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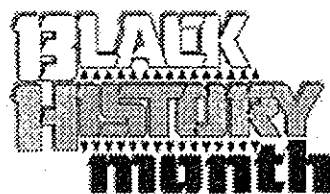
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Professor recounts how segregation was not exclusive to the south

■ Obtaining an education in the '50s and '60s was not easy for African-American students.

EILEEN CATANZARO
Assistant Copy Editor



Today's students can very easily take for granted the public education offered in the Ohio Valley. But in the very recent past, approximately 20 to 30 years ago, African-American students were denied an education that would provide them with a means of supporting themselves and their families.

"There was a total and absolutely incredible waste of talent that was available to the country and still is. It's an incredible waste of intellect and all kinds of abilities," said Dr. Julian Madison, director of Africana Studies.

"Look at what blacks have accomplished through inventions and in other ways that helped society. I often wonder how much further along we'd be as a society if more people were given the opportunity to do things," added Madison.

Madison was a student in the Cleveland City School System in the '50s and '60s, a time when

black students were placed on waiting lists to obtain an education, he said.

During Madison's formative years, the migration of African-Americans to the north created overcrowded classrooms in Cleveland. White families pulled their children from the schools so they wouldn't be in the same classroom with the African-American students.

"The kicker to the whole school problem is that some of the white schools in the Cleveland area had empty classrooms. White students got to go to school all day. Black students' education was split into shifts, called the relay system. Part of the black students went to school for a half day and the other group would attend school the rest of the day," Madison said.

He explained at one time, there was a list of 1,800 African-American students waiting to start school.

"Some students didn't start kindergarten until they were old enough to be in second grade," Madison said.

In 1958, Madison's mother was an active member of the PTA. She took part in a staged demonstration to put pressure on the school board to address the overcrowding of the African-American schools and to put an end to the

relay system of education for African-American students.

It wasn't until 1962 that the school board agreed to allow African-American students into white students' schools.

At the time, there was a Citizen's Council made up of white parents, some of whom were in the KKK. They agreed that African-Americans could go to the same school as the white students as long as the classes weren't integrated, Madison said.

African-American students had to go to their originating schools and ride buses to the white schools. While there, the African-American students had set times when they could use the bathrooms so they didn't mix with the white students.

"If black students had to go to the bathroom at 10 a.m. and their bathroom time was 11:30 a.m. to 12, they had to wait before they could leave the classroom. Students weren't allowed to participate in school programs, use the cafeteria or be treated by the school nurse if they got hurt.

"They couldn't leave their trash in the school either. All of the students had to take their trash

Madison

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Smoke-free facilities cause feigning students to freeze

■ Some students think residence halls and campus buildings should have smoking areas.

LARISSA THEODORE
Assistant News Editor

Smokers at YSU can usually be found standing outside buildings and next to ashtrays, waiting to take the last puff of a cigarette. Because YSU is a smoke-free environment, smokers must put butts out before butting into any YSU facility.

YSU has a school smoking code, which does not allow any type of tobacco smoking in the university buildings.

According to the YSU Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct, students have the right to ensure adherence to the smoke-free environment policy approved by the University's Board of Trustees which forbids smoking in university buildings, vehicles, and posted facilities, except in designated student residences.

Student smokers hold mixed feelings regarding YSU's smoke-free environment policy.

"I think we should have a designated smoking area at one place in the building. If it could be venti-

lated, it would be better. Smokers have rights too," Jason Mowry, junior, graphic design, said.

Trish Pack, senior, nursing, held a different opinion.

"Despite being a smoker, I agree with not smoking in the buildings. It's really not necessary and I am a smoker."

Buechner Hall is a privately owned and operated residence. The residents of Buechner Hall are all female students and are allowed to smoke in their dorm rooms just as long as their doors remain shut.

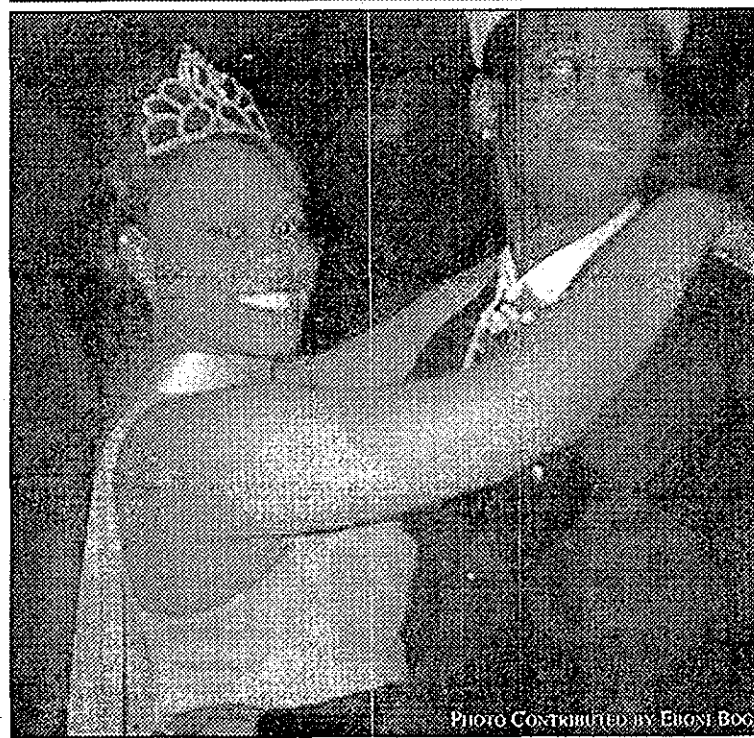
"I usually smoke in my room with the window cracked. We're supposed to close our doors when we light up," Buechner Hall resident Sarah Galino, sophomore, professional writing and editing, said.

"If I open my door right after I am done, the smoke lingers through the halls. Not many girls that live here smoke, so I'm sure they complain about it.

Smoking

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Royalty



AND THE WINNERS ARE: Mr. and Miss NAACP Brian Hilliard and Tenika Holden take a spin on the dance floor at Friday's ball.

Accomplishments of NAACP celebrated at ball

■ The first-annual Mr. and Miss NAACP were named at the event Friday.

LARISSA THEODORE
Assistant News Editor

The YSU NAACP chapter sponsored and conducted its first annual Mr. and Miss NAACP ball Friday.

Mr. and Miss NAACP are Brian Hilliard, senior, telecommunications, and Tenika Holden, sophomore, secondary education.

The ball attracted nearly 200 people including students, faculty and school and local organizations.

A surprise tribute by the YSU NAACP was given to Tamika Green, senior, sociology, and YSU NAACP outgoing president.

"As outgoing president, I am proud of all the college chapter has become and the ideals that it represents," Green said. "We are very pleased with the turn out... There's nearly 200 people who came out and it exceeded our expectations."

Also in attendance were the Akron chapter of the NAACP, the local Youngstown NAACP, Program Chair Mary Clay and YSU President of Student Government Bob Harvey. Mistress of Ceremony Joyce Brewer of WFMJ-TV 21 news and Master of Ceremony Mike McNair, publisher of the *Buckeye Review*, presented the YSU NAACP finalists.

"The first-annual ball has been unbelievably well coordinated and well executed. It's a marvelous example of the excellence we have with respect to young talent. The time is long overdue that we really employ these talents into the struggles. There is no limitation. I am very proud to have been a part of it," McNair said.

Rahamel Hughes, freshman, chemistry, and YSU's NAACP secretary, said, "As far as this being our first big event, I think we did an exceptional job. It was very organized and there was a lot of support from outside participants. We need to have more events like this for years to come and try to make a difference in the community. Hopefully we'll have some well-represented people."

The formal ball also included a photographer, dinner buffet and dancing with music provided by DJ Still Bill.

"I am truly proud of this tradition in the making. I am happy for all of the community support we have received for our first Mr. and Miss NAACP Ball. It was a true success," said La'el Hughes, soph-

Ball

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NEWS Nuggets

The deadline for submitting nominations for YSU's Heritage Award 2000 is March 10. Nomination forms are available in the office of Human Resources in room 3015 of Jones Hall, or at the Alumni office.

Student Government's blood drive collected 142 pints of blood Tuesday and Wednesday, almost reaching its goal of 145 pints.

Up 'til Dawn committee continues its crusade

■ The committee is holding a benefit dinner Wednesday.

SABRINA SCHROEDER
Editor in Chief

The 24-hour Up 'til Dawn event is fast approaching, and fundraising activities are ongoing to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Event chairman Mike Ray, senior, business, said, "We are only the third university [nationally] to have this program. The students involved have to figure out how to do the fundraising for it."

"Right now we are in the final planning stages for team recruitment," he added.

The Up 'til Dawn committee has been raising money by selling raffle tickets for golf clubs, looking for corporate sponsors and collecting team fees for participation in the 24-hour event. They will also be holding a kick-off benefit dinner Wednesday evening.

"Tickets are still available for the dinner. Any support we receive would be greatly appreciated,"

Ray said.

The dinner will be held at the DeBartolo Stadium Club with a cocktail hour from 5:30 to 6:30 and dinner beginning at 6:30. A cash bar will be available. Individual tickets can be purchased for a \$30 donation, or a table for eight can be purchased for \$225.

Jim Tressel, head football coach and director of intercollegiate athletics, will serve as honorary chairman for the dinner. An auction of donated sports memorabilia will be held after the dinner.

Donations can be made without attending the event and can be sent to the Student Activities office in Kilcawley Center with checks made payable to Up 'til Dawn.

"Anyone who has suggestions for more fundraising activities or who would like to help with the program can contact members of the committee in the Student Activities office at 742-3161," Ray said.

Dorm overcrowding ceases to be a problem

■ John Valentine, coordinator of Kilcawley House, said no one is sleeping in the lounges anymore.

CHRISTINA PALM
Copy Editor

Overcrowding experienced in the residence halls is no longer an issue for this year according to the Housing Services director.

"We were five below capacity at the beginning of winter quarter and spring will be somewhat less than that," said Jack Fahey, director of Housing Services.

John Valentine, coordinator of Kilcawley House, said, "The dorms are pretty much cleaned out now. No one is sleeping in the lounges anymore."

Evette Currie, coordinator of Cafaro House, said, "We are not overcrowded. We have a few spaces open and students were able to change rooms. It evened out pretty well."

Heather Kama, coordinator of Lyden House, said that hall is a lot better also.

"We have reopened three study lounges and after this quarter we will be able to move students around even more," she said.

Valentine said, "The problem was resolved in fall quarter."

The reason for the increase in space in the halls, according to everyone questioned, is because students move out of the dorms as the year progresses.

"A few students left after fall quarter," said Currie.

Valentine said, "People drop out of the dorms through the year from quarter to quarter."

Fahey said, "We anticipate it will be crowded again in the fall. We anticipate overcrowding until campus village comes and we can get some relief."

A proposed apartment complex may help overcrowding in the residence halls. As reported in the Feb. 15 issue of *The Jambar*, requests for proposals were sent to contractors to build the complex. A contractor is scheduled to be chosen in July. The first phase of the complex is projected to be completed in May 2002.

The complex will house not more than 400 students, according to the bid specifications. Currently, the maximum number of students the residence halls can hold is between 880 and 890, according to Housing Services.

It's a Leap Year

Do you know why this leap year is special?

Feb. 29, 2000 is the first time in 300 years that a leap year will be observed on a year that began a new century, and it won't happen again until the year 2400. Everyone knows that leap years occur every fourth year, however, what is less known is that they don't take place on a year beginning a new century except for every 400th year. For example, in 94 years there will be a leap year in 2096 but there won't be one in 2100. It will be held off until 2104. This is to make up for the slight imperfection in time calculations.

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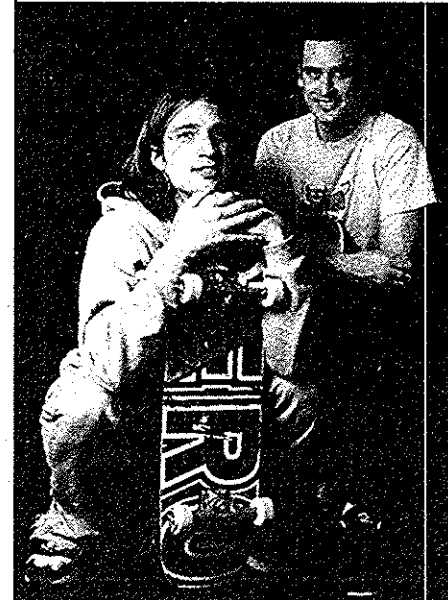
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EDITORIAL

Celebrating Women's History Month

In 1987, the National Women's History Project petitioned Congress to expand "Women's History Week" to cover the entire month of March. It is a time to remember all the women who have made a difference in history.

A Congressional Resolution was passed designating March as Women's History Month for many reasons. One of the reasons stated, "women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural and social role in every sphere of the life of the nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home."

"The role of women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in the literature, teaching and study of American history," the resolution further stated.

It is important to think about the roles women played in our history. Women played a part in many movements in our history. They have been leaders in the abolitionist, emancipation, industrial labor and civil rights movements, as well as the peace movement.

Because of the active role women took, an assignment of gender roles is no longer seen. Men can now safely pursue careers which were formerly thought of as "feminine" careers, including more responsibilities at home.

Women are no longer bound to traditional female roles. In some cases, women can opt to take care of the homefront. Others can opt to split their time between home and family and work outside the home.

The fact that a week was turned into a month to celebrate the lives of so many women is to be commended.

Take this month to study how women in history have affected our lives. It is apparent that a woman's role was more than to give birth and clean house — they were the movers and shakers of society.

Quote of the Day

"History is the version of past events that people have decided to agree upon."

Napoleon

Quote taken from www.quoteand.com

A STAFF VIEW

JAH M. HARVEY

Assistant News Editor

Thank you, sir

During the weekend, I was privileged to attend a dinner in honor of Sgt. Edward Carter, an African-American soldier who in 1997, was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

My initial reason for attending was to get a good story. Dr. Julian Madison, director of Africana Studies, was speaking at the function and researching Carter for a book he's writing. That made it an even better reason to go. But that wasn't the only story got from it.

U.S. Rep. James Traficant and Ohio Sen. Robert Hagan were there. Countless council of men and women were there. Many of them spoke and their words were eloquent and clearly meant to stir the emotions of all in attendance. But their speeches weren't the only story.

The true story came to me throughout the course of the evening as I sat among veterans of various wars. Vietnam. Korea. World War II. These men who looked like my father and grandfather were actually there. They breathed in the smell of war, saw it's true face. It wasn't a movie to them. It wasn't a chapter in a history book to them. They were there.

Several African-American vets spoke of their time spent on the battlefield. They spoke not as politicians, not as motivational speakers, but as men. Men who were willing to lay down their lives for the ideals of this country.

They spoke, eyes welling with tears and voices trembling, recounting the memories of war. Not just war against Hitler, or some other foreign enemy, but against the intangible foes of humanity.

Both rifles and racism were aimed to forever silence them, but these men emerged as victors from both. They refused to be crushed.

From their mouths and heart, I heard their memories of not being able to fight in World War II. Our

government felt that African-Americans were too incompetent and cowardly.

Only when the allied forces desperately needed men were African-American soldiers allowed to fight. Of 5,000 who volunteered, 2,221 were allowed to integrate into white regiments.

"The white soldiers who were there, they had no choice. We volunteered, took the demotions. We took pay cuts. We did it anyway. We had to prove that we love this country too. We knew the risk, and we did it not expecting to live," a veteran said to me. "We knew that retreating wasn't a choice. We had to prove to the world that we were men, that we were capable."

These brave men were willing to die protecting a freedom that they themselves never quite knew. These African-American men were willing to die as pawns so that I could be seen as a man:

When they returned home, these soldier's documents showed no reference to them fighting. Instead, cook, mechanic or reserve appeared on their records.

These words came from a man who fought at the Battle of the Bulge who is barely able to walk now. His statements were seconded by the solemn nods of other the other

African-American veterans in the room.

I sat there, with the hairs on my arm raised. I'm surrounded by heroes, I thought. I realized I was in the presence of a rarely told past, sheltered from the pages of most history books.

In November, Carter and all of the other African-American soldiers were restored to their rightful ranks and credited with combat experience.

These soldiers were willing to die for this country despite racism and injustice. These brave men were willing to die protecting a freedom that they themselves never quite knew. These African-American men were willing to die as pawns so that I could be seen as a man.

That's the story. That's my story. That's history. To the 2,221 African-American soldiers who fought for this country's future and my own, I thank you.

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STUDENT VOICES

A letter to Peterson

ROSE LEFLORE
STUDENT

Dear R.P.,

Here I sit in my lonely solitude with Chopin playing so sweetly. His tunes smooth not an angry heart's undying melody. Remembering the many years of our tour of love. Though we were less than distant lovers, but more than best friends. I cannot say that I almost loved you. Loving you more than you will ever know. You said, "Good-Bye," I said, "I'll see you later." You're free, my "Prince."

Oh how I wish I could behold you one more time. Oh how I wish I could have heard you say "Good-Bye" on Valentine's Day. I wouldn't have rushed away. I wanted to stay. I shouldn't have said, "I'll see you later."

I hope you'll remember the flower with no name when you think of me. I hope you'll remember our loving conversations. I hope you'll understand that love I knew not, but I gave you the best parts of me. I felt your pain, witnessed your strength and was ever inspired by your courage. Do you not know, it is so hard to say "Good-Bye."

I saw all those roses adorning your old house. I wonder. Did you see the thornless single Rose called care? I wonder. How could you leave me, when I needed you most? I wonder. How could you not say "Good-Bye" a little louder. I wonder. Why did you distance lovingness? I wonder I wonder I wonder ... Why is it so hard to say "Good-Bye"?

When you conjure me up in thought, remember that every time I called upon you, I gave a piece of me. Remember our eccentric boundlessness. Remember the non-conventional intimacy we shared. Remember the flower with no name, spoken inspiration and active care, my sweet. Remember the Valentine's Day balloons.

I said I would see you later. You said, "Good-Bye" much too soon. Remember I, too, cried on yesterday.

Lovingly Yours,
Rose

A Response

EBONI C. BOGAN
Pan African Student Union President

If you
Knew what I knew
Would you still ask what you do?

Whew! Thank goodness it's over.
Why celebrate a whole month of Black History?
We can sit anywhere on a bus, but our minds are not free.

There are older family members who won't let you call them Black
Nor African-American, they prefer "colored." Now you tell me, why is that?

Cut off from our languages, our traditions, our nations
Made us more likely to accept negative connotations.

Blackball, black cat, black at funerals, black magic
And we wonder why our youth are in a state that is tragic.

Love myself? Thank God that I could.
In an environment, which announces: Black is bad and White is good.

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DAY CARE REGISTRATION: Melanie Scott, junior, graphic design, asks Christa Coleman, new director for the YSU Wee Care Day Care, a few questions about registration for the day care in Kilcawley Center Monday.

Unsung hero remembered at banquet

■ Sgt. Edward Carter fought in World War II, but his bravery was not recognized until 1997.

JAMI M. HARVEY
Assistant News Editor

Citizens and veterans alike attended a banquet in honor of Sgt. Edward Carter, a 1997 recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor. The event was held to honor the memory of Carter, and offer the Carter family a formal apology for his treatment during and after World War II.

Local and state politicians attended the banquet. U.S. Rep. James Traficant began the ceremony with a speech on the legacy of Carter.

"Today we honor a brave American, not just an African-American," said Traficant. "[Carter] laid his life on the line for this country."

Traficant presented Carter's family with a plaque signed by the entire House of Representatives. He told the family to remember that their father helped maintain the freedom that this country enjoys.

"Everyone's life is enriched by this family whose father is truly an American hero," said Traficant.

Ohio Sen. Robert Hagan spoke on Carter's Legacy. Hagan said that his heroic life will compel others to strive for excellence.

"Many take for granted what courage actually is," said Hagan. "Sgt. Carter was a good man in every respect. While we fought separatist evil Nazism, many had to fight the separatist evil racism also."

Hagan contributed \$250 to a

scholarship set up in Carter's name.

Others speakers included Ohio Rep. Sylvester D. Patton, 64th district, and Benjamin McGee, superintendent of Youngstown City Schools.

McGee said, "History like this should never lie dormant. Kids need to know of men like Sgt. Carter."

Dr. Julian Madison, director of Africana Studies, spoke at the event.

He is writing a book on the life of Carter tentatively titled, "Honor without Honor: the Life of Sgt. Edward Carter."

"We're standing on the shoulders of giants," said Madison. "Without men like him, I wouldn't be where I am today."

Carter served in three armies, beginning his career at age 15 in the Chinese Army. He also fought as a volunteer in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in the Spanish Civil War, a volunteer unit of American soldiers.

He then fought in World War II, where his actions eventually earned him the Congressional Medal of Honor.

At the time, Carter was not commended for his actions due to racial injustices. Instead, he was labeled a communist sympathizer and was not allowed to re-enlist.

Aug. 8, 1999, the U.S. Army formally apologized to Carter along with the other African-American soldiers who fought in World War II.

Madison said, "Carter was a

natural fighter. He had the makings of a general. This is just another example of America's wasted talent."

Staff Sgt. Sharreef Ali, coordinator of Undergraduate Recruitment and Administration, is one of the founders of the Pan African Student Union. Ali served in the Gulf War and spoke of what soldiers like Carter mean to America's new generation of Armed Forces.

"It's very important for people to know facts to correct the fiction," said Ali. "[African-Americans] like Carter have contributed to America, and yet are not afforded the notoriety that is due to them."

Allene Carter, daughter-in-law to Carter, fought for years to get his record corrected. According to Mrs. Carter, it was a long, hard road.

"If you believe, you can do anything," said Mrs. Carter. "My heart, soul and mind were foolish enough to achieve what I set out to do."

Madison said, "Allene Carter's work must be commended. She got the Army to apologize. They don't apologize for anyone."

Carter and six other black World War II veterans are now Congressional Medal of Honor recipients.

Andrew Nix, combat veteran, said, "It took years to recognize the wrong done, but it's good that it was finally corrected. Carter and other black soldiers gave so much and received so little."

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Madison

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back to their originating schools to dispose of it. Any injuries black students got had to be treated by the school nurse in the originating school," Madison said.

Once again protests began and pressure was put on the school board to address the issues. In January 1964, the board agreed to integrate the classrooms.

"It was at that time that the school board held an emergency meeting to appropriate money to build three new elementary schools to get the black kids out of the white schools and into their own," Madison said.

"One school was built between two other buildings and ended up being only 100 feet wide. The only way to build was up. Another school site was on a road that was going to be widened to four lanes. The city manager and the engineer said they weren't good sites," Madison said.

The irony of the new school buildings is that Madison's father and uncle, an architect and an engineer, were given contracts by the board to build one of the schools.

"My mother was protesting the school board because of the school being built while my dad and uncle were designing it," Madison said. "My uncle and dad reached an agreement. Dad finished his part of the project as soon as he could and then joined the protesters. They agreed that only one would protest while the other worked so if there were arrests, there was no chance that both of them could be arrested at the same time."

Madison said he doesn't harbor any hostilities about the system.

He said his parents weren't hostile, it was just a part of their makeup.

"It's more disgust than hostilities, not just for myself. For a 10-

year period, kids didn't get an education. We're talking about the formative years in an educational life and career. Generations of kids lost important years in the educational process and the school board didn't care," Madison said.

Generations of Madison's family broke the stereotypes centered around African-Americans from the early '20s through the '70s. All four of Madison's grandparents earned college degrees.

"My grandparents were unique, not only among blacks, but all Americans," Madison said of his college-educated grandparents.

Madison's maternal grandfather was a medical doctor in Milwaukee, Wis., who owned and operated his own business in the back of a drug store.

"He wasn't allowed to work in a hospital because he was black. But blacks and whites considered him to be the best diagnostician in the state," Madison said.

The doctor's wife received a degree from Shaw College in North Carolina in the 1920s. She wanted to open a nursery school, but all of her records were lost in a fire at Shaw College.

"She had to get another degree to open her nursery school. When she died, around the age of 80, she was working on her doctorate's degree," Madison said.

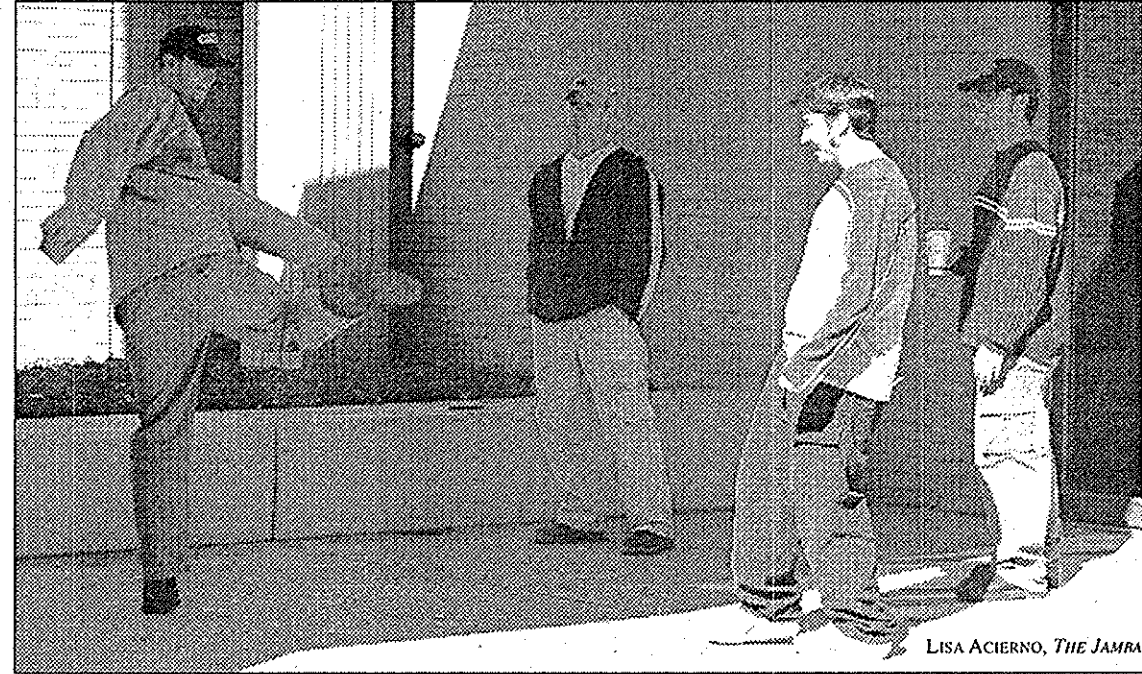
His paternal grandparents also reached heights unheard of in the early part of the century.

"My paternal grandfather was an architectural engineer, the first black registered engineer in Ohio. His wife had a degree in education," Madison said.

Madison said both of his parents each were the second of four children in their families, all of whom earned college degrees.

Family members distinguished themselves in their fields of study.

One of Madison's uncles was the designer of Jacob's Field, the Browns' football stadium and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland.



LISA ACIERNO, THE JAMBAR

PLAY TIME: Sophomore Luke Ligore, left, electric engineering technology, hacksacks with his friends Jason Groves, sophomore, physical education, Jason Catone, freshman, and Scott Brownlie, sophomore, anthropology, outside Kilcawley Center Monday.

Ball

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omore, premed, and public relations chair for YSU's NAACP.

This year's Miss NAACP finalists included Holden, Cynthia Jarvie, junior, premed, Kelley McGeorge, freshman, education, Towana Stevens, sophomore, medical technology, and Angela Turnage, senior, telecommunications.

The Mr. NAACP finalists included Gerald Hamilton, freshman, medical technology, Hilliard, Devin Romanio, freshman, pre-law, Shalamar J. Thompson, freshman, engineering, and George A. Zokle, sophomore, pre-law.

The judges for the finalists included Ohio Sen. Robert Hagan, Director of Student Activities William Blake, Counselor of the Vocational Rehab Services Commission Brunilda Turner, Dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts Dr. George McCloud and former member of YSU Board of Trustees Dr. Earnest Perry.

Romanio said, "It was a good experience. I hope to be up for next year and years to come."

Smoking

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But what are the smokers supposed to do?" Galino asked.

Unfortunately for smokers who do not reside in Beuchner Hall, the YSU facilities are still smoke-free. Because YSU is a public university, the state has the right to declare the school as smoke-free.

Residents of Lyden, Kilcawley and Cafaro Houses all have to abide by the school's non-smoking code.

Katie Elder, freshman, psychology, who resides in one of the

dormitories, said, "Smoking used to be allowed in Kilcawley. I think there should at least be a smoking lounge or a smoking room in dorms so we don't have to go outside and freeze. It's pretty cold out there."

"I think there is a prejudice against smokers. So many people do it that if you look at percentages, half smoking and half non-smoking sections make the most sense. I understand that smoke lounges smell bad, but smokers are used to that," Autumn Beckett, senior, English, said.

"It's an inconvenience if you have to go outside every time you need to smoke," Beckett added.

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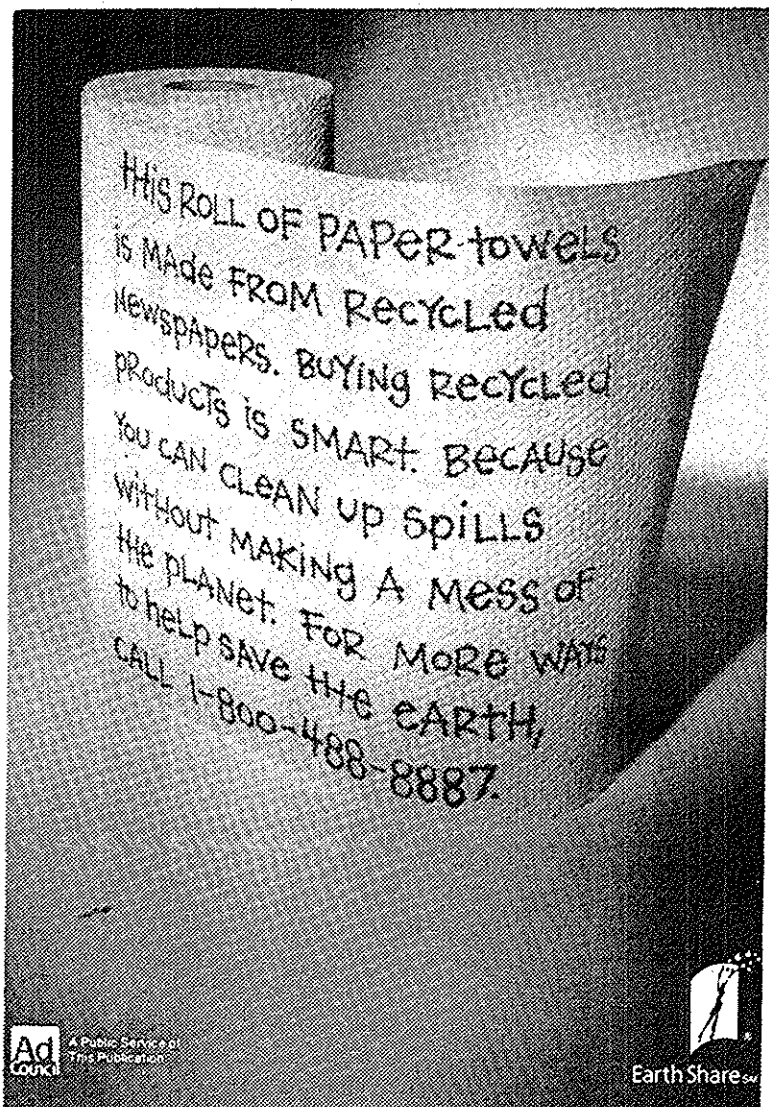
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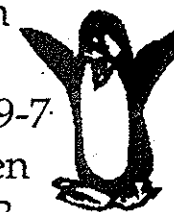
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The men's and women's basketball teams await word of who they'll face in the Mid-Continent Conference Tournament.

Sports

The men finish fifth in the conference at 9-7 and the women second at 12-3.



Owusu-Ansah named to first-team, placing in four events

GINA AMERO
Sports Information

TULSA, Okla. — Senior indoor track and field athlete Kofi Owusu-Ansah took home a win in the 600-meter dash with a time of 6.80 seconds and received first-team



Owusu-Ansah

All-Conference honors at the Mid-Continent Conference Championships over the weekend.

Owusu-Ansah also placed second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.96, fourth in the 400-meter in 49.72 and seventh in the long jump with a mark of 22 feet, 2 inches.

Both the men's and women's teams placed fourth overall.

Senior Shawn Cobey received second-team All-Conference honors and placed second in the shot put with a throw of 51 feet, 4 inches. He also threw a mark of 47-5 in the weight throw event to place fourth. Freshman Kurt Michaelis ran a time of 4:18 in the mile run

for third place, while sophomore Will Edwards ran a time of 15:08 in the 5,000-meter run to also place sixth.

Junior Kelly Leonard placed second in the 60-meter high hurdles with a time of 8.88 and received second-team All-Conference honors. In the 5,000-meter run, senior Andrea Cohol placed third with a time of 18:20.

In the 400, freshman Jane Stephens ran a time of 57.69 to take fourth, while senior Suzy Thompson ran a time of 25.99 in the 200, placing fourth.

Both teams will compete in the Alex Wilson Invitational Saturday in South Bend, Ind.

Penguins limping into Mid-Con tournament

DAN PALOSKI
Contributing Writer

Thursday, the men's basketball team was sitting in a three-way tie with Valparaiso and Southern Utah atop of the Mid-Continent Conference standings.

All the Penguins had to do was win their last two regular season conference games to keep a share of the conference title. YSU even had the benefit of playing their last two games at home.

Alas, it was not meant to be as the Penguins dropped both games by a total of five points, Thursday to Oral Roberts, 83-80, and Saturday to UMKC, 83-81.

Oral Roberts came into their contest against the Penguins without two of their starters, seniors Leon Irving and Derrick Taylor, who have been suspended from the team. It was no matter as the Golden Eagles blew a 12-point second-half lead, but was able to hold onto the victory over YSU.

The first half saw a lack of defense from both teams. The lead seesawed back and forth with no team leading by more than four points the entire half. An Albert Crockett basket at the buzzer tied the game at 43 heading into the locker room.

YSU opened the second half with five straight points to take their biggest lead of the contest, 48-43. A 14-3 run by Oral Roberts put the Golden Eagles back on top to stay at 57-51. Oral Roberts extended their lead to 12, 69-57, with 6:23 left to play. The Penguins began to rally, behind the defensive pressure of freshman Marlin Williamson, and found themselves down two, 75-73, on a Craig Haese jumper with 1:40 left to play.

An Andrew Hannon lay-up with 12 seconds left brought YSU to within one, 81-80. After Oral Roberts hit two free throws, a busted play resulted in a Harrison game-tying three-pointer at the buzzer, which fell short.

Harrison was the workhorse for YSU, finishing with 20 points on 8-for-18 shooting. He also pulled down a game high 14 rebounds. Joining Harrison in double figures for the Penguins were Haese with 18 points and junior Ryan Patton with 14.

"The two shooters for them [Oral Roberts], Perry and Binam, got too many good looks," said Assistant Coach Gary Grzesk. Those two combined to score 40 of Oral Roberts' 83 points. "Even when we were up on them, they made some tough shots. They were the difference in that game."

The Penguins went into their

last regular season contest against UMKC in a must-win situation to have any chance of gaining a share of the Mid-Con title. Once again, though, YSU rallied from a big second-half lead only to fall short.

That loss, coupled with an Oakland win, gave the Golden Grizzlies the Mid-Continent Conference championship. However, Oakland is ineligible to take part in the Mid-Con tournament because it is their first year in conference play.

Senior Robbie Robinson opened the game with two blocks, while a Crockett three-pointer gave the Penguins the early edge at 5-3. The University of Missouri-Kansas City would take the lead back at 6-5 and would never relinquish it the rest of the game.

The Kangaroos would gradually extend that lead over the rest of the first half, bringing the score to 43-32 at the intermission.

Two Haese free throws capped off a 9-3 run by the Penguins and brought them to within three of the lead, 46-43. Two more free throws, this time by Robinson, tied the score at 55 with 11:35 left to play.

UMKC would hit some big shots over the next 10 minutes and had the game all but locked up, leading by 12, with just under 1:30 left to go. Like the Oral Roberts game, YSU turned up the defensive pressure, forcing UMKC to turn the ball over.

A Harrison jumper brought the Penguins to within two, 81-79, with 15 seconds left. After two free throws by UMKC, Haese connected on a lay-up with three seconds to go to provide the final margin of victory. UMKC ran out the rest of the clock for the upset.

Haese led five YSU players in double figures with 20 points. Patton had 15, Harrison 14, Crockett 13 and Robinson had 10. Harrison and junior David Brown grabbed eight rebounds apiece for the Penguins.

YSU attempted 33 more shots, scored more field goals, and took care of the basketball better, only turning it over 13 times against 21 times for the Kangaroos, yet still came up short in the end. The difference in the game came at the free-throw line. UMKC was a whopping 32-47 from the line, compared to only 16-20 for the Penguins.

"We had a poor start to both games," said Grzesk. "We fell behind early, and during those last two games, we were flat defensively."

YSU (12-15, 9-7) opens up Mid-Con tourney play March 5 in Fort Wayne, Ind., against an opponent to still be determined.

Lady Penguins Steamrolling Opponents

MICHAEL KOPACHY
Contributing Writer

The first half brought good news and bad news for the Lady Penguins' basketball team. The bad news was Oakland defeated Oral Roberts to clinch the regular season title in the Mid-Continent Conference.

The good news is YSU is now playing it's best basketball, as they demonstrated in two lopsided wins to close the regular season.

In front of 4,000 fans at Beeghly Center, YSU got revenge against the University of Missouri-Kansas City for an earlier conference loss this season. The Lady Pens came out firing, nailing 41 percent of shots from the floor and beating up the Kangaroos on the boards.

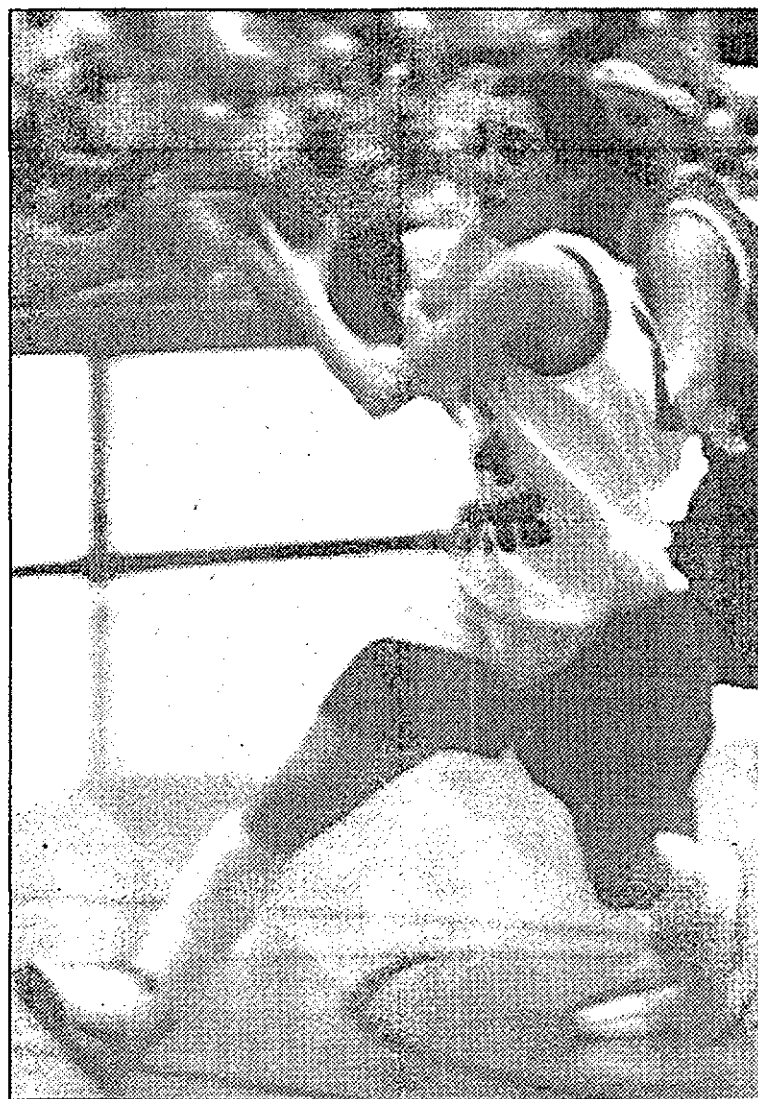
Junior Alyson Vogrin (seven points, four assists) made a basket with 12:07 remaining in the first half to give YSU their first lead, 13-11. They never looked back after that, taking a 13 point lead at the break, 43-30.

The starters rested much of the second half and YSU still ended up outscoring the Kangaroos 38-35. UMKC was plagued by poor shooting (36 percent) and turn-overs (22).

Junior Brienne Kenneally had a game-high 25 points on 10 of 14 shooting, including two of four from downtown. Kenneally also grabbed four rebounds, handed out three assists, and had four steals in 30 minutes.

Junior center Nikki Pope registered a double-double, the second of her career, with 11 points and 10 rebounds. Leslie Majewski chipped in with 10 points in her final game at Beeghly.

Missy Young, the only other senior, scored nine points and crashed the boards six times.



Jolyn Rozzi, The Jambar

TAKING IT TO THE HOOP: Freshman guard Tonia Watkins moves in to lay down two points for the Lady Penguins.

In Thursday's contest, the Lady Penguins routed a previously hot Oral-Roberts team, 77-40, at home. YSU took the wind out of Oral Roberts' sails early by mounting a 45-15 lead by half-time. YSU shot a scorching 45 percent from the field in the first session.

YSU did it with great defense and outstanding rebounding. Junior Jen Lyden held ORU stand-out Krista Ragan (17 ppg) to just eight points on two of eight shoot-

ing. The Lady Penguins made ORU commit 28 turnovers as well as out-rebounding them 45-41.

Kenneally (15 points, four assists), Young (13 points, nine boards) and sophomore Darbi O'Brien (12 points, seven rebounds) were all in double figures. Majewski had eight points.

The women end their regular season with a 19-8 record, including 12-4 in the Mid-Con. They open the first round of the Mid-Con Tourney Saturday in Fort Wayne, Ind.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Today
Auditions for "Hamlet II - Better than the Original," by Sam Bobrick, are being held from 4 to 6 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. in the University Theatre's Green Room in Bliss Hall. For more information, call 742-3105 during regular business hours.

Pan African Student Union is having a meeting at 1 p.m. in room 2069 in Kilcawley Center. Meetings are every Tuesday. Contact Eboni Bogan at 742-3595 or at pasu-ysu@hotmail.com for more information.

"Focus," is on WYSU, 88.5 FM: "Celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King's Dream," with Rev. Lonnie Simon, pastor emeritus, New Bethel Baptist Church, and Rev. David Kaminsky, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Youngstown, at 7 p.m. Host is Victor Wantatah.

Wednesday
The Outdoor Adventure Club is having a meeting from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Cardinal Room in Kilcawley Center. The meeting is being held to plan the ski and spring trips. Contact Michael Ciccone at (330) 480-8069 or at cicconemike@hotmail.com for more information.

The Diversity Conference Planning Committee is having a meeting at 4 p.m. in the Women's Center to plan "Beyond the Comfort Zone 2000 Diversity Conference" for May 2. Contact Jill at 742-2311 for more information.

The History Club is having a forum at 1 p.m. in room 2069 in Kilcawley Center. Matt Curry, history, will speak on "Give Me Liberty or Give Me a Refund: Colonial Media and the Quest for American Liberty, 1765-1775." Contact Martin Berger at 742-3455 for more information.

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