

Sweet asks departments for budget help

By LA'EL HUGHES
The Jambar



SWEET

As university officials work to compensate for recent budget cuts, President David Sweet is asking

several departments to chip in. YSU is facing economic challenges, and Sweet said he has had to make large reductions and cutbacks in the budget. The university also will continue to tighten its hiring freeze, which was originally implemented July 1, 2002. The hiring freezes will equal

\$200,000. Sweet announced Wednesday that several departments and offices have decided to make contributions to offset the \$1,065,000 state cut. Sweet said over the last year, YSU has lost \$3,980,000 from its state share of instruction funds.

With the contributions and higher tuition and fees, "the net immediate impact on the quality at YSU has been minimized," Sweet said.

The president said he has called a series of meetings to discuss the budget crisis and decisions on cuts already made were made in a "careful and

considerate manner."

The offices of Student Affairs, Technology and Financial Affairs are just some of the divisions combined to contribute \$500,000 back to the university, Sweet said.

With this reduction, limitations will be placed on copies, traveling, equipment purchas-

es and supplies within those departments.

"We took money from the operating budget instead of personnel," Sweet said, adding that he has also instituted a proposal where purchases more than \$1,000 must be

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Committee will investigate Habat

By ANGELA OLIN
The Jambar

President David Sweet has ordered a committee to investigate allegations against John Habat amid suspicions that the vice president for Administration's university-issued laptop was used to access pornography.

Habat, a longtime friend of Sweet's, faces no charges and denies visiting pornographic sites on the computer, which he was allowed to take home.

Sweet said he has personally asked Jim Morrison, chair of Psychology, to head a three-person panel that will follow up on accusations that Habat violated the university's computer policy.

"Violations of this policy are taken very seriously and all reported cases are normally examined by the university's administrative staff," Sweet said in a written statement Wednesday. "In this case, however, since the allegation involves an administrator, I have appointed an independent panel to investigate and recommend a course of action."

Morrison, who will serve with music professor Darla

Funk and retired Counseling Center Director George Letchworth, said he had no comment about the investigation. Habat said he is confident the committee will exonerate him.

"Categorically, I will deny using [the laptop] for that [pornography]," Habat said in a Tuesday interview with The Jambar. "I do not deny it was used for that purpose, but I do deny that I used it for that purpose ... I deny that I or any other adult in my house used it for that purpose."

"I'm confident that when all the facts are fully understood ... the committee will clear my name ..."

—JOHN HABAT
vice president for Administration

Habat said he does not feel his job is in jeopardy. "I didn't do it," he said. Sweet said he asked Morrison, a former chairman of the YSU Academic Senate, to head the committee because Morrison "is a distinguished faculty member."

In the University Guidebook, it states an individual must comply with all federal, state and other applicable laws when using university computers. Specifically,

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Unions preparing for new contract talks

By LA'EL HUGHES
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In the midst of controversial state budget cuts, a YSU union is trying to negotiate a new contract.

The Association of Professional and Administrative Staff is asking the university to review and make adjustments to its 2003 contract, which ends June 30.

APAS consists of administrative staff from Maag, Library, Financial Aid and a

handful of other YSU departments and colleges.

John Habat, vice president for Administration and chief negotiator, said negotiations are also underway with the Fraternal Order of Police.

Habat said he knows the university needs to begin thinking about other contracts, as well.

"We really can't work on the next contract negotiation session until this one is done,"

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Shirts carry messages of domestic abuse, crimes



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CLOTHES ENCOUNTERS: Women who have been victims of violence displayed T-shirts with personal messages Wednesday at the YSU Clothesline Project at Coffelt Hall. Also Wednesday, a YSU Police official spoke at the Women's Center on campus safety. See page 4.

By ZETTA DUMKRIEGER
The Jambar

Two crudely drawn stick figures adorn the front of a rape victim's sleeveless white Adidas shirt.

A knife sears through a green and blue world. One figure represents the woman who was raped, the other her rapist.

"Tell me you love me. Tell me you love me and you want to f--- me. Tell me or the blade will be next."

This quote is written on the front of an old muscle T-shirt. On the back is her response to the rapist:

"You raped me twice that night the second time I

asked for it I said I wanted to f--- you (holding back the vomit) I just wanted it to end. Tell me how you say 'No' when the handle's inside you. Tell me what you would

say for fear of the blade? I am not a whore..."

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Mother praises center's strengths

By DAVE DEVEREUX
The Jambar



SMITH

Since enrolling her daughter in the Rich Center for Autism in June 2001, Rebekah Smith said she has noticed marked improvements in her child's development.



JAYDE

"She started talking," Smith said of her 4-year old daughter, Jayde.

"For a while we were struggling to find services, affordable services, that worked for her. [At the Rich Center] we've witnessed her development increase leaps and bounds."

Smith said the biggest challenge her daughter faces with autism is not being able to understand her capabilities. She said it is difficult for her to see other kids her age doing something and to understand her limitations.

"The hardest part is with behavioral issues," Smith said. "I know what she's not capable of but she doesn't know."

Smith said despite an obvious increase in her child's development, an ongoing problem facing her and her husband is covering the limited-cost tuition.

Smith said realizing the financial struggles facing parents, like her, who have children with the developmental disability known as autism, she decided to organize the "Feel the Heat" fundraiser, which will be held Saturday, March 8.

The fundraiser, which will be from 3:30 to 6 p.m. at the Rich Center, is a chili cook-off between the Youngstown City firefighters and the Warren City firefighters, where Smith's husband, Gary, is employed as a firefighter.

Smith said that since enrolling her daughter at the Rich Center, she has made a

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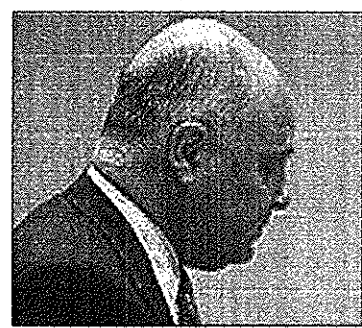
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approved by the vice president of their division or the appropriate "unit head."

The Center for Student Progress, which houses several tutorial programs, and the office of Multicultural Student Services also will be effected by the budget reductions.

Sweet said the university lost \$489,039 from its state Challenge Fund - money awarded to the university for

its assistance in degree completion in a timely manner, which is usually with the assistance of programs in the CSP.

State Sen. Marc Dann, D-Liberty said the current fiscal situation of the state comes from 12 years of mismanagement of priorities. Dann said every student at YSU should be outraged at the recent cuts.

Dann said that YSU is not alone, as it tries to recover from

its third state budget cut. He said all the universities in Ohio are distressed over the fiscal cuts and he said he believes Gov. Bob Taft needs to do a better job in "budget forecasting."

Other cuts to the university include a \$150,000 reduction in campus auxiliaries. Auxiliaries include cutbacks in the housing budget and Kilcawley operations. Sweet said Parking Services would

also receive reductions - such as the monies needed to make pavements to the campus lots.

A \$215,000 reduction in the Strategic Initiative account will also play a role in campus reductions. The president said these monies would have been allocated to develop and enhance future projects that were to be implemented in the various departments on campus based on the University's

Strategic Initiative Plan.

As YSU tries to close the book on its current financial shortages, further fiscal uncertainties loom in the horizon. Sweet reported Tuesday that the future of the 2004 budget holds much uncertainty because of the threat of potential future cuts from the state.

Dann said Taft's priorities needed to change. He said stu-

dents are one of the many groups that have continued to be hurt under Taft. Although Dann said students may not see a tuition increase, he did say "any budget cuts will effect the quality of students education."

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the guidebook states it is a violation to ignore university policy regarding "copyright; computer fraud and abuse; defamation; ethics; rights to privacy; obscenity, child pornography, and indecency; sexual, racial, and other forms of harassment."

Sweet and other administrators would not discuss the nature of the alleged pornography.

Walt Ulbricht, executive director of Marketing and Communications, said he asked Habat if child pornography was viewed.

"John has been asked that question, and he denies that the Web sites accessed had anything to do with child pornography," Ulbricht said Wednesday evening. "I asked him that question myself this afternoon."

Ron Cole, manager of News and Information Services, delivered a joint statement from Sweet and Habat to The Jambar on Wednesday.

"Specifically, the allegation contends that the computer was used to access pornographic websites," the statement said.

Also in the statement, Habat said there "are any number of ways" unauthorized people can use a computer inappropriately without the owner's knowledge.

Sweet said he first learned of the allegations when he received an e-mail Feb. 19 from a faculty member.

"When an allegation is presented one has to review it," Sweet said in a telephone interview Wednesday. "[Habat] is a long-time acquaintance. I thought it was

most appropriate [to appoint a committee]."

Habat came to YSU in July 2000, the same time Sweet became president.

The friends met more than 20 years ago, when Sweet worked at Cleveland State University and Habat worked for then-Cleveland Mayor George Voinovich.

Habat first served as special assistant to Sweet, but was later promoted to vice president for Administration.

Some criticized Sweet for promoting Habat without conducting a national search.

Also Wednesday, Ulbricht released a statement concerning pornography viewing in his office, which led to an employee's suspension last summer.

Brad Robison, layout design artist for Marketing and Communications, said he was suspended from June 3 to June 14, 2002, after he was issued an earlier warning for a similar incident.

In the e-mailed statement, Ulbricht said Robison has not been in trouble for pornography since his suspension.

"Robison's work remains at a superior level in quality and productivity," the statement said.

"I know what I was supposed to do, and I didn't do it," Robison said. "I'm not perfect and I'm striving to be a better person. I took my chances and I blew it."

About pornography use on campus, Robison said: "Most people are just turning their heads. I think it's wrong and measures should be taken."

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was not alone, and it was not her fault.

"I was able to take the part of it that bothered me the most and materialize it and put it out there and show that I am not ashamed of it."

Sophomore Valarie Prevosnak, coordinator of the project, said this is the second time YSU has participated in the display, the first time being in 1995.

Originating in Hyannis, Mass., in 1990, the Clothesline Project has spread to communities across the world.

"[It] makes a statement on the effects of violence on women and at the same time it empowers survivors by providing them with a voice and a tangible way to make that voice heard," Prevosnak said.

The idea for YSU to take part in the exhibit this year was that of L.J. Tessier, a professor of philosophy and religious studies. In addition to the 20 shirts made by the YSU community, 50 shirts donated by the Ohio Coalition on Sexual Assault from previous Clothesline Projects will be exhibited.

To display these shirts,

OCOSA requires that at least one person be present who is qualified in crisis intervention training. Six of the eight persons who are staffing the project have been trained in crisis intervention for this event.

Each shirt tells a woman's story of violence inflicted on her. It may be decorated and hung by the survivor herself or by friends and family.

With the words the rapist said to her on the front of the shirt, the survivor responds with her own handwritten message on the back.

The display can be seen in the Humphrey and Coffelt Rooms in Kilcawley Center, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday.

Survivors of violence against women can create a shirt during display hours. The display will run again in conjunction with the Vagina Monologues in Bliss Hall at the end of March. The Women's Center is accepting donations of plain T-shirts for this project

Diana Shaheen contributed to this article.

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Habat said. "But with the financial state we are in, I know we will need to start on upcoming negotiations soon."

APAS President Sally Kenney said the union has not yet settled on a compensation package.

"We feel our payment structure is too vague," Kenney said. "It does not give a criteria describing how salaries are decided."

Kenney said the current compensation structure lacks clarity.

"When a person gets bumped up a pay grade and another person doesn't, and they don't know why, it creates a lot of inequity," she said.

Kenney said APAS members would like to have a structure that defines why a person's pay grade is increased or not increased.

She said the university has hired a consultant to review APAS's current compensation system. This is the first time in 20 years a consultant has been brought in to comment on the pay structure of the professional and administrative staff, she said.

Kenney said the current

pay structure has been in place since the 80s.

APAS members say they are aware of the financial crisis the university is facing, but still expect to receive fair treatment during contract negotiations.

Melvin North, a member of the APAS negotiating team, said he is always concerned about the university's financial situation.

"We are always concerned about the possibilities of program cutbacks or faculty and staff cuts," North said.

However, North said the current fiscal crisis is not new to YSU.

"YSU knew all along of the possible situations it would face...The union will do its best to get a good package," he said.

He added that APAS is smaller than other university unions.

"We don't have the same clout as some of the other unions, we are a smaller union and it will be a challenge."

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six month development," the type of progress Smith said she didn't notice in other programs. However, she said for awhile she couldn't afford the Early Intervention Program.

"I could send her to other programs but I feel the Rich Center works the best for her," Smith said. "The main reason for this fundraiser is to let people know about the services and I want them to be more affordable for them."

The Rich Center, founded in 1995, is an externally funded

unit of YSU, which serves as a tribute to the memory of Paula and Anthony Rich and their unborn child, who were killed in a 1994 plane crash.

The center was established collaboratively by Bernie Kosar and his wife, as well as the Rich and Rubino families.

The purpose of the center is to use innovative educational programs specifically designed to enhance a person's opportunities and help them achieve their full potential.

Currently, the center has pro-

vided direct service to approximately 56 children with autism.

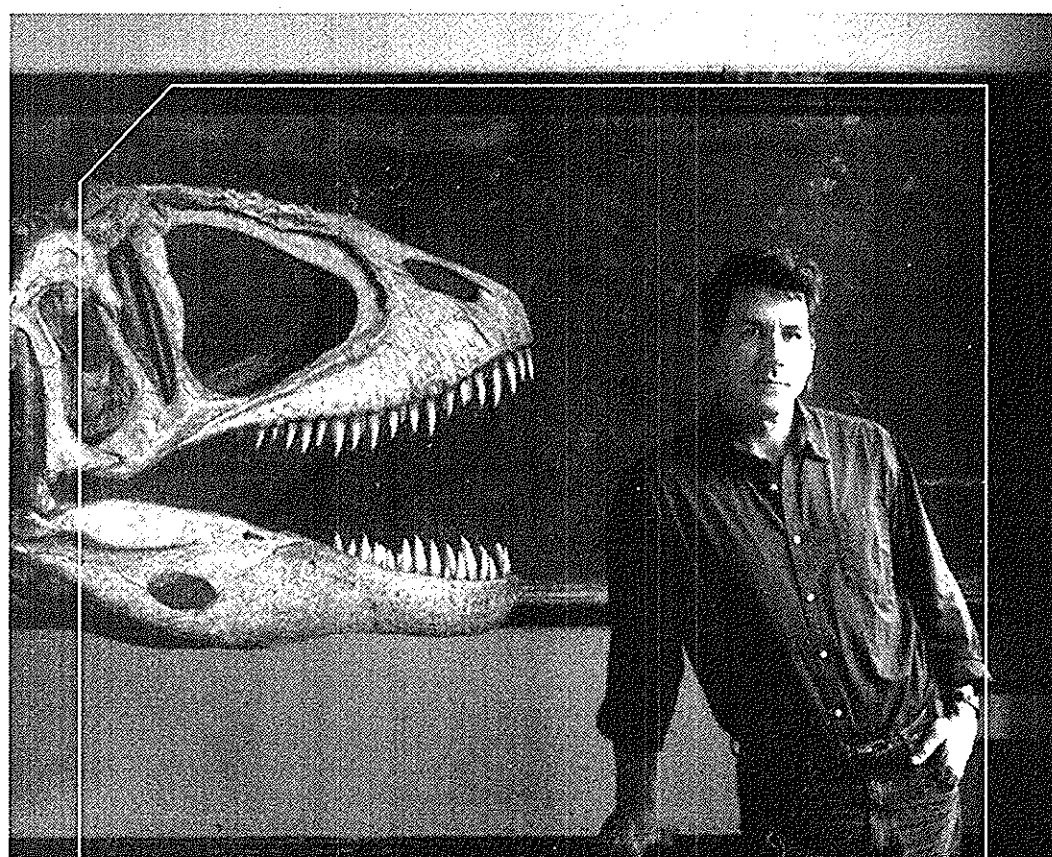
Smith said no federal or state money helps pay for tuition and tuition is only one-fourth of what it costs for children to attend. She said that all the proceeds from the fundraiser would go towards scholarships, that would help parents enroll their children in the Rich Center.

J. Georgia Backus, director for The Rich Center for Autism, said the fundraiser is

complementary to the center's efforts.

"This event confirms the good work we do because it shows that the parents believe in us," Backus said in a recent press release. "Further, it sends a message to the community that we're here to stay and here to provide support."

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Today's Editorial

Panel must conduct serious investigation

President David Sweet took a bold step when he asked an independent committee to investigate whether John Habat - his longtime friend - used his university computer to view pornography.

The committee owes it to Sweet, Habat and YSU to conduct a serious and thorough investigation. Sweet said he chose Psychology Chair Jim Morrison to head the committee because he is a "distinguished" faculty member.

Morrison will work with music professor Darla Funk and retired Counseling Center Director George Letchworth.

They must determine how and why the alleged porn was on the laptop. Habat has denied that he put it there.

"Categorically, I will deny using [the laptop] for that [pornography]," Habat said in a Tuesday interview with The Jambar. "I do not deny it was used for that purpose, but I do deny that I used it for that purpose... I deny that I or any other adult in my house used it for that purpose."

"I'm confident that when all the facts are fully understood and the complicated nature is fully resolved, that the committee will clear my name of this all."

Obviously, there is much more to the story, and the independent committee must investigate documents from the Habat home. If Habat is innocent, the records should exonerate him and put to rest this issue at a time when the university has much more pressing concerns.

Second, the committee must keep in mind the big picture. This is likely not an investigation about porn - this is an investigation about misuse of university computers. If Habat did not access pornographic Web sites himself, someone else may have, and this would raise questions of the vice president's responsibility when it comes to university equipment.

Finally, the committee must research Habat's past to find out if there is a more serious problem at play here.

No one wants to accuse John Habat of something he did not do, but when the university president sees allegations serious enough to merit an investigation, we must proceed cautiously and efficiently.

Students, faculty and staff at this public university deserve to know exactly what happened with Habat's laptop.

We are sure John Habat - an attorney and man with experience in public administration - would agree.

READER'S LETTER

We cannot afford to remain silent on issue of Iraq

Editor:

I'd like to thank Henry Gomez for pointing out something some professors have apparently forgotten: "Our professors are our leaders."

In connection with the campus dialogue on the appropriateness of going to war with Iraq, the YSU-OEA "voice of the faculty" was passed into the hinterland of committees to come up with a process to handle resolutions. Is this not the same generation of leaders that experienced, or is at least knowledgeable about, the disaster of Vietnam 30 years ago?

What happened to those lessons of the past? Could one of them have been that we went in a wave of patriotic fervor, only to realize later that it was a tragic mistake? And then, we were going to stop an aggression because our leaders were remembering that they did not act soon enough to stop Hitler in a still previous war. Lesson One: We always go into war with the best of intentions. Lesson Two: It doesn't always work out the way we think.

To my faculty friends who sincerely believe the faculty union should speak only on behalf of the faculty in work-related bargaining situations, I would say you are overlooking the proud social heritage of the union movement and its time-honored tradition of speaking out on issues of importance to their membership and society at large, particularly if the view they adopt is democratically arrived at.

One might say that this right of organizations to speak is a form of petition, that as I recall in our Constitution. (Bill of Rights, Amendment I) Therefore, if the issue is significant enough - is war or peace significant enough? - then maybe it's actually incumbent on our intellectual leadership to speak out and be heard.

Yet when we see the faculty union duck the issue, sending it to committee, one might ask if this is the correct example to set for our students. Even if the faculty felt it would be inappropriate to take a position on this (or any) issue, the union was even unwilling to investigate and poll the faculty itself as to its collective wishes as to whether it should back such a resolution. In other words, listen to your friends once in awhile. They may know something.

So thank you, Henry, for reminding us what we should be doing - besides doing an excellent job in the classroom, it's OK for us to take a stand once in awhile and try to set an example for what we believe in. It's OK for professors, like any other citizen, to speak up and try to set an example for our students. If not over war or peace, then when?

Keep the heat on us, Henry. Some of us are still a little numb.

Howard Mettee
Professor of Chemistry
Secretary, YSU-OEA

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READERS' LETTERS

Scholars editorial was offensive

Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to the editorial in the Tuesday edition of The Jambar.

As a University Scholar I am personally offended by the comments made by the editors of The Jambar. It is ridiculous to call Scholars "greedy" simply because we asked for money from the financial appropriations board of Student Government.

University Scholars as a whole are one of, if not the most active organizations when it comes to community service. Every year, each Scholar puts in at least 60 hours of community service and as a group

we raise hundreds of dollars each year for local charities. Is that greedy? Just this past fall one Scholar, one, raised over \$500 for the local homeless shelter in Youngstown. Is that greedy?

On Friday several scholars will be leaving and will spend their entire spring break building houses for Habitat for Humanity. Is that greedy?

Last year at the blood drive, the University Scholars had more members give blood than any other organization on campus. Is that greedy?

Every week, every day Scholars are out in the community donating their time to local charities? Is that greedy I could go

on and on about the actions and deeds that the University Scholars perform to help out in the community but I'm not here to brag, I simply want to make a point. We are not drinkers and partiers as The Jambar would characterize us, and we are certainly not greedy. What The Jambar has written is libel and it wants to have any credibility and decency, as a news organization then it should publicly apologize to an organization that it has so unfairly attacked.

Sincerely,

Andrew J. Bell

Ask yourself these questions about war

Editor:

The point of this piece is a short response to Jared Souder's letter in the Feb. 27 edition of The Jambar. I respect and commend his willingness to express his views in an intelligent manner. Debates on issues such as this are crucial if the American public is willing to maintain some semblance of democracy.

How nice it would be to have the room to elaborate, but here are the questions we must ask. Does "liberating" a nation mean slaughtering its civilians under the title collateral damage, having an occupying force with military bases while U.S. generals run the "democratic" government, American oil companies seizing the wells for their profit?

Does Bush's pre-emptive strike declaration justify Pearl Harbor, 9/11 or, if he had the capabilities, Hussein striking us presently? Does the U.S. history of expansionism, overthrowing democratic regimes that do not ally with its interests, slavery, manipulation or outright fabrication of facts to rally support for war give it the right to claim its supposed moral authority of policeman of the world?

Since bin Laden defected from the U.S. due to our bases in Saudi Arabia, how is seizing Iraq going to prevent more terrorism? Why do many hate America? Is it because of our policies

abroad that suppress freedom or because of our love for freedom? Souder's editorial was written from a nationalist base. The unstated implication is: "We are Americans and therefore our lives are superior to that of others." To me there is no difference between terrorism and war.

When thousands of civilians die, does it matter whether or not the person doing it is wearing a uniform? Souder claimed that anti-war protesters will "cower, and run crying for peace."

Spraking for myself, I will fight by any means necessary for the cause of freedom, democracy, self-determination, AGAINST white supremacy and all other forms of oppression. In this fight, it is not against Iraq, but against this government, which is currently stripping away our civil liberties (please everyone read the Patriot Act), trying to spend American lives and dollars on the interests of the rich, and murdering our brothers and sisters directly or indirectly in Iraq, Palestine, Colombia, Afghanistan, the Philippines and elsewhere.

The only way to peace is through justice. The only way to freedom is through fighting oppression. Let us continue this debate, whether you are pro- or anti-war please come to a YSPAN meeting every first and third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in Peaberry's.



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Grant renewal allows technology leaders to continue study

By MELISSA MOSCHELLA
The Jambar

Junior LaYssa Martin has been taking things apart and putting them back together since she was 7 years old.

"Believe it or not it was my Betty Crocker Easy Bake Oven," laughs Martin, when asked what inspired her to pursue a career in electrical engineering.

Martin is just one of 50 students who has been able to reach her goal of attending

YSU through the Technology Leaders Scholarship Program.

Funded through the National Science Foundation Computer Science, Engineering and Mathematics Scholarship Program, the scholarship, which originally awarded 50 students with \$2,500 for up to two years, started during the 1999-2000 academic year.

Under the renewal of the grant, which begins fall 2003, a \$3,125 scholarship will now be available to 29 students for up

to four years.

Martin, who is studying for a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and technology, says she probably would not be able to attend YSU if it were not for the scholarship money.

The scholarship has enabled Martin to work only part-time while raising her nine-year-old son, all while working toward her degree. Martin said the money has been a tremendous help.

"It pays for my books, lab

fees and everything," she said.

Martin said her first career interest was in graphic design. She already attended The Pittsburgh Art Institute and served in the U.S. Army before coming to YSU in 2000 at the age of 28.

She said she had to leave the art institute in Pittsburgh because she could not afford it. She said, the NSF grant has really made a difference in her life.

"People don't know the money is out there and it is,"

Martin said. "There are not a lot of black females in the engineering department and the grants really help."

"We try to focus on minority students, but basically the grant is for talented, but financially disadvantaged students," Thomas Smotzer, associate professor of mathematics and statistics, said.

Smotzer, along with Scott Martin, chair of civil and chemical engineering; Robert Kramer, associate professor of CSIS; Gina McHenry, assistant

director of financial aid and scholarships; and James Mike, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, have all played detrimental roles in obtaining and administering the NFS grant at YSU.

Smotzer says some of the students in the program may not have been taking classes if it were not for the scholarship money.

"A few may have needed to drop out of school if the money had not been there."

Sergeant highlights safety in talk

Rose Marsco said to always be cautious and aware of your surroundings on campus.

By HEATHER SHAW
The Jambar

Ten men and women gathered around a table to have lunch Wednesday afternoon while YSU Police Sgt. Rose Marsco lectured on campus safety.

Hosted in the Women's Center, Marsco briefly talked on domestic abuse but offered insight on how to remain safe on campus.

"Always be cautious and aware of your surroundings," Marsco said. "If you see something unusual or even suspicious do not be afraid to call YSU police."

Marsco said campus security is always available to students, staff or faculty.

"If anyone feels uneasy about walking late at night or by themselves, the escort serv-

ice is available or you can contact the YSU Police Department for an escort," she said.

Marsco also lectured on the importance of protecting yourself. She recommends carrying pepper spray, a whistle and enrolling in a self-defense course. However, Marsco said common sense is the best defense.

"Don't travel alone at night and in case you are being attacked scream to draw attention to yourself," she said. "Don't leave your valuables unattended and ask us to help, we can't solve the problem if we are not aware of one. Do your part, and we will do ours."

While the lecture was held to discuss not only campus safety, but domestic violence as well, Marsco said that YSU does not answer a lot of domestic violence calls.

"In order for a case to be considered domestic violence it has to reach certain criteria," she said. "For example, it must involve household members. Since YSU is a commuter school we don't see many domestic violence cases."

While domestic violence is not an enormous campus prob-

lem, Marsco said YSU Police do deal with phone harassment and stalking. The anti-stalking ordinance states that in order to be considered stalking, a pattern of behavior by the stalker must be established. This requires that if a person calls or follows you more than twice, it is possible to file for a restraining order.

"In cases like these, I always suggest keeping a log of how many times and when the stalker calls or follows you," Marsco said. "Then come in and file a report."

Marsco added that even if you are not on campus, the YSU Police department is still available to help you since they cover a one-mile radius off campus.

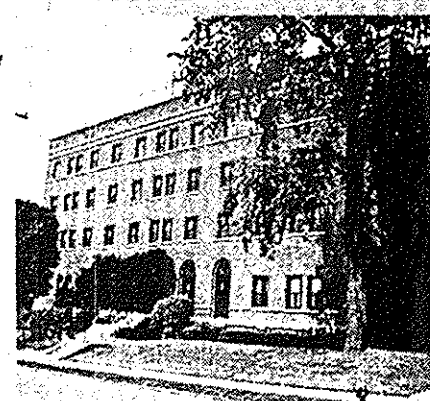
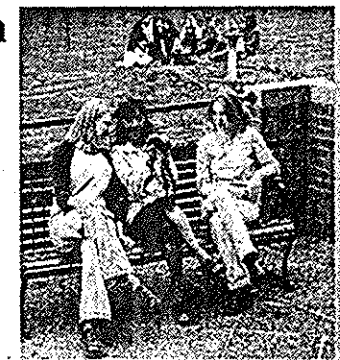
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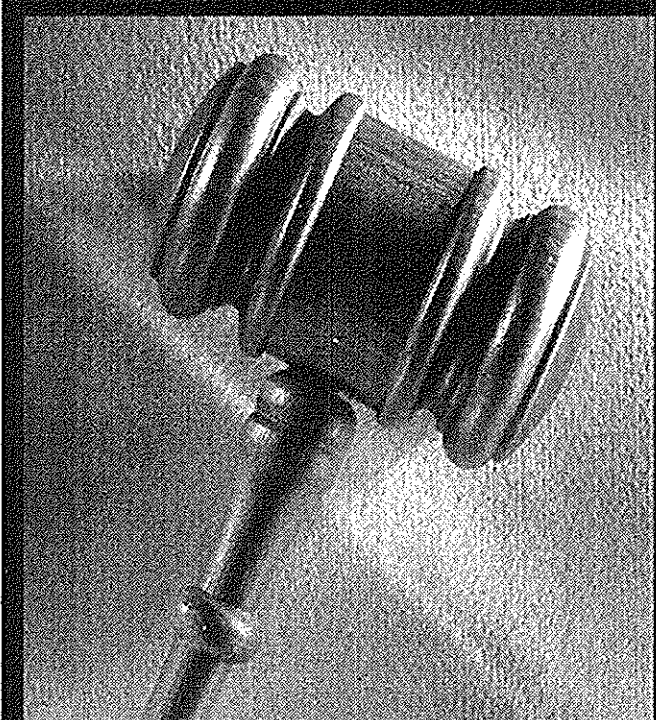
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Campus Calendar

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Friday: The Indian National Student Association is hosting the sold-out sensation from last year - Colors of India Festival at 7:30 p.m. in the Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center. This time it will showcase talent from other universities in the Ohio-Penn region as well. It's a night of culture, music, dance and fun!

Tuesday: YSU InterVarsity Christian Fellowship meets Tuesdays at 3 pm in Kilcawley. See the Kilcawley list for room. Inductive Bible study and discussions. All students are welcome. Contact Dr. Phil Munro for more information, 330-941-1748, Pcmunro@cc.ysu.edu

Notices: Non-Traditional Student Association: Nominations for officers will be collected by Denise Walters Dobson during the week of March 3rd - March 7th. Please stop by to nominate NTSO members for president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary. Elections will be held on March 19th.

March 9: The 2nd Annual Pasta Dinner and Chinese Auction will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at The Shrine of Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted, 517 S. Belle Vista Ave. Youngstown, Ohio. For more information call 330-746-8436 or email Gleaners_Food_Bank@ameritech.net.

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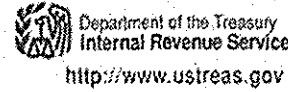
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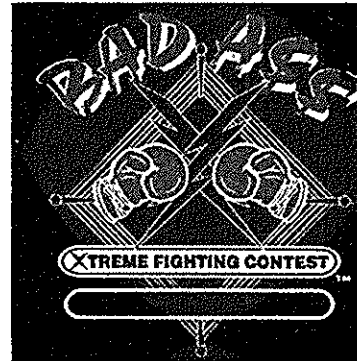
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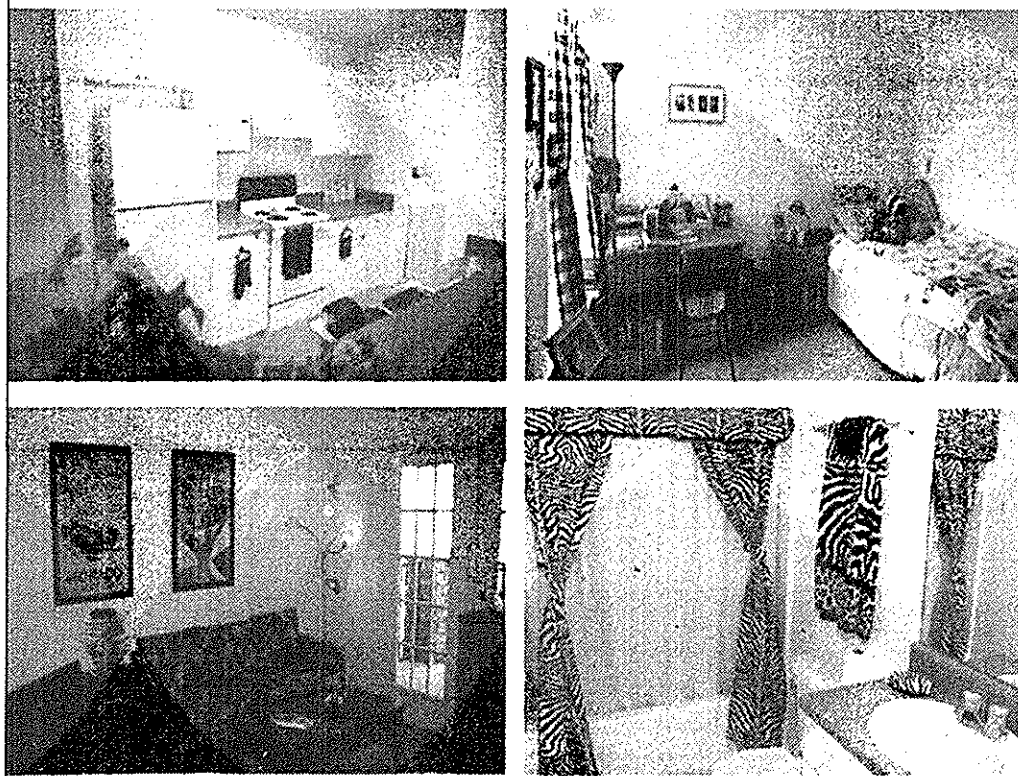
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Entertainment



New play tackles gay rights issues

BY ALICIA HOUSTON
The Jambar



The brutal murder of a gay college student from the University of Wyoming in 1998 sparked SHEPARD discussions throughout the nation about homosexuality, violence, rights and the difference between tolerance and acceptance.

The Laramie Project, a powerful play that examines that murder of Matthew Shepard, debuted at The Oakland Center for the Arts in downtown Youngstown last week.

The play was written by Tectonic Theater Project in New York City. More than 200 interviews were conducted with the people of Laramie, Wyo., during the course of a year-and-a-half, and were transcribed and edited to write the play as accurately as possible.

The play was first presented in a series of workshops and further developed after its premiere at The Denver Theater Center. Tectonic Theater Company presented the play in an off-Broadway production in New York at Union Square Theater in 2000.

The Oakland Center for the Arts is able to produce the play with the special permission from the publisher, Dramatist Play Service in New York. The production is being directed and designed by W. Rick Shilling, assistant staff designer in the YSU theater department.

In the preface of the script, it states, "There are moments in history when a particular event brings curious ideologies and beliefs prevailing in a culture into sharp focus. At these junctures, the event becomes a lightning rod of sorts, attracting and distilling the essence of these philosophies and convictions. By paying careful attention in moments like this to peoples' words, one is able to hear the way these prevailing ideas affect not only the individual lives but the culture at large."

A cast of 10 will portray the 70 characters that appear in the play.

Following each performance, the audience is invited to participate in a discussion about the issues raised in the play.

Performances of the Laramie Project will be March 7, 8, 14 and 15 at 8 p.m. and March 9 at 2:30 p.m. at the Oakland Center for the Arts in downtown Youngstown.

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Pianist jazzes up Kilcawley Center



Cecelia Eugitti/The Jambar

PIANO MAN: Pianist Joe Augustine performed as part of Jazz on Fat Tuesday, a Dean's Lecture series through the College of Arts and Sciences.

BY RENESHA MARTIN
The Jambar

A sea of heads swayed to the mesmerizing beat of jazz pianist Joe Augustine as he performed Tuesday night in the Chestnut Room.

Augustine's fingers raced across the piano keys as his shoulders moved to the beat like a rhythmic teeter-totter, while he played "Honeysuckle Rose," written and composed by Fats Waller.

"I spent the last two to five days to make sure this style was comfortable under my fingers," Augustine explained to the audience after his performance. "Waller wasn't afraid to experiment. You just didn't do things like this with style of music back in those days."

Augustine joined Isaiah Jackson, YSU's scholar in residence and music director of the Youngstown Symphony Orchestra, in Kilcawley Center for a discussion of the history of jazz music and how it has evolved over the years.

Jackson discussed the different foundations and origins of jazz music during the workshop

by talking about the history of jazz in New Orleans and the deviations of the composition of jazz from hymns, gospels and the blues.

"Music is a language that reflects its culture," Jackson said.

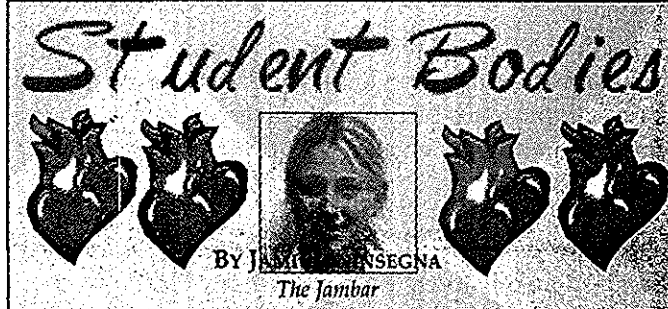
Jackson and Augustine also discussed tension, blue notes, simplicity and complexity and forms of jazz music.

Augustine reminisced about one of his former teachers and the need for mastering the basics.

"My first jazz instructor taught me about forms," Augustine said. "Once a jazz artist learns the forms, then and only then, can an artist deviate from the form."

Augustine offered an example of these techniques by playing "Amazing Grace." He began by playing the traditional version of the song, then deviating by adding tension, prolonging each note and cord.

"Each individual has to play what's in them," Augustine said. "I've always wanted to be able to sing with my right hand. It's been a fun road and I don't plan on stopping."



Looking for a hot date in Yompton

Many YSU students will agree that at times it seems our town has little to offer in terms of the "social scene." One instance where this becomes most apparent, is when you are going on a date.

Maybe you're a guy fighting to come up with a good "date idea" so you can impress a lady. Or, maybe you're the lady, and the guy said, "You decide, we can do whatever you want."

And, whether it's a first date or you've been dating for years, oftentimes coming up with something to do seems hopeless.

So here it goes. This is my earnest effort to come up with five decent date ideas for Youngstown - in particular order.

1. The Funny Farm Comedy Club.

Located nearby in Liberty, inside the Metroplex, the Comedy Club has a number of shows each week. Often, the headliners are big names, too. Laughing is a great way to relax and have fun, and seeing a comedian gives a couple something to talk about after the date. This date allows two people to talk to one another, but takes the pressure off of having to come up with constant conversation.

2. The Butler Institute of American Art. For those of us who are a little more "artsy," the Butler always has something new and interesting to offer. Plus, this is something that a couple can do in little time, so if they're still having fun there's plenty of time to fit in the more traditional date, like dinner or a movie. Again, visiting the Butler will give

people something to talk about, long after the date is over.

3. Do something outdoors or active. If the two of you love to work out, do it together.

But, if you're not fitness fanatics, there are plenty of outdoor activities and sports you can enjoy together. Go rollerblading, bike riding, golfing, or play tennis. And, if the weather isn't that great - like at the present - go ice-skating or even bowling.

4. A unique dinner. Dinner is probably the most traditional date and it's probably hard

to escape in Youngstown, since there's not much else to do.

But, there are ways to make a traditional dinner a little more fun. Eat something cultural, such as Sushi - maybe it's something a couple can try

for the first time, together. Cooking dinner together can also be fun. It will give you time to talk, find out how domesticated someone is - and eat.

5. Go to bar. It's a shame, but going to a bar is probably unavoidable on some dates.

However it doesn't have to be a bad thing. There are some bars that exist in Youngstown that offer more than just a drink. Numerous good local bands that appeal to different tastes in music, play on any given night. Karaoke and watching a game are options for something to do at a bar, too. Plus, if you are on a first date, you can invite friends for a more comfortable atmosphere.

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Weekend Spring Break Calendar



DOLL IT UP: Sleaze 'n' rollers The Demolition Doll Rods will perform tonight @ The Nyabinghi. The show will kick off at 11 p.m.



PLANETS ALIGN: Local Stoner/Space rockers Clock Eating Planet will perform at The Plaza Cafe Saturday. Show time is set for 10 p.m.

Nyabinghi, **Tonight** - Demolition Doll Rods, Bob's Country Bunker. **Friday** - Favorite Action Hero, Closer than Far. **Saturday** - B.A. Baracus, Hex on Wheels, Standing 69's, Abdullah. **Thursday 13th** - Listening Party for the new records of Rebreather, Favorite Action Hero, & Hellvis. **Friday 14th** - All Ages 6 p.m., Nine Shocks Terror, The Struggle, Divorce, Municipal Waste. **Saturday 15th** - Gil Mantera's Party Dream, Disengage, DJ Ex-Cadillac. **Sunday 16th** - All Ages 6 p.m., Isabella the Brave.

Cedars, **Friday** - Capitol Years, Nanosecond, Seamus. **Saturday** - Patrick Sweeney Blues Band. **Friday 14th** - Coinmonster, Leo. **Saturday 15th** - Livid.

The Cellar, **Friday** - Ten Days Straight, Tangent. **Saturday** - Battery (Metallica tribute). **Friday 14th** - Skywind, Sindust. **Saturday 15th** - The Rage.

Plaza Cafe, **Friday** - Running on Empty, Subject to Blackout. **Saturday** - My Sister the Sun, Clock Eating Planet.

Friday 14th - Moonlight Drive (Doors tribute), Pipe Dreams. **Saturday 15th** - Mushcup, Ash Blanket. **Sunday 16th** - All Ages 6 p.m. The Conceited, LSM, Manifold Stud.

Creekside Golfdome, **Friday the 14th** - Circusdog at 10 p.m.

The Splash, **Saturday** - All Ages 6 p.m., Sarah Laughs, Liegia, LSM, Ivy's Butterfly.

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