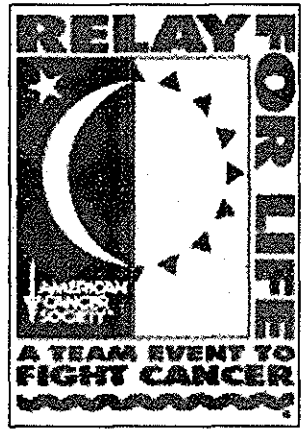


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SIDELINED: Jeff Ball, above, claims coach John Robic kicked him off the basketball team after he told the coach he had to miss a game because of schoolwork. Ball, senior, art, also said Robic used verbal abuse against him and other players.

Player calls foul on head coach

John Robic said the basketball team has not been affected "whatsoever" by the loss of the player.

By SOMOUD NISER
Jambar Editor

The tallest YSU basketball player said he was kicked off the team two weeks ago and is now worried about how he will pay for college next year.

Jeff Ball, senior, art, said he was kicked off the team after he told Men's Head Basketball Coach John Robic he wouldn't be able to make it to the next away game because he had so much schoolwork to do.

Ball, who played center for the YSU men's basketball team, alleged that Robic blew

up at him.

Ball, who is on a full scholarship, came to YSU from Canon City, Colo. He said he went to Robic before the Wright State game because he was having problems with his schoolwork.

Wednesday, at a regular weekly press conference, Robic responded to questions from The Jambar about Ball.

"It's an internal problem, and it has not been discussed with the team," Robic said. "If you let any minor problem get the best of you, it's already gotten you."

Robic said the team has

not been affected "whatsoever" by the loss of a player.

Ball, who transferred to YSU as a junior, was one of the starters for the season-opener against Evansville State.

Ball averaged 0.7 points and four minutes of playing time per game. He scored 8 points this season, the second lowest scoring total of any member of the Penguins squad.

In a telephone interview Wednesday, Ron Strollo, associate executive athletic director, said the athletics department tries to keep student

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Guest discusses hot career choices

By PATRECKA ADAMS
Jambar Assistant Editor

Wherever he goes, people ask him, "What's your favorite hot career?" and "What's the highest paying hot career?" Most want to know exactly how to get a "hot job" and where the best jobs are today. And they want the man who wrote the book on hot careers to be the one to tell them.

Ronald Reis, author of "The Everything Hot Careers Book," lectured from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center.

Reis is the chair of the technology department at Los Angeles Valley College in Los Angeles.

Reis' visit was co-sponsored by Student Government and the Student Programming Board.

During the lecture, Reis highlighted 11 rules billionaire Bill Gates created for high school and college graduates to remember about life.

The rules, titled "Life according to Gates," included statements which read: "Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. You[r] grandparents had a different word for burger flipping; they called it opportunity."

Reis said he agreed with

this rule and added that students and graduates should think about volunteerism as a way to plan or start a career.

"Once you achieve something, that'll make you feel good," said Reis. "Self-esteem will build from there."

Reis said people looking to get rich quick will probably have a tough time in today's economy.

"The dot com era was the exception. You're going to have to go look for a job now instead of a job looking for you."

He also said students should "stay as interested in as many things as they can" when they are looking at careers.

Reis said that when he began researching and writing his book, he chose to emphasize careers he thought people would find interesting.

Some careers Reis showcases in his 300-plus page book include a zookeeper, makeup artist, martial arts instructor, voice actor and auctioneer.

Reis said students should focus on making a career out of something they like rather than trying to simply make a lot of money quickly.

"You cannot be immediate about this," said Reis. "Get into an area that you have a proclivity

HIGHLIGHTS OF LIFE ACCORDING TO BILL GATES

1. Life is not fair; get used to it.
2. The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.
3. You will not make 40K a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice president with a cell phone, until you earn both.
4. If you think your teacher is tough, wait until you get a boss.
5. Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for burger flipping; they called it opportunity.
6. If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes; learn from them.
7. Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you are.

*Source Ronald Reis

for, a talent for and an interest in.

Reis added that information technology jobs are some of today's best careers.

Though there were fewer than a handful of people in attendance at the lecture, those who came said they learned a lot from Reis.

Bernie Cummins, director, Career Services, attended the lecture and said Reis "talked about lots of things that are practical and real."

"One of [Reis'] themes was stressing the importance of competition. That is very true. Students have to market themselves and make sure their skills are the best," said Cummins.

Cummins added that students should realize their com-

petition for jobs are not only on the YSU campus.

"Sometimes they're competing not only against other YSU students, but also against students from Kent and Harvard. They need to make sure they're prepared to compete," Cummins said.

Andy Fabian, junior, undecided, said he enjoyed hearing Reis talk about "how important it is to be realistic about your career and future."

He also said students should make an effort to attend lectures because they might learn something valuable.

"You never know what you're going to find out," said Fabian. "If you've got the time, it's better than sitting at Arby's."

Faculty union raising funds

By HENRY GOMEZ
Jambar Assistant Editor

A chemical engineering professor says state budget cuts are forcing faculty members to organize fund-raising efforts to purchase resources for teachers and students.

Dr. Jeanette Garr said she and Dr. Howard Mettee, professor, chemistry, are asking faculty members and students to help solicit donations from YSU alumni and local businesses.

"We don't want our students to get messed up [by the budget cuts]," Garr said. "All these hits are coming at us. We're getting nickel and dimes away. It all has to do with the state. There's no place left to cut."

Garr said she would like to plan an annual variety show and dinner for alumni and local business leaders. She said performing arts and "other talented" YSU students could perform for donations that would be used to pay for student tutoring, student trips, new equipment and other resources.

"It would be like a political fund-raiser," Garr said. Politicians do that all the time. We've got to do something like that."

Robert Hogue, associate professor, computer science,

serves as vice president of the YSU Ohio Education Association teachers' union. He said he was concerned that some professors might be too busy with workload to participate but was encouraged by the idea.

"I think it's great that members are doing this fund raising because the state sure isn't helping us out," he said.

Garr said student opinion and help will be sought when planning fund-raising events.

Student Government President Joe Long said no one has contacted the SG office about becoming involved in university fund raising but said he would be interested in helping any way he can.

"Whatever they would want us to do," Long said. "I don't think I have the talent to orchestrate that, but I think our area has a lot of pride. YSU grads seem to have a lot of pride and, I bet, would be willing to donate," Long said.

Garr said she hopes money raised can be used to pay student tutors, who, she said, would increase enrollment and retention.

No timetable has been set for a show, Garr said, but plans are in the works to get a small one scheduled before the end of the school year.

Students start clothing line

Two friends hope to sell the surfer-style clothes nationwide.

By JAMI BONINSEGNA
Jambar Reporter

With brightly colored shirts and vivid designs, two YSU students are breaking into the clothing industry.

Together, they have created an original clothing company that features surfer-type styles — styles targeted to a college audience that finds itself spending extra time surfing, knee boarding, and taking up other extreme water sports.

It all started last August when Ryan Ghizzoni, senior, accounting, found himself unhappy working at his job at the auditor's office. He decided he no longer wanted to do it. He called up his friend, Eric Johnson, senior, graphic design, and together they created Pier Nautical Wear.

Since then, Ghizzoni said Pier Nautical Wear has continued to expand. Right now Ghizzoni and Johnson are working out of Ghizzoni's apartment. But they have plans of going nationwide and getting their line into bigger corporate clothing companies.

Ghizzoni said he would "like to see how it goes and probably do this forever."

Johnson, who works at Action Silk Screen in Struthers, has the background in designing logos and prints on clothing and handles the design aspect of the business.

The line currently features T-shirts, sweat shirts, baby tees for girls, long-sleeve tees, polo shirts and hats, and this summer the line will expand to include boys' shorts, jackets and swim trunks.

Johnson said, "Our clothes are comparable to Quiksilver, Rusty and Fox. They have an East Coast alternative-surfer look."

Ghizzoni said they are also having "Pier Night" on Feb. 22 at Inner Circle Pizza, where they will feature four or five additional new

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News in Brief



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DONATION: Debbie Roth, a Red Cross nurse, gets ready to take blood from Jared Souder, sophomore, business management. Student Government sponsored the blood drive.

Frat members' fate in jury's hands

Two alumni members of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity appeared in court Wednesday to discuss charges of felonious assault. Sherard Scales and Robert Householder will both appear before a Mahoning County grand jury.

Weather

Partly cloudy today. High around 40. Low in the mid-20s. Cloudy on Friday. High around 40. Low in the mid-20s. Flurries on Saturday. High in the mid-30s. Low around 20.

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Campus Calendar

Friday:
The Exercise Science Club is meeting at 11:30 a.m. in Room 322, Beeghly Center. Anyone interested in health and wellness is welcome. For more information contact Carrie Hess at (330) 742-4742.

The YSU hockey team will play Penn State at 7 p.m. at the Ice Zone in Boardman. For more information visit www.geocities.com/ysuhockey.

Protestant Campus Ministry is sponsoring TGIF: "No Greater Love," from 8 p.m. to midnight at the corner of Wick and Lincoln, Lincoln entrance. An evening out for singles and couples. \$7 includes appetizer and live entertainment.

The YSU Guitar Association is having a classic guitar concert at 8 p.m. in the Bliss Hall Recital Hall. Admission is free. For more information call (330) 742-3636.

Sunday:
The YSU hockey team will play IUP at 7 p.m. at the Ice Zone in Boardman. Last game of the season! For more information visit www.geocities.com/ysuhockey.

February 26:
The Mahoning Valley Dietetic Association and St. Charles Health Ministries are sponsoring a free lecture on diabetes from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at St. Charles School Auditorium, 7325 Westview Drive, Boardman. This free program includes refreshments, exhibits and a Chinese Auction to benefit the MVDA Scholarship Fund. Speakers include Theresa O'Conner RD, LD, CDE; Angie Palumbo RN, CDE; Linda Veith RN, CDE; Dave Weinberger RN, CDE. To register call St. Charles (330) 758-2325. Registration deadline is 4 p.m. Feb. 22.

Notices:
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New course: Northern Rocky Mountains Field Course - Environmental Studies 4840A. Three Credits. Hiking and camping required. Non-majors welcome. No prerequisites. Destinations include Badlands, Rocky Mountains, Bozeman, Butte, Anaconda, Axolotl Lakes, Virginia City (Montana) and Yellowstone Park. Activities include camping, day hikes, tours of old west mines, tours of turn of the century mining cities and towns, an overnight llama trip and a workshop in environmental design and construction. Discussions on environmental issues will be led by professors and local experts. Course dates: June 15-30. Please contact Dr. Carl Johnston (phone: (330) 742-7151 or cjohnst@cc.yosu.edu) We need to determine by Feb. 15 if there is enough interest to offer the course.

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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Editorial & Opinion

What We Think

Learn to accept consequences

Most college students are at least 18 years old and officially adults.

Part of being an adult means making decisions and accepting the consequences. It's a hard thing to realize and get used to, but it's an important lesson to be learned.

And it's time for Jeff Ball, former center for the YSU basketball team, to accept the consequences of a decision he made.

When Ball told his coach that he wasn't going to be able to go to an away game, coach John Robic had every right to be upset. And while we don't know all the details of what happened, and while it's possible that Robic may have overreacted, Ball still had an obligation to the team to fulfill.

As a scholarship player, Ball essentially made a promise to be dedicated to the team. That includes attending or playing in all games — even away games.

We do think college should be about learning, and we do think coaches need to treat their players with respect.

However, Ball knew well in advance that he would be expected to play at the basketball game that weekend.

Ball isn't the only athlete who has to juggle schoolwork and sports. There are 11 other players in the men's basketball program alone, not to mention all the athletes at YSU who are expected to keep up with their academics while competing in their athletic endeavors.

If all other YSU athletes can do it, then Ball should've been able to as well.

He should have taken care of academic work with his professors during the week and found a way to get it done.

Feeling overwhelmed by schoolwork is understandable, but missing a basketball game is not the way to solve the problem. He should have spoken earlier with Robic to discuss what could be done to make balancing school and basketball a little easier.

Another part of being an adult is learning to take criticism.

All coaches will get on their players when they think they are not performing to their potential. This year the YSU men's basketball team has rarely played to its full potential.

The inability to put 40 minutes of solid basketball together all year has resulted in a 3-19 record.

There is bound to be some criticism from the coach to his players. Robic himself has taken criticism.

Ball is an adult and should have sucked up the adversity thrown his way, just like the rest of his teammates and his coach.

What You Think

What was your best Valentine's Day?



RENEE SHURILLA, sophomore, early childhood education

"When I started going out with someone on Valentine's Day."



TONY ESPOSITO, sophomore, accounting

"They're all individually special with whoever I'm dating."



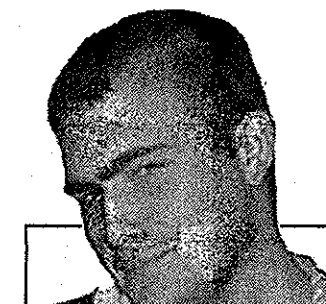
ROB VIROSTEK, sophomore, biology

"I haven't had a good Valentine's Day ever."



AMY RIGBY, freshman, elementary education

"My best friend, Ame, took me out to eat in Cleveland and she brought me a rose last year. She's the best."



JESSE PLASKETT, sophomore, undecided

"I've never had a good one, so my best one was last year when I had a date with Mary Jane."



ANDY CLOUGH, senior, exercise science

"Last year was a good Valentine's Day, but I messed up three days later on her birthday."

Compiled by Jami Boninsegna/The Jambar

Letters to the Editor

SG will tackle advisement issues

Editor:

Above the glass entrance doors of DeBartolo Hall a sign reads, "An Advisor Is Your Best Friend On Campus."

Many students can tell you otherwise, as a vast majority has experienced the horrific reality of poor advisement at YSU.

From being misled in the quarter-to-semester transition to hearing the ever-so-familiar, "Hi, I haven't had the chance to review your file, so what classes do you want to take?", students all over campus can entertain you with their own

personal advisement disappointments.

Soon approaching is the start of summer registration, scheduled for April 8.

That leaves us with roughly two months to see an adviser, hoping we are advised to take the right courses that will bring us closer to an on-time degree completion.

As you can see, we have a lot to accomplish and we are pressed for time.

Taking into consideration the plethora of campus-wide advisement complaints, Student Government delegated this issue to the SG Academic

Affairs Committee.

As the newly appointed chair of the committee, I can assure you that these advisement problems are diligently being tackled, even as you read this letter.

I suggested and SG implemented an Ad Hoc Committee (currently holding 11 volunteers) to work at finding a solution.

I strongly encourage each of you who have dealt with advisement issues to consider joining this committee, as it is open to everyone with the passion to help the students of this campus.

If you or anyone else you know has experienced advisement troubles, or even if you want to take part in improving advisement for your fellow peers and classmates, please contact me at emilyanne2103@aol.com or visit me during my office hour from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays in the SG office.

Working together as a student body, we can accomplish anything!

Emily A. Eckman
Sophomore
Chair, Academic Affairs
Student Government

Student says Jambar fails to show support

Editor:

I would just like to say how disappointed I am in The Jambar. For a university newspaper, it is discouraging to know that you do not support some events that happen on the YSU campus.

The event I am talking about is the fashion show sponsored by Students in Fashion, Student Government and Student Programming that took place Feb. 5 in Peaberry's Cafe.

The Youngstown-Warren

Business Journal and The Vindicator were there to acknowledge our hard work and the successful show that came from that hard work, but our own school newspaper could not do the same.

There is something very wrong with this picture. What exactly must be done to make it into our newspaper?

At one count, there were approximately 300 people in attendance for the "Dress for Success" fashion show.

We modeled New York City designer Nanette Lepore's

creations and Dillard's of Eastwood Mall clothing.

Casals de Spa and Salon was gracious enough to cut, color and style all of the models' hair and do makeup the day of the show.

Many people, myself included, spent a lot of time to make the show the success it was.

It took hours of preparation and the dedication of everyone involved.

I would like to thank my fellow merchandising majors Katie Lape, SIF president and

show coordinator; Shannon Petrosky, Jen Marchese, Yelena Zetsyava and Josie Bernardez, show choreographer.

I would also like to thank Student Programming and SG members Krista Natoli and Tony Spano, who did so much to ensure that the show was great, and everyone who modeled and helped backstage. We could not have done it without everyone involved.

Jen Kaufman
Vice President
Students in Fashion

Alumnus disagrees with commencement editorial

Editor:

Forgive me — I guess I just don't quite understand.

I am responding to the editorial in Thursday's edition of The Jambar titled "Make graduation more interesting."

Do I have this correct — you don't want to spend two or 2 1/2 hours at graduation because chances are, it will be "long, hot and boring?"

I wonder, just how much "blood, sweat and tears" did you shed in your four-plus years attending college that you can't spend a few more hours?

I, myself, am a proud YSU alumnus and a long-time (30-plus years) dedicated YSU staff member.

I can't even begin to calculate the number of hours/days/years I spent on campus after spending eight hours each day as an employee.

Having truly enjoyed and greatly appreciated the opportunity afforded to me for an education, I didn't mind the "hassle" of commencement and actually looked forward to all my graduations: AAB degree (1987), BS in AS (1990), and finally, at age 50, an MBA

(1996). Maybe all three ceremonies were long, hot and boring; I don't fully recall.

What I really remember is how happy and proud I was to share the day with family, friends and YSU colleagues.

For me, graduation added the "finishing touch" to my years of hard work and dedication in my pursuit of higher education.

I only hope that some (if not most) of the future YSU graduates could feel the same. My graduation days were definitely highlights in MY life! In response to the writer's

additional complaint about having a well-known keynote speaker with Youngstown ties, I offer the following information: Ron Parise in 1996, Tom Bopp in 1998, John Cole in 1998 and Bernie Kosar in 1999, just to give a few examples, have been speakers at past YSU commencements. (They may not be of Drew Carey fame but very worthy nonetheless.)

Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

H. Marlene Dailey CPS
Administrative Assistant
Office of the Provost
YSU Alumnus

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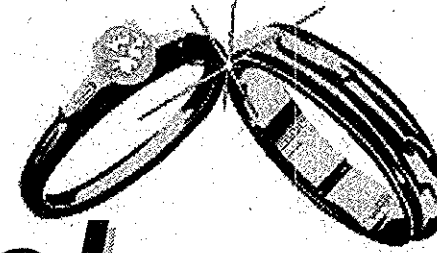
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Going to the chapel...



BY KELLY WALSH
Jambar Editor

July 2, 2001 was a day that changed Maren Myers' life. She was at Jacob's Field for a Cleveland Indians game with her boyfriend, Todd Gilbert. The two were eating dinner at the Terrace Club, a restaurant overlooking the field. She ordered dessert and lifted the lid of the silver platter to find an engagement ring underneath. Myers' marriage is planned for June 2003.

Weddings can be romantic, beautiful and fairytale like, but there is a lot more that goes into a wedding than meets the eye. It takes hours and hours of planning because every slight detail, from the decorations to the music to the bridesmaids, must be planned out ahead of time.

Myers, junior, industrial and systems engineering, said she has been on the ball with her planning.

"I have pretty much everything figured out except for the bridesmaids' dresses. You can never start planning too early."

Julie Jacobson, senior, painting, has been busy planning her wedding, which is scheduled for January 2003. She agrees that it is important to stay on task during the process.

"It's really important to figure out how much money you have to spend on everything. After the budget stuff, I started with making the decision of where the wedding will be since a lot of places need to be booked at least a year in advance."

Jacobson has found some ways to cut back on the costs of her wedding. She said she

plans to make her own crown and veil. She and the bridesmaids are going to make the flower arrangements together.

Being engaged as a student, Jacobson said, has put a different perspective on her situation.

"School is, in a way, more difficult because I have the plans to distract me. But it is also good because even though I don't know where I want to work yet after graduation, I have some direction of where I am going."

Even though the planning can be tedious, Myers said it could also be a lot of fun.

"I like the different aspects of planning," she said. "It's really a lot of fun to go to the trunk shows."

Traditionally, the bride and her family take charge of the planning, as is the case with Myers and Jacobson.

Myers said, "Todd pretty much just goes along with what I want, and that is fine with me."

"I think," said Jacobson, "that women have a tendency to think about the wedding and the details of it more. I have never heard [my fiancé's] mom give him any tips about the wedding. Also, there are tons of magazines targeted at brides, but I have never seen one groom magazine. There should be just as many," she said.

The women of the bridal party play a big role in the wedding. They organize and throw the bridal shower. These women also have to be the support system for the bride.

Myers said she will have six bridesmaids and a maid of honor in her wedding.

She said, "I chose my college roommate for my maid of

honor. Three of my bridesmaids are friends from college, and the other three are friends from high school."

Jacobson said she asked three close friends to be her bridesmaids.

"I don't have any sisters or any real close family relatives, so I picked my three closest friends as bridesmaids, and I am not having a maid of honor."

Jacobson said she learned some valuable lessons in the process of her planning.

"You really have to go with your gut in planning because there can be a lot of pressure from your family to do things a certain way. It is a special day, and you should do things your way."

Although much of Jacobson's wedding will be traditional, she said she does not want to have a "cookie cutter" wedding.

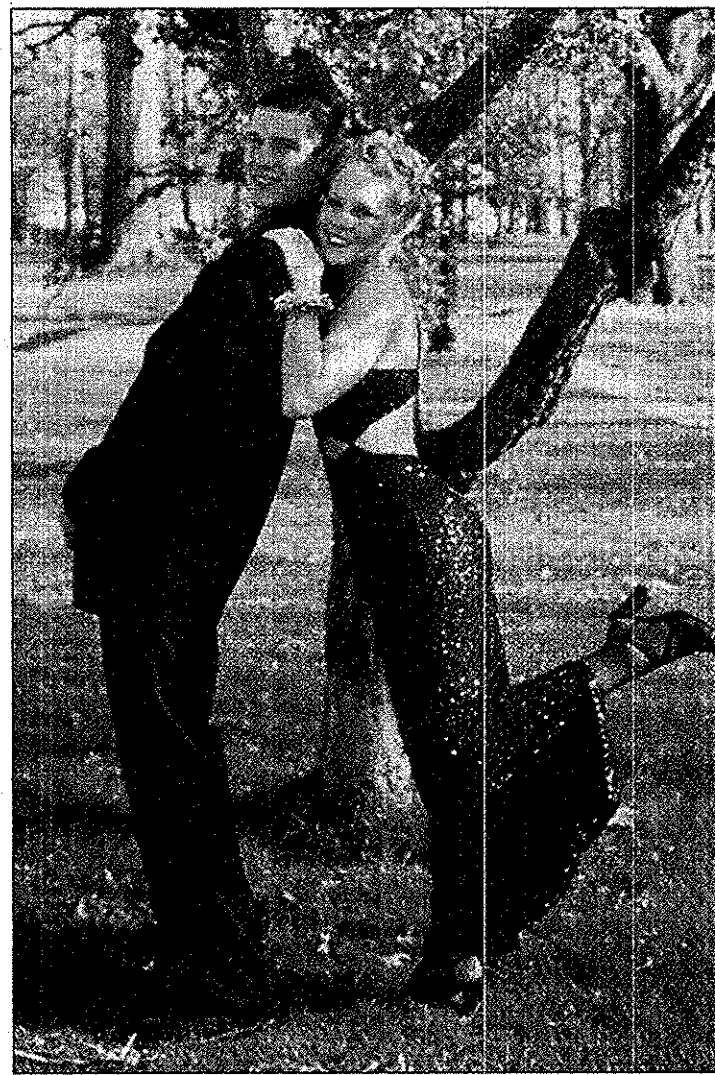
"We're definitely not doing the chicken dance or the hokey pokey. We are going to have a swing band. I also refuse to throw the garter because I think that is a stupid tradition. I want to be surrounded with things and people I like."

But before any wedding plans take place, Myers and Jacobson said, it is important for the couple to be secure in its decision.

"Make sure you both talk it over a lot," said Myers. "You have to talk about your future goals and make sure they are relative to each other."

She also said it is crucial for a person to be sure he or she is marrying "the one."

"You know you have found the one because there is a gut feeling inside and you want to spend every spare minute out of your hectic day



LOVERS LANE: Maren Myers and her fiancé, Todd Gilbert, are now planning their wedding for next year.

to be with him or her. You could see yourself growing old with this person," she said.

Jacobson said, "When someone is the one, there's never any instance of doubt. For me, marriage just seemed like the next logical step. I didn't feel like I had to think about it."

The engagement has changed Myers' and Jacobson's lives, but it has also

changed the way they celebrate Valentine's Day.

"It's not really that special," said Myers.

Jacobson agreed.

"It makes Valentine's Day seem really stupid in a way," she said. "It's nice to have a day to reflect on our relationship. But we don't have to prove anything to each other with expensive gifts. We can do something more meaningful."

Guitar Association to sponsor performance

BY KELLY WALSH
Jambar Editor

YSU's Guitar Association is sponsoring an event that will rock music lovers' socks off. Randall Avers, a professional classical guitarist, will perform Friday evening.

Avers is an Ohio native who has studied guitar all over the world. He is currently on tour, and he asked if he could play in the Youngstown area.

Jim Boyce, the guitar program's coordinator, is a close friend of Avers.

Boyce said musicians and non-musicians alike will enjoy the performance.

While music students will be paying close attention to Avers' technique, interpretation and fingerings, Boyce said non-musicians can sit back and enjoy the music.

"There will be Spanish repertoire in Avers' program,"

said Boyce, "and I have not met anyone who does not like Spanish guitar music. This is a good experience for someone seeing a classical guitarist for the first time."

David Quinn, president of the Guitar Association, said he looks forward to the performance. He has seen Avers perform before and said he was impressed.

"It's really good to see someone do what you are aspiring to do. Avers is energetic, vibrant and sensitive when he plays. It makes me excited about what I want to do with guitar."

Boyce said Avers is a special performer and musician.

"He was born with an intellect and feeling for music, but it takes years of discipline to refine it," he said.

Avers' performance is free to the public, and it begins at 8 p.m. in Bliss Recital Hall.

Relay for Life to raise funds for cancer society

BY SOMOUD NISER
Jambar Editor

This year, YSU will present Relay for Life for the first time.

Kim DeOnofrio, sophomore, social work, said the event is aimed at raising money for cancer awareness and has been successful all over the Tri-county area.

DeOnofrio, who is co-chairing the event, said they are looking for anyone willing to put together a team for the relay.

"The money goes to the American Cancer Society's local chapter," she said. "This way, people see the money right at work in their community."

DeOnofrio said the objective is to put together teams of 15 people to walk the track at YSU for 24 hours. She said only one person from each

"[Cancer] affects everyone, one way or another."

— SCOTT SHULIK
Relay for Life volunteer

team must be on the track at a time.

"It's a small amount of time to remember those battling cancer," she said.

DeOnofrio, who is battling the disease herself, said she thinks cancer is one of the easiest causes for a fund-raiser. She said she hopes to put together a Relay for Life organization on campus and she is currently working on a constitution for that group.

DeOnofrio said each member of the group is asked to raise \$100 in sponsorship.

"We decided to get the word out early to give people ample time to raise the money," she said.

Scott Shulik, a YSU alum, is also volunteering for the event.

Shulik, who works as a financial adviser at Butler Wick and Co., said he is happy to volunteer for such a good cause because he enjoys seeing the work of the American Cancer Society.

"This disease affects everyone, one way or another," said Shulik. "It's sad to say that everyone will eventually know someone battling cancer in their lifetime."

Shulik said to make the relay successful, they need to have at least 60 teams. As of now, he said they have 10 prospective teams.

The relay is set for May 24 through 25 and will be held at the track.

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logos and styles.

Chizzoni, who is responsible for dealing with clients and taking care of all business matters, said their clothing can be found locally at The Beach and Reardon Sporting Goods in Hubbard.

The two also said they've already designed shirts for Conneaut Boat Club and they're in negotiations to create shirts for Andrew's Yamaha. Also, two stores in Columbus will be carrying the clothing this summer, and Chizzoni and Johnson said they are still talking to others.

Within a couple of months everyone will be able to purchase Pier Nautical Wear online.

Chizzoni said, "The domain is already set up as piernauticalwear.com, but we

are just waiting for our trademark to be approved."

After Chizzoni graduates in May, he said he will travel to the East Coast and talk to 130 different surf shops so they can continue to expand. He said they also hired a sales representative to travel the West Coast in April and hopefully find stores to carry their line out there as well.

As for now, Johnson said he plans to be stationed here, maintaining the business and traveling the Ohio area.

"That's the good thing about this business. It can travel and may even work better by the coast, where there's more extreme water sports. I'd love for this to be huge one day, and so far, people like it even better than I thought they would," he said.

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issues confidential.

"All I can say is that we are still going through the process," Strollo said.

Ball said Robic told him he should have taken care of his school problems sooner. Ball alleged that Robic then kicked him off the team and ordered him not to come back.

Next, Ball said Robic sent one of the assistant coaches to clean out his locker.

Ball, who played as a center for the team, said he doesn't want to return to the team.

He said his main concern is his fifth-year eligibility next year. If he loses that eligibility, YSU will not pay for his education.

"Basically, I do not want to talk to the coach," said Ball. "I just want to see what I can

do to be sure I am still eligible next year."

He said his tuition for this year has already been covered.

Ball said he took the matter to Elaine Jacobs, associate athletic director, and to Strollo. He said Jacobs told him this is a

unique situation and that she was under the impression that Ball had quit the team.

Ball, who is 6 feet 10 inches

tall, also alleged that Robic verbally abused him and other members of the team.

"I just can't put up with the verbal abuse anymore. [Robic] thinks the abusive words motivate us, but all it does is put us down."

— JEFF BALL
Senior, Art

He said Robic often referred to the male players as women.

When asked to give more details of the alleged abuse, Ball said, "I don't think you really want to hear what he

Weekend Events Calendar

Today

Cedars Swing music night
Choices New Wave Nation
Hammer Jacks Disco Explosion
Hot Rod Cafe Paul
Cosantino & Jenny Luvv
Opus 21 Joe Augustine, piano 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Roadhouse Cantina Jay Byrd (Acoustic) 6 p.m.
Youngstown Crab Co. Big Daddy (Jazz)

Friday

Boomers Crush
Cedars Agatha, Crawl, Rudder Head
Chrystal's Doug Smith (Acoustic) 8 p.m.
Frieda's Live jazz blues
Grist Mill Total Package Dance (funk) 10 p.m.
Hammer Jacks Smack Daddies
Hot Rod Cafe Shari Richards Band (Blues/rock)
Kuzman's Great Pretenders (Oldies) 8:30 p.m.
Office Acoustic Jukebox Variety 10 p.m.
Opus 21 Joe Augustine, piano 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Plaza Cafe December Son
Roadhouse Cantina Jay Byrd (Acoustic) 6 p.m.
Salty Grog's Area 51

Saturday

Avon Oaks Austie's Combo Ballroom 8 p.m.
Boomers Binge Rock
Cedars Gil Mantera's Party Dream
Club Leon's Gary Pirrung (acoustic)
Frieda's Live jazz, blues
Funny Farm Allyn Ball, Sheila Lovely
Hammer Jacks Area 51 (Dance rock)
Hot Rod Cafe Barflies Dance (rock covers)
Kuzman's Bob Matasy (Polkas) 9 p.m.
Mocha House Silent Lion
Nyabinghi Dog Fashion Disco and War Between One
Office First Degree Oldies
Opus 21 Joe Augustine, piano
Plaza Cafe Mystic Whip Hustler
Roadhouse Cantina Take II and Edison's Medicine
Salty Grog's Crush
Timberlanes Denny Gallo, piano

Sunday

Avon Oaks Del Sinchak (Polkas)
Cedars DJ Martini
Mocha House-Boardman Brent
Nyabinghi Draft Night

says. I don't even think [The Jambar] can print the exact words."

Ball said he was feeling overwhelmed academically and worried about how to juggle both school and the team.

"Athletes can give teachers a note to excuse them from class, but that only takes care of the attendance policy, they still have to make up the work," said Ball.

Ball said his understanding of the rules is that the coach cannot kick him off the team for what happened.

He said the only way the coach can throw him off the team is if he was insubordinate.

Jambar Editor BJ Lisko also contributed to this article.