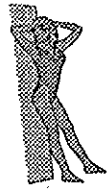


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Student Government deliberates proper means of funding

■ The dilemma arises from consistency problems in funding.

CINDY MILLER
Assistant News Editor

In their quest to blaze a new *Financial Path*, the members of the Student Government Financial Appropriations Committee may ask themselves what is more important — consistent funding or subjective funding that may provide more activities.

Jason Pavone, secretary of finance, said money is removed from the accounts of organizations that do not use the money appropriated to them. Theoretically, this gives them more money to work with. He said they cannot and should not operate outside the confines of the *Financial Path*. They should follow precedent, he said.

"Certain members of the committee, including myself, feel that if we gave more money to some organizations we'd be slighting groups earlier in the quarter who were participating in similar events. That's why

[David Myhal, Student Government president] vetoed the funds and offered the same amount across the board.

"I can see both sides of the argument. But we have to follow the rules no matter what," Pavone said.

One particular request for funding demonstrates the dilemma. Myhal vetoed financial appropriations for Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and the Interfraternity council, citing their inconsistency to past appropriations for similar events.

Tamica Green, president of the YSU chapter of the NAACP, said they requested funding for a national leadership conference through the Financial Appropriations Committee and were granted no funding. Sigma Alpha Epsilon and the Interfraternity Council were granted half of their travel, reasonable lodging and conference fees.

Green said Myhal made the right decision vetoing the funds and offering \$150 from a separate

Student Government account to help fund the Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Interfraternity conferences.

"Everyone wants to put it on David. He doesn't deserve the criticism he's been getting. He did the right thing because the funding was not consistent," Green said.

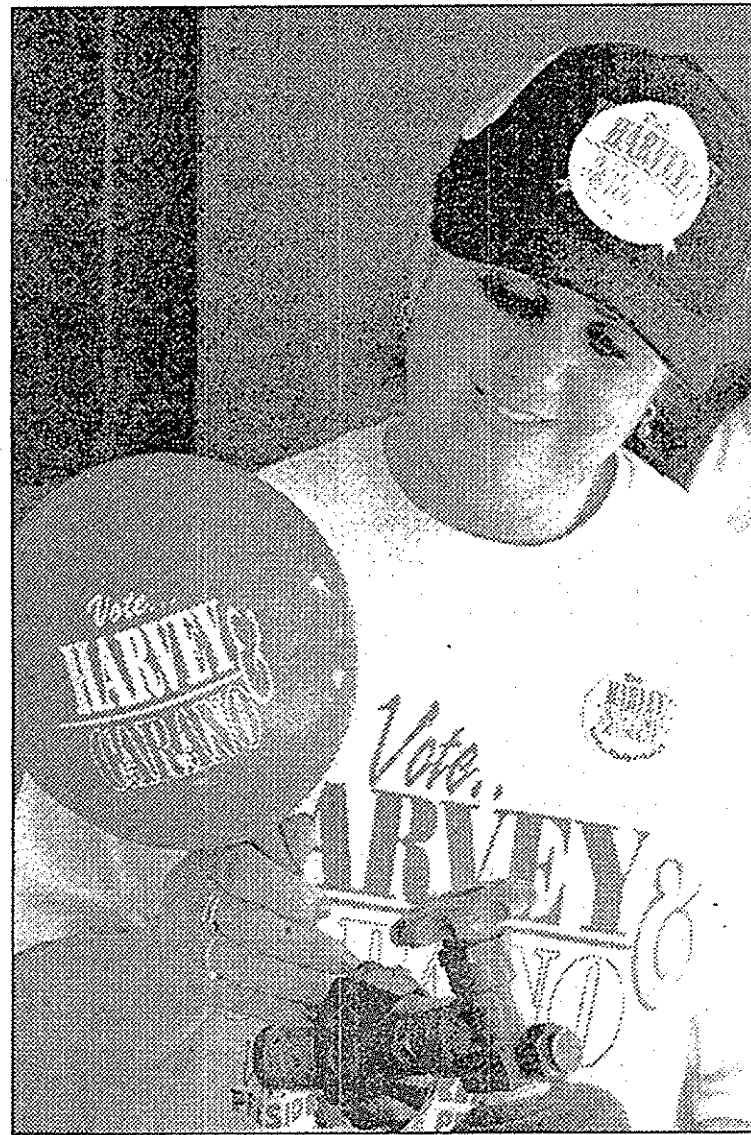
Student Government overruled Myhal's veto.

During gallery remarks at the May 10 Student Government meeting, several members of the Greek System defended their right to funding by citing the many events they sponsor and the charities they work with. They say their campus and community involvement is far-reaching.

In a separate interview, Charley Kidder, Student Government representative at large, said, "Just because you help out on the Relay for Life doesn't make your conference more worthy than another confer-

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Campaigning



CHAD E. HOLDEN, THE JAMBAR

POLITICAL FIGURE: Marla Carano, Student Government vice presidential candidate, fills a balloon Wednesday behind Kilcawley Center as part of her last minute campaigning efforts.

International learning ties YSU to Hungary

■ Global instruction educates students and faculty.

CINDY MILLER
Assistant News Editor

A student and faculty exchange agreement signed between the University of Veszprem in Hungary and YSU has paved the way for increased international learning.

President Dr. Leslie Cochran signed the agreement during a ceremony Monday and welcomed representatives from the university during a reception honoring the agreement.

The University of Veszprem is a Hungarian institution with 4,000 students. It offers programs in engineering, teacher training, foreign languages and theology. YSU first learned about

Veszprem in 1994, when Dr. Stephen Hanzely, professor of physics and astronomy, spent a semester conducting research there as a Fulbright scholar. Hanzely and Dr. Silvia Jimenez Hyre, director of international studies, were instrumental in finalizing the agreement with Dr. Laszlo Meray, vice rector of the University of Veszprem.

Susan Khawaja, assistant director of international student and scholar programs, said, "An agreement like this opens up the campus to the world. It exposes students and faculty to a different approach to education and differ-

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Lecture addresses Cuban embargo

■ Lisa Valenti said relations with Cuba can be good for both countries.

SEAN MCKINLEY
Contributing Writer

Lisa Valenti, founding member of the Pittsburgh-Matanzas chapter of U.S. Cuba Sister Cities Association, spoke to YSU faculty and students about Cuba and the ongoing embargo prohibiting trade, commerce and relations with that country.

The question of democracy and freedom were shown in a different light as the reality of the 40-year-old embargo was defined.

Cuba is located 90 miles off the U.S. shore. It has a population of 11 million, less than the population of Pennsylvania. The embargo by the United States, for reasons of international policy, began in 1960.

“People have been misinformed and misdirected. We share this world together, and it's time we should be allowed to do so.”

Lisa Valenti
Speaker

"Cuba is still being considered an enemy today — we need to get a grip. People have been misinformed and misdirected. We share this world together, and it's time we should be allowed to do so," said Valenti.

"The Sister Cities is working to form better relationships with Cubans," said Valenti.

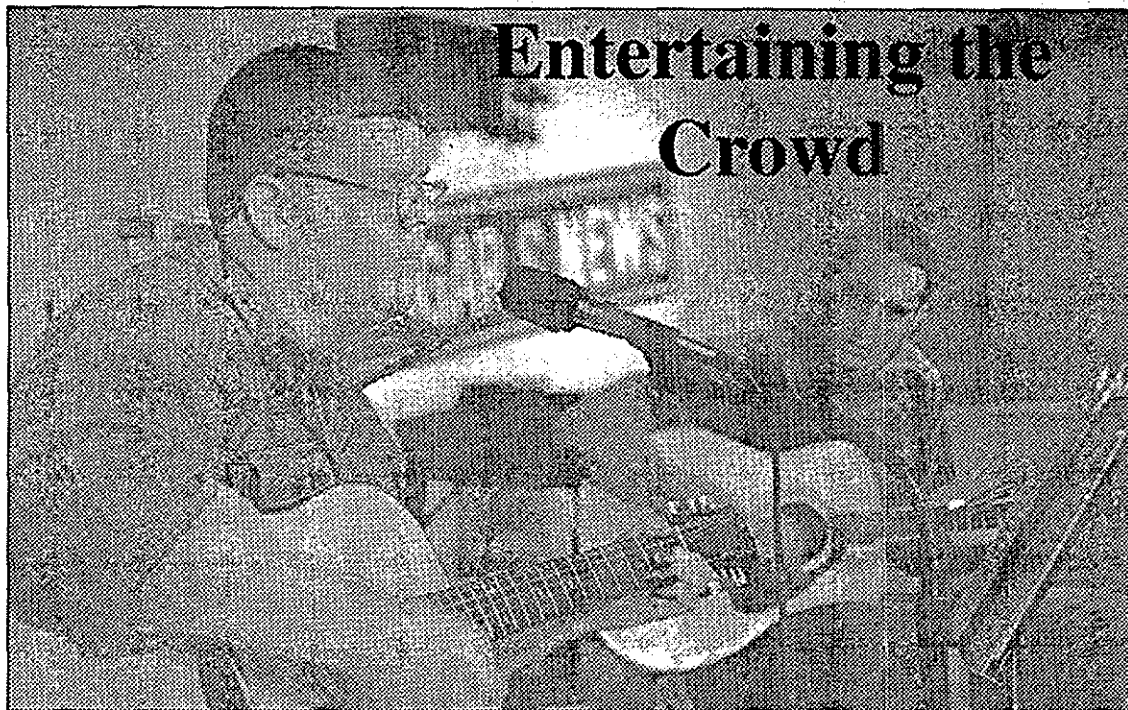
Chris Sams, YSU freshman, said, "I think the embargo and its negative effects could interest a lot of people. We should main-

tain relations with Cuba. The Sister Cities Association can help make people aware of Cuba's community. It would be beneficial for YSU to get behind the Sister Cities Association."

Valenti said, "The Sister Cities Association creates relations with Cuba."

"We can learn about their economics, healthcare and free

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Entertaining the Crowd

CHAD E. HOLDEN, THE JAMBAR

FRIENDS OF YOURS: Pete Shelby, sophomore, communications and his cousin, Chris Shelby perform in Peaberry's Wednesday.

Clownin' Around



CHAD E. HOLDEN, THE JAMBAR

COMIC RELIEF: Jocko the Clown filled balloons and entertained a crowd Wednesday behind Kilcawley Center. The event was sponsored by the Nontraditional Student Organization.

Sorority raises money for Easter Seals

■ Watermelon Bust will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday.

SABRINA SCHROEDER
Assistant News Editor

Watermelon lovers beware, the second annual Alpha Omega Pi sorority Watermelon Bust will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday in the Christman Commons Area behind Cafaro House.

Watermelon, which has been donated by American Fruit Farms, will be involved in all events being held during the afternoon.

Sarah Root, Alpha Omega Pi president, said, "We will be holding the event come rain or shine. Last year it rained on the day we held it, but we still had fun."

All student organizations were invited to participate, but

those involved are mainly from the Greek System, Root said.

"We received a lot of donations from local businesses and we have encouraged them to come see what the event is all about and to see the Greek System in a positive light," she added.

Prizes that have been donated include tanning packages, meal coupons for local restaurants, movie tickets and gift certificates for concert tickets.

Those competing in the tug-of-war portion of the event should be prepared to land in a baby pool full of watermelons if they lose.

There will also be a watermelon toss involving whole watermelons and a pie pan full of

watermelon for one lucky participant to dive into with their face during the watermelon eating contest.

There will also be a mystery event to compete in.

T-shirts will be available for \$11 for large and extra large sizes, and \$13 for double extra large.

Stacy Strickel, Alpha Omega Pi historian and organizer of the event, said, "All money that has been raised through the donations, entrance fees and T-shirt sales will be presented to the Easter Seals."

A representative from the Easter Seals Society will be on hand at the event and will be presented with a check from the sorority at that time.

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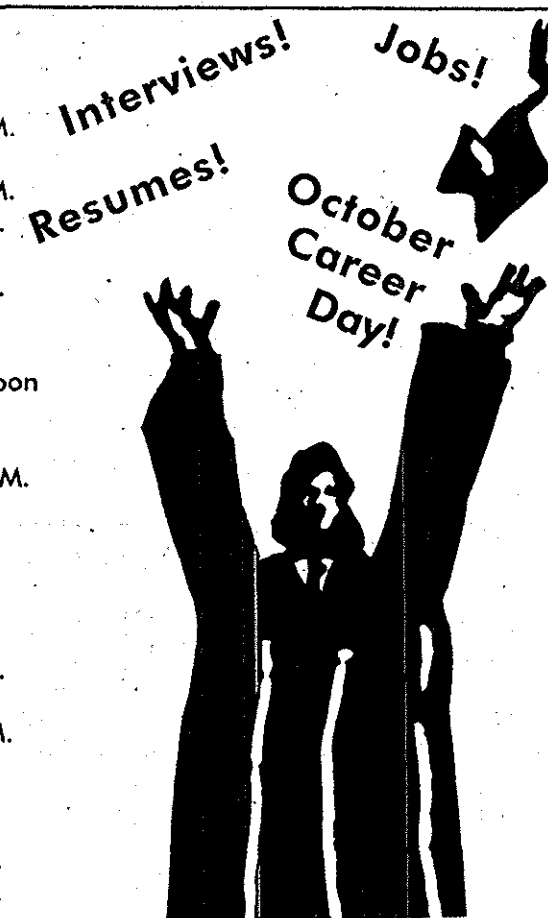
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EDITORIAL

Attendance should be students' choice

While attendance in some classes is mandatory in order to learn the material due to hands-on experience, mandatory attendance in lecture classes seems to be a bit of a strange thing to have.

There are some lecture classes offered where, in order to gain any knowledge in the class, the student must be in attendance. Then there are those where we, as students, learn just as much by not going to class and reading the textbooks as we do by being in a cold, hard seat in a classroom.

What is the point of making attendance mandatory when we are all adults and are paying to be in these classes anyway? It is the students' choice when it comes to whether or not they attend a lecture class, especially if they feel they can do just as well on their own as they can by falling asleep in class.

Class attendance policies need to be looked at. Each professor has their own requirements regarding attendance and it does not seem right for a student's grade in a lecture class to be lowered because they decided to do the work on their own.

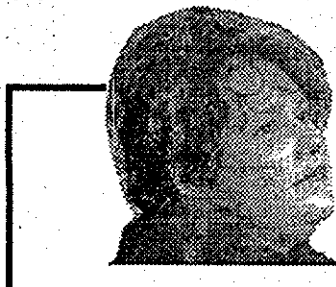
Yes, some professors will lower your grade based upon your attendance in the class. This is not fair to those who are able to do the work on their own without being in class, because of the result of a grade lower than that of what they deserved.

Students should receive the grades they deserve based on their work, not their class attendance.

We are all mature adults who, when making the decision to enroll in college, also made the decision to make up our own minds on class attendance. We are not in high school anymore and should not be treated as such.

With the responsibility of being an adult comes many other responsibilities. There are times when things arise in a person's life that are uncontrollable, and that person is unable to attend a class because of it. When such things occur, it is often the case where class has to take a back seat so that whatever else is going on can be straightened out in a timely manner.

A STAFF VIEW



LYNN NICKELS
Copy Editor

Why do women get breast implants?

It is so sad to me that in our society, women feel such low self-esteem, so low in fact, that some feel the need to surgically change themselves at the risk of their health.

The controversy over breast implants over the past few years has raised more than a few questions concerning health versus looks.

The recent news of Pamela Anderson Lee's breast implant removal, comes in the wake of 17-year-old teen star Britney Spears' breast augmentation.

Why a 17-year-old, or any woman for that matter, would feel the need to put her health at risk for bigger breasts is beyond me.

It's not like Spears was flat chested to begin with. Anyone who has seen her can verify that.

It's not like she's unpopular or ugly. The Internet even has a Web site dedicated to men who would like to be prospective husbands. She has definitely not lacked attention during her lifetime; she has been in the limelight since the age of 8.

So what is it? What makes women in our culture feel they are not

good enough the way they are? I think many factors are involved. The media, advertising and the prestige of what is looked at as beautiful are a few reasons.

When young people in the spotlight, who are looked up to by even younger people, put such emphasis on their outward appearance, it sends the

wrong message about how we define ourselves as women.

This is an unfortunate ideology held by many women in society and is something that is being perpetuated. It won't stop unless we begin making changes.

Changes in how women are viewed, changes in how we raise little girls, changes in the ways women are portrayed in movies, the media and advertising, changes in the way we view ourselves and each other.

How many men do you know who feel the need to get a penile implant to make them more popular in our society? None that I know of, unless they make their livings as porn stars.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Homosexuality article raises questions about truth

The article "Homosexuality myths dispelled" was challenging to me.

The questions, "What do you think caused your heterosexuality?" and "When did you first decide you were heterosexual," do indeed "make me think about the standard with which I judge homosexuality."

The article and questions show how we have defined ourselves into a closed universe where the possibility of finding

truths from a creator or even from history is not allowed.

For example, the idea that one man and one woman, with no premarital or extramarital sexual relationships, makes a good and proper marriage is a joke in our time.

And any proposal that homosexual relationships might be abnormal or even contrary to creation is no longer open to consideration.

My thinking is not based on a

dislike for current sexual values. Rather it starts with the search for a system of truth which gives the best answers to questions like, "What am I, what is the universe, why is anything here, how should I live?"

And when I found answers to these important questions, the system that gave them also supplied answers to questions about sexuality — what it is and how it should be used.

My heterosexuality was

caused by the God, who created the universe.

Where we are different from God's standard, either in our heterosexuality or our homosexuality, it can only be explained properly by the fallen abnormal universe we live in and by the choices we make.

May God help us to love his answers.

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A STAFF VIEW

ANGELA GIANOGLIO
Managing Editor

A five-hour difference

Ask any member of the Q2S committee why YSU is making the change from quarters to semesters, and they will say because most schools are on semesters, there is less registration and semesters give students more time in the classroom.

But in actuality, the semester change is only giving students an extra five hours in class. Five hours for all the preparation, scheduling, advising and worrying students are doing now. Five hours for all the planning university officials are doing and five hours for all the pamphlets, lectures and meetings about the subject. Five hours for turning the entire university upside down.

As it is, we are in each class four hours a week for 10 weeks, which totals 40 hours. Under the semester schedule, we will be in class three hours a week for 15 weeks for a total of 45 hours. If you ask me it seems like a rather insignificant difference, especially when the university is using it as a main platform for the

change. Five hours, on the semester schedule, is equivalent to about one and a half classes. Admittedly it is more, but not enough more to even be significant, especially if you miss that extra class. Psychologically, it may seem longer, only because it is spread over a longer length of time, but the numbers remain the same — five hours.

I understand there is nothing we can do to stop the conversion at this point, but at least we should be given the real reasons for the switch — like everyone else is doing it. Instead, we are constantly fed the story of "receiving extra time in class" and "developing a better relationship with the professor."

The only time those extra five hours will be felt is when you're stuck in a GER lecture course for 15 weeks, studying something you have no interest in and remembering the days when the class would have been a memory after 10 weeks rather than an academic nightmare for 15 weeks.

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A STUDENT VIEW

Student status doesn't help sometimes

CHRISTINA PALM
Contributing Writer

YSU students are offered many opportunities simply because they are YSU students. As students, we can use the campus exercise equipment, we can check books out of Maag Library, and we can wander the campus freely.

We have free access to all sporting events and plays on campus, and we get discounts on tickets to places such as local museums. Even the Butler has programs for YSU students to go to for free.

One would think that these are good things, and for the most part they are. Sometimes, though, "student status" can get students very little in the way of quality. One of these times I experienced first hand. It was simply a nice gesture turned ugly, and I have no real hard feelings. I just have to get it off my chest.

My experience occurred in February of this year when I went to the Butler Institute of American Art to see the Merce Cunningham production. Fliers announcing the event said that students got in for free, although others had to pay \$25. I was covering the event for *The Jambar*, and ended up seeing some friends there. At the door, we were told that we could sit in any unnumbered chairs or on the stairs. Since the small amount of unnumbered chairs were already

Were we dismissed by this woman because she knew we were students and didn't pay \$25 to go to the event, or simply because we are young? We may never know. Next time, though, I will think twice before going to see something advertised as being "free for students."

taken, the stairs or the floor were our only options. My friends and I ended up sitting on the hard marble floor. This would have been all right if we had known we would be sitting on the floor before we came and wouldn't have been wearing nicer clothes.

Before the show even started, though, I felt very rebuffed. I could get over the fact that we had to sit on the floor because the fliers said seats were limited, even though it wasn't the most comfortable and I felt silly sitting there at the feet, so to speak, of older nicely-dressed members of the Butler's monetary contributors. When we went into the connecting room to watch a video of Cunningham's life, where we actually got a seat, was where my problem started. The three of us were on our way to our seats and stopped to get a program booklet from a woman passing them out. The woman happened to be the same one who had told us where we could sit when we first got there. When we nicely asked for one, she gave us one and curtly replied that she didn't think there

were enough for all of us, then proceeded to reach over us to pass out another program. Dumbfounded, we took our seats, then looked back to see four or five little girls sitting a few rows back, each with their own program.

We eventually did each get our own. After we found our seats on the floor in the other room after the film, we saw that same woman passing out more programs. We went over and got two more as she told us she "happened to find some more." When we left after the excellent show put on by the Merce Cunningham Dance Company, we realized we hadn't needed to go see that woman a second time — there was a box of programs sitting on a table near the door.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Response to GER resolution causes concerns in Academic Senate

In the past two weeks a proposed change in the new YSU general education model was sent to the Senate Executive Committee by Student Government.

The procedure agreed to by the Senate Executive Committee on April 28 to handle this proposal was to refer the proposal to two appropriate standing committees — General Education and Academic Standards — with a request they report their findings and recommendations at the June Senate meeting.

When the presiding officer of the Senate, Dr. James Morrison, announced this decision at the Senate meeting on May 5, proponents of the change objected, interpreting the procedural decision as adverse to their cause.

They offered several motions, all of which were defeated, to force Senate discussion of the proposal immediately or at a special Senate meeting prior to the June meeting. There is nothing wrong in principle with a proposal to amend the new general education program.

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On the other hand, student Senators need to understand and respect Senate procedures. The Senate works through standing committees whose work takes time.

Students should not expect or demand immediate Senate action on a proposed amendment to general education, which they have just now formulated.

I was particularly struck by the hypocrisy in David Myhal, president of Student Government, and a Senator, chiding the Senators for evading their responsibilities by deferring dis-

ussion and action on the student proposal.

Senate attendance records show Myhal was absent from all seven Senate meetings in the 1998-99 academic year except the one on May 5. Further, I was appalled by Mr. Myhal's ignorance.

Although a seasoned student leader and a Senator (albeit in absentia), he confessed to the Senate his regret that, as a student, he could not offer a motion in the Senate, unaware that student Senators possess the same rights and privileges as all other Senators.

Dr. Tom Shipka
Arts and Sciences
Senator at Large

As an Academic Senator, I am shocked and appalled at the letter, "Academic Senate needs some governing lessons" in *The Jambar* May 13. I am personally insulted at how Student Government representative Kidder degraded the entire democratic process of seven years that was spent creating better General Education Requirements in the Academic Senate.

The Academic Senate does not need a lesson on "how governing bodies are supposed to act."

The senate, like Student Government, has a long history of standing committees. The Student Government resolution was forwarded to two committees — GER Committee and Academic Standards — with instructions to bring some action on this resolution to the regularly scheduled June meeting. The Senate passed the GER model earlier this year and now was asked to consider an amendment, which it did.

The Senate followed all of the proper rules of procedure. I was present at the May 5 meeting and fully support the minutes of the meeting, which clearly show the minority was given a right to speak and address concerns. The end result was not dismissal of

the resolution, but rather allowing the Senate to study the issue further through the committees.

The GER Committee has gone out of its way to invite Student Government to give a presentation regarding the resolution. Dr. Jenkins, GER coordinator, personally came up to the Student Government offices to ask the students when a good time for this presentation would be. There are also two students, appointed by Student Government, who sit on the committee and have full voting powers.

The Senate is working very hard to accommodate and consider the Student Government Resolution, despite the fact a similar proposal was already debated in the Senate. The Senate is trying to present to the university a GER model that is best for all students, not just those who want to have the Senate approve a required class in American government and citizenship.

Major changes like this and the democratic process take time and deliberation. One month out of the seven years it took to write and pass the new GER is not a lot to ask. In fact that may be "moving too fast."

Brandon C. Schneider

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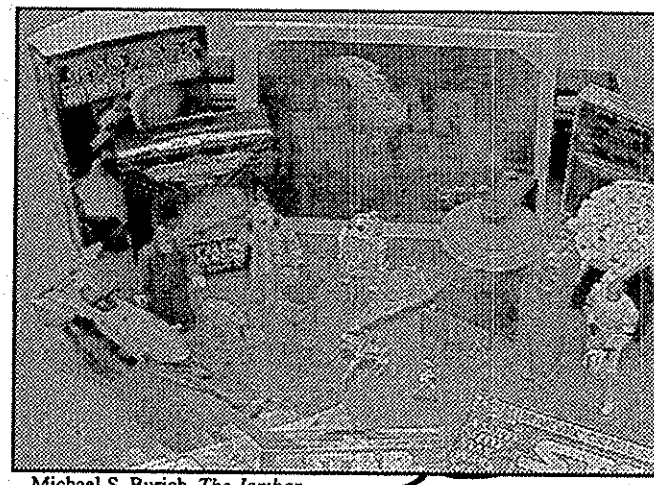
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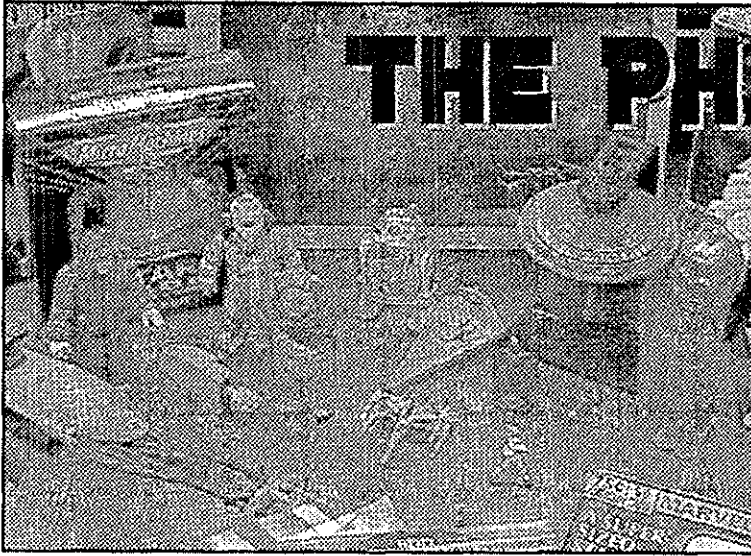
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COLLECTION: Collectors dish out thousands of dollars every year for "Star Wars" merchandise.

Action figures get lines too

MICHAEL S. BURICH
Penguin Star Editor

Darth Maul. Jar Jar. C3PO. R2D2.

They waited in line for hours to get their hands on a small piece of this decade's hottest movie. Childhood memories waited behind the doors.

They weren't waiting for tickets for "The Phantom Menace," but toys. Yes, the hype has permeated to action figures with plastic light sabers much like it did the first time around in the '80s.

Collectors like Tony Mason, senior, telecommunication studies, waited in line at stores like Toys 'R Us to be the first on the block to have the new action figures from the new trilogy.

A line outside Toys 'R Us might be an amazing thing to anyone, but "Star Wars" fans like Mason expected more people to lineup during last week's release of the new toys.

"I expected more people. Only 35 people showed up. It was kind of a let down. Everyone who waited in line got what they wanted," said Mason who waited in line for the midnight sale at The Eastwood/Mall Toys 'R Us.

Rainbow Video, Comics and Cards in Boardman has the new action figures and for those who think these new toys will fetch the prices of the classics, it won't happen says Sales Clerk Brian DiTullio.

"They printed too many of the

new action figures. Even though the quality is much better than the old characters, years down the line they won't be worth nearly as much," said DiTullio, even though sets of the 21 new action figures are reaching upwards of \$200 on the Internet auction Ebay.

The favorite character early on seems to be the mysterious devil-looking Darth Maul.

"Darth Maul is kind of like the new Boba Fett. He only has nine minutes of film time, but the interest in him is very high," said Mason who compared Maul to the cult icon bounty hunter Boba Fett.

"Everybody loves a new villain and right now Darth Maul is the character everyone wants," said DiTullio.

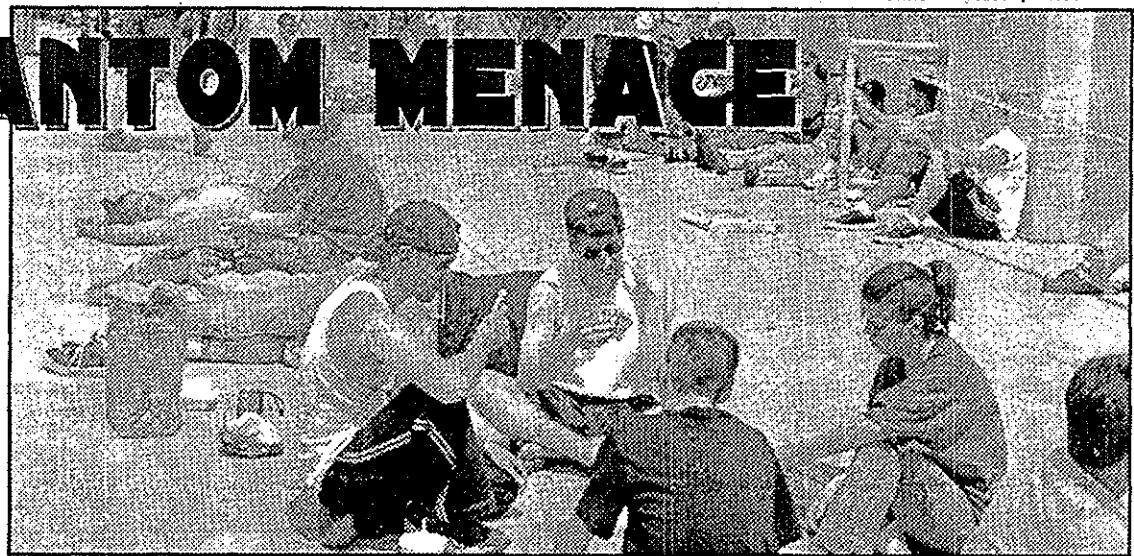
Ever since the release of the Timothy Zahn "Star Wars" novels in the early '90s, the "Star Wars" action figure market has grown steadily every year to the point where all of the old figures were replaced by more muscular looking molds in time for the 1997 Special Edition re-release.

The re-release of the action figures also spawned many special collector figures such as the Stormtrooper Han Solo and various minor characters.

One thing is for sure. The person that's going to make the most out of this hype is George Lucas.

"George Lucas is going to make a billion," laughed DiTullio.

Chad E. Holden, *The Jambar*



I WAIT, I WAIT, I WAIT: Hundreds of people lined up outside of Boardman's Tinseltown USA May 12 to get tickets for the most anticipated movie of all time, "The Phantom Menace."

Ticket lines buzz with excitement

ANGELA GIANOGGIO
Managing Editor

People, cars, food, drinks and a really big parking lot. Sounds like a YSU tailgating party, right? Wrong. It was the parking lot of Tinseltown USA theater the night before tickets to "Star Wars Episode I - The Phantom Menace" went on sale.

About 50 car loads of people either sat out all night or took turns in shifts with friends during the 20 hours prior to the sale, which began 3 p.m. May 12.

Light Sabers, laptops and textbooks were as populous as chips, pop and pizza.

YSU boasted at least three groups from Cafaro House dorm; however, the total number of students is uncertain.

Jeanette Thompson, freshman, theater education, said her group's planning had been in the works for about two weeks. She said there was even a countdown in one of the suites that began at 180 days before the opening day.

Chris Giusto, freshman, mechanical engineering, explained his presence as, "sheer stupidity and overwhelming enthusiasm."

Although this is the first movie he has ever waited in line overnight for, Giusto said he would probably do the same for episodes two and three.

"I will see the movie until I run out of money, or until my girlfriend has me committed," he said.

Despite the abundance of obsessive "Star Wars" fans, a few remained who were just there for the fun of it.

Joe Gregory, junior, marketing management, said, "Everyone else was doing it, and I like 'Star Wars' and all, but I'm not a fanatic."


Tony Frazier, sophomore, computer science, said, "I'm just

here for the ride."

Each person was allowed to buy 12 tickets for the movie, and a Tinseltown USA employee said three of the theaters largest auditoriums are reserved for the destined blockbuster.

Protected from the still-cold night by flannel shirts and blankets, the mob kept themselves occupied with Trivial Pursuit, mock saber battles and interviews with local news stations.





The official line was allowed to form at noon. Before then, the fans had to wait at their cars, which set the precedent for the ticket



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WHAT ARE YOUR EXPECTATIONS FOR THE PHANTOM MENACE ?

 <p>Steve English Freshman, Computer Science "It better not suck!"</p>	 <p>Jeanette Thompson Freshman, Theater Education "I think it's going to be absolutely amazing."</p>	 <p>Steve Malysa Freshman, PW&E "There are no words to describe how big of an event this will be."</p>	 <p>Paul Mauch Freshman, PW&E "The first trilogy was a jump for Lucas and this will be an even bigger jump with technological advances."</p>
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THE REVIEW

STAR WARS FRANCHISE CONTINUES ON INTO NEW GENERATION

MICHAEL S. BURICH
Penguin Star Editor

STAR WARS THE PHANTOM MENACE



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Things are starting to make sense in the galaxy far, far, away.

George Lucas' first chapter of the "Star Wars" saga is yet another dazzling piece of the "Star Wars" puzzle with special effects that dazzle and an interestingly emerging storyline.

As you probably know "The Phantom Menace" takes place years before "A New Hope" and it definitely shows in the film. You are thrown into a world of thick politics where everyone seems to be babbling about some kind of Trade Federation blockade. Trying to make sense of this is not key in understanding

the main story in the film, but it helps to brush up on your "Star Wars" if you want to further appreciate the inner-workings of the Senate.

As in all Lucas films, the good guys and bad guys present themselves very quickly and very noticeably. Jedi Knights Qui-Gon Jinn (Liam Neeson) and Obi-Wan Kenobi (Ewan McGregor) crash onto the scene with some explosive light saber action and cool Jedi mind-tricks. Darth Maul (Ray Park) presents himself shortly after and slowly builds his evil-mystique to a climactic saber battle with the Jedi Knights.

The sheer volume of characters in this film is amazing, almost-too amazing. The computer generated Jar Jar Binks and his Gungan people are much more annoying than the Ewoks. His Roger Rabbit shtick might please a little

sibling, but this creature is just so wired to love too much. Most of the other non-human new characters like Viceroy Nute Gunray aren't very intriguing at all.

While some of the new characters might lag, seeing C3PO "naked" and a young darling R2D2 save yet another mission brought back memories of the old trilogy. A special appearance by the Sand People during the pod race is hilariously fun. Three E.T.'s show up in the film as well to pay homage to Steven Spielberg.

Lucas's dialog sounded terribly unemotional in places and the acting reflected that. Jake Lloyd reeked as Anakin Skywalker. He came off like he was trying to act much too hard. His interaction with other characters was hollow,

but so was much of his cohorts like his mother played by Pernillia August.

Natalie Portman's "dual role" as Queen Amidala was inviting and somewhat warm. Mace Windu (Samuel Jackson) is a throw away. Jackson is on the screen for about three minutes and does nothing to make you remember him.

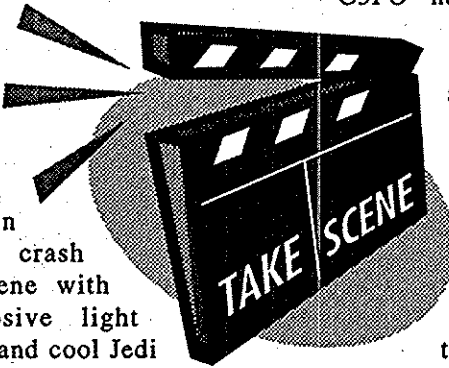
Liam Neeson's performance is the best one in the film. He shows wisdom and grit in the face of Darth Maul and the Jedi Counsel.

While the acting might suf-

fer, the painted landscapes Lucas leaves are awesome sights. The pod race is beautifully filmed as it evokes images of "Ben-Hur." The underwater scenes on Naboo are eye-opening. Many fans will come back to this movie to take it all in the second time around.

The story blends biblical tales and mythology nicely. By piecing what we already know together, we can see how the galaxy fits into Episode 4.

"The Phantom Menace" is a 400 pound gorilla and the movie is good enough to keep the fans coming back. "Star Wars" is back.

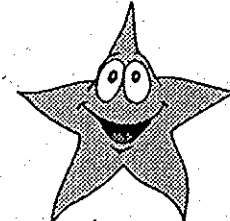


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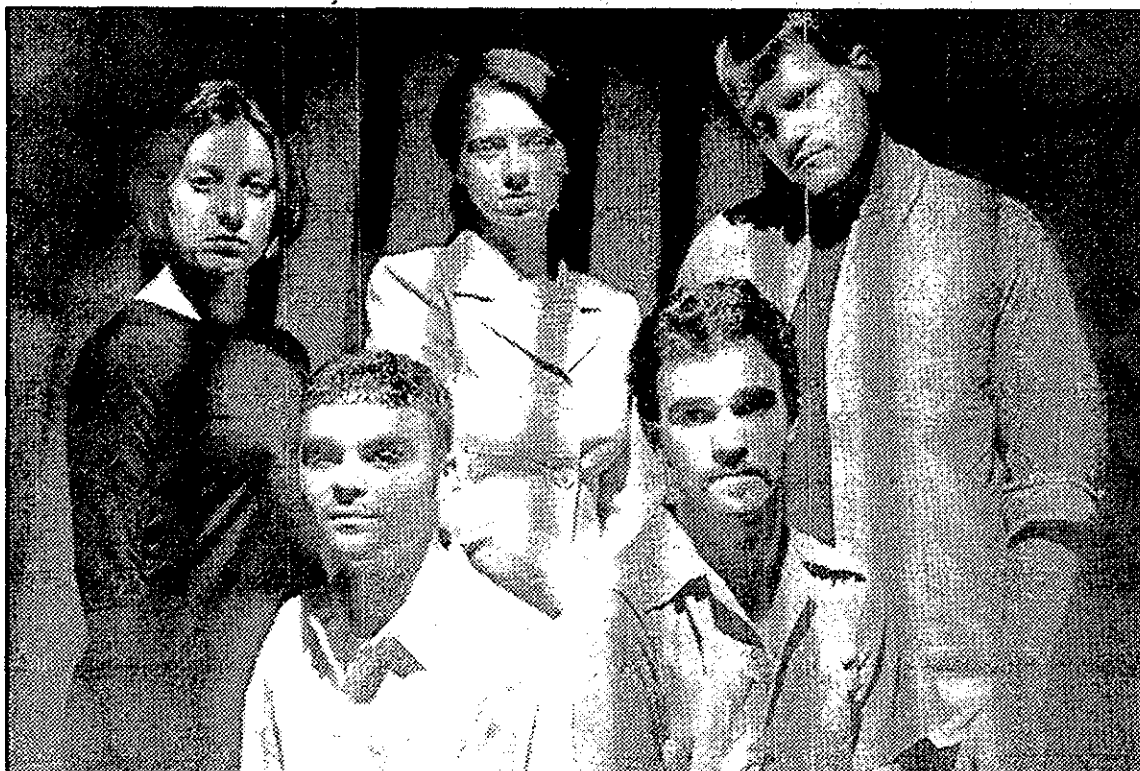
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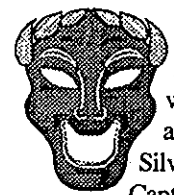
BlackBox's 'Raised in Captivity' generates emotional performances



Courtesy of University Theater

BLACKBOX TACKLES ISSUES: BlackBox performed Nicky Silver's "Raised in Captivity" last week in Spotlight Arena Theater. The play captured the plight of young people in distress.

NICOLE TANNER
Editor in Chief



BlackBox ended its season with a winning performance of Nicky Silver's "Raised in Captivity" under the direction of Michael K. Sheets Saturday in Bliss Hall's Spotlight Arena Theater.

The set, acting and directing all combined for a striking, emotional two hours that had the audience engrossed.

John LaGuardia, junior, theater, was awesome in his last performance at YSU as Sebastian, the troubled twin whose only happiness is correspondence with a convicted murderer. He was especially effective in the second act, where he learned his friend in jail didn't want to speak to him anymore.



Heather Krygowski, sophomore, vocal education, was also excellent in the role of Sebastian's neurotic

twin Bernadette. Her fast speech and jerky head movements were perfect for her character.

The highlight performance was Meghan Bechtel, sophomore, theater, as the insane psychologist, Hillary, who blinds herself in an attempt to get rid of her guilt. Bechtel pulled off being blind beautifully, and her high pitched ramblings about her problems and her past added comic relief to a

put up boundaries around ourselves to keep from being rejected," Sheets wrote in the director's notes. "These boundaries are forged because someone in some way hurt us. Afraid to relive that nightmare again, we build a wall protecting us, a boundary that temporarily keeps us safe."

The cast and director did an excellent job of conveying this message through the performance. They effectively showed how seemingly normal people can have tremendous problems from which they will do anything to hide or escape.

play with some very serious messages. Her costume of rags was also excellently constructed, so the audience could almost smell the body odor pouring off her.

The set design was particularly interesting with dark metal frames for doors and windows and the occasional use of simple chairs and desks. The metal frames reiterated the theme of captivity and how we, as humans, build our own prisons.

"Each of us, in our own way,

BlackBox continues to tackle the plays that deal with sensitive issues and perform them with outstanding feeling and vigor. "Raised in Captivity" was one more example of this.

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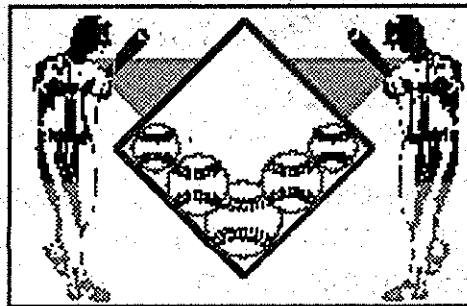
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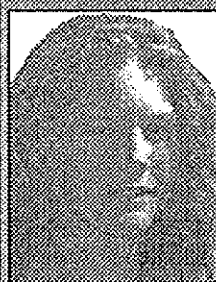
The men's baseball team plays No. 2 seed Valparaiso in the Mid-Continent Tournament at 4:30 p.m.

Sports



Reesh's Realm

New coach new hope



With the hiring of a new head coach for the men's basketball team, one can only hope all-around improvement is on the way.

John Robic comes to us with a wealth of positive experience. He's been a part of numerous NCAA tournament appearances, as well as a strong, successful program at the University of Massachusetts.

The word is the man is excited to be here — to get a program of his own. Maybe fresh enthusiasm is just what the men's basketball team needs.

Last season the men finished with a record of 14-14, falling in the second round of the Mid-Continent Conference Tournament.

Robic said in a press release, "We will begin work immediately to be at our best next March at the Mid-Continent Conference Tournament in Fort Wayne, Ind."

This is good! This is what the men's team needs.

Former head coach, Dan Peters, made an attempt at the title in 1998 with a final record of 20-9, but that didn't cut it. YSU rebounded with a 500 season and no chance of a title in sight.

Robic has the chance to turn this program around. He has the chance to put Youngstown on the map — not just for football.

The success of the 1998 season showed great support from the community. All had their eyes on the Penguins, cheering for a conference title victory.

With the right attitude and the ability, Robic can accomplish this. So far his resume and his statements prove this, but only time will tell if Robic can put his money where his mouth is.

I hope for Robic and for the men's basketball program he does — it's about time.

Penguins pick up two wins against Duquesne

■The Red and White get two solid wins to head into tournament action. Thursday, YSU plays the No. 2 Valparaiso in the first round.

JAMIE LYNN REESH
Sports Editor

PITTSBURGH — Two wins to take into the Mid-Continent Conference is just what the men's baseball team needed and got Monday against Duquesne.



Thomas 8-2, 7-5 in the double-header.

"We did very well," said junior Mark Thomas. "We had a week off, and those two games were vital to get some playing time before the tournament."

Thomas blasted his ninth home run of the season in the first inning of game two, to tie the school record for home runs in a season.

The Penguins cranked out 10 hits in the game, including three from sophomore Todd Santore, who batted 3-for-3 with

a double, a run and an RBI. Junior Andy Clough hit 2-for-3 and scored two runs with a double, while sophomore Steve Mefferd, Thomas and sophomore Eric Jones each collected a hit and scored a run. Senior Andy Bragg hit 2-for-3.

Senior Derek Nelson started on the mound for the Red and White, tossing for four innings. He allowed seven hits and struck out four batters in his third win of the season. Freshman Brad Hennessey pitched for 2.2 innings, giving up five hits and sitting down two, before Clough came in for the save.

Senior Ray Farcas belted a three-run homer in the first inning of game one, to give YSU a 3-0 lead from the start. The offense continued to strike throughout the game, giving the Red and White the 8-2 win.

Jones scored two runs with a double, connecting on 3-of-4 at bats, while junior Travis Easterling hit 1-for-2 for a triple with a run and two RBIs. Mefferd recorded two runs and an RBI with his hit, as Clough and Santore each smacked a hit.

Mefferd, Easterling and Jones each stole a base.

The Penguin pitching staff

performed outstanding, allowing only three Duke hits in seven innings. Senior Bob Simock pitched the first two innings hitless with one strikeout. Junior Brian McFarland got the win, pitching three innings, allowing Duquesne's only hits and striking out two. Sophomore Rusty Bendle tossed for the final two innings. McFarland goes to 6-5 for the season.

"Our pitching has really come around from the beginning of the year, and I knew it would. We've got quality pitchers," said Thomas. "So it didn't surprise me they did so well Monday."

YSU ends the season with a record of 19-34 as they head into the Mid-Con tourney where they'll face Valparaiso in the first round Thursday at Oral Roberts.

"Our team is a lot better than our record is, and we're going to prove that," said Thomas. "I think we're going to surprise some people. The only team we didn't beat was Western Illinois, and we have a better record than them."

"We're all real excited about the tournament. I don't think anyone in the tournament thinks any of the lower seeds have a chance," said Thomas.

Brown earns league honors

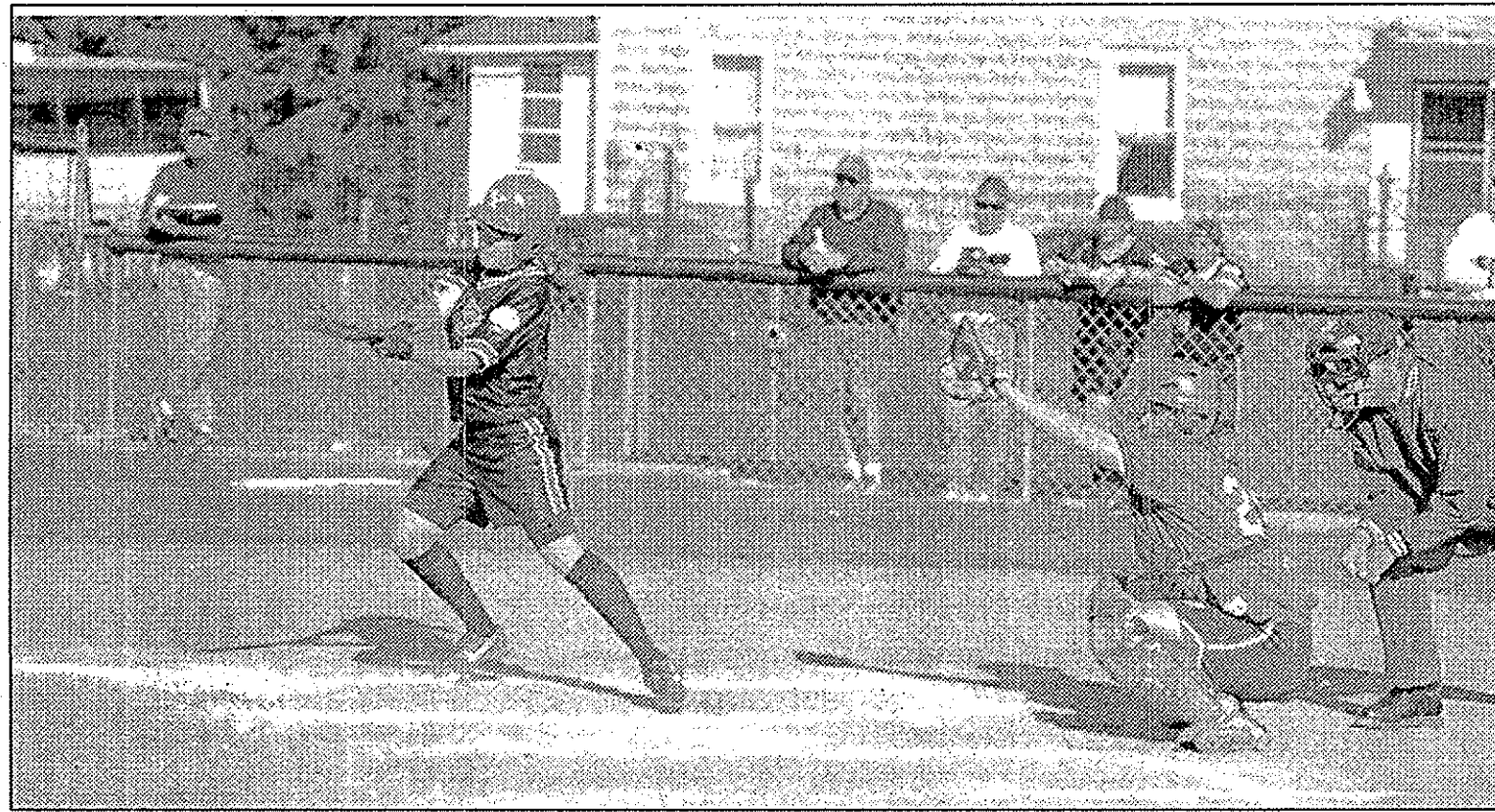
ELMHURST, Ill. — For the third consecutive year, YSU junior Dani Brown has been named second-team All-Mid-Continent Conference,



as selected by the league's head softball coaches. Brown, catcher and designated player, led the Penguins with a .312 batting average with 11 doubles, a home run and 19 runs batted in.

A native of Warren, Ohio, Brown led the team with 43 hits and tied a single-game school record this season with four hits against Wright State.

Read The Jambar sports section



Chad E. Holden, The Jambar

SWING BATTLE BATTLE BATTLE BATTLE BATTLE SWING: Junior Holly Royal connects on a pitch during a Lady Penguin softball game this spring at Harrison Field. The women ended the season with a record of 11-41 and 4-15 in the Mid-Continent Conference.

Economics Club earns experience

■ Students interested in statistics and business may benefit from joining the Economics Club.

CINDY MILLER
Assistant News Editor

University clubs give students an opportunity to get involved. Members of YSU's Economics Club say their involvement has enhanced their education.

"We're a new organization and in many ways a struggling organization," said Sara LaLumia, president of the Economics Club.

Despite their low membership, the six members of the group have completed a project that utilized their statistics skills and helped the community at the same time, LaLumia said.

They completed a telephone survey of 60 randomly selected Youngstown residents. They asked 14 questions about the construction of a central high school in Youngstown.

The club members used the skills they learned in statistics, but were challenged in the process, LaLumia said. As a result they learned more.

She said the students learned about the challenges of collecting data. Even though they carefully structured the survey, they still ran into inevitable problems and had to figure out how to deal with them.

LaLumia said the students realize there is a story behind every set of numbers.

She said they learned people didn't know much about the issue and had been exposed to both positive and negative coverage of the idea by the media and other community members.

More people thought the construction of a central high school would have a positive effect on education than did not.

The survey may aid the city by revealing what some residents are thinking.

Constructing and conducting a survey provides practical experience, but LaLumia said the group learned more than just facts, figures, techniques and public opinion.

LaLumia said the group has a diverse membership, which includes graduate students and nontraditional students. They all have experience that contributes positively to the group, she said. They learned how to work together as a group and exchange ideas.

"It's nice to get to know your fellow students outside of class. Anytime students interact outside of class, it extends what they know," she said.

The Economics Club is not just for students majoring in economics. Students interested in business or statistics might benefit from the group, but LaLumia said any student can join.

LaLumia said the club has appeared "dormant" for a while, but the students are trying to get things going again.

They've invited speakers and professionals to share their insight and are taking a trip to the Federal Reserve Bank in Cleveland Friday. The group would also like to initiate more projects like the survey, LaLumia said. Dr. Donald Milley, economics, is the faculty adviser of the Economics Club.

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Each conference should be judged on its own merits. What an organization has done throughout the year doesn't necessarily make their conference more important than another."

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ent learning experiences."

The Center for International Studies has signed several other agreements with international institutions. Khawaja said each agreement is carefully crafted because each institution is different. The expectations for each agreement vary.

The University of Veszprem has an engineering program similar to YSU's. It maintains a high academic standard and provides quality instruction, she said. Both institutions will benefit by working on projects together and possibly gaining validation for the work they are doing, she said.

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education. Their health care system is the best in all of Latin America; we can use their ideas to better ourselves. Cuba is an unknown country because of the embargo," she said.

Milton Sanchez-Parodi, who attended Valenti's discussion said, "The inhumane embargo punishes Cubans and Americans from exercising their freedoms. It uses food and medicine as a

"Dave has been consistent. The problem is Student Government has not been consistent," Kidder said.

The debate that occurred May 10 concerning financial appropriations to Sigma Alpha Epsilon presents the committee with a dilemma that affects the

quality of student life. Many students feel if excess money remains in the financial appropriations fund, it should be used to fund events in full.

But some members of Student Government said precedent is more important in determining funding.

tional experience will gain a different perspective of their own way of life and educational system, she said.

YSU has other agreements with international institutions including a student exchange agreement with a university in London, a sister school in China and a scholarship and research exchange with a university in the Bahamas.

The mission of the Center For International Studies, which was started in 1993, is to establish international educational ties. Feedback from the participants has been positive, Khawaja said. The center is located on the corner of Phelps Street and Lincoln Avenue.

program between Pittsburgh and Matanzas. We have formed relationships, planned trips and started academic exchanges."

Dr. David Porter, associate professor of political science and international relations, said, "Contact with Cuba is illegal. The embargo is perfectly legal, whether it's right is another question. In the past there has been a brutal regime in Cuba which is literally appalling. There has been some improvement and there can be academic

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TOUR DE CAMPUS: Jocko the Clown entertains an audience with his micro-bike Wednesday behind Kilcawley Center.

Steps to Success seeks volunteers

■ The grant is aimed to help juvenile delinquents.

CAROL SCHOLTEN
 VINCE CAVALIERE
 TAMMY KING
 Contributing Writers

Steps to Success is a grant aimed to help many of the juveniles in Mahoning County. This grant was developed by chair of the criminal justice department, Dr. Tammy King, to help children in the Juvenile Justice System escape a life of crime, and volunteers are needed to help carry out this task.

The grant is funded by the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services and is conducted in conjunction with the staff at the Martin P. Joyce Juvenile Justice Center of Mahoning County. James M. McNally is the juvenile court judge and James Lowe is the detention director.

The purpose of the grant is for convicted juvenile delinquents to attend programs that will assist in deterring them from committing another illegal activity.

The grant helps these children develop basic life skills, find new activities, avoid illegal activities and connect with the community.

The goal of these programs is to introduce the children to new hobbies and skills, so they will spend their time and efforts toward perfecting these activities

instead of roaming the streets and getting into trouble with the law.

Volunteers are needed to conduct training sessions at the juvenile facility with the youths. Volunteers will be able to help these children firsthand by teaching them skills and introducing them to new hobbies or a new activity.

Volunteers will teach hobbies or skills in two back-to-back sessions.

The first group will help the younger children. The age range for this group is usually 9 to 14 years old. The second session will be for the older children, 15 to 18 years old.

A member of the grant staff will be with volunteers at all times.

The grant also provides funds for juvenile delinquents to take lessons in the community once they are released from the facility.

That way they can continue

to build on what volunteers have taught them.

There have been many people who have volunteered their time and skills. Some of the Lady Penguins, including Anne Marie Martin, Lisa Rotunno, Angela Burnham, Amanda Scott

and Darbi O'Brian, went down to the facility to teach the youth basketball skills.

If you or anyone you know has a special skill, any ideas for a program or is interested in conducting a program, please call the Steps to Success office. Volunteers have been, and will be community members, people from YSU and parents.

If you have a special skill or talent that you are willing to

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May 20
There will be a **World Culture Q & A** in the Phelps Bldg. Room 119. The topic will be "Jamaica Close Up". For further information, contact Mark Knowles at extension 2358.

May 20
The Chi Alpha will be holding a **Snack Attack** from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the circle between Kilcawley Center and Cushwa Hall. For further information, contact Virginia Draa at extension 2975.

May 20
WYSU presents "Commentary Café" at 7 p.m. the topic is "Corruption in Mahoning County."

May 20
The Athletics-S.A.A.C. will be holding a **Penguin Fest** from 8 p.m.-12 a.m. at Stambaugh Stadium on the football field. For further information, contact Floyd Kerr at extension 2360.

May 21
The YSU March of Dimes will be holding a meeting at 12 a.m. at Kilcawley Center room 2057. For further information, contact Rebecca at 750-0389.

May 21
The Alpha Omega Pi will be holding a **Watermelon Bust** at 4 p.m. at Cafaro House. For further information, contact Heidi Stewart at 533-0573.

May 22
The YSU Campus Ministries will be holding a **March for Jesus** at 9:30 a.m. The march will begin at Stambaugh Stadium. For further information, contact Kathryn Adams or Virginia Draa at extension 2975.

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The Homecoming Committee will be holding a meeting from 1-3 p.m. at Kilcawley Center room 2068. For further information, contact Greg Gulas at 3580.

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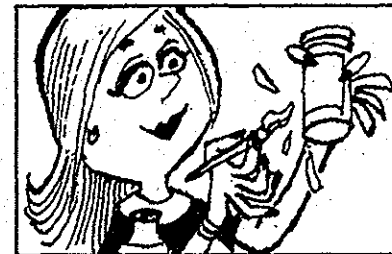
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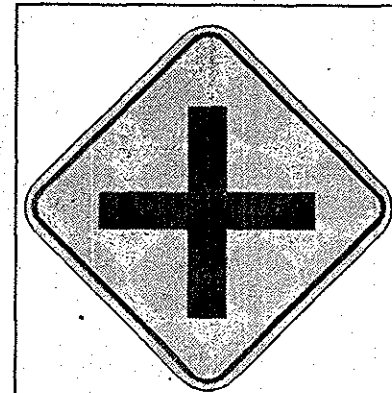
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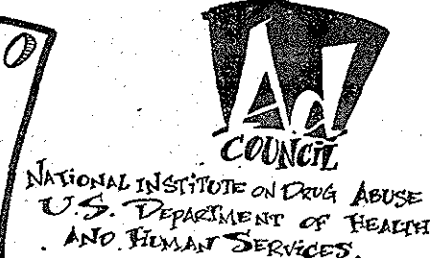
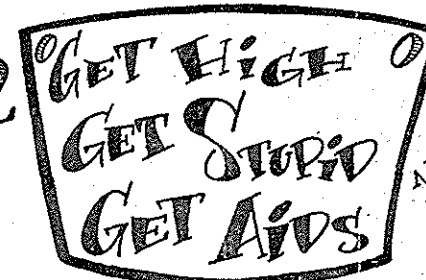
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