university should reconsider the added positions if it is cost-

ing students more. In 2002, when the number of students in the dorms reached its peak, there were 985 students and the three residence halls operated with fewer people, according to a report he compiled.

The report indicated that the hierarchy in 2002 was as follows: All three dorms had desk attendants and resident assistants who answered to the dorm's housing coordinators, representing Lyden, Cafaro and Kilcawley House. They are Matt Weekley, Erin Driscoll and Maria Grothaus, respectively.

The coordinators reported to Harry Meyer, coordinator of technology, Bill Sperlazza, director of housing and residence life, Jack

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YSU

YSU unveils new marketing plan

By: Cheryl Thompson
 ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Youngstown State University is unveiling a marketing plan geared toward potential students and their parents in hopes of drawing more students to the university.

Building on the "YSU Success Story" theme, the new ads use the slogan, "Your Success is Our Story."

Special Assistant to the President for University Advancement, George McCloud said, the slogan ties in with the university's upcoming centennial celebration.

"It reminds people that throughout history of YSU we've turned out successful graduates who go on to

become the leaders in the region and the country," McCloud said.

Walt Ulbricht, YSU's Executive Director of Marketing and Communications, sent an image study survey to 9,000 Northeast Ohio and Western Pennsylvania high school students and their parents.

The survey polled the students to see how YSU rated compared to Kent State University, University of Akron and The Ohio State University.

With 650 surveys returned, Ulbricht said he was disappointed with the low response, but said there were enough surveys returned to analyze. Results indicated that YSU

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She said she will go through "a learning process" with the position, since she had no official background in labor grievances. She said she would need to learn the ins and outs of YSU's faculty contract.

"I need time to learn my way through the job and a lot of people are willing to help me get up to speed. I look at it as a new challenge," Riley said.

Union Disappointment

The faculty and classified staff union released a statement prior to Sweet's response to the panel report that they would comply with a report recommendation calling for the unions negotiating teams to step down. However, they would only comply with the report when Chatman and Habat were no longer employed at YSU and when Christine Domhoff, the classified union's president was rehired at YSU.

Domhoff's position at YSU's Cisco Networking Academy was terminated when the academy closed last year. Her case is in arbitration and Sweet said last week that it wouldn't be right for him to interfere with the process.

Julia Gergits, the faculty union president, said she was disappointed that the

university administration didn't comply entirely with its recommendations. Gergits said her union's negotiating team would continue its duties until the team elections next spring.

Sweet's Other Responses

Sweet announced his response to the labor report Thursday after a three-hour closed-door meeting with the internal affairs committee of the board of trustees. Sweet announced the formation of a Labor Management Relations Council which would improve communication between labor and management. The council will make quarterly reports to the board of trustees.

An ombudsperson will be appointed to handle labor concerns of the classified union. The ombudsperson will serve a similar responsibility as the director of faculty relations by handling grievances.

The president also announced that Habat and Chatman would no longer play any role in contract negotiations. He said that each bargaining unit and administrative negotiating team would sit down and create guidelines for the negotiations. The guidelines may include a news blackout, which the classified union requested but didn't receive last summer.

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Fahey, director of Auxiliary Services and ultimately K.J. Satrum, director of Student Services.

In 2003, the university added five graduate assistants, which students helped to pay for with their housing fees.

"I'm not saying these people should be fired, but I really do think that personnel costs have exploded in the housing sector," Hiznay said.

Hiznay, a former resident, said he noticed the new positions were added after he left campus housing.

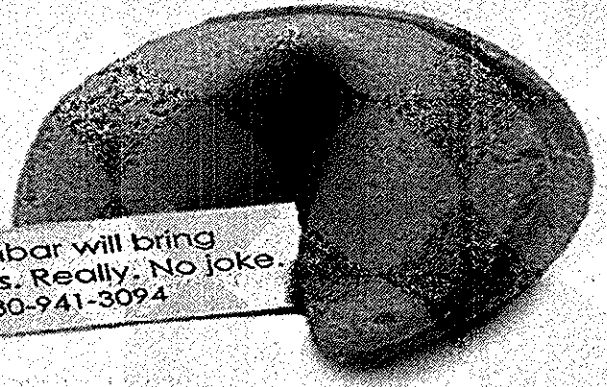
"There are suddenly more people. That's fine. I can understand that, but at the same time, the university is looking to save money, budgets are being cut, but housing costs have sky rocketed," he said.

Hiznay said he isn't conducting the research to criticize anyone's performance, rather to see if students are getting the most for their money.

"It costs around \$2,000 more to live on campus and I don't think there's been \$2,000 worth of improvements," Hiznay said.

Hiznay said the research is still in its early phases and he plans to poll residents to see if they have noticed any changes due to the additional employees.

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OUR SIDE

Is Ohio next for an abortion ban?

South Dakota to anti-abortion advocates: "Hallelujah."

South Dakota to women who, as a result of an unwanted pregnancy, could have major health complications, or give birth to a child of incest or rape: "Tough luck, tramp."

The South Dakota state senate in a 50-18 vote approved last week an anti-abortion bill designed to prompt the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn 1973's Roe v. Wade case, which legalized abortion. The law would make it a felony for a doctor to perform an abortion in any case except to save the life of a pregnant woman, Reuters reported. It's waiting to be signed into law by the state's governor Mike Rounds.

Those who drafted the bill are banking on the two new conservative Supreme Court justices, Samuel Alito and John Roberts to back the bill while reviewing Roe. They believe the scales are tipped in favor for those wishing to overturn the landmark ruling.

Those who propose the bill aren't taking chances. They rejected an amendment that would leave the decision up to the voters.

Lawmakers also rejected every attempt to amend the bill to include women who were pregnant as a result of rape, incest or who could suffer serious health problems as a result of the pregnancy. Should the law take effect, women who find themselves in poor health due to a pregnancy complication would be forced by the state to bite the bullet and deal with it.

In instances of rape, women would be victimized twice; once during the assault, and then once again when South Dakota Republicans sentence them to nine months of a physically and mentally crippling punishment they do not deserve.

Making things worse, rapists would have the same rights to the child as the mother, said Krista Heeren-Craber, executive director of the South Dakota Network Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault, to CNN.

Of course lawsuits are on the way. Planned Parenthood, which operates the only abortion clinic in the state, plans to fight the suit. They're up against an "anonymous donor" who pledged \$1 million to help fight any legal challenges the law could face.

If you didn't pay attention to the anti-abortion rhetoric flying around during the last elections, if you didn't watch as Alito and Roberts gingerly tiptoed around questions regarding their abortion stances at their confirmation hearings, if you have hitherto been ignoring the screaming protestors outside of the women's clinic on Market Street, who alternate between holding signs of cute infants to holding signs of dead children; now would be a very good time to wake up.

Why? Because South Dakota's lawmakers aren't on some extreme conservative fringe. Five other states have introduced similar bills in the last year.

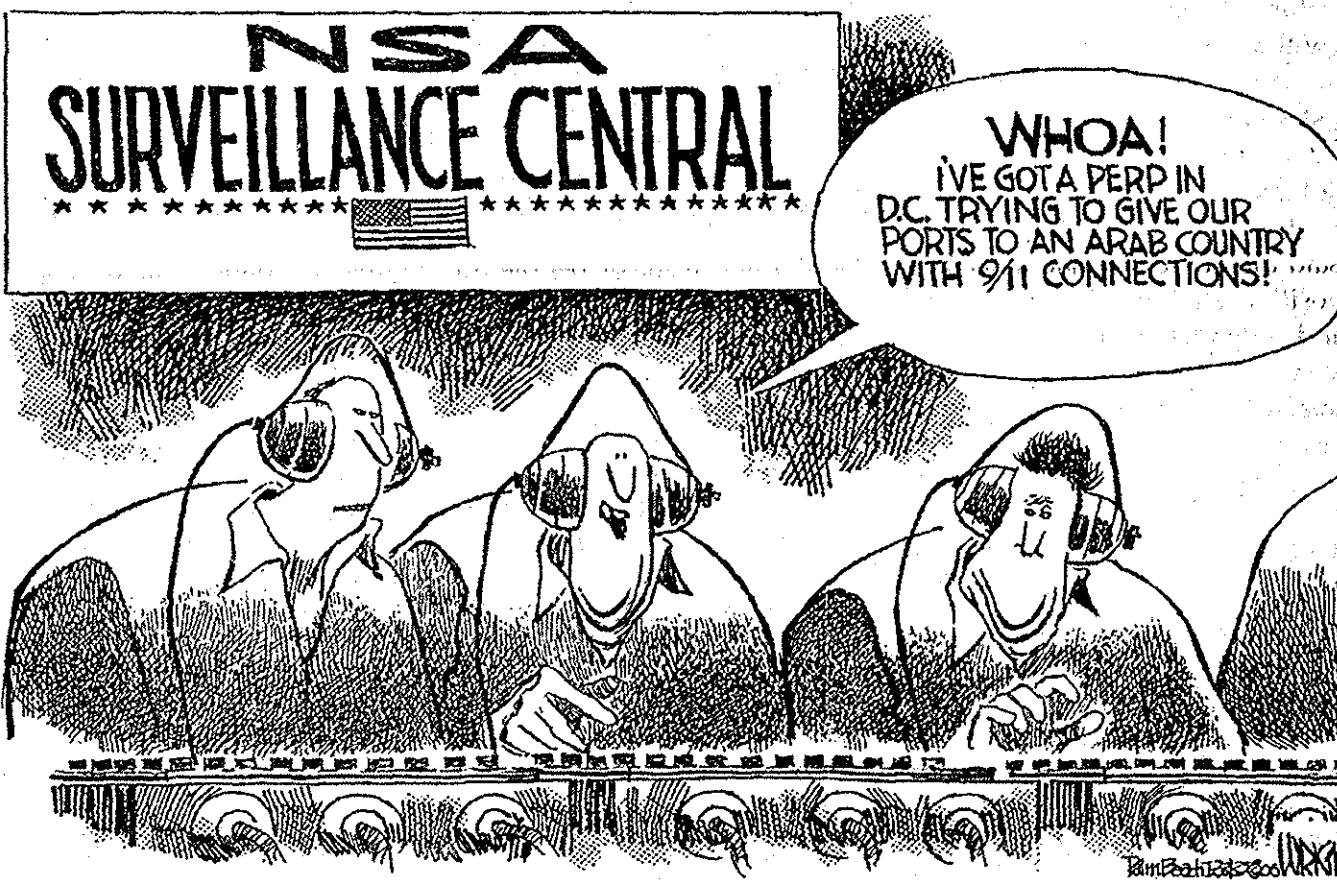
Ohio is one of them. House Bill 228 was introduced last year, seeking to accomplish the same goal as South Dakota's ban. The bill is currently in the health committee, but would make abortions in the state illegal, including transporting someone across state lines to have an abortion.

The bill has 18 republican representatives: Tom Brinkman of Cincinnati, Ron Hood of Ashville, Stephan Buehrer of Delta, Danny Bupp of West Union, Keith Faber of Celina, Diana Fessler of New Carlisle, Mike Gilb of Findlay, James Hoops of Napoleon, Merle Kearns of Springfield, James Raussen of Springdale, Linda Reidelbach of Columbus, Tim Schaffer of Lancaster, Michelle Schneider of Cincinnati, Derrick Seaver of Minster, Mary Taylor of Uniontown, Joseph Uecker of Miami, Jeff Wagner of Sycamore and John Widowfield of Cuyahoga Falls.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Habat defends administrative bargaining

Editor:
The events leading to the formation of the Labor-Management Review Panel were two unprecedented strikes by Ohio Education Association/faculty and Association of Classified Employees/classified civil service staff unions. The pressing issues that led to the strike were the Board of Trustees' directive that employees contribute to their health care, and the university's desire to create a new wage structure that paid classified civil service staff at the market median. A deeper reason for the strikes, however, was resistance to efforts seeking incremental change and reduced operational costs in a financially constrained environment that increasingly has shifted the burden of higher costs to students.

I very much appreciate Dr. Sweet's expressions of support. I agree with Dr. Sweet's response to the Panel's report, and particularly with his summation of the accomplishments realized this summer through negotiations. I also agree with his decision to bring in a new administrative team to manage the University's labor relations.

Further, I am grateful that he rejected the Panel's unsupported and merit-less recommendation regarding my employment at Youngstown State University. The panel's report does not reference a single substantive action, wrongdoing, error or mistake on my part to justify the panel's comments regarding my work at the University. Nor is there even a hint of proof that I advanced any position during negotiations that was not expressly authorized. Instead, there is a heavy reliance on perception that in effect appears to legitimize tacitly personal disparagement and ad hominem arguments.

In preparing for union contract negotiations in 2005, staff

leaders fully realized that the Board of Trustees' directive to obtain employee participation in health care costs for the very first time would cause substantial campus dissonance. This objective, however, was reasonable and necessary in view of the escalating costs of insurance coverage and in view of the prevalence of employee participation in health care costs across both the public and private sectors. The University's negotiating teams had the active direction of the Board and Administration, who were briefed frequently on the status of negotiations prior to and during the strikes.

There was an additional issue of significance to YSU with respect to the wage competitiveness of its classified support staff (which includes ACE): YSU classified staff are paid well above the market median, and with benefits included, even higher. Thus, an early objective of the University was a new wage structure that paid a competitive wage and benefits at the market median. The ACE negotiating team, in the final hours of negotiations, agreed to this for future hires in return for an Early Retirement Incentive Program. The ACE team also agreed to withdraw litigation pertaining to the Employee Certification Program (ECP). I encourage a thorough review of the record pertaining to the ACE Salary Structure, ERIP and ECP, the facts and circumstances associated with them, and the final results of negotiations that will save the University millions of dollars and help contain future tuition increases.

Moving toward a more market-based salary and benefit structure understandably has caused campus discord. By taking a solid step in lowering the rate of increase for health care, and implementing a competitive but lower-cost wage structure for classified support staff, YSU demonstrated that it could and would take the difficult steps to stay competitive, affordable and accessible for students. By any objective analysis, the University's negotiation teams were remarkably successful in achieving stated objectives. Other cost-reduction possibilities exist at the University; achieving them will not be easy, particularly if the administrators asked to advance

them have no assurance of support as tough decisions are made.

The Panel's attempt to identify scapegoats and inflict retribution are not constructive, are inconsistent with YSU's stated values, and will undercut the authority and the very job security of University representatives directed to carry out policy, management and financial initiatives. Even though the Labor Panel made many constructive suggestions, I am disappointed and saddened by portions of its report. While I take a certain satisfaction knowing that many positive and tangible things were accomplished during the past year, the immediate aftermath of these strikes has strained a campus culture confronted with change. The ability to further advance change, however, will be severely compromised if it comes at the cost of blame and personal disparagement.

Dr. Sweet has faced a challenging set of demands in preparing his response to the Panel's report, and I know that he has sought to balance the interests of a number of campus constituencies in a manner that respects the University, its values, and the people who work and attend school here. He has had and continues to have my full support in his efforts to advance this University and in fulfilling its laudable mission, no matter how difficult the task.

John Habat
Vice President for Administration

Sept. 11 needs to be remembered

Editor:
It has been five-six years since my best friend Mike died, less than a year since I lost my other best friend and consecutively other very dear friends to the same fate. What amazes me is so many people tell me I must move on, or must get over these things and not let them control my daily life. This is the same selfish attitude we are trying to force when dealing with Sept. 11th. We as a society seem sick and tired of hearing about it so we are hoping it will just go away. Each year the remembrance gets smaller, the flags that once lined each and every street are taken down and put

into storage to only collect dust or get eaten by moths, and the once felt necessary safety in airport security checkpoints are lax again opening up potential problems in the future similar to what has happened in the past. The Patriot Act for all of its short comings is questioned and the security of the American Homeland is put aside as an afterthought to not even be reviewed but placed aside in hopes the American people will forget about it and go back to buying and lining the coffers of government without complaint. I do not preach to know the answers or to tell what parts of the Patriot Act are necessary and which are not. I shall let those with more detailed security intelligence sort those details out and hope they will not play politics with my security. My concern is that as a society we are being selfish and basically telling the families of those who died that we will shall not care to remember the events of that day because they are too painful and shall not take the steps needed to prevent this disaster in the future thus we as Americans are promoting putting our heroes such as firemen, police officers, and medical personnel at risk all because we are tired of hearing bad news that is no longer exciting. I love my nation, but please let us remember that we are still at war, whether you agree with it or not is not the issue, but we are still fighting for the American way and our very lives against fundamentalist regimes who feel that their holy war should lead to our fiery death so they may get their 'just' rewards. My personal tragedy is still fresh and new and although I consider my friends to be an extension and part of my family, I can only imagine what it would be like to lose a relative in such a horrible way because of a madman! Please remember this next time you think quietly to yourself how people should just get over their pain and grief. Please consider this when next you go to put your American flag away, and think about our troops over in a foreign land, far from their families in this Holiday season fighting to save our country in which we are no longer willing to protect.

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She said she will go through "a learning process" with the position, since she had no official background in labor grievances. She said she would need to learn the ins and outs of YSU's faculty contract.

"I need time to learn my way through the job and a lot of people are willing to help me get up to speed. I look at it as a new challenge," Riley said.

Union Disappointment
The faculty and classified staff union released a statement prior to Sweet's response to the panel report that they would comply with a report recommendation calling for the unions negotiating teams to step down. However, they would only comply with the report when Chatman and Habat were no longer employed at YSU and when Christine Domhoff, the classified union's president was rehired at YSU.

Domhoff's position at YSU's Cisco Networking Academy was terminated when the academy closed last year. Her case is in arbitration and Sweet said last week that it wouldn't be right for him to interfere with the process.

Julia Gergits, the faculty union president, said she was disappointed that the university administration didn't comply entirely with its recommendations. Gergits said her union's negotiating team would continue its duties until the team elections next spring.

Sweet's Other Responses

Sweet announced his response to the labor report Thursday after a three-hour closed-door meeting with the internal affairs committee of the board of trustees. Sweet announced the formation of a Labor Management Relations Council which would improve communication between labor and management. The council will make quarterly reports to the board of trustees.

An ombudsperson will be appointed to handle labor concerns of the classified union. The ombudsperson will serve a similar responsibility as the director of faculty relations by handling grievances.

The president also announced that Habat and Chatman would no longer play any role in contract negotiations. He said that each bargaining unit and administrative negotiating team would sit down and create guidelines for the negotiations. The guidelines may include a news blackout, which the classified union requested but didn't receive last summer.

Call Bill Rodgers at (330) 941-1989.

More news in brief

New director of network services

YSU hired Jason Rakers to be the new director of network services. Rakers, former senior network analyst at Allegheny Energy in Greensburg, Pa., will replace Tom Doctor, who retired in February 2005. Rakers, who started at YSU in January, earned a bachelor's degree in management from St. Francis College in Pennsylvania and a master's degree in information systems management from Robert Morris University in Pittsburgh, where he is studying for a doctorate in information systems and communications.

Summer Festival of the Arts applications

Artist applications are being accepted for the eighth annual Summer Festival of the Arts. This year's festival will be July 8 and 9 on the YSU campus. Artists may enter in two-dimensional fine arts, three-dimensional fine arts and fine crafts. Applicants must include a \$20 jury fee with the application. If accepted, the booth fee is \$100. Applications are available by calling festival coordinator, Lori A. Factor at (330) 941-2307. Applicants can also send an email to lafactor@ysu.edu or visit the Summer Festival of the Arts web site at www.ysu.edu/sfa. The deadline for applications is April 3.

'Whale Rider' showing

As part of Women's History Month, YSU Women's Studies and Student Diversity Programs is sponsoring a free showing of "Whale Rider" 4 p.m. March 2 in Kilcawley Center's Ohio Room. A discussion of the film led by Dr. Stephanie Tingley of the YSU English Department will follow.

Educators struggle to attract black men to campuses

By: Paul H. Johnson (KRT)

Chris Catching says that African-American men are being left behind.

A doctoral student in education at Rutgers University, he doesn't think higher education knows what to do with black men. So he wants to show them. He's studying his fellow students and learning why they are staying in school.

"So much of the research focuses on the pathological," Catching said. Instead, they should find out what works, he added.

Nationwide, women earn the lion's share of college degrees among African-Americans. The gender gap has been growing for years, and educators have been grasping for ways to close it.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 68 percent of all baccalaureate degrees awarded nationwide to African-Americans are given to women.

In New Jersey, the figure is 67 percent. African-American women graduate at a higher rate than their male counterparts. In addition, 52 percent of African-American women graduate from college within six years in New Jersey, compared with 40 percent of black men, according to statistics collected by the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

"It's just a very complex problem. One of the things I know about boys is for boys, it's just not cool. It's just not macho to get an education, to speak

properly, to be the top of the class. Among our boys, it's just not macho to be that person," said Carey Jenkins, founder of Operation Link-Up, a program that helps children in the Paterson, N.J., schools attend college.

Jenkins has 27 students attending Syracuse University, but only five of them are men.

Jenkins said there are a lot of messages in the media and in the classroom that discourage African-American boys, who can feel out of place in school.

"I think a negative message is being sent to our boys," he said. "There just seem to be more positive role models for girls, more women who are out there who are doing something."

Jesse Gray attends Syracuse University with 26 of his peers from the Paterson schools. But he's only one of five male students there from his school district. He joined Operation Link-Up as a freshman at John F. Kennedy High School. He always knew he would go to college, even though he was the first in his family.

"I wanted to get a good education and you can't expect to get out of high school and just have a great job waiting for you," said Gray, a freshman studying mechanical engineering. He noticed quite quickly there weren't many other African-American boys following his path.

"Looking around every year since grade school, there's always been a lot more girls,"

Gray said. But the gap only made him more determined to succeed.

"It was a little added pressure because there were only (a few) boys there; you had to hold your end of the bargain," Gray said.

The college gender gap isn't limited to African-Americans, even though the disparity between black men and women is the largest. According to the U.S. Department of Education, women make up 56 percent of all college students. It's a gap that's been growing for nearly three decades. The department estimates that if trends continue, 3 million more women than men will be in college by 2014.

Sandra Timmons of Hackensack, N.J., president of A Better Chance, an organization that places talented young minorities in demanding public and private secondary schools, said she's noticed the percentage of boys in her program drop over the years.

Out of the 11,000 alumni of the 43-year old organization 55 percent are male and 45 percent are female, she said. But among students currently in the program, about 60 percent are female and 40 percent male. She said about 60 percent of the youths are African-American.

She said there are many reasons for this, explaining that studies show African-American boys are less likely than girls to graduate from high school and that few are picked to take demanding classes in elementary school that give them an

early head start on college.

"If you're falling behind by Grade 3 or 4 in reading, it's difficult to even get into a program like ours," Timmons said.

She said educators spent a lot of time in the '70s and '80s helping girls catch up. It might be time now to make sure boys aren't falling behind.

"It's a problem that people have ignored," Timmons said.

Catching, the Rutgers doctoral student, said African-American men who succeed in college share many characteristics. In particular, he said, they all had several mentors who have helped them.

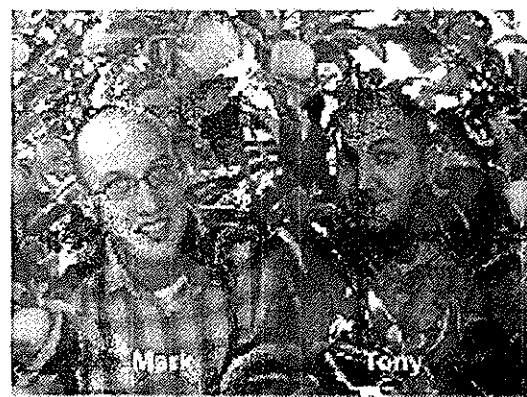
"Some of the key things have been mentors at all levels of their life, mentors in their community, parental support and sensitivity on behalf of educators," Catching said. "Those mentors help you get through those roadblocks." He said mentors helped him graduate from Montclair State University in 1999.

Jenkins, of Operation Link-Up, added that it takes more effort to convince boys to go to college than girls. He said that if he could hire another person, he'd have that person roam the halls of Paterson's high schools to attract more boys into his program. Unlike girls, Jenkins said, boys need more convincing to see the value of college.

"You've got to find them and you've got to drag them in, then you've got to sell them on education."

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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Education departments reorganized

By: Maysoun Abdelrasul
FEATURES REPORTER

Youngstown State University's Beeghly College of Education is undergoing structural changes in organization to ensure efficiency and balance.

Philip Ginetti, Dean of the Beeghly College of Education, recommended to the Provost reorganizing the departmental structure of the college. In a letter to President David Sweet, Provost Robert Herbert said there are no additional costs stemming from the reorganization and now the number of faculty members is equal in each of the three departments.

Programs have moved to accommodate faculty and the student needs. The Department of Teacher Education had more programs than the department of counseling and the department of educational administration, research and foundation.

Special education, grades K-12, mild/moderate and moderate/intensive were moved from the Department of Teacher Education to the Department of Counseling. The Master's level courses in special education were also moved to the Department of Counseling.

Before the change, the Department of Counseling did not have any undergraduate programs. The graduate programs included child and adolescent program in community counseling, community counseling program, higher education student services, school counseling and post-Masters course of study in clinical counseling.

"There was so many programs in the department of teacher education and breaking it up makes it easier and more balanced," Ginetti said.

The programs stayed the same but the leadership and the chair changed. The new interim chair for the

Department of Counseling and Special Education is Margaret Briley. The opportunity to reconsider the disposition of the chair will be made at the end of the calendar year.

The chair for the Department of Teacher Education is Dora Bailey and the position is in effect until June 30, 2010. Bailey was elected by the faculty of the Department of Teacher Education.

"The reorganization gives students easier access to faculty members," Beebe said.

Senior Emily Hoffman, majoring in Intergrated Language Arts, said anything the college can do will help.

"If they separated the three departments, the communication would be easier and the work that we do would be more productive," she said.

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fell below the other universities in regards to the perceived success and quality of the graduates, the intellectual climate, the quality of students attending, and the idea that Youngstown is dangerous, economically depressed city.

Survey results also indicated YSU matched or outscored the other universities in several areas, including the perceived quality of faculty, number of majors offered, academic programs, cost value of tuition, campus safety and

attractiveness. This year's campaign will focus on the accomplishments of current students and recent graduates.

The ads feature a current student, Lori McDonald, a Biology major who received The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, which is awarded to the top 300 science students in the country and Angela LeAung Roberts, a Northeast Ohio University College of Medicine graduate who went on to open a family practice in Youngstown.

The spots show that YSU

attracts some of the brightest students and produces worthwhile graduates," Ulbricht said.

Ulbricht said the university's negative image stem from stereotypes about YSU's open enrollment policies.

"There is a public misunderstanding about open access institutions, that they don't provide as good of an education as more selective universities," Ulbricht said. "The goal of this campaign is to debunk that myth."

Ulbricht said the television ads will be shot on 16-

mm film to increase the video quality. Three 30-second spots were filmed by Smoke and Mirrors, a Pittsburgh video production company.

Ulbricht said two things could happen if the new campaign is effective.

"It can enhance visibility and improve reputation, but it can also have an impact on enrollment, because everyone wants to go to a prestigious school," Ulbricht said.

Call Cheryl Thompson at (330) 941-1913.

Organizational changes: before and after

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- Early Childhood
 - Middle Childhood
 - Secondary or Adolescent Young Adult
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 - Multi-Age grades
 - Special Education
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- Master Teacher Elementary
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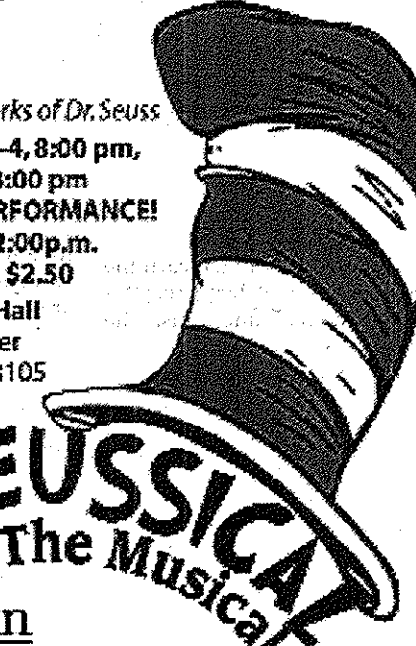
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COMMENTARY

"Freedomland:" Movie Prison

By: Bob Mackey
COLUMNIST

"Freedomland" is the only movie I've seen that is bold enough to end about halfway through its running time. Nearly every movie makes the — let's face it — clichéd decision to end right before the credits roll, therefore making each of the preceding parts valuable in some way. This is not so with "Freedomland," the payoff of which leaves nothing ahead of it but what can only be described as a long, boring epilogue, explaining parts of the payoff which render themselves absolutely useless due to how unfulfilling it is.

"Revenge of the Nerds II" director Joe Roth has also used his magic touch to custom-fit the "real" end of the movie with between nine and 3,700 final scenes (I lost count), giving "Freedomland" an interactive quality as disgruntled audience members scream "END! END!!!" while high school ushers try to sedate them with flashlights. Yes, "Freedomland" does many things new, but it does nothing right.

Samuel L. Jackson plays Samuel L. Jackson — er, Lorenzo Council — in a role only Samuel L. Jackson can play; meaning the character was too old for Denzel Washington and too young for Morgan Freeman. Samuel L. Jackson is a detective up to his usual Samuel L. Jackson type character antics (being grizzled and having a heart of gold) when he encounters Brenda Martin (Julianne Moore), who drifts in and out of her New Jersey accent so often that you'd think it was caused by pressurized air pockets floating through the sky. Martin, hysterical and bleeding, tells Council that

her son was kidnapped as the result of a carjacking, and instead of telling her to calm down and retrace her steps, the detective agrees to help her find the missing boy.

But things aren't that easy. Council's largely black community is up in arms about how much effort the police are using to find the missing white child, when the recent kidnapping of a black child received little attention. In a now out-of-date Susan Smith touch, (the original book seemed to be inspired by her story), Martin claims that a black man was the culprit of the crime, causing race relations to grow worse than when Rush Limbaugh hosted "NFL Sunday Countdown." Council has to walk a careful line between doing his job and helping his community, until the very disappointing and very predictable payoff — which is more of a robbery — when you realize how much it costs to go to the movies and wonder how quickly you can escape from the theater using one of the many fire exits.

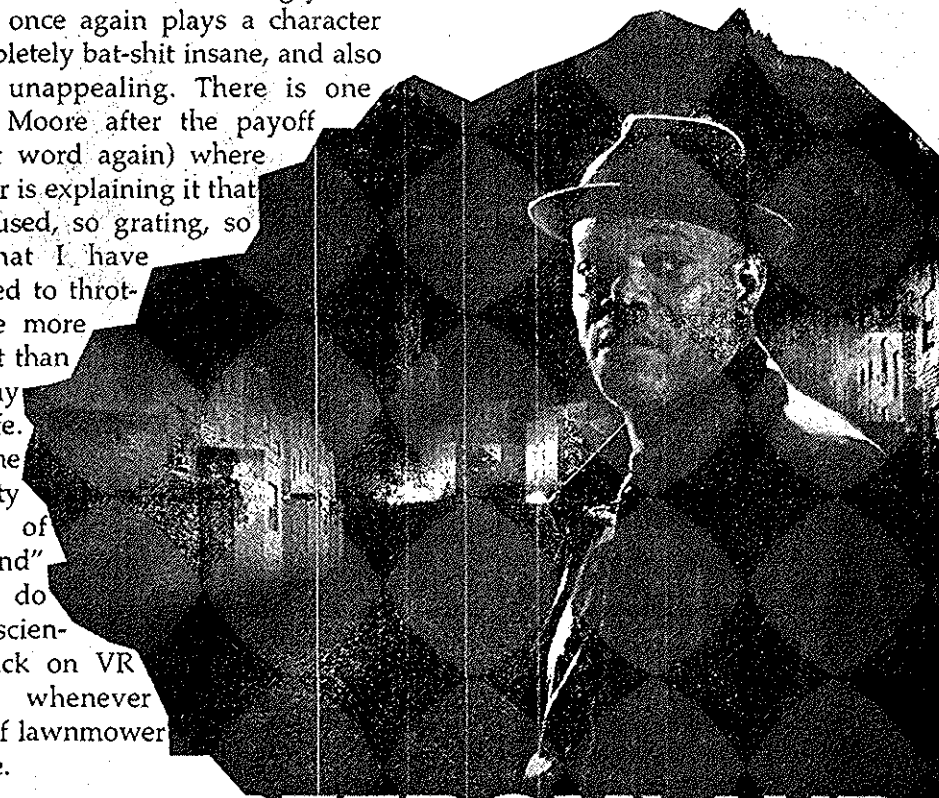
"Freedomland" is not just disappointing; it's impotent. The payoff, which I have mentioned about 13 times at this point, was probably my biggest moment of "That's it?!" that I've ever experienced while watching a movie. I was hoping for a surprise, and when I was let down so much I was hoping to be murdered in the movie theater, because the unexpectedness of my death might have made up for the lameness of "Freedomland." This impotency also plays into many other elements of "Freedomland," where many things are set up, but nothing becomes of them. The movie beats you over the head with Council's asthma so much that the screen should have displayed "FORESHADOW-

ING" during his attacks, but nothing happens. Martin's brother works on the force, and in a shocking turn of events, is a cop who doesn't play by the rules, trying to help his sister. The movie makes you think he is going to do something outrageous, but he eventually disappears into the same ether as Council's asthma.

Despite how little worth "Freedomland" contains, the movie seems to carry an obscene amount of self-importance. Ominous, overbearing music plays over most scenes, echoing "This movie is a landmark with important social commentary!" Characters deliver terrible monologues that come from nowhere, and go nowhere. Julianne Moore, with an Oscar-hungry look in her eyes once again plays a character who is completely bat-shit insane, and also completely unappealing. There is one scene with Moore after the payoff (there's that word again) where her character is explaining it that is so unfocused, so grating, so piercing, that I have never wanted to throttle someone more at that point than I have in my entire life. Hopefully the virtual reality version of "Freedomland" will let me do this, once scientists get back on VR technology whenever their fears of lawn-mower men subside.

A quick search on the Internet Movie Database has revealed to me that director Joe Roth is 58-years-old. Mr. Roth, I'm not afraid of you, and I vow to make you my mortal enemy until you give me back the \$8 I spent on your awful pile of septic waste that has been titled "Freedomland." To rip off "The Critic's" Jay Sherman, up on the "diseases I'd rather have" ranking, "Freedomland is listed as" "spastic colon." Mr. Roth, do you know uncomfortable that is?

Bob Mackey is suffering from post-traumatic movie disorder. He can be reached at (330) 941-1913.



African American HISTORY MONTH 2006

Youngstown STATE UNIVERSITY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4
Room: 600 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center
The African Marketplace
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16
1:00-2:00 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center
Faculty Discussion on the Works of Paul Laurence Dunbar
Faculty members at YSU will discuss the multi-faceted works of Paul Dunbar. The discussion will be held in the Chestnut Room of the Kilcawley Center.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6 - FEBRUARY 28, ART DISPLAY
Art Gallery, Bliss Hall, College of Fine and Performing Arts
Three Black Women: Three Pan-Africanist Visions
A month-long display of nationally acclaimed Black women artists. The art display will feature the work of three Black women artists: Betye Saar, Faith Ringgold, and Jean Mitchell.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8
6:30 p.m., Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center
Forum: South Africa After Apartheid
The end of Apartheid in South Africa raised major questions in world history. The forum will discuss the impact of Apartheid on South Africa and the world.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11
7:30 p.m., Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center
Documentary Film: James' Journey to Jerusalem
James' Journey to Jerusalem is a documentary film about the journey of James Brown to Jerusalem. The film is held in the Ohio Room of the Kilcawley Center.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14
7:30 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23
3:00 p.m., McKay Auditorium, College of Education
Paul Dunbar Centennial Poetry Reading
The 100th anniversary of the death of Paul Laurence Dunbar. The poetry reading will be held in the McKay Auditorium of the College of Education.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24
7:00 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center
Drama By The Exchange
Theater production by The Exchange. The drama is held in the Chestnut Room of the Kilcawley Center.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28
7:30 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center
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YSU HOCKEY

YSU Hockey takes the CHA east championship

By: Katie Libecco
COPY EDITOR

The Youngstown State University men's hockey club dominated the ice this weekend, winning two landslide playoff games, becoming the first College Hockey Association East Division II champions.

The Penguins aggressively out-shot the 5-3 Frostburg State Bobcats on Saturday at the Ice Zone in Boardman, having 60 shots on goal over the Bobcat's 22 shots on goal. The number of goal attempts paid off for the men, leaving the final score at 7-1.

On Sunday, the Penguins faced off against the Hilbert College Hawks, who had won 7-6 over Indiana University of PA-III. But the Penguins were offensively unstoppable, winning 11-3.

"It's impressive because the boys worked hard. It's definitely a step in the right direction for us. We worked hard on this club," coach Rocky Russo said.

The team picked up momentum quickly in Sunday's game. The first goal was scored with 9:40 on the clock in the first period by Tim Skook, who scored two more goals in the second and third periods.

Ryan Macri brought in the second goal with 4:32 remaining, followed by two more goals in the period by Bob Walla and team captain Joe Steinman. Defenseman Phil Colucci put up another goal in the second period.

The third period brought five more goals by the Penguins. Walla earned two more goals for the team, as Steinman also put in another goal. Skook put two goals on the board back-to-back.

Overall, the Penguins recorded 47 shots on goal Sunday over the Hawks' 37. YSU goalie Joe Carothers put in 34 saves, leaving the Hawks to only put up 3 goals to the Penguins 11.

"It's incredible. We were calling the team an 'offensive juggernaut' in the locker room between periods," freshman goalie Lucas Radonski said after Sunday's game. "It just feels great."

Even Russo seemed surprised at the extent of the Penguins' wins over the playoff weekend.

"You can never expect to put up 10 goals or more on the board, but the offense has been potent all year," he said.

Sophomore Tom Skook recorded four goals and three assists,



ABOVE: The 2006 YSU Men's Hockey Club and coach Rocky Russo pose for a photo on Sunday after winning the College Hockey Association East Division II Championships.

RIGHT: Sophomore defenseman Oleg Zaistevev fights for possession of the puck against a Hilbert opponent at the Ice Zone in Boardman. Freshman Bob Walla brought in three goals and team captain, sophomore Joe Steinman, recorded a goal and two assists. Steinman and Skook were named the championships' MVPs.

"It feels really good," Steinman said. "You never would've seen this coming. We had three guys at the first practice, and two goalies."

As the playoffs approached, Steinman said that attitude changed.

"I had no doubt that we would win and win by a large margin," he said. "No offense to any other team, it's just that we have a great offensive team and that's just what we've been doing."

Walla said he was sure the team was going to take the championship title from the beginning of the year, and that the team would continue developing in the next few years.

"We knew we were going to win this game from the beginning. We have a lot of talent on the team and the majority of the team are



freshmen, 19- and 20-year-old guys who are coming up," Walla said. "We're working on building a dynasty."

The Penguins were undefeated in conference playing this season, 8-0 against College Hockey East

opponents. Associate Commissioner Tom Harper said it was the first year the division of six teams has competed. He said next year the Penguins will move up to Division I.

For more information on joining or supporting the team, e-mail coach Rocky Russo at russo@fireworks.com or call (330) 965-1423.

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TRACK AND FIELD

YSU track team finishes second in their final indoor event

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Track and field coach Brian Gorby has quite a few reasons to be optimistic following Saturday's Horizon League championships that were held this weekend. The women's and men's squad finished as runners-up, falling just points behind UW-Milwaukee, who swept the meet.

Gorby can be optimistic because the indoor season is coming to a close and the outdoor season will surface soon, and already the young teams have gained vital experience.

"We had 11 freshmen on the women's side. As a result we knew the freshmen had to step up," Gorby said following the meet. "We figured it was going to be a challenge and they stepped up."

Two of the Penguins that rose to the challenge this weekend were freshman Katie

Betts, who was honored as the newcomer of the year in the running events. Senior Jarrod Davis earned Field Performer of the Meet following his meet record in the weight throw, as well as setting a YSU record in the shot-put with a heave of 53-11 1/4 feet.

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Brian Gorby YSU Track and field Coach

Davis was part of a field events squad that dominated the meet, highlighted by Bethany Anderson, who swept both the weight throw and the shot.

Gorby said much of the field events triumphs come from his talented coaching staff. "You got to give a lot of credit to field coach Cobey," Gorby said.

With the indoor season in the books for the Penguins and two runners up trophies to add to their collection of hardware, Gorby said the Penguins are now the team to beat when the outdoor season kicks off in late March at the Raleigh Invitational.



YSU Track and field's Katie Betts and Jarrod Davis received high honors in Saturday's Horizon League Championship in Kent. Betts was named "newcomer of the Year" and Davis earned "Field Performer of the Meet." YSU finished second overall in the meet behind UW-Milwaukee.

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Roundup

Sophomore Yondeh Joh led all Penguins in scoring with 34 points via four second place finishes and a fifth place finish. Joh was also a part of a school record 400-meter relay team that included Betts, Danielle Bolt and Kari Kreutzfeld

Damion Wright recorded two second place finishes in both the 60-meter and the 200 meter.

Jason Greenamyler scored 15 points behind a second place finish in the heptathlon, third in the high jump and sixth in the 60-meter hurdles.

Drew Weizer finished second in the weight throw with a toss of 56.5 3/4 feet. Call Justin Smolkovich at (330) 941-3758.

YSU TENNIS

YSU tennis team comes up short again

By: Steve Lettau
REPORTER

Long after his fan club left him, Youngstown State University's Jason Trapp was still sweating it out on the court.

Serving on the No. 4 court in singles play, Trapp was not about to give up on his team after losing the second set of play 2-6. He came back and whitewashed Hermann Kuschke 6-0 in the final set.

Although Trapp won the final set, the YSU men's tennis team lost match play 4-3 to Indiana University of Purdue - Ft. Wayne on Friday at the Boardman Tennis Center.

Scott Kathary led the Penguins at No. 1 singles, 6-4, 6-1 over IP-FW's Landry Nzudie and No. 2 single Tom Barth, who defeated Nabil Mourad Filho, 6-2, 6-0. YSU junior Brian Meek, sophomore Ryan Trapp and freshman Sarantis Karousis all lost in two sets.

Even though six-year head coach Eric Ronan and his team have a 0-4 overall record, Ronan said it does not show off the players' performance so far.

"You need to overlook the scores. Win a game here, win a game there — it doesn't give a good indication of the effort shown on the court," Ronan said.

Several YSU students cheered on the brotherly double set duo of Jason and Ryan Trapp on Friday, including sophomore Dan Seitz, who said he agreed with Ronan about the team record.

"Even though the record may not show it, the team shows great chemistry and team unity," Seitz said.

The brothers lost their double match 6-8 to IP-FW's Salgado and Gonzalez as well as the No. 3 double tandem of Meek and Karousis lost 6-8 to Jones and Jackson. No. 1 Kathary and Barth defeated the Mastodon duo of Filho and Nzudie 8-5.

"1-2 played strong as always," Ronan said, referring to Kathary and Barth.

"We're still improving, getting better and better each day. The whole goal is to get to the conference championship," Ronan said.

The winner of the conference championship gets an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. Ronan said he is confident in his team.

"We are a very competitive team with everyone we play. This is Division I tennis, we're the same level as everyone else. We compete with the best schools in this country," Ronan said.

Also over the weekend, the women's tennis team lost to Wright State 4-3 in Horizon League play on Saturday. Both No. 5 Nicole Haralambopoulos and No. 6 Michelle Fuleky defeated Wright State's Karina Presti 6-3, 6-2 and 6-1, 6-1 respectively in singles action.

YSU took two of three matches in double play with Allison Day and Emily Thayer defeating Tiffany Foster and Laura Colbertson 9-8.



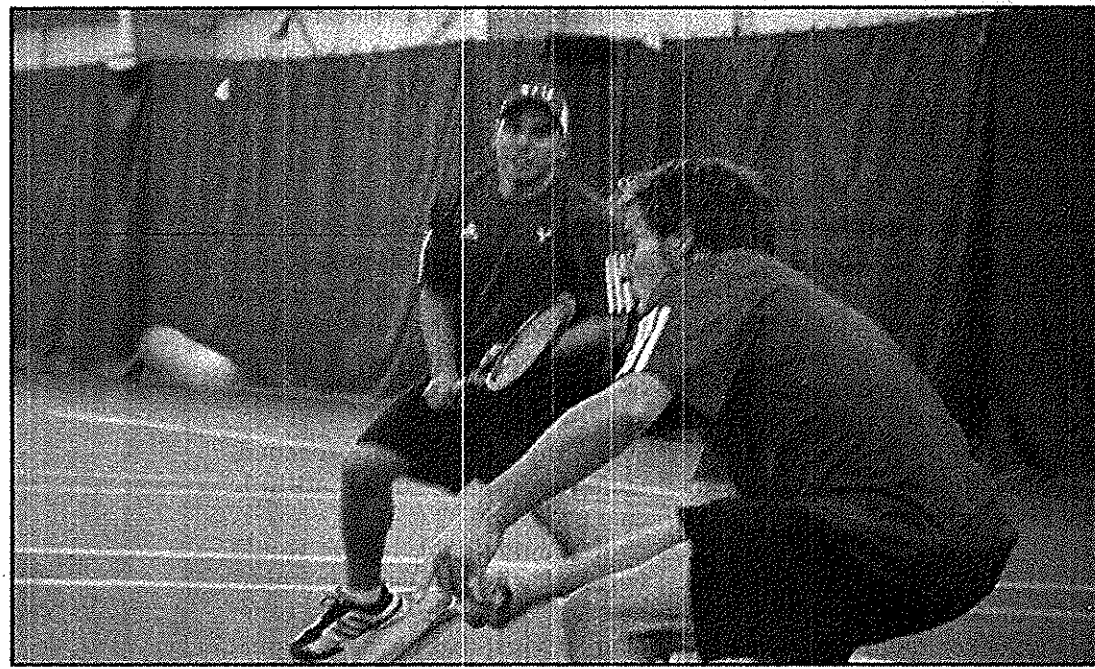
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ABOVE: Sophomore Ryan Trapp sets up for a return during a double's match on Friday with partner and brother Jason Trapp.

RIGHT: The Trapp brothers lost their doubles match 6-8 against Indiana University of Purdue - Ft. Wayne. Overall, YSU lost 4-3 in match play.

women's double points against Wright State were Whitney Thomas and Michelle Fuleky, who defeated Jessica Lee and Karina Presti 9-8.

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YSU BASKETBALL

Men play hard, but fall to Loyola 87-84

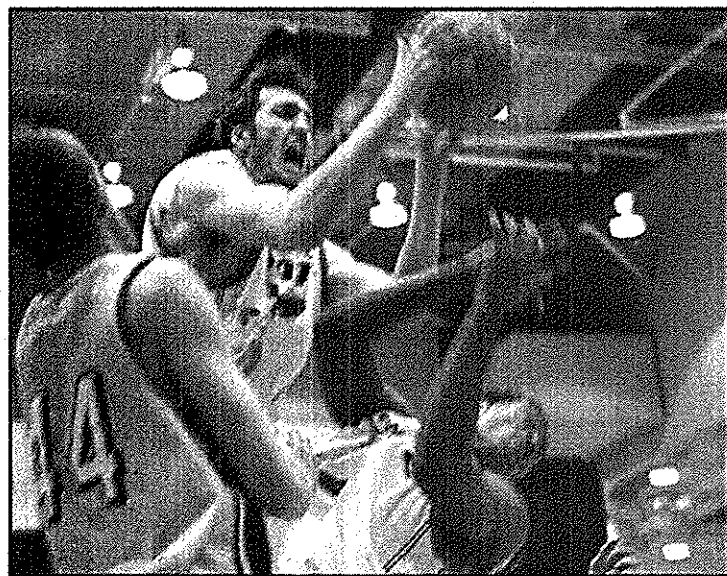
By: Justin Smolkovich
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For two halves and an overtime period Saturday night, the Youngstown State University men's basketball team was involved in an old-fashioned, no-holds-barred street fight.

Loyola was the Ali to the Penguin's Foreman, pulling out a gutsy come from behind win in overtime by a tally of 87-84.

In the last few seconds of the fourth quarter, Loyola's Blake Schlib connected on a three pointer as time expired to send the game into an extra period. The Penguins would score the first five points in overtime, but were plagued by foul trouble, losing point guards Derrick Harris and Meeko Niemi who both left the game with five fouls.

Despite the three-point loss in overtime, the Penguins were facing near impossible odds in the first half, finding themselves down by as much as 24 before head coach Jerry Slocum spurred the Penguins and senior



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Dominique Crawford by receiving what appeared to be a tactical technical foul.

Crawford gave the Penguins a new life, scoring 19 points in the first half and 14 in the second and an additional four in the extra stanza to tally the highest point total for the season in the Horizon League with 37. The 37 points were also the most points scored by a Penguin in 13 years.

Slocum said the play of Crawford on senior night inspired the Penguins during the charge.

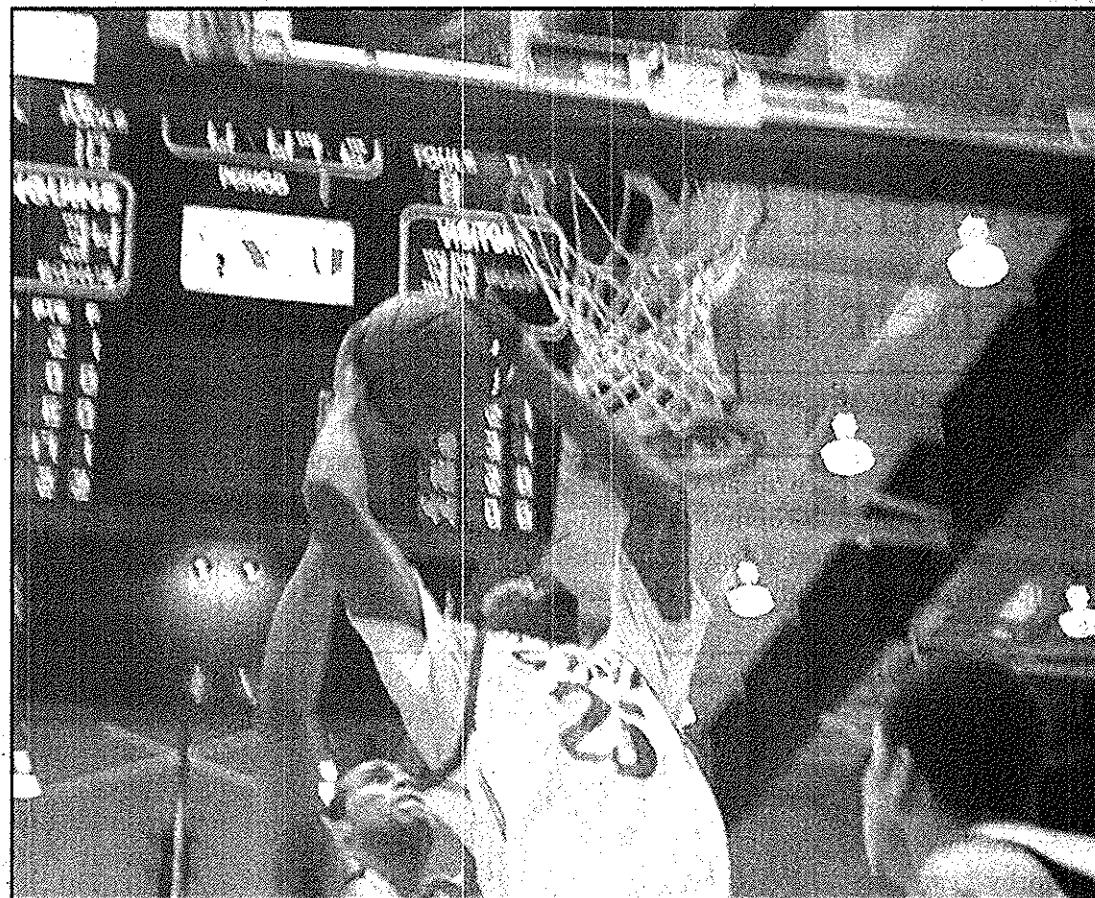
ABOVE: Sophomore Colin LaForme fights for a rebound during Saturday's game against Loyola. The Penguins lost 87-84 in overtime.

RIGHT: Senior guard Dominique Crawford sets up for one of several dunk during Saturday's game.

"We weren't competitive until he took the game over," Slocum said.

Crawford said he wanted to leave it all on the floor for his last game at Beeghley Center.

"I just wanted to go out there and give the people something to remember me



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for," Crawford said. On the night, Crawford was 12 of 20 from the field including 6 of 8 from three-point land.

Despite the near perfect night from Crawford, Slocum said that the Penguins handed Loyola the win on a silver platter in the waning moments of

regulation. "We had the game won three different times and we found a way to give it away," Slocum said.

The Penguins, who split the season series with Loyola, will travel to Chicago to battle Loyola Tuesday in the first round of the Horizon League

tournament. Crawford and company are eager to take the court again for the second time in less than a week.

"It is all for the tie break on Tuesday, and we are going to get it," Crawford said.

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