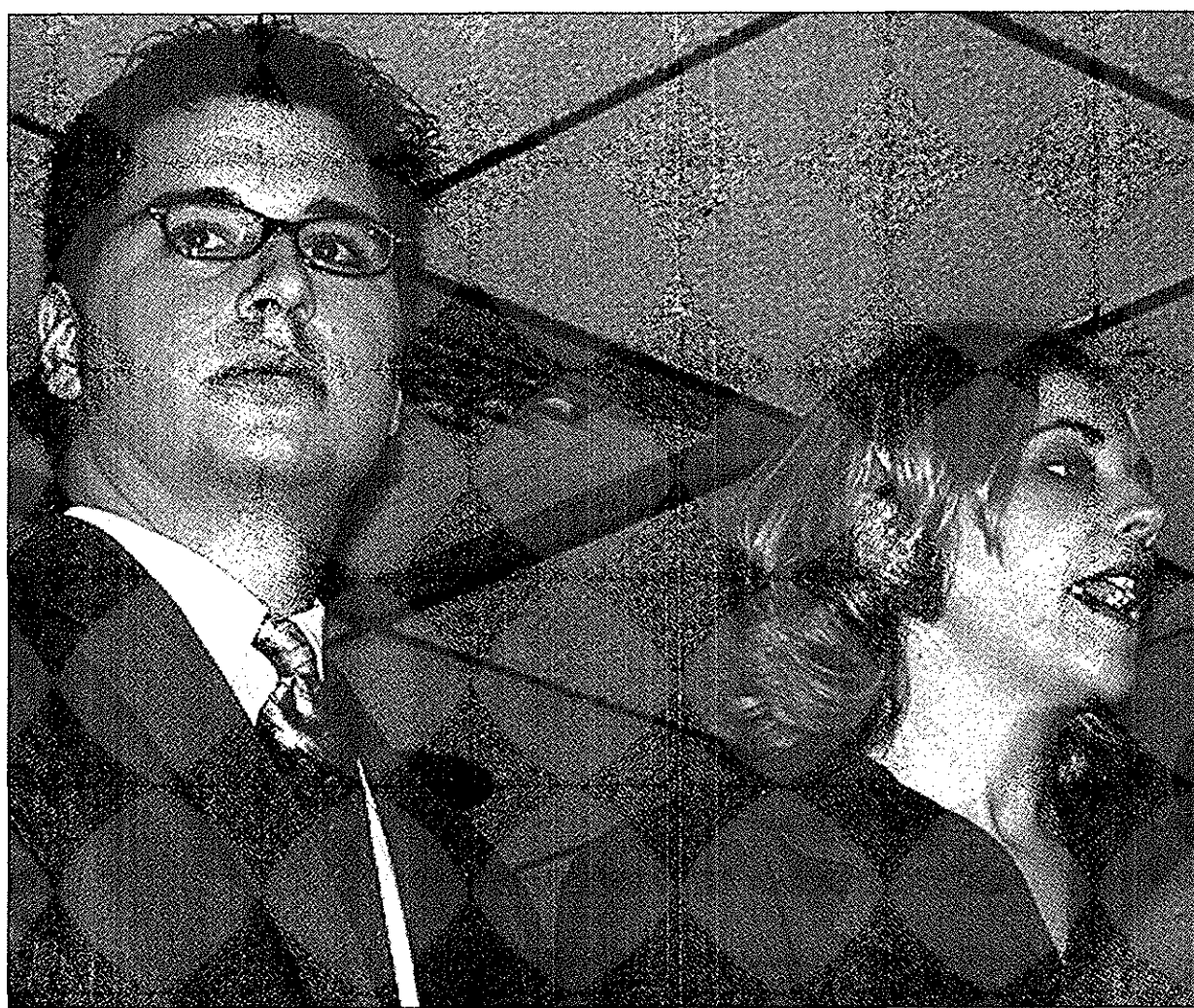


SGA Choice 2003

## Eckman, Vukovic wrap up SGA election



By Lisol The Jambar

VICTORIOUS: Emily Eckman and Adam Vukovic won the president/vice president slot of the 2003 SGA Election held last week. They received 278 of 784 votes in their win.

By ROXANNE TORELLA  
The Jambar

Their election secure despite a last-minute grievance from four of their opponents, Emily Eckman and Adam Vukovic pledged Thursday to turn things around on a campus cluttered with student apathy.

Eckman, currently vice president of the Student Government Association, will replace outgoing President Jeff Parks this summer after receiving 238 of 784 ballots cast in this year's executive race. Vukovic will serve as her vice president.

The team's campaign T-shirts raised questions and tempers last week as several candidates said they were offended by a jab at their platforms. A grievance filed Thursday morning, however, did not pass SGA's Elections Committee.

ECKMAN ECSTATIC

Controversy aside, Eckman said she had a lot of fun campaigning but is ecstatic the election is over.

"This past month has been nuts," Eckman said. "I've learned you have to stick to what you feel is right and you can't stop trusting yourself."

Eckman said SGA already has seen some positive change with this year's voter turnout.

Last year, less than 500 students voted. This year, about that many voted on the first day of balloting.

Election results

Emily Eckman  
Adam Vukovic — 238

Matt Pastier  
Jaymin Patel — 178

Trevor McAleer  
Courtney Trimacco — 118

Tony Spano  
Melissa Morvey — 94

Jessica Moss  
Colette Tabet — 64

Heidi Critser  
TR Corey — 57

Brad Adair  
Joseph Trocci — 35

Eckman said she and Vukovic would begin work on their proposed projects immediately. However, instead of one set agenda, she said she wants to run SGA following a month-by-month agenda. She said this for two reasons: timeliness and

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## Union leaders offer mixed reaction to budget cuts

By LA'EL HUGHES  
The Jambar

Some YSU union leaders said they are not concerned with layoffs just yet, but others are exercising caution after last week's announcement of a projected \$5.5 million budget cut.

University President David Sweet addressed the impending fiscal crisis in an April 14 CUE-mail to the uni-



SWEET

versity community. In the e-mail, Sweet said his priorities included avoiding layoffs, maintaining classroom instruction, enrollment and retention and campus safety.

Sweet also said he spoke with the YSU bargaining units about the university's financial developments.

Sally Kenney, president of the Association for Professional Administrative Staff, said Sweet has "been keeping the union leadership involved through communication."

Kenney said she understands the projected cuts facing the university are a result of decisions made in Columbus, not by Sweet.

"The budget is a moving target, just like he said,"

Kenney said. "The president also told us, that at this time they were able to avoid layoffs."

Kenney said she was not currently concerned with layoffs but said: "Things are changing daily. So we have to wait."

Association of Classified Employees Vice President Christine Domhoff said if there are layoffs, she doesn't know where they would be made.

"We've already been gutted out," Domhoff said.

She said it was almost 10 years ago when the university made layoffs. She mentioned how the university had to relieve several employees from their duties.

"Many positions were reassigned, some positions were even reassigned to student employees," she said.

Domhoff also said she was unaware of how many of the

vacant positions would be eliminated.

APAS is currently going through negotiations, and Kenney said she could not discuss if any of the union's goals have been readjusted due to the projected \$5.5 million shortfall.

Roman Swerdan, president for the YSU -ACE, said he and other union presidents met

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## Political science professors predict future of Iraq

By REBECCA MARQUIS &  
DAVE DEVEREUX  
The Jambar

A political science professor said although military action is winding down, U.S. efforts to rebuild Iraq pose serious threat and risk to interests at home and abroad.

"I think we're entering into probably the most dangerous phase," David Porter, coordinator of the Global Education Program and a teacher of international law, said last week.

Suicide bombings and other resistant forces are threat enough, Porter said, but people in the U.S. also must be mindful of the inevitable costs of a Democratic Iraq.

"If the U.S. [handles rebuilding costs], we're out \$600 billion over 10 years," he said. "If the U.N. does it we're

out \$300 billion over 10 years." Porter said the \$300 billion discrepancy would offer enough money to give every college student in America free tuition.

"Your tuition will be increasing because of this war," he said.

Salem Alemaishat, a Computer Services analyst, said an area of concern would be the trust of the Iraqi people towards American relief efforts.

"There could be negative reactions if things that were promised are not delivered in a timely manner," said Alemaishat, who is from Jordan.

He added that he hopes the rebuilding stage will go as smoothly as possible for the Iraqi people.

"I would like to see it

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PROTEST: Iraqis protest against Saddam Hussein and for the U.S. during a non-violent protest in front of the Palestine Hotel in downtown Baghdad.

## Seminar focuses on rhetoric of conflict

By MELISSA MOSCHELLA  
The Jambar

The discussions are lively and timely, but James LaLumia had no idea they would be this real when he selected the topic one year ago.

LaLumia, an associate professor of communications and theater, needed an idea for a seminar class he was to teach this semester. Rather coincidentally, LaLumia decided to focus on war rhetoric and its applications.

He never imagined the

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realistic goals for SGA.

"There is already a transition meeting set up with [SGA adviser] Marty Manning that will be more formal, with more interaction," she said.

Eckman and Vukovic are members of the Student Action Alliance, where eight out of nine members were voted onto SGA in representative roles.

Some ideas from the team's platform include an increase in student wages, continuing student forums, an SGA newsletter and taking part in the Youngstown 2010 plan.

**THE GRIEVANCE**

Election results were announced after the Elections Committee, headed by Don Rudolph, dismissed a grievance filed by four teams.

The grievance, filed by Heidi Critser and Thomas Corey, Jessica Moss and Colette Tabet, Matt Pastier and Jaymin Patel and Tony Spano and

Melissa Morvay, was in regards to Eckman's and Vukovic's campaign T-shirts.

On the T-shirts, Eckman and Vukovic indirectly "made fun" of opponent's campaign platforms, Rudolph said.

Rudolph said, although "this type of campaigning may not be completely ethical, it does not constitute an untrue statement."

According to a statement released by Rudolph, Eckman and Vukovic went to him prior to using the T-shirts and he approved them.

"I had informally approved the T-shirts as not being libelous on Monday," Rudolph said.

The grievance held presidential election results from being released for an hour and a half. Rudolph said the Elections Committee carefully reviewed the grievance, starting with the SGA bylaws. But eventually, with a 3-0 vote, they determined the T-shirts were not libelous.

"We dismissed the grievance on the grounds that the statements made on the shirts clearly do not meet the legal definition of libel," Rudolph said.

**MOSS MAD**

Moss was upset with the committee's decision and called Eckman and Vukovic's campaign was slanderous.

"I think it is really sad and unfortunate that out of all the candidates running for president and vice president, Emily Eckman decided to run a dirty, slanderous and vicious campaign," Moss said.

Moss did not agree with Eckman and Vukovic's platform, claiming Eckman's actions are not helpful to SGA.

"Her platform was 'actions speak louder than words,' but I would really love to know what actions she was talking about," Moss said. "Her student forums were a waste of time this year, and she

really hasn't spoken of anything more than those."

Moss said she would still like to get together with other students and bring a concert to campus next year.

**SPANO SURPRISED**

Spano said he thought he would have fared better.

"I'm surprised how everything turned out," he said. "I'm very disappointed in not winning."

Spano said he is unclear if he is going to participate in SGA next year, since the president chooses her cabinet.

"As of now, I don't know if I'm going to stay on SGA, I may stay on if I'm asked to," he said. "I am interested to see what she has and to see what she actually does," said Spano.

Spano said he has received complaints from the election turnout.

"From talking to a lot of people, they said the election ballots were confusing."

Spano said many people "were lost" with the ballots and also said he should have received more votes than what were counted for him.

"A lot of people said I should have got more votes than what I did," he said.

**PASTIER'S RESPONSE**

Pastier preferred to focus on the experience rather than the outcome of the elections.

"I'm proud of the campaign Jaymin and I ran," Pastier said in an e-mail to The Jambar. "So many people helped with our campaign, and I really appreciated all of their hard work."

"I will continue to work for students as a student trustee, and I know Jaymin plans on staying active as well. It is something I will never regret trying because I gained so much from the experience."

**FEELING FINE**

Presidential candidates Brad Adair and Trevor McAleer did not join the grievance filed by the other teams.

"I'm not disappointed in any way, not at all," said Adair, who ran with Joseph Trocci. Adair focused on the amount of people who participated in this election.

"I'm glad a lot of people turned out," he said.

McAleer agreed with Adair. He said he refused to sign the grievance, which Patel had called him about several times.

"I actually feel good about the outcome," he said.

McAleer said SGA would run well next year because Eckman has "a lot of experience."

"If not me, then I'm glad it's them," he said. "I have no hard feelings."

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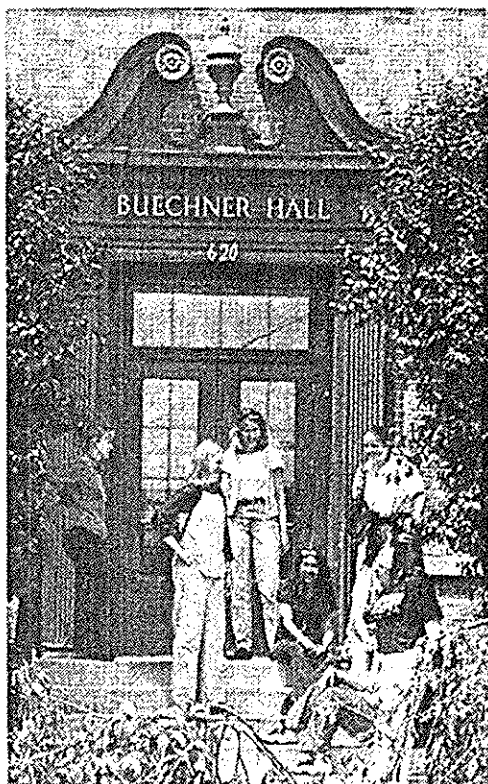
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more than a week ago to discuss the financial dilemmas facing the university. Swerdan said questions were asked of the president about the cuts but he did not discuss specifics.

Kenney said the meeting with Sweet was of no surprise. "We already knew this was coming," she said.

With Sweet already stating his plans to maintain YSU teacher instruction positions, Swerdan said he has no clue which classified positions that are currently unfilled would be eliminated in this next round of budget cuts.

Kenney said she would try to go to the president's upcoming campus conversation,

where Sweet is supposed to give further details about his budget plan.

"This is advisement time," she said. "I have to take care of students first, that's my real job."

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**Red Cross Blood drive falls short of goal****STAFF REPORT**

The Jambar

Despite an encouraging start to last week's American Red Cross blood drive, a slow second day prevented the Red Cross from reaching their desired mark.

Nancy Cox, coordinator for the blood drive, said the drive did not go quite as well as they expected.

"We did very well the first

day," Cox said. "On Wednesday, we received 48 pints and our goal was 51 pints. The presentation wasn't as good on Thursday."

Cox said on Thursday only 34 pints were collected.

She said the totals could have been higher on Wednesday, however, several people who wanted to give blood were turned away.

"We had about 68 that were deferred away because of low iron," she said.

The spring drive, which was held April 16-17 in Kilcawley Center, is the second SGA sponsored blood drive of the year.

Christa Natoli, secretary for inter-governmental and community affairs, said they did very well on Wednesday with a large number of students contributing.

Cox said despite failing to reach their goals, they appreciate everyone who donated blood.

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## TODAY'S EDITORIAL

### Actions really do speak the loudest

Emily Eckman had to overcome some serious challenges on her way to being elected the next SGA president, and she no doubt will encounter many more when she replaces Jeff Parks this summer.

She and Adam Vukovic did not receive anywhere close to a majority of votes from less than 10 percent of the student population. They did, however, receive the plurality of some 700 votes cast and now must work to reach out to those who don't even know what SGA is or does.

Two admirable qualities will help Eckman and Vukovic accomplish this: tenacity and professionalism.

An overused cliché as it is, "actions speak louder than words" became the benchmark of the Eckman-Vukovic campaign, and in just a few short weeks of stumping for student votes, it became quite evident that the pair already were working hard to reach out to new students.

Look no further than the Student Action Alliance to see a collection of new faces, many of which will be seated around the table at next year's SGA meetings. Eckman and Vukovic went to the voting blocs that had been stagnant on campus — the pre-med students, nontraditional students and others — and convinced them their opinion did matter.

If anything, it was a change of course and definitely more unconventional way of reaching students. In the past, candidates have been able to win based on the Greek vote or the University Scholars vote alone. Even this year candidates campaigned and pandered rather exclusively to the groups most familiar to them.

But neither Eckman nor Vukovic are Greek and Vukovic was one of a handful of Scholars in the race for president and vice president. Their ability to attract new people to the polls — the number of ballots passed this year far surpassed last — shows their skill in working with different groups.

The once strong walls of student apathy are now starting to shake.

But it isn't just the broad campaign that benefit Eckman and Vukovic. Their professional actions spoke louder than the baseless complaints of many of their competitors. If you heard the buzz around Kilcawley Center last Tuesday and Wednesday, you would have thought Sheryl Crow showed up with her anti-war wardrobe.

Not quite as dramatic, but definitely played to high melodrama by some candidates, Eckman and Vukovic created a flap with their campaign T-shirts. The shirts poked fun at some of the campaign promises of other candidates. Those who felt they were targeted questioned Eckman's professionalism.

Quite the contrary, we feel the shirts made a bold statement that someone finally needed to make. Too often, especially with a college body, empty promises and rhetoric translate into easy votes simply because of who you know. Eckman and Vukovic took a gamble by foraying somewhat into "negative" campaigning, but by doing so they clearly illustrated what separated them from the competition.

And it worked. Meanwhile, members of four of the six teams competing against Eckman and Vukovic staged a pity party and filed a grievance asking the duo be disqualified for mocking them. They couldn't handle being made fun of — they didn't know how to respond.

That more than anything illustrated the truth and effectiveness of the T-shirts. If you want to get picky, any normal voter walking by would never have taken the time to read the shirts. But it rattled the opposition and now we know their true colors.

Hey, this is politics. We were glad to see candidates Trevor McAleer and Brad Adair refuse to take part in the grievance. This shows a high level of class and maturity on their part.

We're also glad we have a president and vice president who will fight the good fight, the necessary fight and the strong fight. Parks worked well with Eckman this year to build some credibility for SGA. Now Eckman gets the ball, and we're confident she will take it a long way.

Her actions scream success while others scream failure.

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## STAFF COMMENTARIES

### Dubya loses sight of harmful weapons

By RYAN MCCABE  
The Jambar

Saddam Hussein has been ousted from power. His regime is in shambles. The U.S. military has completed all foreseeable "intense" combat. Work has begun to establish a new democracy in Iraq.

Sounds like everything has gone according to plan, or has it? What about the weapons of mass destruction that President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair built their pro-war case on? Where are they?

Is everyone so caught up in feeling relieved that the war was over so quickly that we've all forgotten why we invaded Iraq in the first place?

President Bush insisted over and over again that Saddam Hussein was harboring weapons of mass destruction. In order to sway a public still on edge from the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, President Bush and his administration falsely made the American public believe we were in danger. They created a public frenzy by elevating the Homeland Security Alert level to orange and advising each household to put together a post-apocalyptic survival pack consisting of bottled water, non-perishable foods, batteries, flashlights, gas masks and my personal favorite, duct tape.

How are we supposed to feel safer when the United States is supposedly a leader in the technology race and the best Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge can come up with against a chemical attack is duct tape?

Now those of us who bought into the epidemic of fear are stuck with basements full of bottled water and excess rolls of duct tape.

Desperate times call for desperate measures, so if Saddam Hussein really had any weapons of mass destruction, wouldn't he have used them? This is after all the same man who, in an Adolf Hitler-inspired moment, tested biochemical weapons on the Kurdish citizens of Iraq. I find it hard to believe a man with a proven track record

for mass annihilation would refrain from unleashing his chemical agents on the invading "infidels" who were sent to oust him from power.

There were a few moments when the Bush administration thought they'd hit the

working democracy in Iraq would be at least five years.

The Bush Administration has said that the profit from Iraq's oil resources would be used to fund the rebuilding of Iraq, but now there is speculation it won't be enough.

The United States is already expected to see a record annual shortfall of more than \$300 billion for this fiscal year, and that's not even counting the costs involved in funding the war in Iraq.

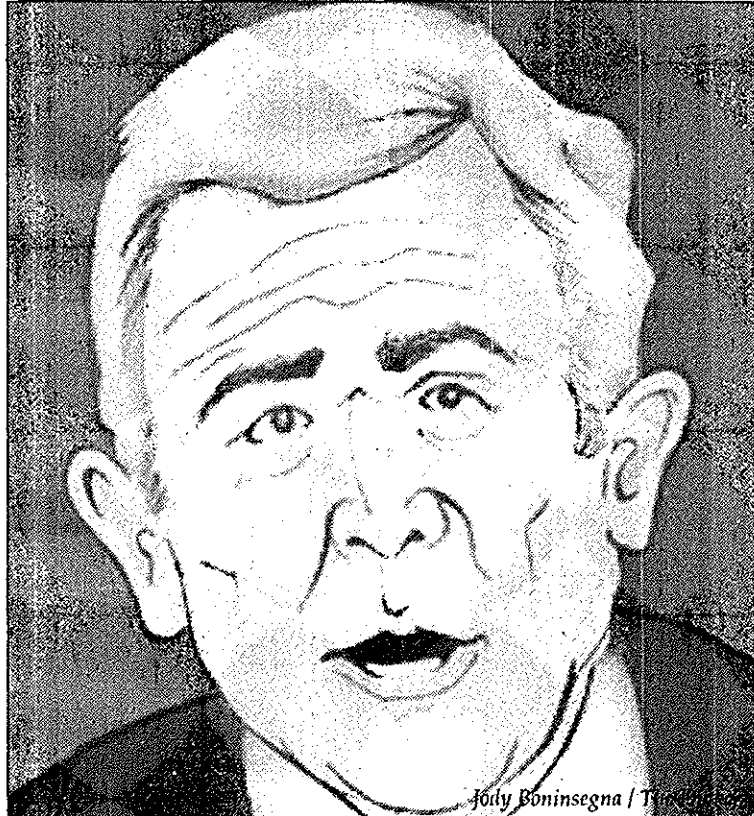
How much of the burden is the United States expected to shoulder? In turning his attention to "liberating" Iraq, Bush has ignored a struggling United States. The stock market has been on a roller coaster since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the unemployment rate is at its highest point in over 10 years.

President Bush seems to think the answer lies in another tax cut proposal, yet he doesn't seem to notice that most states have fallen on dire straits and have been forced to raise taxes. You do the math, if President Bush gives you a tax cut so you'll have extra money to go out and stimulate the economy, what happens when Governor Taft counteracts Bush's tax cut by enacting a tax hike in the state of Ohio? It's simple; you never see any of the money.

Granted, state budgets aren't exactly a federal priority, but doesn't President Bush care about children in his own country? What's the matter, don't college students across the nation facing double digit tuition hikes and school children in Oregon having the last five weeks of their school year eliminated because the schools can't afford to stay open make good enough press?

Call me a whiner, call me selfish, call me ignorant and uniformed, but don't call me un-American. President Bush needs to take care of things at home before he goes running off trying to be Gandhi.

Maybe Michael Moore had it right in his Oscar acceptance speech; we were fighting a "fictitious war for fictitious reasons."



Jami Boninsegna / T

jackpot and found caches of biochemical weapons, but they always turned out to be something else. Suspected traces of sarin and mustard gas turned out to be nothing more than pesticides and radioactive materials found at a research facility turned out to be known stocks of low-grade uranium that was already being monitored by the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Thankfully for all of those involved in Operation Iraqi Freedom, none of the alleged weapons of mass destruction were used on any troops. But the absence of the weapons of mass destruction are going to put a considerable strain on U.S. relations with the United Nations, and continued failure to find any weapons of mass destruction will be a serious blow to the United States' credibility.

Things aren't likely to get better for the United States any time soon either. The Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Richard Lugar, R-Ind., told NBC news that the timetable for building a

## Oh mayor, where art thou?



**Between  
The Lines**  
Henry Gomez

Quick, think fast.

Who is the mayor of Youngstown?

- A. Pat Ungaro
- B. George McKelvey
- C. Bob Hagan
- D. Tim Ryan

While I hate to doubt the knowledge of my readers, I can't help but wonder how many of you actually picked "B." George McKelvey is, indeed, the city's mayor.

Choice A was his predecessor, now a township administrator in Liberty. Choice C is a state senator who lives in Youngstown and often visits the university. Choice D is a U.S. congressman who lives in Trumbull County but has an office downtown.

All three wrong answers, however, probably sounded more appealing and more obvious than George McKelvey. You see, when it comes to Youngstown State University, its students and its needs, George McKelvey is the anonymous mayor.

For almost a year, we have been complaining about the state's cuts to higher education, the hamstringing state of affairs we are in financially, and the lack of after-hours life downtown.

Mayor McKelvey, unfortunately, is too busy doing his best Jim Traficant impersonations.

He is loud. He's bombastic. He dresses differently. His comb-over is so unnatural.

He is always on TV, eager to provide reporters with just the right sound bite.

Problem is, McKelvey is loud and bombastic on the wrong issues, and rarely is there substance behind his fiery platform.

Or simply, look at it from this perspective. When is the last time you have seen Mayor McKelvey on campus? Not nearly as much as Hagan or Ryan — not even as much as U.S. Rep. Ted Strickland, whose district does not even include YSU.

### GEORGE ON MY MIND



GEORGE  
MCKELVEY

"Problem is, McKelvey is loud and bombastic on the wrong issues, and rarely is there substance behind his fiery platform."

No, the last time I can honestly remember McKelvey anywhere close to campus was when he showed up for the groundbreaking at the University Courtyard Apartments in Smoky Hollow.

Heck, he even had to send an office representative last fall to the university's recycling news conference, where almost every state legislator spoke.

What gives, George? Where are you? Has the nonexistent convocation center busied you to the point you can't even show up and help rally support for your city's biggest employer?

I wonder. The fact is, McKelvey has accomplished next to nothing in his terms as mayor.

Ungaro had the deck stacked against him with law enforcement on the take from the mob and a population still shell-shocked by the collapse of the steel industry.

But Ungaro still managed to bring some smaller businesses to the area. Magnifying McKelvey's ineptness even more is the fact that he's allowed the perfectly good opportunity of YSU to go to waste. He supports the Smoky Hollow project, naturally.

But it appears to be University President David Sweet, chief urban planner Hunter Morrison and the neighborhood residents doing all the heavy lifting. It must be nice to be mayor.

And sadly, there is not exactly a notable crop of replacements when his term ends. Police Chief Robert Bush and state Rep. Sylvester Patton are some of the names floating around, but this just appears to be indicative of office-hopping politics so typical in the Mahoning Valley.

Students and staff at YSU should not only hold their president accountable — I give him enough grief for the problems exclusive to YSU — they should hold their mayor accountable, as well.

What affects YSU significantly affects the city in turn.

For McKelvey to stay silent on the issue of higher education funding is irresponsible, especially with Sweet now mentioning the "I" word — layoffs.

I would think the mere mention of that word in a city with so little would be enough for the mayor to act.

Note to the mayor and his team of advisers: Start paying more attention to that big campus in the middle of the city. We can't do it alone.

Apparently, neither can you.

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resolved peacefully for the innocent people of Iraq," Alemashat said. "I'm hoping for a good future for them."

Porter said the U.S. efforts to rebuild Iraq would come in three phases.

The first phase, he said, will deal with the immediate needs of the Iraqi people and will focus largely on humanitarian aid, such as supplying water and electricity to Iraqis.

Porter said that this is especially important in larger

cities like Basra and Baghdad. The second phase would focus on what Porter called the "highways and byways" of Iraq.

"It will focus on critically important but not major humanitarian issues," he said, citing the oil industry and factories as examples. "Rebuilding a factory so it can employ people is also critical, but it's not the most pressing."

This second phase, Porter said, would be accomplished

by contract.

"A number of facilities were built by Russia, Germany and France, but they've been pretty much banned from [the rebuilding]," he said.

The final phase will be for the U.S. and coalition forces to turn over control of the country to the Iraqis. However, Porter said, there are obstacles that the U.S. will have to overcome.

"We don't have the right troops to be able to address

some of these problems," he said. "We're not adequately prepared for the humanitarian problems that occurred."

Porter also said that the coalition forces have history working against them.

"It's been done before," he said.

But, he added, it hasn't always been successful.

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## News in brief

## Women's center seek donations

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nation would be engaged in a war when it came time to teach the course this spring. The war in Iraq, he said, has definitely changed some of the plans he had for the course.

"It was a fortunate pick for me because I certainly didn't know a war would begin at the peak of the semester," LaLumia said.

LaLumia said he and the nine students in his seminar course spent the beginning of the semester discussing whether or not the U.S. should go to war with Iraq, adding that the class was filled with a range of reactions.

"There was a good spec-

trum of political views," LaLumia said. "Of course, there were some uncertainties, some ambivalence and some reservations."

Iraq not complying with the U.N., the possibility of weapons of mass destruction and regime changes were among some of the topics discussed in the class that justified a war that would transpire in the following weeks of the semester.

As for his personal point of view, LaLumia said there could have been a better solution to the war.

"I'm glad the fighting is over," he said. "I was not in favor of the war prior to the war, but I think it was a good idea to get rid of Saddam Hussein."

He said now that the fighting in Iraq is over, the in-class discussions have changed. "Now we're talking about how well we're doing," he said. "We're trying to bolster our troops and ourselves. We're looking at the kinds of things coming out of the war like who is going to govern [in Iraq] now."

"The rhetoric has gone through several phases," said LaLumia, who explained that the word "rhetoric" does not have negative connotations. "Rhetoric means finding all the means of persuasion. George Bush engaged in rhetoric when he tried to get help for the war."

The media is also a topic that LaLumia and his students have been discussing. He said a consensus has not been reached among students concerning the media and the effect it is having on America and other media outlets.

"[Students] acknowledge there are some treatments favorable to our position," he said. "Some media outlets are more neutral and some are more favorable toward the Iraqi position, such as the Al-Jazeera. Many Arab language newspapers that are not government controlled are still portraying Americans as invaders."

He said all of his students have told him that they would not have paid as much attention to media coverage and the war in Iraq had they not been enrolled in his course this semester. He said the class is also taking a look at other wars in history. The nine students are currently working on individual projects that do not focus on the war in Iraq.

LaLumia has asked students in his class to choose a particular war and present rhetoric artifacts from the war. Students have chosen to analyze artifacts ranging from speeches to war songs, he said.

LaLumia said all nine of the students in the war rhetoric class are upper-division communication majors, but the course was open to other students as well.

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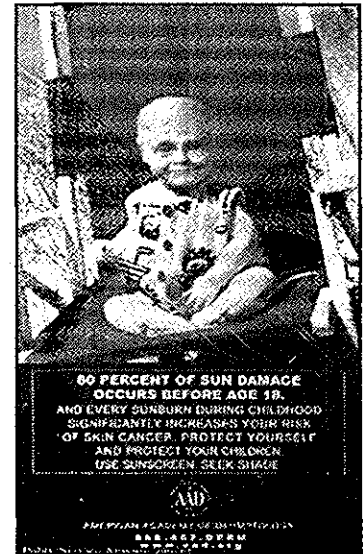
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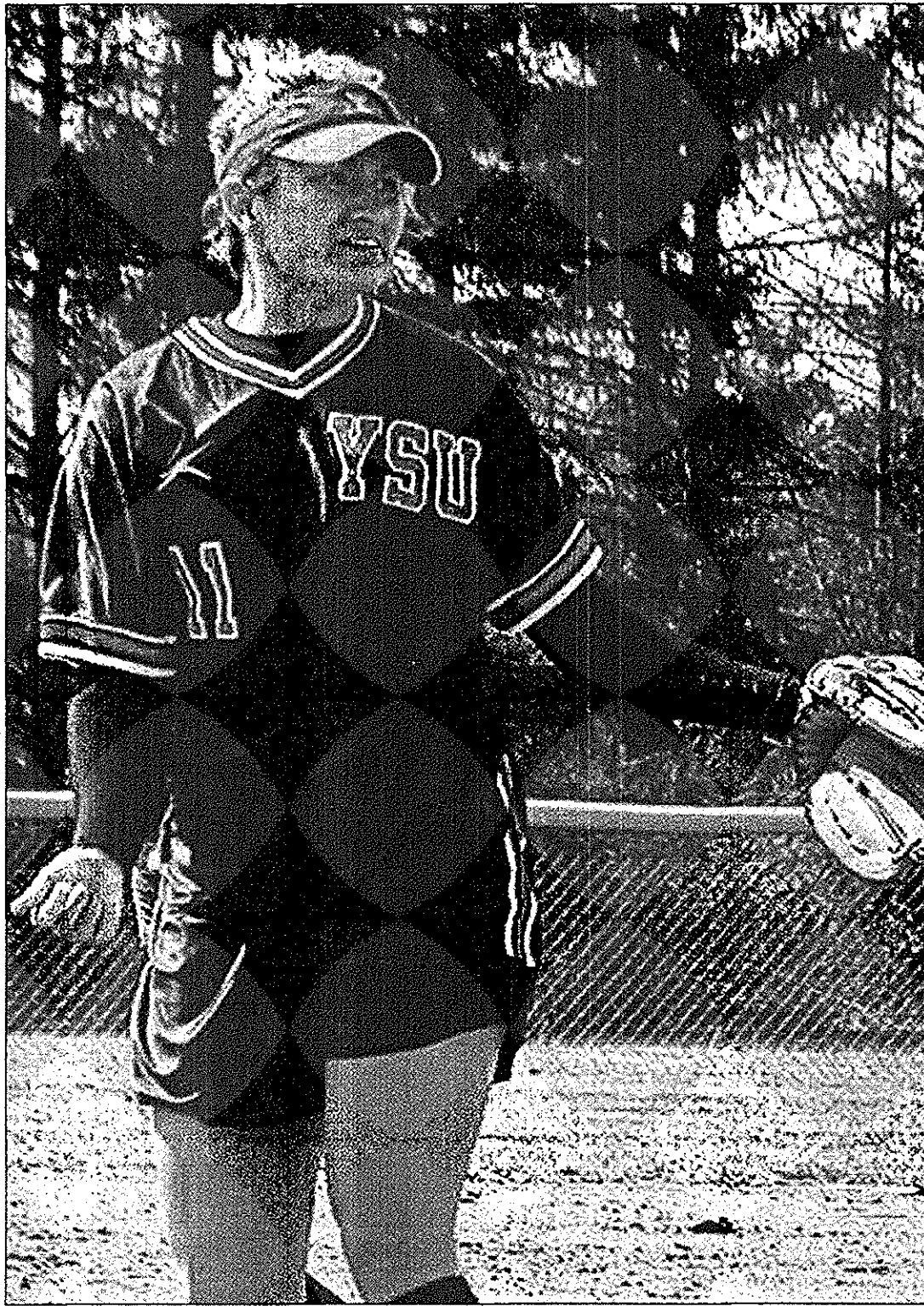
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# Sports & Recreation

## Penguins complete road sweep of Butler



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**RECORD SETTING:** Freshman Kelly Murphy tied the Penguins single season record for wins last weekend, pitching a six hit shutout improving her record to 14-4. YSU will visit Canisius today for a double header at 2 p.m.

By JOE SIMON  
The Jambor

The YSU softball team continued its season this weekend at Indianapolis as they won a three-game series against the Butler Bulldogs.

Freshman Kelly Murphy tied the Penguins single season wins record by pitching a six hit shutout, improving her record to 14-4.

The Penguins are now 26-12-1 overall and 8-3-1 in the Horizon League. They trail the University of Illinois-Chicago (16-30, 8-3) in the Horizon League standings. The teams square off for a two-game series May 3-4 in Chicago.

Head coach Christy Cameron said the team experienced some growing pains at the outset of the season, but has learned how to win.

"We went through a period early in the season where I knew we were going to make some mistakes, but we learned from those and that's why we've been able to get better as the season progressed."

The team ranks first in the Horizon League in pitching with a 1.98 ERA, second in hitting with a .266 team batting average and third in fielding, compiling a .955 fielding percentage.

Cameron said the dominant pitching is due to good off-season preparation and the ability to keep the hitters guessing.

"The pitchers worked very hard in the off-season and they're doing a good job mixing pitches up," Cameron said. "They've really been able to keep hitters off balance by changing speeds."

"We went through a period early in the season where I knew we were going to make some mistakes but we learned from those and that's why we've been able to get better as the season progressed."



—CHRISTY CAMERON  
YSU softball, head coach

The team leads the Horizon League in nearly every major offensive category.

Freshman Liz Holt has a shot at a Triple Crown season. Currently she leads the league in batting average (.355), home runs (8), slugging percentage (.620), total bases (75), and hits (43). She is second in RBI (25), one behind teammate Amanda Berry.

Berry, a junior, is first in RBI, runs scored (25), and is seventh in hitting (.325). Freshman teammate Tiffany Patterson is ninth in hitting and leads the league in triples with 7.

"The hitting has been contagious," Cameron said. "What's been nice this year is that, throughout the season it's been different people coming up with key hits. We haven't had to rely on one person to supply the offense."

Saturday the Penguins

dropped the first game, but made a comeback in the second. Down three runs in the bottom of the seventh, the Penguins scored four runs to get the 6-5 victory. Patterson belted her first career home run, a two run shot. Berry tied the game with a single up the middle and junior Lacey Reichert laced an RBI single to win the game.

Murphy pitched her second shutout of the season and is currently boasting a 1.75 ERA. She is fourth in the league in ERA, following her teammate Stephanie Hartman, 1.71.

"[Murphy] is having a phenomenal season," Cameron said. "A lot of her success is from all the work she put in during the off-season."

Cameron said Murphy would routinely wake up at 7 a.m. to workout and pitch, adding that she had to put up a special wall for Murphy to throw at.

The Penguins have now won 18 of their last 22 games and have just eight games remaining in the regular season. The Horizon League tournament, held in Cleveland, will run May 8-10.

Cameron continues to preach good defense and pitching to her players.

"We've had good pitching and strong defense through much of the season, and that's how you win championships."

The Penguins visit Canisius today for a double-header. First pitch is set for 2 p.m.

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### Replacing Ed DiGregorio

## Finalists announced for head coaching position

By MARK STEVENS  
The Jambor

The search for a new head coach for the YSU women's basketball team has been narrowed, with four finalists for the job being named Friday morning.

Among the finalists is Liz Grzesk, the Mid-Continent Conference Player of the Year for the Penguins in 1997. She is currently an assistant coach at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

The other finalists are West Virginia University Assistant Coach Joanna Bernabei, Ball State University Assistant Coach Tisha Hill, and Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Head Coach Jodi Kest.

Bernabei attended West Liberty State where she was a three-time Division II All-American. She holds two NCAA Division II records for women's basketball: most career assists (1,107) and most assists in a single game (24).

She received her bachelor's degree in exercise physiology from West Liberty State in 1997 and her master's degree in physical education from Eastern Kentucky in 1999. Her coaching experience includes two years as an assistant at Eastern Kentucky and

one year as the head coach of West Virginia Wesleyan.

Grzesk, from nearby Boardman, played for the Penguins from 1993-97 and was a member of the 1995-96 team that advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in school history.

She was an assistant on the Penguins staff for four years before joining the staff at UWGB, where she has served as an assistant for one year.

Hill attended Indiana University, where she set the school career marks for assists and steals. She received her bachelor's degree in sport management from Indiana in 1993 and a master's degree in kinesiology from Indiana in 1995.

As an assistant coach at Ball State, she has helped the Cardinals to two consecutive 20-win seasons. Before joining the staff at Ball State, she was an assistant at Virginia Tech, UWGB and Indiana.

A member of Slippery Rock University's Hall of Fame, Kest graduated from SRU in 1984 with a bachelor's degree in physical education. She earned her master's degree in education from Northwest Missouri State in 1986.

Kest, the candidate with the most head coaching experi-

ence, was the head coach at Gannon University before taking over at the helm of the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi program. Kest was also the head coach at Wilkes University for four seasons. She has a career coaching record of 168-125.

She has served as an assistant at Cleveland State, Nevada, Maine, and Northwest Missouri State.

YSU Athletic Director Ron Strollo says that while the university needs to make a quick decision for the better of the program, "we need to be prudent."

Strollo also said that "[YSU's] women's basketball program] has been at an elite level...and we hope to get it back there."

Interviews with the individual finalists will be held this week, and Strollo said that there was a possibility that the coach would be named next week.

The new coach will be replacing former head coach Ed DiGregorio, who stepped down in March of this year. DiGregorio, the head coach for nearly 20 years, led the team to five straight 20 win seasons in the 1990s, and he had an overall record of 319-241 at YSU.

### Sports Commentary

## New breed of NBA starts mix in with past legends

By MICHAEL BALALE  
The Jambor



JORDAN

With just one weekend in the books of this year's NBA playoffs, it appears that pro basketball will survive without that famous No. 23 defying gravity and doing things on the hardwood that I could not do in a dream.

Six championships and two years worth of sellout crowds in a Washington Wizard's uniform later, we now move on. His illustrious playing career has brought us memories not soon to be forgotten, or will they?

The remaining few combatants from the Michael Jordan era are nearing their end as Karl Malone, Reggie Miller, Scottie Pippen and David Robinson are the last few standing. Giving credit where it's due, Malone shot 10-23 and scored 25 points for the Utah Jazz in their game one loss to the Kings.

Miller had 13 points, for the Indiana Pacers, in a 100-103 loss to the Celtics, but a solid performance considering he played less than 30 minutes.

Pippen did not steal the show in the opener for the Portland Trailblazers. His opponent, Dirk

Nowitzki, made up for everyone on the court as he

poured in 46 points as the Mavs helped keep the Blazers playoff losing streak alive with ease in a 96-86 loss in game one.

Nowitzki's show-stopping performance was the talk of the weekend, until the 76ers game that is. It came as no surprise that Allen Iverson beat up the Hornets for 55 points on primetime TV as his 76ers fended off

New Orleans 98-90. Although an exciting game from start to finish, it seemed more like an Iverson highlight video as he shot 21-32 from the field and put up his biggest playoff scoring output of his career.

Robinson didn't miss a shot

from the field in the Spurs series opener against the Suns, but his flat-footed teammates weren't much help as they lost in dramatic fashion when Stephon Marbury buried a 3-pointer as time expired in overtime to steal game one 96-95.

"That shot was a teardrop from God," Marbury said, in a post-game interview.

"Things were getting tough, but I didn't stop shooting. We never gave up; we never got ourselves into a situation where we'd panic."

It almost feels as if the players and coaches of the NBA have breathed a sigh of relief knowing that Jordan will not steal any more of the limelight that so many NBA stars so rightfully deserve.

Yes, Jordan's playing days are over.

And as sad and hard as that is to accept, it is refreshing seeing Tracy McGrady and his underrated 8th seeded Orlando Magic embarrass the top-seeded

Pistons as he scored 43 points.

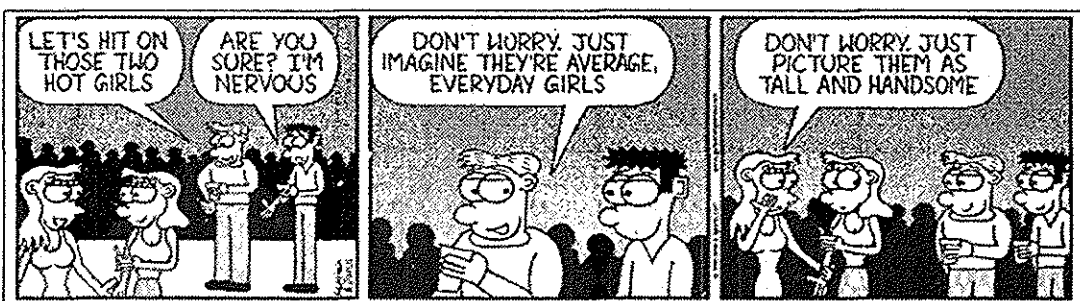
Pistons coach Rick Carlisle didn't think he had to double-team McGrady, and after the game he told ESPN that he paid very dearly for that mistake.

"[McGrady] is arguably the best guy on the planet," Carlisle said. "We know he is going to score some points, but he is doing some spectacular things out there."

We don't want to change what we do on defense, but we are going to have to try to do a better job on him."

This new breed of NBA superstars is beginning to show their true colors and the first weekend of this year's playoffs showed glimpses of what the NBA used to be like.

Jordan, Barkley, Magic and Bird may be gone. But it's evident that Kobe Bryant [Los Angeles Lakers], McGrady, Vince Carter [Toronto Raptors], Kevin Garnett [Minnesota Timberwolves] and Shaq are doing a superb job carrying the torch for many years to come, as they make playoff history on a nightly basis.



Girls and Sports by Andrew Davis and Justin Feinstein