

BY HENRY GOMEZ Jambar Assistant Editor group included not just YSU players, but the entire community as well.

Tressel recalled the return Penguins' to Youngstown after winning the 1991 championship. Fans lined up at Youngstown-Warren onal Airport in Vienna to welcome the team back, Tressel said "For one day, his town was



stupid. Responding to a local fan Sunday evening at the Liberty High School All Sports Hall of Fame banquet, Tressel said the team he left a year ago to replace John Cooper at The Ohio State University would be a formidable challenger. Talk of a Penguins-Buckeyes match-up

Jim Tressel said he has a lot

of respect for his friends at YSU,

but the longtime Penguin foot-

ball coach also said he is not

is now dead, at least as far as Tressel is concerned. "There was a rumor back

then," Tressel said. "But I'm smarter than that. The Penguins are too good." Stressing the importance of

supportive communities, Tressel delivered the keynote address at the banquet, held at the Holiday Inn Airport Metroplex in Liberty. Tressel recalled his days with the Penguins and discussed his first-year experiences with the Buckeyes.

"Wherever I'm at, they want us to win," Tressel said. "But how we win is very important. We've got to make sure we have the proper definition of success."

Tressel led the Penguins to 10 playoff appearances, including four national championships, but said earning the respect of the Mahoning Valley was just as significant. He used the 1991 national championship season as an example.

"We did the best we could possibly do for the group," Tressel said, adding that the

Weather

There will be flur-ries today. High

raised above the rest," Tressel said. "Youngstown, Ohio, the Mahoning Valley - national champions. The best. "He said it was the greatest day in his life since VE Day.

Wow.'

Tressel guided the Buckeyes to a 7-5 record in his first season. He discussed his first year as head coach at OSU, including a much-publicized benching of quarterback Steve Bellisari following his drunk driving arrest. Tressel said the senior handled the situation well

"He came into my office and said, 'Hey coach, whatever you have to do for the team ...' He's a good kid," Tressel said. Looking ahead to next sea-

son, Tressel speculated about the fates of both the Penguins and Buckeyes. He said YSU's recruiting will keep the program competitive for years to come.

"I don't want to play coach Heacock in four years; that's how good recruiting was," Tressel said with a laugh. Tressel also said Ohio State

will rely on younger players to stay competitive. "We have a spring practice

ahead of us," he said. "We've got some good kids."

ashay, Chantay. Work it girl! Music pumped, and the crowd cheered in Peaberry's Cafe, Kilcawley Center, Monday afternoon as the models in the fashion marketing "Spring Fever" fashion show flaunted upcoming spring styles.

Katie Lape, senior, fashion merchandising, is the president of Studentsin-Fashion and coordinator of the show. She said the latest styles for women are bright whites with berries and floral prints, flowing shirts with ruffles and dirty denim,

"Gadzooks and Wet Seal are good places to shop because everything they have is hanging up, so it is really easy to match," she said.

She also said cowgirl belts are out, and macrame belts, which are woven suede belts that hang down, are "Big, chunky belts and

turquoise jewelry really spice up an

merchandising, said, "There is a lot of Spanish influence in the latest fashions. Bohemian looks, earth tones and flares [in skirts and blouses] are big." Jen Kaufman, senior, fashion merchandising, offered advice for those who wish to be more fashion savvy. She

said past trends always come back and "reading magazines like Harper's Bazaar and Lucky will help." The male models in the show sported casual but professional looks with

collared shirts. For a more laid back feel they wore tank tops with board shorts. Virginia Draa, Students-in-Fashion adviser, said she was very pleased with

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ON THE CATWALK

Dana Walters, junior, education (far left), takes a turn walking down the runway set up in Peaberry's Cafe on Monday. Above left, Yelena Zaytseva, sophomore, fashion merchandising, and Feda Samad, senior, biology, also participate in the fashion show.

Panel participates in discussion

Faculty members assembled to commemorate the end of YSU's Black History Month celebration.

Wan-Tatah began by giv-

By PATRECKA ADAMS Jambar Assistant Editor

As February drew to a close Thursday, the final installment in YSU's Black History Month celebration was held the same night.

Room, Kilcawley Center.

ing each panelist 15 minutes to Dr. Victor Wan-Tatah, proanswer the question, "Why is fessor, philosophy and religious studies and director of Africa, which is so rich in Africana Studies, moderated resources and has a history of

the discussion between African kings and queens, become so YSU professors. Dr. Daniel Ayana, profes-

marginalized and so far off the screen on global issues?" Ayana, who was born in Ethiopia, cited the historical

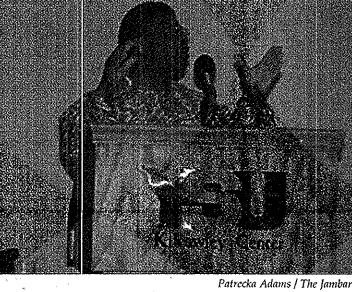
significance of European oppression against Africans. He said the Trans-Atlantic slave trade caused "the disrup-Dr. Frank Akpadock, of the tion of everything that was

African at the levels of culture, education and [politics]." He stated that in order for the continent to solve its problems, "one has to go back to the

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A LESSON IN RESOURCES: Dr. Frank Akpadock, of the Center for Urban Studies, talks to university faculty and the community about Africa's natural resources.

sor, history; Dr. Ndinzi Masagara, professor, foreign languages and literature; Dr. Christian Onwudiwe, assistant professor, criminal justice; and

A panel discussion titled Center for Urban Studies, "Back to the Basics in Africa" served as panelists. was held at 7 p.m. in the Ohio

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students involved who put in a lot of hard work. "A lot of people say that other."

pleased with the outcome of

the event and said she had a lot

ing because there were a lot more people than the last

"The crowd was surpris-

Wet Seal and Gadzooks

The show was sponsored

Students-in-Fashion, the

of fun working on it.

show, " she said.

this campus is apathetic, but this was a positive collaboration of students," she said. The students involved

said a lot of time and hard work went into preparing this fashion show.

Lape said, "We had to contact all the places, book the models, pick the clothes, hold rehearsal and coordinate the music. We started planning this in the middle of summer."

Shannon Petrosky, senior, merchandising, fashion designed and hung the back-Ghizzoni, senior, accounting, drop behind the catwalk. "It was a good hands-on

showed off his line of clothing, experience," she said, "and I Pier Nautical Wear. was able to apply what I learned in classes. This major bv is unique because it's small, Student Programming Board and Student Government. and we all know each other.

Administrators: Computer We all have to work together, and we learn a lot from each fees don't pay for clinics Bernardez modeled in the show and was also the chore-Joe Mistovich, chair, ing fee, which goes to pay for ographer. She said she was

Department of Health Internet service, open comput-Professions, and Dr. John er labs, such as those at Maag Library, and network mainte-Yemma, dean, College of Health and Human Services, nance. said the only students who pay fees that go toward supplies for the dental hygiene clinic are those who are enrolled in

donated clothes for the show, dental hygiene courses. SolaTan donated tanning time Mistovich and Yemma for the models and Casals de said The Jambar inaccurately Spa and Salon did the models' reported in Thursday's issue hair and makeup. Ryan how the material fees are

spent.

Mistovich said all students enrolled at YSU pay a comput-

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explanation.

He said the other fee a sturarely any money leftover. dent may pay is called a mate-

rials fee, which goes directly for supplies or maintenance for ly," he said. the specific course in which the

student is enrolled. Yemma gave a similar are used." "Each program has a need

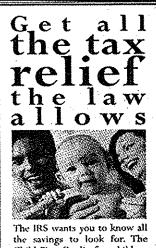
for materials," he said. The money "doesn't go to any other programs."

He and Mistovich both said the funds from the materials fee supplement the already existing supply budget given to the departments from the university. Yemma said there is "We calculate pretty close-

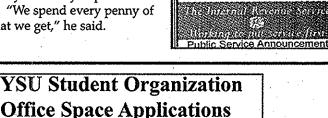
"We know from past expe-

rience what materials are needed and how the computer labs

Mistovich also said the money is usually depleted. "We spend every penny of what we get," he said.



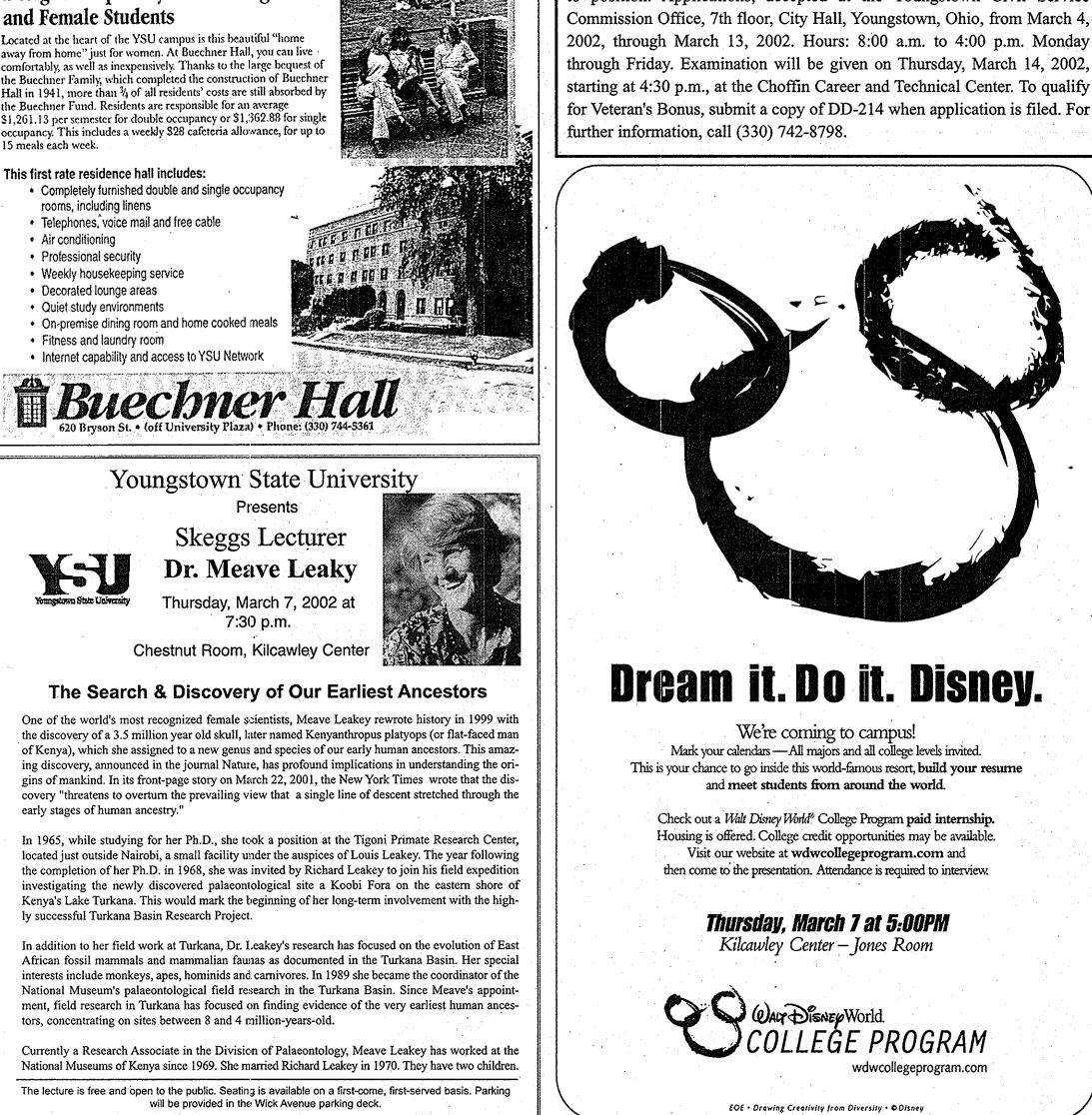
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"Nothing. Spring Break is a

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What We Think **Retention and** enrollment need to be priorities

YSU President Dr. David Sweet says his main goal at the university is raising enrollment., He is not, however, focusing enough attention on adequately taking care of the students after they enroll.

Since taking office in July of 2000, Sweet has held his commitment to increase enrollment. This semester it rose by 6.3 percent.

However, Sweet has also said that he must approve all new hires before they can begin working.

In January, a "critical issues" board met to discuss what issues facing campus are most important. They slated enrollment as number one, while student services only ranked five on the list.

As of mid-February, a total of 34 positions were left vacant on campus. Many of the positions are important to the livelihood of the university.

For example, there are two dean positions being supervised by interim employees. In addition, there are at least 20 assistant professor positions left empty.

The vacant spots of faculty and administrators are contributing to several troubles for the university.

For example, the number of classes offered during a semester does not support the number of enrolled students. There are simply not enough qualified instructors to teach the amount of courses students need to graduate.

The lack of classes makes it difficult for students to achieve their degrees in four years.

This leads to the potential loss of scholarships and could cause students to spend extra tuition money they may not have.

A second obstacle branching from the lack of professors and instructors is the fact that they are performing more than their prescribed duties. This includes some tasks they are not trained to perform.

Professors are overworked. They are expected to consistently go above and beyond their job duties and are rarely recognized for this.

We realize that without new students there would be no need for faculty or administrators.

However, it does go both ways. We need faculty and administrators on staff to take care of the university as a whole.

Without them, there would be no need for enrollment to go up because we would not have a university.

Funding for these desperately needed positions may seem non-existent right now. After several tuition hikes, it seems money is scarce around campus. Yet, increased enrollment should bring more money. And that money should be spent on hiring professors and

Kerri Lindsay BALOG DYER iunior. freshman, photograpl English "I'll be working on campus." "I'm working."

JAIRUS FORD sophomore, pre-business managemen

"I'm spending time re-collecting

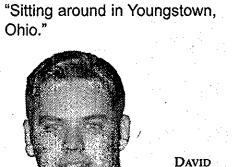
and maintain my GPA for the

remainder of the semester."

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What You Think

What are your Spring Break plans? ANTHONY MANCINI junior, respiratory therapy





"Working at MCI WorldCom."

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Letters to the Editor

Commuter argues for snow days

paychecks.

the chance of snow.

This incident happened

Editor:

It is 5 a.m., and my alarm clock is cackling away at me. I groan, roll over and throw it against the wall. It keeps on playing, set at CD93.3, and I hear several school closings for the Mahoning Valley.

Looking out my window, I see there is almost a foot of fresh snow. But there is one problem — I live in northwestern

YSU is exactly 63.7 miles as scared as we are. from my house, and it took me To me, it seems like these almost three hours to get to people who make the decision have no regard for the people Youngstown that day. Needless who help pay their rather large to say, I missed my first class.

The entire way down Route 11, I was barely able to go 25 miles per hour.

The entire drive I wondered two things — will I make it alive and what happens if I get there and classes have been cancelled?

The people who decide when to close campus have to ter. realize that YSU is a commuter I know that if schools are school and that not everyone lives within 20 miles of campus. Unfortunately, because of the Whenever it snows we are risking our lives by driving on in power, I may have to transfer Sophomore, roads with people who are just to a school closer to home - a Biology

school I strongly dislike.

Kent Ashtabula has no appeal to me, but at least it has the decency to cancel classes when the weather is bad enough to warrant it.

I choose to commute during the winter of 2000. because it is about \$2,000 cheap-Because of it, I now know to er a year than it is to live in a wake up at 4 a.m. if there is even dorm. I also do so to be home with my family.

I also bought a different car I do not want to leave YSU, that handles the road much bet- but if student safety does not hecome an issue in had weather I like Youngstown. I enjoy I may have to in order to better going to school here. protect my own life. unwise decisions made by those Heather Condo

instructors, not administrators.



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Ashtabula county and commute to school.

being closed in Mahoning County, there may be a chance that YSU is closed due to the weather. No such luck.

Student says snow days not needed

Editor:

I live in Hubbard and commute to YSU five days a week, AND I have an 8 a.m. class, which is why the recent Jambar editorial titled "Commuters face dangerous roads" shocked me.

The unknown author claims that YSU should cancel classes because of adverse weather. Personally, I'd like to know which northeast Ohio the author lives in because it surely isn't the same one I live in.

In my northeast Ohio there have only been four decent

None.

snowfalls since spring semester started Not one of these snows was

bad enough to prompt me to leave home any earlier than I to inform us, which it sometimes does very well, and give normally do, even though I take the staff an experience in jourback roads for part of the way to school (you know, the ones they nalism, but shouldn't the don't consider plowing until the paper's staff observe some of snow has stopped falling). the most basic forms of common sense? How many times I have

been late to class this semester: There have been no snow days because there hasn't been Does it make any sense for any bad weather. The only time I can remember The Jambar run-YSU to cancel class due to snow when there hasn't been any? ning a more backward opinion " It seems the author just is a few weeks ago when it let a

wants an excuse to cut class so reporter express his feelings that figure skating should belong on he or she won't have to feel guilty about not attending. I realize The Jambar is here

women's cable. Of course I'm leaving out many of the other Jambar arti-

cles that show a clear lack in thinking, for I am not here to attack the staff.

I only wish that when a Jambar reporter sits down at a computer he or she will exercise the most basic form of common

sense. Adrianne Wills Freshman,

Geography

Administrator clears up computer confusion

Editor:

I wish to clarify some points made in your Feb. 28 article on fees

As I explained in the information provided to The Jambar in preparation for the article, YSU has course fees and a technology fee.

Course fees of \$30, \$45 or to the colleges in a lump sum, it \$60 are attached to a variety of is clearly understood that courses to help defray expenses associated with these courses.

These expenses range from hardware and software in courses that rely on computer labs, to fetal pigs used in anatomy classes, to supplies used in dental hygiene classes.

However, fees generated by one course area are not used to subsidize expenses in another area.

Each term I provide a

that lists the fees generated by each course. Deans and chairs not only

know how many dollars have been generated by their units, but they know specifically which courses generated the dollars and in what specific amounts. While I transfer the dollars

expenses and revenue are to be linked. Fees paid by students taking English are not used to subsidize dental hygiene. Historically, I have kept

about 10 percent of the fees generated by courses using computer facilities to partially offset centrally paid expenses such as Internet bandwidth and site licenses for products such as SPSS, McAfee and Passport.

detailed report to the colleges given year, it might be deter- at a fraction of their retail cost is Information Services

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fees) will be pooled to pay for computing facilities used by several departments within the col-

This is how five labs in the basement of DeBartolo Hall were originally constructed. However, funds intended for chemistry supplies are not being used for computer labs for other

The purpose of the courseby-course fee breakdown I provide each college is to allow fees to support the courses from which the fees were generated.

A \$50 technology fee is assessed to all students. It is divided into three parts. The agreement between Ohio unition. versities and Microsoft that allows us to have Microsoft Dr. Gordon Mapley products in all of our labs and to Assistant provost, Within the colleges, in a sell students Microsoft products Academic Administration and.

mined that college (computer funded by \$5 of the technology fee

The open lab in Maag Library, some professional staff who maintain computer labs and a portion of our Internet bandwidth are funded by \$25 of the fee.

The remaining \$20 of the \$50 fee is assessed to support administrative computing (e.g., generation of report cards, registration, billing).

Thank you for the opportunity to clarify this issue. It is my of providing high quality educa-

goal to assure that students know how their fee dollars are being used and to assure that this use supports YSU's mission

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grassroots level and build[Africa] from the ground

up. "We have to go back to the basics and gather trans-global values ... by looking backward and reapplying values like accountability and inclusivity that colonialists tried to take away," he said.

tion."

Masagara took a different been European. perspective, saying that the answer lies in African peoples' ability to understand their government.

"The solution to improve conditions in Africa is to communications improve between the governors and Tatah's query by starting with a those governed," he said. brief synopsis of what life was

Masagara, originally from like in Africa prior to European the Congo, added that occupation.

"[Africa's] recorded history isn't "Kings and queens ruled, and there was law and order," always true, [since] a lot of it has been recorded only by those he said. "We were all family. We who have access to informadidn't have nuclear families. We were in it together." Masagara said, in most

Onwudiwe said he brings those values to YSU, commonly cases, those literate people have referring to those who know him as "his sister [or] his broth-He said some Africans value the spoken word much er.'

more than the written word, He said Africans were reliwhich was the polar opposite of gious, loving and forgiving and those basic beliefs are in every what white colonialists believed. African and African-American Onwudiwe, who was born in Nigeria, addressed Wantoday.

> Onwudiwe said, in order for Africa to rise above its prob-

lems and stake its claim at the ganese. Why are we poor in the world's table, the people on the continent have to revisit their collective pasts.

"We have to love one anoth- Africans have to change themer. We have to go back to what made us kings and queens," he said. "We'll become further marginalized and poverty-stricken unless we go back to basics." Akpadock, also from

Nigeria, answered the question by first offering statistics on Africa's rich resources. "Africa has 30 percent of the

world's uranium, 50 percent of the world's gold, 12 percent of the world's natural gas [and] 61

midst of plenty?" he rhetorically asked the attentive audience. Akpadock added that

selves in order to change the continent.

"We have to bring ourselves up to a contemporary level," he said. "It's a question of changing our whole soul, our character." Carolyn Little-Stone, soph-

omore, pre-social work, listened intently to the words the men spoke.

"The discussion shattered a lot of myths," she said. "Most percent of the world's man- of what you see about Africa is traditions.

about broken people. This was very enlightening.

Rev. Donna Sloan, professor, philosophy and religious studies, also attended the discussion, and she said it deeply inspired her.

"The presentation was very educational and global, and it piqued in me a desire to help out in some way," she said. "I would like to see us have more programs of this sort."

Sloan added that she would like to see future panel discussions to address healthcare issues, liberation theology and basic African culture and



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Campus Calendar The Golden Key International Honour Society will hold its annual induction ceremony at 8 p.m. in the Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center. For more information contact Michelle Morley at (330) 742-6189 or e-mail so228819@cc.ysu.edu. The YSU Department of Physical Therapy will host an informational session between noon and 1 p.m. in Room Bo46, Cushwa Hall. Get answers to your questions about the physical therapy program. There will be a continuous running Power Point presentation, informational materials to pick up and answers to your questions. Wednesday: The History Club is meeting at noon in Kilcawley Center, Room 2069. Marcelle Wilson, History, will talk about the Black/Slave Loyalists of the War of American Independence. The public is invited. Please feel free to bring a lunch. Thursday: Walt Disney World College Program will be at YSU at 5 p.m. in the Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center. Great internship opportunity. For more information e-mail WDWCPysu@hotmail.com. Dr. Linda J. Borish, professor of history at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, will give a lecture on "The Physical Life of Jewish Young Women: Sporting Experiences of Jewish Women in American Clutral History." The lecture is being sponsored by the Jewish Studies Program of YSU. Borish will be speaking at 4 p.m. in the Gallery of Kilcawley Center. The lecture is free and open to the public. Eriday: The Exercise Science Club is meeting at 11:30 a.m. in Room 322, Beeghly Center, to discuss upcoming activities. Anyone interested in health and wellness is welcome to attend. For more information contact Carrie Hess at (330) 742-4742. March 20: Celebration of National Women's His	Help Wanted Now Hiring – Part-time, afternoons. Childcare posi- tion in Boardman preschool. Experience a plus. (330) 726- 6878. Golf shop help wanted – Part and full time. Must be available weekends. Apply in person at Mahoning Country Club, 710 E. Liberty St., Girard (330) 545-2517. Earn extra money part time. Set your own hours. Average \$300+ weekly with established company with 40 years in business. No tele- marketing involved. For fur- ther information call (330) 799-7021. Receptionist – Part-time in doctor's office. Evenings and Saturdays. Send resume to PsyCare, 2980 Belmont Ave., Youngstown, OH 44505 or call (330) 759- 2310.	Classified \$250 a day potential — bartending. Training pro- vided. 1(800) 293-3985 ext. 228. Housing Wanted — One or two room- mates. Large five-bedroom house near campus. Two baths, large kitchen, parking, security system, semi-fur- nished. Call Bryan or Kristy at (330) 744-4781. Houses available — Walking distance to YSU. Three to six bedrooms. Call (330) 746- 3373 9 a.m 4 p.m. All utilities paid — Very nice two- or three-bedroom home available. Stove, refrig- erator, washer, dryer, microwave and more! Lit, off-street parking. From \$265/person. Call Chris at (330) 744-4488 or (330) 746-4663.	Student apartments. One block from YSU. (330) 549- 5518. One- and two-bedroom apartments available. Walking distance to YSU. \$225 - \$400/month. Call (330) 746-3373 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. <u>Services</u> Bonnie's Secretarial Service (BSS). Cards/invitations, proposals/presentations, correspondence, resumes, legal documents, theses/term papers, medical transcription, spreadsheets, newsletters. (10 cents per ine). Call (330) 793-7113. <u>Visit</u> The Jambar at thejambar.com	Get all the tax relief the law allows The Issue of the law allows the saving to look for the Child Tax Credit for children under 17. The HOPE Credit and Lifetime Learning Credit for higher education. The Roth Ist And more. Check your 2000 tax booklet or consult our Web site: www.irs.gov
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Date Opponent Time March 1 at Missouri 5 p.m. March 2 at Missouri 3 p.m. March 3 at Missouri 2 p.m. (March 1-3, cancelled) March 6 WEST LIBERTY 3 p.m. March 9 at College of Charleston 1 p.m. March 10 at College of Charleston 1 p.m. March 11 at Marshall 3 p.m. March 12 at Marshall 2 p.m. March 14 at West Virginia 2 p.m. March 16 at Morehead (DH)

Noon March 17 at Morehead 1 p.m. March 19 GENEVA COLLEGE 3:30 p.m. March 20 BETHANY COLLEGE 3 p.m. March 26 at Ohio 2 p.m. March 27 NIAGARA 3 p.m. March 28 at Toledo 3 p.m. March 29 at IPFW (DH) 1 p.m. March 30 at Valparaiso 9:30 a.m. April 2 at Akron 3 p.m. April 5 ILLINIOIS-CHICAGO* 1 p.m.

April 6 ILLINOIS-CHICAGO* (DH) Noon April 7 ILLINOIS-CHICAGO* 1 p.m. April 10 at Kent 3 p.m. April 12 at Detroit Mercy* 3 p.m. April 13 at Detroit Mercy* 12:30 p.m. April 14 at Detroit Mercy* 12:30 p.m. April 16 at Duquesne 3 p.m. April 17 AKRON 7 p.m. April 19 CLEVELAND STATE* 7 p.m.

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7 p.m. April 24 DUQUESNE 3 p.m. April 26 at Butler* 3 p.m. April 27 at Butler* (DH) Noon April 28 at Butler* 3 p.m. April 30 KENT STATE 7 p.m. May 1 at Ohio State 6:30 p.m. May 3 at Wright State* 6:05 p.m. May 4 at Wright State* Noon May 5 at Wright State* Noon May 10 UW-MILWAUKEE* 1 p.m. May 11 UW-MILWAUKEE* (DH) May 12 UW-MILWAUKEE* 1 p.m. YSU's baseball and softball teams start their seasons this week.

PLAY BAL



Photo courtesy of Jamie Hall

HEY BATTER: Lady Penguin sophomore shortstop Lacey Reichert gets ready on defense. Reichert is one of many returning starters on the YSU softball team.

Cameron crew gets ready for new league

ing staff.

YSU faces tough schedule with a small roster.

BY BI LISKO Jambar Editor

average and seven of YSU's 12 wins from last season.

"I've worked with Be and Stephanie for a couple of years," said Cameron. "I've learned what their strengths are, and I try to utilize them."

for the Lady Penguins a year ago.

ers," Cameron said.

the road.

against Canasius.

How the Lady Penguins improve on offense remains the biggest factor in whether or not

YSU baseball season begins

Head coach Mike Florak enters his fourth year with the Penguins.

BY MARK STEVENS Jambar Reporter

-With basketball season coming to a close and the track and field team already breaking' records, another YSU sports team is ready for its upcoming season. The baseball team, under the direction of head coach Mike Florak, is preparing for a promising season on the diamond.

This year's team began working out five days a week in December to get ready for regular practices, which started at the end of January. Players lifted weights to improve their strength and worked with a stretch bands program that challenged their fitness levels.

Florak said the team focused on its hitting during the winter months and is con- a challenging and potentially centrating more on defense very rewarding schedule, said now that regular practice has Florak.

Penguins, said this year's team is very unselfish, and he also said he has a team that cares about each other and also cares about wins and losses. Freshman infielder Tom

Puskar agreed with Florak and said the team unity is a big strength of this year's team.

We're all on the same page," Puskar said.

going to be earned this year because this year's schedule is

2002, with three games at the University of Missouri. Missouri is in the Big 12 Conference in Division 1-A of the NCAA and will present a good starting challenge for this

This is the first year the Penguins are playing as a member of the Horizon League, having played in the Mid-Continent Conference up to this point. Horizon League opponents, along with nonconference opponents, such as The University of Akron, Ohio University and The Ohio State University, offer the Penguins

year's squad.

"We all mesh together ... Florak said every win is very demanding. The team opens March

May 16 PITTSBURGH 7 p.m. May 22-26 Horizon League Championships TBA CAPS - indicate home contest

May 14 at Pittsburgh 7 p.m.

May 15 TOLEDO 7 p.m.

Horizon League contest

2002 Softball

Schedule

Date Opponent Time

March 10 at Stetson (DH) 1 p.m. March 11 vs. Yale\$ 8:50 a.m. March 11 vs. WagnerS 10:40 a.m. March 12 vs. Austin Peay\$ 10:40 a.m. March 12 vs. Colorado State\$ 2:20 p.m. March 14 vs. Tennessee-Martin\$ 6 p.m. March 14 vs. Liberty\$ 7:50 p.m. March 15 vs. UCF\$ Noon March 15 vs. IPFW\$ 4 p.m. March 16 vs. Colgate\$ 8:50 a.m.

March 16 vs. Dartmouth\$ 10:40 a.m. March 22 vs. Rider% 4 p.m. March 23 vs. Norfolk State% 9 a.m. March 23 vs. St. Peter's (N.J.)%

11a.m. March 27 at Pittsburgh (DH) 2 o.m. March 29 CANISIUS (DH) 2 p.m. April 2 KENT STATE (DH) 2 p.m. April 9 at Toledo (DH) 3 p.m. April 10 PITTSBURGH (DH) 3 o.m April 13 ILLINOIS-CHICAGO* (DH) 1 p.m April 14 BUTLER* (DH) 1 p.m. April 15 at Akron (DH) 3 p.m. April 17 at Robert Morris (DH) April 20 at UW-Green Bay* (DH)

o m. April 21 at Loyola (Chicago)* (DH) 1 p.m. April 24 at Cleveland State* (DH) p.m. April 27 WRIGHT STATE* (DH)

April 28 at Detroit* (DH) 1 p.m. April 30 OHIO (DH) 3 p.m. May 9-11 Horizon League Championship TBA

CAPS - indicate home contest - Honzon League contest \$ - Rebel Classic, Orlando Florida 6 - George Mason Patriot Classic, Fairfax, Va.

Pittsburgh, Butler, Toledo and Akron are just a few of the challenging opponents facing Penguins will have to get runners on base any the YSU women's softball team.

The Lady Penguins continue to grow, as they look to improve a 12-38 record from a year ago

Back for YSU this year are seniors Be Cicero, Joleen Estole and Katie Marsh and junior average and 44 hits. Natalie Cappuzzello.

They will be expected to lead a young Lady Penguins team against some big name opponents in the Horizon League.

"We've been working very hard, and we want to get better every day at practice," said head coach Christy Cameron.

The team is gearing up for its spring, break road trip to Florida, where it will compete at the Rebel Games.

YSU will face 10 opponents, including Yale, Colorado State, Central Florida and Dartmouth. "Our Florida trip will be very important,"

Cameron said. "We'll find out more about our strengths and weaknesses. When we get back we'll address our weaknesses and work on them."

Team captain Cicero and junior Stephanie Hartman led the YSU pitching staff.

Cicero ranks third all-time for the Lady Penguins in strikeouts, with 169. Hartman returns as the team's ace, with a 2.39 earned run

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by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

Esperon said.

human response."

Sarah Melone, freshman, He said that having a suppre-nursing, said she would port system or simply someone to talk to could also help a not use the center either. person get through the griev-"I wouldn't know anyone there. I have close friends and ing process.

family that I would go to first." Free pamphlets are avail-If students would prefer to able on various psychological subjects in the Counseling deal with grief and loss privately, Esperon offered some Center. tips to help them. Students can walk in dur-

"First, understand grieving business hours to make an ing is a process; it takes time," counseling.

"Grieving is a normal

week but can be more often if a crisis arises. The Counseling Center is

building.

Esperon said individual sessions typically meet once a contributed to this article.

BRADLEY, LET'S

GO HIKING

The Lady Penguins begin their

season in Florida on Sunday.

Including the spring break trip,

YSU will play 17 straight games on

home venue, McCune Park, in

Canfield, will be on March 29

Their first game at their new

located on the third floor of the Beeghly College of Education

The standard operating hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. Dr. Kenneth Miller is the director if the cen-

ter. All services are free to stuappointment for individual dents.

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Angela Olin, Jambar reporter,

begun. He also they will succeed. Cameron said the Lady said he believes weight training way they can to provide support for their pitchis a valuable aspect of Last season, second team All-Midpreparing his Continent Conference sophomore Amanda players to Berry led the Lady Penguins with a .289 batting perform at their maxi-YSU also has some experience returning in mum capabilsophomore infielders Jenn Hartman and Lacey ities

> forced the team to work inside for the majority of the first month of practices. However, a few warmer days have allowed the team to practice on the artificial turf at Stambaugh Stadium.

similar circumstances.

Eric Cook, freshman, pitcher, said that while this year's team is young he believes it is good enough to compete with anyone it plays. this year's team would probably be the pitching staff.

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BALL IS NOT

A SPORT

season as the skipper for the Field.



- Sophomore Kurt Michaelis and freshman Nick Smith both ecorded career-best times Saturday. Michaelis ran a 4.03.95 the mile, and Smith ran an 8:30.8 in the 3000-meter. Michaeli submitted his declaration to the NCAA in hopes to advance to the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships on March 8 and March 9 at the University of Arkansas

Reichert, as well as sophomore center fielder Ohio winter weather has Amber Smith. All started more than 35 games "We have a lot of people with a year or two of experience under their belts, and it's helped them grow and mature as play-

Florak said he doesn't believe that the Penguins are placed at a disadvantage because of not being able to practice outdoors because Horizon League are under

Craig Antush. Both assistants are entering their third campaigns as YSU assistant coaches, and Florak praised both of them for their

Assisting Florak are assis-

tant coaches Dan

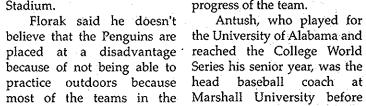
Stricko and

contributions to the team. Stricko, who played his college baseball at Muskingum University, works with the Penguin pitching staff and keeps his eye on the academic progress of the team.

Antush, who played for the University of Alabama and reached the College World Series his senior year, was the head baseball coach at coming over to the Penguins. He also works with the

The Penguins first threegame series of the year against Missouri was cancelled in the second inning of the first game He also said the strength of due to snow. The score was tied at 2.

Florak, entering his fourth host West Liberty at Cafaro



Penguin pitching staff.

The Penguins will next

