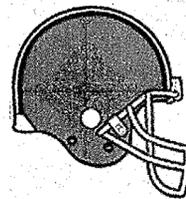


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## Faculty, staff fear strike for fall semester

By LA'EL HUGHES  
Jambar Reporter

Presidents of the two unions representing faculty and classified staff say they fear a strike because they have lost faith in University President Dr. David Sweet.

Dr. John Russo, YSU-OEA president and chief negotiator said, "We had great hope for this new president but we lost hope in him."

On Tuesday, YSU's two largest unions, YSU's Chapter of the Ohio Education Association (faculty) and Association of Classified Employees (staff), called a press conference about what they considered to be "bargaining in bad faith" by YSU administration.

YSU faculty and staff have been under tight contract negotiations with YSU administration since the end of spring semester.

He said that the administration comes to the bargaining table unprepared. He said they have made so little progress and "it is embarrassing."

When asked about the out-

come of negotiations, Russo said, "I am not optimistic. I've negotiated too many years and I see a certain trajectory."

Chris Domhoff, YSU-ACE president and chief negotiator agreed, "I never lose hope but today things don't appear to be

"I am not optimistic. I've negotiated too many years and I see a certain trajectory."

— JOHN RUSSO  
YSU-OEA president  
on the outlook of faculty contract negotiations.

on solid ground."

During the conference, red shirts that proudly displayed the names of negotiating teams and buttons that read "We don't want to strike, but we will" were worn by faculty and staff that attended.

A long list of issues were addressed, including a proposal for a 10 percent increase in tuition for the fall semester,

faculty salaries, workloads, grievance procedures and health care.

Representatives from the faculty and staff unions invited local media to hear the status of negotiations at 12:30 p.m. in the Working Class Studies Department.

YSU-OEA first announced that they will file an Unfair Labor Practice agreement against YSU for breaching press blackout provisions.

They said they felt that YSU President David Sweet breached the press blackout provisions by putting a paid advertisement in the July 11 issue of The Jambar. The advertisement was a letter to the campus community which addressed some of the key issues that are currently on the bargaining table for both of the unions.

However, representatives for administration said that they did not feel they violated any of the media-blackout provisions by placing the advertisement in The Jambar.

The YSU-OEA and ACE raised numerous concerns

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## Negotiations at standstill

By LA'EL HUGHES  
Jambar Reporter

Faculty and staff members of the two negotiating teams said the stage has been set for a possible strike for the fall semester.

The YSU Chapter of the Ohio Education Association for faculty and the YSU Association of Classified Employees for staff said, "We're on a collision course like in 1989. It is not our hope or desire to strike but we will."

According to a press release from YSU-ACE they

have come to a stand still in contract negotiations. The YSU staff negotiating team feels that further talks would be "unproductive."

On September 21, 1989 YSU had its first faculty strike. Now, 13 years later, union members said some of the incidents that occurred in 1989 are happening all over again.

According to information received by YSU's Human Resources and campus press releases, the sequence of events in 1989 included a tuition increase in July of \$67 per quarter issued by the Ohio

Board of Regents. But, at the time YSU still came in second for the lowest tuition in Ohio, which was \$2,001 per year and YSU student fees generated the second highest amount of revenue.

In August of 1989 reports from YSU's Human Resources show that faculty and administration was at a standstill with negotiation talks. Therefore, a federal mediator was brought in, in an effort to reach an agreement between YSU administration and faculty.

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Mostly sunny today with a slight chance of isolated thunderstorms. High in the upper 80s. Low in the lower 60s. Scattered thunderstorms on Friday. High in the lower 80s. Low around 60.

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## Budget cuts still undetermined

By MELISSA MOSCHELLA  
Jambar Reporter

The Ohio Board of Regents met in Toledo last Wednesday to discuss revisions to the SSI (State Share of Instruction) Allocation. Approved reallocations on July 10 earned YSU \$143,000 more than anticipated after an e-mail received by the University on July 1 stated that the budget would suffer a \$2.9 million cut in 2003.

The remaining amount of the budget cut still stands. The University continues to search for solutions to the budget crisis this week.

Jayne Abel, assistant director of communication, Ohio Board of Regents, said, "Unless something unforeseen happens the cuts will stay." "It's not a permanent measure until one of the board meetings in the fall. The numbers aren't definite, but they're close," said Abel. Abel said the amount of funding a university receives is enrollment driven. A student must be paid in

full on their instructional fees before they are considered enrolled.

Bill Countryman, university registrar, said that moving the minimum balance required to register from \$99 to \$300 made 98 more students subsidy eligible if they were to register as full-time students.

Administration discussed changing a student's eligibility to register to be based on the instructional fee being paid only, rather than the other fees students see on their bills including general fees, multi-service fees, technology and other fees.

Terry Ondreyka, vice president, financial affairs said the University is looking into the legality of this option.

"We'd be shooting ourselves in the foot by not claiming 50 students that could be subsidy eligible," said Terry Ondreyka. "We're just turning over every rock we can."

Other solutions discussed

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## SUMMER FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS



Cecelia Fugitt/The Jambar

### FUN FESTIVAL:

Sean Rocky entertains some children with some out of the ordinary toys, while Elizabeth Durlinger enjoys a corndog at the YSU Summer Festival of the Arts on Saturday. The festival held Saturday and Sunday offered plenty of entertainment and activities to visitors in attendance, including live music, arts and crafts tents, fireworks and a variety of food.



## Ryan campaigns for vote

By KRISTIN SERROKA  
Jambar Reporter

November may be a few months away, but some candidates like State Senator Tim Ryan (D-Niles) are not taking this time lightly. Ryan said he has been hard at work for his campaign for the 17th District Congressional seat.

Ryan, 28, said he has a vision of what Youngstown could be like in the future to revitalize and bring energy back to the city. He said this is an "opportunity for young people of the community to be part of something very special."

He said he wants to bring jobs to this area so younger generations do not leave this area like so many are.

Instead, he said locally he wants to encourage entrepreneurship, especially from YSU graduates.

Ryan, who attended YSU, said he would like to make Youngstown "like it used to be for our grandparents with live music, entertainment and a vibrant downtown."

In order to do that, he said



Kristin Serroka/The Jambar

GIVING BLOOD: State Senator Tim Ryan stopped by YSU campus to give blood last Thursday. Ryan said he hopes to revitalize the downtown Youngstown area in the future.

he wants to revitalize the downtown area and bring in urban parks, theaters and jazz and blues clubs.

Many have criticized Ryan for being so young, however, he said he is running because he "represents a number of young people who care about the community and have faced challenges such as divorce because of economic situations."

Ryan said he feels there are many challenges facing this area, but the key is to get this area "on the same page" because there is so much talent in the Valley.

Candidates running against Ryan include republican Anne Womer Benjamin and Incumbent Rep. James A. Traficant Jr., who declared

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with the recent \$3 million cut in the budget they propose a 10 percent increase in tuition for the fall to compensate for a possible reduction in their salaries.

Russo said that the university was offering "minimal, embarrassingly low, completely ridiculous, out of line salary increases." Russo said these minimal increases would be actual pay cuts for senior faculty.

Domhoff said, "Promoting a tuition increase is not an attack against students but this is what it has come to. The state is not funding us and they wish to put more of the burden with the students."

However, in the midst of budget cuts from the state, Russo said that YSU has "the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest foundation in Ohio next to University of Cincinnati and The Ohio State University."

Reid Schmutz, the president of YSU foundation,

agreed. "We have \$125-130 million in our foundation." The YSU foundation gives money to students by giving out scholarships from money that has been donated and then placed into the stock market. The money that is made is then distributed into YSU scholarships such as the Powers scholarship and the Trustees scholarship.

But, the negotiating teams said YSU is not limited to where they can give money. Russo said YSU gives much less money to the university "not because they have to, because they choose to."

Schmutz did not believe that money from the YSU foundation should be distributed to help compensate for YSU faculty and staff salaries. He said, "We are a separate entity, and we have nothing to do with faculty. We do not have to give them money for their issues."

However, when Schmutz was asked if students would be compensated because of the \$3

million budget cut, he said, "I don't know, we have not had any meetings about it. Although we have given out a few more scholarships this year than last year."

However Schmutz continued to address the idea of giving money to faculty and staff and said, "If we start dipping in these funds every time we have a crisis, we are going to have a financial crisis and somewhere down the line a student is going to get short changed."

On the other hand, Russo said, "The national average for universities giving money from endowments [donated money] is 5.2 percent, we are at 3.4 percent. This is a \$2-3 million difference, which is equivalent to the amount that YSU has just lost with the cut in the budget."

Chief negotiators also addressed the \$1.5 million the university received from the sale of Anthem stock. Domhoff

said "We are promoting that the Anthem money be used to address these issues."

Domhoff said the Healthcare Task Force came in and asked that this money be put in a separate fund for the university. She said it was agreed by the presidents of all the unions that the money be put in a separate fund, but Sweet chose to abandon their agreement and put it in the general fund.

Russo said, "the university claims it doesn't have money, but it already has the lowest paid faculty in the state of Ohio. It is an embarrassment that we have to come to that bargaining table and beg for salary improvements."

For example, according to the contract negotiations made between YSU and the YSU-OEA in Article IV section 3 for 2001-2002, a full-time professor's minimum salary is to be \$54,000.

Carol Kordupel, Human

Resources, said for 2002 the university has 22 new faculty and 15 re-hires, but their average salary is below the minimal salary ranging from \$45-\$50,000. Kordupel said we have some faculty making \$75,000-\$80,000 but that is not common. She also said that these numbers would probably change as they hire more people.

In the response from Sweet to the YSU community in last Thursday's Jambor he said the average salary for YSU faculty members according to salary studies published annually for Ohio public universities was \$59,375 for 2002.

Sweet said the salary figures published in a previous Jambor editorial were not accurate. However, Russo said, "The general trajectories of the original (Jambor) editorial is absolutely on the mark. The numbers in Sweet's ad were used in a misleading way."

Another topic raised was

the current status of YSU as an AA school. This means that the university has no or fewer Ph.D. programs and several masters programs. YSU currently has one Ph.D. program.

YSU is the only AA school in the state of Ohio, therefore, when looking at comparisons in the amount of offered disciplines and workloads, it can only be compared to neighboring schools in Pennsylvania.

When looking at schools in Pennsylvania, Russo and Domhoff said we are not up to standard in staff size.

Domhoff said YSU is ranked number 13 out of 13 for the number of classified staff. Examples of classified staff includes employees in payroll, Bursar's, Registrars, Financial Aid, computer programmers, maintenance and secretaries.

She said, "even if we doubled our staff we wouldn't come close to where we want to be. Our workload is tremendous."

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Issues of concern for the YSU faculty union in 1989 were salaries, workload, and health care. Some of the faculty that were present during this strike in 1989 still currently serve as professors for YSU.

Dr. Paul Dalbec, professor of physics and astronomy and president of the YSU-OEA in 1989 was quoted in a Jambor Aug. 10, 1989 issue during the first strike.

He said, "Among the issues that have caused delay in the talks are workload, salaries, benefits, and early retirement. A strike could delay the start of the fall quarter."

By Aug. 21, 1989, YSU faculty had not come to an agreement. Press releases from Human Resource show YSU faculty picketing with signs that said, "No Contract, No Work."

But, it is now 2002 and the Ohio Board of Regents has just given YSU a \$3 million budget cut. In addition, a tuition increase of \$350 looms over the heads of students as YSU administration decides whether they will make the increase or not.

Furthermore a federal mediator has just been called in to resolve the conflicts amongst administration and

the two negotiating teams. Faculty is currently still addressing issues such as salaries, workload and health care in their contracts.

Jeff Parks, president student government, said he was disappointed at both parties [faculty and administration].

He said that he was disenchanted with the faculty by suggesting a 10 percent increase.

"Every time that there is some difficulty, the burden is left on the students. We are losing sight of the bigger picture," Parks said.

"Students keep the doors open here, they are the life and blood of this university. Both parties need to keep in mind how the decisions they make will impact the students."

However in 1989 press releases from Human Resources archives show that faculty hoped the students would understand.

Susan Russo, art professor in 1989 and who is still serving in the art department said in a Sept. 20, 1989 Vindicator issue, "(Teachers) hope that students try to understand that we are trying to make this a better place."

When Parks was asked if student government has pre-

pared itself for a strike, he said, "We have prepared for many different scenarios, even those that are unfortunate circumstances."

He recommended that students who hear that YSU may be striking need to familiarize themselves with everything that has been going on. Parks said, "Everybody is going to get a different piece of the puzzle and everybody will make their own individual decisions on what they will do."

Student government in the event of a strike will serve as a communication conduit, said Parks.

He urges students to write those who are in YSU's unions, administration, legislators and politicians.

Parks said the letters would put a face on the students who are attending YSU.

He added, "I know students who were unable to attend YSU with the last budget cut and tuition increase. I know families who had to send their children one at a time instead of all at once because they could not afford to send everyone at once."

He said he hopes that YSU continues to be open and listen to the voice of the students as they are making decisions that will effect 12,000 people.

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by administration include going in and looking at courses to determine whether or not they are properly assigned. This could be beneficial to the University since it receives less money from the state for general level courses.

University President David Sweet has asked Dr. Bege Bowers, assistant provost, to make sure academic affairs looks carefully into this process.

Sweet said the University is still looking into the Exceptional Circumstance Clause of the Ohio Code.

Abel said that the Exceptional Circumstance Clause was written ten years ago during difficult financial times and has never been granted to a university.

He said an example of an exceptional circumstance

being granted would be some sort of disaster on a university's campus, such as an explosion, earthquake or other natural disaster.

"In financial terms we think this is a tornado, so we are going to go forward with our case," said Sweet.

Abel said, "We have reason to believe more than one university will apply for exceptional circumstances. It depends on the argument. This hasn't happened before, so we'll just have to wait and see."

In attempts to garner support for the University, Senator Tim Ryan requested to know the total dollar amount of budget cuts YSU has received in 2002 and 2003. The total amount for the past two years reaches \$8.7 million.

Ryan said he has been

quite vocal with the media about his feelings on the budget cuts.

He said he is outraged over these budget cuts because it is the government telling people they are unable to afford an education or will be in debt if they receive one.

Ryan described the government's decision to cut funds for higher education as an "elitist attitude."

Sweet wrote letters to both Governor Robert Taft and Chancellor Roderick G.W. Chu last week in response to the cuts.

Sweet said both Taft and Chu have not responded to his letters yet. Sweet planned to meet with the governor late Wednesday evening. Comments on their meeting were not available.

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himself independent following his convictions for 10 counts of bribery and racketeering in April.

Ryan said the Trafficant story is "sad for all of us because he is representing our district and [the rest of the country] sees it as a reflection of us."

He said this is an opportunity for the district to start fresh and begin rebuilding in the manner of "sport franchises" although this may take a few years.

Ryan has been out in the area meeting people and campaigning for the November election. He said he has been to many county fairs, festivals and picnics this summer to campaign and has a few fundraisers planned.

In addition to his campaign, Ryan has been taking his position of state senator very seriously.

After attending YSU, Ryan transferred to Bowling Green State University and graduated with a degree in political science. He then received a law degree from Franklin Pierce Law Center in New Hampshire.

**Admin. will nominate committee**

YSU President David Sweet is asking his administrative advisory council to nominate individuals to serve on a Technology Master Plan Advisory Committee.

Sweet has asked Donna Esterly, executive director, computing and information systems, and Bill Wood, associate professor and director of the school of technology, to co-chair this committee.

Esterly said the goal of the committee is to develop a comprehensive master plan focused on technology.

Sweet asked that the administrative advisory council to submit the names of nominees to Esterly by Friday, July 26 so the committee can begin meeting as soon as possible.

# Scholarships given to seven area students

By JAMI BONINSEGNA  
Editor in Chief

Seven local students in the tri-county area have been awarded \$1,000 scholarships from the American Cancer Society.

A total of 101 college-bound survivors across the state of Ohio received the award this year, which marked the third year the American Cancer Society has offered the scholarship.

Kimberly DeOnofrio, junior, has won the scholarship all three years that it has been offered.

DeOnofrio was diagnosed with ovarian cancer during her senior year of high school. She said that doctors told her they didn't think she would be able to go to college.

"I got lonely sitting at home and I wanted to prove them all wrong and kick some butt."

DeOnofrio said she could barely make it through registration and her mom had to push her in a wheelchair but she was determined to go to school by that time.

DeOnofrio, who is still being treated for cancer, said her experience has caused her to be very involved with the American Cancer Society and helped her to choose her major at YSU.

"I wanted to go to school for something where I could work with cancer patients. So, I am going to be an oncology

social worker."

Scholarship applicants were to be residents of Ohio, diagnosed with cancer before age 21, younger than 25 at the time of application and plan to attend an accredited university or community college.

Winners were chosen based on scholastic performance, community service and leadership by the Society's volunteer scholarship committee.

Julie Delsignore, sophomore, was also a recipient of this year's scholarship.

Delsignore attended the University of Akron her first year of college, where she was a 4.0 student majoring in secondary education.

She said she decided to move home and transfer to YSU from Akron when she was getting treatment for Hodgkin's Lymphoma Stage 4-B. "It was easier for me to be away from the dorms and be home during treatment, plus YSU is a great school."

Delsignore has currently ended treatments and will be attending YSU in the fall, full-time.

Al Stabilito, communications and advocacy director,

American Cancer Society, said applications are available for the scholarship each fall in the financial aid department.

The scholarship program is made possible through proceeds from Relay for Life, the American Cancer Society's signature activity to honor cancer survivors and their families.

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# Editorial & Opinion

## What We Think

### Education needs to be priority

The advertisement, paid for by "university funds," put into The Jambar by university President David Sweet has caused a firestorm of protest from the YSU faculty and staff. All sides of an issue can play numbers and semantics games, but it all comes down to providing the best quality education for the students and making YSU the most successful university across the board.

First, The Jambar staff strongly believes in the validity of its reliable sources. Some of the sources may not have been willing to release names to avoid a more hostile working environment. This does not devalue the information given to the Jambar.

Next, faculty has a greater direct impact on YSU students than do administrators. Because of the heavy load faculty members are bound to carry they deserve fair compensation. Once again, an instructor with a Ph.D. requires a salary that is competitive with other universities for the years of education received and research done and the overall experience a person of this academic standing brings to students. By choosing to pursue higher education students have earned the right to have extraordinary faculty members in charge of their education.

Furthermore, the overall message of Sweet's advertisement according was misleading, moreover The Jambar staff find it elusive to the core problems of the university. Faculty members were so outraged by this that they held a press conference to voice important concerns. The press conference gave light to even more problems with the internal distribution of YSU's funds.

YSU has the third largest foundation in Ohio. John Russo, president and chief negotiator for the Ohio Education Association, said the foundation could give more money to the university but chooses not to. If the foundation has enough money to fulfill its own needs and there is a surplus, it should be filtered to other needy areas in the university. These areas could include more student scholarships, faculty salaries or supplements to keep tuition low.

Sometimes successful departments or groups under university control must give up time, knowledge or money to bolster the success of the entire university community, which in turn benefits Youngstown as city and all YSU students.

Students can not keep being asked to give more and more money to pay for an education. Yes, tuition increases are a part of the academic path to a degree, but tuition increases can not always be the answer for the problems created by the university.

Russo also noted that it is an embarrassment for the faculty to have to beg for salaries and improvements. All members of the university community should also feel the shame of such an occurrence because YSU faculty is already among the lowest paid faculty in Ohio.

"We had great hope for this new president but we lost hope in him... I don't care if the president can go out and spread his sunshine," said Russo.

"We" as representatives of YSU students agree. Sweet needs to admit that it's a rainy day on campus.

YSU students demand a president who is willing to acknowledge the vital roles not only that the administration performs, but the ones that the faculty, staff and students perform as well. The goal to make this university a Youngstown success starts by fixing the problems of salary, health care, workload, sabbatical, and grievance procedures. If the administration ignores these issues causing faculty and staff to strike, local billboards will be covered with the latest YSU Failure Stories.

## What You Think

### How do you think the university can respond to the large budget cut this summer?



Ron Navarra  
*co-manager Comdoc*

"Just by cutting excess expenditures for unnecessary campus activities."



Julie Cerino  
*senior dietics*

"If tuition increases, students should be receiving more for their money. The university should offer more for students."



Dave Purins  
*YSU graduate*

"With continued community support, YSU should be able to remain a high-class educational institution."



Brett Tomlinson  
*senior engineering*

"There should be budget cuts for administration, particularly salaries."



Wayne Bartholomew,  
*senior english*

"I think it will probably affect tuition, but if the university adds more cultural events that could bring money in."



Steve Gaisor,  
*junior education*

"I am worried it is going to affect tuition, I'm not sure where else they can find the money."



Latresa Williamson,  
*senior chemistry*

"It's not the university's fault, it is the state, but the university will end up taking the blame."



Tina Jurich,  
*junior nutrition*

"The university should allocate money for what is absolutely necessary."

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## Letters to the Editor

### Professor responds to Sweet's ad

Thank you for your clarification and response to The Jambar editorial of Thursday, June 27, "Professors need compensation." I wholeheartedly agree with you that faculty, staff and administrators need to work together to achieve our common goal of the highest quality education possible for our students.

I respectfully request some data regarding your assertion that The Jambar's charge that "YSU administration is compromising the quality of education by allowing the administrative staff to expand while faculty numbers are shrinking" is untrue on several counts. Can you provide a year by year number of full-service faculty for the period of 1993 to 2002? Can you also provide the total salary paid to full-service faculty for the same period? Can you also provide a year by year number of administrators and the total administrative salary for the period of 1993 to 2002? Without these numbers, I don't see how The Jambar's charge or your assertion of falsehood can be assessed.

I dispute your claim that an increase in resources allocated to part-time instructors reflects a high priority on the quality of education received by YSU students. I argue that this increased use of part-time instructors reflects a low priority on the quality of education. At the "Teaching for a Change" Conference in Steamboat Springs, Colorado this past June, Keynote Speaker, Dr. Parker Palmer referred to the hiring of adjunct faculty to cut costs as exploitation. He asserted that the exploitation of adjunct faculty is the shame of Higher Education and that no one will admit the percentage of adjunct faculty on their campus because they are too embarrassed by it. An article by P. M. Frakt and J. O. Castagnera in the September 2000 AAHE Bulletin (available online at [http://www.aahe.org/Bulletin/sept2000\\_2.htm](http://www.aahe.org/Bulletin/sept2000_2.htm)) also refers to the hiring of adjunct faculty as exploitation. They point out that adjunct faculty are burdened with uncertain employment, low pay and limited benefits and that they "typically remain outside the mainstream of campus life."

I strongly support the necessity of everyone on campus working together to face our budgetary challenges. An open, honest, respectful-exchange of information, like the data I have requested, is an important part of our response to this challenge.

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## Student concerned with funding

Editor:

As a fellow student who has been hit by the recent tuition increase I am curious to know where the funding to purchase the "free" books for the Freshman Reader's Dialogue has come from. Are our increased tuition dollars footing this bill? I'm confident that you have the resources to investigate and report this information. Students should know who's paying for this program.

Thanks,

Julie Virgalitte, senior

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# Sports & Entertainment

## Music

### DePizzo adds local touch to OAR

By KIM CAPUTO  
Jambar Reporter

Jerry DePizzo, a former Youngstown native and graduate of Liberty High School said he thought he would be leaving Youngstown to live a normal college life at Ohio State University a few years ago.

But, DePizzo said little did he know that by the end of his four-year mark, he would put his finance degree on hold to pursue his lifetime goal of playing the saxophone for one of the biggest up and coming bands in the area.

"It all started when I moved into the dorms my freshman year," DePizzo said. "I met Marie and Chris and started playing with them. I was a casual musician at the time, but as I met up with them, I was inspired and became a lead singer/guitarist."

Although he had formed his own band "Ordinary Peoples" in fall of 1998, DePizzo became an official member of OAR, which stands for "of a revolution" in September of 2000.

What began as playing at small clubs, such as YSU's former club, Amy's Campus 2000, and one of campus' current clubs, The Varsity Club, the band's fan bases began to grow rapidly. The band is now playing approximately two hundred shows a year.

Although he said that he

sacrifices much time away from his family and friends, playing so many shows allows the band to "get used to the lifestyle."

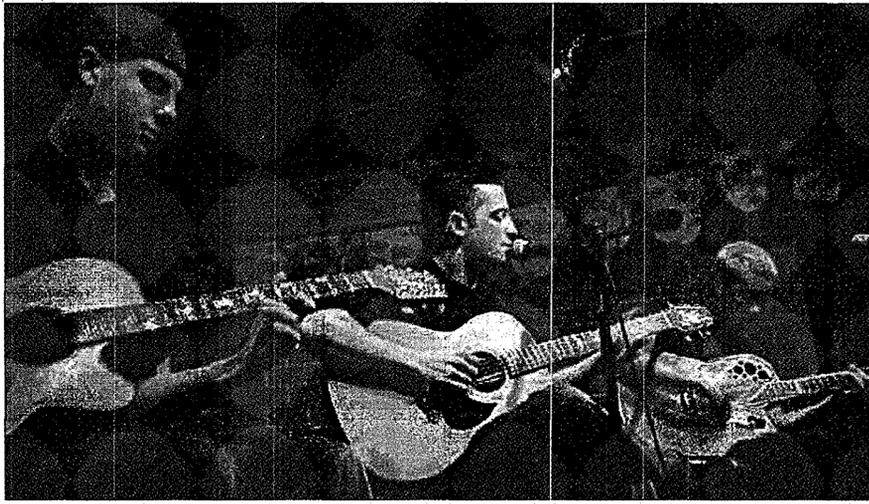
DePizzo said he is not away from his family too long, thanks to the scheduled shows in Cleveland and Pittsburgh. He said, "My family loves it and they love me for it. It's nice to see a thousand Italians running crazy all over the place at our shows."

DePizzo is laughing. "My dad says I'm being famous," he said. "I am Marie's son. I'm the happiest when my son is playing his music in the car and after he does dance, sing and hit the wheel. I'm his biggest fan!"

DePizzo said he plans to eventually go back to school to finish his education, but his mother feels that getting to tour the United States is education in itself.

She said, "I'm very pleased that he has the opportunity to see all of the states, meet new people, and learn what the entire country has to offer."

OAR is currently under the Everfine Records label, and started the Jeep Outside World Tour with artists Ziggy Marley, Train and Sheryl Crow on July 10. The band's next local appearance will be in Pittsburgh on August 11.



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OF A REVOLUTION: Jerry DePizzo, Marc Roderge and Richard On of OAR, play an acoustic set in winter of 2001 (above). Roderge and drummer Chris Culos perform live on stage later that year at Newport Music Hall in Columbus (right). OAR frequently play the Youngstown area, as DePizzo is a former graduate from Liberty High School. Currently OAR are on a world tour with Sheryl Crow, Train, and Ziggy Marley.



## Film

### Former student named to finals for film

By JAMI BONINSEGNA  
Editor in Chief

A former YSU student and Youngstown business owner has been named as a finalist in the Sundance Institute's Screenwriter and Filmmaker Laboratories for his original screenplay entitled "Love Sick."

Nicholas Delfino, a former resident of Youngstown's North Side, graduated from YSU in 1989 with a bachelor's degree in Fine Arts.

After graduating from YSU, Delfino resided in Youngstown where he co-owned DeVo Media, a film and video-production company.

Delfino also was owner of Multi-Media Creative Services, an advertising agency specializing in ads for television.

Delfino's mother, Bev Petrony, said Delfino created numerous commercials for television through Multi-Media Creative Services when he was in Youngstown.

"He even did ads for YSU and

work for the Cafaros. A lot of his ads are still on television, they've just been slightly modified," Petrony said.

Petrony said her son is an outgoing, fun-loving guy and as long as she can remember, he has always wanted to make movies.

The Sundance Institute created the Feature Film Program in 1981 to support next-generation filmmakers and is held each year at the Sundance Film Festival in Sundance, Utah.

The Sundance Labs have been designed to offer emerging screenwriters and directors the opportunity to develop new work in a creative environment and under the guidance of veteran filmmakers. Delfino's "Love Sick" is one of 15-20 projects that Sundance selects each year for one or more areas of support.

Petrony said if her son wins at the Sundance Labs, he would have the opportunity to take part in the Screenwriters Lab, a five-day writer's workshop that takes place in January and June.

"The program allows the winners to work intensively on their film under established screenwriters."

"Famous directors, screenwriters, and producers will tell Nicholas what parts of his film are good and what parts need improvement. Then he will have the experience of working with the big names while making the improvements."

Delfino said the credibility that Sundance brings to a project opens doors. He said studios and production companies not previously interested take notice and are willing to read your material.

"Love Sick" will be Delfino's feature film directorial debut. He describes his script as "American Beauty" meets "Something About Mary."

He said it's a character-driven comedy that involves an Internet voyeur, a chat room romance, an on the ropes radio talk show host, confused sexuality, a broken nose, and a case of mistaken identity, all of which weave a twist-

ing tale of seven people's lives in Los Angeles.

Petrony said Delfino already has a cast picked out for Love Sick and he is currently undergoing negotiations with the actors, who include Carole Burnett and Jamie Lee Curtis.

"He has the characters, and he has all the money in place. He's just holding off on producing the film until the winners are announced at Sundance," Petrony said.

The winners for the 2003 Sundance Labs will be announced December 17.

Delfino is currently employed as an independent contractor with CMP Media in Los Angeles as a writer and producer, where he leads the production team for an Internet broadcasting product, NetSeminar.

Delfino previously wrote, produced and directed for "The WOW Factor", as well as helped direct two seasons of MTV's "Undressed" and worked on multiple independent features and short films.

## Weekend Calendar

**Nyabinghi, Friday -** SwampPass, Hellvis  
**Saturday - 6pm, All** Ages, Blind Society, Pitboss 2000, Insult to Injury, The Struggle 11pm, 18+, Quintane Americana, Lamont, Rebreather

**Cedars, Friday - Raul**  
**Saturday - Reclining** Nude, Anchor Against Tragedy.

**The Cellar, Friday - The** Buzz Poets, Via Sahara, Alias X, **Saturday - Gattin**, Kitchen Knife Conspiracy

## Sports Commentary

### Playoffs may be in near future for Browns

By DAVE DEVEREUX  
Jambar Reporter

Since returning to the NFL as an expansion team, the Cleveland Browns have steadily progressed over the course of three seasons, giving the Browns brass reason to consider a playoff berth as part of their foreseeable plans.

Carmen Policy, president and chief executive officer of the Browns, said he is confident about the core of players heading to the team's training camp in Berea starting July 23.

"I can honestly say without the fear of jinxing our 2002 season or appearing to be even the slightest bit overconfident that we are a better football team this year than we were last year," said Policy in a telephone interview.

Last season, the Browns started 6-4 under first-year Head Coach Butch Davis.

Injuries, a lack of running game and an insufficient run defense were too much for the team to overcome. The Browns dropped five of their last six games and finished 7-9.

Despite contending for a Wild Card berth and posting the best record since returning to the NFL in '99, the Browns were often overmatched against divisional opponents who often play a more physical, smash-mouth brand of football.

The Browns offense finished last in all of football in yards per carry, rushing yards per game and total yards per-game. The Browns defense gave up 138 rushing yards per game, finishing

29 out of 31 teams.

Davis, who has taken over the majority of the Browns' personnel decisions, made two key acquisitions with the drafting of 1st round pick William Green and the signing of free agent linebacker Earl Holmes.

Green, a 6-foot 221-pound running back from Boston College, possesses a blend of power and speed, giving the Browns the prototypical feature back that can carry much of the offensive load and take the pressure off quarterback Tim Couch.

Holmes, a former Pittsburgh Steeler, is coming off what many consider a down-year and his pass coverage abilities have been questioned. Still, Holmes led the Steelers in tackles three straight seasons. He remains one of the league's most dominant run stuffers.

In addition, the Browns added free agent safety, Robert Griffith, a veteran, who has developed a reputation as both a leader and a playmaker on defense.

Policy said he's pleased with the direction the team has taken under Coach Davis.

"Our coach knows what he's doing," Policy said. "I believe he has a definite

plan and the ability, talent and expertise to implement that plan to get us to a championship"

Policy, a graduate of Ursuline High School and YSU, served

in the front office of the San Francisco 49ers during the 1980s and 90s. He played an instrumental role in five Super Bowl titles.

In 1994 while serving as 49ers president and chief executive officer, Policy led the 49ers to their fifth World Championship and was named NFL Executive of the Year by The Sporting News and Pro Football Weekly. He considers this his finest season in professional sports, so far.

"The 1994 season was the most exhilarating situation for me because we were supposed to be dismantled and torn apart by the salary cap, but we were able to have another championship year and a team many felt was the greatest offense ever assembled," Policy said.

"I can't imagine anything ever topping that except, perhaps, now going to the Super Bowl as a member of the Cleveland Browns organization."

When asked specifically about his expectations for the upcoming season, Policy replied, "I'm not going to predict how well we will do but I can tell you this, if we do not make the playoffs, everyone connected with the Browns will be disappointed and will not feel we reached our expected level."

Due to the new NFL divisional realignment, the Browns will play in the AFC North Division consisting of the Steelers, Cincinnati Bengals and Baltimore Ravens.

The Browns will play the Steelers, the defending AFC Central Champions, in Pittsburgh on Sept. 29 and again in Cleveland on Nov. 3. In addition, the Browns have one prime-time Sunday night game on Oct. 6 when they host the Ravens. The Browns first regular season game is Sept. 8 against the Kansas City Chiefs.

