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SGA Debate: Candidates faceoff

By: Cheryl Thompson
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Student Government Association presidential and vice-presidential candidates exchanged viewpoints on the meaning of diversity, preventing tuition increases and generating more student involvement on campus.

The SGA debates were held in Peaberry's Café on Wednesday, lending



insight into the platforms of candidates Wayne Penny Jr. and his running mate

PENNY Andrew Eich and their opponents, SGA representatives Chad Miller and Sarah Vansuch. The candidates addressed questions posed by The Jambor's editor in chief and copy editor, who served as moderators.

Penny said a lack of diversity is the biggest problem facing YSU, including black student involvement with SGA.



"There's only what one black student on SGA? The group needs

MILLER to be more diverse," Penny said.

Miller said the number of black students involved in SGA — two — is proportionate to YSU, and said that SGA shows its diversity in areas other than race.

"Diversity has more to do than with what you write on job applications," Miller said.

In addition to seeing more diversity within SGA, Penny said he would like to promote cul-

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Habat's contract under negotiation

By: Bill Rodgers
NEWS EDITOR

Whether he's seen as an evil administrator or a scapegoat whipping boy, John Habat's future at Youngstown State University is uncertain. The question: Will Habat stay at YSU?

A solid answer to that question won't exist until talks between Habat's and YSU's lawyers end.

Talks regarding Habat's future at YSU are nearing completion, YSU Trustee John

Pogue said Monday. The trustee said a buyout of Habat's contract was discussed by the Board of Trustees, which could suggest that the administrator could be on his way out.

However, details of Habat's future at YSU will not be known until negotiations between Habat and the university are completed, the trustee said.

H.S. Wang, chair of the YSU trustees, said that university president David Sweet

could make an announcement today regarding the Labor-Management Panel report that called for Habat's termination. Sweet was supposed to address YSU's Academic Senate about his response to the report Monday, but was in New York following the recent death of his father.

Tom Shipka, chair of YSU's Academic Senate and a member of the panel that targeted Habat, said he spoke with

attorney Tim Jacobs of Manchester, Bennet, Powers & Ullman. Jacobs is representing YSU in discussions with Habat's attorneys, Shipka said. He said the details of the negotiations were confidential, but that the talks could end within a week.

"If the actual settlement is ... the same as the one described to me yesterday, all parties can live with it, no one will be fully satisfied with it and it is an important step in

the right direction for this institution," Shipka said.

Shipka dismissed a rumor that Habat was being offered a \$400,000 buyout by the university.

It was reported last week that Habat had been working from his home in Cleveland for about a month, at Sweet's direction. Sweet said last week that YSU intended to honor Habat's contract, while trying to minimize any litigation that could arise from the negotia-

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'Quest' is a game for one student

By: Katie Libecco
COPY EDITOR

While many students gave lectures on analytical research collected from around the world, Jonathan Duran showed people how to play a computer game.

Duran, a computer and information sciences major, created the computer game "Quest: The Adventure" using Flash animation for a final project last semester. He continued to work on the project through the winter break and spring semester.

"There were times when things were smooth, other times I'd sit in front of the computer for eight hours straight trying to figure things out. Sometimes I'd have to go back through and revamp everything," he said.

Putting in more than 250 hours of work, Duran was able to present "A Quest for Quest: Designing a Web-Based Gaming Environment" to students and faculty in Kilcawley Center on Tuesday.

He was just one of hundreds of students gathered to present and hear new information for Youngstown



Jambor / Katie Libecco

Senior Jonathan Duran shows engineering professor Martin Cala how to play his computer game, "Quest," on Tuesday afternoon. He presented the game and the work behind it during the YSU's student research forum, also known as "Quest."

State University's Quest program — a forum designed to give students an outlet for their work.

Quest has been coordinated by Jeffrey Dick, the director of Undergraduate Research at YSU, for four years.

Dick said when he began

working with Quest, the program was for faculty and students, with about 80 students participating. Now it is strictly for students at YSU, and 206 gave presentations.

"It's the cornerstone of the Undergraduate Research program," Dick said. "It

provides students with a forum to show exactly what they are doing. It empowers students to do their own research. It gives them a sense of ownership"

He said about three-quarters of the 206 students presenting research were undergraduate and the rest

were graduate students

"This goes far beyond what we can ever do in a classroom," Dick said.

Dick said about 60 percent of students involved represented science, technology, engineering and math — typical for similar

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English Festival: An awful lot of work

By: Steve Lettau
REPORTER

Hundreds of local high school students invaded Kilcawley Center Wednesday morning, kicking off the 28th annual Youngstown State University English Festival.

The students participated in games, workshops, writing contests and presentations across campus. It was not all fun and games for the students though, as they were required to read eight books from a list of authors to attend.

Jeff Buchanan, YSU English professor and co-

chair of the Festival Committee, said that "an awful lot" of work goes into preparing. He said teachers, parents, librarians and students work hard to make the event possible.

"The high school students [work hard] just through their participation. They have to read these books and the schools are going to check on them on the fact that they've read," Buchanan said. "When they are here they are busy."

YSU alumna Cassie Flora lead one discussions, and agreed with Buchanan that the students put in work before they came to YSU.



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Students from area high schools gather in Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room Wednesday for an awards presentation during the 28th Annual English Festival.

"They had to write papers and take quizzes. You can't just loaf your way through this. They did a lot of work to get here," Flora

Flora also said students gain from their time and work with the festival.

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Academic Senate discusses YSU issues

By: Bill Rodgers
NEWS EDITOR

Transfer credits, money for the library and Youngstown State University athletics were discussed at Wednesday's Academic Senate meeting.

Jane Kestner, associate dean of arts and sciences, updated the senate on YSU's ongoing self-study of athletics. She said the self-study was to ensure that YSU was in compliance with NCAA regulations regarding student athletes. The study is part of a NCAA recertification

process that the university goes through every ten years.

The study began this year and will conclude next September when NCAA representatives visit, Kestner said.

She said her committee had very positive findings about YSU's athletes. She said the committee found student athlete graduation rates were higher than the population of students overall.

The university adopted new eligibility regulations

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Russian classical music
There will be a free public lecture entitled "Russian Classical Music: From the Tsars to the Soviets," today from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in DeBartolo Hall room 132 presented by Isaiah Jackson, director of the Youngstown Symphony Orchestra and Brian

YSU History Day
YSU's History Day competition will be Saturday starting at 8:30 a.m. and is entitled, "Taking a Stand." Students from Mahoning, Trumbull, Ashtabula, Portage, and Geauga counties

News Briefs
will compete. For more information, visit www.ysu.edu/~history/.
Free concert
There will be a free concert Tuesday at 8 p.m. music professor James Umble and pianist Jun Okada present a free saxophone and piano concert at the

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tions. Sweet said that the university was looking at Habat's contract while considering his future at the university.

Habat's troubles began after the Labor-Management Panel, appointed by Sweet, said he could not serve the university in any capacity. The panel was assigned to make recommendations to improve labor relations on campus following a turbulent round of contract negotiations last summer which resulted in the faculty and classified employees unions going on strike. The panel claimed Habat's role in the strikes increased tensions between labor and the administration.

Sweet was supportive of Habat when the panel's report was released in January. Sweet released a personal statement supporting Habat, saying he had faith in his work at YSU.

Habat released his own

response to the report in February. Habat said the panel tried to identify "scapegoats" and that the strikes occurred because the university sought employees to contribute to their health insurance.

"A deeper reason for the strikes, however, was resistance to incremental change..." Habat said in his statement.

Gabriel Palmer-Fernandez, professor of ethics and an outspoken critic of the administration, was also at the Academic Senate meeting yesterday. He said the negotiations between the university and Habat were an important step in rebuilding labor relations on campus.

"This has been a trying time for the university; for the students, faculty, staff and administration," Palmer-Fernandez said.

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POLICE BLOTTER

According to police reports, a Youngstown State University police officer was on patrol when he observed a tow-truck whose driver said he was there to tow a Toyota registered to Marc Vincent Capuano. The officer made a routine check of the vehicle registration and it revealed an active assault warrant for Capuano from the City of Youngstown, the report said. He was transported to the YSU police department for processing and to the Mahoning County Jail where he was booked, according to the police report.

YSU police officers were dispatched to Lyden House dormitory in reference to a call concerning a smell of marijuana on March 31. According to the report, officers searched the room where the odor was coming from, after receiving consent from the resident, Diana Sfredo. According to the police report, officers found marijuana on Sfredo's desk and issued a misdemeanor summons.

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YSU

New agency on campus provides community service opportunities

By: Maysoun Abdelrasul
FEATURES REPORTER

A new office opening at Youngstown State University is expected to provide more opportunities for students and faculty to help the community.

Volunteer Services Agency, Inc., a resource for nonprofit volunteer recruitment, placement and management, will open a satellite office in the Center for Nonprofit Leadership in the Williamson College of Business Administration on Monday.

Virginia Leskanic, the agency's executive director, said their mission is to

mobilize and enhance community service in Youngstown. She said the agency will work with faculty members who require community service as part of the curriculum to help students find community service opportunities.

"Students are able to pick the community service they would like to do," she said.

Outreach Coordinator Jenn Maloney will be at YSU on Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., to begin helping students and faculty members interested in volunteer opportunities.

Shed said her goal is to get people involved in the community. Initially,

Maloney said she will be available one day a week, but if interest grows, the agency will expand.

Jane Reid, director of the Center for Nonprofit Leadership at YSU, said she was asked by the agency for the space in Williamson and Dean Betty Jo Licata agreed.

Reid said having the agency at YSU would benefit faculty members and student organizations because they could find community service opportunities easily.

Leskanic said she believes the satellite office of the agency will be successful at YSU.

"It seems like a long partnership between the university and the agency," Leskanic said.

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OUR SIDE Habat: Fallguy, pasty, scapegoat

It would appear that John Habat, Youngstown State University's embattled administrative vice president, will be leaving Youngstown State University for good in the very near future.

Details regarding contract negotiations between YSU and Habat haven't been released to the public yet, but all signs are pointing toward Habat no longer working at YSU:

•Two YSU trustees confirmed Wednesday that contract negotiations were taking place and Trustee John Pogue said a buyout of Habat's \$148,000 per year contract had been discussed. Habat's contract runs through June 2007. Trustee H.S. Wang said YSU President David Sweet may deliver a statement regarding Habat's future as soon as today.

•At Wednesday's Academic Senate meeting, Tom Shipka, the senate chair and also a member of Sweet's labor panel, said he was confidentially briefed on the Habat contract negotiations.

"My feeling is that, if the actual settlement is the same or approximately the same as the one described to me yesterday, all parties can live with it, no one will be fully satisfied with it, and it is an important step in the right direction for this institution," Shipka said.

•Last week it was reported that Habat has been working from his home for the last month at the request of Sweet. Habat said he was "saddened" at the turn of events.

In January, a Labor-Management Review Panel, commissioned by Sweet to study the causes of the August 2005 faculty and staff strikes, recommended firing Habat.

The report listed no reasons for firing Habat except that he was "unfit to serve the university in any capacity."

In January, Pogue, who was also a member of the labor panel, reasoned that Habat had to go in order to clear up faculty and staff mistrust of the administration in the aftermath of the bitter strikes.

"Because the amount of hostility and distrust stemming from their roles in the strike is so great, any administrative decision made would be viewed with great skepticism," Pogue said.

What it boils down to is that Habat held firm during the labor negotiations on how much the university could afford to pay out in raises and benefits, and this wasn't a popular decision with a faculty and staff who felt entitled to annual cost of living wages.

Chris Domhoff, the staff union president, said that in the 2002 contract negotiations Habat "actually wanted to work things through. I don't know what changed during the three years?"

What changed was Ohio's higher education funding climate, which continued to worsen. State funding has dropped while tuition at YSU has continued to rise. To make the budgeting situation even more difficult for administrators, the state has imposed a 6 percent cap on annual tuition increases. Even if administrators wanted to raise tuition to pay for salary and benefit increases, they'd have a hard time finding the money.

Though divisive, Habat is a hard working administrator with a firm grasp on what was important at YSU. Until recently, he also carried a lot of responsibility on his shoulders. In a 2004 story, The Jambar reported that Habat had control over 15 departments on campus. Its long been rumored that Habat is the real power behind Sweet, pulling the puppet strings like a small-time Karl Rove. If Habat is indeed on his way out, Sweet may be in for a rude awakening.

YSU's strikes were painful for everyone. And all sides played their part in the disintegration of the relationship between the unions and administration.

It was unfair to single Habat out in the labor panel's report. It was weak move politically for Sweet to send Habat home for the last month. And pushing Habat out of YSU, as it seems very likely will happen, is ultimately underserved.

But fallguys, pasties, scapegoats — they rarely see justice.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Habat homestead reveals true sense of 'entitlement'

Editor:

In an article in the January 14 edition of The Vindicator, YSU Vice President for Administration John Habat claimed that one reason for last year's strikes was a "philosophy of entitlement" at the university.

Now I read that for the past month, Mr. Habat has been working from home. How nice.

So who's receiving "entitlement" now, Mr. Habat?

Bob Hogue
Associate Professor,
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Information Systems; First
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Laughter and respect are the best responses

Editor:

It is amazing what kind of material turns up in editorial pieces. I should know, I have written on many issues of which I have been outspoken. Recently though, there has been a lot of discussion about Bob Mackey's piece on Catholicism, and it appears that a lot of arguments sprung up. One piece was done by Nicole McElroy, a personal friend of mine who I work with in the College Republicans. Another was done by William Shuttleworth with comments by Crist, and yet another one by Taylor Dunnivant. What is missing are the opinions of myself and Ted Williams, who I'm sure will weigh in eventually.

Let me first say that I don't think Bob Mackey did anything malicious here, or has a personal vendetta against the Catholic faith. While I disagree with him on a lot of what he says (particularly in his last religious piece), I don't think Bob is out to get anyone. Does the article lack class and come off as offensive? Sure, it's been his tried and true style. I think Crist and Dunnivant have a point about being able to laugh at ourselves, because sometimes that is the only way to get through life.

However, I do have a problem with special treatment. Why are Catholics expected to take these com-

mentaries and jokes, but people of the Muslim faith will storm embassies over a cartoon? Why is it Catholics and the like are told to shrug off these criticisms, while we have to walk on eggshells around other faiths? I agree with Nicole and William on these issues, because the fallacy is as plain as day. Personally, I don't think The Jambar would dare run a Muhammad cartoon, because chances are they won't get away with it. After all, the student editor of a paper at the University of Illinois was fired for running it. That, Mr. Crist, is your textbook definition of censorship. Care to roll the dice?

Surely it must be admitted that an article "poking fun" at the "many quirks" of the Muslim faith would meet greater opposition than the article presented this past week. I would never condone attacking another religion specifically like Bob's article, but if Bob would have wrote that about Islam, there would be a good chance he'd be on national TV talking about it, resulting from the uproar on campus. What is now considered a humorous commentary on religion would easily be turned into racism and bigotry if such an article would be written.

All in all, everyone here is right, and everyone here is wrong. While I don't personally enjoy all of Mackey's commentaries, I can certainly share his, Crist's, and Dunnivant's viewpoint on laughing at ourselves for our intricacies. However, Ms. McElroy and Mr. Shuttleworth do raise some issues that cannot be taken lightly, especially in regards to preferential treatment. The best advice would be to show some respect and lighten up a little bit. Of course, doing those at the same time might be tedious.

Alex Mangie

Religious discussion should be encouraged

Editor:

Having just read William J. Shuttleworth's letter in response to Bob Mackey's article, "My Beef with the Church," I find myself quite surprised, as Mr. Shuttleworth informs us that, not only is Bob Mackey the next Adolf Hitler, but that his

call for cool ranch communion wafers was a coded message endorsing the extermination of all Catholics. What Mr. Shuttleworth failed to notice when he compared Mr. Mackey's article was "Mien Kampf" was that while Mien Kampf urges the destruction of a race, the worst Bob Mackey could be accused of, is pointing out that some tenants of the Catholic belief system are irrational, and yes, even silly. However instead choosing to read Mr. Mackey's article in the worse possible light, Mr. Shuttleworth bemoans the fact that this article hasn't resulted in riots similar to those that plagued the Middle East at the provocation of Muslim clerics, with a handful of Danish cartoons (the most offensive of which were never even published.) Mr. Shuttleworth would apparently prefer mob rule to a free exchange of ideas.

By insisting that the beliefs of the Catholic Church are beyond the purview of public discourse Mr. Shuttleworth is reinforcing the attitude that has made serious discussion of any religious belief unacceptably politically incorrect: An attitude that has done much to encourage the continued existence of many irrational belief systems, including the fundamentalist readings of scripture that have so often resulted in real bigotry and even violence.

However in spite of my criticism of Mr. Shuttleworth there is one point on which we can agree, and that is that YSU should not be silent on this issue. However where he would have YSU silence an unpopular sentiment, they should do no such thing. To the contrary they should not only allow such an article, but encourage it and many more as they are integral in forming a debate that is all too often sidelined in the spirit of political correctness.

Nick Daniel

In subtle defense of Mackey

Editor:

Folks, Yoda was a Jedi Knight. Okay, when I came home yesterday, I learned that my pet maggot, although a card-carrying Republican, is beyond Yoda in that he is a Jebedite Ranger and his true name is

GOPA which means Grand Ole' Party Ass. Yeah, I said the same thing, but you haven't heard the half of it.

So, Mag, cause I refuse to call him GOPA, can travel through time at will and was about to take off for the time of Moses and Mohammed in that order. Said I could go along if I swore on the Bible never to reveal secrets to anyone — not even Chaney.

I smirked; "You know I threw out the Bible and the Koran years ago for more plausible fiction like "Chicken Little," "Bullfinch's Mythology," — even that story of the India boy called Sambo." Mag sneeringly growled, "Fine then, put your hand on Bullfinch and repeat after me: I do believe God woulda killed Oral Roberts if some whacko hadn't given him eight million bucks. I do believe Allah's gonna give me 43 virgins even if I blow up innocent children. Finally, I do believe in Buddha simply because he never talked to God or heard from Allah, left his wife and kids one day out of the blue and immediately found Nirvana—his is the only common sense religion—yet there's no percentage in it—as proven by slavery of blacks started by Arabs, castrating those for harem duty; refined by whites not letting them guard any white woman—and castrating them anyway should they want to; and, of course, the taking Africa and a mass of land below Canada; therefore NO discussion of Buddhism as we can't attribute any of the above to it."

"Gees ol' man, Mag," I scoffed. "I believed you when you said you were once in Hoover's

Administration—but this is too fantastic—Time Travel??" Mag screeched. "Alright! Do you believe Denzel deserved an Oscar for that crap "Training Day"? "No!" "What about Kevin Kline in 'A Fish Called Wanda?'" "Hell No!" "Wasn't Peter Sellers screwed out of an Oscar for 'Dr. Strangelove'—and what about Paul Newman in 'The Sting?'" "Yeah, you're damn right!" Then I bit my tongue remembering Newman had been an undercover Republican until he started selling salad dressing—still Sting was a masterpiece.

So, I took the oath; and we were off.

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tural mixing between diverse organizations.

"Everyone is so standoffish, organizations don't interact with each other on campus," Penny said.

Eich said he noticed some organizations separated themselves from others. He said certain groups lack SGA support.

"SGA doesn't back black frat events," Eich said.

In his opening statement, Miller highlighted four main points of his platform: Keeping YSU affordable, increasing the quality of student life, enhancing campus technology and improving academic accessibility.

Miller said the biggest problem facing students was lack of interest and involvement.

"We want to get students involved with everything from improving the campus social life to fighting higher tuition," Miller said.

Miller said he plans to improve student interest by setting up a student calendar through the MyYSU Internet portal. Eich responded by saying there was already an event calendar in place. Miller said he was aware that the YSU homepage had a calendar, but said it is cluttered because it includes events that don't affect students.

Both parties had ideas to bring entertainment to campus and increase involvement with the downtown community.

Eich said in order to keep students on campus, there needed to be more access to downtown, including more open pathways.

"It might not sound very politically correct, but we need more places to drink," Eich said.

He also said he would find the resources to bring comedian Dane Cook to campus.

"Dane Cook. Dane Cook is my solution," Eich said.

Vansuch pointed out that she and Miller already met with Youngstown Mayor Jay Williams about increasing the relationship between

YSU and downtown.

Miller said increasing student involvement would serve as a way to combat student apathy as shown in a recent Jambor survey that found 51 of 71 students surveyed could not name the university president.

"We feel the strongest way is to give students a connecting point other than just going to class and leaving," Miller said.

Eich said students have more things on their minds to worry about than who serves as YSU's president, but said he thought that fact was "terrible."

In response to questions about anti-SGA sentiments painted on the trashcan near the Kilcawley rock supporting he and Eich, Penny said he nothing to do with it.

"It's ludicrous, that's not how I feel at all," Penny said. "It's absolutely ludicrous."

Miller said he wished students would address SGA representatives and officials directly instead of graffiti.

Another major issue in the debates this year was wireless Internet. Eich asked Miller how he planned to get campus-wide Wi-Fi set up in a timely manner.

Miller said there was a lot of progress made with Wi-Fi during the past year, citing expansion in Maag Library.

Eich said Miller is taking too long to produce results on acquiring campus-wide Wi-Fi and said if he and Penny were elected, they would be able to get Wi-Fi on campus within six months.

"I noticed you said you were working on getting wireless Internet in about a year. The key phrase in my question was 'timely manner,'" Eich said.

In his defense, Miller said he has to work within the administration's limitations, such as budgeting funds for the project.

Along the lines of increasing technology, the candidates shared their

thoughts on wYre; an SGA sponsored Internet radio station and the possibility of an over-the-air student run FM radio station.

Miller said the wYre project fell to the wayside because it wasn't available to be streamed to all computers because of network issues, and said there should be a test site to gauge student interest before money is invested. Eich said the university needs to evolve "like every other school in the country" and should have an FM radio station.

"People have wanted this for years, it needs to happen," Eich said.

Penny and Eich said SGA and the administration should be held accountable for the promises they make to students. Eich said SGA needs to take a more aggressive approach when dealing with administrators. Miller said working with the administration gets more accomplished.

Eich clarified what he said he meant by yelling and pestering, and said he meant SGA should be more aggressive toward the administration.

Vansuch said one of the duties of executive vice-president is to interact with the Academic Senate and asked Eich how he planned to do that. Eich said although he has yet meet with Academic Senate members, he feels confident he can handle the task.

"I think I can handle any situation that arises. I just need to get more information," Eich said.

The candidates discussed their plans to save students money without compromising the quality of the university, though both parties had different ideas how to do it.

Penny said the Andrews Recreation and Wellness Center should charge students who use the facility.

"I'm being charged an extra \$100 for the Rec Center, when I use a personal trainer that costs me less,"

Penny said.

Miller said if elected he would campaign on a state level in addition to requesting on-campus changes.

"It all comes down to convincing the trustees not to increase tuition. We want to keep quality at the same level," Miller said.

One widespread misconception Miller says students have about SGA is that it is run predominantly by University Scholar students who receive full tuition scholarships and therefore cannot understand the struggles average students face when paying for school. Miller said scholars make up 25% of SGA.

Vansuch, who is a scholar, said she knows what students are going through, having taken out a \$45,000 loan.

"I'm working through school to pay it off. We do care enough to fight for tuition," Vansuch said.

Both sides bring different qualifications to the table. Miller and Vansuch cite prior SGA experience and Penny and Eich cite military experience as advantages.

"We have leadership qualities. We served in leadership positions overseas. We had to do things most people can't even deal with," Penny said.

Miller said he couldn't say whether he is a more qualified candidate because he hasn't seen Penny or Eich in leadership roles, but said his platform was born from his SGA experience.

"As an executive member of SGA, I have been able to take initiatives and yield results," Miller said.

In their closing remarks, Vansuch urged students to vote.

"If you want your voices to be heard, voting is the way to do it," Vansuch said.

The next round of debates will be 7 p.m. tonight in Cafaro House's Multi-Purpose Room.

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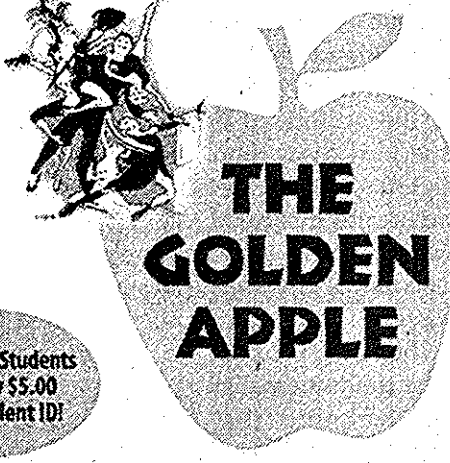
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for incoming athletes. An athlete must be a high school graduate with 14 core courses in high school with at least a 2.0 grade point average to qualify for a team. Kestner said student athletes must meet the same requirements as normal students to be admitted.

The senate also voted on a motion to approve \$1,075,160 for

a maintenance budget and new library acquisitions for 2006-2007. Diane Kandray, assistant professor of health professions, presented the motion. She said the library was looking into alternative ways to raise money.

The motion passed unanimously.

The senate also discussed transfer credits. General educa-

tion coordinator William Jenkins introduced an idea being considered by the Ohio Board of Regents called TAG, or Transfer Assurance Guides.

TAG would simplify the transfer of credits from one public university to another in Ohio. The universities would determine the minimum course guidelines for classes, then allow

the credits from those classes to be transferred over if a student moved to a different university. Jenkins said the system would mainly cover general education and survey classes and would take about a year to complete.

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"The English Festival in itself is nationally acclaimed. It's a big deal to the students. One, it's a day off from school, and two, it's a chance to meet new people with the same interests. And then at the end of the day, depending on what they were part of, they can win awards," Flora said.

The Jeremy Salvner Award, one new award, is dedicated to co-chair Gary Salvner's son who died unexpectedly at 29. Salvner wanted to spread his son's love for music into the festival. Buchanan says it is a "significant award."

"It lets students sort of express how they are feeling about the books or what they're thinking about in a different

medium other than writing. When they are here they are doing a lot of writing and this gives them another outlet," Buchanan said.

Will Hobbs, author of three books in the festival — "Far North," "The Maze" and "Jackie's Wild Seattle" — was the Thomas and Carol Gay Memorial Lecturer. Hobbs gave tips of inspiration to those students looking to make a career as an author.

"Writers are made not born. There is nothing like it anywhere else," Hobbs said.

Hobbs gave personal examples of how small details from his life have made their way into his books. For example, "Far North" was based on a trip

Hobbs took with his wife in Northern Canada on a white water rafting excursion.

According to Buchanan, the festival's other events try to match themes from books on the reading list.

"Hobbs talks about being up in Northern Canada, so we had a session at the planetarium where they showed the northern sky. Because his book 'Jackie's Wild Seattle' is about animal rescue and it involves healing on a number of different levels, we had someone from the College of Education who had some wild animals who brought them in," Buchanan said.

Two Hubbard High School students, Lee Ann Logan and

Alyssa Johnston, said that they enjoyed YSU and the English Festival.

"I liked the Biology session. They showed you like the different parts of the brain and how it can affect you and how you survive and stuff," Johnston said.

"I loved it. I'm coming to school here so I can't wait. I especially liked the writing games. We had to make up poetry, kind of like rhymes about the different books. They were silly rhymes so it was really fun," Logan said.

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programs across the country. He said that they tried to broaden the program out and get everyone involved, to represent all colleges on campus. He said that he hoped the Williamson College of Business would become more involved with Quest in the future.

For Duran, Quest was an opportunity for students and faculty to see the continued work he had done on his game outside the classroom, using Adobe Photoshop, Macromedia Flash Professional 8 and some free music editing software.

He said when he began working on the game with advisor Susan Harper in the fall, he named it "Quest" because of an

influence from the game AdventureQuest — which he had seen, but never played himself.

"It just kind of worked out that it was named that," he said.

Other influences for the game included "a little Final Fantasy and old-school 'Dragon Warrior.'" Duran said the game is still a work in progress, that he's constantly getting new ideas from people playing the game.

But his time creating a game has taken away from the time he used to spend on other games. When asked what computer or video games he played, he hesitated then replied, "None," with a laugh.

"I used to play games for

hours. I have no time to play now, at least nothing consistent. I play this more than anything," he explained, motioning toward the computer set up with his game in the Ohio Room.

Duran said the game takes about an hour and a half to beat, but spent hours fixing coding for the game. The storyline centers around a knight traveling through a mystical world, looking for treasure and fighting monsters, wizards and archers.

"The hardest part was telling him how to interact with the world," Duran said.

The effects of the game come from intricate layers of information, each adding another element to the game.

Duran said Quest wouldn't be the death of his game, hoping to expand upon it more and use it for a senior project.

"This will help my career for sure. My focus is web design, which could include animation, graphic design and programming," Duran said. "It's going to be a good example for an employer to say, 'Look at what I've made.'"

You can play "Quest" for yourself by visiting www.newgrounds.com and searching for the game by using Duran's username, JDZoom.

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SGA representative aims for equal dorm treatment

By: Steve Lettau
REPORTER

With Student Government Association elections upcoming, Arts and Sciences Representative Joe Iesue wants to make sure that his residency hall receives adequate representation.

Iesue, who lives in Lyden House at Youngstown State University, said he feels that the SGA only targets students for their votes during elections and not the remainder of the year.

"I noticed through Student Government that Lyden House is neglected until it's election day and time to go around and be like, 'Hey, can I have your vote?'" Iesue said. "But they never ask them what they want. They never ask them if they need anything. They worry so much about Cafaro House."

After moving from Cafaro to Lyden house last semester, Iesue decided to help students in Lyden to get more involved with SGA. He placed an envelope on his door where students could tell him what problems they had in the dorm.

"It turned out to be really popular. It helped the students get involved and the response was just ridiculously high," Iesue said.

Iesue said he feels SGA is not supportive of problems in Lyden because they generally do not affect the whole campus.

"There seems to be hesitation that the problems are just dealing with Lyden House. The issues they address were more of a campus-wide endeavor that could be applied to every residence hall, but I think that it was hard for them to see past that," Iesue said.

SGA President Bob McGovern said he finds it "unfortunate" that some people feel Lyden is only there for votes but said he felt Iesue's idea was

"great".
"We need to get rid of that sentiment. I really don't see it that way," McGovern said. "But hopefully over the next year, we can have sort of a liaison between the halls and the SGA."

McGovern praised Iesue for taking the lead in communicating between the dorms and the SGA.

"That's what me and [SGA Vice President Amanda] Mielke ran on last elections: communication. Things like mass e-mails. Joe took on that role and it's good that other representatives are doing this," McGovern said. "I hope that Student Government continues this in the future."

Iesue said he gets a lot of little suggestions, but a few larger ideas he wants to push include wireless Internet, changes to meal plans and to help students who are afraid to come back to the dorm after drinking.

"Students are so afraid to come back at the end of the night because of the cops, if they've been drinking," Iesue said.


Iesue said he hoped he can start another suggestion box area for Kilcawley House and that SGA looks at the issues he presents.

"What I'm hoping to happen is that I want to make sure there is a tradition that's passed on. This is something that needs to be taken seriously," Iesue said.

"There is a bulk of students who live here, who work here and who know this campus better than anyone on SGA, including myself. They see it. They see the problems and don't go to the meetings. They don't hear what the administration, what the trustees or whatever anybody says that could potentially be a problem. They live it. They see it," Iesue said.

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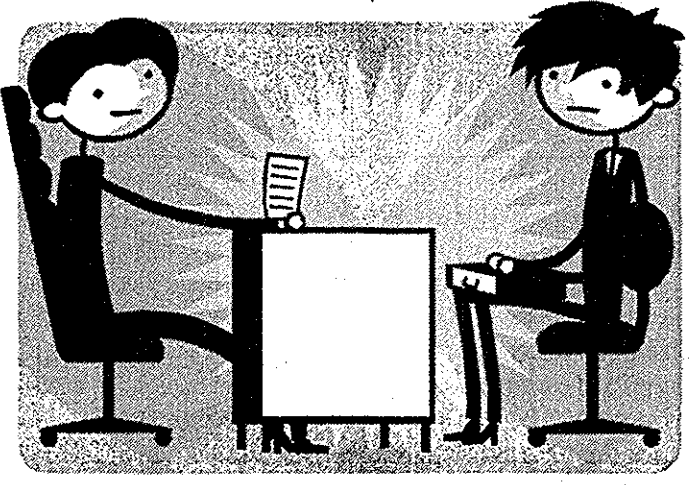
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Waking your car up after winter

HOW TO

By: Katie Libecco
COPY EDITOR

As spring rolls around, you start to notice new things about your car. There will be new scratches after you finally wash off the salt, an oil change will reveal loose connections and yes, that really is rust.

It's a good idea to get ready for car repair now, as the weather will be great to spend hours outside or in a garage without getting too hot or cold. Plus, you'll want to make sure your car is ready to go for those spontaneous summer road trips.

Some basics about car repair: If any lights on the dash come on, they require immediate attention. The yellow ones mean as soon as you get to where you're going, have someone check your car with an appropriate scanner. Many car part stores such as Auto Zone will check your car with a scanner for free. Anything that lights up in red on your dash is your car's way of saying, "STOP RIGHT NOW!" Red lights indicate problems could cause serious (expensive) problems and result in danger, so you should pull over as soon as it's safe and call for help.

While it could be something as small as a burnt fuse, malfunctioning connector or a loose wire, ignoring a light is a great way to cause more damage than is already done to car

and get into a very serious accident. It's best just to check right away.

Without getting into details – here are a few basics of car maintenance:

- **Oil:** Check your oil levels monthly and before long drives. Even if the light doesn't come on, check for yourself to make sure there's enough oil to keep all of the engine parts running properly. The owner's manual will usually tell you where the dipstick to check the oil can be found, and what level the oil should be at. Wait awhile after parking your car on a flat surface until your car cools, then find the dipstick and remove it. Wipe off any excess film on a clean rag and re-insert all the way, check the oil by removing it and looking at what level the oil is at. It may just need topped off, or if it's been more than about 5,000 miles since the last time, an oil change may be in store.

- **Tire pressure:** It's a good idea to check your tire pressure at least as often as your oil. Once again, make sure your car is cool before checking. Routine driving will heat up the tires, increase air pressure and cause the tires to expand. Your manual will tell you what the appropriate pressure (measured in inches as PSI) should be and some cars have a sticker with the same information inside the driver side door panel. It's normal for the front tires to be a different pressure than the rear. If your tire pressure is low,

inflate it with an air compressor at a gas station or friend's house. If the tire is over-inflated, reduce the pressure by pressing the pin in the center of the valve.

- **Battery:** The battery requires less attention than the tires and engine. Unfortunately, it's one of the most common ways for your car to die, leaving you stranded. Most batteries are reliable for about five years, but after that it varies greatly. The cold winter weather in Ohio can also wreak havoc on a battery, causing early deterioration. Look for a build up of white powder on the terminals, a clear indication of corrosion. Most mechanics and auto part stores will also check your battery charge.

Checking these few basic things enhance your car's ability and extends its life. It'll also prevent additional damage to anything that may currently be wrong. As winter ends and the sun starts to shine, we in Northeast Ohio know to get ready for anything. Make sure your car is ready for tumultuous season changes ahead by ensuring it is properly maintained.

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RIGHT: Graphic design major Rich St. Denis checks the oil in his car. Checking regularly and before long drives can save you from expensive damage to the engine.



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COMMENTARY

Bob Mackey should be abolished

By: Finneus V. Shufflesank IV
SPECIAL GUEST COLUMNIST

Dear Jambar,

I have to admit, I normally don't even look at your paper. But yesterday, I had about 20 minutes free on campus before the next meeting of my book-burning club. Satanist — er, I mean satirist — Al Franken tends to write pretty thick books, so I set my stack down on the ground and opened up a nearby Jambar. Hoping to find a paid advertisement from Planned Parenthood inside (my club is always in need of kindling), I found something much worse: the ignorant writings of Bob Mackey. Wait — I take back that whole "ignorant" thing. Mr. Mackey clearly knows what he's doing, and the constant output of filth and lies he spews is just one step closer to his inevitable world domination, and the mass genocide that will follow. It takes one hero to step forward and shout the truth. I am that hero.

And my shouting will be heard. In print (editor, please publish this letter in all caps). [Editor's note: No.]

At first, I wasn't sure if Mackey was a regular columnist. Would a college institution really publish the hateful, nonsensical ramblings of a confused young man? After getting permission from my pastor to use the Internet, I discovered the answer: a bone-chilling "yes." Never before has a single syllable carried so much dread.

As a student at Youngstown State University, I'm used to having my beliefs attacked. Since my grades weren't good enough for me to get into Bob Jones University, the sad truth is that I'll never get my B.A. in Morality from that fine institution. The heaps of salt that get added to this wound daily are the challenges I face from the hateful student body at YSU. Why, just the other day in Biology class many students contested my claim that the earth is only 6,000 years old and that all dinosaur bones

were put in the earth as a trick by the Jews. This is common knowledge! I thought college was about acceptance and diversity, but every day I find myself being constantly corrected by liberal diatribes and "reputable" journals. I guess all of those diversity banners I see around campus are lies, so it only makes sense for Mr. Mackey to write for YSU's filth-rag.

And what are these lies exactly? While they are simply too numerous to go into in a simple letter, I have a few examples. Mr. Mackey's President's Day article was a particular lie-fest of hatred for America intended to misinform the poor readers of The Jambar, and probably the most egregious miscarriage of journalism that I've ever seen.

In the article, Mackey claims, "Calvin Coolidge was so lazy that he was accidentally pronounced dead eight times during his presidency. He also had to have his legs removed due to complete muscle atrophy." I had my doubts, so I checked out Wikipedia. They had absolutely nothing about this. I also asked my cousin Steve, who's a real whiz with history. He, too, knew nothing about former President's Coolidge's double-amputation. I even swallowed my pride and consulted a professor in the History Department, the very same professor who tried to tell me that slavery was not a mutual agreement between slaver and slavee.

When I handed him Mr. Mackey's article, do you know what this professor did? He laughed. And he didn't just laugh when I pointed out Mr. Mackey's inconsistency. He laughed while reading the entire thing. Did you hear that, Mr. Mackey? Your journalism is laughable.

My problem isn't just with Mr. Mackey's lies, which will inevitably lead our country into a third World War before the end of the decade. Mr. Mackey simply criticizes things that he has no right to talk about. Before I started writing this letter, I thought to myself, "Can I really

do this? After all, I don't work for a newspaper, therefore I have no right to criticize one." This is why I've started my own small publication, "Finneus's Furrriends," which will be available in May and contain entertaining stories about my cats. You see, Mr. Mackey, now that I am a journalist, I have you in my sights.

I normally wouldn't worry about the influence of someone like Mr. Mackey on the public, but, like all hate-spewing madmen, insanity is evident in his writings. In between his agenda-pushing propaganda, Mr. Mackey simply doesn't make sense! I consulted one of my English professors, and she told me that these things I didn't understand are called "metaphors" and "jokes." I dismissed this as the equally crazy-ramblings of a woman who – if you can believe this – made me read a book written by a homosexual. And I don't know what is considered a joke amongst the great unwashed, but the kind of humor that makes sense to me is lighthearted comments to my co-workers about how I wish it was Friday, and not whatever day it currently is.

And Marmaduke is funny as well, but I shouldn't have to tell that to anyone with a pulse!

My point with this letter is to stop Mr. Mackey's hate, lies, and insanity before his oppression and intolerance spark a worldwide movement. Historically, there was no one like me around to question the rise to power of Adolf Hitler, Joseph Stalin or Bill Clinton. As a result, millions of Americans were killed. I don't think we should use censorship – the tool of communism – on Bob Mackey. Rather, we should use torture – the tool of democracy – to get Mr. Mackey's writing to stop.

Finneus V. Shufflesank IV
Junior, Communications

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YSU SPORTS IN BRIEF

'Guins baseball triumphs over zips

The Penguins earned a tough victory against the Akron Zips Tuesday afternoon thanks in part to an error filled first inning that saw the Penguins score two runs without recording a single hit. The Penguins won 6-3.

The win lifts the Penguins to 9-16 and ended a five game losing slump.

The Penguins were helped along the way behind the pitching of Chuck Schifflauer who pitched four innings and earned the win, upping his record to 2-1 on the season.

The Penguins also called on Joe Antinone and Kevin Libeg and Ryan

Sellman who earned another save on the season. Sellman now has two saves on the season.

Offensively the Penguins were out hit by the Zips by a tally of 6-8 but were led by Josh Page who doubled twice in the contest.

The Penguins return to action Friday at Eastwood Field in Niles to take on Cleveland State for their third home game of the season.

WEEKEND EVENTS

Friday:

The opening reception for the 70th Annual Student Juried Exhibition at the McDonough Museum of Art on Wick Avenue will be tonight 6 – 8 p.m.

There will be about 70 works of art by students currently enrolled in the Department of Art at YSU.

"J.B.," a retelling of the Bible's book of Job, plays tonight at the Spotlight Arena Theater in Bliss Hall at 8 p.m. Call the box office for tickets at (330) 941-3105.

Experimental indie rockers Anchors for Architects from L.A. will play at Cedar's Lounge, 23 N. Hazel St. with opening act Seven Times on the Sea. Check them out beforehand at www.anchorsforarchitects.com (21+)

Saturday:

"J.B." at the Spotlight Arena Theater in Bliss Hall at 8 p.m. Call the box office for tickets at (330) 941-3105.

Cleveland's punk group This Moment in Black History will headline a show at Cedar's with Panzer Talk. (21+)

Acoustic guitarist Gary James Pirrung will perform requests at University Pizza, 133 Lincoln Ave. The music will begin at 10 p.m.

Sunday:

"J.B." at the Spotlight Arena Theater in Bliss Hall at 3 p.m. Call the box office for tickets at (330) 941-3105.

The Dana School of Music will present the Midwest Double Bass Symposium 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. in Bliss Hall. The symposium is free to YSU students. Call (330) 941-3636 for more information.

Sigma Alpha Iota concert in Bliss Hall at 8 p.m.

Want to be included in the Weekend Event Calendar? Let us know what's going on by e-mailing thejambar@gmail.com.