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AT WORK: Mark Shutes in The Jambar office when he was editor in 1968.

Community mourns loss of long-time faculty member

By VALERIE BANNER
Jambar Editor

Passionately. "I think that's the way he lived his life," said Dr. David Porter, professor, political science, and president of YSU-OEA.

Until his death Feb. 11, every role Mark Shutes performed during his life — from professor to union president, from friend to son, from husband to father, from community activist to Jambar editor — was embraced with a passion.

Shutes received the "distinguished professor for service and scholarship" award a few years ago, which was an accomplishment he was very proud of.

"Being a good scholar was something he thought was neces-

sary to be a good teacher," said Bob Weaver, professor, sociology.

Porter said he saw Shutes' passion as a union member emerge even before Shutes was president. He was "in charge of putting picketing together. He was given a difficult task and performed it well," said Porter. The strike, which occurred in 1969, lasted only one day.

Porter said that was the first time he met Shutes, but since then, they had become closer friends. In fact, many people who were associated with Shutes said they met him first on a professional basis, then became friends with him.

"He was more than a colleague," said Weaver.

Weaver also mentioned the commitment Shutes showed to his

mother. "He took great care of his mom. She didn't live with him, but he still took care of her," he said.

Shutes demonstrated a similar devotion to his wife and daughter, said Jack Wendle, Mahoning County auditor assistant, who knew Shutes through the Citizen's League. Wendle said he last saw Shutes in December.

"The last time I talked with Mark, the last thing I remember him saying was how much he loved his wife and his daughter and was looking forward to the holidays," Wendle recalled. "He was still passionate about his wife and very dedicated to his daughter."

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Students, faculty remember 'compassionate' professor

By DOREAN YORDE
Jambar Reporter

Students of late anthropology and sociology professor Mark Shutes say they wish they still had the chance to thank him.

Shutes was a well-respected co-worker and professor to the YSU community. As former president of the YSU-OEA, Shutes was for faculty rights, said Dr. John White, chair, sociology and anthropology. White said Shutes was energetic in his class lectures and did not need the aid of notes.

"He had a breadth of knowledge and knew how to communicate it," said White. "He was a great mentor and displayed genuine qualities of kindness and sincerity."

One example is of Shutes volunteering, at his own expense, to take anthropology majors to visit the University of Pittsburgh's graduate program and faculty.

Shutes has left impacting impressions on other YSU students.

April Zimmer, sophomore, middle childhood education, and sociology and anthropology student office assistant, said, "Shutes was outstanding, compassionate and understanding."

Last semester, in an interview with Zimmer on the Pedagogies of Teaching, Shutes said every student is reached in his or her own

special way.

Brabant, senior, sociology, said she met Shutes for the first time last semester. He was a guest speaker in one of her classes. She said Shutes was "the nicest person she ever met with strong opinions, yet he was willing to listen to the students."

"When he spoke, you could feel a large presence, and he had everyone's attention," said Brabant.

He would also interact with the students; for example, he would have question and answer involvement, she said.

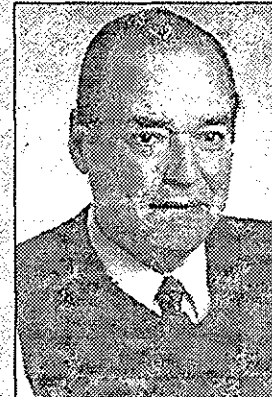
"This was a better way to understand the subject at hand," said Brabant.

He was open to listening to the students, not just sharing his opinions, she said.

Terry Treater, sophomore, anthropology, had Shutes in his first quarter in fall 1998. Treater said Shutes impressed him. In fact, Treater took almost every class offered that Shutes instructed.

"He was down to earth, open to the students, and had a passion for topic discussion," said Treater. Treater said this is why he was being nominated for the Distinguished Professor Award in teaching.

"If I could speak to Mr. Shutes one last time," said Treater, "I would say, 'Thank you.'"



SHUTES

Little hope exists for erasing past grades

By LANNY TOTH
Jambar Reporter

Imagine finishing fall semester with a 3.8 GPA, but having an accumulative GPA of only a 2.1 because classes taken, and failed, 25 years ago have come back to haunt you.

That is the very situation faced by many non-traditional students at YSU.

University policy can calculate 30-year-old grades with last semester's grades to reflect a poor GPA for many nontraditional students; however, many professors have admitted that nontraditional students, who are 25 years old and older, consistently earn higher grades than traditional students. So how can these figures add up?

Actually, many of these non-trad students attended school

years earlier, most likely after they graduated high school, and did not receive the best grades. This brings down their GPAs when returning to school years later.

Jim Olive, the program developer at the Metro College at Southwoods Commons, said, "The National GPA shows that grades are higher for adult students than for traditional students."

Dr. Vernon Haynes, professor, psychology, said, "Nontraditional students generally do better than the 19-year-olds. They're there because they want to be. Some nontraditional students are intimidated by the 19-year-olds."

Some nontraditional students attended YSU a long time ago and for one reason or another left without finishing their degree plan, and

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Eminem sparks Grammy controversy

By CHRIS GEIDNER
Jambar Reporter

Much controversy has surrounded rapper Eminem's nomination for four Grammys at Wednesday's annual ceremony. His lyrics have been attacked as misogynistic, homophobic and violent. And while a protest is to take place outside the awards show against the rapper, a YSU professor said Eminem and his lyrics are just reflections of society's problems.

Dr. L. J. "Tess" Tessier, professor, philosophy and religious studies, and director of women's studies, said while she is offended by his lyrics, she is not surprised such lyrics are popular.

"The music of the culture reflects the culture," Tessier said. "I think it's hypocrisy to say we shouldn't nominate for a Grammy someone with these kind of lyrics

when they're on the lips of so many [kids]."

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation and the National Organization for Women, however, have said Eminem's nomination for the Album of the Year Grammy award and his being asked to perform at the Grammys send "dangerous" messages. Both groups have been involved in planning the "Anti-Eminem Rally" Wednesday.

GLAAD Executive Director Joan Garry has written that Eminem's lyrics "do more than glorify violence" against women and gays and lesbians; "they also give people permission to abuse and harass people who are 'different,' numbing them to the damaging impact of homophobia and misogyny."

Two YSU students see the controversy a little differently.



EMINEM

Dawn Galloway, freshman, social work, works at the Women's Center on campus and said people need to remember music isn't supposed to be taken seriously.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Students who are completing their junior year are eligible for the Neil D. Humphrey Scholarship. The \$600 award is to recognize scholarship and campus involvement. Applications must be returned to the office of the Vice President for Student Affairs in Tod Hall by March 9.

And the survey says:

Results from *TheJambar.com's* online poll:

What are your plans for Valentine's Day?

Romantic dinner for two. (9)

Box of chocolates for one, USA up all night. (1)

Book and Bath therapy. (1)

What ever I do, it will involve adult beverages. (2)

Dinner, movie, bed. (3)

Isn't that a school night? Study, of course. (3)

Valentine's Day?!? (13)

Respond to the next *Jambar.com* survey: Should Eminem have been nominated for a Grammy?



The first holes-in-one scored by both a father and son in the same game of golf were shot by Charles H. Calhoun Sr. and Jr. on August 24, 1932.

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"It's entertainment," she said, adding that it is parents who need to be the ones monitoring their children's music habits.

Jeff Boggs, senior, American studies, and president of LGBT, also differs somewhat from the protesters' position, saying while he personally doesn't like Eminem's music, "It can open up discussions."

"We can talk about what these words mean," Boggs said. "And it gets people talking."

Romaine Patterson, GLAAD regional media manager, agreed with Boggs that the discussions raised by the controversy surrounding Eminem are a good thing but said people also must remember that such "entertainment" has a potentially violent effect on the "impressionable" adolescents who listen to Eminem.

Patterson also dismissed charges by some that GLAAD's protests amount to little more than

censorship.

"This hasn't ever been about censorship; it is about bringing the issue [of Eminem's lyrics] to the forefront," Patterson said. "[His lyrics] foster an environment where violence is expressed."

Karen Gatlin, the newly appointed director of the Women's Center, said she also sees education as the solution.

"[Eminem's music] is very offensive and unfortunate," Gatlin said. "But that's why we're here: to teach about diversity and provide education."

Tessier said the underlying questions brought forth by Eminem and other artists' lyrics are more important than the question of whether or not Eminem gets a Grammy.

"Award shows do have an effect — in that they hold people up and say, 'This is our ideal,'" Tessier said. "But by God, we better look at that and see who's being

held up."

Tessier said the lyrics being sung by America's "icons," as she called them, do send a message, but that message is one Americans find embarrassing.

She said the goal should not be to silence or change the music itself but to learn what it is that leads to the popularity of such music.

"If we're going to celebrate the kind of hostility that I think these lyrics represent ... if we're going to honor that in our culture, I think we ought to face it — [because] that's what we're doing," she said.

Tessier said removing offensive lyrics or keeping Eminem out of the Grammys won't change sexist, homophobic or violent attitudes underlying such language, but the reverse may be true.

"I don't think we'll change the culture by changing the music," she said, "but we'll change the music by changing the culture."

The following are excerpts from Eminem's "The Marshall Mathers LP." While these lyrics may be offensive to some readers, The Jambar is publishing them because no explanation would accurately explain the words at the center of the controversy.

From "Remember me?":

Smoke def, f--- bitches raw, on the kitchen floor
... You faggots can vanish to volcanic ash
And re-appear in hell with a can of gas, AND a match

Or heard the CD usin' the fag word so freely
It's just me being me, here want me to tone it down?
(Lower pitch) Suck my f---in' dick, you faggot

From "Bitch Please II":

Bitch, please — you must have a mental disease
Assume the position and get back down on your knees — c'mon
... So when you see me, dressin' up like a nerd on TV

From "Criminal":

My words are like a dagger with a jagged edge
That'll stab you in the head
Whether you're a fag or a lez
Or the homosex, hermaph or a trans-a-vest
Pants or dress — hate fags? The answer's "yes"
Homophobic? Nah, you're just heterophobic

If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything.
—Mark Twain

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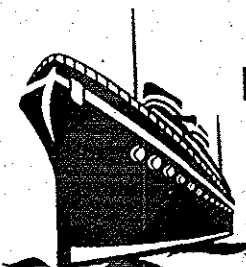
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Editorial

Eminem v. culture v. hate speech

Eminem is nominated for four awards in Wednesday's Grammy Awards. Much like his career, the awards show, which features Eminem in a performance, will be the stage for protests by groups such as the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation and the National Organization for Women during the "Anti-Eminem Rally" Wednesday.

Meanwhile, most of the people in the country with any interest in popular culture are arguing whether Eminem is the paragon of free speech or the diversity antichrist.

Well, he's a little of both.

On one hand, although Eminem has every right to write the songs he wants, that doesn't mean he has to be rewarded for it. We didn't give the Ku Klux Klan a Nobel Prize, and the controversial book "The Bell Curve" wasn't nominated for any top honors, so where is the justification for telling people hate speech is the way to make millions and get a Grammy?

On the other hand, Eminem's music wouldn't be so popular, and hence up for awards, if our culture didn't embrace his messages.

Eminem did not invent homophobia or misogyny; however, his perpetuation of these attitudes does not help lessen them in society. Songs like "Kim" talk about spousal abuse; "Remember me?" expresses extreme hate for gay men.

We do live in a country that perpetuates hate. From the federal government, which still denies some people their basic rights, to Internet organizations that recruit lonely children into various hate groups, we as a society send the message that some people are better than others.

Worse than that, we give implicit consent to harm, or at least discriminate against people who fall into these lesser categories.

Eminem's songs just reflect attitudes that are already out there; however, his willingness and eagerness in perpetuating such attitudes says a lot about his character and priorities.

Eminem is interested in selling records and making money. Any message he sends, good or bad, will only be sent if it brings profits for him.

Unless the people making the nominations are only interested in rewarding the most popular, and not necessarily the best artist, then their nomination is justified.

However, if their goal is to reward the most talented and musically inclined artist, their nomination of Eminem is a sad joke that reveals the superficial nature of the awards.

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The Jambar

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The changing face of newspapers



By AMANDA SMITH
Jambar Editor

I can remember a world without the Internet. I remember when computers ran off of cassette tapes, and I remember the uncompressed disc. I remember when hooking up one's computer to a phone line was a dream of the future.

Then in 1990, "the World comes online" (world.std.com), becoming the first commercial provider of Internet dial-up access," according to an Internet timeline at <http://info.isoc.org/guest/zakon/Internet/History/HIT.html#1990s>.

No one knew then what an impact the Internet would have on the dissemination of news.

Today, practically every daily paper has an online version. In the area, The Vindicator recently went live with its Web site (www.vindy.com); the Tribune Chronicle has had its Web site live for a few years (www.tribune-chronicle.com). Even The Jambar has its own Web site at www.thejambar.com.

Ten years ago, newspapers were making a huge fuss about

putting their news stories on the Internet. If the stories were available for free, who would bother to pay for a subscription or buy a copy at the newsstand?

Today, many newspapers realize the Web is a powerful medium to be leashed and broken to the collective journalistic will. Online newspapers are able to offer much more than their print counterparts. News coverage has become more complete and is published more quickly.

Web-based publications offer interactivity and more organization than the print version. Many top-notch newspaper sites, such as [WashingtonPost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com), offer special Web features, audio and video coverage of events and deeper coverage of events of interest to the area. The Post has entertainment and activity guides (see <http://www.washingtonpost.com/appsr/entertainment> for an example) that allow readers to search for restaurant reviews and entertainment by location, age groups and other factors.

There's even a virtual tour of nightlife in Georgetown, one of Washington's hot spots.

The Web site also has an entire section devoted to politics across

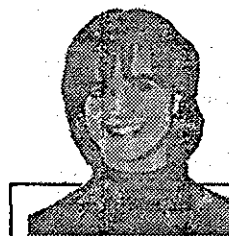
the nation and world. Readers from across the country can keep tabs on how their local politicians are voting in the current congressional session via the site.

Not all newspapers have the best in multimedia incorporation or can afford to hire a fleet of designers and consultants like the Post. But more and more newspapers are hopping on the Internet bandwagon.

Web newspapers are more dynamic in nature than their print counterparts. Design and technology is constantly changing. To get an idea of how quickly the Web can change in a short time, take The Jambar for an example; last June, the Web site, which you can still view at <http://webserv.yzu.edu/jambar>, was updated maybe once a semester. Staff members from two years before are still listed as current.

Now, check out the new site at www.thejambar.com. Today, the Web site publishes news stories hours before the print edition ever hits the stands.

And the Internet was supposed to destroy newspapers and make them obsolete. If the Internet has done anything to newspapers, it's made them better and stronger.



By VALERIE BANNER
Jambar Editor

History works against Bush

Did you hear about the man with a gun who tried to climb over the White House fence a couple of weeks ago? You probably did, since it was splattered all over the news. But in case you were studying instead of watching the news or reading newspapers, let me recap for you what The Washington Post reported about the incident.

Although Robert Pinkett, 47, of Evansville, Ind., didn't get any closer than the White House lawn, he fired three shots, one in the direction of the White House.

Pinkett was supposedly angry about being fired from the IRS and had sent at least one letter to President George W. Bush describing his mental condition and anger toward Washington, D.C. This guy has attempted to commit suicide at least twice since he was fired more than a decade ago. Some people speculate that his endeavor to get over the White House fence was another suicide attempt.

Pinkett was shot in the leg by a Secret Service agent after refusing to follow orders to drop his gun. He was taken to the George Washington University Hospital and is stable.

So that's the situation.

Everything appears to be under control now, and Pinkett may be charged with a federal offense. George W. can rest easy.

Or can he? If I were George, I'd be more than a little worried, even now. And not necessarily about Pinkett, but about any gunman.

Why? Odds are he's not going to survive his term as president.

Don't believe me? Let's take a look back at history, shall we?

We'll start our historical journey in 1840, the year William Henry Harrison was elected. Harrison was president for only 31 days before he died of pneumonia.

Our next stop is 1860. This was the year Abraham Lincoln was elected. And everyone who's had third-grade history knows his fate. He was assassinated in 1865 by John Wilkes Booth.

In 1880, James Garfield was elected. He died a year later after being shot at a railroad station in Washington, D.C.

When the next century (1900) rolled around, William McKinley was elected. Like the two presidents mentioned before him, McKinley was shot and killed. He died in 1901 — yet another president who didn't survive his term.

Twenty years later, in 1920, Warren G. Harding was elected. Harding died in 1923 of a brain hemorrhage.

If Roosevelt was smart, he

would have stopped after two terms, but he insisted on pressing his luck and was re-elected (for his third term) in 1940. He managed to escape his fate for a while, but in 1945, Roosevelt died of massive cerebral hemorrhage, without completing his fourth term.

Now we're moving on to 1960, the year John F. Kennedy defeated Richard Nixon for the presidency. Like Lincoln, Kennedy's fate is also well documented in elementary school history. He was killed by Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas in 1963.

Now here's the section of our journey where things get a little muddy. In 1980, Ronald Reagan was elected president. Reagan is the only president thus far who has managed to escape his fate. He survived an assassination attempt in 1981 by John W. Hinckley. Reagan was rushed to the George Washington University Hospital immediately after being shot, where doctors repaired a collapsed lung.

Let's move forward to the present. George W. Bush was elected last year (2000). According to the pattern of history, he's the next to go. Since William Henry Harrison in 1840, every president who was elected in a year ending in a "0," except for Reagan, has died in office.

If I were Bush, I'd be very afraid

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Pill does more than prevent pregnancy

Dear Editor,

The birth control pill has come under attack, and being an avid Pill-taker, I could not stand by and let it be assaulted.

I take the Pill, not because I am a sexually-driven college student, but because I have "moderate acne" and like the idea that my skin will not be blotchy and bumpy. I also take it to regulate my cycle, which otherwise would come every five weeks.

Some people take it because they have dysmenorrhea, or painful menstruation. Others take it because they have two periods a month.

Many of these ideas were already explored by Christina

Palm in her wonderful article "Benefits of the Pill" in which she expressed the sadness that these triumphs have been overlooked on their 40th birthday.

Gary Schuetz ranted for five paragraphs on how taking the Pill kills babies.

I am not here to claim that abortion is right or wrong. The birth control pill does a great deal of good in the world. To focus on the negative seems a real shame, especially when the negative, in the eyes of Schuetz, is that the pill works and prevents pregnancy.

When people do take the Pill as a means of birth control, they are being responsible. Schuetz does not see it that way and seems to

think it is merely a means of "trying to make women more promiscuous." What a bunch of baloney! Women do not need an excuse.

Women are out there having sex with who they want when they want, the same as men have been doing for years. Only for once, it is okay for women to do it too, and now they have a means of protecting themselves from unwanted pregnancy.

Schuetz, you may want to "reject so-called freedom and power." I say go ahead. The Pill is a phenomenal product, whether you choose to recognize it or not.

Katie Hollis
Sophomore, PWE

Letter invokes response to Pill issue

Dear Editor,

Years ago, while doing research for a class, I discovered a medical textbook that confirmed the potentially abortifacient properties of many common birth control pills, the subject of Gary Schuetz's letter in The Jambar

Thursday.

Every physician I asked subsequently denied the possibility of birth control pill-induced abortions except one, who characterized the concern as "hyper-moral."

Women should be able to make informed choices regarding reproductive health.

I hope physicians now are at least making an attempt to be sympathetic to their pro-life patients' concerns, no matter how "hyper-moral" they may seem to some of them.

Cathy Rodabaugh
senior, history

Student remembers racing legend

Dear Editor,

Dale Earnhardt was a man, a myth and a legend. Even if you didn't like him, you had to respect him as a man and a NASCAR champion. He let nothing stand in his way on route to the checkered flag in every race that he ran. Watching the 2001 Daytona 500, and seeing the Intimidator in third place, the only thing to expect was the famous Earnhardt slingshot coming off of turn four, to steal the honors to victory lane. What the NASCAR community received

was the loss of a great driver.

There was not a driver on the circuit who had not been bumped, rubbed or pushed out of the way by the Intimidator.

He was the cause of many raging tempers as he drove his way around tracks.

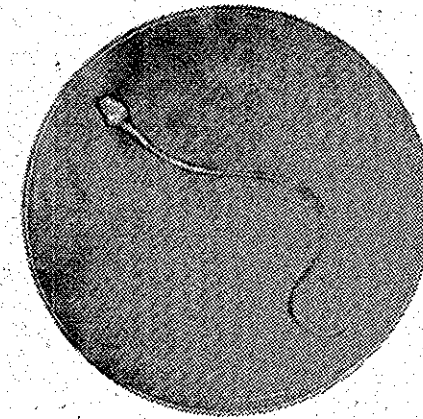
He was the man nobody wanted to see in their rear view mirror, especially on the last lap. He was the man that fans hated to see behind their favorite driver or in front because he was so hard to pass. But I would give all of the yelling at the television, all the ill

feelings I had toward Earnhardt in the past, just to watch him bump and rub his way to the front once more.

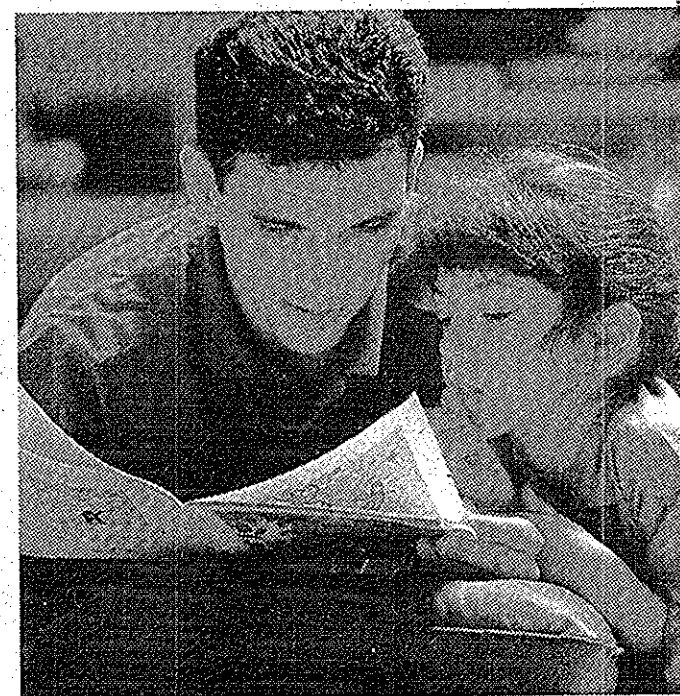
When NASCAR was mentioned, Earnhardt was immediately thought of. Even people who were not fans knew who he was. The shockwave of his death will be felt in the hearts of his family, friends and fans for a long time to come.

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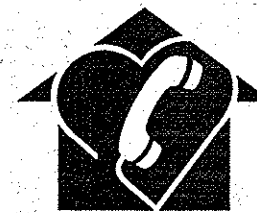
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A legend fallen: The death of Dale Earnhardt

By BREANNA DEMARCO
Jambar Editor

"How's my daddy?" he was heard to say as he climbed out of the car that brought him a second-place position in the Daytona 500.

The answer was not the response Dale Earnhardt Jr. wanted to hear as he sprinted from pit row toward the infield, toward his father, Dale Earnhardt Sr.

The man who helped define NASCAR racing, the "Intimidator," the man in black who was a master at the art of the draft, died Sunday due to injuries sustained during a crash in the final turn of the final lap of the Daytona 500.

At 5:16 p.m. he was pronounced dead at Halifax County Hospital.

He had to be cut from his car and was immediately rushed to the hospital, but to no avail.

The entire sports industry has lost an icon, a man that was either vehemently loathed or completely loved.

He never took the middle ground, not with his fans, not with his career, not even with his death.

Earnhardt Sr. was the NASCAR Rookie of the Year in 1979, and he kept growing for the next two decades.

He will forever be known as one of the greatest racecar drivers ever.

Earnhardt Sr. won 34 races on the Daytona Super Speedway, the most ever for a single driver, and holds seven Winston Cup titles.

He won more than \$41 million dollars in prize money, and with it he built an empire. He copyrighted his signature, endorsed products, sold more merchandise than any driver ever, and built his own racing team, Dale Earnhardt Inc.

Mike Helton, NASCAR president, said, "This is understandably one of the toughest announcements we've ever had to make... we've lost Dale Earnhardt."

Earnhardt Sr.'s crash was a

final conclusion to a competitive race that had been confounded with spectacular violence, as in the 17th lap a 21-car crash occurred.

Cars were sent spinning to the infield, some of them on fire, many missing hoods, bumpers, tires.

Driver Tony Stewart walked away from it, after he and his 3,400-pound car flipped through the air several times, landed on the roof, and then bounced to land on its tires.

Earnhardt Sr.'s accident was caused by the tight, side-by-side racing that allowed the lead to change 50 times before it was permanently claimed by Michael Waltrip.

With team members Waltrip and son Earnhardt Jr. in first and second, the Intimidator began to block for them, keeping driver Sterling Marlin from drafting them all and going for the win.

In the process of trying to get around Earnhardt Sr., Marlin made an inside move.

Earnhardt moved down, and they touched, Marlin's right front to Earnhardt's back left. The momentum of the cars sent Earnhardt spinning into the fourth-turn wall at 180 mph, where he again collided, this time with Ken Schrader.

Schrader, unable to avoid the accident, said, "We hit pretty hard, and Dale hit [the wall] harder."

Driver John Andretti said, "I feel like someone kicked me in the chest."

The tragic demise of a legend like Earnhardt was best said by driver Kyle Petty.

Petty is the father of the now-deceased Adam Petty, also a stock car driver, who was killed during qualifying runs in New Hampshire last year.

"No matter where it happens or how it happens or even how prepared you think you might be for it, losing somebody close to you hurts," said Petty.



Dale Earnhardt Sr.
1951-2001

Local three sign to Heacock's Penguins

By SOMOUD NISER
Jambar Reporter

They signed with YSU's football team for their great winning tradition and family values. YSU's new local additions include Pete Perry, Poland Seminary High School, John Bartos, Ursuline High School and Tony Limongi, Niles McKinley High School.

According to the athletes, YSU is their first choice.

Bartos was a first-team All-Steel Valley Conference performer and was named Ursuline's Offensive Lineman of the Year.

"I can give YSU hard work and dedication," said Bartos. "I want to prove that I can play at YSU's level."

Perry set the school record for career rushing yards at Poland, rallying 4,007 total offensive yards in his high school career.

"I understand YSU's pride. Being that I am from the area, I have followed the games for as long as I can remember," said Perry. "It is a great opportunity for me to become part of this team."

Limongi was the offensive line MVP for Niles and was a first-team All-Ohio selection as a senior.

"I like to think of myself as a team player," said Limongi. "I know I can give YSU everything I've got and more."

Former Coach Tressel's move to The Ohio State University does not worry the new recruits.

They have all met with Coach John Heacock and said

they think he's right for the job.

Bartos, whose team went 14-1 his senior year, said, "I have a lot of faith in Heacock. He is a strong coach with many things to offer."

The three athletes also had a lot to say about their high school football experiences.

Perry, who plans to major in international business, said Poland taught him a lot about what kind of person he is, and he hopes to bring that with him to YSU.

"My high school coach [Paul Hulea] taught our team a lot about character and how to be a good person," said Perry.

"Hopefully that knowledge will remain embedded in my head so I can contribute faithfully to my new team," he said.

Limongi and Bartos also gave a lot of credit to their high school coaches.

Bartos, who plans to study sports medicine, said, "Ursuline has great team chemistry, and we are very selfish when it comes to playing football."

Limongi, who likes the fact that YSU is close to home, also praised his high school coach for teaching him the meaning of hard work and dedication.

He believes he has what it takes to be a YSU Penguin.

"I set my goals very high," said Limongi. "I promise to give the team 100 percent on every play."

The new recruits said they are looking forward to next season and hope to be part of the great winning tradition and family values they hear so much about.

Meet the Penguins

John Bartos

— Ursuline High School
— All-Steel Valley Conference and Ursuline's Offensive Lineman of the Year

Pete Perry

— Poland Seminary High School
— set school record for total offensive yards: 4,007

Tony Limongi

— Niles McKinley High School
— offensive line MVP and first-team All-Ohio selection

Two qualify for diving zones

By KATIE BALESTRA
Jambar Assistant Editor

The YSU diving team competed against Clarion University Feb. 11.

Clarion divers defeated the Penguins; however, two of the guins placed high enough to qualify for Zones.

Brandi Goettsch, junior, placed second on the 1-meter diving board with a score of 487.15 points.

Mandie Smail, sophomore, placed fourth on 1-meter with a score of 450.4.

On the 3-meter board, Goettsch placed second with a score of 447.3, and Smail placed

third with a score of 368.1.

For the past few weeks, Goettsch and Smail have been "training hard for Zones," according to Head Diving Coach Nick Gavolas.

"Mandie and Brandi dove tired at the Clarion meet because they have been training for Zones," he said.

Zones is the regional meet where YSU gets the chance to compete against some of the "Big Ten" universities such as The Ohio State University, Michigan State University and Illinois University, according to Gavolas.

Both Smail and Goettsch qualify for Zones on both diving boards, which begin March 9.

McMahon-style football

By SARA CASALE
Jambar Reporter

Last week, the man behind the World Wrestling Federation extended his reach into the world of sports and changed the face of football as fans know it.

The XFL, a new football league founded by WWF owner Vince McMahon, debuted Feb. 3 to a record-size television audience.

With its altered rules and in-your-face coverage, typical of WWF productions, the XFL is something quite different from typical Sunday afternoon football fare.

There are no fair catches, the ball is free on all kicks more than 25 yards, and the announcers' comments are unplugged for all the stadium to hear.

Also, the traditional coin toss at the beginning of each game is not a toss but a no-holds-barred

scramble for the ball.

Despite the initial hype, the new league is bringing mixed reactions from sports fans, and critics are uncertain as to whether the league's popularity will last.

Students on campus also had varied opinions.

Paul Stephenson, senior, mechanical engineering, said, "Hearing the players' onfield comments is one of the only entertaining parts. I'd rather watch paint dry."

Stephenson said he was disappointed because of the way XFL games flip back and forth, often not focusing on the game at all.

Greg Panuccio, senior, chemical engineering and chemistry, largely agreed with Stephenson about the XFL's lack of focus.

"If they spent more time on the football and not trying to incorporate so much other stuff, it would be better," he said. "My

best idea is to watch it in a bar, with the television on mute."

Not everyone was disappointed with the XFL.

George Garrett, junior, education, said he loved it and would definitely watch again.

"I think it's great," he said. "All the players are on the same skill level, so the games are better than in the NFL, where everyone's experience level is different."

According to the NBC Sports official Web site, ratings for the first week were 10.3, meaning an average of 10.3 percent of households watched the game.

This placed it in the top 25 highest rated shows of the week.

This is the highest rating the network has seen on a Saturday night since the broadcast of the Sydney Olympics in September of last year.

However, a downward trend in ratings could set the tone for the rest of the league's season.

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Shutes, who received his Bachelor's degree in 1970 in anthropology from Youngstown University, served for two years as The Jambar editor from 1967 to 1968.

Dennis Mangan, editorial page editor at The Vindicator, was also on The Jambar staff during those years.

It was at The Jambar that Shutes met Mary, Ellen McDonagh, who would later become his wife, Mangan said.

During the years Shutes was editor, The Jambar underwent several changes, said Mangan. The paper made the switch from being published one day a week to being published two days a week, a new type was used, and the office itself found a new location on campus.

"Mark was just in journalism as something to do, and I was gonna do it for a living. He was just as good or better at it than I was," Mangan said.

Shutes seemed to be good at a lot of things, and he used those skills to fight for causes he believed in.

"You could count on him to be an advocate for unjust causes. It sort of ran through his veins," Weaver said.

Shutes was a founding member of the Citizen's League and was actively involved in The Alliance for Congregational Transformation Influencing Our Neighborhoods. He also helped organize the recent conference on organized crime in Palermo, Sicily, even though he wasn't able to attend. The conference was a part of his continued "anthropological analysis of the culture of corruption in the Valley," said Weaver.

Wendle said Shutes "gave a series of lectures to the people

going to Sicily in spite of the fact that he wasn't feeling well. That was a manifestation of his passion and dedication. He was always pouring his heart and soul into it."

Even when Shutes was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, passion still flowed through his veins.

Ron Tabak, professor, physics and astronomy, saw this passion a few weeks ago.

"He came to my office to talk.

I hadn't seen him since he's been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer," Tabak recalled. "He was actually laughing. He was trying to comfort me, and I was supposed to be comforting him."

Weaver had a similar memory of Shutes after he had been diagnosed.

"I was unhappy and scared when he was diagnosed, and talking with him was actually uplifting," recalled Weaver. "His outlook toward this diagnosis was positive."

All the same, said Porter, his death was unexpected.

"It's a shock to us," he said. "We've all been walking around in kind of a daze. We knew he was ill, but three weeks from diagnosis to death is a shock."

Even in death, however, Shutes' passion will live on. Several changes implemented by Shutes are expected to affect the university in the near future.

Porter said the union will continue to strive for a "student-centric" approach and to have a good relationship with the administration. He also mentioned that the labor summit, which Shutes requested, is planned to take place in April or May.



MARY ELLEN SHUTES
(IN 1969)

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the GPAs of these students may be subjected to mixed scrutiny.

These students might be getting better grades now than they did when they were here before but are suffering from the calculation of their GPAs.

The statute of limitations for calculating grades is five years. The school does not normally go back more than five years, according to the YSU University Bulletin 2001.

However, there are certain situations when the statute does not apply.

If the student left the school under the status of suspension re-enters YSU, the tail of suspended status requires that all prior grades be figured into the GPA calculation

of current attending status, as also defined in the University Bulletin 2001.

The student may be doing good work now, but if the prior grades result in a GPA lower than a 2.0, a warning is issued and a counseling consultant is mandatory before the next semester begins. Denise Walters Dobson, academic administrator, College of Arts and Sciences, said the poor grades may be from 20 to 30 years ago, but that is irrelevant.

The school policy does not take into consideration that long of a hiatus. Even if a student transferred to another accredited institution, took some of the courses again that he or she had scored poorly in at YSU and then trans-

ferred back into YSU with two half years of transferable credits, the GPA does not count the good work that the student accomplished, said Dobson.

However, there exists an offer by the university to expunge a student's poor standing because of former grades back past the five-year statute.

The catch is that not only the Ds and Fs would be thrown out, but all of the former credits would be thrown out with the low grades.

In other words, to eliminate three or four courses that are causing the GPA to fall below the acceptable level of 2.0, a student could stand to lose a possible 30 or more hours of credits in the process, said Dobson.

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UNO! From left to right, LaShyka Clark, freshman, undecided; Kevin Garchas, freshman, computer information sciences; and Michael Broderick, freshman, undecided, take time out to play a game of Uno in Kilcawley Center Monday.



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Environmental group cleans up more than YSU campus

By CAROL WILSON
 Jambar Assistant Editor

Youngstown Environmental Studies Society is a student organization that has "clean" thoughts on their minds. For anyone concerned about the environment and preserving the world in which we live, this group may be the answer.

"Our members participate in all kinds of activities. We go on field trips. We've been to the Cleveland Zoo. We go to nature preserves. We like to learn about the earth while doing worthwhile community projects such as litter cleanups and tree plantings," said Beth Hudach, junior, environmental studies, and president of YESS.

YESS organized five years ago and is devoted to raising public awareness about pollutants that contaminate the environment, according to Hudach.

The biggest day of the year for members to involve the community is the annual Earth Day Festival, which will be held April 18 in front of Kilcawley Center.

"We invite environmental organizations from the community to help us out on this day," said

Hudach.

"Information tables will be set up in front of Kilcawley Center beginning around 10 a.m. This year we hope to feature a guest speaker to lecture on health and the environment," she said.

"We also want to have entertainment throughout the day, and we're looking for people who want to show off their talent [such as] singing, play an instrument, recite poetry — all related, however, to the environment. For instance, one person volunteered to play his violin while sitting on a recycling bin," Hudach added.

Earth Day's focus, and the ongoing intention of YESS, is to get people involved with environmental issues.

"On our campus, we had really low recycling rates in past years. But this past year they have drastically increased. People don't realize what a difference they are making when they recycle," said Hudach. "Local landfills are almost full. Recycling saves resources, so instead of having to go out and mine new resources, we can just re-use the ones we already have. Increasing recycling rates is

something that we have to continue."

Hudach added, "YESS is really important. We're open to all majors and to anyone interested in the environment. It's just fun. You meet lots of great people — there are really great people in our club. By involving yourself, you can take pride in knowing that not only are you helping the environment, you're also helping yourself."

Anyone interested in recycling and who would like to know more can call the Mahoning County Recycling Division at (330) 740-2060.

"People can find out information about curbside recycling, but you have to be on a route. If you are not on a curbside route, there are recycling sites you can go to. There are 22 recycling sites in Mahoning County and at least one in every township," said Hudach.

YESS meets the first and third Thursday of every month at 5 p.m. in the Cafaro Multipurpose Room. For more information regarding the organization or talent participation on Earth Day, call (330) 788-4236; or email YSUYESS@hotmail.com.

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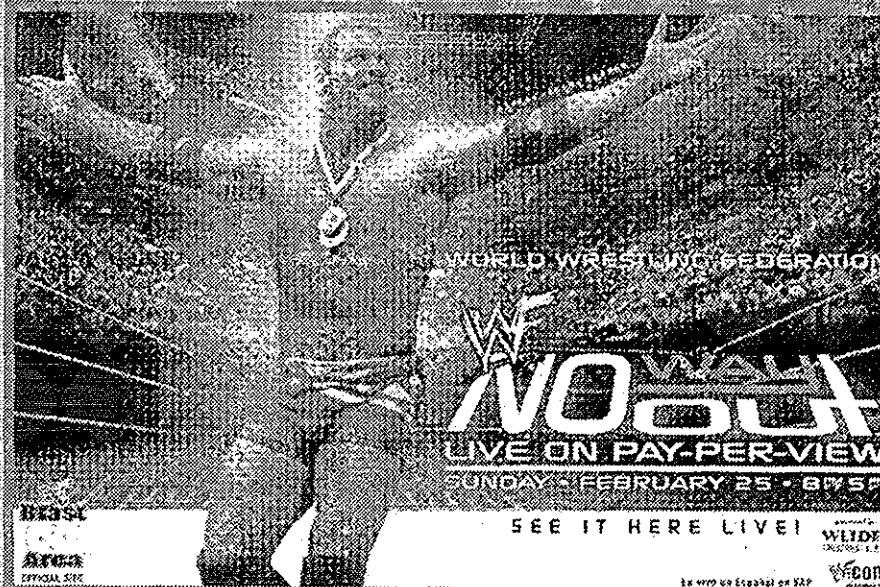
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Reading and Study Skills, Center for Student Progress and the University Counseling Center will be having a workshop at 1 p.m. in the Cardinal Room, Kilcawley Center. The topic will be note taking and mind mapping. For more information call Julie at (330) 742-3554.

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

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

History Club will be having a meeting at noon in Bresnahan III, Kilcawley Center. Kevin Coy (graduate student, history) will talk about "The Saigon Military Mission: the CIA in Vietnam, 1954-56." Feel free to bring a lunch. For information contact Lowell J. Satre at (330) 742-1608.

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Organization is having a meeting at 2 p.m. in Bresnahan I and II, Klcawley Center. For information call Jeff Boggs at (330) 782-6919 or e-mail jeffbysu@aol.com.

THURSDAY
 Beta Alpha Psi will be having a technical meeting at 4 p.m. in the Cafaro Suite, fifth floor, Williamson Hall. The topic will be "GAAP vs. SAP Accounting in the Insurance Industry." Presenters will be Susan Pannuzio and Greg Scerbo. For more information contact Tim Mott at (330) 219-4817.

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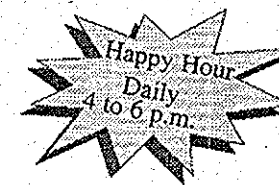
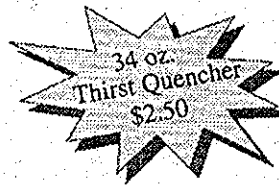
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