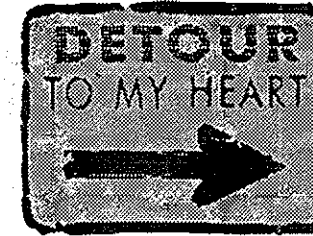




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Valentine's Day used to promote safe sex

By LANNIE KEELEY
The Bradley Scout (Bradley U.)

(U-WIRE) PEORIA, Ill. — With 15 million Americans expected to contract a sexually transmitted disease this year, chances are your date for Valentine's Day could be carrying something more than flowers.

That's why the American Social Health Association designated Feb. 14 National Condom Day in an effort to combat the widespread outbreak of STDs in the United States.

"The promotion of safe sex on campus should be encouraged," Craig White, Bradley University senior, communications, said. "You don't think catching an STD could happen to you, but it only takes one bad decision."

In the past, ASHA has distributed condoms and other materials on campuses around the country, but poor funding has forced it to discontinue such efforts this year.

Instead, ASHA wants to raise awareness of STDs by reminding people to behave responsibly.

"We encourage people to talk openly and honestly with their sexual partners about the sensitive subject of condoms as a way to reduce the risk of STDs," ASHA President and CEO Linda Alexander said.

Fortunately, BU students seem to be listening.

According to Christina Nulty, director of the BU Health Center, STDs do not seem to be a large problem on campus, and BU ranks

near the STD national average. But she said she supports ASHA's campaign to lessen the problem even further.

"Any time we have the opportunity to educate students on STDs, I think it's a good idea," Nulty said.

Some Peoria officials are less optimistic about STD rates, though.

Peoria's STD rate is above the Illinois average, and Peoria county has more cases of STD infections than the surrounding counties, according to Randy McClallen, coordinator of healthy lifestyles for the Peoria health department.

And those numbers only include reported cases. Most carriers of STDs don't know they are infected.

For example, an estimated 45 million Americans have genital herpes, but 80 percent of those don't know they carry the disease, said Michael Stalker, ASHA director of media relations.

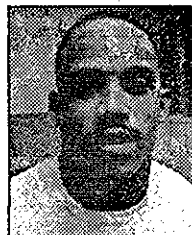
High rates of infection and low levels of awareness combine to make sexual promiscuity riskier than ever.

Because of the dangers, Nicole Woods, BU senior, civil engineering, said she feels abstinence is the best prevention of STDs.

"But if you were going to promote the use of condoms, Valentine's Day is probably the best time," she said.

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How do you feel about National Condom Day?



Brenton Code
freshman
civil engineering

Favorite Brand: Trojan

There should be a national condom day. If you're going to practice sex, you should practice safely. You should also be aware of all the diseases out there.



Tim Crowe
freshman
business

Favorite Brand: Trojan

[National Condom Day] is a good thing. It's a good way to educate people about the proper usage of condoms.



Jennifer Simon
sophomore
criminal justice

no preference

National Condom Day is a good idea. A lot of people don't realize that it's not something to be ashamed of. It really brings to light things that wouldn't otherwise be discussed.



Micheal "Barney" Barnett
junior
elementary education

Favorite Brand: Trojan

It's a very good thing. It helps promote safe sex and helps protect [people].



Justin Bechtel
freshman
civil engineering

no preference

It's a good thing. It helps promote safe sex and helps with the birth control problem and with the spread of sexually transmitted diseases.

ASHA sponsors Condom Day

By JACKIE SPENCE
Jambar Assistant Editor

Feb. 14 is not only Valentine's Day but also National Condom Day. This is the 11th consecutive year that the American Social Health Association has sponsored National Condom Day, according to Michael Stalker, director, media relations.

Stalker said since 1914 ASHA has been spreading awareness about sexually transmitted diseases, and 11 years ago ASHA created National Condom Day to spread awareness about wearing a condom during sexual intercourse. "AIDS and other STDs were

talked about a lot 11 years ago, so the talk of condoms became more prominent," he said.

The Jambar spoke with representatives from Student Health Services, The Women's Center and campus greek organizations. None of these organizations said they are participating in National Condom Day.

Nurses at Student Health Services said it did not have the money to purchase condoms for campus-wide distribution.

Stalker said ASHA did not receive the funding they needed to bring awareness programs to campuses like YSU, but he hopes to get

funding in the future to spread the awareness across the nation.

Stalker said ASHA did a study in 1998 funded by the Kaiser Family Foundation in California that estimated 15.3 million cases of STDs are diagnosed every year, and about 4 million of those are teens between the ages of 15 and 19 years old.

"We encourage people to talk to their sex partners about STDs and to use condoms because it is sometimes impossible to tell if someone has an STD. We have a national hotline that is open 24

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For more on National Condom Day, see page 11.

Professor, former union president dies

By VALERIE BANNER
Jambar Editor

Students and faculty in the department of sociology and anthropology reacted Monday to the news of the death of a tenured professor.

Mark Shutes, associate professor, sociology and anthropology, died Sunday evening of cardiac arrest. Shutes had been recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and was undergoing chemotherapy treatments, said Dr. John White, chair, sociology and anthropology. "Shutes' death was quite sudden," White said.

Calling hours are tentatively set from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at Edward J. Fox and Sons Funeral Home, 4700 Market St. Services will begin 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Shutes was still teaching classes this semester, and White said he had to tell the students about his death.

"If you could see the tears, you'd be profoundly moved," said White.

Shutes previously held the position of YSU-OEA, the faculty union, president. Dr. David Porter, associate professor, political science, recently took over as presi-



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dent. Porter could not be reached for comment Monday.

Dr. Paul Sracic, associate pro-

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Napster hangs on edge of oblivion

By CHRIS GIEDNER
Jambar Reporter

The U.S. Court of Appeals in San Francisco ruled Monday that the Napster Web-based music trading service must stop trading copyrighted materials. This ruling could have a great effect on college students, one of the service's prime users.

Students on YSU's campus didn't seem too upset by the ruling.

Kitty Prayong, sophomore, criminal justice, said, "I'll just go to another site that has free music. Even though they closed Napster, another one will pop up."

Because Napster has said such a ruling could force it to shut down its service, many college students

and other users prepared for the ruling with heavy song-swapping Sunday night, according to the Associated Press.

Napster was not forced to shut down completely, according to the ruling, but rather to wait for the lower judge in the case to issue an injunction, which would force Napster to stop trading those songs that have been copyrighted.

Regardless, students said Napster already has made its mark.

Ed Vasko, junior, engineering, said, "There is no way of controlling it completely. There is a site called *programsliknapster.com*."

He recommended students who use Napster "go to that site and enjoy."

NEWS BRIEFS

Alice D. Burger of Cortland, associate to the dean, Bitonte College of Health and Human Services, and former director of the dental hygiene program, has been named the interim dean of the college by President David Sweet.

The appointment of Burger follows the appointment of Dr. John Yemma, dean of the college, to the position of interim provost. Both Yemma and Burger will serve in their interim assignments until a new provost is named.

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essor, political science, said he knew Shutes through the Ohio Education Association. Sracic is the higher education representative for the OEA.

He said, "It was Mark's idea [for me to become the representative]. That was typical of Mark to get new people involved."

Shutes himself seemed to be involved in many organizations. In addition to being union president, he was in the citizen's league, a member of ACTION and a member of the advisory committee for the American studies program.

Shutes received his undergraduate degree from YSU and did

graduate work at the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Sherry Linkon, coordinator, American studies, said Shutes "was one of those people who's really interested in trying to build connections across campus."

"For me at least, that's what I'm going to miss about him," she said.

White, however, is going to miss something different about Shutes.

"I'm going to miss him more as a person than as a colleague. You can replace colleagues, but you can't replace your friends," he said.

YSU's most wanted: computer disks disappear

By SUSAN BROWN KELLY
Jambar Reporter

Kristina Lenker, senior, English, worked for several hours on the first five pages of her English paper. The next day, she discovered she had left the lab without her disk. She went back to the lab, looked all around the computer station she'd used and looked around the sign-in area.

"I couldn't find it anywhere," she said.

When she learned the computer labs on campus keep a box or basket of left-behind disks behind the desk, she said she was shocked.

"I had no idea they kept them like that. Maybe my disk was in one of those boxes!" she said.

Derrick Davis, junior, computer graphics and digital imaging, said he has had similar experiences.

"When I went back to look for my disks, they were gone," he said. "It's happened a few times."

Kareen Neal, senior, telecommunications and film, agreed with Davis that once you leave your disks behind, "they're gone forever."

"I usually go right back to look, and I haven't found one yet," she said.

According to one lab technician, finals week is the "busiest" time for left-behind disks.

Sonny Forrow, senior, CSCI, said, "The highest usage time in our labs is during finals week. That's also when more disks are left behind. We keep a basket in plain view so students can check

In a recent survey, lab workers were asked the following questions: 1. How many disks do you currently have unclaimed in your lab? 2. How many computer stations are in your lab? 3. What are your hours? 4. Do people ever return to ask for their disks? 5. What happens to disks that are never picked up?

Meshel Computer Lab, 2nd floor: 80 disks left at 90 computer stations

Cushwa Lab, 3rd floor: 10-15 disks left at 29 stations

Beeghly College of Ed: 9 disks left at 25 stations

Maag Library: 30 disks left at 38 stations

DeBartolo: 50 disks total left at 105 stations in the basement and 40 stations on the second floor

Williamson, 4th floor: 50 disks left at 30 stations

Lab Hours:

Meshel Hall: 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday

Cushwa Hall: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Sat. & Sun. Closed.

Beeghly College of Education: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sun. Closed.

Maag Library Computer Lab: 7:30 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Saturday, 1 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Sunday.

DeBartolo Labs: 7:45 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Closed Weekends.

Williamson Hall: 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday.

retrieve a lost one.

"It's rare that a zip disk gets left behind, but we do occasionally get music CDs. Usually people come right back for the music," said John Rahanti, senior, CSCI, lab tech in Meshel Hall.

He said very few students return for disks, and if they discover a missing disk, they usually call first before making a trip.

Computer labs can be reached by using campus phones. If students call to check on disks from off campus, they must use operator assistance in order to reach the labs.

them."

Rachel Ulrich, freshman, exercise science, works in the Maag Library computer lab.

"We get about one or two disks per day. We keep them in a box. Most students come right back when they discover they've left one. But some never show up," she said.

Many students are not checking for lost disks, judging by the numbers currently sitting in boxes in YSU computer labs. At the end of each term, the disks are either given to supervisors or kept in the labs in case someone tries to

It's 3am. Call the IRS and hang up real fast.

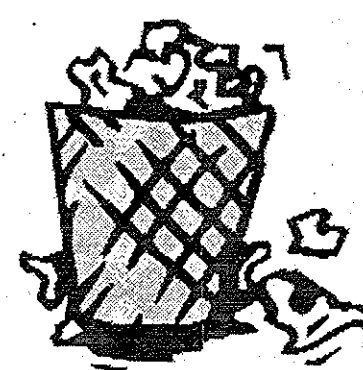
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Editorial Celebrate National Condom Day

The date Feb. 14 brings with it all sorts of connotations: hearts, valentines, roses and condoms. Yes, you read right. And no, we don't mean condoms have become a staple of Valentine's Day activities — Wednesday is National Condom Day.

According to a statistic from the Ohio Job and Family Services' Market Analysis of Key Workforce Trends, there are 23 teen pregnancies per 1,000 girls ages 10 to 19 in Mahoning County.

With that kind of a statistic Condom Day should become our next national holiday and not just an awareness day.

The day is sponsored by the American Social Health Association to help encourage and raise safe sex awareness.

Sex is everywhere: in movies, on television, in Primitime, in books, in advertisements and just about everywhere else — and none of it is safe.

According to an article from *usatoday.com* about Condom Day, one-fifth of the U.S. population has a sexually transmitted disease, two-thirds of all STDs occur in people 25 or younger, one-fourth of new STD infections occur in teenagers, and nearly 400,000 Americans currently have AIDS, with approximately 50,000 new cases per year.

If those are not compelling reasons for the need for condom awareness, consider this fact from the USA Today article: "According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, five of the 10 most frequently reported infectious diseases in the USA — chlamydia, gonorrhea, AIDS, syphilis and hepatitis B — are STDs."

Condom Day may not be the great savior of curbing the teen pregnancy rate, but at least it is an effort.

There are so many issues that go into a discussion on safe sex that one day out of the 365 that people may have sex seems almost moot. But if it raises the slightest awareness and prevents one pregnancy, or the spread of one STD, it is well worth the time.

Abstinence is a great idea, but it's a little too ideal to be effective. The fact is people, particularly young people, are having sex, and if that sex is unprotected, turning a deaf ear and preaching abstinence instead of sex education will only worsen the problem.

Condom Day is a chance to educate people about the necessity of safe sex and hopefully prepare people for the responsibility that comes with being sexually active.

The Greenspan plan

CAROL WILSON
Jambar Assistant Editor

When I walked into a restaurant a couple months ago and entered the lounge area, I found all eyes glued to the television. I could have spun cartwheels across the floor and no one would have paid me a bit of attention. It was one of those live CNN "special reports."

"Geez, not another tragedy," I thought, so I asked the person next to me what happened, and he pointed to the television and said Alan Greenspan had just dropped interest rates.

Sure enough, when I focused in, there was this bespectacled gentleman speaking into a microphone, waving his hands around and answering reporters' questions. Big whoop-de-doo; interest rates? Is that what everyone's so mesmerized over?

Apparently Greenspan was explaining why he dropped interest rates and reporters were firing questions about what affect this can have on Wall Street and the overall economy in general, which was about to go into another tizzy in light of this most recent move. Wall Street, the stock market, I know little about either. The only stock I care about is the kind that corn comes from.

It was shortly after that I read a newspaper article about a couple. There was a picture of the two of them sitting on brand new Harley

Davidson motorcycles. They were able to afford the bikes because of generous returns on stock market investments. And right about the time they were shopping around for a yacht, disaster struck. Their stocks took a nose-dive downward. They were wiped out. Their once healthy portfolio had a net worth of zero, and their dream of purchasing another luxury item had to be scratched.

It seemed anyone fortunate enough to have made a lot of money recently in the stock market was, as I understand it, riding on what investors had termed the "wave" of prosperity that high tech stocks were yielding, and the first half of 2000 was lucrative for many stock investors. But the second half of 2000 saw a change, and many investors lost a lot of money.

Even more recently there has been all the gloomy forecasts about companies having to lay off employees, and there has even been talk of a recession. So around the end of January, Greenspan was back in the headlines. He had been playing with interest rates again. And this time I wasn't so nonchalant about it. I wanted to learn more about this man and what part he's playing in all of this.

Federal Reserve Chairman Greenspan, who is serving his fourth term as FRC, is a most powerful individual. I have learned that the FRC operates completely independent of our federal govern-

ment, and policy meetings are held in secret with little or no intervention from Congress or the president.

Since World War II, countries with strong, independent central banks have experienced lower inflation than countries where politicians have a greater say of monetary policy.

But back to Greenspan — what is he really up to? Well, this is the big picture from what I can tell — a series of interest-rate cuts will prevent the economy from "hitting the wall." Lowering the cost of borrowing money will, Greenspan hopes, stimulate corporate investment and boost consumer consumption. Consumer confidence, it appears, is low and people are hanging on to their money. People are scared, and I can sure understand. The cost of heat alone has people scrambling, and who can operate a business or maintain a home without heat? It's down to this — do we eat or stay warm?

From everything I've read, I like Greenspan; I have to, he's giving us hope for sound future economic growth, which this country needs right now. Maybe I'm looking at this whole situation through rose-colored glasses, but I'm optimistic.

It's still too early to tell what effect Greenspan's latest move will have on the economy, but one fact is certain — all eyes are on you, Greenspan.

Turkish ban readdressed

NIHAL ULUS
Jambar Contributor

Understanding Turkey's history and culture is important when writing about the customs and religions of the country.

As a Turkish girl having lived in Turkey for the first 15 years of my life, going back to visit during the time I have been here and following up with the news in Turkey gives me insight into the issues surrounding the country.

A previous article stated that 75 percent of Turkish women wear the hijab. However, that number is very much exaggerated.

One important point is although the majority of Turkey's population is Muslim, this does not necessarily mean that all Turkish Muslims are conservative.

I am going to try to explain the other side of the story — the story of secular Turks who are the majority in Turkey — related to the headscarf issue (it is not the issue of innocent headscarf where Turkish women in villages wear, the political type of headscarf which is worn in a certain way).

There has been a rise in Islamic fundamentalism in Turkey, especially in recent years. Usually fundamentalism is caused by inequalities in income, government corruption and lack of opportunities.

Turkey has been a secular country since its founding in 1923

when Mustafa Kemal Ataturk made great reforms to westernize and modernize it. One of those reforms involved clothing; for example, instead of wearing a fez, men were to wear hats.

In government places no religious symbols were allowed, and the headscarf is one of them. In Turkey, a headscarf is seen as "anti-democratic" and against the secular identity of the republic. Therefore, allowing headscarves in universities would allow religion to encroach upon the secular and democratic public space of the republic.

Even though I did not attend college in Turkey, many of my friends have. I am informed of all the problems related to the headscarf issue in Turkish universities. Many fundamentalist groups in Turkey are paying girls to cover and to influence their friends to cover. Apparently, some students need the money so badly that they accept.

Not all women who cover do it by choice; some cover because of pressure from religious groups, some feel obligated to fathers, brothers and husbands and, of course, some, who I respect, wear it because they believe in it.

It is true that girls in universities are not allowed to wear headscarves, but NOT because secular rulers think that will prevent them from learning; it is because the headscarf is being used to get the

religious Virtue Party into power. It is not an innocent custom anymore; it has become political more than anything else. Control of the government by a religious party would lead to many undesirable changes such as Turkey moving farther from the West and having much stricter rules; women cannot work where they like, must cover head to toe, must go to separate schools and other public places and much more.

If Turkey is ruled by shariat (Islamic law), it will not allow ANY women to have ANY freedom. The head cover in Turkey is a symbol of religious law, which most Turks do not want. Turkey would become another Iran where the women do not have the right to dress as they want. That is, if you do not want to cover, by law, you must!

Sister Merve Kavakci, a member of Turkey's parliament, wore her hijab at her swearing ceremony as a provocation even though she was warned days before that she could not be sworn in with a head cover.

In addition, Kavakci was also a U.S. citizen when she ran for Parliament in Turkey. Would the United States allow anyone with citizenship of another country to run for political positions? How can we tell if she will protect Turkish or American interests?

I would like to say that people should have freedom, but if it is going to cost other people's freedom, we need to be careful.

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Big Macs and chemistry create Valentine's success

By JEFFREY EISENBERG
Cavalier Daily (U. Virginia)

(U-WIRE) CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — I can make your life better. Here are some of my ideas for making your Valentine's Day extremely special. You can thank me later, after my suggestions substantially improve your love life.

Don't go to classes. This is a day of colossal significance. You can't let little things, such as your education, get in the way of celebrating this holiday.

This may upset your professors, so escaping your obligations will require a bit of finesse. I recommend sending the following letter, which assuredly will earn you sympathy.

"Dear (insert professor's name),

I have somewhere more important to be than your class Wednesday. Please don't take offense. I'm sure if you were in a committed relationship or were planning to spend Valentine's Day with a special someone, other than your cat, you would be skipping your own class. Well, not everyone can be as cool as I am. I wish you the very best. I'll see you next week, and I'll be shedding tears of pity for you since you have to go to class tomorrow.

Sincerely,
(insert your name)"

This approach weaves a balance of direct explanation with an ounce or two of empathy for the pathetic plight that your professor surely will be dealing with on Tuesday. Last year, this approach worked like a charm. My professors liked my letter so much that, later in the semester, they called on me to answer questions, even when my hand was not raised.

Some of them even felt comfortable enough to joke around

with me by calling me a "jerk." It's a good thing we connected on such a personal level because they seemed able to handle it when I hurled some funny names — such as tool, imp and the like — back at them.

The bottom line is, don't let your education get in the way of having a good Valentine's Day.

What to give. There's nothing more romantic to give that special someone than a big wad of cash. Okay, I'll stop harping on this point. If you actually are considering gifts, here are some ideas.

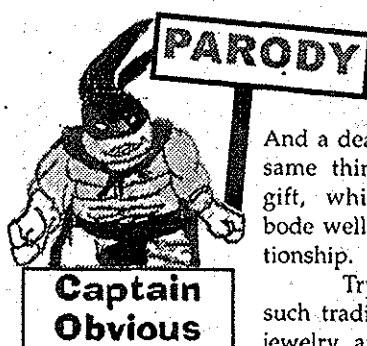
I recommend an organic chemistry textbook for that really important person. It is great for a sleepless night because it will change that fact in an instant. It also subtly suggests to your guy/girl that he/she should go to medical school and make a lot of money for you. But most of all, it will make your partner think of the organic chemistry between the two of you.

What a special thought. Don't be discouraged if, in giving this gift, you are met with a big slap across the face. It's just a playful sign of affection in appreciation of how thoughtful your gift is.

Maybe a text on organic chemistry isn't up your alley. Perhaps you have a more hands-on approach. That's OK too.

You could give your boyfriend/girlfriend a nice potted plant. It's much more economical than an organic chemistry textbook, but it will do the same work. If you get the potted plant hurled at your face, it is probably because your partner is eager get it planted in the ground right away.

If this happens, it is urgent that you find a pitcher of water to hurl back, because it is amazing how many people rush to get their



plants in the ground but forget to water them. And a dead plant is the same thing as a dead gift, which does not bode well for your relationship.

Try to avoid such traditional gifts as jewelry and cards and hearts and chocolates because they are so unoriginal and probably will be met with a bad-natured slap across the face. It will also probably spell the end of your relationship.

Where to go. Nothing says class like McDonald's.

Buy your guy/gal a Big Mac, share some fries, and the whole event can be topped off with a romantic kiss over the Ronald McDonald placemat.

If you've seen the commercial, you'll know that true love begins at the McDonald's drive-thru.

But Valentine's is a special day — a day you take off school for — so go inside and soak up the atmosphere.

McDonald's might be too upscale for you. This is understandable; we're all on limited budgets. Nobody is saying you can't make a special meal out of dumpster remains.

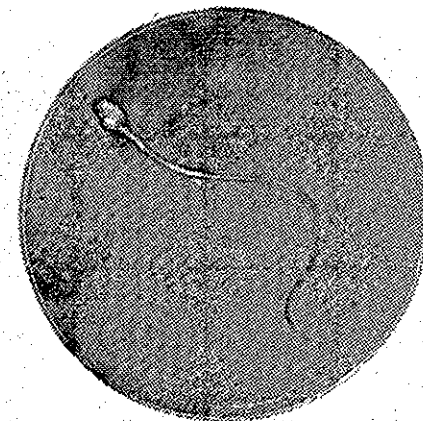
If your partner really cares about you, he/she will understand that it's the thought that counts. Just be sure you don't choose a dumpster next to a McDonald's because you might end up ruining some other person's special date, and that's just not right.

This Valentine's Day can be a special one. Follow my step-by-step advice and soon your Valentine's Day date will be yours for life. There's no need to thank me.

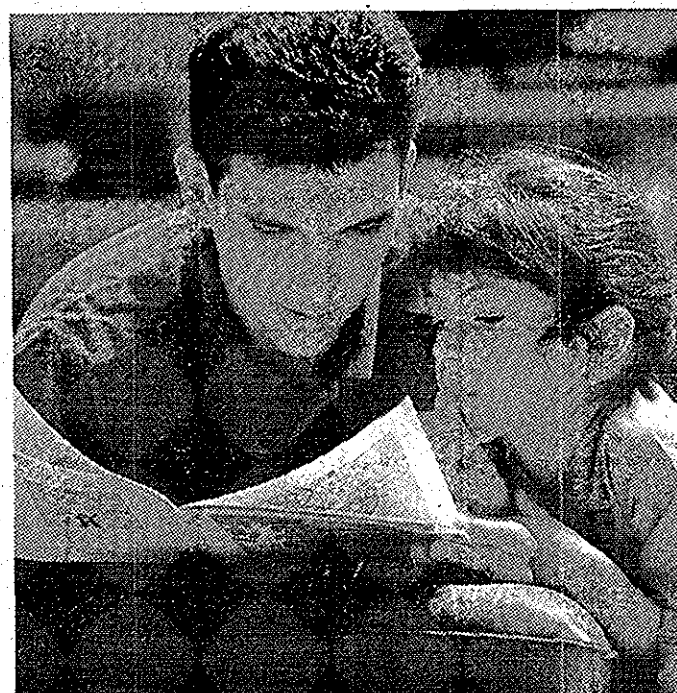
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Paper remembers founder and his legacy

By ANGELA GIANOGGIO
Jambar Editor

At the sound of the doorbell I leave my desk and walk down the short hallway to greet the still-unknown visitor.

Upon opening the door I discover an elderly gentleman with white hair and bespectacled eyes as blue as they must have been when he was 20 years old.

Clad in red and brown plaid pants either reminiscent of the 1970s or left over from an early-morning golf outing, he would smile at me, lean ever so lightly on his cane and walk into the office.

Having been on The Jambar staff for three years, the sight of Burke Lyden was not unusual. Many times I have sat with him and listened to his stories, and this day would be no different.

"Good afternoon Mr. Lyden," I say. "How have you been?"

His smile reaches his eyes, and they give off a boyish twinkle that belies his advanced age.

He says, "Oh, good, good. Still getting around," and continues into the middle of the office where he stops to take in the office that has grown and changed since his year as the top editor.

He inquires about the paper and staff members, many of whom are out of the office on this particular Tuesday.

Lyden has been a familiar face at The Jambar long before I joined the staff — well over 70 years in fact.

After all, as the paper's founder, he had more right to the office than just about anyone.

Although he often pressed his yearly subscription fee on us, we would never collect from him.

The jambar hanging on the office wall was a gift from Lyden that he had shipped from Wales along with another one for himself.

On more than one occasion Lyden regaled the staff with the story of the paper's founding and the meaning behind its name. He told stories of the Youngstown of the 1930s as well as of the steel mills, the Depression and of a man nick-named Bone-setter Reese, who had a gift for alleviating back pain.

Although the plot of the stories never changed, the details did, and every time Lyden retold the stories, I learned something new about the city in which I grew up.

But never again. Lyden died Thursday at the age of 91, and he took with him a vivid history of YSU, Youngstown and The Jambar.

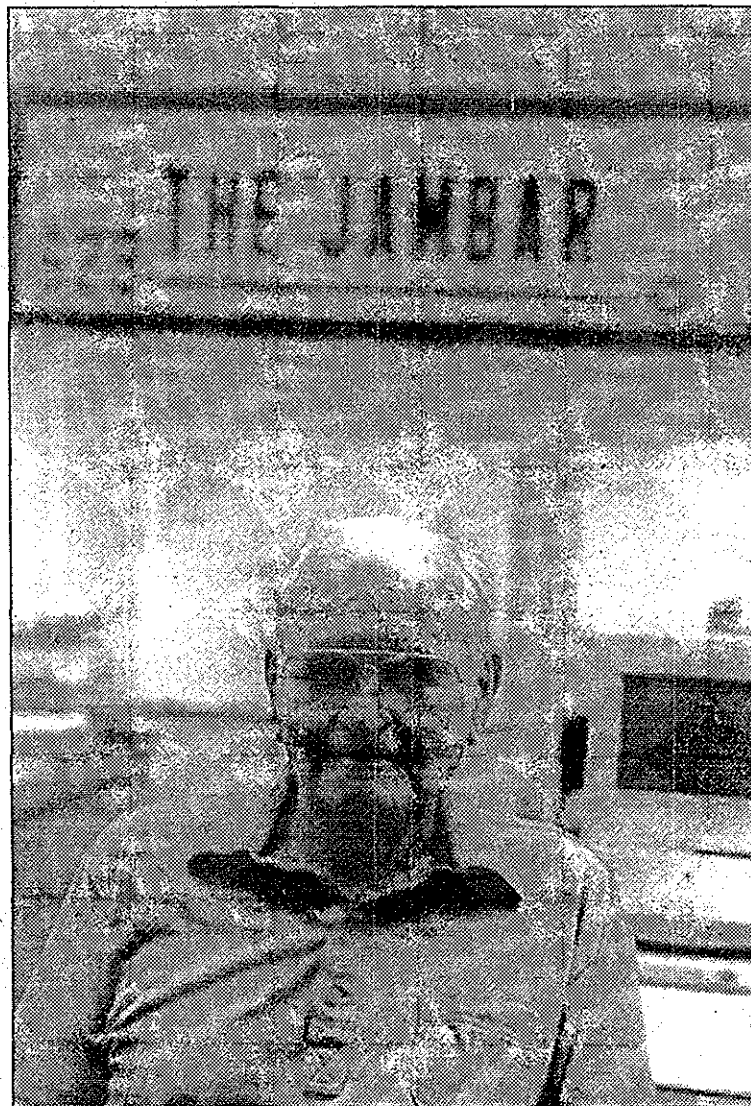
I don't know a whole lot about Lyden. Even during the several conversations we had over the past three years, 91 years is a long time to cover. But I know the stories he told, I saw the delight with which he told them, and I know that at 91 he had a memory and attention to detail that most people don't enjoy at 30.

Factually speaking, Lyden graduated from The Rayen School in 1927, he founded The Jambar in 1931, he was the first Youngstown College letter-winner having lettered in fencing, the first president of the YC Alumni Association, and he worked for the Youngstown City Water Department for 17 years.

He married Ann Higgins Aug. 22, 1935, and buried her in 1993. He had three sons, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Family members Lyden saw pass before him include his parents, one of his three sons, seven brothers, two sisters and three grandchildren.

Lyden was also so much more. He had a dedication to YSU throughout his life that few stu-



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LYDEN

dents today could even understand, let alone exhibit.

Nary a football game nor theater performance went by without Lyden in attendance.

He was up-to-date on all the campus events and changes and could always be counted on to stop by The Jambar office during the first few weeks of the fall semester to see how the new staff was doing.

Yes, I will miss Burke Lyden, but more importantly, I regret that this year's staff is the last to hear

his stories and glean the tidbits of knowledge he so willingly and eagerly dispersed to anyone who would listen.

I hope this article serves as tribute, memorial and history to the man who started this paper.

Long after I leave The Jambar and long after staff members who never knew the paper's founder replace me, this paper will continue. And through it, Burke Lyden will never quite be forgotten, though never again known.

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The cost of liberty is less than the cost of repression.

—William Edward Burghardt Du Bois



Cheaper cupids: cash-strapped students get creative

By SARAH CASALE
Jambar Reporter

Random people all across campus are walking around with dreamy looks in their eyes and permanent smiles plastered on their faces.

No, the semester's not over; it's almost Valentine's Day: a holiday of love, friendship and ... dread.

Dread? Well, it is frightening when the price of a dozen red roses leaps from \$13.99 to \$64.99 in a matter of days. For that kind of money, most students could buy a few textbooks! (OK, maybe one textbook.)

When faced with expensive

flowers and an empty wallet, aspiring Romeos and Juliets may consider tempting their lover's sweet tooth.

Luckily for cash-strapped students, there are quite a few creative ways to play Cupid this year without smashing the piggy bank.

For starters, roses are not the only flowers florists sell.

Instead of roses, a love-struck student could give his or her sweetie a bouquet of other spring flowers. Daisies, tulips, irises and other wildflowers are lovely, and they score extra points for creativity.

Another idea is to offer a handmade gift. Students can show

their artistic side by decorating a dollar-store picture frame with fabric paint, colored beads and other small trinkets. Paired with a memorable photo, the frame is a perfect display of affection.

Scissors and glue-gun aside, sometimes sweets are the fastest way to a lover's heart.

Warm chocolate-chip cookies or cupcakes with pink icing make an impressive yet easy gift. Even

the least domestic of Romeos can add eggs and water to a cake mix.

However, there is such a thing as going too far with a homemade gift.

"When I was in high school," said Melanie Sekowski, senior, biology, "my boyfriend made me this heart-shaped peppermint patty and a construction paper card with an anatomically correct heart he drew on it. It had valves and everything."

While this approach may work for some, it didn't for Sekowski's boyfriend.

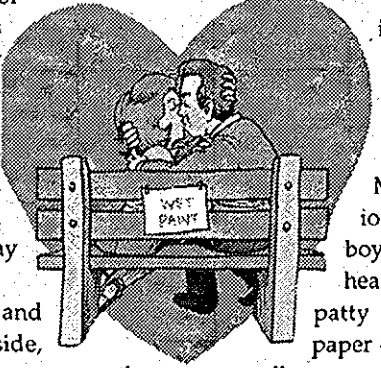
"He was pretty weird. We broke up two days later," she said.

Finally, students who feel they must buy a gift should at least break convention by offering something unique.

"This year my boyfriend is buying me Trivial Pursuit," said Desirae Durkin, sophomore, education. "I ask for it every holiday." Hopefully, panicked lovebirds are now a little better off in the gift department.

With the money they save on their loved ones, students can pamper themselves.

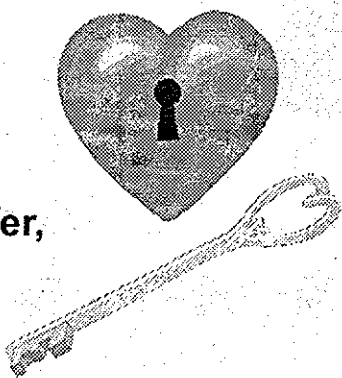
They can buy that new suspense novel, splurge on a CD or save up for a rocking spring break.



A love story:

Two YSU faculty couples talk about their relationships in time for Valentine's Day.

Dr. Thomas Kim,
assistant professor,
chemistry
Dr. Rochelle Ruffer,
associate professor,
economics



Jambar: How long have you been together?
Ruffer: We've been married almost seven and a half years. We met in March 1990, so we've known each other for 10.

J: How did you meet?
R: We met in grad school at a pot-luck dinner. He brought three homemade things, and I brought a store-bought pie. He won me over with his cooking.

J: What did you think of Dr. Ruffer the first time you met?
Kim: I thought that she was a little loud (in a fun-loving kind of way) and outspoken. But she also had a nice sense of humor; she wasn't at all pretentious, and she certainly liked my cooking.

J: What did you think of Dr. Kim the first time you met?
R: He was a good cook and a good dancer.

J: What's it like working together?
R: It's wonderful. When we come home, we can share stories, and we know the other people we are talking about. We like it because we can try to juggle schedules. This semester, we're both teaching nights but on different nights. We don't really see each other on campus, unless we're on the same committee.
K: We're at opposite ends of the campus and almost never see each other during working hours. It is convenient, however, when things come up, like a sick kid or an emergency meeting. We're equally able to deal with things.

J: How will you celebrate Valentine's Day?
R: Well, my husband teaches until 6:45 p.m., and he'll probably come home and kiss the kids and put them to bed. We don't have any plans. We are going to Pittsburgh as a family for the weekend. We're going to stay in a hotel and swim in the pool. We're not big into these Hallmark holidays. I'm an economist; I'm too practical for that.

J: What's the most romantic thing you have done for each other?
K: She took me on a surprise weekend to Tara at the beginning of the year for our anniversary and for celebrating getting tenure.
R: On a daily basis, he's an incredible partner — he watches the kids, makes dinner, does the laundry. The most romantic thing I can think of was when he proposed. We lived in Madison, Wis., and there was a lake near the apartment. He was going to propose on the lake, but he was so excited that he couldn't wait to get outside. He just proposed right by the door. I thought that was romantic that he couldn't even wait to do it like he planned.

Dr. James Schramer, professor, English
Dr. Julia Gergits, professor, English

Jambar: How long have you been together?
Gergits: We started dating while we were in graduate school at the University of Minnesota, so that was 1984. We got married in 1986 (we're coming up on 15 years of marriage this June).

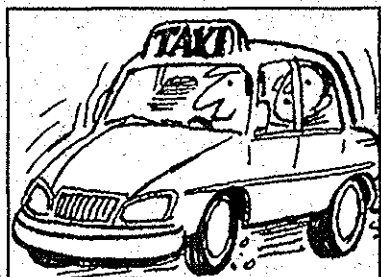
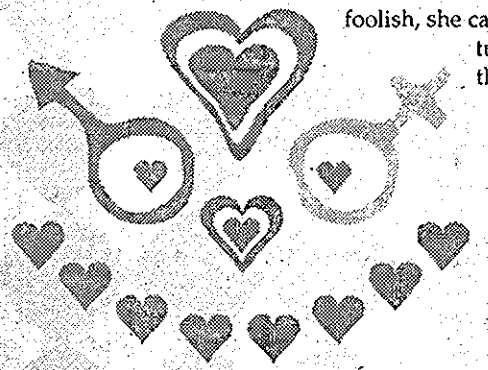
J: How did you meet?
Schramer: We met in graduate school at the University of Minnesota. Julia was graduate assistant director of the composition program, and I was in and out of the office a lot, and we began chatting.
G: I had heard about Jim through the grapevine well before I knew who he was. I was in the office all the time, and Jim had to come through to get his mail. He started talking and asked me to the ballet with him. That was a classy first date!

J: What did you think of each other when you first met?
G: He was quiet, smart, funny, athletic, open-minded — it seemed too good to be true. I kept waiting for the demon spawn part to rear its ugly head. I'm still waiting.
S: I thought Julia was bright, classy and funny — still think so.

J: What's it like working together?
S: It's great to work together. Since we are in the same department and share a teaching interest (professional writing), we understand the kind of work that we each have to do. It's a lot easier to manage your work-time when your partner understands and shares your duties. We can also serve as a reality check for the other. It's nice at the end of the day to compare notes on what we've heard and seen during the day.

J: How will you celebrate Valentine's Day?
S: Quietly — if our boys go to sleep on time. Truth is we'll probably wait until we can find a babysitter one of these upcoming weekends, and then we'll go out to dinner and to a movie or a concert.
G: We ignore it, truthfully, because it's always right in the middle of the term. We pay attention to our anniversary and to each other's birthdays. Now that we have our two sons, we can plot secret birthday parties and presents.

J: What is the most romantic thing you did for each other?
G: Tough one — Jim is thoughtful and generous, so he's always doing something or another. Recently, he made sure we had a babysitter so we could go to the Cleveland Symphony and out to dinner like regular humans. Before we were married, we went backpacking in a wilderness mountain area in Washington state. As we were climbing up Easy Pass (it was named by a sadist), I proposed to him. I asked him what the hell we were going to do since we were both finishing graduate school and had to leave the Twin Cities, and we talked as we climbed, and finally figured out that we should get married. We bought a computer to celebrate our engagement. Other people buy rings. We buy peculiar anniversary presents—for our 10th anniversary, we bought a new sink for the bathroom. We declared it to be the porcelain anniversary.
S: I was really touched when she gave me a copy of Elizabeth Barrett Browning's "Sonnets from the Portuguese" for Christmas recently. I hope that I've helped Julia do things — travel, take canoe trips into the wilderness — that she's always wanted to do. I agreed to ride on the back of her brother's motorcycle while she rode on the back of her sister's motorcycle down Archer Avenue on the southwest side of Chicago. Motorcycles scare the hokey out of me, but I'd ride anywhere with her. She keeps promising to get a motorcycle when we retire and attach a sidecar for me so that when I'm old and foolish, she can dress me in funny costumes and drive around the country. Sounds great.



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Harvard survey confirms alcohol stereotypes

By RACHEL E. DRY
Harvard Crimson (Harvard U.)

(U-WIRE) CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Harvard University binges less often than the rest of the nation, but true to common campus assumptions, athletes and final club members pick up the slack for the rest of the College.

More than 70 percent of Harvard athletes reported binge drinking at least once in a two-week period, compared to just 45 percent of the overall student population, a survey conducted by The Crimson found.

Three quarters of final club members binge drink and more than a fifth are frequent bingers — almost twice the rate for Harvard as a whole. And true to national averages, Harvard men drink at considerably higher rates than Harvard women. But one group of students consistently resists the lure of inebriation — members of religious organizations abstain at twice the levels of all students, and less than 30 percent report bingeing.

At Harvard, then, common stereotypes about college drinking largely hold true — athletes, final club members and men drink more, while religious students drink less — images which the groups largely accept.

The myth of college athletes who play hard and drink hard pervades American culture — movies, magazines and television all show alcohol flowing freely through college sports.

At Harvard, this myth has a basis in reality. Athletes binge more often than the general population and drink harder when they choose to imbibe. Almost 20 percent of athletes reported having had more than six drinks the last time they drank, compared with 7 percent of Harvard as a whole. And sports team members said they become intoxicated more than 70 percent of the time they drink, much greater than the campus rate of about 50 percent.

Alcohol-as-stress-relief is one reason athletes drink more, says Shawn D. Parker, junior, a three-year member of the varsity football and indoor track teams. "People feel like they're working hard in practice [and] busting their butt to stay on top of their books, so when Saturday night comes they figure 'Why not? I deserve it,'" Parker says. Another reason athletes drink to excess, he adds, is that "after a big depressing loss some people might try to escape consciousness [by getting drunk]."

But stress relief is not the only reason athletes drink. Brooke H.

McCarthy, senior, co-captain of the women's soccer team, says her team drinks together to celebrate games or to bond with teammates. McCarthy says these social situations are safe for drinkers because "you always have 27 other people looking out for you."

Despite these assurances of support, however, twice as many athletes as all students said their drinking has caused them to forget where they were or what they did so far this year.

Athletes at Harvard may be more inclined to drink because of their outgoing personalities, says Megan M. Austin, senior, co-captain of the women's varsity lacrosse team. "I think that athletes are a more social group of people on the whole, especially here. These people would be [drinking] anyway," Austin says. "Athletes do go out more, but I think it has more to do with them being social than with them being athletes."

Athletes acknowledge that they do drink more, but Parker and more than thirty other student-athletes are taking steps to make sure drinking does not get out of control.

Parker serves on the Undergraduate Advisory Committee, which works with the Athletic Department to schedule

two mandatory meetings for all athletes at the beginning of the year that stress realistic and safe drinking habits.

At one of the meetings, Mike F. Green, president of Collegiate Consultants on Drugs and Alcohol, speaks to Harvard's athletes, encouraging them to drink responsibly rather than abstain entirely. "Athletes are on a gratification system," Green says. "They feel like they've been deprived of social time, so they may go overboard when they get the chance."

Athletes say Green's pragmatic approach makes him more effective.

"I think it's helped a lot," Parker says. "It's not like a lecture. He knows you're going to drink — he tells you how to take care of yourself."

A one-shot lecture cannot cover everything, however, so coaches say they also look out for their athletes.

"I've got a few guys who I know I have to keep an eye on, just like anybody," says Joe Walsh, the head coach of Harvard's baseball team.

Walsh says he recognizes that players will drink — he just does not want not students to hurt themselves or the team. Walsh checks in on players in their hotel

rooms and keeps a curfew while the team is on the road, he says.

"My only rule is that baseball is a priority," Walsh says. "I'm sure that good times are going on, whether that includes alcohol or not."

Longtime observers of Harvard athletics say the current system, with stricter rules and mandatory meetings, has curbed athletes' drinking.

"I can honestly say that in the late '70s [and] early '80s there was a problem, and the problem was that we didn't have the policy that we have now," says Carole Kleinfelder, who has coached women's lacrosse for more than two decades.


House-sponsored happy hours and the 18-year-old drinking age made it difficult to crack down on drinking, she says. Today, the women's lacrosse team, like many other teams, uses a "48-hour rule" honor code system where athletes promise not to drink two days before a game.

"We all know that there is a point at which you can hide it, but your teammates will know," Kleinfelder says.

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Sociology students to aid authorities with study

By CAROL WILSON
Jambar Assistant Editor

The sociology 851 social research class is in the midst of gathering data for a long-term research project, results of which will serve the community as well as provide students with actual work in the field.

The research group has been chosen to explore all aspects of domestic violence and will conduct its research in Trumbull County. Some students have been designated to explore heterosexual abuse while others are looking into homosexual abuse.

Rachel Rodabaugh, senior, arts and sciences, said, "Each person in the class has his or her own little niche as to what aspect of domestic violence he or she will be exploring. This is a comprehensive research. For years to come other classes will refer back to this project. This is our maiden voyage into the courts of Trumbull County, so to speak."

Dr. Qu Jiang, assistant professor, sociology and anthropology, said, "The research project is the core course of our department and is done over two semesters. Students in the first semester learn theory; they do a lot of reading and defining through their text and then develop a research proposal. The second semester is when they begin to collect the actual data."

Rodabaugh said, "It's impor-

tant now to establish a rapport with Trumbull County authorities. Future 850 and 851 classes are required to do a research project, and they will follow up on what we're doing; this is a long-term study."

The research has, however, run into a snag. Even though police reports are public record, Trumbull County authorities cannot spare extra employees to perform the time-consuming task of deleting names and other pertinent information before copying police reports that the 851 class needs to determine results. They are asking the university for \$12 per hour to compensate someone for their time to copy records.

"We want to go as far back as 1995, so that's a lot of records," said Rodabaugh.

Jiang, said, "There is a need for this sort of information to be gathered. There is so much that depends on the changes in the law, how the justice system treats the victim and the offender. We want to track many different aspects and look at the trends. This is a longitudinal study, and results will be used for future reference."

The 851 class has plans to raise funds but is asking anyone interested in donating can make checks payable to Domestic Violence Research Project and can drop off or mail to the sociology and anthropology department, fourth floor, Debartolo Hall.

Students waltz to new club

By CAROL WILSON
Jambar Assistant Editor

Anyone looking to blow off some steam and have some fun at the same time might like to consider the YSU Dance Club.

The Dance Club, organized last year, is committed to promoting, in particular, ballroom dancing.

The president of the Dance Club, Amanda Newton, sophomore, psychology, said, "This activity gives people the opportunity to learn and, above all, enjoy social dancing. The main focus is on ballroom dancing; however, the

dance club instructs participants in other methods of dance. All-time favorites such as the waltz, the tango, the foxtrot, the cha-ch and the samba are being performed and learned by dance-club members too."

Plus, Newton points out, swing dancing is also taught and performed, which members really enjoy.

If you're just a beginner or have no dance experience, that is all the more reason to join, according to Newton.

"We really want beginners, and we encourage these people to join. How else will anyone learn if

they don't give it a try? I think they'll be happy they did; it's just so much fun," Newton said.

"This club was a way for me to really become part of this university. When I first started here, I didn't know a lot of people, and these are now some of my best friends. If anyone is looking for an extracurricular activity to become involved in at this university, this is a great opportunity. And don't worry about a partner; there's always someone to dance with here," Newton added.

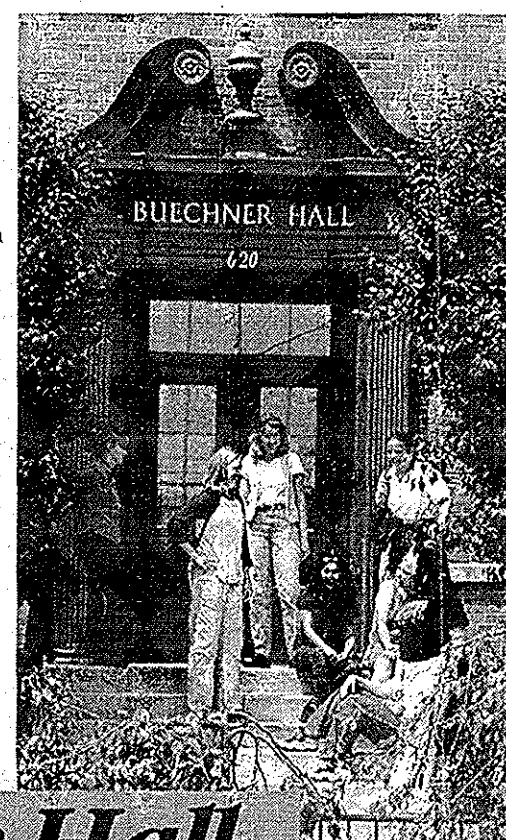
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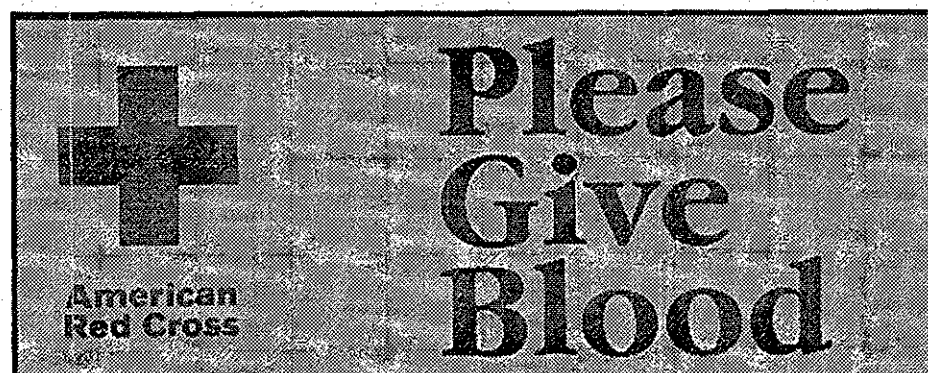
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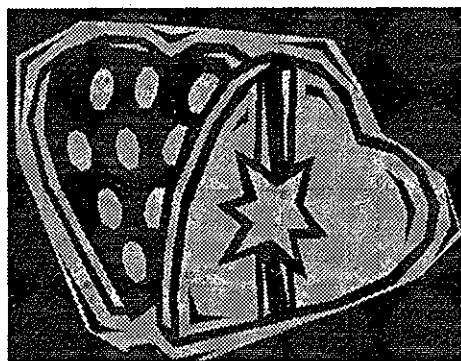
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The YSU men's indoor track and field team recorded a total of 47 points at the All-Ohio Championships to bring home the best All-Ohio finish in the 12-year history of the program.

Paul Robinette, sophomore, Kurt Michealis, freshman, and Tim Tatarka, junior, each earned All-Ohio honors for their third-place performances.

In the 5,000-meter run, Robinette blazed a personal-best time of 15 minutes and 24 seconds to score for the Penguins while Michealis, YSU's top performer in the mile, earned points for his time of 4:16.

Tatarka put forth a personal-best performance in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 8:43 to round out the third-place finishes.

Eugene Harris, sophomore, gave a solid performance in the sprinting events with sixth place finishes in both the 200-meter and 60-meter dash.

In the 200, Harris clocked in with a personal-best time of 22.31 seconds and in the 60, he ran a time of 6.96.

Tony Orceña, sophomore, also recorded a personal-best time to earn crucial points for the men with a 12th-place time of 8 minutes and 52 seconds in the 3,000.

In the 5,000, Adam Belmonte, junior, placed ninth with a time of 15 minutes and 46 seconds while Brian Laraway, senior, finished close behind with a time of 15:55 to place 10th.

The distance medley relay of Jeri Hull, senior, Jon Krezczowski, freshman, and Tatarka pulled together to finish fourth overall with a time of 10:58.

Michael Cameron rounded out the points in the field events with a fifth-place leap of 44 feet in the triple jump.

On the women's side, Janae Stephens, junior, picked up the team's total of five points. She placed fifth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 58.71.

The YSU men and women's indoor track and field teams will compete in Kent at the Sam Bair Open Saturday.

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Lady Penguins win; Coach DiGregorio hits the 300 mark

By MIKE SANTILLO
Jambar Reporter

Saturday night at Beeghly Center could not have gone any better for Head Coach Ed DiGregorio. DiGregorio notched his 300th career victory at YSU, but more importantly, he got a complete effort from his team.

The Lady Penguins defeated rival Valparaiso Crusaders 74-59.

DiGregorio said, "It's great to get 300, but tonight's performance means a lot more to me."

Lately the Lady Penguins had not been playing a full 40 minutes of basketball, but that all came to an end.

Valpo got off to a quick 10-5 lead early on, but Nikki Pope, senior, and Alyson Vogrin, senior, sparked a 14-2 run early in the first half to put the Penguins up by seven. Vogrin dominated in the paint with a double-double, tossing in 21 points and was crashing the boards pulling down 11 rebounds.

Monica Vicarel, junior, went for 16 along with four assists and two steals. It was still a close contest at halftime, with the Pens up 36-30.

The teams traded hoops and for the first few minutes of the second half Vicarel hit fire.

Vicarel rattled off seven straight points, giving the Penguins a 12-point lead.

Vicarel's hot hand proved to be the turning point in the game.

Marlous Nieuwveen was the only bright spot for Valpo; she

had a game-high 24 points and snagged 15 rebounds.

Once the game was over, the big story was DiGregorio's 300th win.

He said, "I've had a great run and great kids in the process. I just went along for the ride."

He hit the 300 mark before, as a high school basketball coach. He referred to it as "patty cake ball."

Vicarel said, "He is the dean of women's basketball. This is a great win for him and this area."

DiGregorio hopes his squad will use this momentum and build on it.

"If you get kids ready to play mentally, they'll be ready to play physically. The mental part of the game is the most important," said DiGregorio.

Vogrin said, "We came together as a team. We felt we had to without Jen [Lyden]. She is our senior leader. We have been at a halt these last three games. It's nice to get this win at home."

The Penguins improved their record to 9-14 overall and 5-7 in Mid-Continent Conference standings.

The Crusaders fell to 6-17, 3-8. The Penguins shot 47 percent from the field and 31 percent from behind the arc but were out-rebounded by 43-36.

However, they out-shot Valpo from the line by 14 percent, and the defense forced 19 turnovers.

The Lady Penguins' next game is Saturday at UMKC.

Valparaiso University retains first-place conference position

By CORINNE OLLOM
Jambar Reporter

The setting had all the ingredients for an intense basketball game. However, the deafening crowd of 6,213 people was unable to shake Valparaiso University's concentration.

YSU men's basketball team fell short of a victory over the Valparaiso Crusaders Saturday night at Beeghly Center, with a final score of 82-68.

"We knew there was going to be a big turn out, unfortunately we couldn't give them a win," said Andrew Hannan, senior.

Along with the intensity of the second-largest crowd in Beeghly Center history came YSU basketball. Head Coach John Robik's all too powerful fury.

Robik's over-intensity landed him two technical fouls that forced YSU to play the remaining 4:58 without their head coach.

"I'm a competitor, and it got the best of me tonight," said Robik.

With the absence of Robik in the last 4:58 of the game, Desmond Harrison, senior, tried to make the best out of an unfortunate situation.

"I used it as a momentum to play harder," said Harrison.

The loss was a tough one for the Penguins.

They now stand 9-4 in the conference and 17-9 on the season, while Valpo respectively remains number one with a 10-2 conference record and currently

holds 19-6 for the season.

The Penguins put up a solid fight; they were only down 4 points when Robik was forced to leave the game. YSU then battled to stay alive.

"We knew at that point we just needed to pull together and pick it up that much more. It's like losing a player," said Hannan, senior.

But YSU was unable to regain momentum.

According to Robik, YSU just got beat by a better team.

Valpo connected on 11 of 19 attempts from behind the three-point line while YSU only landed three of 16.

"They just didn't go down. They'll go down next time," said Robik.

Another area that seemed to hurt the Penguins was at the foul line. Although the Penguins were able to drive in 17 of their 21 attempts, Valpo nailed 29 of 38.

Although there were many factors that led to the loss for the Penguins, Robik took responsibility and apologized to his fans and players.

"I'll never put myself or my players in that situation again," said Robik.

The season is not over, and the Penguins are quickly putting the loss behind them and refocusing for their next Mid-Continent Conference game against Southern Utah Thursday.

"We're going to move on and recover from it right away," said Harrison.

He has high hoops for women's basketball

By BREANNA DEMARCO
Jambar Editor

He is the driving force in YSU women's basketball.

He has amassed 300 career victories.

He is the dean of the Mid-Continent Conference.

With a Mid-Continent record of 92-40 wins, he is the best coach in the league.

He just won game number 300, a goal he and his team have been waiting for.

He is Head Coach Ed DiGregorio.

For more than 17 years he has primed his team, making the Lady Penguins the 31st most successful women's basketball program in the United States.

Last season, his Penguins finished with a fifth consecutive 20-win season, won the Mid-Continent Conference Tournament and advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

DiGregorio, a graduate of Youngstown's former East High School, took over the coaching position in 1983, and turned the program into a contender for Division I play.

There have been several standout seasons for the Lady Penguins.

In 1990, the Penguins finished the season with a 24-4 record while in 1995, DiGregorio, the Mid-Continent Conference Coach of the Year the previous season, led his team to their first conference regular-season and tournament title and earning a bid to the NCAA

Tournament.

In the tournament, the Penguins won three games and advanced to the NCAA Tournament where Penn State defeated them in the first round.

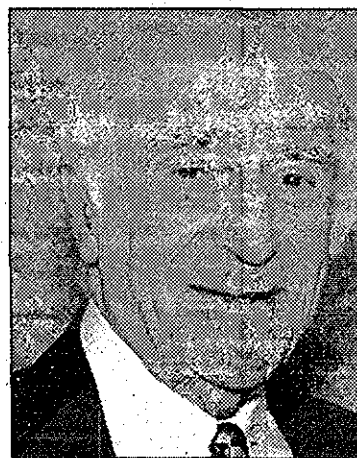
In 1998, the Penguins won the league championship for the fourth year and set a school and conference record for most wins with a 28-3 record.

By also dominating the Mid-Continent Conference with a 15-1 league mark, they set a league record with a 16-game winning streak and made their second trip to the NCAA Tournament, advancing to the second round, before being defeated by the University of Memphis 91-80.

After losing all five starters for the 1998-1999 season, DiGregorio notched his 250th career win against Wright State.

He guided the Penguins to a fifth consecutive Mid-Continent Conference regular season title, a 10-4 league record and was also named the league's Coach of the Year.

DiGregorio is also a former Mahoning Valley Coaches Association president.



COACH DIGREGORIO MAKES THIS WIN NUMBER 300.

Students to protest NESCAC playoff system

By JOSH BELKIN
Tufts Daily (Tufts University)

MEDFORD, Mass. — Students in the New England Small College Athletic Conference schools are mobilizing in protest over a policy passed three years ago that will eliminate at-large bids to the NCAA Championship Tournament beginning next fall.

Tufts student leaders are organizing a conference of students and athletes from the 11 NESCAC schools to make their opposition known to university presidents.

Starting next fall, only the winner of the NESCAC Tournament in each team sport will be able to advance to the NCAA National Championships.

However, athletes in individual-oriented sports, such as track and field, will still be allowed to compete in the NCAA Championships.

NESCAC teams will also be precluded from participating in the East Coast Athletic Conference Tournament, a smaller, regional end-of-season competition.

The policy was voted on by the NESCAC university presidents in 1998, phased in over the last two years — primarily through the inception this past fall of the NESCAC Tournaments for team sports — and is scheduled to go into effect next semester.

However, students who are organizing the conference hope they can get the NESCAC presidents to reconsider their decision.

"Getting a change made will be an uphill battle, but we are hoping to form a strong coalition for next year," Tufts Community Union Senate Vice-President Eric Greenberg said.

"Next year one team will lose out on a bid. A firestorm will erupt

on that campus, and we will hold the next meeting there."

Each of the 11 NESCAC schools was invited to send three representatives — a student government representative, a campus media person and a successful student athlete — to the meeting, which will be held at Tufts Feb. 24.

Greenberg Daily Editor in Chief Ben Oshlag and varsity men's soccer player Brad Stitcheberry will be the Tufts delegates.

"We want schools to come to the meeting with instances of when successful teams of theirs wouldn't have even made the playoffs under this new system," Greenberg said.

The NESCAC presidents may discuss the issue when they convene for an April meeting.

Greenberg and his co-organizers do not expect them to re-vote on the policy at that time but do hope changes will be made in the future.

The change in playoff policy may shorten the season for many Tufts teams since they will no longer be able to advance to the NCAA playoffs if they do not win the NESCAC Tournament.

Through the end of this semester, however, teams can still qualify through at-large bids.

That is exactly what happened this past fall when the Tufts women's soccer team finished third in the NESCAC with a 12-2 regular season and lost to Middlebury in the finals of the NESCAC Tournament.

The team was then granted an NCAA at-large bid because of its strong record and made it to the Division III National Championship game, which was hosted by Tufts.

Under the revamped playoff system, this would not be able to happen.

"The students came together in the playoffs and rallied behind something very good," women's soccer Coach Martha Whiting said. "The publicity Tufts received in the playoffs was very positive. [Under the new policy] you are not allowing some very good teams to play and have the chance we did."

Whiting was named the Women's National Coach of the Year in Division III after her team's spectacular season last fall, an award she might not have received were it not for the team's appearance in the NCAA playoffs.

"She wouldn't have gained that recognition otherwise. It's all because of the wide exposure the NCAA Tournament gave us," said sophomore Brenna O'Rourke, a member of last fall's team.

Changes in the playoff system will not only limit sports teams' opportunities — opponents of the new policy fear that it will cause school spirit to diminish.

Postseason games tend to get students excited about their schools' teams and unite them around a single cause.

"This policy is clearly bad for the students, teams, coaches and players," Greenberg said. "It will kill the little school spirit that's out there."

The concerns are shared by students and administrators at other schools in the NESCAC.

"Cutting back on athletics cuts down on everyone's interest," said Scott Montermerlo, student government president at Connecticut College.

"The coaches are unhappy, but a new policy was voted on, and we

have to follow it," said Kenneth McBryde, Connecticut College athletic director.

Student leaders from Amherst University, Bates University, Connecticut College and Trinity College have already accepted the invitation to the meeting at Tufts.

Greenberg said university president John DiBiaggio will attend if his schedule permits it, and he hopes that Athletic Director Bill Gehling and several coaches will make appearances.

Among the phase-in changes was the 1999 transition to a round-robin system of scheduling so that all conference teams play each other during the regular season.

The season was shortened in order to have time for the conference tournament, so teams now play more games in a shorter amount of time.

Prior to 1993, NESCAC teams were only allowed berths to the ECAC Championships, and only individuals such as runners could advance to NCAA competition.

The policy was changed for a three-year trial period starting that year, and that trial period was extended for three more years in 1995.

In 1998, NESCAC presidents changed course, implementing the recent changes and future restrictions.

The NESCAC consists of Amherst, Bates, Bowdoin, Colby, Connecticut College, Hamilton, Middlebury, Trinity, Tufts, Wesleyan and Williams.

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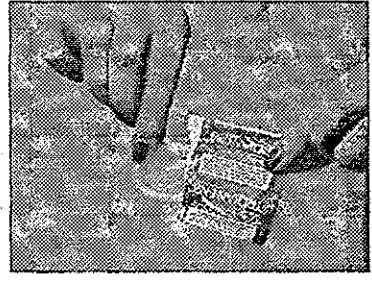
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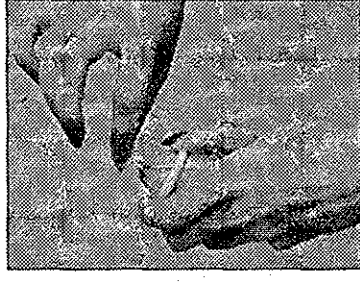
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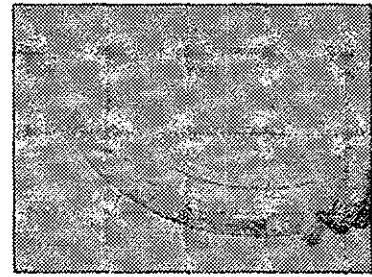
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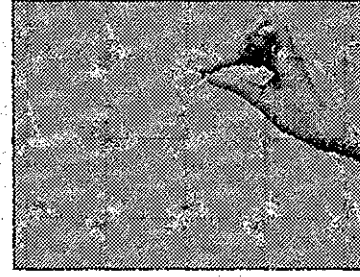
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5. Slide the condom off the penis, being careful not to spill the semen.



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hours a day, seven days a week for questions and information on STDs and STD prevention," Stalker said.

Kate Shuluga, junior, education, thinks National Condom Day is a great way to educate students.

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YSU Intersarsity Christian Fellowship will be having a meeting from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Breshehan Suites, Kilcawley Center. All students are welcome!! For information call Demaine Kitchen at (330) 744-1558.

Training and Development Office of Human Relations: If you haven't completed and/or sent in your YSU training analysis questionnaire to Training and Development, please do so as soon as possible. Send to Charles Daubner, Training and Development, Room 3048A, Jones Hall.

Wednesday
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Society will be showing the movie, "The Man Who Drove Mandela," for the Valentine's celebration of Black History Month in Breshehan Hall II, Kilcawley Center. For information contact Jeff Boggs (330) 782-6919.

YSU Dance Club will be having beginning ballroom dance lessons from 5:30 to 7 p.m. every Wednesday in Room 100, Beeghly Center. Anyone who wants to learn swing, Latin or ballroom dancing is welcome. The lessons are free! For all inquiries contact Jen at (330) 742-6213 or Phil at (330) 742-6095.

The History Club will be meeting at noon in Room 2069, Kilcawley Center. Dr. Fred Blue, director of graduate studies, history, and a graduate student will talk about the M.A. program in history at YSU. Feel free to bring a lunch. For more information call Lowell J. Satre at (330) 742-1608.

SIFF will be having meeting at 4 p.m. in Room 315, Williamson Hall. The discussion will be about nonprofit organizations receiving college credit for teaching children about business. For additional information contact Christa Natoli at (330) 544-5738.

Rose Sale: YSU Students for Life is selling roses for Valentine's Day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the second floor of Kilcawley Center. \$20 for one dozen or \$2 each. For more information call (330) 550-1953.

Students For Quality of Life: Ralph Meta, a YSU student, will discuss his need for a liver donor 4:30 p.m. in the Gallery, Kilcawley Center. For information contact Bernice Block at (330) 742-3596.

Thursday
Commentary Cafe with Bill Binning and Bob Fitzer at 7 p.m. on WYSU 88.5 FM. The topic will be local politics with guest David Skolnick from The Vindicator.

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