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Faculty blast trustees over waiver

BY LA'EL HUGHES
The Jambar

Faculty and union officials say they are outraged that the university has voted to suspend national searches for candidates for top-level administrative jobs at Youngstown State University.

The YSU Board of Trustees last week adopted an amendment that will allow the university president to waive national searches for top administrators in special circumstances — a move that casts YSU apart from at least two other Ohio universities where national searches are always

performed for top-level administrative positions.

Administrative officers of the university include deans of the six colleges, the dean of Graduate Studies and Research and any executive director.

Joseph Nohra, chairman of the Board of Trustees, said he and the other trustees have

been discussing the issue for several months.



NOHRA

Nohra said cost was one of the reasons for adopting the waiver for national searches. He said the resolu-

tion would allow the university to look at "in-house candidates."

"Doing a national search can be very costly to the university, and why do one if you already have someone in-house that can be put into the

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Students borrow more for college

BY CHRISTINA POE
The Jambar

Current YSU students are borrowing almost 50 percent more money for their educations than those who attended in 2001.

James Stanger, associate director for technology and support services in the office of Financial Aid and Scholarships, said the number of students taking out loans has steadily increased since fiscal year 2001.

Documents from the office of Financial Aid and Scholarships show that the loans distributed during the 2001 fiscal year totaled about \$21 million. During the 2003 fiscal year, students borrowed about \$38 million and so far, the total for the 2004 fiscal year is about \$40 million — a 46 percent increase from 2001 and a 5 percent increase from 2003.

Though the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships shows a hefty increase in loans from fiscal year 2001 to fiscal year 2003, a report from the Ohio Board of Regents shows that YSU students borrow less than those attending many other state institutions.

Ron Cole, manager of news and information services, said the most recent performance report from the Ohio Board of Regents says YSU students need to borrow less to pay for their education than those attending college elsewhere.

The average first-time YSU student borrowed \$2,700 in federal loans, according to the report. The state average for federal loans to attend public, four-year institutions was \$3,658 and the national average was \$3,158.

The Board of Regents report said only first-time students attending the University of Akron borrowed less money in federal loans than students at YSU. The average figure for the University of Akron is \$2,686.

Kent State University's average was \$3,696, while Cleveland State University first-time students borrowed \$3,379.

One YSU student, freshman Alisha Collins, said she realizes that YSU is a good value compared to many other public universities.

Vice President for Financial Affairs Terri Ondreyka said the cost of attending YSU has increased 25.3 percent since fall of 2001, when tuition was \$2,174 a semester. It now costs \$2,724.

Ondreyka said officials See BORROW, page 2

Bed bugs are a biting threat

BY KIRSTEN SCHARNBERG
Chicago Tribune

NEW YORK — This is going to make your skin crawl.

Bedbugs — those tenacious, blood-sucking little critters that once were so successfully eradicated from the United States that parents teased small children about them at bedtime — are making a comeback. A big, itchy, coast-to-coast comeback.

At least 28 states reported an influx of bedbugs in 2002. The bugs have shown up in homes, apartment buildings and even world-class luxury hotels. One entomologist called them "the new scourge of America," and Orkin Inc., the nation's second-largest pest-control company, has predicted a 25 to 30 percent increase in bedbug extermination jobs for the next four years.

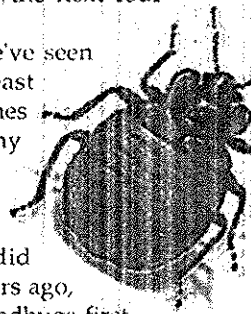
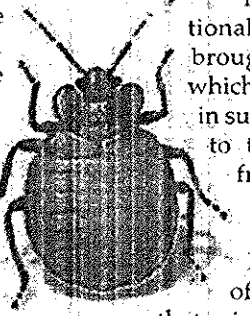
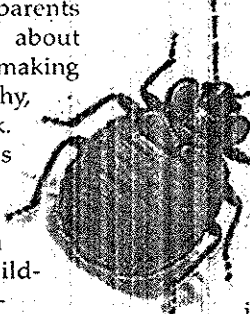
"We've seen at least five times as many cases this year as we did two years ago, when bedbugs first

started re-emerging," said Frank Meek, Orkin's national pest-control manager.

The reasons for the recent return of the bedbug — or, Cimex lectularius to bug aficionados — appear to be twofold. First, an increase in international travel has brought the bugs, which often stow away in suitcases or clothing, to the United States from countries where bedbugs remain common. In addition, many of the pesticides that virtually eliminated the bugs from the United States in the last century no longer are in use because they have proven dangerous to humans.

The bugs start out nearly invisible — less than a quarter of an inch long and so light

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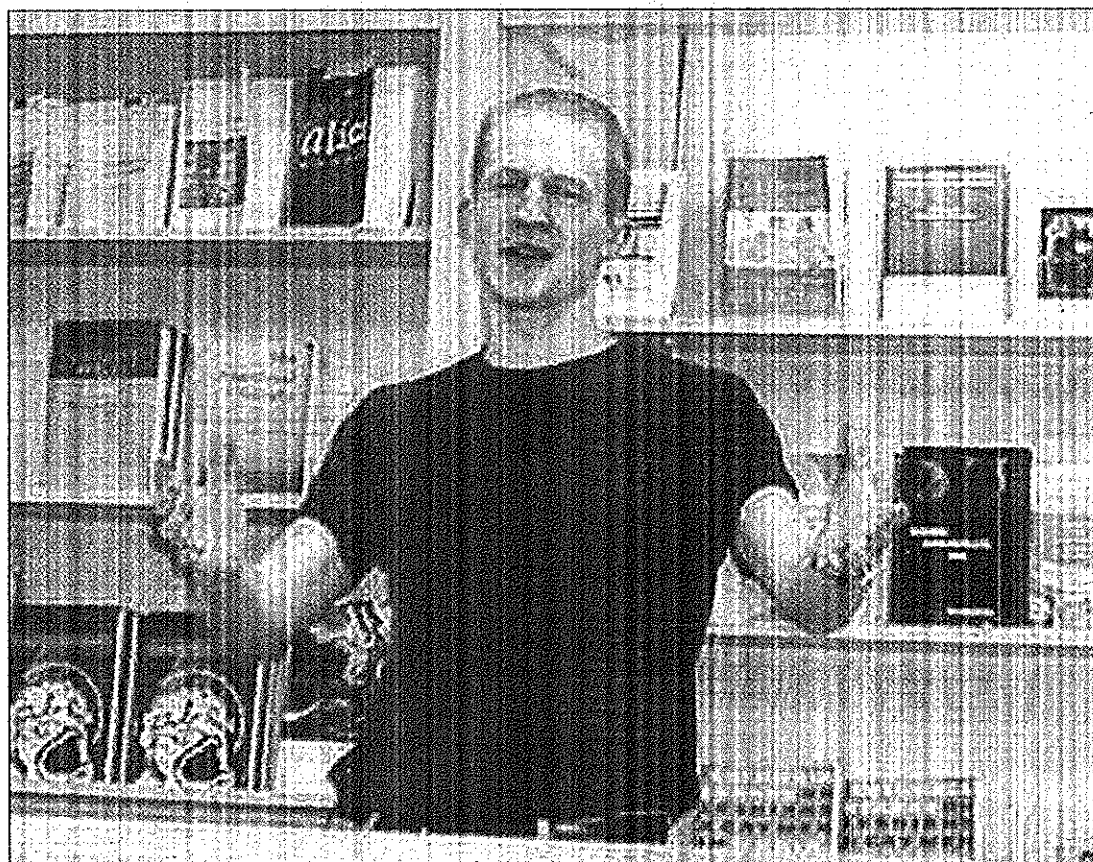
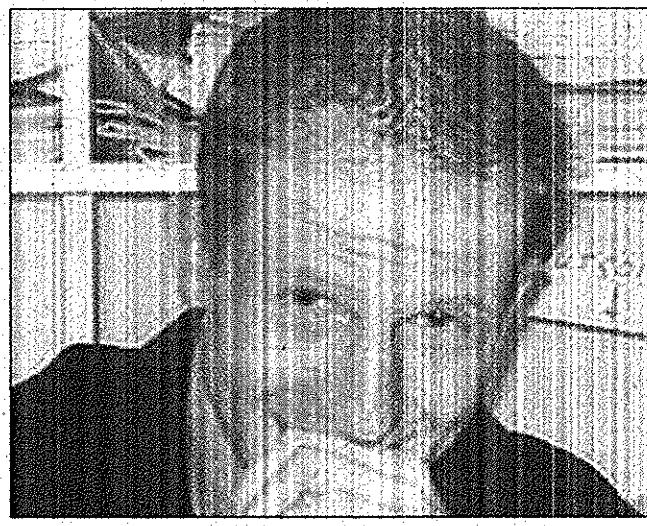


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FUNNY GUY: YSU bookstore will be hosting author, columnist and comedian Steve Hofstetter on Thursday Oct. 9. Hofstetter will be doing a book signing and a standup comedy routine. He has appeared on NBC's sitcom "Ed" and the nighttime drama "Law and Order." Hofstetter will be in the YSU bookstore in Kilcawley Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Sleep deprivation defines college life

BY ELIZABETH TABAK
The Jambar

The robust aroma of coffee wafts out of the small apartment. Its inviting scent escapes through the hot curls of steam piping from her coffee cup. Embellished with vibrant blue and white daisies, she clutches the mug — the one with the vibrant blue and white daisies — as though it were her life source, her never-ending supply of energy.

"The coffee will be on all night...I

have some homework to catch up on," the waiflike brunette says, pushing her long, silky hair behind her ears.

"The coffee will be on all night...I have some homework to catch up on."

— JULIE FINNERTY
Junior

Junior Julie Finnerty sits at her coffee table in her south side apartment. Dressed in a worn red T-shirt and oversized gray sweatpants, she clasps the mug of strong brew, quietly sipping from it.

"I have a full time job which means I work early five days a week. I also have class starting at 8 a.m., and

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Speaker: People lost liberties following 9-11

BY LA'EL HUGHES
The Jambar

A YSU student said a guest speaker's words hit home as she fights to educate Youngstown City School children about human rights issues.

Senior Sheila Klasovsky bobbed her head up and down in agreement with guest speaker David Ludan, who came to YSU Tuesday afternoon. Ludan's speech, entitled "The War on Terrorism and the End of Human Rights," was delivered to a packed house in Kilcawley's Chestnut room.

Klasovsky says she is apart of a program called Active that has made efforts to stir interest in YCS teachers about human rights. Klasovsky said she wants to help create a generation of students who will be activists against immoral conduct such as police brutality.

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Klasovsky added that she has been a human rights activist since high school and has participated in organizations such as Amnesty International. It is this passion that caused her to be moved by the words spoken by Ludan on Tuesday.

Ludan was apart of this year's Albert J. Shipka speaker series hosted by the department of Philosophy and Religious Studies. Ludan was introduced by attorney Richard White, president of the Mahoning County Bar Association.

Ludan is currently at Georgetown University; he has written eight books and has received a Ph.D from Yale.

As Ludan faced a crowd of more than a hundred people in the Chestnut room, he began to reflect on where he was on 9/11.

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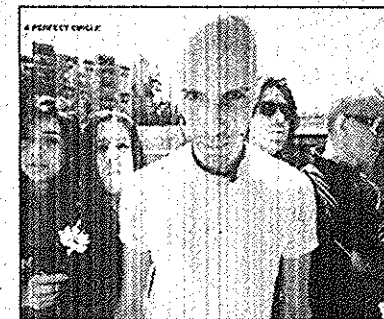
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position?" Nohra said. Nohra cited the recent switch in titles for Paul McFadden, the former director of university development who is now chief of development. "We have so much confidence in Paul McFadden, we didn't need to do a national search," Nohra said.

John Habat, vice president of administration and long-time associate of University President David Sweet, was also hired without a national search. Habat said it is not uncommon for universities to adopt an amendment allowing waivers for national searches.

Habat said YSU looked at guidelines from other campuses and said most of them have some general statements regarding waivers "and we don't have one at all."

Habat said this resolution would not affect the university's accreditation by The North Central Accreditation Commission on Higher Education.

At least one member of YSU's faculty union, however, said he believes the move could affect the university's accreditation and disagrees with the reasoning behind the move.

"The arrogance of the administration is outrageous," said Gabriel Palmer-Fernandez, professor of

philosophy and religious studies. Palmer-Fernandez said full-time and tenured faculty members are required to compete for their jobs, and he argued that it is unfair to exempt administrators from this "long-time tradition."

"It's not a question of whether the board can do it, it's whether the board should do it," Palmer-Fernandez said.

Palmer-Fernandez asked how the campus community would know that the University had hired the "best and most qualified" administrator if Sweet can waive a national search.

"This is administrative tyranny," Palmer-Fernandez said.

Christine Domhoff, president of the YSU Association of Classified Employees, said she wishes that members of her union had the same option.

Domhoff said several offices and departments on campus continuously look outside of the university, and do not consider hiring in-house candidates.

"If the policy works well enough for [the administration], it should work well enough for us," she said.

Habat said the president would have discretion about when to issue a waiver for a national search.

"This doesn't mean he will always say yes," Habat said. Habat also said there were provisions to allow national searches for new faculty to be waived.

But Michael Finney, president of the YSU Ohio Education Association, disagreed and said no such provisions are in the faculty agreement.

Finney said that the waiver for faculty is still within the power possessed by administrators. He said faculty cannot ask for waivers for full-time or tenured faculty.

Other universities offered varying statements on the practice of national searches.

Maria Codinach, director of Affirmative Action at Cleveland State University, said CSU does not national searches for administrative positions and only her office can make the decision to waive the national search.

A representative for Human Resources at Kent State University said she was unaware of any practice where the university would waive a national search.

Palmer-Fernandez said he fears that the new waiver will continue what he called the university's practice of hiring friends of "Sweet-Habat."

Finney said he also believes the waiver could open the door to

problems. "There is definitely room for abuse of this power," Finney said.

Members of the Board of Trustees even had reservations about the waiver. According to notes from For The Record, a publication by the Office of Marketing and

Communications, some trustees urged the university to be careful when deciding to use the waiver process.

"If an internal candidate is so outstanding, then he or she should be able to withstand a national search," H.S. Wang said. "Special circumstances have to be very special, otherwise we miss the chance to bring someone from elsewhere."

Charles Cushman said the policy requiring a national search was in response to "cronyism" in the past.

Cushman said, "This is almost sacred ground...that we avoid that cronyism that existed in the past."

Sweet said he would guard against abuse.

"As long as I am in office, I will make sure that there is no excessive abuse of this procedure," Sweet said.

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had to increase tuition because they have been receiving less state assistance.

Collins said she knows other Ohio universities have also increased their tuition, forcing students to borrow to cover the costs.

"Nowadays you almost have to get a loan to go to college," Collins said.

Senior Lori Haynie took out Stafford loans this year to pay for her school fees. Haynie said her husband's job is their only source of income.

After Haynie completes her education degree, she said she hopes to land a job where she will earn enough to pay off her loans.

"We'll only pay a certain percentage per year," Haynie said. "We should be able to pay it off within the first two years after I graduate."

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Today's Editorial

Sweet shouldn't have power to waive searches

The Youngstown State University Board of Trustees last week adopted an amendment that gives University President David Sweet the power to waive national job searches for top administrators.

In adopting this amendment, the trustees opened the door to a flood of potential criticism and questions, even some from their own members. One trustee said that there is great potential for abuse with the waiver.

We agree.

It is impossible not to wonder why the trustees wanted Sweet to have the waiver. Does the board or Sweet have a candidate in mind for a top job who would not stand up to a national search? This is the kind of question that many, fairly or unfairly, will now be asking.

John Habat, a long-time associate of Sweet, was hired as vice president for administration without a national search.

It is possible that Habat could have emerged as the most qualified candidate in a national search. But by failing to conduct that search, Habat has been exposed to scrutiny, criticism and questions that could have been avoided had he been hired the way most faculty and other ranking university officials are.

This hiring process was unfair to Habat and the entire university community.

Trustee Joseph Nohra justified the waiver by saying the university could save money by not conducting national searches. However, no one has supplied figures showing how much these national searches cost.

A larger question looms: By waiving a national search and potentially failing to hire the most qualified person for the job, has any savings really occurred?

Last summer, after a national search, the university hired David Stout as the Andrews Foundation Endowed chair of accounting. Also in the running for that job was at least one in-house candidate.

University officials decided Stout was the best. This determination might not have been made if the university had not conducted the national search.

Sweet has said that as long as he is president, he will not allow any abuse of this waiver. This may be true. But there are several problems with this statement. Assuming Sweet never invokes the waiver, what happens if the next university president decides to use it to hand-select cronies?

There are many on campus who are not willing to put their blind trust in Sweet and for them, this move becomes fuel for more criticism of the president and his administration.

The Board of Trustees dealt Sweet a blow by adopting this waiver. Sweet should ask the board to rescind it.

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Letters to the Editor

YSU-OEA 'condemns' Board of Trustees

Editor:
The Executive Committee of YSU-OEA condemns the [YSU] Board of Trustees for its new policy that eliminates the requirement for a search, national or local, before hiring administrative and executive officers, deans and the chief technology officer. The Executive Committee considers the new policy both unprofessional and unethical. Such a policy will foster and encourage cronyism, nepotism, sycophancy and sexual and racial

discrimination. Such a policy will eliminate the input of faculty and students who have been represented on search committees for these positions in the past. The Executive Committee urges the Board of Trustees to rescind this policy at the earliest opportunity to do so.

Michael Finney
President YSU-OEA

Senior 'unimpressed' with Fry article

Editor:
I am very unimpressed with your recent article, "Professor Violates Probation," regarding Dr. Gary Fry. I fail to see how this "news" can contribute to our education. There are speakers coming to the university to share with students and guests. There are professors at this university who have dedicated their lives to educating all of us. We, as students, want to know about the upcoming events that pertain to our interests. How sad then, if you have nothing better to do than to attack the character of any individual who has dedicated their life to the service of others. We are those others. Leave professors away from your interest list unless you are letting us know about one of their many gifts, because they have plenty to offer, and that is what WE THE STUDENTS are interested in and here for. We are here for an education, not an "uncensored professors special." Why not focus on the many papers that have been published by our professors, the books they have written, and the conferences they are participating in and leave their private lives out of it. How about an article on one of the many archaeological digs coming out of the anthropology department by Dr. Gary Fry and others? Why can't you have an article on that instead of when he paid his fines? Sensationalism is not the forte of an academic newsletter, and that is good, for one should hope academia would strive to rise above such nonsense. A blow-by-blow account of when and for how much somebody pays his fines is newsworthy or worthy of the front page of your paper? One small suggestion: Learn a little about what is going on of interest to the student body; we are here for an education, after all.

Tara Mihaly
Senior
Anthropology

Why spend money on automatic flushers?

Editor:
I've been at YSU longer than I care to remember (interim student since 1995) and have seen this campus undergo many changes and have read up on at least 8 years of Jambar news. Over those years, I've scoffed at the parking problems had by undergrads (many prime spots go begging, even after 10), been infuriated over tuition hikes and presidential pay raises, and have watched as YSU went from selling beer to being dry to selling beer once again, and have never felt the urge to write in to the Jambar as urgently as when I read the automatic toilet article. I would dearly enjoy the art of automation if, and this should be a scientific "if," the apparatus worked as it should. I can't be the only person on this campus that has jumped whilst urinating as the toilet behind them suddenly gurgles to life causing some unfortunate problems to arise concerning your pants (especially true for those like myself who prefer the hover method). I also can't be the only person that has had problems getting the automatic faucets to stay on long enough to completely rinse your hands without waving them around under the faucet, flinging soap bubbles everywhere, in the hopes that eventually the faucet will once again send a stream of water out to rinse off your partially cleansed hands. I understand the need for vigilance in the restroom, but if these improvements came via the "Facilities Upgrade Budget" that may or may not be connected to the consecutively higher and higher fees that I've paid, I would rather save the \$45.80 of mine that may have gone into the automated toilets. Estimated: \$550,000/12,000 students = \$45.8

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thoughts of scaring their kids with 9 mm pistols. All too often we see the faces of these God-like beings that were once athletes, and now something more, being slapped on cover magazine covers, hosting TV and radio shows, and having their initials on tennis shoes. As long as this continues, there will be a fan somewhere, in need of attention, and just wanting that player, or that team to notice them, just so they know they are there, that lets their emotions take control of them, even for a split-second,

who makes a life-altering mistake they will pay for forever. When will the wake-up call come? At what point, if ever, will people stop fighting, killing and destroying property due to their favorite team or player losing? Situations like the one in Pinson, Ala., although narrowly avoided, could have ended much more tragic and sometimes do. Athletes such as Nancy Kerrigan, Monica Seles, and Anna Kournikova all have all had crazed fans either attack or stalk them throughout their careers.

As many die-hard fans look to their favorite teams as an escape from reality for the time they're in the limelight, fans need to understand the difference between athletic competition and what is real in life. Last weekend, a young man could have lost his life before it really began, all because his father let his love for the Crimson Tide overtake his grasp of reality. Call Michael J. Balale at (330) 941-1807.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

CD Review

A Perfect Circle not just a side project

By JUSTIN MARQUES
Mass. Daily Collegian

(U-WIRE) AMHERST, Mass. — When A Perfect Circle released their first album in the summer of 2000, many wondered if the band would turn out to be just an experiment conducted by Tool front man Maynard James Keenan and guitar tech Billy Howerdel. Would Keenan let his new project fade into oblivion and concentrate more on his premier band Tool? Or would A Perfect Circle develop into their own distinct group?

With the release of "Thirteenth Step," the questions are answered.

A Perfect Circle has established itself as a power in modern music. However, the lineup of this super group is always evolving. Not appearing on this newest album is bassist Paz Lenchantin, currently in the band Zwan. In exchange, James Iha, formerly of The Smashing Pumpkins, and Twiggy Ramirez of Marilyn Manson have joined Keenan, Howerdel and drummer Josh Fresse to establish a very formidable group of musicians.

This band marks the perfect outlet for its members, who previously seemed creatively stifled by their former bands. The blending of experienced musicians creates one cohesive unit. Best of all, "Thirteenth Step" sounds unlike anything else these musicians have done before.

The new lineup also makes for a very different album than A Perfect Circle's previous album



Photo courtesy of aperfectcircle.com

ANOTHER SIDE OF TOOL: A Perfect Circle featuring Tool frontman Maynard James Keenan has developed into its own distinct music group.

"Mer De Noms." There is no stand-out single on the new disc, like "Judith" from "Mer De Noms." Instead, most songs create independent themes that flow into one another, fitting the tracks together very well. This is somewhat of a concept album about getting something or someone back. On the first track, "The Package," Keenan sings, "Lie to get what I came for. Take what's mine, give it to me." This theme of loss and search for redemption, and recovery of what is taken is reiterated throughout the album — especially

in songs like "The Noose," "Weak and Powerless" and "Gravity."

As could be expected, there are some musical overtones Keenan has borrowed from his experience as lead singer of Tool, but the sonic, sometimes over-the-top attack is kept to a minimum. Instead, Keenan focuses more on adding texture throughout the album by incorporating droning guitars and deep bass along with simmering, calm, almost ballad-like vocals. It's not until the end of the opening track, "The Package," that heavy, thunderous guitar

work is heard.

Only a few tracks show constant metal guitar influence and rhythms, such as "Pet" and "The Outsider," which sounds like it could have been a leftover track from Tool's last album "Lateralus." Many of the other songs come across as ambient metal soundscapes, moody overtures that evoke rising and falling emotions. This subtle balance proves much more effective than a constant bombast of loud guitars, anger and rage.

Student Bodies



Her Side:

The other day somebody told me that I take too long to get to the point. Apparently, I ramble and have the tendency to wander off the subject.

I beg to differ. I tend to think that my diversions and digressions add emphasis and intrigue to my stories. However, I'll just get straight to the point.

I don't like mind games. I don't like people who play mind games, and I pity those dumb enough to fall for them.

Point taken?

Again, as I always say, it is not like I haven't been guilty of or victim to this crime. However, I am saying this now to all of you whose man or woman or boy or girl is starting to — or has been — playing those nasty little tricks with your head: RUN!

You heard me, don't look back and keep on going. I can almost promise you that the business of letting you go so they can pull you back in, and reeling you in so they can just let you dangle is going to lead nowhere.

Not to mention it can be incredibly damaging to your mind, body and soul. Hanging around for those wonderful games can lead you to question your worth to a person who doesn't respect you or themselves enough to be honest and up front.

I just don't understand what's so difficult about getting to the point, unless the person is worried that things won't work out. Maybe they are worried that they will. Whatever the case may be, if the result is not what they expect, they can try to be honest and up front with another person. Eventually they will get the right response...or maybe that is just too much to wrap their fragile little minds around.

Sorry, there I go rambling again.

Although it's beginning to occur to me that maybe those mind games are just that person's way of diverting and digressing from the point they are trying to make. (Which pretty often has to do with that little three letter word that we love to use so often in this column) without getting themselves hurt, or letting their real selves be known. Maybe it's just their way of adding intrigue and embellishment to an otherwise uninteresting story.

His Side:

I prefer to get things straight out in the open. I'm a front-and-center kind of guy.

I like my steaks thick, my beer cold, my music obnoxiously loud, my football brutal and my woman honest.

That's really all I need to get by. OK, maybe I need some other things, but you get the point.

Guys want honesty. Sometimes the honesty isn't what women want to hear, though. Sometimes both people in a situation just want some loving, but the girl won't admit it because she doesn't want to be labeled as a [garden tool]. And I can dig that. Get it? Dig? [Garden tool?]

But I digress. Sometimes people play these alleged "mind games" because they're scared. And I feel that, too. Nobody wants to get hurt. You would have to be one heck of a sadist to go into a relationship hoping to come out completely and utterly heartbroken. But it happens.

A lot of the time — when it comes to situations in college — people have already been crapped on in a previous relationship. It is rare for someone to come out of high school untainted by the vicious wheel of heartbreak.

So they put themselves on guard. They protect themselves, and then they have to deal with being labeled as a "game player" by someone whom they approach cautiously.

Be understanding. Come to grips with the fact that the person you're beginning a relationship with just might have been through something bad that they'd really rather not make a sequel to.

However, if you're one of those people that get your jollies by dangling people intentionally just to prove you can, be on the lookout. Karma is a bad mamma-jamma. What goes around comes back around and puts you on your butt when you're not looking.

Be upfront, but be patient. You needn't jump right into things and drop your entire romantic history on someone as a means of showing that you need some time. Commitment is a delicate, time-sensitive thing.

In the meantime, the in-between time, just be real. Even if you're being true to yourself and someone accuses you of putting on a front, you know what's up.

I seem to be letting my people down on the humor end of this whole deal. Sorry.

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I need to put in time for homework and a social life...sleep is on the bottom of my list of priorities," Finnerty explained.

Like many other college students, Finnerty is experiencing the rigors of college life and the sleep deprivation that sometimes accompanies a full class schedule and long work hours.

Seattle Pacific University recently conducted a study on sleep deprivation of college students. It revealed that an overwhelming 58 percent of college students are dissatisfied with the amount of sleep that they get a night. The information revealed that college-aged individuals need 9.25 hours of sleep, yet the average amount of sleep among the students surveyed was 6.1 hours per night.

Students on YSU's campus are no different.

As Finnerty carefully pours more coffee into her mug, she explains that her friends hold almost the exact same schedule. Between taking a full load of classes, working full-time, and trying to find time for a social life, little time is left for the sandman.

A common reason for students experiencing a lack of sleep is that they attend classes all day then rush straight to work.

Freshman Shane Karas says between work and school he never feels completely rested.

Karas said his lack of free time makes it almost impossible for him to sleep as much as he wants.

"I still have to hit the snooze button about three times a day," Karas explained. "I'm real big on coffee. Everyday I have at least one cup of coffee...I need a lot of caffeine."

Coffee is just one remedy that students use to keep their bodies going throughout the day. Sodas, caffeine pills, nicotine and energy drinks such as Red Bull are a part of the veritable cornucopia of cures for a dragging student.

Though a majority of college-aged people use such solutions for exhaustion, they often can make the situation worse.

Chrysanne Mitzel, a licensed therapist with Comprehensive Psychiatric Specialists, said that by using stimulants such as caffeine and nicotine the students are only making themselves "wired," therefore stimulating them when their bodies would be ready for sleep.

Mitzel said that she and her colleagues assess the sleep pattern of their patients, and urge them to get an adequate amount nightly. She realizes, though, that in the busy world of college, it is almost impossible to do.

"Most kids in college have multiple activities, so when I say get a good night's rest it's like 'yeah, right,' between work, school and

trying to have a social life, where does sleep even fit in?"

Mitzel explained that a lack of sleep could negatively affect the activities and relationships of the student. Lowered concentration, irritability and slowed reaction time are just a few of the negative effects of sleep deprivation. This, Mitzel said, can have an ill effect on cognitive ability.

Damage to cognition can literally carry right into the classroom. In the small psychometrics lab in the basement of DeBartolo Hall, Julie Thomas, professor of psychology, said that she has literally seen students snooze at their desks.

"Every semester I have at least a couple," Thomas said. "When I talk to them I am usually amazed...it seems there is just not enough hours in a day for them to do what they need to do."

Finnerty would agree. Cautiously sipping the last few drops of the piping hot special blend, she stretches and yawns one more time.

"I have so much homework, but I'm so tired...I need more than just the 15 minute nap I had the other night."

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brown they can seem almost transparent. But after they bite a host, and gorge on human blood for nights on end, they turn a deep, mahogany red and can swell to nearly the size of a ladybug.

They drop blood-infused feces all over bed sheets — one of the telltale signs of their presence — and give off a sickly-sweet odor.

And, perhaps worst of all, they are astonishingly resilient. Although they prefer to make their homes in the crevices of mattresses during the day, bedbugs can hibernate in floorboards or even wooden picture frames for more than a year — emerging after the exterminator is long gone, the new bed has been purchased and the residents are back to sleeping peacefully through the night.

Scratching yourself yet? Danny Lucey knows how you feel. The minute the 22-year-old New Yorker begins to talk about his apartment's infestation with bedbugs, he starts vigorously raking his fingernails over his arms and legs.

"Just thinking about them makes me start to itch," Lucey said.

The bedbugs have spread through Lucey's Queens apartment building, infesting at least seven bedrooms. The guys next door were hit the worst; their mattresses were so infested that the blood-filled bugs were crawling over each other in a scene like something out of a bad science fiction movie.

Pest-control experts emphasize that bedbugs usually are not a

reflection of bad housekeeping or poor hygiene. They are often simply a case of bum luck.

Bedbugs prefer to hide during the day and emerge at night in search of food. They are attracted to warmth and the scent of human breath, so they tend to make their way to the bedroom. Unlike ticks or lice, which like to stay on their host, bedbugs will feast on their sleeping human entrees, then burrow deep into the mattress or other dark places.

Once bedbugs take up residence, they are extremely difficult to quell. Most pesticides on the market today are very target specific, meaning they work only on a certain insect. And few products are geared specifically to bedbugs. "In the old days, when we used

stronger pesticides and less target-specific pesticides, bedbugs were just kind of killed in the process without us ever even realizing we were getting them," English said. "But now if you're spraying for cockroaches, the pesticide often will only kill a cockroach. Or if you're spraying for ants, you'll be using something that only takes out ants."

Lucey suspects that could be the case in his Queens neighborhood. Less than three hours after the residents of his building hauled their mattresses to the curb, someone hauled them off. Some poor soul was about to find out the origin of the cutesy saying, "Good night, sleep tight, don't let the bedbugs bite."

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"It was a beautiful, crisp, clear day," Ludan said. Ludan remembered being on his way to Georgetown when he heard on the radio that a plane had hit the World Trade Center.

After hearing this, he rushed into Georgetown's law school and everyone was clustered around the television.

"Everyone had that feeling that they had a target on their back, wondering when they were next." After this recap, Ludan asked the audience to put aside its collective emotional and political views. Ludan then began to speak on the U.S. government's

response to handling 9/11 and what had been the moral and ethical ramifications of the government's response.

Klasovsky sat riveted as Ludan discussed 9/11 and some of the situations that have happened as a consequence of that event that have caused some dialogue from a moral and ethical standpoint.

Ludan said all human beings have rights — basic rights, such as "the right not to be killed if you are minding your own business."

Ludan discussed, however, that the death of an Afghan has been considered collateral

damage in the war on terrorism, while the death of someone in 9/11 is a tragedy.

"Consider what we are doing here," Ludan said.

Ludan went on to say that President George W. Bush's response to 9/11 in the first few hours was to hunt down the mass murderers and do justice.

And, as the war on terrorism continued, the U.S. government took in prisoners, holding them captive in places such as Guantanamo Bay in Cuba, a tactic that has not been short of flaws. Ludan discussed how there have been cases of mis-

taken identity and falsified information leading to the imprisonment of non-hostile persons.

Ludan said the U.S. government has promised Afghan people monetary compensation for turning over members of Al-Qaeda, which has led to false imprisonment, because Afghans were turning in prisoners just to get money.

After Ludan's afternoon presentation ended, Klasovsky said she hopes her human rights education program, Active, becomes an active part of the YCS city schools classes.

Klasovsky said she had some progress last year with Wilson High School and hopes to bring more teachers and schools on board.

"These students need to understand what is going on out here," Klasovsky said.

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Sports Commentary

Sports fans taking the game a little too seriously

By MICHAEL J. BALALE
The Jambar

I've always heard that people in the south take their football seriously, and last weekend, was the crowning glory. After Alabama's double overtime loss to SEC rival Arkansas, a Crimson Tide fan may have taken the love for the red and white a little too far.

After the heartbreaking loss, an Alabama fan allegedly was so angry over the loss he began throwing dishes, slamming doors and tossing boxes about the house. All of which are not too out of the ordinary for many football lovers. To make matters worse, 20-year old Pinson, Ala. Native Seth Logan, decided, why not ask dad for a car?

According to the police report, his father became so angry at the request that he retrieved a 9 mm pistol from his car, grabbed his son by the collar and pressed the gun against his forehead. The father then pulled the trigger just after his son moved away from him, and the young man narrowly escaped.

In a time when athletic competition can be seen or heard throughout all times of the

day, why do people, who have no control of the outcome of any athletic competition, take the games and teams they love so much to these levels?

A 20 year-old almost lost his life last weekend because his father, who according to the police report, had been drinking and slamming doors all about the house. It's not easy holding your emotions when the team you love loses an important game, believe me, I'm a Browns fan, but you've got to draw the line somewhere.

Who is to blame for this type of behavior? Is this the schools' fault for taking young men and women, who play the sports they love, and exploiting them like circus acts just to raise enrollment? Is it the fans' fault for not being able to accept the fact that life does go on without sports, and things like family, careers, and health should come before the Crimson Tide?

At some point, these fans need to realize that the love for the game has to be put on halt and life will go on, even if Alabama doesn't win. More importantly, how do fans get to the point where they get so upset about the loss of a game they have no control over, that they put together



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CRAZY EYES: Some sports fans might be investigating slightly too much in the outcome of their favorite team's games.

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AUBURN (-1) VS. TENNESSEE	I'm not even sure how Auburn is favored in this game. They are perhaps the most overrated team of the past 15-20 years. Preseason national champs? Please. Try a loss to USC, a loss to Georgia Tech, then they picked on Vandy and Western Kentucky. Tennessee brought it against Florida, had their struggle game against South Carolina, and they'll be singing "On Rocky Top" or whatever that stupid song is after this one. Tennessee runs over Auburn, 36-20.	Auburn proved to be without a doubt to be the most over-hyped and overrated team in college football. How they are favored by a point here is completely beyond me. Bet your car, your house and your entire life savings on Tennessee. They will roll against an Auburn team that will be lucky to make a bowl game. Volunteers 35-17.	Before the season started, I actually thought Auburn was a decent team, I now know better. I absolutely despise the Vols. But I am a gambling man, so bet your life on Tennessee. Casey Clausen is one of the better QB's in the SEC and this week he'll prove it. Tennessee wins 38-14.
MICHIGAN (-3) VS. IOWA	This one depends on which Michigan team shows up. If it's the team that got blitzed for the first three quarters of the Oregon game, then Iowa won't even miss Brad Banks. If it's the Wolverine team that dominated every other quarter of every other game this year, Michigan rolls. Steve Breaston, Chris Perry and John Navarre are going to lead Michigan to victory. They have the best athletes in this one. Michigan covers, 28-21.	Speaking of overrated teams. Look no further in the Big 10 than the Iowa Hawkeyes. They got manhandled by Michigan State last week, and their defense made Jeff Smoker look like he wasn't on drugs for a change. Michigan has been a bit sloppy as of late, of course including the Oregon loss and last week against Indiana. They should put everything together this week against Iowa and come away with an easy win. Michigan 21-13.	Michigan travels to Iowa to take on the Hawkeyes in what many think will go down to the final play, but it won't. Iowa running Fred Russell has looked good all year but it won't be enough to overtake the Wolves. Navarre and the gang will destroy Iowa at home and prove that the Oregon game was a one-time nightmare that won't repeat itself. Michigan wins and covers Michigan 34-24.
GEORGIA (-10) VS. ALABAMA	Just a ten point spread? C'mon, give Dave Greene and D.J. Shockley some credit here. Apologies to an instructor of mine who once called Alabama home, but this one is going to be less than close. I wouldn't even watch this game if it were on TV. I'm not blaming David Shula for the shipwreck he inherited in Tuscaloosa, but there isn't a oar big enough to pull the Tide back to shore this season. Georgia stomps a mudhole out of 'Bama, 56-20.	Georgia has looked pretty decent thus far, with their only loss coming to LSU on the road. Alabama who opened with 5 straight home games, winning only two of them, will be on the road here. 'Bama blew a 21-point lead last week to Arkansas, and further proved my point that Mike Shula was not the right man for the job in the Crimson Tide camp. Watch the wheels fall off for Shula and Co. Georgia destroys Alabama at home, 42-10.	David Greene and the high powered passing attack of Georgia host the banged up Crimson Tide. The tide will rebound this week, with the Bulldogs only defeat coming to the only good team they've played all year LSU. Alabama's two game losing streak comes to an end, and I get some credibility back. Alabama straight up 24-20.
TEXAS (-6) VS. KANSAS STATE	I'm going to pick Texas. Not because I want to, but just because I can't justify picking a team like K-State with a quarterback that hasn't played recently and won't be in rhythm against a team like Texas that can put up some points. K-State's defense is always solid, but they've struggled sometimes this year. Texas' Chance Mock is one of the highest rated passers in the country, and he's got an all-world target in Roy Williams. I hate to do this, but Texas picks up the W, 35-24.	Kansas State quarterback Eli Roberson will return this week, and just in time as they head to Texas to face the Longhorns. KSU was shocked at home against Marshall a few weeks back, who in turn lost to Troy State. (Side Note: Troy State will cover against Nebraska Saturday despite The Nomad's insane ramblings to me all week) Texas lost once at home this year to Arkansas, and I said Texas always finds a way to screw up their national title hopes. I look for them to further plummet, losing again at home this week. KSU 34-31.	In what is the Big 12 game of the week, the Longhorns host Kansas St. with a now healthy Eli Roberson. Texas loves to blow big games and this week will be no different. KSU will overcome the odds and come away with a very important W this week. KSU 34-28. (Side note: Nebraska also plays in the Big 12 and will shellac Troy St. amidst the fact that the Commish has turned into a die-hard Troy St. Trojan fan overnight, he's whacked.)
OREGON ST. (-1) VS. CALIFORNIA	I'm a believer. Cal shocked everyone except talking head Kirk Herbstreit last week, and they're going to keep rolling — for now at least. Cal's got a receiver named Geoff McArthur that is the real deal. They'll have to deal with a pretty strong passing attack from Oregon State, but I think the momentum carries over to this week. After all, Adam Duritz, lead singer of the Counting Crows, loves Cal, how can I not? Cal and Mr. Jones win a thriller, 38-36.	California shocked the nation last week pulling off the upset against national title hopeful USC. We all saw what happened to Oregon after pulling off the upset against Michigan, and the same thing will happen to the Bears. Oregon St. is a better squad all around, and will handle the Bears with few problems. OSU spoils California's homecoming, 28-21.	After coming off their biggest win in recent memory, Cal's upset last week over USC was a small taste of what they'll give us on Saturday. They host Oregon St. and are the underdog, big mistake. They'll continue their Cinderella season with a big win against a Pac-10 chump. Cal 31-21.
YSU VS. SMS	I'm going to end the suspense. I will pick YSU every week this year. This week they take full advantage of the home field and pull out a win. YSU wins, 29-21.	Youngstown State hosts SMS this week. The Penguins are riding high off a win last week against Liberty, but SMS is no slouch. Their only loss this year came to Division I-A Oklahoma St. The Penguins need this game big, but will have to find a way to stop the SMS run. The Penguins have won seven straight against the Bears, but the streak snaps this week. SMS pulls off the road win, 23-21.	The Penguins host an SMS team who's only loss this year came to Oklahoma St. YSU will figure out how to stop the explosive Cody Pratt and his 5.1 yards per carry. The Penguins are victorious and keep their playoff hopes in full swing with a win. YSU 27-20.
CLEVELAND BROWNS (+7) VS. PITTSBURGH STEELERS	I will bet against Butch Davis and whomever he plays at quarterback all year. Browns offensive coordinator Bruce Arians calls plays like he is afraid to lose, and that just keeps them from winning. The Browns couldn't stop Jon Kitna and his decent receiving corps last week, what makes them think they can stop a better quarterback with a better overall group of receivers? The Steelers, while less than impressive, take another step toward winning the less-than-prestigious playoff bid from the AFC North. It almost hurts to type it, but the Steelers will win, 24-10.	Here we go again — Another sloppest courtesy of the Browns and Steelers. If there's anything we've learned from this rivalry over the years it's that Cleveland and Pittsburgh play ugly, penalty filled, sloppy contests when facing each other. I call it "The Ugly Factor," and it usually keeps games pretty close. The Browns are getting a touchdown here, and even though Holcomb is questionable, "The Ugly Factor" prevails, as the Browns cover. What the hell, Holcomb will probably play so I'm going to say they win on Sunday night as well. Cleveland 20-17.	The dismal Cleveland Browns travel to Heinz Field to take on fellow rival of the "Consolation Conference" that we refer to as the AFC North. I'm not sure if you're supposed to bet against your favorite team, but I'm gonna. They have two quarterbacks to choose from, neither of which is consistent. I don't care who's behind center, they won't win. Pittsburgh 27-17.
GENERAL COMMENTS	I hear conversations around the office just like The Commish. Except the ones I hear sound something like this. The Commish: But I don't want to wear black today. Satan: You must wear black. There is no other way. The Commish: But all the other kids took at me funny. Satan: Funny? You want funny? Wait until you get home, I'll show you funny, you insubordinate little spawn. Aside from that, The Nomad had a rough week last week. I'm not real sure why he was so high on Alabama, maybe because a lot of letters from Abercrombie are in Alabama.	While I'm studying football games, I usually hear a typical conversation between Fat Head and The Nomad that goes something like this. Fat Head: Nomad, how can you afford to spend \$200 on jeans you fruitcake? Nomad: How can you afford to eat \$200 worth of fruitcake, Fat Head. Fat Head: You spend more time getting ready for school than every chick on campus. Nomad: You don't even wipe the Bar-B-Que sauce off your face from last night's dinner before you come to campus. These two bicker, I study football, which is why I'm 13-5 this year, and why I will out pick them once again this week.	This weeks new controversy goes like this: Nomad wondering in deep thought: I knew The Commish was healthy because I could see his heart beating through the snug fit of his Ratt T-Shirt that, by the way, wouldn't fit a treasure trove as he ran around talking about Troy St. Fat-head gets new wheels: In his best 2fast 2furious impersonation, last Monday, Fat Head bought a new ride. Six days later, he squeezed himself out of it for the first time, just in time to tell me how the Bulldogs are gonna roll past Alabama. I may be feminine, but who's got flames coming out of their car.