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'Lost In Space'

The American Diabetes Association's Tri County chapter and Tinseltown Theater will present the premier of the movie "Lost in Space" Friday from 6 to 9 p.m., Saturday from noon to 9 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 7 p.m. In addition to the movie premier, the American Diabetes Association will have a raffle and will offer the opportunity to take pictures with a "Lost in Space" character. All proceeds from the raffle and pictures will benefit the American Diabetes Association. For more information call (330) 762-7487 or 1-888-DIABETES.

Colin Powell

Tickets for the Retired Army Gen. Colin L. Powell Skegg's Lecture April 20 were disbursed quickly. All tickets for Powell's lecture were gone within an hour and a half after of being made available March 26. Powers will speak at Powers Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. April 20.

Distinguished Service Awards

The application forms for nominating Professional/Administrative staff for the 1998 Distinguished Service Awards are available now in the Office of Human Resources. Vice presidents and deans are not available for this award. Nominations can be made by staff members, department heads, faculty, students or alumni. The deadline for submitting the nomination forms is April 10. Questions about this award can be directed toward Rita Robert at 742-3470.

Tutorial services

Student Tutorial Services is notifying everyone about its free tutoring in 500, 600 and some 700 level courses for spring quarter. The tutoring center is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and offers other hours through appointment. For more information about tutoring services, call 742-7253.

**Hot, stuffy classrooms irk many**

Phil Hirsh said YSU's buildings won't have air conditioning until April 15.

TELA DURBIN  
 News Editor

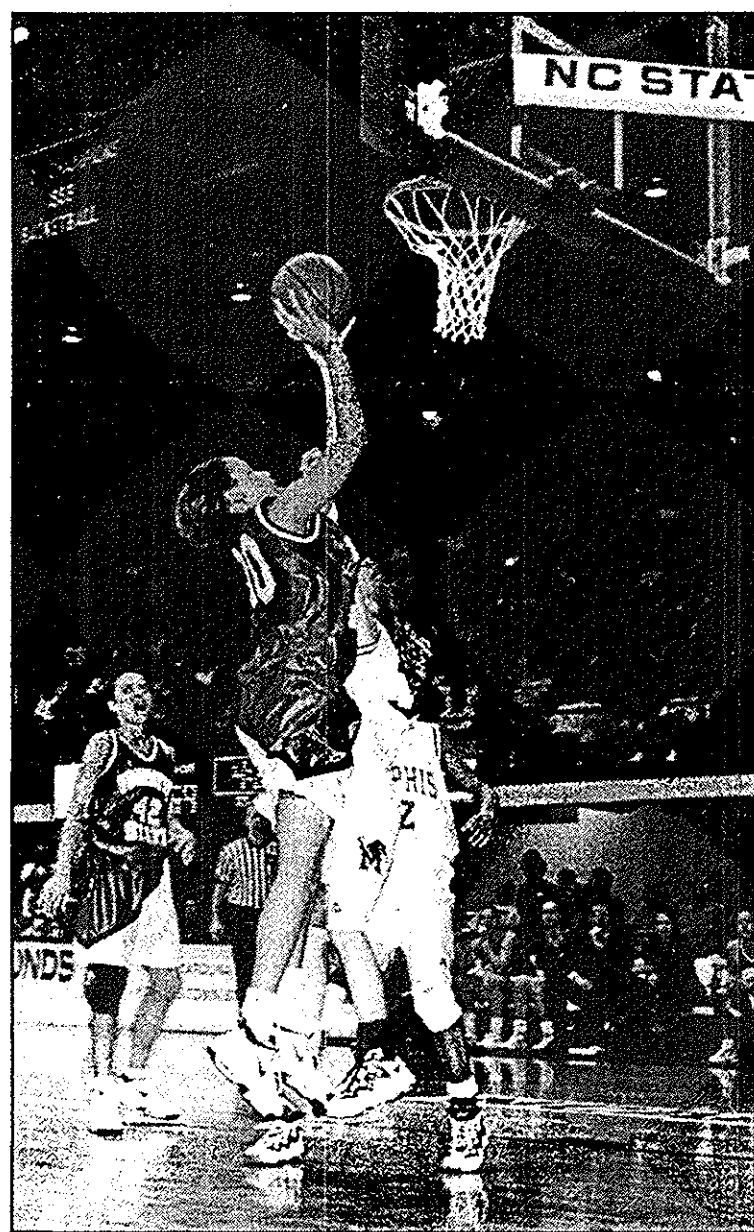
While walking to class this morning, you probably thought you would walk into a nice, refreshing air-conditioned building after hiking from the farthest parking spot possible. You were wrong. YSU's air conditioning will not be turned on until April 15, said Phil Hirsh, executive director of

administrative services. "The engineering building is like an inferno," said Scott Airato, senior, civil and environmental engineering. "But the computer lab is ice cold. It would be nice to have a happy medium." "We have to get the antifreeze out of the lines, and until that is done we cannot turn on the air conditioning," said Hirsh. "Normally that would not be a problem, but

we have had some unusually hot days." "This is a transitional time, and there will be certain times in the quarter where people will be uncomfortable, but this is extreme," said John P. Hyden, director of maintenance and repairs of buildings. "This is the worst I remember since I have been here, but there is nothing we can do." Hyden explained the chilled

water coils that make up the air conditioning system for the university have to be expended of all antifreeze and cleared of air before they can run water over them. Hyden also explained how the heating system runs all throughout the university. He said a drop of cool water may be in Cushman one

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HARMONY HUNT, THE JAMBAR  
**SHOOT FOR TWO:** Shannon Beach (42) looks on as YSU's Teresta Jones beats a Memphis defender in the first round of the NCAA tournament. YSU defeated Memphis 91-80 but lost in the second round. **More on page 12.**

**Student investigates recycling**

Some argue recycling is a waste of time and money.

BETTY CLARKE  
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Not everyone is as passionate about recycling as television's "Pretender," Michael T. Weiss, who recently carted home a suitcase full of empty soda cans all the way from Australia. But junior environmental studies major Amy Garchar has the same kind of commitment.

Garchar is president of the Youngstown Environmental Studies Society, which is starting its second year at YSU. The group volunteers each Saturday to pick up recyclables at The Beat, Mr. Hero and Crandall Coffeehouse and take them to the new recycling center on Bryson Street.

Garchar said she doesn't expect everybody to be that involved, but she does want her fellow students to know that becoming a recycler is easy and painless. She is certain the YSU community "believes strongly in the concept of recycling," but said she is surprised at thoughtless gestures.

"Nothing makes me angrier than to see someone toss an empty can into the trash — especially when there's a recycling bin right next to it," said Garchar.

YSU sells aluminum cans, office paper, computer paper and other miscellaneous recyclables.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, YSU recouped about half of its annual recycling budget of \$2,950 by selling recyclables for \$1,225.

Kathy Cavucci, head housekeeper, YSU janitorial services, said, "We're not in it for the money, but there's no reason why we can't recycle enough to at least cover the cost of recycling supplies."

Many people appear to not notice recycling bins. According to figures from YSU's vending supplier AVI Corporation, more than 105,000 cans were stocked in YSU vending machines last year. Only about 70,000 were recycled, leaving the path of good intentions at YSU littered with 35,000 empty cans.

Figures from paper recycling are even more depressing. Last year, YSU's janitorial service sent almost 56,000 pounds of paper to be recycled, but only 2215 pounds could be processed. The remaining 27 tons of paper had to be dumped because unrecyclable materials had been carelessly tossed into the bins.

"It's really a shame that all that paper had to be trashed. That was a lot of effort and we have nothing to show for it," Cavucci said.

Janitorial services gives desk-top recycling containers to every

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**Are rats running rampant in decks?**

Insiders' reports give conflicting evidence.

JOHN W. GOODWIN JR.  
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

You are in the M2 deck. The job assigned to you is emptying all of the full trash cans. In an effort to finish your assignment as quickly as possible, you head to the first can without hesitation. Grabbing the inserted bag with both hands, you pull with force to remove the bag. As you step back, you see the

bag moving without your help. You drop the bag in time to see three rats the size of squirrels scurry out the top. This is exactly what happened to a parking student supervisor who, for our purposes, will be called "Sal." The experience related by Sal poses a question for the entire campus

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**Winter commencement held**

782 graduates packed Beeghly Center.

TELA DURBIN  
 News Editor

Beeghly Center was packed Saturday as full as it is for most basketball games to congratulate YSU's finest. It was a beautiful day for YSU's graduation ceremonies, so beautiful one could wonder whether Spring or Winter Commencement was being celebrated. YSU's President Leslie H.

Cochran welcomed everyone at approximately 9:30 a.m., including 782 graduates. More than enough observers were present to fill Beeghly as friends and family honored those reaching a milestone in their lives.

Thomas Bopp, co-discoverer of the Hale-Bopp Comet, was the fea-

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department. The specific paper that can be recycled is listed right on the side of the box. If colored paper or paper that is unrecyclable gets mixed in, recyclers consider the whole box contaminated and refuse to process it.

Cavucci said it isn't cost-efficient for recycling companies to sort paper. "Paying someone minimum wage to sort paper that's worth one cent per pound is unrealistic," she said.

Asked about reported incidences of janitors dumping recyclables right along with the trash, Cavucci said, "There were very few instances where contract cleaning people — especially new employees — did mix some recyclables." She added her department stresses the importance of recycling to all janitorial employees.

Although a huge majority of Americans think recycling is a necessary and useful step in our struggle to save planet Earth, there are some voices of dissent. "The Ultimate Resource 2," a controversial new book by Julian L. Simon, professor of business administration at the University of Maryland, says large-scale processing of "valuable" recyclables like alumi-

num cans, "makes economic sense, as proven by the fact that individuals and firms choose to do it because it suits them."

But Simon says when communities have programs of "coerced" recycling — the kind that forces people to waste time, water and energy washing and sorting glass, plastic and paper; and costs taxpayers hundreds of dollars per ton to process — then recycling becomes "costly and odious to those who value liberty highly."

Simon said he "resents" the huge amount of money spent on recycling. "That money could be spent on research to develop innovative uses for our trash," said Simon.

*Vindicator* graphic artist James Hilston used Simon's book as the basis of an article titled "Will Our Waste Bury Us?" published Jan. 21. The article said the solid waste output for the United States for the entire 21st century would require a landfill area of only 81 square miles — in a country with an area of 3.78 million square miles.

The article quotes other eye-popping statistics from Simon's book. Simon cites the disproportionate cost of recycling versus solid waste disposal. In New York City in 1991, costs for disposal of solid waste through recycling were between \$400 and

\$500 per ton. Landfill disposal costs were \$25 to \$40 per ton.

Garchar agreed taking solid waste to a landfill would be much cheaper than recycling, but only in dollars. "It might get really expensive in the long run, because I've never heard of a landfill that doesn't leak," she said.

Mike Heher, manager of B.F.I. Waste Systems Poland Landfill said, "This landfill is designed not to leak and is so beautifully maintained that it is sometimes taken for a luxurious golf course at first sight." Heher said he thinks everything in that *Vindicator* article is "absolutely true" — recycling is very expensive. But, because the citizens of Mahoning County want a recycling program, B.F.I. is happy to provide that service. Heher said Mahoning is the only county in the state that has a free recycling service.

Cavucci said new uses for recycled products are being developed all the time.

Some farmers are now using shredded newspaper for livestock bedding and rubber tires are being ground up and used at construction sites.

She said we should keep on recycling because once items are dumped into a landfill, it will take a lot more than minimum-wage workers to sort them out.

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minute and then travel to Stambaugh.

"It is a very complicated process, [and a] very complex heating system," said Hyden. "It's not like turning on your air con-

ditioner at home."

Hyden and his crews are doing all they can to alleviate some of the heat.

"We can't open the windows, but we are trying to get as much air into the buildings as possible," said Hyden. "Eighty-five degree air doesn't help much though."

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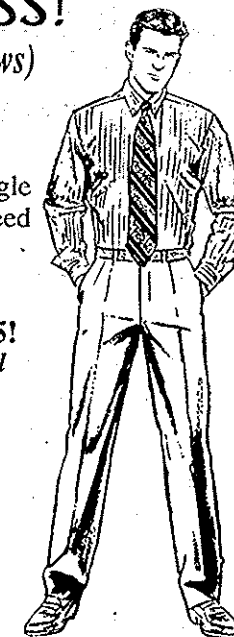
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## Business hopefuls seek 'big city' training

■ Thirty YSU students visited New York City and toured Wall Street during spring break.

TRACIE KNIGHT  
•EDITOR IN CHIEF

NEW YORK — While some students take a break during spring break, 30 business students decided to get some hands-on training in New York City. They spent four days touring Wall Street visiting popular sites such as the New York Stock Exchange, The Nasdaq Visitor's Center and the American Stock Exchange. Dr. Ron Volpe, finance, arranged the event.

"I thought the trip would provide [participants] with exposure to banking and nonbanking financial institutions that were not available in the local community. Also, it gave them an opportunity to interact with industry professionals," said Volpe.

March 26 and 27 comprised the bulk of touring events. March 26 events included the NYSE, the Nasdaq Visitor's site and Sandler O'Neil & Partners, financial specialists to the thrift industry.

The NYSE offered a video and observation deck above the exchange floor. The Nasdaq visitor's site, which is only a year old, provided a more open venue. The site houses 100 televisions that display

a variety of real-time financial information. The facility is mostly used for member services and media broadcasts.

"We use this site to service our member companies. It is a way to get their information out to the public," said Gene McCarthy, a Nasdaq employee.

At Sandler O'Neil & Partners, students talked to specialists ranging from a financial analysts to individuals who worked on both the selling and buying sides of finance.

Friday's events started with the American Stock Exchange and the New York Mercantile Exchange and ended with a presentation by Neuberger & Berman, a mutual fund management company.

The AMEX visit was a favorite of many of the students.

"Being on the floor of the AMEX was like a religious experience," said Brian Wollet, senior, finance.

Delia Emmons, senior vice president of corporate affairs briefed the group and answered questions about the AMEX and then led the group through a tour of the trading floor.

Emmons said Merrill Lynch and Chase Manhattan Bank were

considering a merger and that was why there was so much activity at the one station. As traders scrambled and shouted on the AMEX floor, the group watched from the second level. It seemed the pressure and screaming was much like a lunch rush at a local fast food restaurant.

"I never thought fast food experience would help get me a job in finance," Wollet commented.

Although the group showed up on time to the New York Mercantile Exchange, the tour guide was more than 25 minutes late and then simply led the group through a museum-like display and to an observation deck.

The presentation at Neuberger & Berman was facilitated by John Welby and informed students about the firm and the mutual fund industry. Andrea Trackenberg, marketing director for N&B, provided a presentation that discussed everything from brand building to establishing corporate identity. Although the students did not get to meet the company's founder Roy Neuberger, 94, who started out on Wall Street in 1929, they got a to hear some of his well-known sayings through his employees.

The trip introduced a variety of

career options as well as a real world view of the nation's financial capital. The group could only offer accolades for the itinerary and Volpe's commitment to the trip.

"The special group meetings with individual firms were informative and gave a better perspective to how corporate America is conducted," said Stacie Salyard, senior, accounting.

A March 16 *New York Times* opinion poll showed that people who have visited New York City in the last five years have a more favorable opinion about the city than others. And even though while there, the news broadcast reported subway stabbings, the students felt safe and excited to be in New York City.

"The culture, mix of people, fine cuisine and architecture are definitely added bonuses to our trip," said Salyard.

This was the fifth trip Volpe has offered to students. Overall, more than 135 students have participated.

Volpe said this group was more diverse than previous groups, and that it was "a milestone educational experience for some of the students."

Here's some comments from tour participants:



"Each activity he had planned for us allowed us to experience things we've learned way beyond the classroom level. It was one of the highlights of my college life."

Alanna Zelinka,  
senior, accounting



"The stock exchanges are fascinating. The television does not do justice to the excitement surrounding the [trading] floor."

Stacie Salyard,  
senior, accounting



"I had never been to New York prior to the trip. I follow financial news but to actually witness the activities on Wall Street — there is no comparison."

Les Breen,  
senior, accounting



"The trip was so educational, and it added to everything we had learned in class. It even brought more depth to our understanding."

Diane E. Nemeth,  
EMBA

## Students get inside scoop on Nasdaq/AMEX merger

NEW YORK — As talks concerning an American Stock Exchange and Nasdaq merger commenced, YSU students had the opportunity to visit both and get some inside opinions. The National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. — Parent company to the Nasdaq — announced the merger March 18.

"I think the merger will be one where both companies will definitely compliment one another," said Dr. Ron Volpe, finance. "The auction market of the AMEX and a negotiated market of the Nasdaq will give them the best of both worlds."

The merger deal would combine the second and third largest stock markets to build a stronger competitor for the New York Stock Exchange.

"It will bring a lot of value to

consumers," said Bob Power, Nasdaq International Director. "AMEX would be a wholly owned subsidiary [of NASD] and still operate with its trading floor."

Although some of the members of the AMEX have spoken out against the merger, fearing job security, most people are optimistic about the merger.

Delia Emmons, senior vice president of corporate affairs of AMEX, said the merger would make Nasdaq and AMEX sister companies under the NASD umbrella.

"We expect a five-fold increase in volume over the next five years. And we expect this merger to open up international markets," she said.

In order for the deal to go through, the members of the AMEX will have to vote with a 2/3 approval.

### Some quick facts on the Nasdaq and the American Stock Exchanges:

**The Nasdaq Stock Market**, since its inception in 1971, has been a major national and international stock market. It includes more than 5,466 companies of every type and size valuing at \$1.9 trillion. The stock trading is done electronically via a vast computer network. More than 540 independent dealers compete openly with one another for investors' orders. Nasdaq is a subsidiary of the National Association of Securities Dealers. The stocks that lead the Nasdaq are mostly young, high tech stocks.

**The American Stock Exchange** is an auction market where traders yell out offers to potential buyers on the trading floor. It was founded in 1911 and there are 661 member companies valuing at \$168 billion. It trades more than 900 stocks and 900 options. AMEX also sells market data and considers itself to be in the communication business. The stocks on the AMEX are characterized as middle-sized growth companies.

## Winter quarter phonathon surpasses goal by 20 percent

SHARLE STUBBS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

There was a loud noise on the YSU campus recently — the fifth annual fund-raiser and friend-raiser phonathon. For seven weeks telephones rang with pledges and contributions. Now the phones are silent.

The office of University Development sponsored the phonathon to raise funds for scholarships and student financial aid. Cheryl Staib, director of the annual fund, said the phonathon went very well.

"The phonathon's goal was \$50,000, but we exceeded that. The phonathon averaged about \$2,000 per night," she said.

*"I learned a lot working with [Staib.] I learned the history of YSU, and I've learned how crucial alumni relationships are to the university."*

Kristi Carelly,  
senior, marketing management

ROTC, Alumni Cadets, University Scholars, and Sistas with a Vision are just some of the organizations that participated.

Tiffany Folmar, president of Sistas with a Vision said, "It was nice to get our group together, to do something fun together and positive for the university."

Several local businesses have

contributed to the campaign. Wedgewood Pizza and Sparkle Markets made generous contributions of pop, cookies and pizza for the callers.

Brian Hodor, vice president Theta Chi Fraternity said, "We've gotten in touch with a lot of our fraternity alumni, and we've earned community service points

while helping YSU."

Staib said the phonathon was not solely a fund-raiser — it was also a friend-raiser. It provided 65,000 alumni with the opportunity to communicate and interact with students.

A great deal of preparation was required to make the phonathon successful. Students, faculty and staff volunteered their time to call alumni. Sarah Beasley, Kristi Carelly and Peter Davila served as YSU phonathon interns.

Carelly, senior, marketing management, said, "I learned a lot working with [Staib.] I learned the history of YSU, and I've learned how crucial alumni relationships are to the university."

The American Collegiate Press awarded the 1996-97 Jambar an All-American rating with four marks of distinction. The judges' comments acknowledged improvement in many areas.

# campus Opinions

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## Editorial

### An eye for an eye, a child for a child? What punishment fits the crime?

Students of Westside Middle School in Jonesboro, Ark., had a day off school last week — no it didn't snow in Arkansas, it rained bullets. Mitchell Johnson, 13, and Andrew Golden, 11, are being held without bail on murder and battery charges for their firing tirade that killed five and wounded 11.

If convicted, they face serving a prison term until they are 18 because Arkansas law prevents children younger than 14 from being tried as adults. Well, if they can't be tried as adults then they should receive some type of harsher sentence. How fair is it that the boys who did this may be released in time for their senior prom? This incident stole the childhood from an entire school district and disturbed the serenity of a rural town, not to mention the national repercussions that left us all wondering why children who've barely hit puberty commit murder.

Justice Department officials from Washington have declared they will not file federal charges. However, Clinton proposed a consolation prize when he asked Attorney General Janet Reno to assemble experts on school violence to analyze recent school shootings, determine what they have in common and look at how similar tragedies can be prevented in the future.

A judge will decide the guilt or innocence of the two boys at a hearing April 29. We must take a hard look at our justice system in order to find a way for our children to be punished — and protected — appropriately.

## A Closer Look



JENNIFER HALIBURTON  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The hardships faced by aspiring black journalists are apparent by the absence of minority reporters in the news media. The National Association of Black Journalists hopes to better educate and prepare black students with essential skills needed for a successful career in journalism.

Joyce Brewer, TV anchor for WFJM news and president of the NABJ's Youngstown-Warren chapter, stressed the lack of available resources and black role models makes it crucial for blacks already involved with the media to lend a helping hand to those planning to prosper as journalists in the future.

"It's important for [black journalists] to network together," she said. "We can rely on ... and encourage each other."

Brewer said receiving invaluable lessons from black mentors while she was a journalism student helped her understand the importance of having someone in the same field to look up to for guidance. She said she tries to be as accessible as possible to college students for this reason and suggests other prominent blacks in

### Minorities in the media can make a difference

the media do the same.

"A lot of times, people who are on TV can get to be too big for their britches ... so I try to make myself available to everyone," she said.

One of the dangers with having a shortage of minority journalists holding influential job positions is if there are no blacks present to point out and correct potentially offensive coverage or racially biased material whites may not detect, the unsuspecting viewers of this material may begin to develop stereotyped and racist attitudes of blacks.

With little representation of blacks in the media, there also exists the chance that blacks and minority-related issues can be put off to the side or completely ignored.

Brewer noted the lack of minority representation in journalism prompted one national organization to suggest

"the news room should be as diverse as the population," meaning that blacks should make up (at least) more than 12 percent of the news industry.

Anyone interested in speaking to Joyce Brewer or becoming a member of the National Association of Black Journalists can contact her at the WFJM newsroom at 744-8821. Brewer will also be appearing on the campus May 13 for Press Day from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

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Joyce Brewer,  
president of the  
NABJ's Youngstown-  
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## Guest Commentary

### Student lists top ten campus peeves

DAWN GAGLIANO  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Here's a list of the top 10 list of things people do to drive me nuts:

1. People who don't hold the door open for others. While some people go whizzing through doorways, people behind them are left to think fast and grab the door, or get a body length bruise from the impact of the door slamming shut on them.

2. Sitting in the computer lab of Kilcawley Center, trying to type a paper while students outside the lab noisily engage in public displays of buffoonery. Having no consideration for people who are trying to get something accomplished, people run, yell, scream and carry on like spoiled 4-year-olds.

3. No matter which computer lab I try to work in, there is always someone in there banging on the keys with a vengeance. It never fails. Fortunately, I learned to tune it out. One day this guy got really annoyed with a woman who was pounding at the keys. Instead of asking her nicely if she would quiet down, he started doing it too. Need-

less to say, it caught on and others thought it was a game. Pretty soon, almost everyone was whacking away at their keyboards.

4. People who have group study sessions inside designated quiet study lounges or areas in the library. You people are either scathingly rude or illiterate.

5. Classmates who average 99.99 percent going into the final, insisting, "Oh my god, I am so scared! I just know I'm gonna fail this class!"

6. People who choose not to hold the elevator door open, but smirk at you as the doors close.

7. People who got trashed on St. Patrick's Day and came to the final the following day bitching about their hangovers.

8. Engaging in casual conversation only to learn some stranger has the worst life and their finals are so hard and they are just going to die before the week is over. As for you people, the counseling center is in Jones Hall!

9. Xerox machine hogs.

10. People who insist they have no time to study. Other people have jobs and families and responsibilities too. If they spent their complaining time studying, there wouldn't be a problem.

## Letters to the Editor

### Student chides Jambar's word choice

Shame on you. You showed very bad taste and extremely poor judgement in your recent editorial concerning GER deliberations. I was very much offended. Living in this day and age, I am too often forced to see or hear tasteless language choices like what you had printed. I for one do not need my school newspaper to lower itself to the amoral standards of society. It matters little that the motive behind using this form of "free speech" may have been to get a reaction from the campus community. In my opinion, if the topic was worth an editorial in the first place, then the article should have been able to stand up on its own merits and not have to rely on uncouth attention-grabbing techniques like the ones used in your editorial.

Jambar, you disappoint me.

William Huff,  
student