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SNOWBALL FIGHT: Left, Phil Glinatsis, senior, computer information systems, and J.P. Leach, senior, telecommunication, throw snow at friends smoking outside of Kilcawley Center. The two started a snowball fight Monday while the campus was getting pummeled with snow.

Frats worry fight could hurt image

Students say they don't want to be judged by the actions of a few.

By PATRECKA ADAMS
Jambar Assistant Editor

Leaders of some campus fraternities say that while they are concerned about the incidents of last weekend's Sigma Phi Epsilon fight, they don't think it will tarnish their image.

According to police reports, a fight broke out at 45 Indiana Ave. on Jan. 25 during a rush party at the fraternity's house, leaving one student injured and two people charged with felonious assault.

Interfraternity Council President and Theta Chi President Nazim Wahab said the Jan. 25 fight was unfortunate but people shouldn't judge every fraternity by one event.

"If something negative happens to one fraternity, it makes every fraternity look bad," he said.

Wahab, senior, biology, also added that the media coverage might contribute to possible backlash against fraternities.

"If one bad thing happens, it's covered to the greatest extent, but when we do something good, it's not covered as much," he said.

Wahab said fraternities such as Phi Kappa Tau, Sigma Chi and Sigma Alpha Epsilon help out such community organizations as the Rescue Mission of Mahoning County, Tod's Children's Hospital and Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

George Zokle, senior, political science, is president of the Sigma Chi fraternity. He said YSU is different from larger universities because the stereotypical images of fraternities don't apply to this campus.

"At a larger school where student life is more visible, traditional fraternity practices, like having a party atmosphere and hazing, might be practiced there," he said. "We have a uniqueness about us. With this type of environment, stories tend to unfold beyond the headlines."

Zokle added that for people to use the incident as a litmus test for all fraternities together is unfair.

"This is the most serious event I've seen in the last four years, [so] it shouldn't influence anyone's decision to join or not join a fraternity in any way," he said. "People should look at our statistics. Our results speak for themselves."

Julian Walker is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, which is affiliated with the National Pan Hellenic Council. The NPHC is the collective body of traditionally black fraternities and sororities.

Walker, senior, Africana studies, said he's concerned about the fight and its aftermath, but he added that KAP's membership base probably wouldn't be affected by the situation.

"Culturally, we draw our membership from the African-

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Students, this ombud's for you

By JAMI BONINSEGNA
Jambar Reporter



SATRUM

K.J. Satrum, who will act as a neutral body to students, said she doesn't know what problems are out there or what types of complaints she'll be hearing but she can expect anything from unpaid bills to problems students may have in the classroom.

Satrum, executive director of Student Services, was assigned the additional position of student ombudsperson by University President Dr. David Sweet last week.

Sweet, who created the position to help students with unresolved problems and challenges, first announced the position last year.

While many other universities already have a student ombudsperson in place, this is the first time anyone has held the position at YSU.

Satrum said the position is still unfolding at this point but her duty will be to catch unresolved problems.

"A lot of processes and departments already exist that are designed to help students with different types of problems," said Satrum.

"My job will be to help students with problems or even just direct students to where they need to go to get answers if the department already exists," she said.

"For example, some students may need to go to academic grievances to resolve a

problem, but they don't know to go there, so I'll direct them," she said.

Not all students are sure the idea of having a student ombudsperson will be completely effective, however.

Isma Nawaz, freshman, psychology, said that if she had a personal problem she would call a hotline before going to an ombudsperson.

"If people knew more about the position it would be more helpful," said Nawaz.

Jamie Baldwin, sopho-

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There will be flurries today. High around 30. Low in the mid-20s. Cloudy on Wednesday. High in the mid-30s. Low in the mid-20s.

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Christman: Fork it over

Dining hall employees say silverware is the most commonly stolen item.

By LISSETTE ALAMO
Jambar Reporter

Forks, plates, saltshakers, bowls, Cheerios signs and decorations. These are items that have been taken from Christman Dining Commons.

John Vag, director of Christman, said all of these items are taken from Christman on a daily basis and forks are taken the most. He said he cannot understand why people would need so many forks.

In only three months, 1,200 forks were stolen, and Christman had to come up with \$500 to replace them.

"Some of the forks are accidentally thrown

away by the cooks, but 99.9 percent of the missing forks are because the students take them," said Vag.

To prevent the forks from being thrown away, Vag said he ordered a giant magnet to go around the garbage can to detect any metal that falls in.

As far as preventing the forks from being stolen, Vag said he cannot do anything about it but hopes people are honest and can stop taking the forks on their own.

Rob McNeelege, production supervisor at Christman, said the one thing they did this year to cut back on the amount of silverware stolen was to give students a package of plastic silverware when they get food to go.

He said students used to take some silverware with their meal and put it in the Styrofoam boxes. Now they automatically get a

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Photo illustration by Katie Balestra

PETTY THEFT: One Christman employee said students stock up on plates, cups and eating utensils during the fall semester.

YSU student makes bid for state House of Reps

By HENRY GOMEZ
Jambar Assistant Editor

With the filing deadline for the May primaries fewer than three weeks away, one YSU student said he is hoping to pull off an upset in a race for the state House of Representatives.

Calling himself an underdog, Jim Calko, junior, political science, said he is close to submitting signatures to seek the

Republican nomination for the 65th Ohio House District.

"Certainly I'd love to win, but I honest-to-God think you need to get a kid in there to re-energize Valley politics," said Calko, who is 20.

Calko said he expects his age and political party to be challenged if he makes it to the November general election.



"... I honest-to-God think you need to get a kid in there to re-energize Valley politics."

— JIM CALKO
Junior, Political Science

According to the Trumbull County Board of Elections, Democrat Joseph Melfi, former Girard mayor, is the only other candidate to formally announce his candidacy.

Calko said Trumbull County Republican Party Chair Craig Bonar encouraged him to seek election.

"I had some doubt [about running]," Calko said. "But he really convinced me that I am a good candidate and I would have a good shot."

Dr. David Porter, associate professor, political science,

teaches political behavior and public opinion at YSU. He said Calko would also face challenges from people who aren't ready for a college student in the Legislature.

"If you're in your early 20s, you face an added challenge," Porter said. "People assume you're not experienced enough."

Calko said he will remain enrolled at YSU if elected and

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plastic fork and knife and spoon with the box, which he said does make a difference.

All employees at Christman are responsible for checking for stolen items.

McNeegele said the best way to cut down on the number of items stolen is through employee awareness.

"If the employees see someone [take something] they have to stop it and bring it to the attention of the manager," he said.

He said Christman is arranged differently now, so that people coming and going are more visible to the employee running the cash register.

Forks, knives and spoons are not the only items stolen from Christman. Saltshakers are the second most commonly stolen item. Vag said he doesn't really care about the saltshakers because they're disposable and are going to be thrown away in the future.

Jeanna Cunningham, freshman, civil engineering, said, "Me and my roommate stole salt and pepper shakers, but we plan on returning them as soon as the salt and pepper run out of them."

Cunningham said she took them because

she needed them.

Aaliyah Gillespie, freshman, exercise science and Cunningham's roommate, said she got the idea to steal salt and pepper shakers from someone she knew.

"Our sophomore year, we plan on stealing plates and stuff for our dorm room," she said.

Around holidays, decorations are often stolen from the dining hall. Small pumpkins and gourds were easily stolen around Halloween, said McNeegele.

Vag said he thinks there is actually a "stealing season" in Christman. Many items are stolen during the fall semester because students wear heavier clothing, making those items easier to conceal, Vag said.

McNeegele said he thinks fewer items are taken in the spring semester because by then "people have it stocked in their rooms."

"You wouldn't believe it at the end of the semester; RA's bring us boxes and boxes of stuff from the rooms."

If students are caught stealing, they will be turned in to the campus police, and the offence will be considered petty theft, Vag said.

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that while he believes his age is likely to be an issue, he thinks he can win over voters.

"Being young is like a double-edged sword," he said. "People will say you're inexperienced, but look at [state Rep. John] Bocchieri and [state Sen. Timothy] Ryan," said Calko. "They're young, and people look favorably on them."

But, Calko conceded, Bocchieri and Ryan are both Democrats.

"That's huge," said Calko, admitting that voters in the new 65th District — which includes Lordstown, Girard, Niles, Hubbard city and township, Liberty, McDonald, Weathersfield, Hartford, Newton Falls, Newton Township, Yankee

Lake, Orangeville and parts of Brookfield and Bazetta — traditionally vote for Democrats.

"I am Republican mainly because of morals. I am conservative. I'm pro-life, pro-family and strongly believe in gun rights and low taxes," Calko said.

But Calko, a welder at Carts of America of Lordstown, describes himself as a "blue-collar Republican." He said finding jobs for the Valley will be his top priority.

"I feel I can relate to the community," he said. "I pay my own bills."

Calko said he has met with labor leaders such as United Auto Workers Local President Jim Graham and Republican Party leaders Clarence Smith

and David Johnson, trying to get support for his campaign.

He said he plans to spend \$15,000 to \$20,000 on his campaign, money he hopes to get from fund-raisers, donors and the county party. Porter said county GOP financial support would be crucial to a young candidate's campaign.

"For him to be taken seriously, he needs enough backing from the party," Porter said.

Calko said if he loses, he simply hopes to gain name recognition and campaign experience, for he plans to seek the seat again in 2004.

"Hopefully people will realize that not only is this kid young, but that he has something for them," he said.

Police arrest student in dorm

By ANGELA OLIN
Jambar Reporter

A YSU student, who had a warrant out for his arrest for felonious assault, was arrested Sunday in Kilcawley House. The warrant was issued by the Boardman Police Department.

Shawn Seelye, freshman, engineering, was picked up by YSU police at Kilcawley House for beating his brother, Scott Seelye, sophomore, undecided, according to a YSU police report.

The case has since been dismissed.

Patrolman Glen Riddle, of the Boardman Police Department,

said Shawn used an unfinished wooden stick in the beating.

Boardman police were notified late Saturday by St. Elizabeth Health Center's Boardman Campus, where they were treating an assault victim with minor cuts and bruises.

When the YSU Police Department received the call from the Boardman Police Department on Saturday, a Kilcawley House resident assistant escorted officers from the Youngstown and YSU police to the suspect's room, according to the police report.

They found Shawn's dorm room empty that night.

YSU Lt. Mark Adovasio

said that on Sunday, officers from the YSU police returned to Kilcawley House, where Shawn was arrested and taken to the Youngstown Police Department and detained.

Boardman Police Officers Paul Grimes and Pat Kingsmith transported Shawn to the Mahoning County Justice Center, according to the report.

Riddle said Shawn was held in the Mahoning County Jail with about a \$12,000 bond until he appeared in court Monday morning, when he was released.

According to a Mahoning County Court House official, the case was dismissed Monday.

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more, early childhood education, said, "I think students would go to her for financial problems and things like that, but it would be strange to go to someone you don't know to help you with personal problems.

"In high school, you have relationships with guidance counselors that you've built over four years, so it's easier to talk to someone face-to-face,"

she said.

However, Baldwin also said the position would be especially useful to students who have problems and don't know many people on campus.

In response, Satrum said students are welcome to come to her office, or they can call her and talk over the phone if they feel more comfortable.

Satrum said the position is growing. She has put up posters

on campus, set up table tents and put ads in The Jambar in an effort to get the word out to students about the new service.

"If you need a problem solved just come in. It doesn't matter who you are or what type of problem it is," said Satrum.

Students can reach Satrum at (330) 742-3571 or in her office, which is located on the second floor of Kilcawley Center.

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American ethnic base. In general, it will probably attract a bad light, but not for our organization," he said.

Walker, like Zokle and Wahab, added that people shouldn't use this incident to form negative opinions of fraternities in general.

"It's just one fraternity and

one incident. People should look at the general picture. Don't let one bad apple destroy the bunch," he said.

Like Wahab, Greg Gulas, assistant director, Student Activities, and adviser of Greek campus life, said Greek campus life is filled with worthwhile activities.

"It is really unfortunate that people perceive Greeks as out-of-control partygoers. Like anything in life there is [a] good and bad side, and yes, sometimes fraternity or sorority members do get out of control," he said. "At YSU, however, that seems to be the exception and not the rule."

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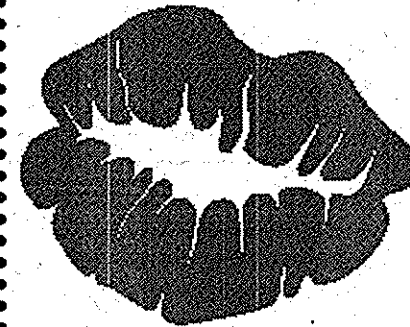
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What We Think

Ombudsperson not needed here

What is an Ombudsperson?
An ombudsperson is someone removed from the problem who works to find a solution.
It's a position YSU has never had before, and K.J. Satrum, who is currently the executive director of Student Services, now adds this job to her plate.
After hearing about the new position, we could not help but wonder if students will really take advantage of this new addition to YSU.
How many people really want to go to a complete stranger when they have a problem?
Wouldn't students feel more comfortable going to someone they already know when they have a problem they need to deal with?
For whom and what was the position of ombudsperson really created?
If the position was set up for students who have personal problems, then YSU has forgotten that there's already a counseling center on campus.
If it has been set up for students with school-related problems, then YSU has forgotten that there are advisers and professors on campus who usually take care of that.
Students will feel more comfortable dealing with people they have been used to since they first came to YSU.
They are used to going to their professors for help when it comes to problem with school, so it would seem logical for them to go to someone they have been talking to all along before going to someone they don't know at all.
And after students have been in their majors long enough, they begin to find professors in whom they trust enough to confide.
When it comes to personal or financial issues, students would probably put their trust in their close friends before trusting a complete stranger.
We understand other universities have this position in place already. But we think it's going to be a while before Satrum can build up enough of a rapport with students to make them comfortable enough to trust in her.

Clarifications

Sherard Scales, who was identified as a freshman, secondary education major in Thursday's issue of The Jambar, is not enrolled as a student at YSU.
Greg Culas, assistant director, Student Activities, said Scales was suspended from school prior to the Jan. 25 fight at the Sigma Phi Epsilon house.
Judith Gaines, director, Student Life, said she could only confirm that Scales is not a student. She did not say when his suspension became effective.
The deadline for the Distinguished Service Award has been adjusted to 5 p.m. March 1.
The forms should be returned to the Office of Human Resources.

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What You Think

Do you think Traficant's trial makes the Mahoning Valley look bad?



JOHN DESIMONE, junior, psychology

"I think he should have been in jail the first time. He's an embarrassment to the community."



HANNAH RODABAUGH, junior, English

"Comparatively, no. I don't think that there's any way to make the area look worse. He's the last event in a long string of events."



D'ANDRE GOOD, freshman, marketing

"No. What he does is his business. That doesn't have to do with anyone else."



JILLIAN MIKA, freshman, undecided

"It doesn't make the Mahoning Valley look bad. It just makes him look bad."



MARCELLO SANCHEZ, freshman, engineering

"At least they're still trying to crack down on corruption, so it makes us look good."

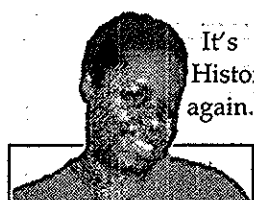


ADRIAN HIGHTOWER, freshman, biology

"It doesn't make a difference. We're already corrupt."

Compiled by Jami Boninsegna/The Jambar.

Honoring forgotten innovators



By PATREKA ADAMS
Jambar Assistant Editor

It's Black History Month again. To me, that means learning about people such as Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, Carter Woodson and Sojourner Truth.
Sure I enjoyed the education, but it never really seemed very accessible or wholly relevant to me.
That was until I started thinking about the ways in which events in black history continue to affect my life. And probably yours, too.
Take for example DeBartolo Hall. It's awfully tir-

ing to walk to the fifth floor from the basement at 8 a.m. That's why I'm glad Alexander Miles had the mind to invent the elevator in 1867.
Or what about the one thing many students, myself included, can't do without these days? Their cell phones.
I'm appreciating Henry Sampson for inventing the gamma electric cell, a component of the modern cell phone, in 1971.
Maybe I'll call him up and thank him.
It would be very hard to cook sumptuous meals without the help of the range that Thomas A. Carrington invented in 1876.
And snack lovers everywhere should pay thanks to George Crum. Because of

Crum's invention of potato chips in 1853, we can have something to munch on between classes.
I dare you to try to eat just one.
If it wasn't for Osbourn Dorsey, we might have had to sleep with one eye open each night.
But thanks to his invention of a door holding device in 1878, the precursor to the modern doorknob, we can rest much easier.
And Washington Martin's invention of the lock in the late 19th century gave Dorsey's door holding device an added security feature.
Golf enthusiasts on campus must love George Grant right now. In 1899 he invented the special tapered golf tee that

golfers use today.
Isn't it ironic how a man who wasn't allowed to join a white golf club invented the very item that golfers use to exercise their game?
All these innovative people were black. Some of them experienced the very worst racism America had to offer, but they were determined to turn their dreams into reality.
So as we embark on another Black History Month, let us no longer say, "That doesn't concern me" or "It was so long ago" or "I'm not black. Why should I care?"
The truth is each of us is affected and helped by the courage and genius of black Americans.
And that doesn't matter if you're black or white.

Letter to the Editor

Reader disagrees with editor's sports call

Editor:

In response to the Jan. 24 Sports Soundoff, I would like to touch on a few points that BJ Lisko neglected.
He stated, "... a botched call cost the Oakland Raiders their season. Despite all the technology of instant replay, despite all the camera angles, [the officials] still got it wrong."
However, the officials did in fact make the correct call, as stated in Rule 3, Section 21, Article 2 of the NFL Rulebook.
The rule states, in part, "any intentional forward

movement of his arm starts a forward pass, even if the player loses possession of the ball as he is attempting to tuck it back toward his body."
Mike Pereira, the NFL's director of officiating, said the call was correct, adding, "If you want to disagree with the rule, that's another thing."
Fans or media people may not like the rule, but it is a rule.
Now, I am not a New England fan who is trying to defend his team.
As a diehard Pittsburgh fan, I would have rather seen

Oakland win, for an Oakland-Pittsburgh matchup would have been more exciting.
However, the ruling of an incomplete pass was correct, and Lisko would have known that had he done a little research.
And what was that about Phil Simms changing his mind "in the span of about two minutes" or Simms "sucking up to coaches at the University of Texas"?
Do you have any basis for your arguments?
I watched the New England-Oakland game and do

not recall Simms changing his mind.
And I'm sure you know Simms' relationship with the coaches at UT, since you know them all personally.
I'm glad to hear that you feel it's too bad officiating is deciding the outcomes of games.
It's too bad that a columnist is filling the back page of The Jambar with his poor writing.
John Bralich
GIS Analyst,
Center for Urban Studies

Student: sports predictions better left unsaid

Editor:

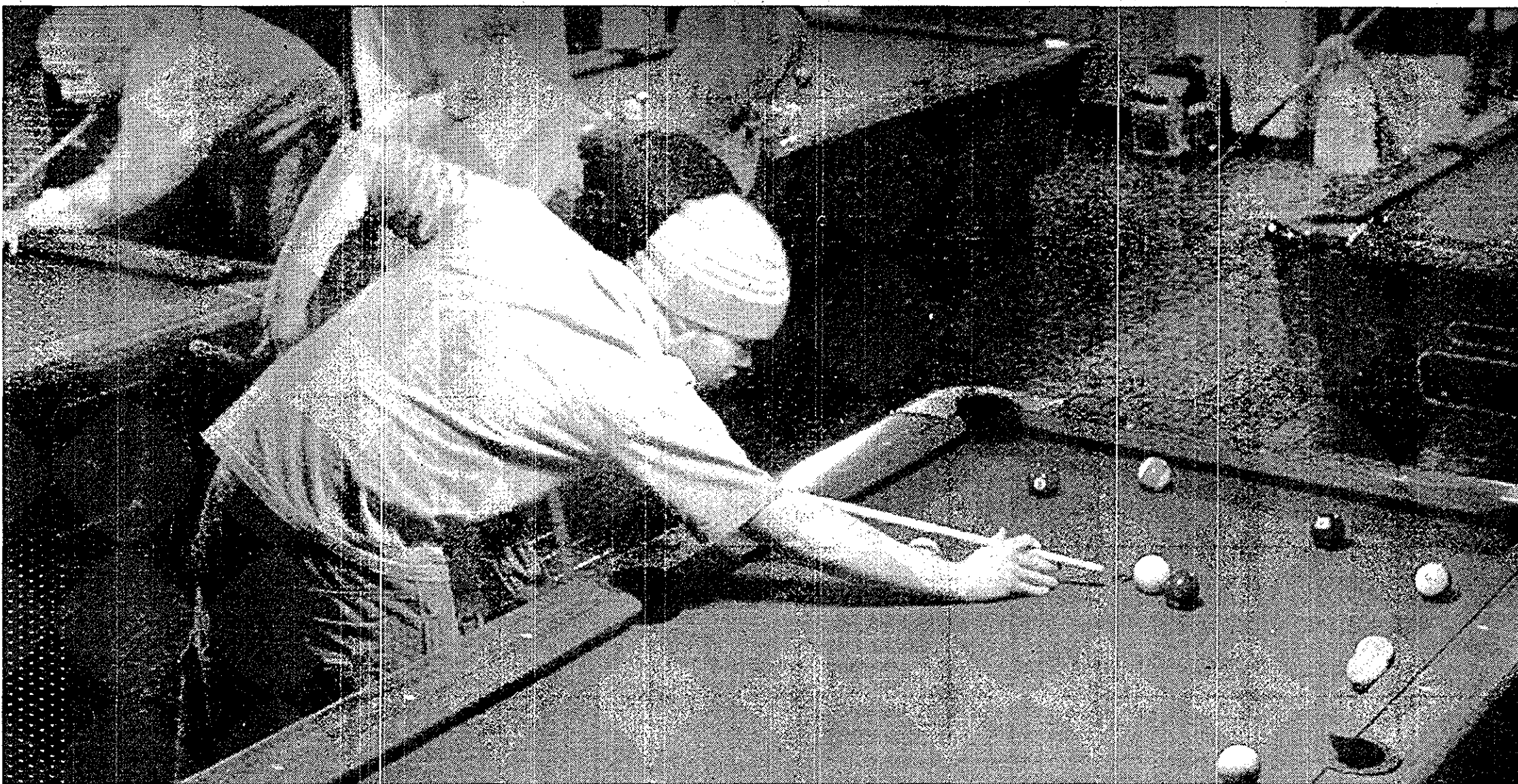
Well, it seems that The Jambar doesn't quite have its eye on the ball when it comes to national sports ...
Yes, I'm referring to the wildly unfounded prediction that was originally made by your sports correspondent regarding the final Super Bowl XXXVI score.
Now, I understand that around this area, people get sore when the Steelers can only

score 3 more points than another team's special teams unit, or when the No. 1 ranked rushing attack of the Steelers is outrun by the same team, despite the Steelers' new "Steel Curtain."
There was no reason for The Jambar to run its article concerning the Super Bowl and certainly no reason to blast the now World Champion New England Patriots.
It shows a lack of preparation and research by The Jambar and ended up being a

very messy article, certainly not good enough to be in a high school newspaper, let alone a college newspaper.
For instance, in the five games previous to the Super Bowl, New England's defense outperformed the third-ranked defense of the St. Louis Rams.
Why would you assume that the Rams would score more than 40 points on a defense, especially considering how dinged up the St. Louis offense was from a very physi-

cal game against the Philadelphia Eagles?
I realize that maybe your sports writers aren't exactly fanatics, but they should still do their jobs.
Until they do, I'd recommend staying away from national sports predictions.
Yes, hindsight is 20/20, but only when your eyes are open.
Lawrence Jennings
Sophomore,
Computer Science

Arts & Entertainment



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GOING IN FOR THE SHOT: Bill Shirley, freshman, psychology, hangs out at Peaberry's and plays pool against his buddies during his breaks between classes.

Players sharpen skills at Peaberry's

By KELLY WALSH
Jambar Editor

They're there almost every day and all day. Sometimes they even skip class to hang out there.

Amy Manhollan, sophomore, early childhood education, is a regular at Peaberry's and spends a few hours per week hanging out at the pool tables.

She said she got into it last year when she decided to play a casual game with a friend and has been coming back ever since.

"I've been playing around [with pool] since I was little. But here I get a lot of practice against people who are better than me," said Manhollan.

The lighthearted environment at this café in Kilcawley Center lends

itself to friendly competition among those who hang out there.

Daryl Pusser, freshman, undecided, said he enjoys Peaberry's because it presents a competitive atmosphere but at the same time, everyone is friendly, so he is able to play against anyone in the room.

"It's cool because you get better each time you play, and you can play against people you don't really know," he said. "It's a good way to kill time in between classes."

Jim Newbrough, freshman, graphic design, has been playing for about 8 months at Peaberry's, and he said he has really improved his game during that time.

"I learned how rails are played and about bank shots," said Newbrough. "Everybody is friendly,

"It's cool [at Peaberry's] because you get better each time you play, and you can play against people you don't really know."

— DARYL PUSSEY
Freshman, undecided

and no one cares if you are good or bad. It's just fun."

But some who hang out at the pool area are not attracted there just because of the hobby; it is also a social gathering.

Manhollan said she has made a lot of friends by hanging out at Peaberry's. Newbrough agreed that it is a good environment to make friends.

"I have made about four close friends since I have been down here. People just come here to have fun," said Newbrough.

Chris Cole, Peaberry's manager, is able to see the pool players daily but with an outside perspective.

"It's kind of interesting to hear the conversations that they have," he said. "It's good, though, because we have a lot of regulars and everybody is mature and knows how to behave publicly."

Cole said he thinks Peaberry's is a good place for the pool tables to be. "The hours are longer than other

places on campus, and Peaberry's has always been the cool place to hang out," said Cole.

The only complaint some of the pool players have with the atmosphere is the music.

"I don't like the music, and some of the people they bring in to perform no one likes," said Newbrough.

Even though those who chill out in the pool section say they have a good time, they agree it's a bad idea to skip class to play pool.

Manhollan said it becomes adding if students start skipping class to play.

"Don't skip class to come here because you always skip," she said from experience. "I started skipping two semesters ago and thought it was okay, but it's not."

Ministry offers alternative activities for Friday nights

By KELLY WALSH
Jambar Editor

Friday rolls by, and the options of what to do are limited. Sure, there are movies playing, and smoky, loud bars to go to. But is there anything else?

A new campus ministry has been working to bring different and new forms of entertainment to campus.

Formed by Eboni Bogan, "TGIF: An Alternative to the Bar Scene," allows students to hang out and enjoy live performances without the smoke and alcohol.

"This is a way to be social without having beer spilled on you," Bogan said.

TGIF is held at New Beginnings Outreach Fellowship

church on Friday nights. Bogan decided to start the program in order to offer a way for people to get together in a different type of atmosphere.

"In larger cities, there are Christian nightclubs. I want to be around people without going to bars. When you go to church you're around the same people. But this gives you the opportunity to meet different people."

Even though TGIF is a Christian program, it is open

to anyone who wants to come.

Bogan said, "We are not going to turn our backs on you [if you are not Christian]. Atheists are welcome, but you can't be disrespectful either."

Bogan said she was happy with the turnout of the first TGIF.

Jan. 25 launched its first gathering, and about 60 people showed up to enjoy the live music and food. Bogan also said eight ministers came last time.

"We always have three ministers on board if anyone just needs to talk to someone," Bogan said.

Although Bogan has done most of the work herself, she has

she said she would definitely go back. I might even go back myself."

The next TGIF will be held Feb. 15, and it will have a theme that goes along with Valentine's Day, called "No Greater Love." Bogan said this is from John 15:13, and it means that if you are alone on Valentine's Day, God is still with you.

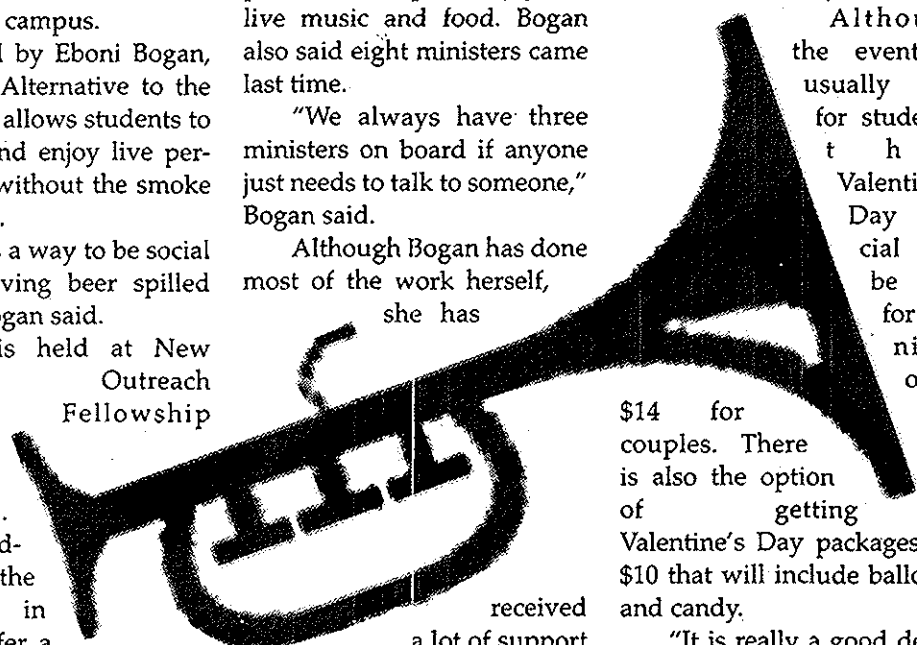
Although the event is usually free for students, the

Valentine's Day special will be \$7 for the night or

\$14 for couples. There is also the option of getting Valentine's Day packages for \$10 that will include balloons and candy.

"It is really a good deal," said Bogan. "If you go out for Valentine's Day, you'll spend money on dinner and a movie, but here you will get live entertainment plus food."

The Valentine's Day special will feature a jazz group called Just Chillin', Judah E. and D-Tech as a rap duo, and mimes will be performing. The festivities will begin at 8 p.m. and will last until midnight.



Band adds new sounds to CD

By JOE DEMAY
Jambar Reporter

"Musical mastery without those pesky instruments," is what my friend Deliah says about The Chemical Brothers, and I'm inclined to agree with her yet again after the release of the group's fourth studio effort, *Come With Us*.

While the electronica sound can be somewhat limiting, Tom Rowlands and Ed Simons, aka The Chemical Brothers, have consistently found new ways to tweak their sound to avoid the seemingly inevitable trap of the genre, which is to become boring and repetitive.

Some of the big beat sound that marked their previous releases disappears on *Come With Us*, but as if to reassure us that they haven't melo-

they are sure the first four tracks slide hard and fast into one another to create a whirlwind effect.

Here we find the club smash "It Began and Africa" and the richly textured "Star Guitar," both of which portray a deeper, richer dimension to the Brothers' synthetic funk.

That added lushness of texture comes to full fruition on the disc's fifth track, "Hoops." Borrowing acoustic guitar samples from the 60s band The Association while slipping in an array of trippy, psychedelic beats creates a lavish track that demonstrates another level of the Brothers' musical maturity.

Equally as beautiful for its hypnotic lushness is "Pioneer Skies," resplendent with its Beatle-esque "Lucy in the Sky With Diamonds" harpsichord

riff. Two other notables from the disc are the pulsating "Denmark." Skip straight to this track if you're looking for that "old" Chemical Brothers sound and "The Test."

The latter is a straight collaboration between the band and Richard Ashcroft, who most fans will recognize from his days with The Verve. While it lacks some of the funny, twisted little tricks Chemical Brothers fans love, the change of pace and frenetic pace of the song provide sufficient atmosphere to make it a compelling listen.

In the end the song seems to almost be a joke on the listener, for the band so noted for creating mood with its beats and melodies suddenly uses the vocal of an outsider to create it, which no doubt proves these guys could probably do just about anything.

FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS CALENDAR

Art Jan. 25 - Mar. 9 McDonough Museum "Breathing Room" by Claudia Esslinger.	Music Feb. 3 Bliss Recital Hall Dana Chamber Orchestra, 4 p.m.	artist: Randall Avers, guitar, 8 p.m.
Feb. 20 McDonough Museum Actors' Theater Project, "Angels in America" Part I: Millennium Approaches, 8 p.m.	Feb. 13 Butler Institute of American Art New Music Society's Winter Pops Concert, 12:15 p.m.	Feb. 18 Bliss Recital Hall Dana Brass Ensemble: 8 p.m.
Feb. 21 McDonough Museum Actors' Theater Project, "Angels in America" Part II: Perestroika, 8 p.m.	Feb. 13 Bliss Recital Hall New Music Society's Winter Pops Concert, 8 p.m.	Feb. 20 Butler Institute of American Art Dana Chamber Winds, 12:15 p.m.
	Feb. 15 Bliss Recital Hall Guest	Theater Feb. 21 - 23 Ford Theater "Sweet Charity," musical by Neil Simon and Cy Coleman, 8 p.m.

Campus Calendar

Wednesday:
The History Club is meeting at noon in Room 2069, Kilcawley Center. Dr. Fred Blue, director of graduate studies in history, and several graduate students, will talk about graduate study and graduate assistantships in history. The public is invited. Please feel free to bring a lunch.

The Student Social Work Association is meeting at 4:30 p.m. in Room 3028, Cushman Hall. For more information contact Salima Dunn at TallNSweetOne@aol.com.

Thursday:
Toastmasters will be having their next meeting at 4 p.m. in Room 2400, Moser Hall. Conquer your fear of speaking and become an excellent public speaker!

Notices:
The special education program at YSU is currently seeking children, ages 6 to 13, to participate in the Spring Semester Practicum for Mild/Moderate Disabilities. Children may currently be receiving services for Learning Disabilities or may not yet have an IEP in place. Participants will receive complete assessment and individualized tutoring free of charge to the parents. The program will begin Feb. 20 with a parent or guardian orientation. The children will attend each Wednesday until May 1. The times for the sessions are 5:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Interested individuals may contact Dr. Bernadette Angle at (330) 742-3251, ext. 7153. Please leave a clear message, including name and contact number. Individuals may also contact Shawn Blakeny at (330) 743-3251 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, and from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday. Prompt response is suggested. The deadline to apply for admission to the Social Work Program for the summer 2002 and fall 2002 semesters is 5 p.m. Monday. Pre-social work majors must sign up in Room 3030A, Cushman Hall and complete an admissions application.

Reservations are being accepted for a bus tour on Saturday, May 4 of the Ohio River Valley and its famous mounds. Chairman of the YSU Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Dr. John White, will provide expert leadership in the field. The trip is being sponsored by the Mahoning Valley Chapter of the Ohio Archaeological Society. For additional information, reservations or a brochure, contact one of the following members of the Ways and Means Committee: Rosemary Brophy (330) 726-8098, Ann Kurz (330) 533-3468, Carole Williams (330) 448-2186 or Sally Veauthier (330) 482-3175.

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The following is a list of places, dates and times when staff from the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships will be available to distribute forms and answer questions:

Monday, Feb. 4, 2002	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	• Kilcawley Center, First floor, across from the bank • Cushman Hall - north lobby
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Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2002	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	• Kilcawley Center - First floor, near elevator • College of Engineering and Technology - lobby
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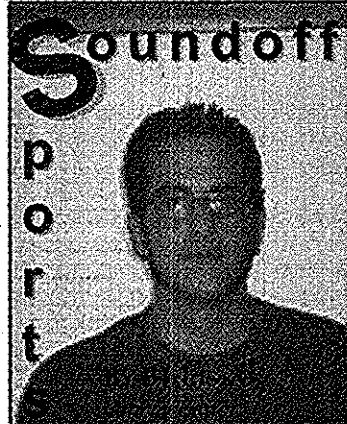
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Sports & Recreation

Patriots pull off upset



Boy, when you're wrong you're wrong.

It's a good thing the NFL season has come to a close because I'm starting to grow tired of the taste of my own foot. My early picks aside, though, the New England Patriots did the impossible Sunday night, finding a way to beat the St. Louis Rams 20-17.

While I still consider them to be the luckiest team in football, as the old saying goes, sometimes it's better to be lucky than good.

The Rams saved their worst performance of the year when all they really needed to do was play an average football game. A couple bad throws by quarterback Kurt Warner and the Patriots capitalized.

I will give New England props in two areas, though. First, its defense played the game of their career. Kurt Warner picks teams apart, but much of that has to be attributed to great protection and plenty of time to throw the football.

On Sunday, New England had Warner scrambling and forced him to make some very bad decisions. Their downfield coverage also gave St. Louis problems. Even when Warner had time to throw, he didn't have any receivers to throw to.

Second, Patriots kicker Adam Vinatieri is arguably the best kicker on the planet and should've been the Super Bowl MVP. Nothing against New England quarterback Tom Brady, but Vinatieri's clutch kicking in a blizzard against Oakland and the last minute field goal against St. Louis were perhaps the biggest reasons the Patriots are NFL champions.

Unfortunately, kickers don't get much respect, if any at all. Had Vinatieri missed his last field goal attempt and the Patriots lost, many would've been very quick to blame him first.

Fortunately for Vinatieri, though, what happened to former Buffalo Bills kicker Scott Norwood isn't going to happen to him.

As the NFL season comes to an end, football fans in the area can't help but wonder what might have been. The Browns made a playoff run and the Steelers, in all honesty, should've been playing yesterday. But that's the NFL for you — unbelievable and unpredictable.

Interested in writing sports? Contact BJ at 330-742-1811.

Penguins drop eighth straight

Poor rebounding led to another league loss.

By BJ Lisko
Jambar Editor

The YSU men's basketball team lost both games last week, Thursday to Wright State 76-69, and Saturday to Loyola 75-55.

Against the Ramblers of Loyola poor rebounding doomed the Penguins as they were outboarded 46-28. David Bailey led Loyola with 19 points, and Silviye Turkovic added 11 points and 10 rebounds.

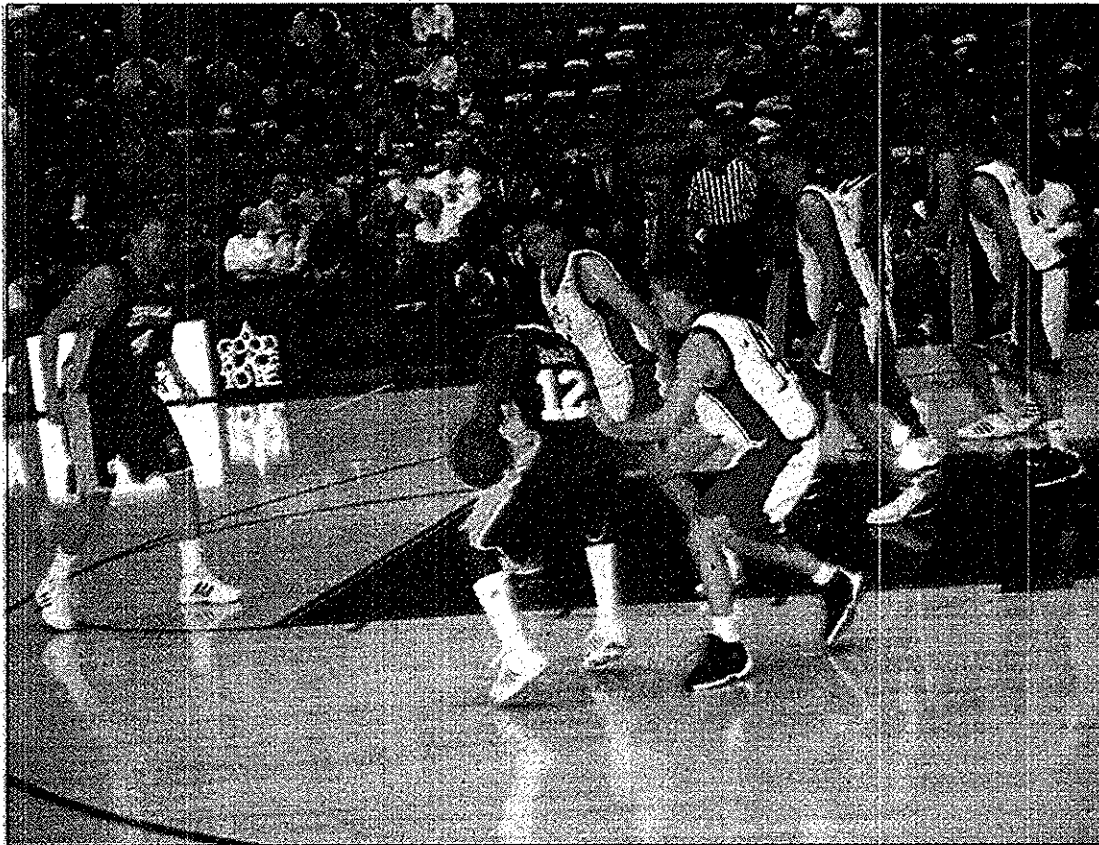
The Penguins (3-17, 1-9) suffered their eighth straight loss and shot just 35.1 percent for the game. Normally a sure shooting team from the charity stripe, YSU hit just over half its foul shots. Senior Ryan Patton led all scorers with 21 points, and Rafael Cruz added 13.

Against Wright State, the Penguins kept it close but could not prevail in a 76-69 loss.

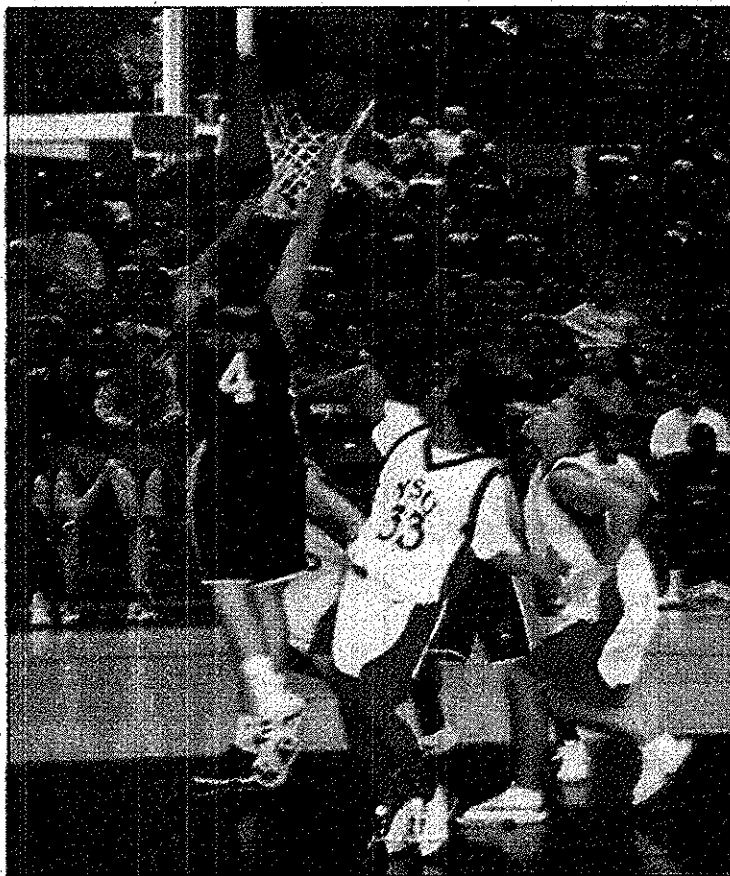
Ryan Patton led four YSU players in double figures with 17 points. The game marked the Penguins 12th straight road loss. YSU led at halftime 29-26 but again just could not hold on in the second half.

Freshmen Jimmy Moore and Doug Underwood added 15 and 13 points, and sophomore TeJay Anderson put in 12.

Shooting was the games biggest difference as Wright State out shot the Penguins 49 to 30 percent. The Penguins will next face Cleveland State at home on Thursday. Tipoff is at 7 p.m.



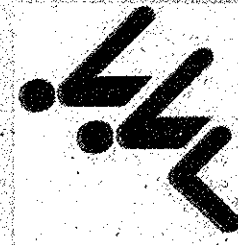
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MAN TO MAN: Above, No. 14 senior Ryan Patton defends against No. 12 Loyola's David Bailey during the Penguins Horizon League contest at the Beechly Center on Saturday. Left, No. 33 sophomore TeJay Anderson watches as No. 4 Loyola's Jonathan Freeman lays it up. The Penguins lost their ninth Horizon League game of the year 75-55.

Penguin Sportswire

Swimming and diving.



— It was a great weekend for the YSU swimming and diving team (7-4) as they won both matches over Niagara at home Saturday, 135-107, and at Canisius Sunday, 149-84.

First place finishes for the Penguins on Saturday included senior diver Brandi Goetsch in the one and three meter dives, freshman Erin Carter in the 200-yard freestyle and 100-yard backstroke, junior Lena Arens in the 50-yard freestyle, freshman Missy Weise in the 100-yard freestyle, freshman Jordan Dunn in the 200-yard IM, and the Penguins 200-yard relay team.

First place finishes on Sunday included Carter in the 500 and 50-yard freestyles, Weise in the 100 and 200 yard freestyles, Dunn in the 200-yard individual medley, freshman Molly McAtee in the 100-yard butterfly and 1000-yard freestyle, and the Penguins 200-yard relay squad.

Women's Basketball.

— YSU split their contests last week winning against IPFW 81-62 Thursday, and losing to UW - Milwaukee 100-46.

On Thursday freshman Barbara Fabianova led the Penguins with 22 points, hitting six three pointers. Sophomore Heather Harris added 18, as the Lady Penguins came back from a 16 point deficit.

Saturday, UW-Milwaukee crushed the Lady Penguins setting a school record with a 54 point victory. For YSU junior Maggie Johnston put in 15 points.

The Lady Penguins next face Cleveland State at home on Thursday, at 7 p.m.

Tennis.

— YSU lost 6-1 against Dayton over the weekend with Kevin Schaffert picking up the only win.

Hockey.

— YSU improved their record to 4-7-3 with a win over Pitt (Airport Rank) 4-3, on Feb. 2. The Penguin hockey team will finish out their year with three straight home games starting Feb. 10 against California of PA.

Extreme events Extreme athletes Extreme sports

ESPN's X-Games provide an exciting alternative to the Winter Olympics.

By MICHAEL BALALE
Jambar Reporter

If watching team figure skating or a cross country skiing event that lasts longer than "War and Peace" aren't your idea of fun, you may want to tune in to what ESPN has to offer this week.

On Friday, the 2002 "Winter X Games VI" aired to their best television ratings since their inauguration in 1996. The Winter X Games pit male and female athletes against one another in a variety of sports and contests that are not for the faint of heart.

It's an unbelievable spectacle to witness, as these talented athletes compete in the most extreme of events. This year's venue, unlike others in the past, is held in Aspen, CO.

It presents incoming athletes to treacherous weather and racing courses never seen before, even for these professionals. Athletes from many countries compete, although the United States seem to dominate most of the events year after year.

Medals are obtained in the same format as the Olympic Games, with the traditional gold, silver, and bronze, but that is where the similarities end.

The excitement level does appear to be much higher at the X Games, and that is evident with their fan base. The X Games seem to have a very youthful following among viewers, as adolescents throughout the world idolize these fellow teenagers and young adults as they defy gravity with reckless abandon for their own health and well being.

Also unlike the Olympics, these aerial daredevils take to the sky once a year, as opposed to the Olympic Games, which are held every four years.

Traditional Winter Olympic events, such as Speed Skating, Curling and Biathlon, are replaced with Snoboarder X, Moto X, Big Air and Skiing Superpipe, just to name a few.

In Moto X, racers drive street dirt bikes down a snowy hill only to gain velocity and propel themselves off a suspended jump while doing death-defying tricks in mid-air just to see if they can then land the cycles.

In Snoboarder X, a group of eight Snoboarders race down a snow-infested hill at speeds of up to 65 mph, pushing, shoving and battling its way to the finish line.

Just as the NBA has Michael Jordan and baseball has Derek Jeter, the X Games have their share of household names that you should look for if you happen to tune in.

Shaun Palmer is a must-see for those of you who might want some pointers for the next time you do backflips down a 15-foot cliff, only to land on a couple of three-inch wide skis. Palmer is a professional skier and last year's Winter X gold medalist of the Big Air event.

If riding a dirt bike down a snowy hill is more your speed, don't lose track of Brian Deegan, who on Friday won the Gold Medal in the Moto X Big Air Competition.

For everyone who does enjoy USA Hockey or figure skating, have no fear. The Winter Olympics are set to be underway in Salt Lake City. However, if you yearn for something a little more extreme, tune into ESPN or ESPN2 to see exceptional athletes performing feats that can only be matched in our wildest dreams.

Best of all, we are not force-fed the name Picaboo, and Brian Boitano in a pair of tights will be nowhere in sight.

Girls & Sports
by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

