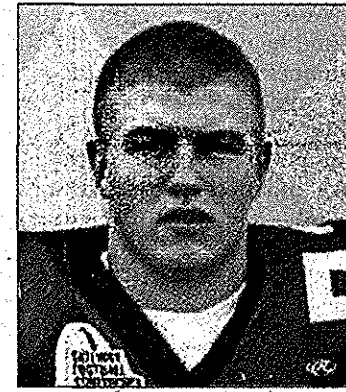


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Former YSU tackle Pat Crummey signed a free agent contract with the NY Giants. Page 6



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Hagan speaks at YSU

By MELANIE HEYMAN
Jambar Reporter

One of the candidates running for governor of Ohio, Tim Hagan, visited YSU on Thursday.

YSU was one of Hagan's many stops during his election campaign. He said he came to campus to have an informal discussion with students and faculty.

The discussion covered a wide variety of topics revolving around Mahoning Valley. The topics included K-12 education, the goals of the city of Youngstown, the cleaning of the Mahoning River and the comparison of Ohio and North Carolina.

Hagan discussed the Ohio Plans, the goal of which is to make more funding available to students attaining higher education. The Ohio Plan is incomplete because of the many flaws with the K-12 education, said Hagan.

He also mentioned the goals he would like to see accomplished by the city of Youngstown.

Hagan, whose brother Robert Hagan is a state senator for the Youngstown area, said Youngstown and Mahoning Valley as a whole are lacking jobs due to the closing of the steel mills in the 60s.

Tim Hagan and a group of YSU professors discussed Thursday difficulty the Valley has had recovering from the shutting down of the steel industry.

Dr. Allen Hunter, professor, chemistry, said, "Most [Youngstown residents] don't have but one goal of getting back to the 60s with the steel mill. They don't realize that those jobs no longer exist."

Ohio was not the only state discussed at the meeting. The group also compared Ohio's economy to North Carolina's, which has grown over the past 10 years.

The group examined how North Carolina's government has created more jobs for its

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Senior Stephanie Matasek looks back on the success she's had during her golf career. Page 6

Weather

There will be showers today. High around 60. Low in the lower 40s. Cloudy on Wednesday. High around 60. Low in the lower 40s.

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GOING NUTS FOR PIZZA



Katie Balestra / The Jambar

WITH EXTRA ACORNS: A squirrel munches on some leftover pepperoni pizza by the flagpole outside Beeghly Center on Monday.

ROTC examines allegation

By ANGELA OLIN
Jambar Reporter

A military science instructor at YSU is under investigation because of inappropriate behavior, said Col. Roderick Hosler, assistant professor, military science.

Hosler said the allegations of misconduct are said to have happened at the beginning of this semester. Several cadets, both male and female, brought the matter to the attention of the ROTC two weeks ago, and Hosler said the ROTC immediately began inquiry.

The "commander's inquiry" is headed by Col. Steven Oluic, professor, military science.

Both Hosler and Oluic said they did not want to release the name of the instructor publicly, in fear of having a detrimental effect on the instructor.

"We're not trying to hide anything," said Hosler. "We only want to protect the innocent until proven guilty. We want to give the guy the benefit of the doubt."

The fall 2002 schedule of classes lists one other military science instructor besides Hosler and Oluic: W. Redman.

Dr. John Yemma, dean of the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services, confirmed the instructor's identity to a Jambar editor.

When asked if the instructor was Redman, Yemma, who said he had learned of the matter Monday afternoon, said, "I understand that's right."

Oluic said he began his interviews with cadets and ROTC cabinetry and personnel the day the allegations were brought to the ROTC's attention and has completed the

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A Jambar series on segregation at YSU

Segregation visible in Kilcawley Center

Editor's note: This Jambar series about segregation at YSU will look at how racism and segregation are present, both visibly and invisibly on campus. The series will continue in Thursday's edition of The Jambar.

By ERIN MCGEE
Jambar Reporter

Race relations on the YSU campus could be reflected specifically in Kilcawley Center, where many students go to hang out.

Students walking through Kilcawley may have noticed that black students spend their time in the arcade of Kilcawley, white students can be found in

Arby's, Peaberry's Café or the Market Place Café, and Arab students can be found in the upstairs of Kilcawley near Bytes 'N' Pieces.

Robinette Cotton, junior, public relations, said, "It is still mostly white people in Arby's."

Julian Walker, vice president for Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, said, "The general spot for black people is still in the arcade in Kilcawley, but we have ventured out a little bit more."

Walker and other students said their decision to hang out where they do is based on culture.

"No matter what color you are, what-

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BLACK AND WHITE: Students of different backgrounds frequently separate themselves by race and ethnicity in Kilcawley Center. Above, black students spend time in the arcade while white students often frequent Arby's. Students say the separation is not uncommon.

Minorities only 1% of honor societies

By AIMEE CARROLL
Jambar Reporter

Five of the 436 members of three honor societies on campus are black — a figure that has campus leaders calling for change.

A Jambar investigation of the membership of campus honor societies reveals that blacks make up less than 1.2 percent of the membership of Golden Key International Honour Society, The Centurians and Phi Epsilon Kappa Fraternity.

Other minorities, including people of Hispanic and Asian decent, make up an even smaller percent: 1.1 percent.

Leaders of Golden Key and The Centurians are admitting there is a problem.

Golden Key is an international honor society for juniors and seniors in the top 15 percent of their class.

Michelle Morley, Golden Key president, said everyone who qualifies is sent a letter and it is up to the individual

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Habitat for Humanity builds new homes for needy

By YESENIA RIVERA
Jambar Reporter

Moving through a deserted land of a quiet neighborhood, the YSU Campus Ministry and other volunteers of the Habitat for Humanity prepare the ground that will hold the dream home of a needy family.

The Habitat for Humanity

works in partnership with the YSU Campus Ministry under the direction of Rev. Kathryn Adams.

Adams said the goal of this organization is to work alongside God and people everywhere to develop communities with His people in need, building and renovating houses to create decent homes in decent communities, in

which people can live and grow.

With that in mind, volunteers and the Habitat committee members of all ranks work laboriously to fulfill the dreams of those who need it the most. With sweat and dirt on his face and clothes, yet with a broad smile and warmth, Habitat's president, Bill Bunn, hesitantly interrupts

his work to speak about the project and his profound admiration for the volunteers.

"The YSU Campus Ministry has been extremely helpful to the Habitat for Humanity," said Bunn. "They have helped raise funds and build houses."

Another volunteer and construction committee member, YSU computer networking

sophomore, Debra Sees, steps to the side and shares her experiences.

She said she sees how the Campus Ministry has changed her life after she discovered Habitat for Humanity when searching for a church on campus, and she said Rev. Adams introduced her to the program.

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"My experience as a volunteer and committee member has been wonderful for me," said Sees. "It has helped relieve my stress."
 "Working out here on the field and helping people build their homes is just the most fulfilling experience," she said.
 But Sees is not the only young person involved with such a humanitarian activity. Thirty students of Fitch High School's Latin Club lend a hand, even when working with dirt and wood on a Saturday morning might not seem glamorous.
 Seventeen-year-old Fitch sophomore Amber Nemergut explains how this service has instilled maturity and responsibility in her and her schoolmates.
 "I am not an outdoor per-

son, and it's hard working this early on a Saturday, but once I get here it is not so bad after all," said Nemergut.
 In the meantime, La Tonya Whipple, future Ridley Street Habitat homeowner, stands back to let the volunteers work while she collaborates with the cleaning of the ground.
 Whipple, a single mother of three girls, ages 12, 9 and 7, confesses that coming from a much rougher area will become challenging for her since her children have adjusted to their existing environment.
 Yet, the news of being in a peaceful place appeared to bring new hopes to Whipple and her family.
 "It is nice to live in a quieter neighborhood," said Whipple.

Whipple said she knows what it is to help others improve their lives. She also said she works at the House of Blessings, helping women, which is part of the philanthropic organization the Beatitude House.
 "I help women with job preparation by giving them basic computer classes so they can further their education," said Whipple.
 Whipple's home is expected to be completed in August of this year. After that, the Campus Ministry students will continue to support their next project for a deserving family.
 For more information about the YSU Campus Ministry contact Kathryn Adams at (330) 743-0439 or visit the Protestant Campus Ministry on Wick Avenue.

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whether he or she chooses to join or not.
 Morley said, "One of our main goals this year is to increase the diversity of our membership base."
 "One proposed idea is to meet with representatives of organizations such as NAACP."
 Out of the 315 members of Golden Key, four are black, making up 1.3 percent of the membership, and 94 percent are white.
 While there is a lack of diversity among YSU Golden Key members, Vicki Custer, Golden Key national spokesperson, said there isn't a problem nationally. She said minorities constitute about 30 percent of the national membership.
 Rabiah Rafique, Golden Key member, said, "In my own

opinion, some minorities do not realize that such an honor society exists. Without such a knowledge, they do not realize the benefits of joining."
 He said another reason for the lack of diversity is because Golden Key does not appeal, somehow, to minorities, and he said what the organization has to offer or the benefits in the long run are not interesting to some minority students.
 The Centurians is another honorary organization lacking diversity with one black and 79 whites.
 Amy Cossentino, Centurians adviser, said, "There is always room for more diversity."
 The Centurians is an honorary society that recognizes freshman academic achievement.
 Phi Epsilon Kappa, an

honors fraternity for students pursuing careers in physical education, health recreation, dance, human performance, exercise science, sports medicine or sports management, has no black members.
 Dr. Ronald Shackle, director of the University Scholars and Honors Programs, said, "We are going to be looking into the diversity issue this year."
 He said the honors programs are not ethnically diverse but have an excellent gender balance.
 He said there are many advantages to joining an honor society.
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population due to its education process and how students are trained to advance with their career demands.
 While on campus, Hagan visited a sociology class in DeBartolo Hall and visited with University President Dr. David Sweet.
 Hagan said he and Sweet have been good friends.
 "I don't know him as president Sweet, but Sweet, dean of

Urban Studies," Hagan said.
 The professors who spoke with Hagan were four YSU professors, including Dr. Jeffery Smiley, chemistry; Dr. Warren Young, chair, physics and astronomy; Carl Johnston, biology and environmental studies; and Dr. Allen Hunter, chemistry. Also in attendance was Dr. Peter Kasvinsky, dean of the School of Graduate Studies.

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interviews.
 "It's all summarized," said Oluic, who said the next step is to send the reports to the commander in Fort Knox, Kentucky.
 "The commander will read the statements and what I believe to be the truth and then decide if there should be a punishment," said Oluic.
 Oluic said the matter should be resolved before the end of the semester and when it is resolved, the information will become public.
 "The commander will take the appropriate action," said Hosler, who said the commander could act in a number of ways.
 "There could be a letter of reprimand, which could prevent a promotion, or he could be fined or could be re-assigned," said Hosler.
 Oluic and Yemma agreed the army would take disciplinary action if the allegations

were found to be true.
 "In the civilian world, its possible nothing would happen to someone with these allegations, but the army deals with things more severely," said Oluic.
 "I'm pretty sure they're taking disciplinary action," Yemma said of the ROTC. "I don't know what will be done ... you can be sure that the university and I will be looking into it."
 Hosler said the instructors of the ROTC are each assigned by the army to the university.
 YSU, Kent State University and Mount Union College are all part of the same ROTC program and share some of the same employees, said Hosler.
 When asked about Redman's position at YSU, Hosler said Redman has been a military science instructor to juniors and seniors since September 2001.



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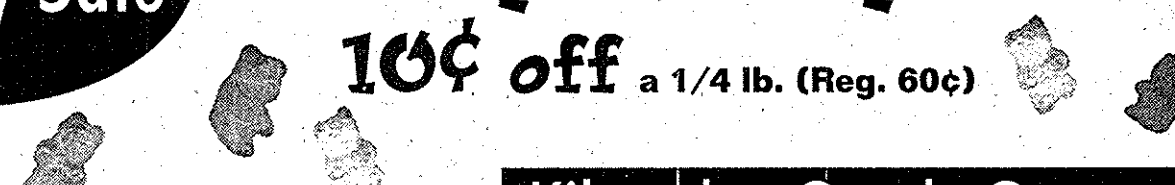
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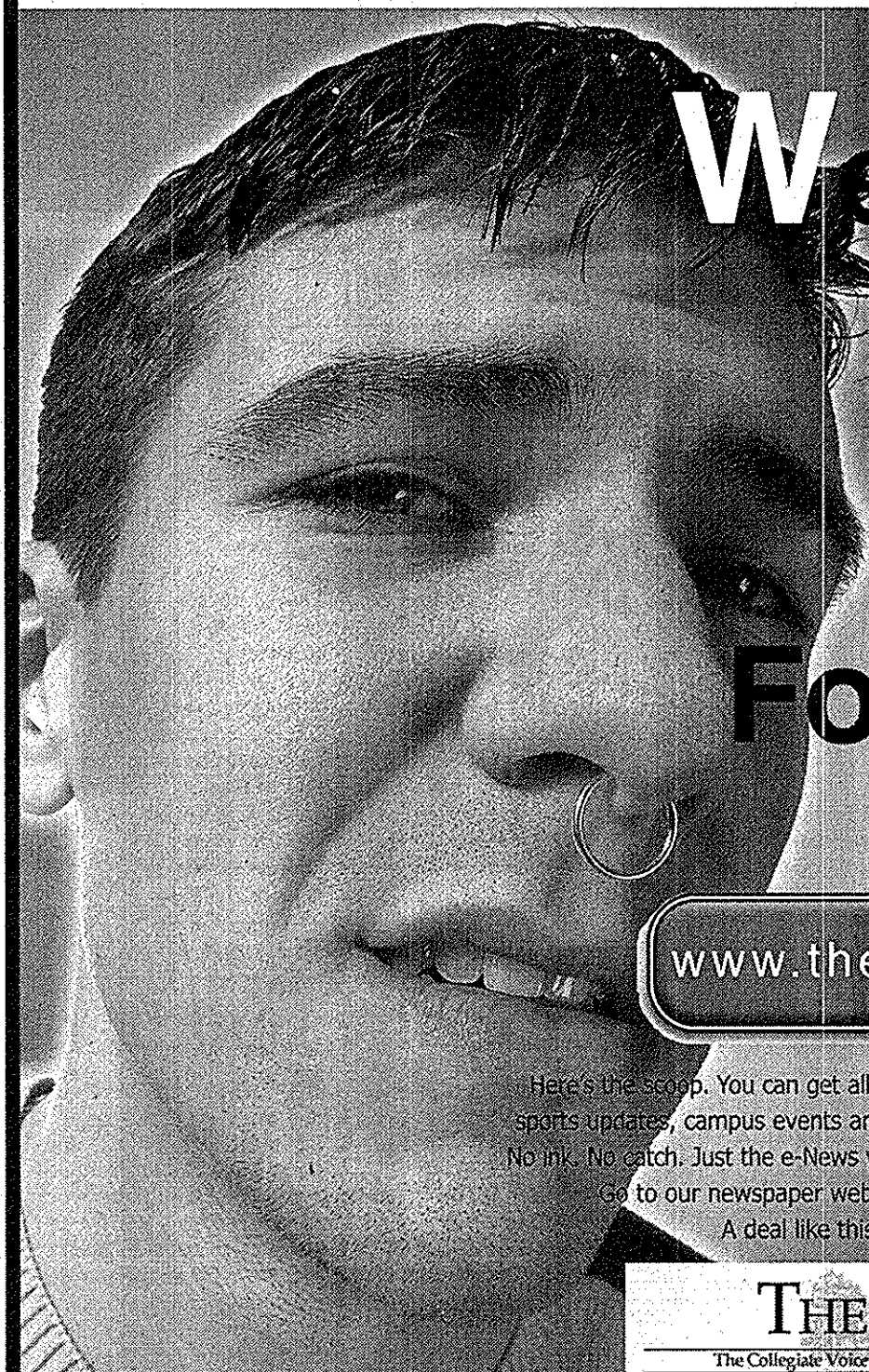


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What We Think Provide more information on distance learning

Youngstown State University's Mission Statement is to "provide open access to high-quality education through a broad range of affordable certificate, associate, baccalaureate and graduate programs." However, it does not provide enough information about doing this through a distance-learning program.

YSU is in partnership with the Ohio Learning Network. Through this joint venture, students are able to receive an associate's or bachelor's degree completely online from YSU.

Yet, several students, staff and community members have said they do not even know it exists.

In a Jambar survey of 40 people, approximately half knew about distance learning but did not know YSU offered it, and the rest did not know anything about distance learning.

YSU Assistant Provost Dr. Gordon Mapley said, "I'm sure that some advisers have informed their students of options available via OLN. However, I am not aware of any consistent campaign at YSU to highlight OLN."

In addition to not informing the YSU community about OLN, the university also does not contribute much to the program. Several other Ohio universities provide instructors to teach the courses in the program. However, YSU sits on the sidelines, letting the other universities teach the courses. Mapley said the university does not provide any instructors for the program.

The benefits of advertising OLN would be great. For one, it would generate more money at a time the university needs it. After all, distance learners pay full tuition and go through the same application, registration and tuition process as any other student who attends courses in a classroom setting. It would attract students to YSU who might not be able to attend classes during the day.

Another advantage the OLN provides is the opportunity for students to take a mix of courses online or in classrooms. High school seniors would be much more likely to pick a school with these types of benefits.

After all, in the time it takes to achieve a degree, many circumstances in a student's life change, and he or she may not be able to continue courses in a classroom setting.

We realize there are some downsides to distance learning. Gail Peters, northern Ohio representative of OLN, admitted that distance learning is not for everyone. Distance learners must have certain characteristics to succeed, such as time management skills, a go-getter attitude and computer literacy.

However, she also said distance learning provides opportunities to students who need classes that have been closed or cancelled. Students can enroll in these courses and stay on track to earning their degrees.

The OLN is also good for full-time students who work and may not be able to take courses at the time the university offers them. A great opportunity is available to the YSU community, and many do not know it exists. YSU needs to make an enormous effort to better convey these opportunities to students and prospective students.

Whether it is through new student orientation programs, on-campus fliers or information sessions, the YSU community has a right to know its options and make the choice to take classes traditionally or electronically.

What You Think Do you think there is segregation on campus?



SCOTT GOOD
freshman,
undecided

"Yes, there is segregation. In some classes I feel like I don't fit in. I feel like I'm the only minority in my class."



JAIURUS FORD
senior,
management information systems

"Yes, there is segregation. It's a bad thing because we're all adults here and we're supposed to come to college and expand our lifestyle, and some people just stick to what they know."



QUINN MORLOCK
junior,
public relations and advertising

"There is definitely segregation. You can just see it, especially in Kilcawley."



CHRIS ROESSLER
freshman,
computer science

"There is some segregation. In the lecture classes most ethnicities will separate. There's no prejudice, it's just where people sit."



JOHNNY WALKER
senior,
marketing

"Yes, but nothing in life is fair."



TOM NIRCHI
sophomore,
social work

"No, I don't think so. I've seen whites and blacks hang out together."

Compiled by Angela Olin / The Jambar

Letters to the Editor

Housing policy too strict for some

Editor:

Housing policies at YSU need to be loosened. Every year, housing loses many students because they move off campus to live in apartments, houses, fraternity houses or even move back home.

There are students who live more than an hour away from the university who commute to school because they do not want to live in the dorms.

It is vital that we increase the liveliness and atmosphere of the campus by encouraging

students to live on campus.

The strict policies offered by Housing Services are not suitable for adult college students, soon to be the driving force in our nation.

The policies attempt to regulate personal matters, such as whom we choose to have as guests and whether students of age choose to drink.

Jack Fahey needs to wake up and realize that we don't need them to hold our hands at every stage.

Student Government is finally adhering to true student

concerns, as a vast majority of students have voiced strong opinions in favor of more dormitory freedom.

SG officials supporting these changes, thank you for listening to student concerns. SG and housing officials not supporting less strict measures are obviously far out of touch with student concerns.

I hope Jack Fahey meets swiftly with SG officials and lends an open ear. Now is the time to drop dogma and listen to the students who are supposedly the focal point of our university.

Our college is unwelcoming to guests and residents alike.

A campus full of commuters who drive to class and leave when they are done is not going to increase the revenue or improve the attitude of the university.

If YSU improves its housing policies and eventually expands, it may someday be on par or even surpass the competition from "real" colleges.

Jim Breunig
Student Government
business representative elect

Trustee: Salvage constitution process

Editor:

As a student trustee and a member of the committee charged with redrafting the Student Government constitution, I feel compelled to set the record straight through this letter.

SG's attempt to override the Board of Trustees during the April 1 meeting was unprofessional, inappropriate and out of line. However, SG may not be aware of what led up to this meeting.

A committee convened in September to draft a new consti-

tution and by-laws for SG. As a member of the committee I heard about an eight-step process set forth by the administration, beginning with the committee, then going to SG for feedback and heading to the Board of Trustees for endorsement. Final approval by the student body was to be the final step.

Initial progress was slow to say the least, but as time passed, members of the body began agreeing on some important issues. However, committee chair Joe Long expressed a concern about the committee's ded-

ication in a letter to "Student Government Officials."

He wrote, "We were barely able to maintain a quorum with an adviser present for one hour every two weeks."

Perhaps this was a direct result of the committee leadership's failure to inform the community advisers we were meeting in the first place. These three advisers agreed to volunteer their time for the sake of SG and the university.

I recommended committee leaders to contact the advisers to let them know about upcoming meetings to no avail. I personal-

ly notified one of the advisers that I happen to work with on a regular basis, but the others had no way of knowing a meeting was planned.

Clearly, the good intentions in the beginning of this process were overshadowed by a lack of communication.

Hopefully, it's not too late to salvage the constitution but restore the originally planned process as outlined by the administration.

Mollie McGovern
Senior,
Telecommunication and geography

Student says segregation letter lacks support

Editor:

Where, exactly, is this segregation to be found? I don't wish to start an argument here, but there are serious issues to be taken with the letter to the editor "Segregation is still prevalent at university," in the April 23 edition of The Jambar.

I fail to see adequate support for your claims. "The racism is flowing in the air here — not just from students but from professors, also." End of story — no support, no evidence.

You seriously weaken your own case with your fourth paragraph. It says, "Why does skin color continue to be an issue?" It then goes on to complain about how during a special Black History Month there are dis-

plays in some buildings on campus but not all.

You've answered your own question — race is an issue because you make it an issue. To quote from your letter: "We need to end racism forever. It starts with us all."

This is very true! However, you need to do your part as well! I'm a firm believer in the fact that equal treatment means just that: EQUAL. Not special.

Is there a White History Month? Of course not. That would appear vile and racist to many misguided people. Imagine a display put up in even one building on campus, (say Williamson Hall) featuring a list of accomplishments of "the white man."

I can just see the protests now. You say you make it a point

to "walk the campus to see if other places here have diversity issues ..." Aren't you yourself making an issue out of race here?

So basically, your letter begins with a claim that racism is rampant on YSU's campus and that it's extremely obvious to anyone who would visit.

Well, I've been hanging around campus for years, and now I live here, and I have to say I have never seen one instance of racism "flowing in the air."

I have never seen a professor discriminate against minorities. I have seen students proud of their individual cultures and ethnic backgrounds. However, some students realize that real pride comes from one's OWN accomplishments.

Feel pride in your culture, feel pride in your family, but feel

proud most of all of what you have done to make a difference in this world. Relate to your fellow human as just that: a fellow and a human.

If you let race become an issue, you will easily spend your entire life fighting those who you feel are oppressing you.

If you realize that we are all human and that people of all colors, shapes, sizes and creeds have an equal responsibility to accommodate each other rather than have certain ethnic or social groups specially recognized, you'll be able to get on with your life and make a difference. It is my true hope that we realize this someday. Peace.

John Shanks
Freshman,
Music performance

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ever culture you identify with is who you will feel comfortable with," Walker said. "If you are white and you identify with the urban culture, which is predominantly black, then you may find yourself sitting in the arcade."

Matt Novotny, director of Kilcawley, said, segregation for him is based on groups and organizations such as fraternities and sororities.

"People come to Kilcawley as a place to meet friends; they claim a certain area of the building and become regulars," said Novotny.

Such students as Tim Swihart, senior, jazz performance, said he thinks segregation is unavoidable.

"This whole area is segregated, probably because YSU is a commuter school," Swihart said. "Poland kids sit with Poland kids and Boardman kids with Boardman kids, and so on."

However, Swihart said that perhaps people are getting less concerned about race, especially after the terrorist attacks. He said he has noticed more integration in Kilcawley than before and said for him the decision of where to sit isn't racially motivated.

"Where there are girls, you will find me," he said.

Amy Matthews, senior, psychology, said, "I do see more minorities sitting in Arby's, and I think that's a good sign."

Eboni Williams, junior, business, said she believes the small trend of white people coming into the arcade can be

due to a couple of things.

She said that after the mural was put up, she noticed more diverse crowds coming in. She said the arcade used to be dirty, with trash on the ground, fights would break out more often and there was broken property.

She said that fixing up the location might be why everyone seems to be getting along this year.

Matthews agreed. She said people are perhaps trying to change what has been going on for years and she doesn't have a problem with going into the arcade.

Whether segregation is or was noticeable, some people said they feel it is not an issue.

Novotny said, "There is no real issue about segregation in Kilcawley. People make assumptions, but perhaps there is a change in where people sit because of people graduating or leaving school."

What it boils down to, though, is choice. People sit where their friends sit."

Some students said they think that if there is segregation in Kilcawley, it could be a larger issue than it appears.

Walker said, "The university is simply reflecting how the country is as a whole, but maybe the changes need to start with [students]."

Whatever the reason, cause or concern, Cotton said more of an effort needs to be made on both sides and it will take a long time before things get to where they need to be.

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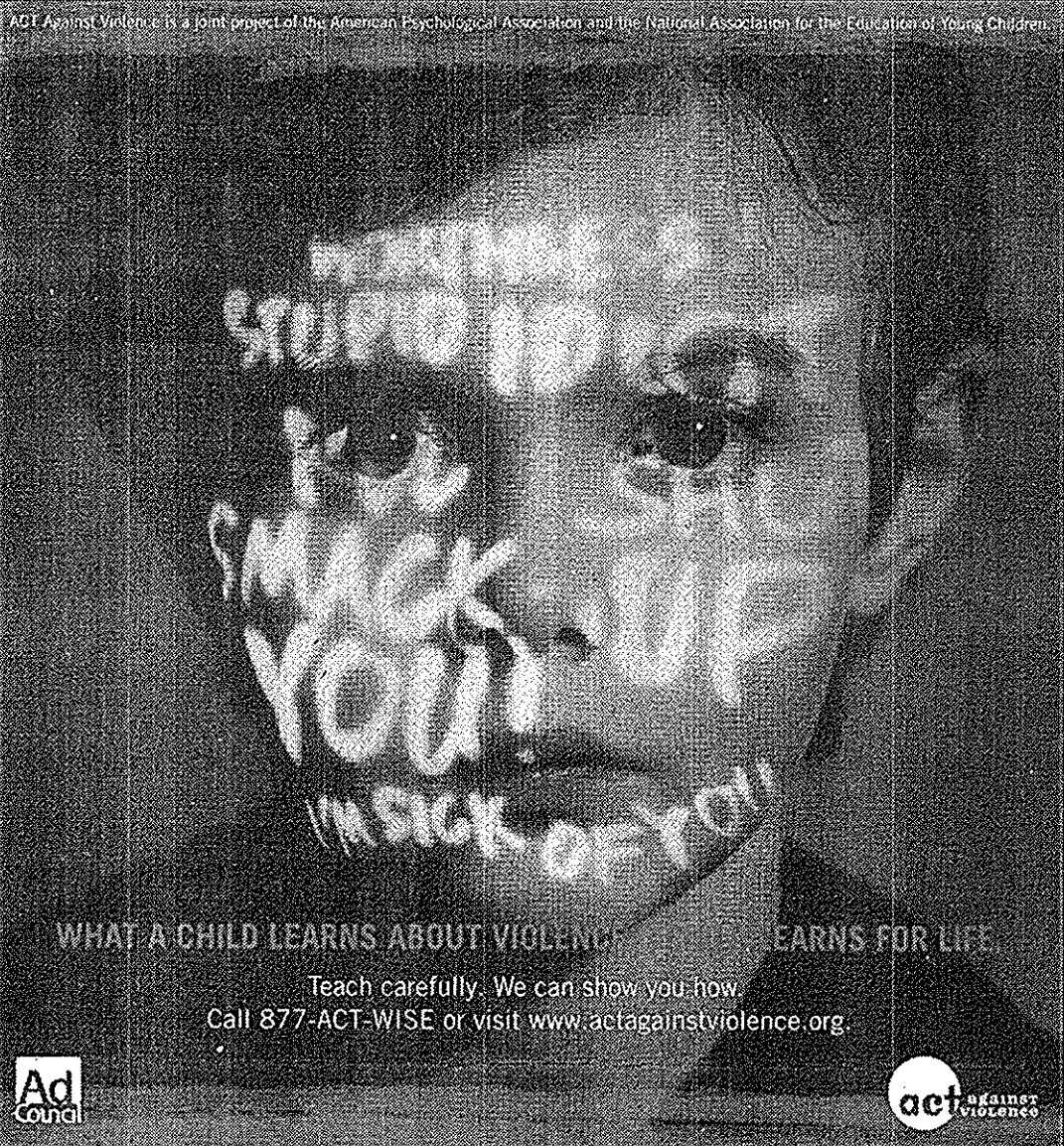
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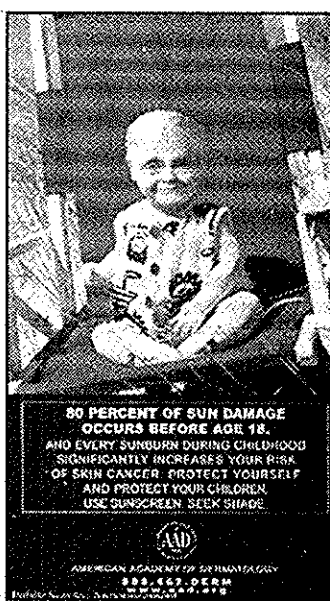
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Sports & Recreation

Penguin tackle headed for NFL

BY MATT MARACCINI
Jambar Reporter

With the conclusion of the 2002 NFL draft, former YSU offensive tackle Pat Crumme has found a new place to call home: Giants Stadium.

The NFL and the New York Giants have signed Crumme to a free agent contract, giving him the opportunity to perform at the highest level of competition. Crumme was a first-team All American last season for the Penguins.

"I was excited but wasn't surprised," Head Football Coach Jon Heacock said.

Heacock said he was able to stay informed and updated on Crumme's situation through friends and connections to the NFL. According to the third-year head coach, NFL scouts had been involved and occupied by Crumme's talent for quite some time and had worked with him on an individual basis.

"When this happens, they are very serious," said

Heacock.

He said college coaches have relatively little to do with the process, and are only asked opinions on discipline, character and work ethic.

Heacock said he couldn't take credit for Crumme's success but rather it was his talent and athleticism that initially attracted scouts.

"Knowing people in the business does not necessarily give someone an advantage. Coaches don't get players into the NFL; players do," he said.

Heacock said the national average for a player in the NFL is 3.3 years, as players compete against an elite group of individuals on a daily basis.

"Pat is very intelligent, very athletic and has great character. He fits the needs [the Giants] have and is a guy that someone believes is NFL talent," Heacock said.

When asked how he will fill the void of Crumme's absence, Heacock said, "One man does not replace someone like Pat."

Penguin Sportswire

Tennis

— Freshman Seth Banks, was named Horizon League Newcomer of the Year and named to the 2002 All Horizon first team. Banks finished the year with a No.1 singles record of 7-7 and 2-3 in league play and was also 7-7 and 2-3 at No.1 doubles.

Track and Field

— Senior Jen Moore set a school record time in the 800-meter Saturday at the Baldwin Wallace Invitational. She ran a time of 2:14.5 to finish second place.

— The women's 4x100-meter relay team of freshmen Leslie Johnson, Jeanna Cunningham, Alliyah Gillespie and sophomore Janae Stephens took home first place with a time of 48.64.

— Sophomore Kurt Michaelis set a YSU record time in the mile with a seventh-place time of 4:03.37 Saturday in the men's Olympic Development heat at the Penn State Relays.

Track star brings spirit, leadership

BY MELANIE HEYMAN
Jambar Reporter

It's five minutes until race time. She stands in her lane, focusing on what she has to do. Jeanna Cunningham, freshman, civil engineering, said she has to concentrate before each race.

Cunningham said track is her "first love." While running indoor track for the Lady Penguins, Cunningham was named the Horizon League's Newcomer of the Year. She has won many plaques and medals.

"The newcomer plaque was my most important so far," she said.

Even though an athlete can get medals and plaques over and over, such an award as Newcomer of the Year can only be awarded to an athlete one time.

Cunningham gave her Newcomer of the Year plaque to a member of her church she considers to be like her grandmother.

She said this all came about when this woman went into the hospital to have triple bypass surgery.

It was when she was recovering that Cunningham gave her the plaque.

"That's just to show that winning medals and plaques

isn't everything," she said. "I guess I'm giving."

That is not the only quality that Cunningham has on and off the track. Her coach, Matthew Snipes, said she is a very spiritual girl.

Snipes said, "Jeanna brings spirit, dedication and a drive to be the best."

He said he has coached Cunningham since her sophomore year at Warren G. Harding High School. He said he thought she was a pretty good athlete but thought she wasn't developed correctly.

Snipes said he is happy with the accomplishments Cunningham has made thus far.

He said that even though he is happy he still expects her "to work harder than anybody on the planet."

He said he wants Cunningham to learn the sport inside out, and he said she has a good chance of qualifying for the National Championships.

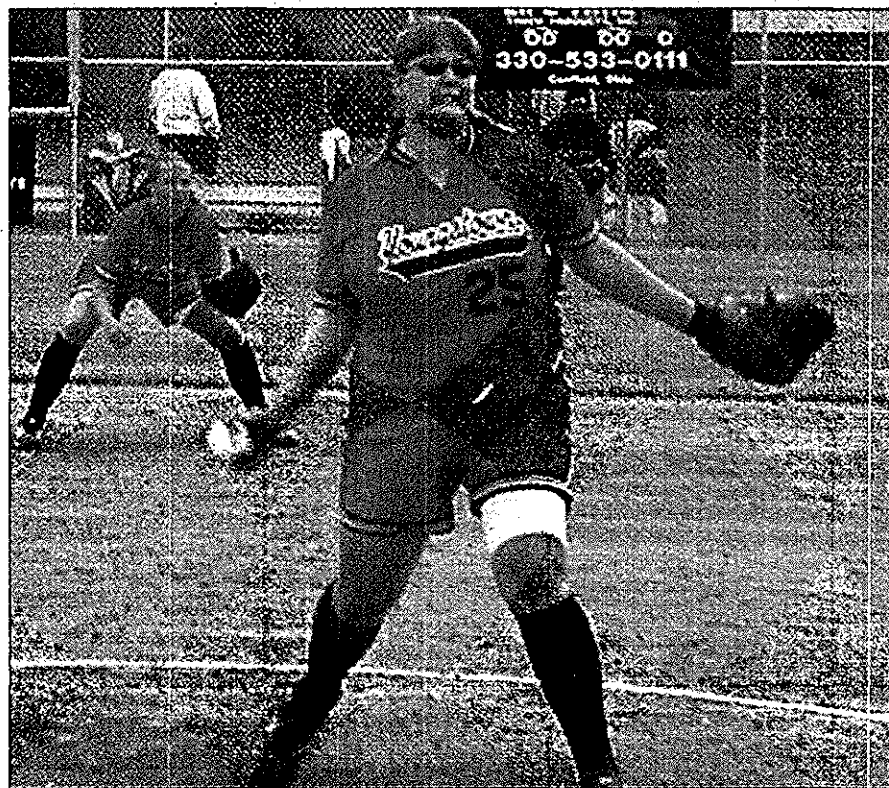
He said he thinks Cunningham has the ingredients to become a national competitor with her killer personality, work ethic, her drive to be the best and her roommate with the same ambition that pushes her to achieve.

"She doesn't want to lose, but she doesn't just talk about it — she works at it," he said.

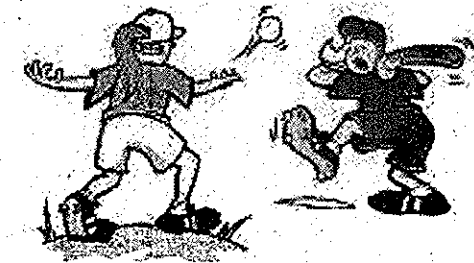
WINDING UP



By Lisko / The Jambar



TALKING SOFTBALL: YSU Junior Zetta Dumkrieger (No.19) takes the plate during the first game of YSU's doubleheader against Wright State on Saturday at McCune Park, in Canfield. Junior Stephanie Hartman (No.25) delivers a pitch. The Lady Penguins were swept in both of their doubleheaders over the weekend, extending their losing streak to 11 games. They will close out their regular season at 3 p.m. today against Ohio University at McCune park.



Matasek sets the standard

BY DAVE DEVEREUX
Jambar Reporter

The YSU women's golf team is losing one player next year: one senior Stephanie Matasek, a perennial all-conference selection and the cornerstone of this upstart program for the past four years.

As the Lady Penguins' 2001-02 campaign commenced with a third-place finish at the Cleveland State University Invitational on April 23, it brought closure to another season filled with steady results.

It marked the end of Matasek's collegiate career, which included first-team all Mid-Continent Conference honors twice and second-team honors once.

When Matasek arrived at YSU in 1999, the third season in the program's history, she instantly provided constant scoring contribution while proving to be the headliner for a young program.

As a freshman, Matasek received first-team accolades along with the league's Newcomer of the Year Award after posting an 82.5 average and finishing in a tie for second at the Mid-Con Championships with a 238 (76-76-86).

In her sophomore season, Matasek was named second-team all-conference after placing ninth at the Mid-Con meet. She won two dual meets at Chicago State and Dayton after firing rounds of 78 and 77.

Matasek regained first-team honors as a junior, following a second-place finish at the Mid-Con meet; her final-round 76 tied for low round of the tournament. She also compiled a then school record 81.2 scoring average.

This season, the Lady Penguins and Matasek fell victim to the conference switch. With only four schools in the Horizon League with women's programs, there wasn't an official conference tournament or post-season accolades. However, Matasek sustained her scoring touch and broke her previous school record with a 79.7 scoring average.

Although Matasek possesses both a strong long game and a natural swing, she says practice and never-ending support from her parents, teammates and coaches has been the ultimate formula for her success.

Practice is what makes any athlete good and one can never have enough practice, she said.

Matasek added, "The key to my success is not just my ability to play, but definitely the support of my parents, who have spent countless hours on my golf game."

"My coach here at YSU, Roseann [Schwartz], has always been behind me, along with all of my teammates. Having a good support team makes all the difference," she said.

Matasek said she never wanted to come to YSU as a child even though she grew up in the area.

At age 12, she chose golf and credits Schwartz for teaching her the game. She later became a standout high school player at Boardman and then chose YSU, which offered her a scholarship.

Matasek will receive a bachelor's degree in international marketing when she graduates in two weeks, and she will start graduate school at Kent State University in the fall.

In the process, Matasek has altered her opinion of YSU. "YSU is just as good, if not better, than anywhere else," she said.

Schwartz has been YSU's only coach since the program's inception in 1996 and has led a steady progression each year.

The recently completed sixth season in the program's history proved to be another successful step in the right direction; the seventh has the potential to follow a similar trend. Although Matasek will be moving on, she said she believes the outlook is promising for next season and in the future.

"The scores have all been pretty good and pretty close this year," she said. "I feel I'm leaving the team in good hands."

Among the players returning next season are team captain Nicole Hamstreet, Jennifer Grossi and Gina Abruzzino.

Hamstreet and Grossi, two steady juniors, shared YSU's top performance honors at the CSUI, with scores of 171.

Abruzzino burst onto the scene as a freshman, winning her first collegiate meet, the Bucknell Invitational in the fall, with a round of 77. She shot a 72 at the YSU Invitational, breaking the previous school record of 73 set by Matasek earlier this season.

"Having a freshman hold the 18-hole record means there are good things to come for the team's future," said Matasek. "They are a great bunch of ladies. I wish them all the best."



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