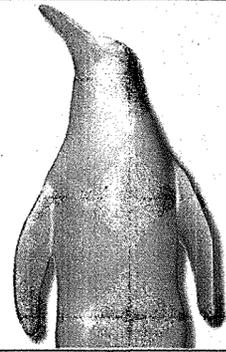




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The Mocha House will host an open poetry reading at 7:00 p.m. Friday, April 1. The event is open to the public and sponsored by the MFA Creative Writing Literary Publishing Class. The Mocha House is located at 467 High N.E., in Warren. For more information, contact Karen Schubert at (330) 941-3169, kmschubert@ysu.edu, or Evaline Abram-Diroll at (330) 941-3748, eeabramdiroll@ysu.edu.

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The U.S. Army is currently holding open auditions for musicians. The auditions will take place from 2:00-5:00 p.m. March 30 in Bliss Hall, room 3137. They are filling positions for brass, woodwinds and rhythm.

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Bolla wants Chem chair out

Dean Robert Bolla declined to support chemistry chairman Daryl Mincey

By Chuck Rodgers
The Jambar

The chairman of Youngstown State University's chemistry department may not be returning

this fall if university administrators follow a recommendation submitted in February by the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Daryl Mincey, who has held the chairmanship for 10 years,

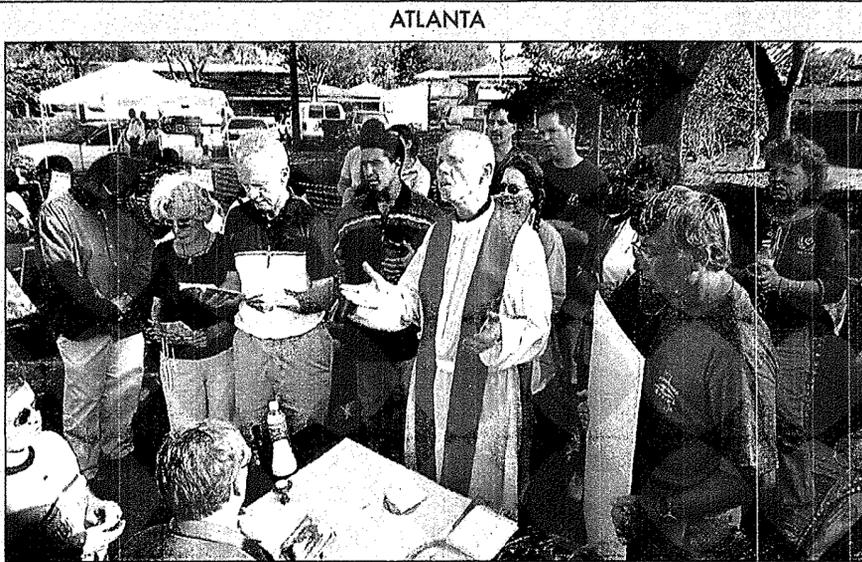
said he was surprised when he learned Dean Robert Bolla had declined to support him in seeking another five-year term.

"I was just stunned, Mincey said, "I shake my head and I just can't believe it."

Bolla declined to comment on his recommendation.

In a letter dated Feb. 22 to Interim Provost Bege Bowers, Bolla acknowledged Mincey,

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Fr. Denis Wilde, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, leads a small group in prayer for Terri Schiavo outside the Woodside Hospice in Pinellas Park, Florida, Tuesday. (KRT Campus)

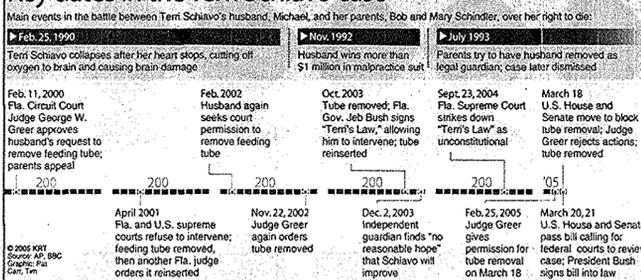
Full appeals court rejects parents' bid

In a 10-2 decision, the Court refused Bob and Mary Schindler's request

By Elliott McLaughlin
Associated Press

ATLANTA — For the second time in less than a day, a federal appeals court Wednesday rejected a bid by Terri Schiavo's parents to have her feeding tube re-inserted. Florida lawmakers, meanwhile, debated another last-ditch effort to prolong her life. In a 10-2 decision, the Atlanta-based U.S. Circuit

Key dates in the Terri Schiavo case



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Officials say report does not reflect YSU productivity

By Christina Poe
The Jambar

Earlier this month the Ohio Board of Regents released their 2005 Productivity Report for Ohio Public Higher Education, the first of its kind.

Although Youngstown State University was mentioned considerably less times than other universities, officials said that has no reflection on its productivity.

According to the report, YSU Internet-only report cards and the university's involvement in the

Consortium of Eastern Ohio Master of Public Health program were present in the report. However, YSU's 2000 semester conversion, recent partnership with Slippery Rock University and agreement with Delphi Packard went unmentioned.

Special Assistant to the President Thomas Maraffa said these were not included due to timeliness and relevancy, not their inefficiency.

The partnerships with Delphi and Slippery Rock did not

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MARAFFA

Administrator says YSU not out of line with other schools

Says Board of Trustees search waiver policy similar to other universities

By Shawn Buskirk
The Jambar

In response to an Academic Senate study questioning a Youngstown State University hiring policy, one YSU administrator maintains the university is not out of line with other universities' "demonstrable benefits."

The policy in question is the YSU Board of Trustees policy number 9000.01, which allows a national search waiver to be granted for the selection of administrators and executive officers if the best candidate is already in the system or

known in the area, and if the waiver would allow YSU "demonstrable benefits."

Earlier this month, the YSU Academic Senate released its study on the hiring policy, stating the policy is out of sync with other universities. The study also stated the term, "demonstrable benefits," is not clearly defined in the policy and is left wide open for possible disregard of affirmative action.

However, Vice President for Administration John Habat said he and other YSU

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HABAT

Dean search narrowed to three finalists

Thomas McMillan, David Ewing and Andrew Sustich are the candidates for dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

By Leonard Crist
The Jambar

The search for a new dean in the College of Arts and Sciences at Youngstown State University has been narrowed to three finalists.

They are: Thomas McMillan, a mathematics professor and chair of the department of mathematics at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock; David Ewing, a chemistry professor and director of the John Carroll Collaborative with Industry at John Carroll University in Cleveland; and Andrew Sustich, the Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Technology Transfer at Arkansas State University.

McMillan visited YSU on Monday. The other two candidates are set to visit in the next week — Ewing on Friday and Sustich on Tuesday.

The three finalists were culled from a pool of 53 applicants, Charles Singler, chair of the search committee, said. The university performed background checks and criminal history checks on each finalist, Singler said.

"Even before this final three, we had an excellent list from which we had a very difficult choice to make. I found when we got down to the short list we could take any of these [candidates]," Singler said.

Finalists

Thomas McMillan has served as chair of the department of mathematics at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock since 1999, according to application materials provided by Singler. Before that, from 1978 to 1999, he served as a mathematics professor at Radford University. McMillan also holds a master's degree in computer science.

Andrew Sustich has held the post of interim associate vice chancellor for research and technology at Arkansas State University since May 2004. He is a professor of physics and has held two interim dean positions and an associate dean job.

During Sustich's time as an interim and associate dean, he was responsible for hearing student and faculty initiated complaints, his application letter stated.

"During this time, we successfully resolved a graduate student grievance about comprehensive exams, a faculty grievance about salary levels, a faculty grievance about faculty behavioral issues and a student grievance about sexual harass-

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ment by faculty, all before they proceeded to a formal hearing stage," Sustich's application letter said.

"David Ewing has been director of the John Carroll University Collaborative with Industry since 2003. A chemistry professor, Ewing began teaching at John Carroll University in 1985. He was chair of the chemistry department there from 1994-99.

Ewing played a pivotal role in getting a new \$66 million science and technology center built at John Carroll University, his application letter stated.

"I could happily spend more time as director, and see the fruits of my development efforts. However, I desire a position of greater responsibility, where I can make a major contribution to higher education. The position of dean of

the College of Arts and Sciences at Youngstown State University is such a position," Ewing's application letter stated. The search committee will likely make a recommendation to Interim Provost Bege Bowers by the first week of April, Singler said. Bowers will then make a recommendation to YSU President David Sweet on the best candidate for the job. Search committee recommendations are usually headed by university administration, Singler said.

The departing Arts and Sciences Dean, Robert Bolla, is leaving the university on June 1 to take the position of dean of the graduate school and vice provost for research at Bradley University in Peoria, Ill.

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show how the university was saving money or improving efficiency, Maraffa said.

He added the semester conversion, along with YSU's impending switch to updated software did not fall within the last two years, which was the report's deadline.

Maraffa said the Regents' agenda for the report was not to be "an individual report card" for each.

"It is not an evaluation of each university, but way to show how the universities as a whole are doing things to improve their productivity,"

Maraffa said. Maraffa added responding to the questionnaire was hard for YSU officials because certain factors, such as a low number of employees, already places the university in a cost-efficient state.

Jamie Abel, spokesperson for the Board of Regents, said the limited mention of YSU in the report does not reflect its overall efficiency.

Abel said five to six categories were chosen to evaluate responses to the questionnaire and things from universities that did not fit were not included in the report.

Abel said although things that did not fit were not included, they all will eventually be posted on the Board of Regents Web site.

Abel said the two year timeline will allow the regents to fully evaluate and prepare the report, which is set to be released bi-yearly.

The report stemmed from a suggestion from the Governor's Commission of Higher Education and the Economy in light of such factors as rising tuition, Abel said.

Abel added the report pro-

vides a platform for hard data on savings at universities that was not available to the Regents before.

"We knew there were savings going on at these universities, but it was only anecdotal — we had nowhere to list those savings," Abel said.

Maraffa added the report will not only gauge the efficiency level of the universities, but will also make each one better on an individual level.

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officials have conducted studies on the same matter, and have found YSU is consistent with other Ohio universities. He added the term "demonstrable benefits" is not easily defined.

"I don't know to what

extent you could come up with a definition of 100 percent certainty to meet all circumstances of that term," Habat said. Habat named universities such as Cleveland State University, Kent State University and Ohio

University that have policies consistent with YSU's.

"It is clearly the University's policy to request waivers, and there will be these situations and there will be exceptions to the rules," Habat said.

Habat said CSU's policy states the Affirmative Action Office controls the hiring policies and the department's director can grant a waiver "in exceptional circumstances." However, this generally refers to summer faculty hiring. He also added KSU's hiring policy states,

"there are occasions when efficiency, productivity and fairness can best be served by appointing a uniquely qualified individual to a vacant position...it is not necessary or appropriate to apply regular procedures."

The most recent position at YSU to be taken without a national search was executive director for Financial Services. Eileen Greauf took the position officially in February.

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who ran unopposed for the position, had received the faculty's recommendation.

"He received a vote of 13 yes, zero no and one abstention," Bolla said in the letter.

But, Bolla went on to explain that he could not support the department's recommendation.

"During his term as department chairperson," the letter stated, "Dr. Mincey has shown considerable irresponsibility in managing the department budget."

Bolla cited a \$40,000 chemistry department budget overrun in 2001, the year before the dean's arrival at YSU. The letter stated that the department defers equipment maintenance until the budget is exhausted and expects the college to make up the difference.

But one of Mincey's staunchest supporters, chemistry professor Timothy Wagner, said the financial problems are not Mincey's fault.

"I don't think it is fair to say that a person is fiscally irresponsible when there's not an adequate budget," Wagner said.

"We have \$4 million worth of equipment, for example," he said, "yet we have a \$3,000 maintenance budget."

Wagner said Bolla's experience with Mincey as chairman was limited, because Mincey was on sabbatical for one of the years Bolla served as dean.

In the letter, Bolla also complained that Mincey was insubordinate and difficult for faculty and students to find when needed.

Bolla's letter stated: "[Mincey] is in the habit of going directly to the president when he feels the need to gain some advantage for his department."

The letter refers to two personnel issues — the creation of a new faculty position in 2003 and the rehiring of a post doctoral fellow whose grant support had run out — in which Mincey bypassed Bolla.

Bolla said in the letter Mincey's "outside interests during the fall semester" made him unavailable to faculty and the dean's office and created "situations in which responses

to problems were delayed."

Mincey acknowledged that during the football season, he was absent from the university on Fridays when the Penguin football team had games.

Mincey said he takes photos of the team during their games, which he donates to the athletics department. But, he said, he is always available by cell phone or e-mail if problems arise.

Wagner said he was unaware of any problem that Mincey failed to handle when he was away from campus, but acknowledged Mincey has been called for advice or to answer questions.

Mincey said he feels he has contributed to his department and the university during his two terms as chairman. And there seems to be past evidence to support his contention.

He was awarded the YSU Chairperson's Leadership Award for 1998 by then-provost James Scanlon. The same year he was also named Executive of the Year by the Youngstown chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals.

But Bolla's letter said the incidents he cites show Mincey is lacking in leadership and budget-management skills.

"On the basis of these many occurrences, Bolla's letter said, "I must conclude that it is time for an administrative change in the chemistry department."

In his own defense, Mincey said the good he has done has been overlooked.

"In the 10 years I've been here [as chairman]," he said, "we've gone from a fairly research-inactive school to one that contributes probably the majority of research dollars on this campus in terms of grant monies."

"None of that was in the letter," Mincey said.

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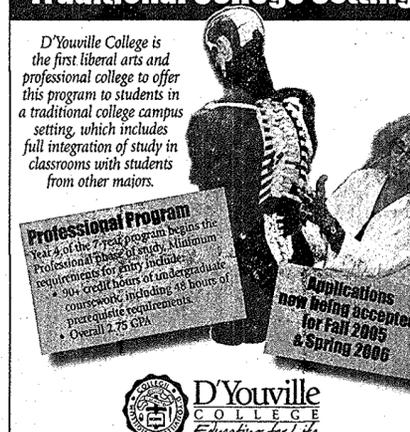


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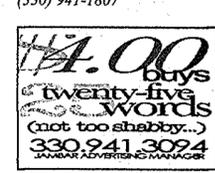
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OUR SIDE

Questions remain despite study

Last week, as the buildings and halls of Youngstown State University sat silently absent of the usual bustle, there was one exception.

In the McKay Auditorium of the Beeghly College of Education, administrators, union representatives and others sat listening to the facts and figures compiled on the salaries of YSU's classified employees' salaries by CBIZ Business Solutions.

The normally quiet discussion over the statistics grew lively as YSU-ACE assistant Gary Carlisle and Vice President for Administration John Habat sparred back and forth in heated discussion regarding the fairness, validity and methodology of the study.

Obviously, the study posed many questions to those in the auditorium that day. It continues to force us to ask questions.

The bare facts of the study show that, compared to employees of similar jobs in the Youngstown-Warren-Sharon area, YSU classified civil service employees receive more "robust" benefits packages that include better education, sick leave and vacation typically found in their job market. The pay scale for these employees is also well over market median standards.

YSU administrators are quick to remind these members of YSU-ACE how well they have it. They warn that it would be close to impossible to go anywhere else in this regional economy for comparable employment at comparable pay and benefits.

It is true, if one compares the salaries and benefits of classified employees to others in this region, they far surpass them. It is not necessarily fair to say, as some union representatives have, that their salaries are not comparable to others in the areas of Cleveland, Pittsburgh or Columbus as most employees reside in the Youngstown-Warren-Sharon area.

But, then again, is it fair to compare these employees to those at fast food restaurants and temporary agencies in this region as the CBIZ study did?

Probably not.

The average YSU-ACE employee has 17 years of experience to the seven years of experience that "comparable" workers in the local job market have. They also have more specific training.

How can YSU honestly order a review of the employees' salary in such a job market and region when the training and education of these employees far surpasses those of others in the region? They cannot.

We agree with Habat when he says that the union members do have a good benefits package. But, it must be fairly assessed.

It would be wise, not to mention professional, for both sides of the debate to get their facts straight — and fairly — before continuing the discussion further. As any intro statistics course will teach you, numbers can be used to distort the truth, and no one in this matter will benefit from misrepresentation.

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Leonard Crist...



declares total thermo-nuclear war...

If you've watched cable news at all this month you probably know the following facts: Robert "Beretta" Blake was found not guilty of killing his wife; Scott Peterson was formally sentenced to death for killing his wife; Martha Stewart is out of jail and on house arrest for insider trading and has a new reality television show in the works; and most importantly, Michael Jackson may or may not have jacksoned-off the young boy who has accused the King of Pop of molestation, kidnapping and Jesus Juice proliferation.

But did you hear that China passed a law that would allow for "non-peaceful" intervention if Taiwan refused to rejoin the mainland? Because the U.S. is such an ardent supporter of Taiwan, the implications are that the U.S. could possibly be drawn into the conflict. A war with China would not be good. They have nuclear weapons and more than a billion people. What are the chances that

COMMENTARY
This week: on national priorities

the U.S. will be drawn into the conflict? I don't want to be drafted. This information is more useful to me than the lurid details of a little girl's murder in Florida. Please act accordingly, FOX News.

Or did you hear that the United Nations is pulling out of the Darfur region of Sudan because it's too dangerous? In Sudan terrible things have been happening. Maudering Arab militias have been accused of killing and raping natives in the country's Darfur region and pushing two million from their homes. In the last 18 months, close to 200,000 people have died due to malnutrition and illness according to United Nations estimates. If we invaded Iraq for humanitarian reasons, why haven't we invaded Sudan? I smell a rat and would like to see better news coverage of it, CNN. This is the general problem with the news media these days. They cover things that don't really matter and ignore those with more sweeping implications.

It really is much easier to do a story about Michael Jackson than to explain the intricacies of President Bush's Social Security plan or to investigate how gay prostitute Jeff Gannon found his way into the White House press-room.

Michael Jackson is interesting to be sure. He has a funny nose and an amusement park and an

incredibly long and highly successful music career and he has been accused of molestation before. The story basically writes itself.

But in the grand scheme of things, the Michael Jackson case isn't going to affect very many people on any personal level. Chances are you will never meet Michael Jackson, and if you do, chances are you will remain unmolested. There is no reason to devote as much news time as gets devoted to Michael Jackson when other, more important events go uncovered.

But you haven't heard much about Sudan, Taiwan, or any number of other issues because news has become entertainment. Instead of informing the populace on issues that are important and affect them, the news media all too often panders to the lowest common denominator in an attempt to get higher ratings, or more accurately, loads of cash. Giant corporate conglomerates only concerned with the bottom line own most major media outfits. If more people want to see stories about celebrity trials, then that's what gets aired, newsworthiness be damned.

However, it's not just the news media that have exhibited an extreme lack of priorities. President Bush and Congress have also eschewed legislative-worthiness in order to chase after more politically popular and headline

grabbing topics as steroid use in Major League Baseball and the Terry Schiavo case.

Few would disagree that the Schiavo case has been in the news a lot lately, and many would argue such extensive coverage is warranted (myself included). But lost in the flurry of stories about legal challenges and whether or not she is a vegetable lays a largely unreported story of epically hypocritical proportions.

It seems that in Texas, back during the governorship of George W. Bush, our president signed into law the Texas Futile Care Law, which allows hospitals to pull patients off of life support, without the family's consent, if they determine the case to be beyond hope and if the family can't afford the treatment or find another hospital to take the patient.

Last week, six-month old Sun Hudson died in a Texas hospital after doctors removed his feeding tube, despite his mother's frantic objection that he be kept on life support. If his mother had been able to pay or find another hospital for her son, he would still be alive today. But doctors thought otherwise and let the young child die because they were allowed to under Texas law. A law that George W. Bush signed. I find this aspect of the story very interesting. MSNBC, please work harder at improving your coverage in the future.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editorial are meant to express opinions based on facts; I advise that you get your facts right.

Emily Rood

McGovern should have went to local leaders first

Editor,

Recently, I have been reading your coverage of Bob McGovern and other representatives going to Columbus to talk about higher education funding. Your coverage of this has been glowing. Where is the journalistic scrutiny? We all need to take a step back and look at what is going on here. This group of people went straight to Columbus without talking to any local representatives before hand. In the world of politics this is suicide. You cannot skip steps. The proper way to address the situation would have been to sit down with local leaders such as Rep. Carano and Rep. Patton and see what ideas they may already have. Because, as it turns out, they were already trying to do what McGovern was going to ask. He could have saved

a lot of time and effort had he simply talked to someone first. Instead, he went down and glad-handed the politicians on the committee that will continue to do nothing.

Furthermore, I know this name is not popular in this area, but why did you know one think to talk to Mayor McKelvey? He has a lot of ties with the Republican Party.

The Republican Party is in control. Therefore, why would we not try to work with them to get things done? It seems to me that the Hon. McKelvey could have urged things further in the right direction.

Luckily, every year at this university we get to decide who are leaders are going to be. Hopefully, everyone will realize that it is time for a change at this university. The old leaders need to go. The people working for the current leaders need to go. It is time to vote for people from the outside with new ideas and a new way of approaching the situation.

Brad Adair
Senior
Political Science

Schiavo not 'brain dead'

Editor,
I am aware of the popularity of the Terri Schiavo right-to-die case and believe you made some vital mistakes while discussing it. First, you stated that she could breathe on her own. This is true but then you state that she is brain dead. If it is a part of her brain controlling her breathing, how can she be brain dead?

The brain controls such vital operations as breathing. The only assertion doctors have made is that she is in a persistent vegetative state, NOT brain dead. Your conclusion of her being brain dead is implausible at this point. In addition, the editorial stated, "breathing does not constitute living." I understand that you were trying to make the point that just because she is breathing does not mean she is truly "alive." But, in context, that statement too does not make sense. Does this mean, even though I am breathing, I am not alive? Before such facts and opinions are published, someone needs to proofread for common sense. I agree with your final message, but I feel there was a better way to approach this subject, with some common sense.

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Court of Appeals refused Bob and Mary Schindler's request for an emergency rehearing by the full court. A three-judge panel from the same court ruled against the family earlier Wednesday.

The court did not give an explanation for its decision. Matt Davidson, a clerk for the court, said it normally does not make statements when it votes on whether to consider a request.

However, the dissenting judges did make statements. Judge Charles R. Wilson, who also dissented in the three-judge panel's ruling, said he still stood by his earlier rationale that Schiavo's "imminent" death would end the case before it could be fully considered.

"I fail to see any harm in reinserting the feeding tube," he wrote in the earlier ruling.

The parents have vowed to take their fight to the U.S. Supreme Court, which has refused to get involved previously.

Supporters of the parents grew increasingly dismayed by the developments, and 10 protesters were arrested outside Schiavo's hospice for trying to bring her water. The severely brain-damaged woman's mother pleaded, again, that her daughter be kept alive.

"When I close my eyes at night, all I can see is Terri's face in front of me, dying, starving to death," Mary Schindler said outside the hospice. "Please, someone out there, stop this cruelty. Stop the insanity. Please let my daughter live."

Terri Schiavo was not received any nourishment since the tube was pulled Friday afternoon. By late Tuesday, Terri's eyes were sunken, her skin was parched and flaking and her lips and tongue were parched, said Barbara Weller, an attorney for the Schindlers.

Doctors have said she could survive one to two weeks without the feeding tube. A lawyer for Michael Schiavo said he was "very pleased" by the initial appeals court ruling. But he worried that, as her parents ran out of options, either Gov. Jeb Bush or lawmakers might try again to take Terri Schiavo into their custody and circumvent years of court rulings that support the husband's position. Michael Schiavo argued that his wife has no hope of recovery and would want to die.

"They have no more power than you or I or a person walking down the street to see we have the right to take Terri Schiavo," attorney

George Felos said in a state court hearing.

In Tallahassee, the state capital, Bush renewed his call for the Legislature to "spare Terri's life." The governor and the head of the state's social services agency also said they have filed a petition with a Pinellas County trial court seeking to take custody of Schiavo. It cites new allegations of neglect and challenges Schiavo's diagnosis as being in a persistent vegetative state based on the opinion of a neurologist working for the state. The doctor observed Schiavo at her bedside but did not conduct an examination of her.

Bush and Department of Children Camp; Families Secretary Lucy Hadi suggested they have authority to intervene on Schiavo's behalf regardless of the outcome of the bill in the Florida Legislature or a myriad of court decisions.

Sen. Daniel Webster was scrambling to secure votes to pass a bill that would prohibit patients like Schiavo from being denied food and water if they didn't express their wishes in writing. A similar measure brought last week by Webster was defeated 21-16.

Senate Democratic Leader Les Miller said the new bill faced a sim-

ilar fate to one that was pushed through in 2003 to reconnect the tube six days after it was removed.

"By the time the ink is dry on the governor's signature, it will be declared unconstitutional, just like it was before," Miller said. "So I don't see anything or any language that can persuade my vote."

Meanwhile, President Bush suggested that he and Congress had done their best to help the parents prolong Schiavo's life, and the White House said it has no further legal options.

Terri Schiavo suffered brain damage in 1990 when her heart stopped briefly from a chemical imbalance believed to have been brought on by an eating disorder. Court-appointed doctors say she is in a persistent vegetative state with no hope of recovery.

Her parents and their doctors argue that she could get better and that she would never have wanted to be cut off from food and water.

In their appeal, the Schindlers asked that the full court order the hospice in Florida where Schiavo is staying to immediately transport her to a hospital "for any medical necessary to sustain her life and to re-establish her nutrition and hydration."



◀ **Cavs snap three-game skid**
A day after Paul Silas was fired, Brendan Malone led a Cleveland Cavaliers team in turmoil to a much needed 91-76 win over the Detroit Pistons on Tuesday night.
▶ **Record breaker**
Tennessee Lady Vol's head coach Pat Summitt broke Dean Smith's career victory record Tuesday night, getting No. 880 in the Lady Vols' 75-54 win over Purdue.



Sportswire

Lockmiller tabbed Horizon League Pitcher of the Week
Indianapolis, Ind. — Youngstown State senior Ashley Lockmiller (Bradner, Ohio) was named the Horizon League Pitcher of the Week for the week of March 21, the League announced. Lockmiller is the third YSU player and second Penguins pitcher to receive the Horizon League weekly award. Junior Kelly Murphy was named pitcher of the week on Feb. 28 and freshman Sarah Berry earned player-of-the-week honors on March 8.

Perugini tabbed Penguins' MVP
Youngstown — Youngstown State senior Jen Perugini closed out her inter-collegiate basketball playing career in style after being named the Penguins' Most Valuable Player at the team's post-season banquet on Sunday. Perugini, a First-Team All-Horizon League selection this season, ranked ninth nationally with 10.7 rebounds per game in 2004-05. She also led the Horizon League in rebounding and ranked second in scoring at 14.4 points per game.

Leveto concludes career at NCAA Zone C Diving Championships
West Lafayette, Ind. — Youngstown State senior diver Kalyn Leveto concluded her stellar career by competing at the NCAA Regional Diving Qualifying Championship hosted by Purdue University at the Boilermaker Aquatic Center. On Friday, Leveto placed 31st in the three-meter competition while on Saturday, she finished 32nd in the one-meter event. She was just one of five Horizon League divers to take part in the Zone C meet.

Bonds on return: Maybe next season, maybe by midseason
SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Coming off knee surgery and caught up in baseball's steroid scandal, Barry Bonds said he may not play at all this season — despite standing on the doorstep of the sport's most hallowed record. The San Francisco Giants slugger also said he was physically and mentally "done," and blamed the media for at least part of his troubles.

YSU

Strollo moving along with applicants

Applicants from nearly every level of the game are vying for the men's basketball coaching vacancy

By Justin Smolkovich
The Jambar

The search for a new head men's basketball coach is underway as Athletic Director Ron Strollo has received more than 40 applicants who have expressed interest in becoming a Penguin. The would-be coaches are vying for the position left open when head coach John Robic's contract was not renewed for the upcoming season. Robic's record for the 2004-05

season was 5-23. Strollo said now that the applications have been filed, the difficult task of selecting an applicant would begin. He said the review of the applicants is "going as expected," and the review committee's first meeting will be today. The pool of applicants, which so far consists of those from nearly every level of the game, including high school, junior college, Division II and Division I play, has to meet certain criteria to be even

considered for the job, such as having between 8 to 10 years of college coaching experience. "I planned on the pool of applicants to be better since improvements have been made on campus like the Andrews Center, and also our involvement with the Horizon League," Strollo said. "It helps immensely." Strollo said involvement in the Horizon League will add credibility to the coaching position at YSU, adding the Horizon League is only one of a few conferences on the country to advance a team to the Sweet 16 on a regular basis.

However, since joining the league in the 2001-02 season, the Penguins have not had a winning season. The athletic director said the review process would really start to gain steam in April, as candidates will begin to get a taste of Youngstown State University. "My hopes are that after the Final Four, around the first week of April, to have the applicants down here on campus," Strollo said.

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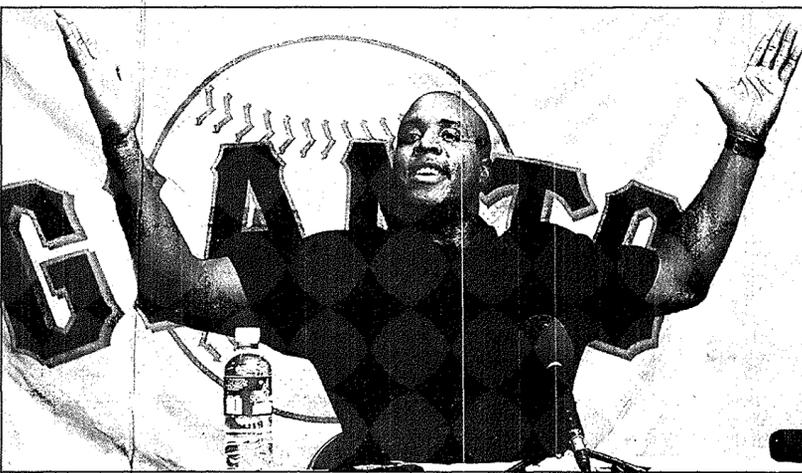
COMMENTARY

At least Bonds didn't promise to drive the car pool

By Jim Litke
Associated Press

We've laid him low, pushed him off a bridge, even made his kids cry. And we're just the batting-practice pitchers. So imagine how Barry Bonds would have handled some high heat from Congress last week, or from prosecutors in the BALCO case somewhere down the road. And keep in mind that "Whatever, dude," is not an acceptable reply to the same questions that left Mark McGwire sprawled in the dirt and Sammy Sosa furiously thumbing through his English-to-Spanish phrasebook. Right or wrong, those same questions won't be answered by Bonds anytime soon. Because whatever else his meltdown Tuesday at the Giants' spring training site accomplished, it certainly bought him some time.

What sounded at different moments like a retirement speech, or a concession even, was actually nothing of the sort. It was sport's reigning diva, knees wearing down and patience worn out, complaining bitterly about an avalanche of bad reviews, then hinting vaguely that he might get even by refusing to set foot on the stage again. Right. "You wanted to bring me down. You've finally brought me and my family down. Finally done it. From everybody, all of you. So now go pick a different person," Bonds said. "I'm done." At least he didn't promise to pitch in on car pooling, which is what Michael Jordan said the first time he retired, when what Jordan really meant was that he needed a break. And since MLB, like the NBA, doesn't grant sabbaticals, and the media doesn't issue waivers, Bonds simply elected to hide out on the disabled list for as long as he needs to rehab a surgically repaired knee and a reputation that may already be beyond repair. "Right now, I'm just going to try to rehab myself to get back to, I don't know, hopefully next season, hopefully the middle of the season," Bonds said. "I don't know. Right now, I'm just



Done for the year?

San Francisco Giants' lugger Barry Bonds gestures during a press conference on February 22, at Scottsdale Stadium in Scottsdale, Arizona. Bonds said he will miss at least half the season and possibly the rest of the year. (KRT Campus)

going to take thing slow. "I'm 40 years old, not 20, 30." Reminders of his advancing age are closing in on Bonds, and they're not limited to aches and pains. He is a dozen home runs shy of passing Babe Ruth's career mark of 714 and 53 behind Hank Aaron's 755. At the same age, Ruth hit just six in his next-to-last season and Aaron 20. By whatever means, Bonds has already defied most of the conventional wisdom about sluggers losing power as they get older. But there's no circumventing one lesson writ large across the pages of baseball's history books: Time eventually catches everybody, and once a hitter's power and momentum slow, the tumble down the mountain happens with breathtaking speed. Neither his joints nor his critics ever caused Bonds to hurt like this before, and maybe Tuesday's wrenching soliloquy was prompted by doubts more imagined than real.

Teammate Moises Alou, who is 38 himself and has come back from five surgeries, chose to read Bonds' words that way. "Maybe today he was not very optimistic. I think it was one of those rehab days where you just caught him on one of the bad days," Alou said. "It's not fun when you come to the ballpark, then have to go to the training room to get taped and get treatment. "It's not as fun as when you are young and wild and doing things, especially," he added, "when you are the man." If there is anything definite to be taken from this episode, it's that Bonds has lost his desire, at least for the time being, to be The Man. For all the perks accorded to somebody in that role, having to live like Elvis was enough to scare Jordan out of playing for a while, and it could have the same effect on Bonds. "I might not be back at all," he told MLB.com. "I'm just going to go home

and try to enjoy my family. I'm sick and tired of seeing them so upset. I'm done. Finished with it. Certainly I'll be gone after 2006." For all that, longtime observers know even Bonds doesn't believe half the things that come out of his mouth. And so it's possible he'll return from a few days or weeks of working out and keeping his own counsel with his bravado and skills intact. The guess here is that Bonds will be back in plenty of time to catch Ruth, but leave long before knocking Aaron off the pedestal. His leave-taking then will be a much more polished version of his ramblings Tuesday, but the point he makes will be the same. Rest assured that Bonds will go out — as one writer described it perfectly — in "a blaze of martyrdom," but not before he is good and ready. Jim Litke is a national sports columnist for The Associated Press. Write to him at jlitke@ap.org

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band, Sting, Bruce Hornsby and the Grateful Dead. From 1992 to 1995, Marsalis was the musical director of the "Tonight Show" band. He has also worked as a producer for Columbia Records. In 2002, Marsalis created his own independent record label "Marsalis Music" as a haven for "committed creative musicians" when major record labels were forced to drop many jazz acts. Marsalis' newest recording, "Eternal" was released in 2004. It is a collection of ballads. The album's title track was written in honor of Marsalis' wife. Kent Engelhardt, coordinator of jazz studies at YSU was excited about Marsalis' appearance in Youngstown. The visit was being planned for some

time, he said. "If there were a list of the greatest living saxophone players, Branford would be right near the top if not at the very top. We're very fortunate to have him come here," Engelhardt said. Engelhardt also said he hopes music students are able to take away a lot from Marsalis' lecture. "He has a lot of experience not only in making music, but also in surviving the music business," Engelhardt said. Marsalis also has his hand in music education. He has worked as a part-time faculty member and as a visiting scholar. In addition to his recent YSU visit, he has talked with students from such universities as

Michigan State and Stanford. Marsalis' lecture to YSU students yesterday covered a spread of topics including art, how to improve musically, an how to teach music. He stressed that one of the best ways to be a better musician is to listen to a lot of music. He said musical education program should have required listening lists for students. "I'm amazed at the number of people who play a piece without hearing it first. That may have made sense in 1875 but not today," Marsalis said. He said students interested in learning jazz should listen to the music that evolved into jazz, not just the great like John Coltrane. "God music doesn't happen in a vacuum" Marsalis said.

He gave music education students some insight into the difficulties of teaching music to high school students, saying it would be hard to get students and their parents to take music education seriously. "Most people don't respect music, they think it's just entertainment. How do you get parents to believe that music is more than just background noise?" Marsalis asked. He still urged future educators to try to foster an appreciation of music in their students. "If 5 percent of your students learn to appreciate music, that's 5 percent more than we have today," Marsalis said. He also talked about his attitude toward being a professional musician.

"I'm not motivated by money," Marsalis said. "That's why I'm able to walk away from lucrative high-profile jobs." He said a good professional musician can't be motivated by money and fame. "Do you expect your record to sell? It's not going to. Are you OK with that? Then let's go play," Marsalis said. Marsalis' performance at Stambaugh was sponsored by the Skeggs Lecture Series. The lecture series was established in 1966 in memory of Leonard T. Skeggs Sr., an educational secretary and general secretary of the YMCA in Youngstown in the early 1900s.

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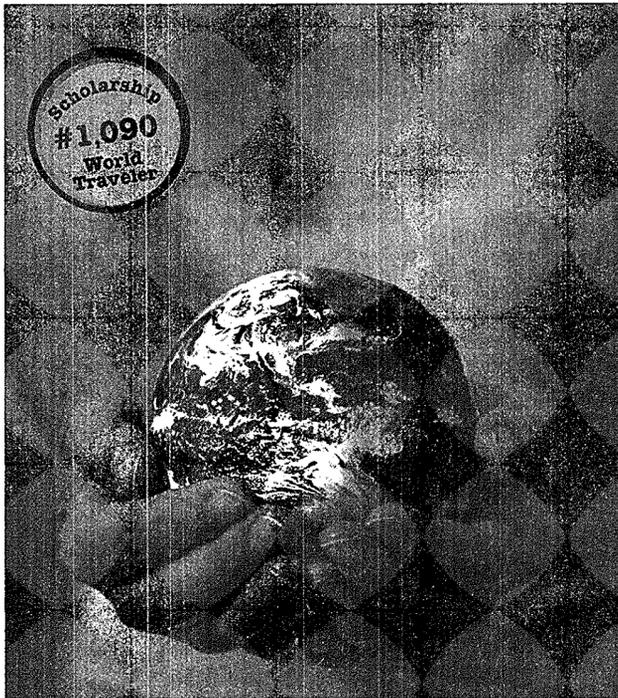
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Records. Soon. But when you get past the physically-induced shortcomings, you soon realize there are also issues with what he is actually saying. For example, part of the 50 Cent allure is that he's this weight-lifting, drug-selling thug. What kind of a gangsta talks about the candy shop or calls a song "Disco Inferno?" I would expect this from Michael Jackson, but not from someone who can supposedly beat me up. And even if you want to overlook the title problems, 50 Cent doesn't really get all that creative in his music. True, when you buy an artist's album, it can be a pain to discover you picked up the CD on which they decided to reinvent themselves, but when you can hardly tell if there's been any maturation or change since the last time you heard their work, it's not all that interesting. In the song "Candy Shop," 50 rhymes the word nympho with ... nympho! Also, though I don't have perfect pitch, it's fairly obvious that the hook to "Candy Shop" is exactly the same as the hook to "Magic Stick," only it has different words. 50, isn't it a little too early in the game to be doing reruns?

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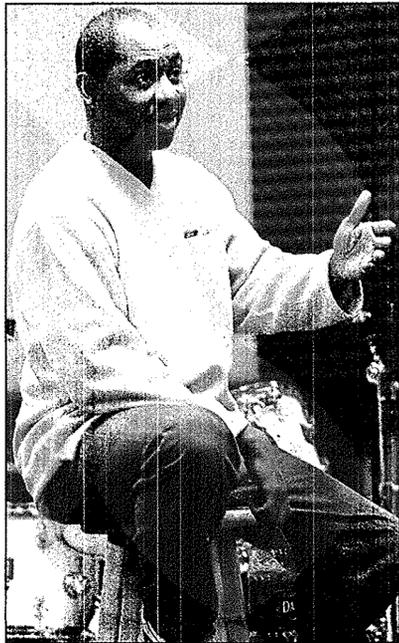


► *Leo helps out*
 Actor Leonardo DiCaprio helped environmentalists launch an international campaign Tuesday to draw attention to the billion people worldwide who don't have access to clean water.

YSU

Marsalis speaks to aspiring musicians

The Grammy Award winning saxophonist spoke at Bliss Hall



Jazzman

Grammy-Award winning saxophonist Branford Marsalis spoke to students Wednesday from the Dana School of Music at Bliss Hall. Marsalis also performed Wednesday at Stambaugh Auditorium. (Jambar photo by Chuck Rodgers)

By Bill Rodgers
 The Jambar

How does a Grammy Award winner and world famous musician define success?

"I got my first job playing music when I was 15-years-old," Branford Marsalis told students from the Dana School of Music Wednesday.

"I made 75 cents. I was just so excited that I was being paid to play music. I took the bus home and it cost me 75 cents."

World-renowned jazz musician and saxophonist Marsalis performed with his quartet at Stambaugh Auditorium in Youngstown Wednesday evening. Marsalis' performance was the fourth annual Leonardi Legacy Concert. The Skeggs Lecture Series sponsored the performance.

In addition to the concert, Marsalis and his quartet were in Bliss Hall Wednesday afternoon to give a special lecture to aspiring professional musicians and music education majors from the Dana School of Music.

Marsalis is a three-time Grammy Award winner who has dabbled in jazz, classical and pop music. He was born in New Orleans, the oldest son of legendary jazz pianist Ellis Marsalis. Since his career began, Marsalis has released 14 jazz albums, two classical albums and two pop albums with Buckshot LeFonque; a project he created that blended sounds of jazz, rhythm and blues, hip hop and rock.

Marsalis has shared the stage with his brother's jazz

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VIDOVIC, CHILD COMING AS PART OF NPR EVENT

Ana Vidovic and Fred Child

Renowned classical guitarist Ana Vidovic will also be paying a visit to Youngstown with National Public Radio host Fred Child on Tuesday, March 29. Vidovic will perform at 8 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church at 323 Wick Ave. in Youngstown. The performance is sponsored by WYSU-FM.

Vidovic will hold a master class in Bliss Hall for YSU students. Before her concert, Vidovic will take part in a private, pre-concert recording session in Bliss Recital Hall. Child will be interviewing her from the recital hall.

WYSU will be giving away 20 tickets to the recording session during its daytime classical music broadcast the week before the concert.

Vidovic comes from a small town near Zagreb, Croatia. She began playing the guitar at 5-years-old and has since become a rising international star in classical music. She won several prestigious music competitions throughout Europe and has performed in cities around the world including London, Paris, Rome, Toronto and San Francisco.

Child is the host of NPR's "Performance Today," a radio show broadcast on 200 radio stations nationwide, including WYSU. Child informs audiences about classical music and conducts pre-concert interviews with musicians on his show.

YSU

Last Penguin Standing

Contest gives students

By Chrissy Downard
 The Jambar

After the success of last summer's Penguin Parade, YSU officials have decided to give students the chance to decorate the last, lonely penguin.

Kilcawley Center is sponsoring the "Last Penguin Standing" contest. Students can enter to have the chance to transform the plain white penguin from the "Penguin Parade" public art project into a work of art to be displayed permanently in Kilcawley center.

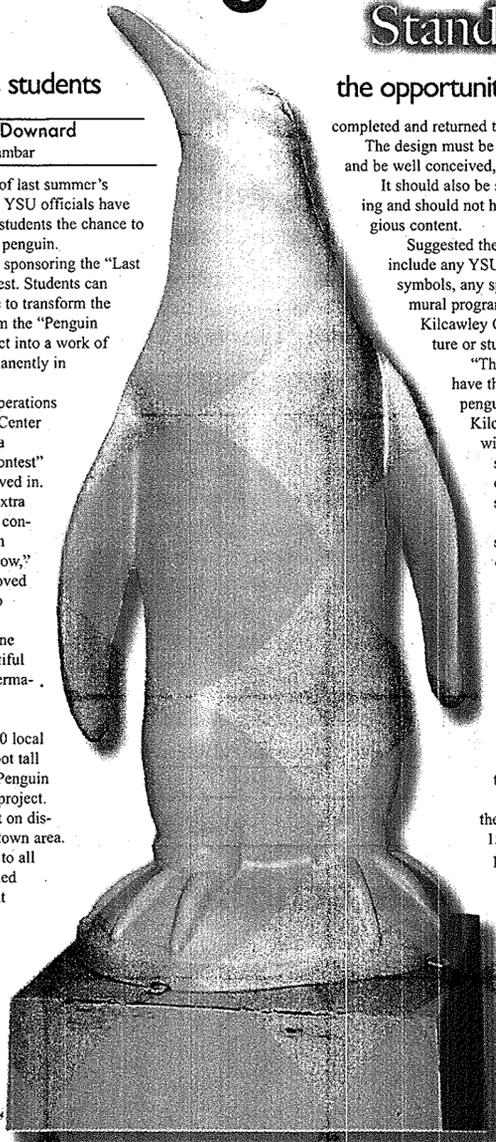
Lynn Haug, retail operations manager for Kilcawley Center said the contest will be a "unique, fun and easy contest" for students to get involved in.

"We purchased an extra penguin exactly for this contest and kept it hidden in Kilcawley center until now," Haug said. "Everyone loved all the other penguins so much that we thought it would be nice to have one more to add to the beautiful collection and have it permanently placed here in Kilcawley Center."

Over the summer, 30 local artists decorated 30 5-foot tall penguins as part of the Penguin Parade community arts project. Their creations were put on display around the Youngstown area.

The contest is open to all students currently enrolled with three or more credit hours who have a valid YSU patron ID number. Undergraduate or graduate students can apply as a single artist or as a design team with two or more members.

The winning designer will receive \$1000, when the penguin is



the opportunity to win \$1,000

completed and returned to Kilcawley Center. The design must be original, reflect excellence and be well conceived, Haug said.

It should also be suitable for family viewing and should not have any sexual or religious content.

Suggested themes for the penguin include any YSU history, landmarks or symbols, any sport, recreation, or intramural program and anything relating to Kilcawley Center, campus architecture or student organizations.

"The student who wins will have the opportunity to paint the penguin over the summer and Kilcawley Center will help with the general expenses such as brushes, paints and other materials," Haug said.

Students wishing to submit more than one design may do so, but must complete a separate application for each design.

The Penguin Art Committee, made up of YSU faculty, community members and YSU alumni, will choose the final design. The contest winner will be notified the first week of May.

The entry deadline for the contest is 1 p.m., April 15. Applications can be picked up from in the Kilcawley Center staff office.

Applications can be printed from the Kilcawley Center Web site at www.kc.yzu.edu by clicking on the "Last Penguin Standing" contest button.

Call Chrissy Downard at (330) 941-1913

CD REVIEW

50 Cent lacks creativity in latest 'Massacre'

By Brendan Kennedy
 The Collegiate Times (VT)

(U-WIRE) BLACKSBURG, Va. — When 50 Cent first blew up, he was not known for much. He was from Jamaica, Queens. He was Eminem and Dr. Dre's latest hip-hop prospect. He was shot nine times, and apparently if you were hanging out in the club you could see him there with a bottle of "bubb." Now with his latest major label release, "The Massacre," listeners are challenged to see if 50 has just been shot a lot or if he's been successful in making this into art.

The Good: "The Massacre" is exactly what it is supposed to be. There are not many occasions on this effort that vary from what you were expecting. As a whole, everything fits together. There's loud bass, beats for the frat and the club and 50 Cent. You've probably heard "Disco Inferno" or "Candy Shop" downtown a million times already, and so you'll probably agree with me here.

These two songs are not the interesting tracks however. "A Baltimore Love Thing"

shows a romantic and more sensitive side of 50 that many did not know existed. There's a lot of very "blunt-worthy" material on this

"Massacre" as well. "Ryder Music" is very mellow and features some of the best flow I think I've ever heard from

50. "God Gave Me Style" makes up for a lack of variety with a cool beat and mellow feeling.

"This is

50," with its rich bass piano sounds, is pure gangsta rap. "I Don't Need Em" has so much soul, it'll make you smack yo mama.

The production on this album is top-notch. With Dr. Dre and Eminem overseeing all that takes place, it has the characteristic sound his last few albums have had. There is not a lot of experimentation, but what little skewing from the norm occurs is usually really cool.

The Bad: Though it might seem like "Massacre" is perfect, there's a lot of things I really hated about it. 50 Cent has made a lot of money in a way very similar to Eminem: rising from inner city poverty to become the cream of the crop. Even before he got shot, he was spitting hot stuff. One problem is one of those nine disco biscuits hit 50 in the mouth. The result is 50 just doesn't sound right. Just because you have a cool story doesn't mean you are going to sound good. If not speaking well makes you a really good M.C., Stephen Hawking. Is. Going. To. Sell. A. Lot. Of.

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