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Forensics Month

A University of Pittsburgh professor, Jeffrey Schwartz will present "Putting a Face on the First President: A Facial Reconstruction of George Washington" today at 6 p.m. in room 132 in DeBartolo Hall as a part of Forensics Month at YSU.

Schwartz led a two-year project to reconstruct George Washington at ages 19, 45 and 57.

Interview Day

Youngstown State University will interview with more than 60 area employers during the Spring 2007 Business/Engineering Interview Day from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday in the Chestnut Room in Kilcawley Center.

More than 125 students will be interviewing for internships and co-op positions.

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For an inside look at the Penguin baseball team's double-header against Cleveland State today, check us out on the web.



Limited space

The M-2 deck construction causes tardiness for commuter students

Jenny Boyce
ASSIST. NEWS EDITOR

For the next five months, the top parking deck of the M-2 lot – which stands between DeBartolo and Cushwa Hall – will remain closed for repairs. But already, the closed deck is causing problems for Youngstown State University students who rely on those extra parking spots.

"I looked for a spot today for about 30 minutes," said sophomore June Douglas, coming out of the College of Health and Human

Services with classmate Jamie Allen, who also parks in the M-2 deck.

Douglas, who had to park up the road by McDonald's on 5th Avenue, said she was at least 10 minutes late for class on Wednesday. Allen said the inconvenience made her 20 minutes late for her Tuesday class.

"I come from work and have to try and find a spot here, then I have to get to class on time, and then I have to go back to the parking lot and head back out to work," Allen said.

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The roof of M-2 deck is closed for repairs. It will re-open in the Fall semester.

Allen, also a sophomore explained the scene the closed deck caused Wednesday, with dozens of drivers aimlessly looking for parking spots while the below decks were packed to capacity.

"They don't even tell you it's closed," Douglas said.

Gary Snyder, administrative assistant of parking

services, said the M-2 deck would not reopen anytime this semester due to pothole problems that were in need of repairs.

"Being on the top like that, the deck is exposed to all the weather problems that streets are exposed to during the winter," Snyder said.

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New Ohio chancellor visits YSU

Maysoon Abdelrasul & Cristina Cala
JAMBAR STAFF

The new higher education chancellor visited Youngstown State University Tuesday to share what he thinks is important for the university.

Eric Fingerhut, chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents, said the way to turn things around in Ohio is through higher education.

Fingerhut said the goal is to increase college enrollment by 230,000 students in 10 years by making college more affordable.

"We believe that in order to encourage people to come to college, [we need] to make it affordable," he said.

For the last six years, there has been no increase in state support for universities and an average of 9 percent increase in tuition.

Gov. Ted Strickland proposed a two-year plan for a 5 percent increase in state support in exchange for a tuition freeze for the 2007-2008 academic year, and no more than 3 percent the following year.

"I know it may sound like it's not that big a deal," Fingerhut said of the possible 5 percent boost in state support. "It's almost a \$200 million increase."

The chancellor agrees with Strickland's initiative to reverse the increase in tuition and the decrease in state funding.

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YSU speaks out against Imus' comments

Ashley Tate
NEWS REPORTER

Don Imus' remarks about the Rutgers University women's basketball team in New Jersey didn't just dis-

miss the team's athletic ability; they affected Youngstown State University as well.

The Rutgers women's basketball team took a low blow from Imus, the host of

MSNBC's radio show "Imus in the Morning." He called the players a bunch of "nappy-headed hos" during one of his segments with co-anchor and executive producer Bernard McGuirk.

Imus' words were a follow-up to McGuirk's comment that Rutgers' female basketball players were "hard-core hos." The team is comprised of eight black players and two white players. The head coach, Charlene Vivian Stringer, is also black.

YSU women's basketball coach Tina Hill said she was sad and disappointed to hear what Imus said.

His comments, Hill said, were "truly a despicable

and unacceptable act on his behalf that has contributed to the injustice toward the Rutgers players as well as women in sports overall."

YSU women's basketball player Kelsey Gurganus said Imus needs to think before he speaks and he was completely out of line.

"He needs to evaluate himself and his appearance before he starts bashing young girls and a successful female basketball coach," Gurganus said.

Imus will receive a two-week suspension without pay. Viewers can still listen to his radio show, but it will no longer be aired on MSNBC.

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Courtesy of MCTCampus.com

The Rutgers women's basketball team and coach respond to remarks made by radio host Don Imus after the NCAA Championship game.

SGA

Students cast SGA votes

Today is the last day to vote in the election

Cristina Byce & Elizabeth Boon
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTORS

Youngstown State University students formed a line in Kilcawley Center on Wednesday morning as votes were taken in the annual Student Government Association election.

Candidates and their supporters filed outside of Kilcawley to pass out fliers and stickers bearing candidates' names.

"We're doing some last-minute campaigning," said Kalyn Sharrow, manager of the Raib/Logan campaign.

Sharrow said she has been supporting write-in presidential candidate Erienne Raib and her running mate, Keith Logan, by wearing T-shirts, chalking sidewalks, handing out business cards, and getting their names out to the students. Sharrow supports Raib and Logan because she likes their ideas.

SGA presidential candidate David Spatholt and his running mate Erica Cross also stood outside Kilcawley to encourage students to vote for them.

First-time voter Tonia Tate said she was influenced to vote by all of the publicity surrounding the election.

"I wanted to vote because of all the people passing out cards and saying, 'vote for me,'" she said. Tate, a freshman, said she will vote again in the future.

Natalee Colla, a sophomore at YSU, said she felt voting was her job as a member of the student body.

"I want the right people to represent the campus," she said. Colla has voted two times in the past.

Junior Kristen Olmi said she feels that voting is a responsibility.

"Voter participation is very important. Students don't realize what SGA does," she said. Olmi has voted in the SGA elections every year since she was a freshman.

Elections Board member Vikki DiGennaro said that the voter turnout appeared to be quite strong during the first few hours of voting.

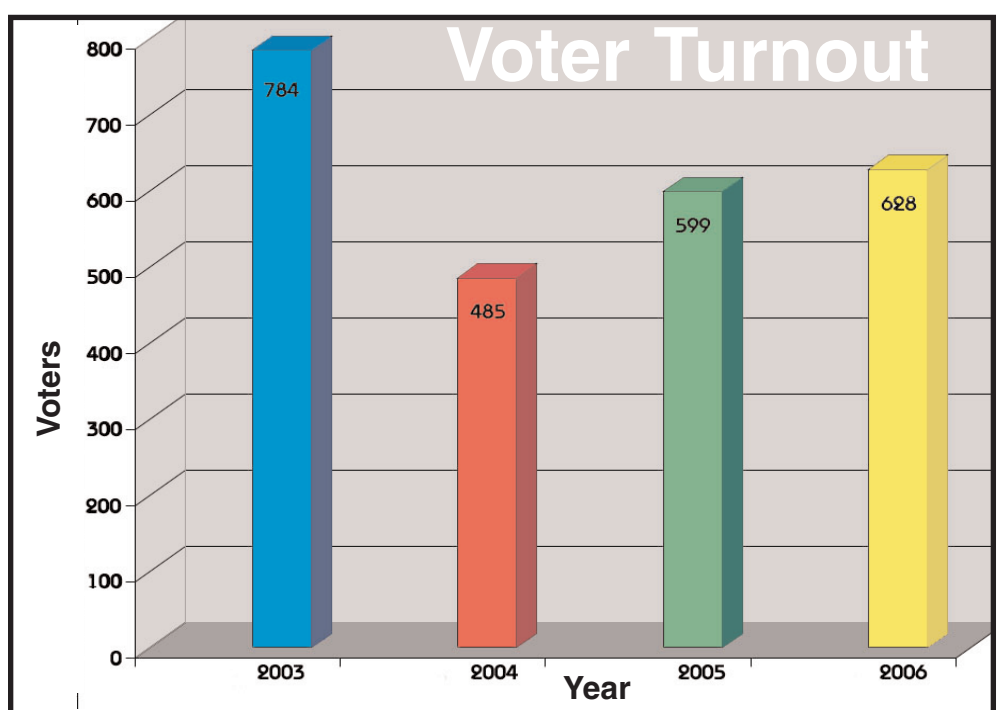
"It's pretty busy. It seems like a lot of people are getting involved," she said.

Paper only
According to new election policy, students will cast their votes through paper ballots only. In past elections, online voting was available.

SGA president Chad Miller said, "Online voting was a call by the Elections Board."

Miller believes voter turnout may be slightly lower in this election — not only because of the paper ballots, but because fewer candidates are running for office this year.

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Jambar / Laura Neely

Using only paper ballots, students voted for SGA candidates in Kilcawley Center Wednesday, when turnout was reportedly strong the first few hours of voting. Today is the last day for SGA election voting, with polls open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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Faculty reacts to Furnish's hiring as the dean of CLASS

Adrienne Sabo
NEWS EDITOR

Shearle Furnish was selected as the founding dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences.

Ikram Khawaja, interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences said "I think he left a very positive impression not just on me, but on others also."

He said many were impressed by Furnish's vision for the newly founded college. Khawaja said that one of Furnish's tasks will be helping the college find its own place within the institution.

Victor Wan-Tatah, professor and director of Africana Studies and professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies was similarly



Wan-Tatah

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"What he spoke came from his heart. He is a doer. He will really care about people."

impressed by Furnish.

Diversity was an important issue for Wan-Tatah. He said, "I was very impressed that he made diversity a centerpiece." Wan-Tatah said diversity is an important part of education because,

"we live in a global village," and that students should be introduced to, "people, culture and religion to enhance education."

"What he spoke came from his heart. He is a doer. He will really care about people," Wan-Tatah

said.

Bruce Waller, professor and chair of the department of Philosophy and Religious Studies and member of the dean search committee said Furnish received unanimously positive remarks

from faculty and staff.

Waller reinforced the positive impression Furnish made on faculty and staff during his visit.

"We got material from faculty, staff and administration. Of all the candidates his was the most uniformly positive of anyone," Waller said.

"Ikram has been a wonderful dean, he is not an easy act to follow. But I think he [Furnish] will be a wonderful founding dean. Faculty, staff and students will like him," he said.

Waller said that the committee recommended two candidates to Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Robert Herbert, who made the final decision. "I think he [Herbert] made an excellent decision," Waller said.

Police Briefs

Man attempts to jump off Powers Auditorium roof

Youngstown State University police officers responded to a possible jumper on the roof of Powers Auditorium. Both officers were escorted to the roof by a member of the maintenance staff. According to the police report, when they reached the roof, the male subject was lying down. He was handcuffed and when asked what he was doing on the roof he said, "God commanded me up here." The Youngstown Fire Department arrived and harnessed the male and he climbed down the ladder.

Argument at Fifth Avenue McDonalds

A Youngstown State University police officer was dispatched to McDonald's on Fifth Avenue in reference to a male attempting to throw a rock through a car window. According to the police report, when the officer told the subject to stop he began to run. The officer quickly caught up with the male in the stadium plaza area where he was handcuffed. The male said he came to McDonald's to see his girlfriend and they began to argue. He said the argument caused him to pick up the rock, but he decided to put the rock down. No damage was done to her vehicle. An officer spoke with the girlfriend who said she did not wish to file charges at that time.

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Commenting from the Elections Board was Carol Pitcairn.

"Having paper ballots is a security issue," she said.

According to Pitcairn, there have been several security concerns with the online system. Although she does not think paper

ballots will cause a lower turnout, "Homecoming voting is always done on paper, and they always have an excellent turnout," she said.

Miller discussed issues for the future officers.

"The biggest problems facing new SGA members

this upcoming year will be the relationship with the new governor and internal relationships on campus," Miller said.

With a new governor, Miller said, "We will have to fight hard for concerns on campus like maintenance, tuition and efficiency."

News In Brief

Forensic Anthropology forum

Youngstown State University chapter of Sigma Xi, the scientific honorary society, is sponsoring the forum, "Forensic Anthropology and the Dentition," Monday.

Dr. Loren R. Lease, assistant professor in the department of Sociology and Anthropology will give a presentation at noon Monday in Bresnahan I and II in Kilcawley Center.

Press Day

Area high school students will visit Youngstown State University Tuesday for the annual Press Day in Kilcawley Center.

Yellow Ribbons

The Student Veteran's Association will sell yellow ribbons for the troops from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through April 19 in Kilcawley Center.

Earth Day

Youngstown State University will celebrate Earth Day, Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the campus core outside Kilcawley Center. There will be games for students along with eco-friendly prizes and a dance marathon to raise awareness of global climate change.

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OUR SIDE

We are mad about parking

Youngstown State University students are mad about parking — and not the good kind of mad.

The M-2 deck — the deck most popular on campus because it's closer to many more classes than the M-1 deck — is partially closed.

Well, now, isn't that great?

This means we have to get up extra early in the morning if we want a spot in the M-2 deck. We know there are other parking spots, but they are pretty far from our classes. As A-plus, gold-star students, we want to make it to class on time, so either way, we'll have to get up early to fight for an M-2 parking spot or walk to our classes from a spot in a far-off land.

It's not so much that we are lazy, but we like to keep hassle at a minimum. (It's the American way, right?) As we all can understand, waking up early certainly qualifies as a hassle for college students.

Parking services said the roof is closed because of all the potholes that formed during the winter months. Therefore, it's a danger for people trying to park. These potholes could cause flat tires and accidents. We understand that, and we appreciate YSU and Parking Services taking our safety and our cars into consideration.

But why does it take so long for it to get fixed? The deck has been closed for about two weeks now and won't be open until the fall semester. It's true that not as many students and faculty are here in the summer, but let's not forget that there are still about three weeks left in this semester, plus finals week.

For the next four weeks, our campus will reverberate with disgruntled questions from every commuter's mouth:

Why isn't the deck open yet? Where is our tuition money going if YSU can't fix the deck in a reasonable amount of time? Why do we pay for parking passes if we can't park near our classes?

The complaining won't stop until next fall when the deck reopens.

Here is a suggestion:

Since part of the Centennial Master Plan is to eventually demolish the deck and build a new one, YSU could do it this summer. It's perfect timing, since part of the deck is already closed. With less traffic and competition for parking spots during finals week, YSU might as well demolish the deck then. If the deck gets demolished during finals week, there are still two weeks in May and about 12 weeks in the summer to build a completely new deck.

Students, as well as anyone else who parks in M-2, would love to see a brand new deck. It would spare everyone at YSU from enduring a new round of complaints, at least regarding parking.

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COMMENTARY

\$6 per gallon gas: not high enough to fight global warming?

Ben Lieberman
MCT

It's hard to say which is scarier — apocalyptic global warming scenarios or the economic impact of some of the proposals designed to prevent them.

A recent European Environment Agency (EEA) study reported that greenhouse-gas emissions from motor vehicles continue to rise due to increased driving, despite heavy fuel taxes that boost prices there above \$6 per gallon. Even with gas prices more than two times what we have in the U.S., Europe is falling short of its global-warming goals.

If \$6 a gallon gas isn't high enough to discourage European drivers, then what would it take to make U.S. drivers cut back? Those who support legislative efforts like increased gas taxes to combat global warming should come clean to the American people about their proposals' likely impacts on Americans' wallets.

The nations comprising the

European Union (EU) signed on to the 1997 Kyoto Protocol, the multilateral treaty to combat global warming by reducing carbon-dioxide emissions. Under this agreement, they're required to reduce their emissions 8 percent below 1990 levels by 2008. The U.S. hasn't ratified the treaty, due to concerns over compliance costs and the exemptions granted to China, India and other developing nations.

Gasoline taxes were higher in Europe than the U.S. even before Kyoto and currently average nearly \$4 per gallon, bringing the pump price well above \$6. In comparison, gasoline in the U.S. is subject to federal taxes of 18.4 cents per gallon and varying state and local taxes, for a total of 42 cents per gallon on average — putting the price for regular gas in the U.S. around \$2.58 per gallon.

The British, Germans, French, Belgians, Dutch and Italians are now shelling out \$6.55, \$6.45, \$6.21, \$6.44, \$7.09 and \$6.24 per gallon, respectively, for premium gas. Yet they are driving more, not less.

According to the EEA, miles driven and driving-related carbon emissions are on the rise.

Why? Joel Schwartz of the American Enterprise Institute believes that "despite the costs of owning and operating an automobile, people choose automobiles the world over because no other form of transportation comes anywhere close to providing comparable speed, flexibility, privacy and convenience." Even at \$6 per gallon, many Europeans — whose per capita incomes are lower than those in the U.S. — are willing to cut back on other things rather than cut back on driving.

Most EU nations aren't on track to meet their Kyoto targets because of increasing CO2 emissions, and "the main reason for increases between 1990 and 2004 was growing road transport demand," notes the EEA. It expects the upward trend in driving to continue.

But sharp declines would be needed for the Europeans to have any chance of coming into compliance with Kyoto. In other words, the taxes that have

pushed the price up above \$6 a gallon are still not nearly enough to comply with Europe's global-warming agenda.

Although the U.S. isn't party to the Kyoto Protocol, several bills introduced in Congress seek to replicate Europe's strategy of setting limits on CO2 emissions. Proponents of these bills are big on bluster about saving the earth but are sketchy as to the cost, especially the price per gallon it would take to get vehicle emissions in line with their emissions targets. But in order to meet their stringent targets, gasoline usage will have to decline substantially, and if \$6 per gallon isn't high enough to accomplish that in Europe, what would it take in the U.S.?

Supporters of congressional efforts to restrict CO2 emissions should come clean with the American public about the price tag. Given the failure of \$6 gas to help Europe's global-warming agenda, that price tag is likely to be astronomical.

COMMENTARY

Most Americans falling through widening income gap

David Moberg
MCT

Imagine a country with 100 people, whose economy generated \$1,000 in new income over the year. One guy at the top get \$500, the next nine share \$250 and the 90 at the bottom get the rest — less than \$3 each, on average.

You would not call that country a fair one. But that's what our economy looks like, only on a much larger scale.

And this inequality is getting worse.

In 1975, the richest 1 percent received 8.4 percent of national income before taxes.

In 2005, they received more than double that share — 19.3 percent, according to economists Emmanuel Saez and Thomas Piketty.

The after-tax share of income that the top 1 percent gets each

year has jumped even more dramatically, returning the country to the level of inequality just before the Great Depression.

How did it happen?

During World War II, the government trimmed the income share of the rich with salary controls and progressive taxes. Even after the war, popular opinion helped keep executive salaries down, and the working and middle classes gained a growing share of income, spreading prosperity widely and stimulating growth.

In the early 1970s, as a new era of globalization unfolded and there was high inflation and low growth, workers stopped making gains in real income. The assault on unions and the social safety net accelerated in the 1980s, and workers lost even more ground.

That same decade, with more lax financial regulations and cele-

brations of the corporate chief executive as culture hero, the old restraints on exorbitant CEO salaries came off.

The gulf between the rich and everyone else widened.

U.S. corporations have used the global economy to weaken workers and enrich themselves.

But other advanced countries are exposed to global pressures, and they haven't experienced the same redistribution of income to the rich, nor have workers lost ground the way they have in the United States.

Stronger unions, more expansive social policies — such as national health insurance and better public pensions — and cultural constraints on rampant inequality made a difference in those countries.

We should use the same tools to make our own economy more fair and prosperous.

Clarification

The Jambar would like to clarify its Tuesday article, "Old building gets new lease on life." The headline should have read "Old buildings get new leases on life," to include both the Pharo Building and the Erie Terminal Building, which are both being renovated downtown. The building pictured is the Erie Terminal Building, but it will be used for off-campus student residency and retail businesses, not as a study area for students, as the photo outline suggested.

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GAMING

Tournament gives students chance to prove their guitar-legend status

Britta Snowberger
FEATURES REPORTER

On Saturday, Youngstown State University students may prove their guitar-legend status by melting faces at a "Guitar Hero II" double-elimination tournament hosted by the YSU Baja Team.

"Guitar Hero II," a sequel to the ever-popular interactive video game "Guitar Hero," allows gamers to simulate playing an actual guitar in a rock band, using buttons instead of frets and a strum bar instead of strings. Available for PlayStation 2 and Xbox 360, the game features more than 50 hit songs, including Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Free Bird" and Kansas's "Carry On Wayward Son," and traverses eight levels of difficulty.

Guitar Hero tournament participants need not possess the ability to read music or play



guitar, said David Kitt, YSU Society of Automobile Engineers president and Baja Team vice president.

"You just need good hand-eye coordination to play," he said. "If you can play a regular video game, you can play Guitar Hero. If you've never played it before, you'll still pick it up pretty quickly."

Regardless of skill level, competitors in

Saturday's

tournament

will be placed in

a double-

elimination

bracket.

Following

each head-to-

head match,

players will be

judged accord-

ing to percent-

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pleted — the total

number of notes in the song divided by the number of notes hit. The student earning the highest percentage will advance in the tournament.

At the end of the competition, the top players in the winners' bracket and the losers' bracket will face-off in a shredding battle for the "Guitar Hero II" championship title. Prizes for the tournament include \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place, \$25 for third place and a \$50 Best Buy gift card for the door prize.

With 32 players registered as of Monday, Baja Team members are maintaining an optimistic outlook for the competition.

"So far, the tournament looks decent," said Kitt. "We were hoping for closer to 64 people, but depending on how many spectators we get, it looks like we will make some money."

All money collected from the "Guitar Hero II" competition will be put to good use, as this weekend's tournament will serve as a fundraiser for the Baja Team's focus project.

Organized by YSU's SAE chapter, the Baja Team designed and built a Baja car in preparation for off-road competitions against other engineering schools.

"We've designed and fabricated our car completely from scratch," said Kitt. "We'll compete in events like the hill climb, the tractor pull and an endurance race."

All raised money will help offset hotel

and transportation costs for the group's trip to the SAE Midwest Baja Competition at Rochester Institute of Technology in New York.

Located in Moser Hall's Schwebel Auditorium (Room 2000), the Guitar Hero tournament is scheduled from noon to 6 p.m. Fees for the event, during which refreshments will be served, include \$15 for competitors and \$3 for spectators.

To register, students may arrange a meeting with a Baja Team member via e-mail (gh2@eng.ysu.edu) to pay fees in full. The registration deadline is Friday at noon.



YSU

Psychic shares her messages from beyond at Winslow's

Rudi Whitmore
FEATURES REPORTER

Walking into Winslow's Café and slipping off her red leather coat was psychic medium Jo Ann Radovich. A set of four tables with chairs lined the steps into the Butler Museum of Art, where the café is nestled.

With brown hair and sincere eyes, she stood in front of a twisted metal sculpture and talked to me, my fellow Jambar staffer, and two other women.

Radovich started her free mes-

sage work with a short explanation of what she does.

"It's not like TV shows," she said. "People think that someone who talks to people who have crossed over have a specialness. But God made us all special; it's just finding the spot inside ourselves."

She went on to explain different types of psychic ability, like clairvoyance, where a psychic claims to see whole images or symbols. Clairaudience is a psychic claiming to hear the spirit who has crossed over, and clairsentient

defines a psychic who has a whole chunk of thought and a feeling for the spirit's personality.

Radovich explained that she had spent time working under other psychics and had to work at being able to visualize. She began her work after her son's untimely death.

Even she doubted her experiences at the time, as she claims her son was attempting to contact her from the other side.

She asked to start with our News Editor, Adrienne Sabo, and said she felt a masculine presence

for her: a grandfather.

Adrienne, a skeptic at heart, had never met her grandfather, so the message wasn't specific enough to make her a believer.

I was next and was a little unsettled when Radovich recited — verbatim — a line my late great-aunt was known for saying. The other two audience members had mothers and fathers brought to the fore.

Radovich was aware of the skepticism surrounding her craft as a psychic medium and respects the differences of opinion.

"You look for solid proof," she said, "and there isn't any! You can't! There is always a thread of doubt. ... Every soul is in a different place and some aren't ready."

Radovich spends her time on positive messages, which we could all use a bit more of, regardless of belief.

You can make an appointment for a psychic reading from Radovich by calling (330) 788-7446. She'll bring her talents back to Winslow's Café May 9 and June 13 at 5:30 p.m.

Upcoming events

Friday

Cedars
The Disliked
April 13

Sunday

Stambaugh Auditorium
Choral Music: Mendelssohn's "Elijah"
3 p.m.

April 16

Bliss Recital Hall
Kathryn Thomas Umble Flute Studio Recital
6 p.m.

Ford Family Recital Hall
Jazz Quintet, Octet,
8 p.m.

April 17

Peaberry's Café
The Zou, Indie Rock Band
11 a.m.

April 19

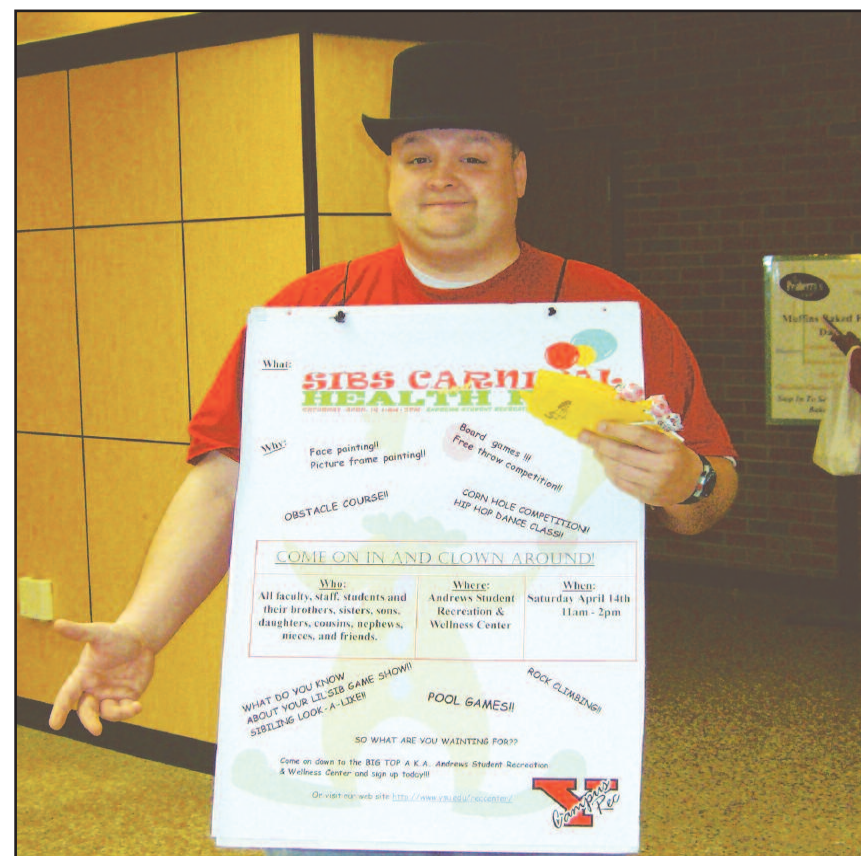
Peaberry's Café
Drew Thomas, Comedian
11 a.m.

Ford Theater
Play: Secrets Every Smart Traveler
Should Know
8 p.m.

April 20

Chevrolet Centre
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8 p.m.
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Human health fair billboard



Jambar/Elizabeth Boon

Pat Campbell, an employee at the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center, helps promote the Sibs Carnival Health Fair on Saturday. The carnival will feature a rock wall, health fair and Dance Dance Revolution as a part of Lil Sibs Weekend at YSU.

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The top deck will remain closed during the summer, at which time the whole M-2 parking lot will close down for repairs.

"We close the deck every year during the summer to do repairs," Snyder said. "Everything will open back up in the fall."

For now, students are left in a parking crisis by the lack of space and found themselves scrambling this week to find a spot.

Senior Shanna Ridge, who is a student office worker in the Office of Health Professions, said she usually tries to show up for work 15 minutes early, but Wednesday she arrived just on time.

"I live 45 minutes away," Ridge said, "so I'll have to start getting up earlier in the morning so I can find a spot."

Ridge described the top M-2 deck as being blocked off at all sides on Wednesday, though she saw a few cars

ahead of her enter through the "Do Not Enter" sign to park in the closed-off deck.

Cushwa students aren't the only ones upset by the lack of parking spots. Senior David Parker, a student office worker in DeBartolo's Sociology Department, said he always has trouble finding a place to park, and the closing of the top M-2 deck does not help.

"The top [of the M-2 deck] always has spots open, but now there's not even that," said Parker. "YSU talks about having convenient parking, but us students have to find a place down in the sticks to even park."

Parker said he has heard rumors that the parking deck was closed due to a collapse, but Supervisor of Parking Services Thomas Manning said that's not the case.

"It's nothing that dire," said Manning. "It's closed off for general repairs."

FINGERHUT, continued from page 1

Fingerhut said "there is some pain that's going to take place in the next few years," but he believes the tuition freeze will not cause negative consequences like cut faculty, bigger classes and less interaction in classrooms.

"A tuition freeze is certainly not a bad thing for anybody, especially for smaller colleges [like YSU]," Fingerhut said.

The Northeast Ohio Universities Collaboration and Innovation Study Commission is a way for each of the five universities involved, including YSU, to find out how to specialize in certain areas. Fingerhut said each institution has a center of excellence, and the collaboration is a way to bring that out.

"It won't be possible that YSU will be perfect in every area," he said, adding that YSU has to choose a specific area of focus.

One of YSU's initiatives is undergraduate education, according to YSU President David Sweet. Based upon the formula, colleges with more undergraduate students will be penalized.

Fingerhut said "it is true that we need more master's and Ph.D. candidates," but the new budget does not solely focus on graduate students.

He said there is a huge economic jump from a high school degree to a bachelor's degree, and earning a bachelor's means receiving a substantial education.

"We need to know that you're at a certain level having a bachelor's degree," Fingerhut said.

The chancellor said colleges and universities are billion-dollar enterprises.

"We have to run them according to good business principles," Fingerhut said. "Every business in the world these days tries to think of ways to be more efficient and give more to the customer."

The quality of the product is a good

education, and the objective is to get as many resources as possible to put into that education, he said.

Discussion about a community college in the Mahoning Valley has sparked some debate at YSU and the surrounding area. Interim Associate Provost Nate Ritchey has conducted surveys in the community, and the majority of residents are in favor of a community college.

Fingerhut said there has been good discussion about the community college.

"I believe it's important to have a community college, but I'm not ready to embrace a project," he said, explaining that more research is necessary to arrive at a solid plan.

Fingerhut supports community colleges that compliment nearby universities, as is the case with University of Akron. He said, however, that it is important to keep the two missions separate.

"It's healthy to have a two-year college and a four-year university because they compete a little bit," he said.

Without a two-year college, Fingerhut said, a four-year university is often called upon to undertake additional responsibilities.

With an ailing job market and economy in Youngstown, Fingerhut said the best way to bring businesses to the city is to have a talented workforce, which spawns from YSU.

Sweet said he is still doing more research on the budget to figure out what is best for YSU. Fingerhut hopes Sweet and every other college president will have the opportunity to sign a contract for Strickland's two-year plan. The chancellor said he hopes Ohio's college presidents will have faith in the governor's proposed tuition freeze and increased state funding for higher education.

RUTGERS, continued from page 1

"I don't know him, but two weeks isn't enough. He's gonna do it again, and it isn't getting the message across. His apology didn't sound sincere to me," Coleman said.

Gurganus agreed that two weeks isn't enough for Imus to understand that what he said was not acceptable.

"I think he needs to learn his lesson, and two weeks won't change the man. There is a difference between a funny joke and breaking down young individual[s] nationally."

Gurganus said she was offended as a basketball player by his remarks.

"I think a lot of people tend to look down on athletes as being just 'jocks,' especially female athletes. I think Imus is one of them, and I don't appreciate him sharing those severe comments on a nationally acclaimed radio show," she said.

The Rutgers team lost to the University of Tennessee Lady Vols in an NCAA championship game by 13 points.

Gurganus said Imus had no right to attack the young girls on Rutgers' basketball team.

"It is even more horrible that he had to resort to degrading young, vulnerable girls that have worked hard to be in the position they were in. And yet, those girls had to harshly ... not only

... deal with a heartbreaking loss to Tennessee, but also a heartbreaking loss to the public."

Hill said Imus' comments were doubly charged because they were sexist as well as racist.

She said, "...to have such comments publicly made to belittle black women greatly hurts and offends me."

Coleman said she does believe that Imus is racist because he keeps making racial remarks.

"It might be a wrong assumption, but it's an assumption," Coleman said.

Agreeing with Coleman, Gurganus said Imus' apology was insincere because his comments are offensive all the time.

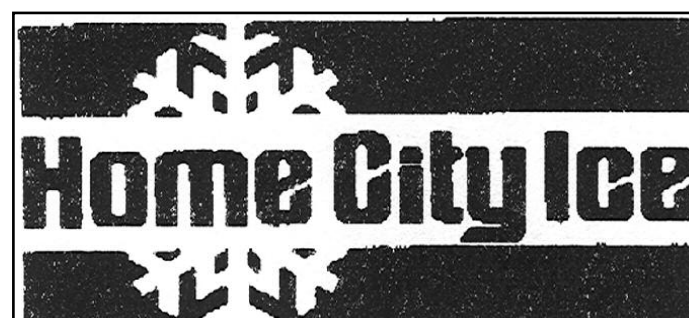
"I think when you involve racial and discriminating issues in jokes on people you don't even know, you are completely crossing the line as he did," Gurganus said.

Gurganus and Coleman agree that racism still exists today. Gurganus said that everyone will be categorized somehow in life, whether they are male, female, black or white

"It's extremely sad, but I guess you could say it will always be a part of life. Insecure individuals will never move past racism and discrimination," Gurganus said.

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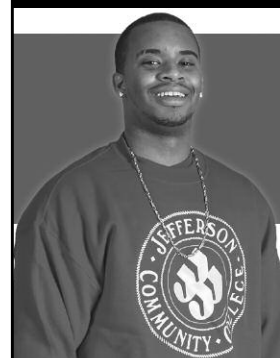
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Only three players other than Michael Jordan led the league in scoring in the 90s. Which of the following was not one of them?

- A. Hakeem Olajuwon
B. Shaquille O'Neal
C. Allen Iverson
D. David Robinson

A. Hakeem Olajuwon

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SOFTBALL



Photo courtesy YSU Sports Information

The race for the Horizon League continues to heat up as the standings table remains close. Helping the Penguins to within striking distance of the top spot is the big bat of junior slugger McKenzie Bedra. Bedra is providing the offensive spark for the Penguins as she continues to be the backbone of the lineup leading the team with a .390 batting average, five home runs and 21 RBIs.

Softball homestand begins with crucial league contests

Andrew Berry
SPORTS REPORTER

After taking time away from the Horizon League to do battle with constituents of the Big East and Mid-America Conference, the Youngstown State University softball team is returning to its home park and to league play.

The Penguins will kick off a seven game homestand Saturday with a double-header against the University of Milwaukee-Green Bay Phoenix.

Recently named Horizon League Player of the Week after belting her record breaking 19th homerun of her career, junior slugger McKenzie Bedra believes

the team is getting into mid-season form and becoming a more unified squad as the season progresses.

"We're making the routine plays and gaining confidence and coming together as a team," she said.

A solid weekend of play could help push the Penguins 8-9 overall record over the .500 mark, and also catapult the team up the ranks of the league as one win separates the squad from second place behind Loyola University.

Entering the weekend, the Phoenix find themselves with a 9-10 (1-2) record and in a similar situation. Taking two or more games from the Penguins would help the Phoenix gain ground in

the standings and put them in a spot to have sole possession of second place.

While their record may not show it, the Phoenix have caught fire as of late having won six of their last 10 games—all of which have been on the road.

With Youngstown the last stop on the Phoenix rigorous road schedule, the Penguins will have to play strong and smart in the field and at the plate to send their opponent back to Green Bay with nothing to show for.

"Defensively we have to remain consistent," Bedra said. "On offense we have to take advantage of the other team's errors and capitalize on scoring opportunities."

Any mistake that leads to runs for the Penguins will be a key for success as the Phoenix boast a .959 fielding percentage and have a strong cast of fielders.

To score the hard earned runs, Bedra will have to continue finding success at the plate, which may be easier said than done as she will have to deal with freshman pitching sensation Katie Cooney.

The talented rising Phoenix star is 4-2 on the season with an ERA of 2.77 in nine appearances on the mound all while leading the team in batting average, hits, RBIs and total bases.

Watching Bedra battle Cooney at the plate will be the match up to see during the

weekend series as Cooney has shown the ability to pitch on extremely short rest. Bedra's team leading batting average of .390 will be put to the test as she tries to add to her team leading five home runs and 21 RBIs.

If Bedra keeps her confidence in the batter's box, and the team keeps its focus, the Penguins have a solid shot at finding themselves back at the top of the league standings at the conclusion of the weekend series.

"I think we measure up to well to the rest of the league and we can bet anyone if we put our minds to it," Bedra said.

PENGUIN SPOTLIGHT

Penguin's all-league tennis star still looks to improve

Aaron Blatch
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

Although the Youngstown State men's tennis team is off to just a 5-9 start this season, junior Scott Kathary and his teammates will try to improve on that mark in the team's final three matches before the Horizon League Championship.

Kathary, a 2005-06 Men's Tennis Second-Team All-Horizon League selection, has played both No. 1 and No. 2 singles this season for the Penguins. Kathary also participates in doubles matches play.

The Dublin, Ohio native has had a successful career at YSU and will look to finish out his junior season strong.

He recently took time to talk to The Jambar.

Q: What brought you to YSU?

A: I really wanted to play tennis, and I joined this team because it had a lot of talent and was a very young team. I figured that in a few years we would win championships.

Q: What do you want to do after college?

A: I really want to play some pro tournaments. I think I will have a good shot at winning some in the future.

Q: Do you have a favorite racket?

A: Not particularly. I used to like the Wilson Pro Staff because it could take so much abuse without breaking. I have no favorites at this time.

Q: What are your goals for the rest of this season?

A: My goals for the rest of the season are to win the rest of my doubles matches.

Q: How does traveling for tennis



3 things I know about:

Scott Kathary

My favorite food: **Pizza**

My favorite song: **Another brick in the wall**

My favorite movie: **The Usual Suspects**

Q: How does traveling for tennis affect school work?

A: It really hurts it sometimes.

Q: Who is your favorite athlete?

A: My favorite athlete is Joakim Noah.

Q: How would you describe yourself as a tennis player?

A: I'm alright. I have bad form, I don't look good I scrap for every ball and piss people off. I win ugly.

Q: In what areas do you want to improve as a player?

A: My forehand drop shot is probably my worst shot. I really need to improve that.

Q: What is the best thing about going to YSU?

A: The community.

Q: Do you have any special routines before matches?

A: No, I really have no plan or strategy until the match starts.