

Officials awaiting word on budget cuts

By LA'EL HUGHES
The Jambar

In the wake of a bleak economy, YSU has been forced to make reductions in the remaining 2003 fiscal year, and university and state officials said future budget cuts are highly likely.

According to documents from Gov. Bob Taft's office, the

state was \$65 million below its estimates for the 2003 fiscal year. Reports from Ohio's Budget and Management office said it would be necessary to "impose significant additional budget cuts."

"Due to budget cuts, the light at the end of the tunnel has been turned off," reads a pessimistic comment on reports from the OBM.

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— OHIO BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT OFFICE

Such news from the state directly affects YSU's budget. And, while YSU will be facing another tuition increase of 9.5

percent effective this summer, other areas on campus are currently feeling a financial crunch, as well.

Traci Saliba, a representative from OBM, said Taft would reveal his state budget Feb. 3.

"Somehow we will come up with a balanced budget," Saliba said.

Yet Saliba was unable to confirm which of Ohio's universities and colleges would experience budget cuts, or how much of a cut they would face

for the 2004 fiscal year, which starts in July.

University President David Sweet said to balance the rest of the budget for 2004 he would use cost control and budget cuts, but would not have any final decisions until Taft released his financial plans.

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Students cope with high cost of books

By HEATHER SHAW
The Jambar

It was mid-afternoon Tuesday, and Melissa Morvay decided she could procrastinate no more. Morvay, a junior, slung her purse over her shoulder and headed to Kilcawley Center to buy her books, confident that her \$50 would not be nearly enough.

"I had to take out extra loan money for this semester, since tuition went up, just so I could buy my books," Morvay said. "The cost of books are expensive, especially when you are buying them new."

Morvay is one of thousands of YSU students encountering high-priced books and drained check-books, and YSU's Student Government Association is investigating options to help.

Prices on books can range from as low as \$10 to hundreds of dollars for one book. For the average student taking 12 to 16 credit hours, the cost of books can add up to \$500 per semester.

Ryan McNichols, a Kilcawley Center Bookstore employee, said each student's costs will vary, but he offered

some generalizations.

"The average cost of books for students per semester can range anywhere from \$50 to \$75 or up to \$500 depending on their course load," he said.

Students said buying used books does not offer much financial relief either.

Christa Natoli, junior, called the entire system of buying books "a monopoly."

"New books are so hard to get anywhere and cost students more than they might have to spend. Used books are

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student

just as expensive, I spent \$90 on one used book and it had so many pen and ink marks on it that I could not highlight anything to study for myself," Natoli said.

While buying books is inevitable, SGA leaders say they plan to have a solution in the future.

Jeff Parks, SGA President, said, "Student Government has been looking into options for buying books. It has been discussed in several meetings, the possibility of starting an online book trade for students, which will allow them to buy and sell their new and used textbooks to other students at reasonable prices."

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STACK EM' UP: Sophomore Amanda Crago picks up a hefty stack Wednesday at the YSU Bookstore in Kilcawley Center. Crago is one of many students dropping big bucks on schoolbooks this semester.

SGA plans completion of goals, looks ahead

By ROXANNE TORELLA
The Jambar

Student Government Association leaders have reached one of three goals they set last semester and will focus on the other two in the coming months, President Jeff Parks said.



PARKS

At a meeting Monday, representatives discussed their views of last semester and future goals. Overall, SGA representatives said they were pleased with their performance.

"We did a great job on passing resolutions brought to our attention and we've shown that there is no problem on campus too small or too big to handle, SG has the power to change things," said College of Fine & Performing Arts Representative Robert Greaves.

At the beginning of fall semester, Parks said SGA would work to reconnect with students on a more personal level, reorganize the structure of business and refocus priorities. This week, Parks said he feels the restructuring was achieved last semester.

Now, Parks said he wants to reinforce the remaining two goals by focusing on the student body and their needs.

Parks and SGA Vice President Emily Eckman said one way to

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Computer crashes causing frustration

By REBECCA MARQUIS
The Jambar

Several students said a Kilcawley Center computer lab has been the place where some of their most important assignments begin and — abruptly — end.

With the return to classes this week, some said it was a return to the familiar frustrations that come with using a PC at Bytes 'N' Pieces.

The problems also have grabbed the attention of YSU's Student Government Association, and campus computer technicians have pledged to look into the lab where several term papers and documents have been lost.

Zach Zaza, a senior business major, said he became so frustrated with Bytes 'N' Pieces that he has taken his homework elsewhere.

"The computers I use now are really good, but that's just in Phelps Hall," Zaza said. "I gave up on the ones in Bytes 'N' Pieces because they might as well be on life support. I just got tired of them crashing every day."

Junior Tom Kusiowski agreed. "They freeze up, or the network takes forever," he said. "Some are completely frozen at times, and I see at least one or two people a day have problems in this lab."

Mike Hrishenko, manager of the Computer Services Help Desk, said he has

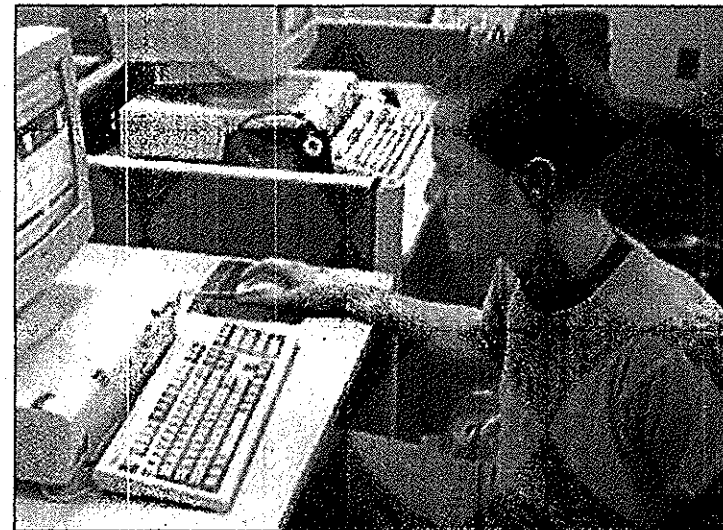
related student concerns to John Young, coordinator of Bytes 'N' Pieces. Hrishenko said Young agreed to check the lab.

"Sometimes the metal will come off of a floppy disk and if it is not reported, it could mess up the next disk," Hrishenko said.

Hrishenko said he decided to talk to Young after being contacted by junior Christa Natoli, an SGA Cabinet member who has had problems completing assignments in the lab.

Natoli, secretary of external affairs for SGA, said she was working in the non-internet portion of the computer lab behind Bytes 'N' Pieces on Monday when

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FREEZIN' UP: Junior Tom Kusiowski surfs the Internet at a lab in Kilcawley Center. Kusiowski complained that the computers on campus freeze up frequently.

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YSU Trustee H.S. Wang said he was unclear where any other budget cuts would come from because of the past cuts YSU has already made.

"I haven't been here as long as some of the other members, but I have heard that YSU has already made cuts to its bare bones," Wang said.

Terry Ondreyka, vice president of Financial Affairs, said another tuition increase for YSU students is not in the foreseeable future.

"We have been keeping

close attention to what is going on in Columbus," Ondreyka said. "I am not personally knowledgeable on what the reductions will be."

But Ondreyka said he does believe that there will be budget cuts in higher education.

"I know President Sweet is highly committed to looking at other alternatives," Ondreyka said.

However, the university's capital dollars during the 2003 fiscal year have received a significant decrease as state dol-

lars continued to spiral down. The capital improvement budget is monies used to maintain the physical structure of campus buildings, such as classrooms, labs, and heating and cooling systems.

YSU's campus development budget received a reduction of \$650,000 and technology upgrades received a reduction of \$674,736.

However, during the YSU Board of Trustees meeting on Dec. 18, the monies were reinstated for technology upgrades

by taking out a loan from the Sick Leave Conversion Fund for \$730,000. The Sick Leave Conversion Fund is used to pay faculty and staff when they are on sick leave.

Ondreyka said the departments on campus did not receive any adjustments in their budgets but did note that departments are impacted when there can not be changes to the university's facilities.

"These capital dollars would have been used to improve computer labs in

Meshell and science labs in Ward Beecher," Ondreyka said. "This is the money that supports the behind the scenes stuff. Such as keeping the rooms warm during these cold winter months."

But, Dennis Clouse, director of university Planning and Construction, said YSU students shouldn't notice any significant changes.

"We still have money left to keep the rooms warm," Clouse said. "What we are concerned about is creating new

space that we have to worry about."

Clouse commented on the computer and science lab upgrades.

"Those are on going projects," Clouse said. "We have already renovated the labs that needed immediate attention in Ward Beecher. And, there will be a computer lab added in Bliss Hall."

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Parks plans to eliminate the middleman in buying books with a new Web site for students. Several Web sites are being investigated to house the YSU online book-trading site.

Parks said the site could start next year.

Until then, other students said there are alternative ways to buy books for less money.

Sophomore Gina Grapevine said she saved about \$50 on books by calling Campus Book and Supply and The YSU bookstore ahead of time.

"I checked prices on the price of my books at both stores and then I checked the prices for my books online," Grapevine said. "Although I had to buy my books at different places, I saved."

Other students looked for book bargains off campus.

Junior Scott Seeley found the books he needed for class at retail bookstores.

"Most of the books sold at college bookstores are overpriced," said Seeley. "I chose to shop around at retail stores, like Barnes and Noble and found some of the books I needed, brand new and for a lot less."

While students have the option to make money by returning books, some students said returning books is not profitable.

"I would rather keep my book as a reference instead of return it for a mere \$15 dollars," Natoli said. "It just seems students don't benefit from buying or returning books as far as the price goes."

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Emily Eckman said one way to reconnect with the students is to hold student forums as scheduled. They said student forums give the student body a chance to ask questions to the SGA Executive Committee in hopes of some type of action or change.

Eckman added that said she is looking forward to the forums and student feedback.

"One of the reasons we decided to hold the forums this semester instead of last semester is that the student body is more familiar with Student Government and will be more willing to ask questions," Eckman said.

Although there is no date set for the forums at this time, both Parks and Eckman said that they will definitely be held this semester and they encouraged students to attend and ask questions.

"Holding the forums this semester invites more student complaints and questions from last semester," Parks said.

Although SGA representatives are happy with their performance last semester, some feel that there are still things they need to address.

College of Arts & Sciences Representative Michael Phillips said he feels discussion is good, but SGA representatives need to work on speaking out on issues about which they feel strongly.

Representatives also agree that taking action on important issues is necessary this semester.

"This semester it's time to get on the ball with projects and to not put them off anymore," College of Business Administration Representative Dan Proccopio said.

Representatives are not

only working as a SGA body on important issues concerning the university, but also individually on issues of their own concern. Some issues include student book trading, major course hours, department funding and fund raisers.

With two major goals to focus on this semester and many individual goals to reach, SGA said they have a high standard for themselves this semester.

Adviser Marty Manning said SGA needs to get started now and within the next two months start tackling the problems brought to their attention by the student body.

"Everyone has to be ready to work hard," Eckman said. "We have a lot to do this semester."

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the computer she was using displayed an error.

"Everything on disk will be destroyed" Natoli said she read on the monitor.

Natoli then took her disk, which had contained class papers due the next day, to the SGA office - only to discover that her files were no longer on it and they had been replaced with a file that Natoli described as "blocks and letters."

Fortunately, she said, her professors were very understanding.

Natoli said this was the third time she has lost data in that particular com-

puter lab in the past year, and she said she is not the only one who has had problems.

"It's happened to a lot of students," Natoli said. "It's a really big stress."

Natoli said Hrishenko offered as much help as he could be.

"He offered to examine the disk and see if it could be restored," she said.

Senior Don Rudolph, SGA secretary of student services, said he also has experienced problems in the lab.

Rudolph said he was working on drafting new SGA resolutions when he lost everything.

"We were just about done and then

everything was gone," Rudolph said.

An electronics maintenance service employee said he was not familiar with the problem, although he said it seemed like a software problem - not a hardware problem.

"[The computer] won't [erase a disk] on its own, you have to agree to it," John Gordon said.

Young said that due to a "ghost" program the lab uses, those computers "very rarely" become infected with viruses.

No one, however, could positively identify what caused the problem.

"It's difficult to address what's

wrong if we don't even know the problem," said Donna Esterly, interim chief technology director.

Esterly also said that students should call the Help Desk at extension 1595 if they experience a problem.

Natoli echoed Esterly's sentiment.

"I want people to vocalize the problem so they will fix it," she said.

"My tuition pays for those computers and I expect them to work."

Ronnie Gura contributed to this article.

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Today's Editorials

Taft wastes no time to break promise

Anyone can form a committee and say they are actively addressing a problem.

After all, committees are cheap, they stroke the egos of wannabe politicians who sit on them and they provide a superficial solution.

So, at his inauguration Monday in Columbus, Gov. Bob Taft once again took the easy way out. The second-term Republican promised a governor's commission to oversee state universities. The commission is supposed to help formulate ideas for how Ohio's schools can better operate.

Sounds good, right?

But if you were listening to Taft on the campaign trail last year, you would have no doubt heard what we heard: A promise to increase funding at state universities.

Now Taft is backing away from that promise in favor of the more superficial one. Unfortunately, unlike a clear-cut funding initiative, Taft's commission is much more vague. In reality, it likely will yield no positive result for YSU.

Students failed to unite to show a collective outrage last fall when Taft ran for re-election, and the incumbent won with ease over Democrat Tim Hagan, who also made promises to increase education funding.

The problem is we had reason to give Hagan a chance; Taft had proven himself incapable of being a friend to higher education.

YSU is continuing its free fall into deficit hell. Not even a hefty tuition increase is able to pull us out, and with administrators doing all they can to cut costs, Taft owes us a break. He owes everyone a break.

Hey, he promised, right?

In a society where people have become so cynical of their political leaders, Taft has done nothing but upheld the stereotype as a promise-breaker. His commission will never be able to solve the individual problems universities face. That is because the individual problems are almost entirely a matter of dollars and cents.

Commissions have been formed to study anything from aging to social security to drugs, and very few times are dollars handed out to these causes. That's why politicians form them — to try to fool the public into thinking a solution is being made.

Sorry, Gov. Taft. But your games don't work for us. We have paid a lot of tuition dollars to become smart enough to learn that your politicking is nothing more than BS.

Do something, for once in your unimpressive career, that actually helps students.

And now on to a good gubernatorial decision

From a governor who has done something low to another who has done something refreshing, before Illinois Gov. George Ryan left office Monday, he dropped a bombshell on residents of the state.

Ryan, a Republican, cleared death row, saying studies have shown that far too often the wrong people are put to death and that far too often death sentences are executed with sprinkles of injustice.

Most of the former death row inmates had their sentences commuted to life in prison, which is an apt punishment for the most evil of crimes. Some say Ryan abused his power, and advocates of the death penalty find it disgusting.

We, however, find it refreshing because it shows an open mind and an ability to be compassionate while at the same time recognizing one of humanity's biggest oxy morons.

Students at Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism led the way in Illinois with research into death row cases. Their findings, which pointed out the many flaws with the system, fueled Ryan's decision.

We hope this will be the first in many soul-searches and open discussions on the death penalty.

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Dr. Sweet has failed students

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS
Guest Commentary



Well, the new semester is here, and it hasn't taken very long for Dr. Sweet to start the old screw job. Actually, to be fair, the worst news was announced before this semester if that's any consolation.

Dr. Sweet has once again released the albatross to soar ominously over the heads of all students who plan on being at YSU at least one more year. That's right, kids, it's time to listen to the "Tuition Must Be Raised" album. The box set includes the hits "The State Dit It" and "In Order to Better Serve Students..."

Why is it that the private sector has operated for years without having to pass off budget deficits onto consumers? Could it have something to do with accountability? Perhaps.

Is it directly lined to a vast difference in the talent of the private sector as compared to the public? It's possible.

But the main component is the

Darwinian method of business that the public, government-funded business does not seem to understand.

If you own a business and continue to raise your prices without giving more product for said price increase, eventually you will lose all business. But with public institutions, like this university, there is no such thing.

Dr. Sweet can piss away all the money he wants because he knows he can just go to the students. He even has the ethical loophole that we've been hearing about for the last 18 months: The state forced us.

I can't even begin to tell you how insulting that is. The facts are not in dispute, and the state of Ohio has been cutting higher education funding, but there are other ways of balancing a budget. Cuts, layoffs, benefit reductions, and most of all, suspending raises for a period of time are all options on the table.

But, the teachers and other members of the fascist organization we affectionately call a union just had to have their raises. Dr. Sweet and his cabinet of jesters had to have raises. Everyone got their raises.

Even the students. But not a pay raise, mind you — a tuition raise.

I would love someone to explain to me

how the classified staff and faculty were given a "cost of living" raise, seeing as how the cost of living here in good old Y-town rose by 1.3 percent, while the students are once again hit by a tuition hike.

If the teachers need more money to live here — which, by the way, is laughable — then why is it that there was not even an eye batted when the students were asked to once again pay more money, which apparently does not go as far as it once did?

Dr. Sweet has failed. We could go deep into the realm of benefits and argue the illegitimacy of paying for teachers' health-care premium increases, but we won't.

There's no point to it, and it's a waste of my time to write and yours to read. We lost.

The students will continue to lose until Dr. Sweet is dethroned, and the Board of Trustees is made up of people with new ideas — ones that do not include tuition raises.

The writer is a Student Government Association Representative to the College of Arts & Sciences.

An issue of fairness and justice

BY HOWARD METTEE
Guest Commentary

There's been a lot of principled discussion regarding domestic partners these days.

Particularly there has been talk with respect to the propriety of the faculty pursuing what some see as a minority right. Namely, the expectation that the same insurance coverage extendable now to bargaining unit members' spouses and family dependents also be afforded to unmarried significant others who share the same geographic domicile.

Not everyone fits in this category of human habitation of course, so it is not a "strike issue" in the minds of the 192 out of 211 faculty who votes in favor of our 2002-05 contract — a near miraculous achievement given the conditions facing both the faculty and YSU at the time.

One might hazard a guess that not all the 19 dissenting votes were opposed because domestic partners were not included in the insurance package (though they were in sick leave). So, it is clearly a minority issue in terms of direct impact. Why should a faculty union continue to advocate its bargaining position after the curtain has fallen on this most recent negotiation?

Welcome to the university, a marketplace of ideas where the right to free expression is the key prerequisite to academic freedom. From creationism to evolution, from conservatism to liberalism, from

material to transcendental, you name it, we talk about it.

It may at times make us a little queasy, but that's the nature of the academic world. Without such latitude we might as well pack our bags and find other work because it is that flame of curiosity and free speech that sparks the freedom of the mind the human race needs to make any progress.

"Without it we are shams and hypocrites in front of our own students and the community. How could we call ourselves scholars?"

Without it we are shams and hypocrites in front of our own students and the community. How could we call ourselves scholars?

But, you say, this is too general an argument — freedom of speech — when domestic partners, are well, so embarrassing.

Welcome to the union — a democratically elected agent formed to represent the faculty in matters of wages, hours and working conditions. Insurance benefits are of course a time-honored component of wages, like retirement.

If the union did not pursue these matters, we wouldn't be doing our job either. When we fought to secure our faculty rights we enjoy today — sabbaticals, departmental governance, even the right to

bargain in the first place — many issues were controversial.

But if we didn't pursue them, the wheels of injustice would continue to turn, unless management made these corrections of their own accord. Controversial issues are nothing new here.

Does the union pursue the domestic partner issue merely out of a sense of obligation or academic tradition? Now maybe one can see the sense of equity coming into play. Why should a faculty member be discriminated against because they chose a nontraditional form of domestic partnering in forming a long-term relationship?

Should this disqualify the partner from insurance benefits, normally and readily extended to more traditionally accepted domestic dependents? This is not deciding when life begins or when to apply the death penalty. This is deciding to recognize there are more diverse forms of human relationships than we once may have thought appropriate, or we may still even disagree with.

But this does not mean simple human equity cannot be extended to those colleagues with whom we might disagree. We are just saying now is the time to move the line.

Fairness demands it; justice requires it!

The writer is a chemistry professor and secretary of the YSU-Ohio Education Association faculty union.

Letters to the Editor

Goodbye YSU tuition raises, hello Kent State

Editor:

For the past two years I made the commute to YSU from Ashtabula County — about 60 miles each way — five days a week. After a while the drive got old, and I thought there has got to be something better than this.

Well, YSU's good friend Dr. Sweet made that decision easy for me with his numerous tuition hikes. I am now paying \$1,200 less to go to Kent than to attend YSU. Another reason I decided to leave Youngstown was any thing over 16 hours is going to cost you.

I have looked at many schools in the state and you can take up

to 20 hours for the same bulk rate. Come on Dr. Sweet, most of our parents don't make as much money as you do so we are stuck with what the government gives us, leaving myself and many others to take out student loans.

I'm not too hot on taking loans out to attend the school with the cute nickname of "You Screwed Up".

Maybe when the YSU board sees that Sweet isn't all he cracked up to be, they will stop giving him the nice pay raises and think about the students for once.

Harry Powell
Former YSU student

Narrow-minded attitudes force domestic partners debate further

Editor:

I am a current YSU student and have had it up to here (Hand shoots way over her head). I cannot remain silent another moment, because finally I have been shoved violently over my invisible line of tolerance.

I am of course responding to James Stein's "odious" and "morally repugnant" letter that appeared in The Jamba on Tuesday, Dec. 3 2002. What really gets me are people like Stein. People who are so sensitive that they can't even partake in a debate; they want only to end the discussion and the growth that comes with it.

I think that it is "perverted" for people to assume they know how the majority of people feel about a topic they are not even willing to converse about. I love how I keep reading that the majority agree with Katz's letter, yet every student I've talked to about the topic has shown support for domestic benefits. I do think the students should have a voice in this topic, as it is our university. Yet I notice nobody has asked how we feel about it.

And why is it OK for Stein and Katz to "bash" the gay lifestyle, but Stein feels he can tell us not to "bash Katz"? Perhaps if Katz were willing to debate there would be no bashing going on, perhaps there would be communication instead.

I for one feel that domestic benefits would "change the world forever for the better" because YSU could set a trend that would help gay/lesbian couples across Ohio and the United States. Stein made it very clear that he personally doesn't wish to see that happen, but that is only his opinion. So why not let the supporters fight for their rights? Why tell us to "move on" when clearly we don't want to? Clearly it is important to more than just a tiny minority if we feel the need to discuss it cover to cover in The Jamba for such a long time.

As for how John DeSimone is "perceived by society," Stein should let society perceive DeSimone for themselves and not force his narrow-minded opinion on everyone else.

Kathleen A. Hollis
Senior, English

Trustees make plans to simplify student fee process

BY ANGELA OLIN &
ROXANNE TORELLA
The Jambar

The YSU Board of Trustees has resolved to simplify student fees after several students expressed their concern last semester of "random" fees appearing on their bills.

Starting summer semester of 2003, the current four fees — instructional, multi-service, general and technology — will be simplified to one sum entitled "tuition charge," according to the resolution from the YSU Board of Trustees.

The resolution, approved at the Dec. 18 meeting, will restructure the fees making a per-credit hour rate constant and will more accurately reflect costs.

"It's going to make it fairer and make it easier for students

and staff," said Eileen Greaif, assistant to the vice president for financial operation and planning.

Greaif said the restructuring will take the burden off part-time students.

She said that under the current fees charge a part-time student who is taking three credit hours is charged \$226 for each credit hour and for a full-time student taking 12 hours \$208 for each credit hour. Under the restructuring, all students will be charged a flat rate of \$210 per credit hour.

In the restructuring, the technology fee will be converted from a flat rate into a per-credit hour basis for undergraduate and graduate students and will eliminate the fee for all incoming freshmen.

Greaif said that previously each student was charged \$50

regardless if the student was part-time or full-time.

The multi-service fee also will be converted from a flat rate into a per-credit hour basis and merge into the general fee. However, freshmen will pay an additional per-credit hour amount to help with the administrative expenses, including orientation, advising and registration.

The general, technology and administrative fee will be used to charge students exceeding hours taken outside of the bulk rate, which is 12 to 16 hours.

According to a report prepared by Financial Affairs for the Board of Trustees, the restructuring of fees will "provide a user-friendly fee bill statement" and provide a lower cost of tuition to part-time students.

The report states the current tuition and mandatory fees have a number of disadvantages.

It states it is difficult for students to budget their educational costs because the fees could differ each semester depending on the amount and type of classes the student is taking.

It also states the bills are often confusing for students to understand and the explanation of the charges is not always clear.

"[Lab fees] tend to confuse me," freshman Jeff Martillo said. "I don't really understand what I'm paying for."

Some students agreed saying they are not sure at times why there are charges on their statement.

"I was charged a \$45 lab fee for my Communication

1545 class," said junior Frank O'Hara.

"I don't know why. We only used one videotape and a projector. I guess I bought a \$45 video of me giving a speech."

Junior James O'Rell agreed.

"In my visual basics class, we have a \$60 lab fee and I don't know why," O'Rell said.

"The PC's we use are ancient and I highly doubt that they're still paying for them."

Chair of Accounting and Finance Peter Woodlock said departments use the fees to cover the cost of supplies.

However, he said, he agrees that students do not always see justification in the fees.

Woodlock said he receives a number of complaints from students regarding the fees. Although, he said, student's

complaints do not always go unresolved.

After a complaint, the student has the right to be reimbursed — if after a meeting with the instructor he or she determines that the instructor did not use the planned lab materials and the expenses were not reasonable.

There will be a YSU trustees meeting in March to approve the resolution to make fee changes effective during the upcoming summer semester.

Joe Simon contributed to this article.

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Atwater seeks prof nominations

BY STAFF REPORT
The Jambar

Provost Tony Atwater is asking students, faculty members, department chairs and college deans to submit nominations for the 2002-03 Distinguished Professorship Awards.

Eligibility for the awards are limited to faculty members in the bargaining unit and

department chairs. An awards committee will select the recipients when it meets in late February, Atwater said in a letter to university faculty and officials.

Deadline for nominations is Feb. 13.

Awards will be given at the April 22 Honors Convocation in four areas: excellence in teaching, excellence in university service,

excellence in scholarship and excellence in public service.

"This process is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the excellence in teaching, scholarship, university service, and public service characteristic of the faculty of YSU," Atwater said in the letter.

Nomination forms can be obtained from the Provost's office.

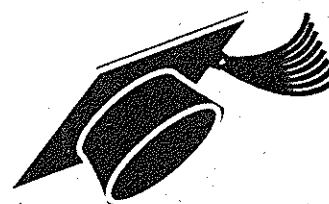
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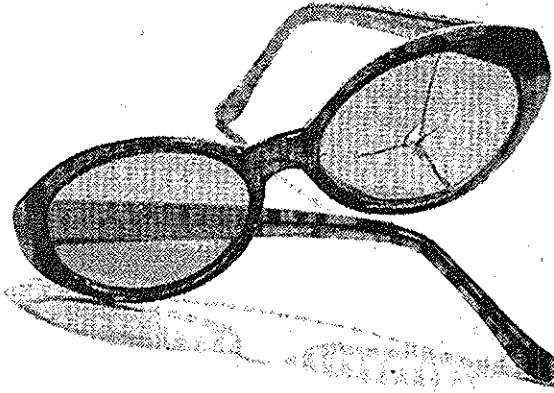


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Questions regarding the application process should be directed to:
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Spring 2003**

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Day	Date	Time	Topic	Location
Wednesday	Jan. 22	2:00 p.m.	Goal Setting & Decision Making	Gallery, KC
Monday	Jan. 27	12:00 noon	Goal Setting & Decision Making	Gallery, KC
Tuesday	Feb. 4	1:00 p.m.	Time Management & Procrastination	Room 2068, KC
Wednesday	Feb. 5	9:00 a.m.	Time Management & Procrastination	Room 2068, KC
Monday	Feb. 10	8:00 p.m.	The Messages You Send: Tips on College Etiquette	Room 2068, KC
Tuesday	Feb. 11	9:00 a.m.	Introduction to Researching on the Internet*	Wilcox CRC, BCOE
Wednesday	Feb. 19	4:00 p.m.	Learning Styles	Gallery, KC
Thursday	Feb. 20	3:00 p.m.	Introduction to Researching on the Internet*	Wilcox CRC, BCOE
Tuesday	Feb. 25	2:00 p.m.	Learning styles	Room 2068, KC
Wednesday	Feb. 26	2:00 p.m.	Note Taking & Mind Mapping	Room 2068, KC
Thursday	Feb. 27	1:00 p.m.	Note Taking & Mind Mapping	Room 2068, KC
Monday	March 3	9:00 a.m.	Test Preparation	Room 2068, KC
Tuesday	March 4	3:00 p.m.	Test Anxiety and Relaxation	Jones Room, KC
Wednesday	March 5	4:00 p.m.	The Messages You Send: Tips on College Etiquette	Room 2068, KC
Monday	March 17	10:00 a.m.	Exploring Speed Reading	Room 2068, KC
Tuesday	March 18	12:00 noon	Memory Techniques	Room 2068, KC
Wednesday	March 19	4:00 p.m.	Studying Text	Room 2068, KC
Thursday	March 20	3:00 p.m.	Exploring Speed Reading	Room 2068, KC
Monday	March 31	11:00 a.m.	Studying Text	Room 2068, KC
Tuesday	April 1	1:00 p.m.	Writing an Organized and Thoughtful Paper	Room 2068, KC
Wednesday	April 2	2:00 p.m.	Tips for Advisement and Registration	Gallery, KC
Monday	April 7	8:00 p.m.	Tips for Advisement and Registration	Multipurpose Rm, Cafaro House
Monday	April 14	10:00 a.m.	Writing a Thoughtful and Organized Paper	Room 2068, KC
Thursday	April 17	9:00 a.m.	Studying Text	Room 2068, KC
Monday	April 21	4:00 p.m.	Healthy Eating	Room 2068, KC
Tuesday	April 22	11:00 a.m.	Healthy Eating	Room 2068, KC
Wednesday	April 23	4:00 p.m.	Proofreading and Editing Papers	Room 2068, KC
Thursday	April 24	1:00 p.m.	Proofreading and Editing Papers	Jones Rm, KC
Wednesday	April 30	9:00 a.m.	Test Preparation	Gallery, KC
Thursday	May 1	3:00 p.m.	Test Anxiety and Relaxation	Jones Rm, KC

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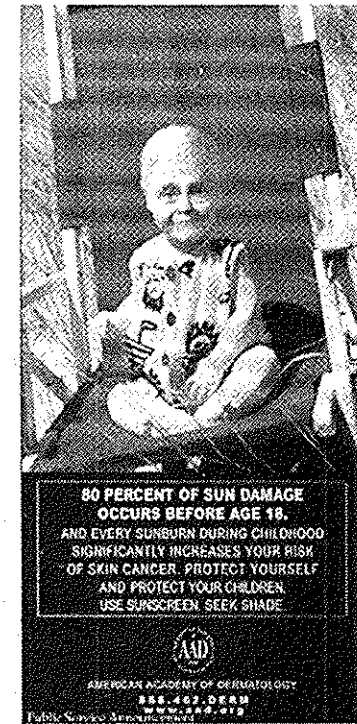
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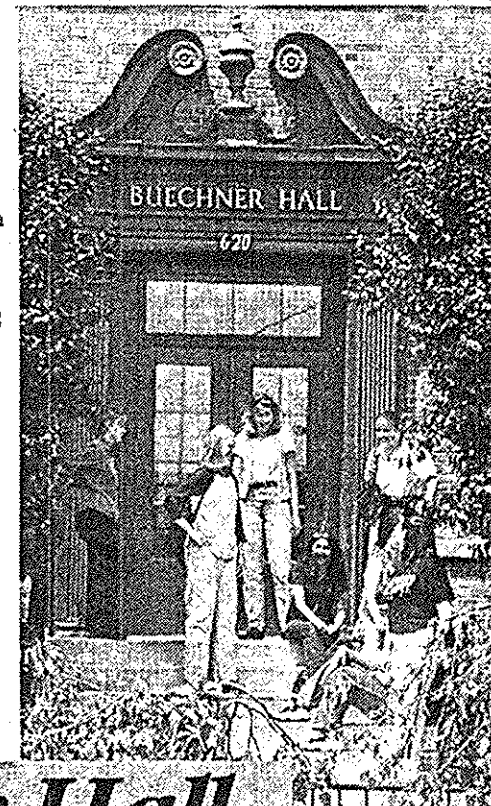
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By ALICIA HOUSTON
The Jambor

"Praying for Rain," a student production will debut this weekend at Bliss Hall.

The play will be produced by Blackbox Production Company, which establishes a forum that allows theater students to receive hands-on experience in selecting plays, directing, performing, creating sets and providing technical support for theater productions.

Junior Dangelo Brian Bonilla, theater studies, most recently seen as Wagner in the production of "Dr. Faustus," is directing the play.

Bonilla, who selected the script, cast and crew for "Praying for Rain," said he wanted to choose a play opposite of last spring's "Betty's Summer Vacation," which he also directed.

"I wanted something not so flashy, but very dramatic," Bonilla said.

"I was looking through scripts and kept seeing this one. It was like I was meant to do this show."

"Praying for Rain," tells the story of a high school football player who is involved in a near-fatal motorcycle accident. His resistance to pull away from his friends Chris and Jim lead him down a path to self-destruction.

Then, his teacher Miss K. forces him to look inside himself and examine the decisions he has made.

The play, written by Robert Lewis Vaughn, was written shortly after the Columbine High School tragedy. Bonilla said the play can be described as dark and angry, but possesses sentiments of hope.

Bonilla said that in "Praying for Rain" each character plays an important role in the development of the story and all of the actors work together in what he calls "theater working at its best."

He said he believes that this type of play is an "every man" kind of show and will be appreciated by educators and students alike.

Senior Alecia Sarkis, theater production and performance, said that she is optimistic the play will be well received.

"Every audience member will somehow relate to one or more of the characters," said Sarkis, who will be portraying Liz in the play.

"The audience will enter excited but come out actually thinking about life."

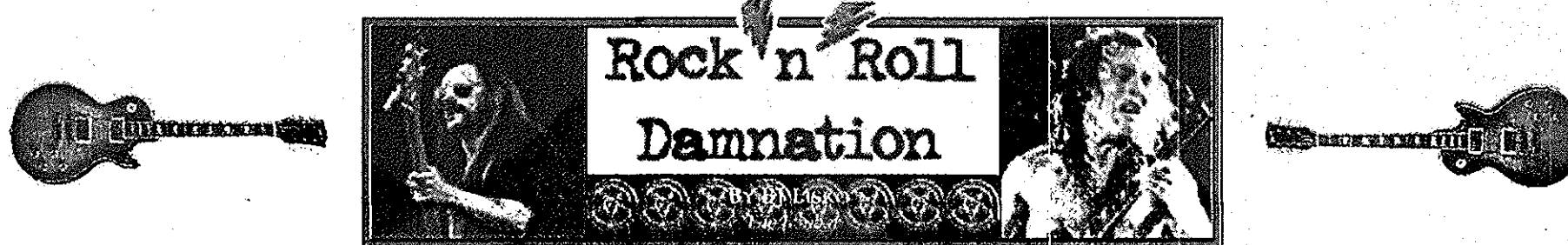
Missy Bender, who will be portraying Erin in the play, agrees.

"This is a really good show," said Bender.

"There's not a happy-ending, it's very dark, but it's a very good show. It will open a lot of eyes."

"Praying for Rain" will debut Thursday at the Spotlight Arena Theater at 8 p.m. Performances will last through Sunday.

Call Alicia Houston at (330) 941-3758.



Broken Teeth 'Keepin' it raw'

Texas rock band draw from past to step into future.

By BJ LISKO
The Jambor



Glam rock. Just the phrase conjures images of spandex pants, big hair, purple guitars, and sordid tales of groupie escapades.

But with the change in times, tight pants and big hair were replaced with flannels and chain wallets and the glam scene all but disintegrated with the early 1990s.

Fast-forward half of a decade. Reunion extravaganza took place from coast to coast as damn near every 80s band with the pulse of a rotting sarcophagus suddenly put music into motion once again. For many, it was one last fleeting hurrah of sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll that once encompassed all aspects of their everyday lives.

Or so we thought.

Even after perhaps the novelty wore off, bands like Quiet Riot, Ratt, Skid Row, and a fatter, balded Warrant decided to record and release more original music, claiming to resurrect rock 'n' roll. Some adopted a punk rock look, and re-named their projects names like Beautiful Creatures and American Pearl, but ultimately produced very little, if anything, of substance.

However, one group of 80s rockers has managed to succeed where their peers have failed, even if it happened by accident. Jason McMaster and Mike Watson of 80s raunch 'n' rollers Dangerous Toys, along with former Dirty Looks guitarist Paul Lidel lead the five-piece rock riot Broken Teeth.

Hailing from Austin, Texas, Broken Teeth sound like the demon child of early AC/DC or Rose Tattoo, complete with "Oi's" and numerous references to the dark prince.

"Broken Teeth started out as a joke," said singer Jason McMaster.

According to McMaster, Perris Records wanted some of



Photo courtesy of Broken Teeth

HIGH VOLTAGE: Austin Texas rockers Broken Teeth have just released their sophomore effort "Guilty Pleasures." The AC/DC influenced band plan to tour the east this spring.

the Dangerous Toys members to write some AC/DC style rock songs.

"I caught wind of it and sort of pushed everyone out of the way like I usually do," said McMaster laughing.

"We just said lets really try to sound like AC/DC. We actually stopped at points when we were writing and said, 'Does that sound like an Angus solo?' or 'Does that sound like Bon?'"

Unlike their peers, Broken Teeth avoided extravagant production on their latest release, "Guilty Pleasures," and made the AC/DC album that AC/DC hasn't made since "Highway to Hell."

"It's all old school, and all recorded live," said McMaster. "If you work on a record too long your going to miss something."

Broken Teeth recorded all the tracks for their latest album in just three days. Maybe on purpose, maybe because McMaster keeps the busiest schedule of anyone in the business.

He still fronts Dangerous Toys who are about to embark on a tour of Japan, as well as death metal group Hellpig.

"I have three s'titty jobs so I can play rock 'n'

roll," said McMaster, who says he is trying to build Broken Teeth from the ground up. "I made that record on flipping burgers."

McMaster is optimistic about succeeding in a genre that's not getting many breaks, especially in America.

"You can't get pissed about it," he said. "You have to stay true to what your all about."

Even despite being thrown into the glam metal scene of the late 80s, McMaster and Dangerous Toys have always had a hint of dirty rock in their sound. Lidel's Dirty Looks had it even more so.

McMaster mentioned bands like Rhino Bucket, Judas Priest and Motorhead throughout the interview, clearing up any confusion about where his roots lie and he's certainly not too keen on some of his peers from decades past.

"The new 80s-era albums are so weak — they're a joke," he said. "We're keeping it raw."

That they certainly do.

For more info visit www.brokenteeth.com.

Call BJ Lisko at (330) 941-1807.

Movie Review

'Two Towers' picks up action-packed pace

By JOE SIMON
The Jambor

Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers — another epic tale filled with elves, dwarves and everything in between.

The second movie to J.R.R. Tolkien's novel/trilogy is an action-packed adventure that will keep you fascinated every second. Yes, it's three hours long, but you won't even know it — it's that good.

However, if you have not seen the first movie you definitely don't want to see this classic flick just yet, because the show has countless twists and turns that I am still learning about.

The sequel picks up where the first movie — "The Fellowship of the Ring" — concluded when the courageous Frodo [Elijah Wood] and his loyal friend Sam are lost in the hills, desperately seeking Mount Doom to destroy the ring in the volcanic fires.

During their adventure they notice that Gollum, once a hobbit himself, is following them. After being tortured by Sauron's forces — Sauron is the dark lord who created the ring — Gollum is now a disgusting, ghastly looking creature. After being released by Sauron for giving him the name of the bearer of the ring, Gollum has been on an endless quest for it.

The fellowship that was formed to destroy the ring in the initial movie was fractured in battle. The hobbits Merry and Pippin, friends of Frodo and Sam, were kidnapped; the wizard Gandalf plunged into a canyon while fighting a demon; and the human Boromir was slain by enemy soldiers.

Yet, those still alive continue their quest to find their lost companions and to ultimately help Frodo on his mission to destroy the ring.

With different journeys going on, the movie sporadically shows clips from each expedition. By doing so, the

film constantly keeps you guessing what's happening elsewhere.

The plot would be enough to intrigue nearly all movie lovers, but the special effects are what make this movie second to none. They are out of this world — and that's a severe understatement.

It provides enchanting castles, colossal towers, talking trees, some of the most fascinating characters you'll ever see and scenery that is unlike any I've ever seen.

This was one of the first movies I have been to in months — yes, I have no life — and I must say that it was worth the \$7.25 that I spent to watch it. It was more action packed than the first one and adds new characters and plots that are entertaining and amusing.

From time to time the dialogue used in this movie is somewhat difficult to understand, however it adds a different aspect to the film that merges very well with the whimsical background.

A minor fault to the movie is that it is rather confusing. So, if possible, watch the first movie twice, and then you might want to take notes of all the different characters' names.

The village names sound like some of the character names and vice versa, so unless you're an avid fan there will be times when you probably won't know exactly which person or village they're talking about.

The film was able to mix adventure, action, a Harry Potter-like intrigue and more ploys than an episode of Seinfeld. I guarantee that if you enjoyed The Fellowship of the Ring, you will be as overjoyed as I am with The Two Towers.

But, remember that this is a trilogy and you're not going to get the typical open-and-shut movie theme that is usually displayed.

Call Joe Simon at (330) 941-3758.

Weekend Calender

Nyabinghi, Friday - ALL AGES 6 p.m., From A Second Story Window, Narcissus, Vessel, 11 p.m. 18+, Nilbog, Gnaghi, Saturday - ALL AGES 5 p.m., Cyrus, Audible Thread, Bonedust, Spathole, Sunday - ALL AGES 6 p.m., Alias X, Pleasureburn, Soma, Lost Cause.

Cedars, Friday - Livid, The Breezeway, Saturday - Silverlace, Driven.

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