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## Student tuition will rise in fall '04

By MICHAEL J. BALALE  
The Jambar

Students will be paying 8 percent more per year to attend Youngstown State University if trustees today approve University President David Sweet's plan to raise \$3.4 million more in



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revenue. Sweet has asked that the hikes, which will cost a full-time student \$436 more per year, be imposed for fall 2004.

In a briefing with Jambar reporters Wednesday, Sweet said the 8 percent tuition increase is needed to cover student, staff and faculty salaries and scholarships. Two per-

cent of the increase is for technology upgrades.

Trustees are expected to vote on the tuition increase at 9 a.m. today at the Board of Trustees meeting in Tod Hall and university administrators said they do not anticipate board opposition.

"I think to be competitive with other Ohio universities and their enrollment, we have

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## Ohio tuition ranks fifth highest in the country

By ELIZABETH TABAK  
The Jambar

Going to a public university in the state of Ohio is going to cost you.

A recent report from the College Board placed Ohio's

tuition for public universities as fifth highest in the nation — a cost well above the national tuition average. The cost is something state officials say can be attributed to a tight state budget.

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## Unions, SGA to join for protest

By LA'EL HUGHES  
The Jambar

Local unions will join Student Government Association representatives at this morning's Board of Trustees meeting to protest the possible outsourcing of the YSU Bookstore.

Union officials said they feared that University President David Sweet would be recommending the closure of the YSU Bookstore in favor of an outside company.

The Follet Company and Barnes and Noble are both vying for the contract to be the official bookseller for the campus.

Wednesday, Sweet said he would not be making a recommendation and instead would merely be presenting information to the trustees about the different proposals.

The union representatives, however, were not the only ones who believed Sweet would be issuing a recommendation. Executive Director of Marketing and Communications Walt Ulbricht said he thought Sweet was prepared to name which outfit he wants to run the bookstore.



ULBRICHT

Ohio Education Association representative Gary Carlile said members from three of YSU's unions including the Association of Classified Employees (ACE), the YSU-OEA and the Association of Professional Administrative Staff (APAS) will attend today's trustee meeting at 9 a.m.

ACE President Christine Domhoff and Carlile said they wanted to show their support to SGA members as they continue to fight to keep the Kilcawley bookstore under its current operation.

"Everyone is seeing RED," Carlile said.

In preparation for today's committee meeting, Carlile, along with other factions on campus including SGA, the APAS and ACE, passed out flyers on Monday that read, "Why are YSU Students Seeing Red this week?"

The flyers tell students to e-mail YSU Board of Trustees about their discontent regarding the proposed outsourcing of the YSU Bookstore; all of the phone numbers, e-mails and faxes of each trustee were listed on the flyer.

YSU's faculty, professional administrative and employee unions are not the only ones

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## Student Life hopes to update 'The Code'

By MELISSA MOSCHELLA  
The Jambar

The Office of Student Life sent out memos last week asking for suggestions as they begin revising "The Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct." Several YSU students, however, said they were unaware that the book even existed.

Associate Director of Student Life Martin Manning said the memos were sent to members of the university community, including faculty, staff and students.

Some YSU students, however, said they have few suggestions for something they have never heard of.

Juniors Desiree Lyon and Jami Green both had the same puzzled look on their faces when handed the little blue booklet called "The Code."

"These should be as accessible as scheduling books," Lyon said.

"The Code" is an official University document approved by the YSU Board of Trustees. It outlines the rights and responsibilities of students in areas such as behavior, student discrimination and sexual assault complaints, academic dishonesty and filing grievances against professors.

As Lyon quickly thumbed through the pages of "The Code," she said the language was clear and understandable but offered a suggestion regarding sexual assault.

Lyon said there needed to be regulations regarding confidentiality for sexual harassment complaints.

Manning said the memo was sent out as part of the routine biannual process of revising "The Code."

"We're just starting to get feedback," he said. One thing Manning said he would like to do is clarify some of the language.

He said advances in technology have caused a need for some things to be added to the

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## Bookstore buyback in full swing

By ELIZABETH TABAK  
The Jambar

With finals' week just days away, bookstore managers anticipate crowds of students returning their books, while students hope to make a little extra cash.

The YSU Bookstore and Campus Book and Supply on Lincoln Avenue are both currently offering cash to students for reusable textbooks.

John Thomas, textbook manager of Campus Book and Supply, said his store began buying books from students on Nov. 24, and will continue until Dec. 13. The early start, Thomas said, is an effort to give students a chance to get the best price for their books before their shelves are restocked.

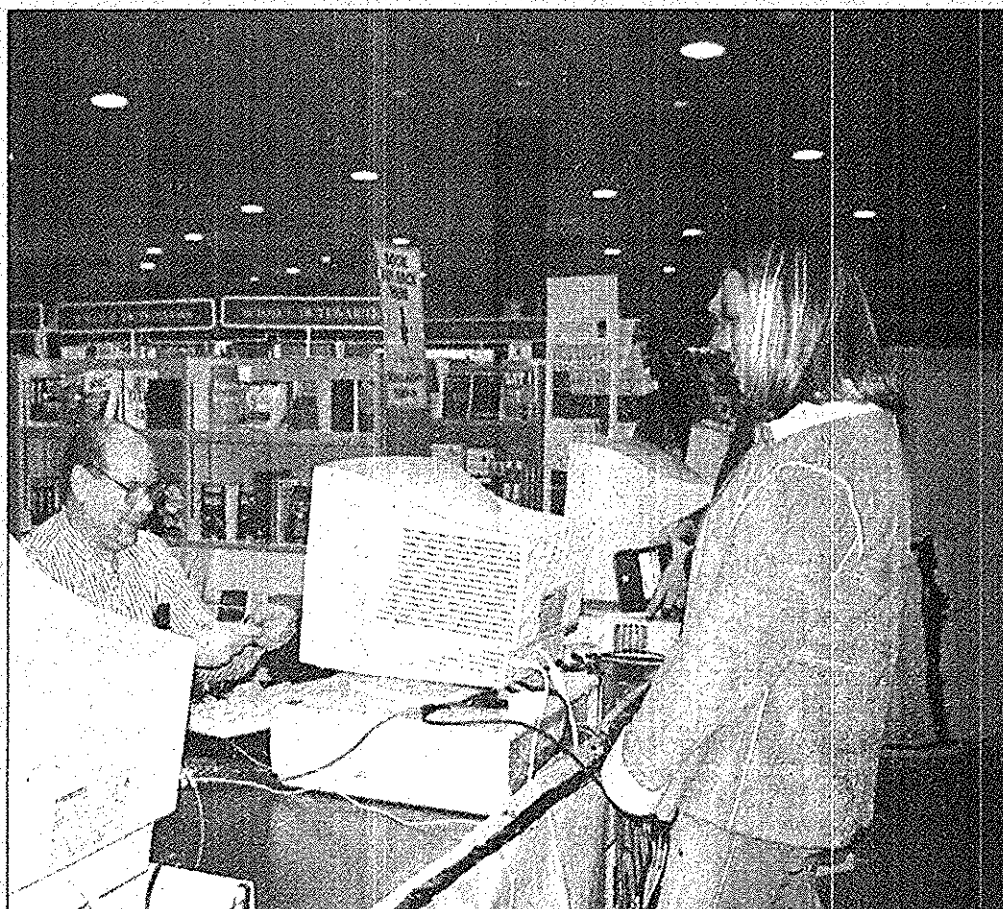
"We have had a fair amount beginning to sell back already," Thomas said. "We try to start earlier to buy more back, but kids aren't going to turn them in if they still need them."

The YSU Bookstore began buying back books earlier this week, and bookstore associate director Susanne Fox said there have only been "a few spurts" of students selling books back so far.

"Normally after finals is when it is busiest, but people do start to bring them in whenever buy back starts," Fox said.

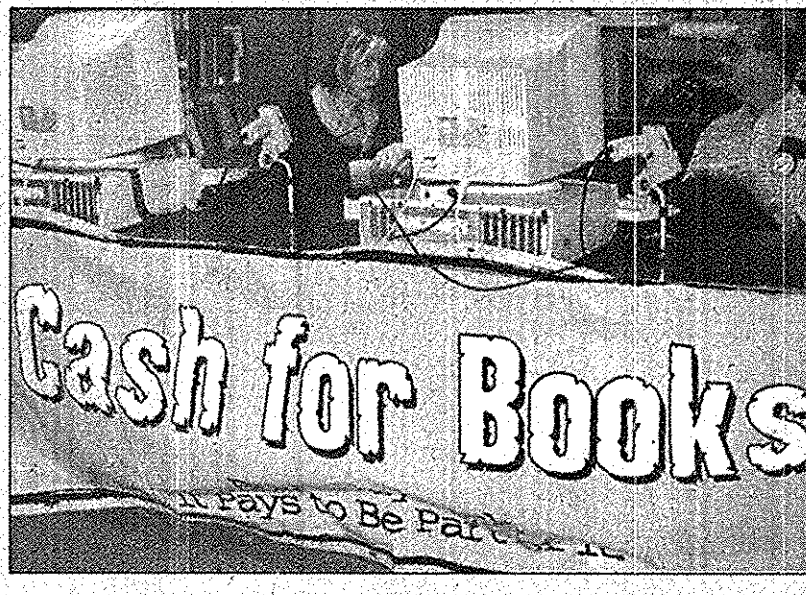
Both bookstores offer students 50 percent of the new cost of the book, which is 67 percent of the used cost. Thomas and Fox both said that these prices only apply when the book will be used by the

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CHECK PLEASE: YSU students have already begun to take advantage of the buyback policies of both the YSU Bookstore and Campus Book and Supply.



## Physicist hopes invention will clean waste

By MIKE VLAIKU  
The Jambar

YSU physicist James Carroll hopes his research regarding the cleaning of nuclear energy will someday provide a process that could alleviate radioactive residue, a hazardous waste product.

Carroll was recently awarded the largest grant in YSU history to a single professor. The grant could total \$1.3 million to assist in his scientific

journey. Every year, the Air Force Office of Scientific Research has helped fund different projects, trips and equipment that are required by physics departments, and this year Carroll's research grabbed their attention.

Carroll will be awarded a grant of \$395,000 with the possibility of it increasing to \$1.285 million over the course of two years.

Carroll, who is recognized

as one of the leading researchers in his field, graduated from the University of Texas in Dallas. He later came to YSU in 1995 to pursue his interests in nuclear physics.

"To me, this type of research is like a detective story," Carroll said. "I'm just trying to solve the case."

He began his research for the Air Force Office of Scientific Research in 1987, making progress every year

since then.

Carroll's research entails the extraction of energy out of special material called isomers. When bombarded with X-rays, these isomers create a weak form of clean nuclear energy that leaves no radioactive waste behind.

Carroll's research will also be beneficial in providing a source of energy. When the power is controlled, the energy

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to do this," Sweet said.

If approved, this will be at least the seventh consecutive year that YSU students have been asked to pay more for their educations. The costs of attending YSU for a full-time student will be \$5,884 in tuition plus fees.

Students are urging YSU trustees to think twice about increasing tuition and the president of the faculty union said he knows many will rebel.

YSU Ohio Education Association President Michael Finney said students should blame state officials, not university administrators.

"I guess they should have elected Democrats," Finney said, referring to the amount of money state government allocates to public universities.

SGA President Emily Eckman said she understands that the tuition increases can be blamed on state officials.

"But it's still very upsetting," Eckman said.

She said she fears that YSU's enrollment may fall as a result of the new increase.

One student said she is already overwhelmed by the costs of acquiring an education.

Freshman Megan Lyons said,

"With the price of books and paying for gas to commute, it's just a big ball of hell already."

Another student, sophomore Cristina Horkey, said the university could soften the blow by devoting more money for better programs for students.

"Since tuition's increasing, more money should go towards helping students by creating better tutoring services and more programs," Horkey said.

About 70 percent of the new \$3.4 million in revenue from the increase will be used to cover raises in faculty, administration and staff salaries and fringe benefits. These increases were already negotiated with faculty and staff unions.

The remaining 30 percent of the \$3.4 million has been budgeted for academic scholarships, student salaries and technology upgrades, including a wireless computer network in Maag Library. Future wireless networks and other technology upgrades are also planned.

Administrators said they have earmarked \$100,000 of the \$3.4 million that will be generated from the tuition hike for raising student employee wages, which have not been increased for

seven years.

Student employees will now be paid \$5.35 per hour, a 20-cent raise over what employees now earn. After working 100 hours with positive work performance, student employees will then be paid \$5.75 per hour.

Other employees who are now earning \$5.90 per hour will be raised to \$6.10 and then \$6.50 with 100 hours and positive evaluations.

Eckman said SGA has been lobbying for these pay raises but she wishes the administration had increased wages for student employees more.

"Student raises are long overdue," Eckman said. "They were definitely needed and deserved. I'd like to see a higher raise, but this is better than nothing."

Vice President for Administration John Habat said officials plan to be direct with students about the need for the increase.

Habat said administrators would push the fact that YSU still costs less than other state universities.

"It's a bit lower than the averages compared to other universities and we think you're getting a great value for the dollar," Habat said.

The costs of attending YSU after

the expected increase, \$5,884 per year, will still be lower than rates charged during the 2003 to 2004 academic year at The Ohio State University, \$6,651; the University of Toledo, \$6,415; and Kent State University, \$6,882.

These other universities have not yet announced increases for fall 2004. Eckman said she worries that YSU could lose its competitive advantage over other universities by this planned increase.

"We're lucky we're one of the institutions of Ohio that doesn't have the highest tuition costs," she said. "If tuition does keep increasing, it will affect enrollment. Lots of students go here because of the low costs."

The tuition increase, Habat said, was inevitable.

Some students, however, said they cannot accept any explanation for rising costs.

Freshman Gary Godicio said he is struggling now.

"I barely make enough money to pay my bills," Godicio said. "With books and this increase, I'm going to be hurting for cash."

Call Michael J. Balala at (330) 941-1807.

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university the following semester. If not, the book may be repurchased at a lower wholesale price through a distributor for another university.

There is still a chance, however, that the book cannot be repurchased because a new edition has been printed. This, Thomas said, renders the book practically useless. "If that happens you might as well put it in a garbage can or burn it," Thomas said.

Senior Amanda Kinney said that she sometimes keeps the books that are important for her major, so she is not greatly affected when the bookstore will not buy back. However, Kinney said that she does like to sell back her books when she gets the chance.

"I like to use the money for books for the following semester, even though it only covers about a third of the cost," Kinney said.

Junior Emily Albertson agreed that the amount of money given back for books does not go far the following semester. Albertson said that she and her friends often trade or sell each other their books to save money for the following semester. "If I want to keep the books, I will usually trade with a friend who has the class the following semester," Albertson said. "If I don't want to keep it, then it depends on what I would get back for the book or whatever they are charging, and I will charge them in between that cost."

Other students, such as freshman Stephen Blazinic, want to sell back their books for extra spending money.

Blazinic said he would probably sell his books back to the YSU Bookstore on Monday because he has no finals.

"I need the money to buy Christmas gifts, so I am going to try and sell them online first and see if I can make more money, or maybe save someone else money," Blazinic said.

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Jamie Abel, assistant director of communications for the Ohio Board of Regents, said high tuition rates could be attributed to lowered state subsidies for tuition. State funding makes up slightly over half of the cost it takes to educate a student. In the past, universities had received over 60 percent of the cost.

"There has been a series of cuts to appropriations since 2001 of over \$300 million mainly to balance the state budget due to sour economy and dramatic increases in other areas such as K-12 education, corrections and Medicare," Abel said.

"As the state share falls, students' and their families' share has to rise," Abel said.

University President David Sweet said higher education has been high on the list during state budget cutting time, and lately cuts had

become even more dramatic.

"The policy track we are on is heading in the wrong direction," Sweet said. "There is outright antagonism toward public higher education. This is unfortunate."

Gov. Bob Taft's spokesman, Orest Holubec, said Taft is fighting for budget increases for public universities. He added that Taft imposed a 6 percent tuition cap because of his concern about the increase in the cost of Ohio's higher education.

"He fought for budget increases for higher education, but in a tight budget, there are only modest provisions that can be made," Holubec said.

Taft recently convened a commission to research higher education in Ohio's economy to find solutions to the problem. The commission will begin reporting their findings

early next year to Taft.

"They are going to tell him how to get the most for every dollar we spend at the public universities," Holubec said.

"In a tough budget, we are looking to the commission for recommendations so everyone who wants to go to college can afford to go."

This tough budgeting, Sweet said, is a challenge to YSU students, alumni and the business community to become vocal supporters of supporting the public university system and their financial needs. He added that YSU tuition is lowest in terms of the state system, something the state could take example from.

"We have demonstrated there are ways of being cost effective while having a quality education system," Sweet said.

"This still does not completely ease the burden of stu-

dents paying for their education."

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## Today's Editorials

### Tuition increase indicates time for campus change

Student Government Association President Emily Eckman was correct to worry about how a proposed tuition increase of 8 percent will affect Youngstown State University's enrollment.

Trustees today are expected to approve what will amount to a \$436 annual increase for full-time students - a move that many students strongly oppose.

Students say they are already burdened financially and cannot handle paying any more money for their educations.

While these students clearly have a point, it is Eckman who captured the big picture concern about this increase.

"If tuition does keep increasing, it will affect enrollment," Eckman said. "Lots of students go here because of the low costs."

Eckman has pointed out that the costs of attending YSU will not differ all that much from other state universities with more prestigious reputations.

The Ohio State University now costs \$6,651. If Ohio State University does not raise tuition for the 2004 to 2005 academic year, it will cost only \$667 more in tuition to attend Ohio State University with its reputation as one of the nation's largest and finest institutions of higher education.

It would be easy to blast the administration for this rate hike and to trot out instances where university leaders have engaged in questionable spending, including Sweet's 2002 \$25,000 salary and housing allowance raise.

Instead of looking to the past, The Jambar believes it is important to focus on the future.

With this tuition increase must come an entire change in the focus of YSU.

YSU can no longer define itself as a commuter school where students can get a decent education on the cheap.

Instead, it now must become a first-rate institution.

Administrators must maintain a better system for communicating and working with students. Administrators must support faculty research. Administrators must develop more and varied majors.

#### Student Advisement

Students must be assigned advisers. These advisers must work closely with students,

tracking their progress, answering their questions and doing more than merely filling slots on schedules. These advisers must get to know their students.

This will take investment. The current system of advisement relies far too heavily on faculty who are - in many cases - already overburdened.

Faculty advisers must be given time to work with students. This must become a priority.

#### Faculty research

YSU employs many top-notch faculty, including Physics and Astronomy Professor James Carroll, who was recently awarded a \$1.3 million grant from the U.S. Air Force.

English Professor Sherry Linkon, recently named Ohio educator of the year, has also won large grants for the Center for Working Class Studies.

Many other professors are engaged in quality work and their efforts need to be fully supported by the administration. If they need time, equipment or help, they must be given what they need to continue doing the work that will bring YSU the reputation it needs to become recognized as a quality institution.

#### More majors

YSU must develop more majors to attract students.

With only few exceptions, YSU has few niche areas. It needs more of these.

The Center for Working Class Studies has distinguished itself across the nation and YSU now has a reputation as a leading institution for working class studies. We need more programs like these.

The Women's Studies program, the Center for Judaic Studies and Islamic Studies could follow similar models with enough support.

These objectives must be accompanied by serious efforts to attract and keep quality faculty. Administrators must develop recruitment campaigns that will attract quality students. Then, it must keep these students with tremendous service and courses.

YSU is an open-enrollment institution meaning that virtually anyone who applies can be admitted. Being an open-enrollment institution does not require that the university be a second-rate institution.

### Students not given a voice

Less than 24 hours before asking the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees to approve an 8 percent tuition hike, University President David Sweet and top members of his administration began spreading the word to student leaders.

Student Government Association officials and Jambar staffers were invited separately to Sweet's Tod Hall office for a briefing about the planned increase which trustees are expected to approve today.

Sweet said he did not want students to hear about the hike while they were away on winter break. But Sweet has given students no time to react or to make arguments against the increases.

Administrators said they anticipate no

opposition from board members about the increases. Perhaps this could be because administrators have given students no voice in this process.

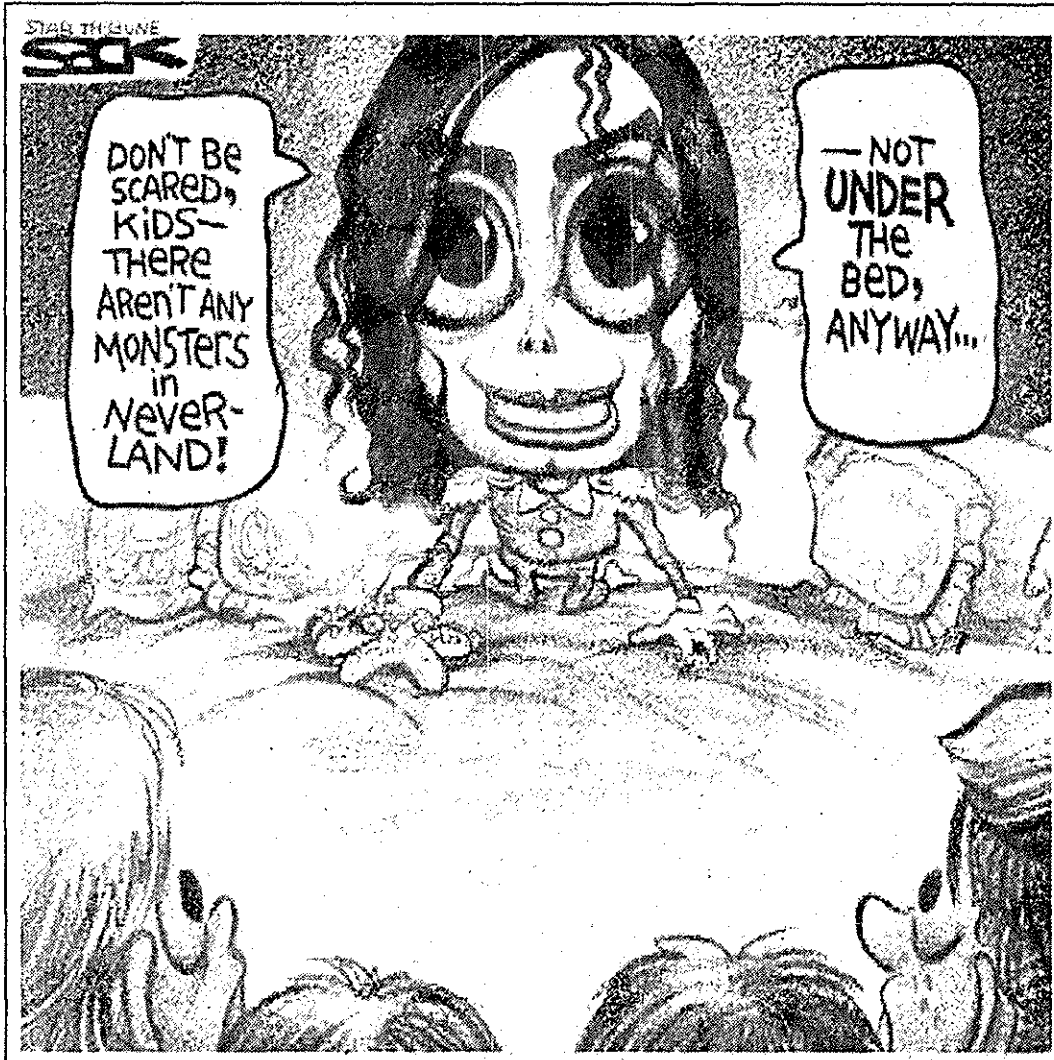
Clearly, it is Sweet's job to prepare a budget for the university but this budget should not be created without significant student input.

We are not taking an editorial position on the hike itself because we - like the entire student body - have had no time to fully digest and analyze the contents of the budget.

We are, however, outraged at the timing.

Vice President for Administration John Habat said the increase was "inevitable." If it was inevitable, why then have administrators not been publicly discussing it and seeking the input of students?

## THE GLOVE IS OFF



## Letters to the Editor

### America had the guts to step up

Editor:

Hey [Casey Pavelko], we are playing by the rules - American rules. As a nation we have the right to defend our country when some psycho like Saddam Hussein is running around after weapons to hurt this country and interests in the middle east (hint: Israel). Then you got Osama bin Laden and his thugs spreading terrorism throughout the world.

Remember 9/11, Bali, Turkey, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, the Philippines and Israel? Our country does not purposely target civilians like terrorists do. Our country went to more extreme measures to avoid bombing civilians than during any other war in history. War is hell and casualties are going to happen. Right now most killings in Iraq of Iraqi civilians are being perpetrated by terrorists not US forces.

The United States is the only country that has the guts to enforce international law. Our president, George Bush, is the right man to be president at this point in history. Unlike Bill Clinton, he finally stood up to Saddam Hussein and said enough is enough. Bill Clinton didn't do anything about Saddam for eight years. He also ignored many chances to get Osama bin Laden from the Sudanese and the Saudis

because he was too busy worrying about health care or getting Monica in the oval office, thus allowing bin Laden to gain power in organizing terrorists and plotting terrorists attacks worldwide.

Terrorist camps prove that the Iraqi government was allowing terrorist groups like al-Qaida to recruit and train terrorists whose goal is to hurt and kill Americans. When leftists write propaganda like this saying the U.S. is not playing by the rules, they are supporting Saddam Hussein and the terrorists because they love to hear about Americans losing faith in the troops, saying this war was wrong. Could you just imagine if you were back during World War II and everyday you heard on the news like you hear today more troops dead, troops losing hope, Americans question war effort? We would be under Nazi control. The United Nations was at bat but struck out because France, Russia, Germany and other countries didn't have the guts to enforce international, but the U.S. with Britain has stepped up to bat for the world in standing up to terrorism.

Dave Burgess  
Sophomore

### Cartoon in The Jambar was sexist

Editor:

I object to the cartoon you chose to run in the Dec. 2 issue.

The woman evokes "Highway to Hell," in this man's mind? How about a little insight into what melody this decidedly unattractive guy might evoke in hers?

I thought we got over this kind of sexist

junk 20 years ago. Do we really have to have this discussion in every generation? Can we not carry over some basic lessons learned, consciousness raised?

One example of why we need the Women's Center!

Jean Engle  
Marketing and Communications

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output is 26,000 times more than gasoline can produce in a car. This material can also hold energy for decades, cutting down on pollutants from the power source.

The energy would be mainly used to power aircraft and satellites and a new type of laser, which could help treat cancer more efficiently.

Warren Young, chair of Physics and Astronomy, said Carroll's research would allow doctors to keep the stored energy in a static state, until it reaches the tumor in the patient. Once there, the stored nuclear energy would be released, helping to fight the cancer more efficiently.

Carroll said this process could also be used to kill off any type of bacterial agents in an event of a terrorist or biological attack.

Carroll said the amazing part of this project wasn't the outcome itself, but the level of undergraduates that worked on it.

Senior Tom Drummond and junior Ron Propri, who were two main undergraduates in the development of this experiment, will accompany Carroll on his trips to the Super Photon Ring 8 facility, located in the Osaka region of Japan, this June. They will display the project to scientists around the world.

"What makes our research different from everybody else's is the contributions that have been made by our undergrad students," Carroll said.

"We've gone to many science demonstrations and have had people ask the students when they graduated. The students just smile and tell them that they are sophomores."

As for the energy project, there is still much work to be done before the project comes to an end. According to Carroll, this project may never end.

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# SPORTS & RECREATION

## Penguin basketball programs underway

By MARK STEVENS  
The Jambar

After losing two games on the road to start the season, Youngstown State University's men's basketball team rebounded with a win in this season's home opener.

The Penguins started off the season as the visitors in two games, heading to Niagara University and the University of Toledo where they were handed tough losses.

In the game against Niagara, the Penguins shot better than 50 percent from the field, but were beaten at the free throw line where Niagara took 45 shots to the Penguins' 23.

Niagara pulled out the victory despite strong efforts from Sophomore Andy Jahnke who lead the team with 15 points and seniors Tejay Anderson and Bill Mallernee who each added 14.



JAHNKE

After tying the game against Toledo late in the second half, the Penguins dropped a heartbreaking game to the Rockets. The Penguins refused to quit in a game during which they trailed by 14 points at the break, but in the end, they fell 78-74.



BAUMANN

Senior center Adam Baumann led the Penguins with 18 points, including 14 in the second half, and nine rebounds.

The Penguins found the comforts of home to be to their liking as they won their first game

of the season against St. Francis at Beeghly Center.

Baumann once again led all scorers with 16, and junior Khari McQueen added 12 points as 12 different Penguins registered points in the contest.

The Penguins were able to control the game, leading for nearly the entire campus after falling behind 2-0, finally winning by a count of 77-61.

Against Boston University, the Penguins were unable to fight all the way back from an early deficit and fell 83-61.

Women's head basketball coach Tisha Hill didn't wait long to collect her first win as the Penguins' women's basketball team won the season opener against Bowling Green 79-67.

Junior Jessica Olmstead earned Horizon League Player of the Week honors for her performance against BGSU. She scored a career-high of 25 points in the win.

Juniors Jen Perugini and Cathy Hanek contributed 15 points each to the winning cause.

Following the victory, the Penguins hit a skid as they ran into a buzz saw in nationally ranked Auburn and struggled through the Holiday Inn Mountain View Invitational where they suffered losses to host New Mexico and Elon.

The women's team next faces Toledo this Saturday.

Call Mark Stevens at (330) 941-1811.

### Men's Basketball Winter Break Schedule




Date	Opponent	Time
12/6	Buffalo	7 p.m.
12/13	Pittsburgh	7 p.m.
12/18	Wright St.	7 p.m.
12/20	Oakland	2 p.m.
12/22	UMKC	7 p.m.
1/3	Loyola	8:30 p.m.
1/5	Illinois-Chi.	8:30 p.m.
1/8	UW-Green Bay	8:05 p.m.
1/10	Cleveland St.	2 p.m.

### Women's Basketball Winter Break Schedule

12/6	Toledo	7 p.m.
12/13	Kent St.	2 p.m.
12/19	Clemson	7 p.m.
12/21	Akron	2 p.m.
12/28	Niagara	1 p.m.
12/30	Cleveland St.	7 p.m.
1/3	Detroit	4 p.m.
1/8	Illinois-Chi.	7 p.m.
1/10	Wright St.	4:35 p.m.

Home games in bold, free student admission with student ID

## Pardon 'The Jambar' Interruption

GAME	MARK STEVENS "FAT HEAD" RECORD STRAIGHT UP: 42-30 AGAINST THE SPREAD: 31-31	B.J. LISKO "THE COMMISH" RECORD STRAIGHT UP: 46-26 AGAINST THE SPREAD: 32-30	MICHAEL BALALE "THE NOMAD" RECORD STRAIGHT UP: 40-32 AGAINST THE SPREAD: 23-39
MIAMI OH (-7) VS. BOWLING GREEN			
MIAMI OH (-7) VS. BOWLING GREEN	Miami of Ohio comes into this game with an impressive record and an even more impressive quarterback. Ben Rosinbagger or whatever his name is will be playing on Sundays this time next year. Bowling Green struggled in the beginning against Toledo, even falling behind. If they fall behind this week, they won't have to worry about coming out for the second half, because the game will already be over. I don't think that'll be the case, but the Falcons will still lose. Miami of Ohio wins, 35-24.	This line was pretty much same the first time these two teams met in October. Miami (OH) dismantled Bowling Green, angering young gamblers everywhere who thought the Falcons were of the same caliber. That's certainly not the case as Ben Roethlisberger, the NFL's best recruit at the quarterback position, will easily repeat his previous performance and give the Redhaws the outright MAC title. Miami (OH) wins and covers, 35-16.	The MAC has confused me all year. I had faith from week 1; don't get me wrong, but never would I have expected teams like Bowling Green, Miami of Ohio and others to be even remotely successful. Bowling Green QB Josh Harris is beyond talented, and last week they handed one to Toledo, and this week, Miami of Ohio should be getting points instead of BG being the dogs. BG keeps riding their success they've had all year and overcome the odds in a classic MAC showdown. BG 31-27.
USC (-21) VS. OREGON STATE	What? Bah. USC 52-Oregon St. 11. Oregon won't score a touchdown on offense, but USC will feel bad for them, so they'll spot them four safeties and a field goal.	Oregon State has no chance. Sorry, USC has got a point to prove and will annihilate OSU. No need to watch this one. Just tune into SportsCenter and see how many multiples of 20 the Trojans win by. USC rolls 60-13.	The USC Trojans are one of the most impressive teams in the country, and Matt Lainart and Co. will most likely be playing in the Sugar Bowl next month. The Trojans may be just a bit overrated, but you won't see that this week; as Oregon St. has no chance against the Pac-10 powerhouse. I'll keep this one short, because USC should win by 40, and they probably will. USC 44-14
LSU (-3) VS. GEORGIA	I don't think people around the country respect LSU as much as they should. As far as the Nomad's assertion that they beat up on bad teams, no one told me Eli Manning and Ole Miss were bad. And Auburn was overrated at the beginning of this year, but they aren't that bad. LSU won the first game between these two teams and that was before the offense started to click. The Tiger defense is still fast and opportunistic, and Georgia won't be able to hang with Matt Mauck all day long. LSU rolls, 42-21.	In their previous meeting Georgia dominated LSU but thanks to missed opportunities look the loss. It won't happen again. I don't care what critics have to say about LSU's domination over Arkansas last week. It's Arkansas. They've been pretty horrendous all year, and thanks to numerous turnovers, gave LSU the easy win in a game that should've been much closer. Georgia rolls and ruins LSU's chances for a Sugar Bowl birth. Bulldogs 27-20.	LSU takes on some hungry Georgia Bulldogs that look to avenge their early season loss to the Tigers. I can't see Georgia losing twice to LSU; it just isn't feasible in any way. The only other ranked teams LSU beat this year have been Mississippi and Auburn, I'll forgo the anticipation and tell you if you don't already know, they both stink. LSU has been riding on nothing but confidence most of the year, as they narrowly escaped the claws of the Bulldogs a few months back. Georgia gets its revenge. Georgia 24-20.
OKLAHOMA (-14) VS. KANSAS STATE	Next game please.	It's nice that there's a Big 12 title game. I suppose it gives us another chance to bet Oklahoma, but other than that there's really no reason for it. Kansas State lost to Marshall earlier this year. They will not beat Oklahoma. No chance. Oklahoma pounds another feeble opponent. Sooners 51-12.	Oklahoma can beat almost any team in the country by roughly 20 points, and this week will be no different. They'll soon be crowned the kings of college football so forget the upset this week, next week, and if USC recruits the all PAC-10 team for the Sugar Bowl, I'd still bet the Sooners. Jason White is one of the best QB's in the country, and although he's the product of a system, he's in a system that fits him better than Fat Head at a deli. Sooners all the way, Oklahoma 56-10. I didn't mention that they're playing Kansas State this week, I did that on purpose, they don't have a chance.
BOISE STATE (-10.5) VS. HAWAII	I love this game. I love Hawaii. I love Boise St. I love you. I love Timmy Chang. I love Ryan Dinwiddie. I even love blue turf. I love Hawaii at home. I love to bet Hawaii at home. But I hate myself, so who cares what I love? Boise St. wins, but doesn't cover, 7,890-7,885.	These two teams might combine for a thousand points. Both run the old five wide, heave it deep offense and do nothing but blitz on defense. It's a formula for many, many touchdowns. Hawaii won last week thanks to backup Jason Whieldon. Timmy Chang looked pretty terrible and got benched. I suspect he'll start here but if he struggles they'll go to the senior Whieldon. It doesn't matter who plays at quarterback for the Warriors though, they'll still cover 10.5 at home. Boise State gets the win thanks to the Hawaii mistakes that have plagued them all season, but not by much. Broncos 52-45.	Boise St. travels to Hawaii to take on Timmy Chang and the Rainbow Warriors. What's really there to say in this game is that there may be more excitement on the beaches than in the actual game. All I've heard all year is that Hawaii is fun to watch, their offense is impeccable, and they put up 50 a game. That would be fine if they didn't give up 65 a game and they were actually good. Boise St. is good and maybe it's because their blue turf puts its opposition in a four-quarter coma. For a small school, they are actually fun to watch, and they'll handle the Rainbows, Warriors, or whatever they're called this week. Boise St. 47-30
A LIGHT HEARTED BATTLE OF HOLIDAY WILLS	Wow. Who is surprised about the Santa references? Boy, Nomad sure went deep into his ever extensive repertoire of witty remarks there. Even managed to slip a KY-Jelly reference in there. Of course, I don't own any, but I'm sure he wouldn't mind if I borrowed his tube. Or his tube top for that matter. I could wear it as an ear warmer. Nomad's Xmas theme song? "All I want for Christmas is my two red thongs." My two red thongs." Much respect to the Commish on winning this fall's competition. I think there's a full moon coming up though, so once he gets some of that undead power out of his system, he should be mortal. Despite his best hair club for men efforts, not only will I be the president of this spring's PTJI, but I'll also be a client.	In the holiday spirit Fat Head got a job as a Santa at the mall, but promptly got fired when three elves, eight children and a barrel of candy canes mysteriously disappeared. After a dozen or so "Jack on the Ice's" they reappeared on The Jambar office floor. The Nomad was distraught after missing the day after Thanksgiving sale at Express Men. It turned out all right though since he gave his reporting skills a run for their money by selling a dozen or so car stereos at Best Buy. He bought 30 sweaters and 50 pairs of shoes at full price and now his life-sized replica is currently being carved out of a giant marble stone to appear at Express Men's headquarters. Happy Holidays from the Commish. Don't bet on anything I wouldn't bet.	Well, the winter season is finally here, Santa will be sliding down chimneys in a few weeks, and if Fat Head climbs down yours, don't expect him to get more than half way down unless you lube it up with KY Jelly, or his personal favorite, Strawberry Jelly. What a surprise, Fat Head has another excuse to eat more on December 25 <sup>th</sup> , oh ya, that's a holiday too, he just thought it was his lucky day. The Commish will finish the football season atop PTJI and although many of you are surprised, I am not. I don't doubt my capabilities but seriously, when he's not driving his anti-religious Hearses filled with corpses from our family members, he's answer 800 number call backs from his potential bookies. You call it strategy, I call it cheating. Nothing but coal in your stocking Manson, see you all after the new year, Merry Christmas to all, and if you see the big red guy in the fridge on December 24 <sup>th</sup> , tell Fat Head to go home because his mom misses him.

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## Change provider, keep phone number

By TRINA QUARLES  
The Jambar

YSU junior Ray Santiago wanted to shop around to compare cellular rates and options. His cell phone contract expired in September.

Santiago dreaded the thought of changing phone numbers and telling all his friends, so he stuck with his current provider.

Enter the Federal Communications Commission's "local number portability" decision, which took effect Nov. 24 and allows customers to leave their current provider for a rival service and keep their current number. Customers also can disconnect a home phone and exchange that number for a wireless service.

Since hearing of the new rule, Santiago said he is definitely considering finding a new provider.

"This changes everything," he said.

While some students considered a provider switch due to rates, others expressed discontent with customer service.

"Most of the major companies have the same offers and plans, but some companies have terrible customer service," Sprint sales representative and YSU freshman Charles Benson said.

"This new rule will benefit customers because the companies will be forced to improve their customer service to keep customers," he said.

Poor customer service is a key reason YSU freshman Lester Stanford Jr. decided to switch providers.

"I haven't been satisfied with my provider, but I didn't want to go through having to

give a million people my number over again," Stanford said.

Weigh the pros and cons before switching providers, cautioned Jean Yeager, Cellular One sales representative and graduate student.

"The pros are that it prevents from one company becoming a monopoly," Yeager said. "It also allows for customers to receive maximum customer service. But the new rule doesn't excuse customers from existing contracts and penalties for breaking those contracts. Although it is no cost for leaving a provider, customers are still bound to their contracts."

Yeager said customers should also understand the process is new.

"Customers should consider the time factor and just how long it may take before your service is up and running," she said.

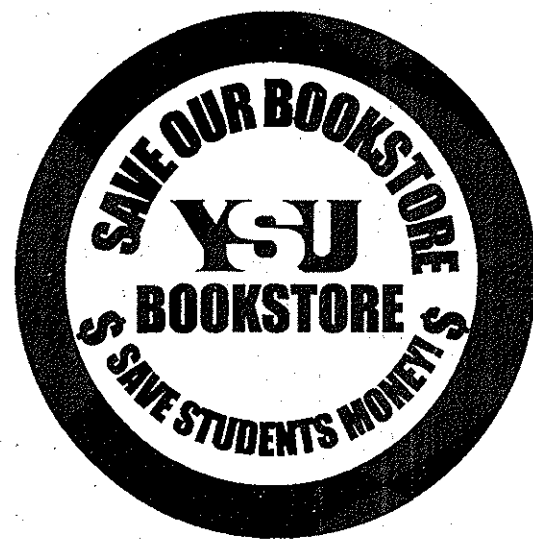
She cited the example of one customer who changed his service while keeping his original number from another company.

"He switched his provider Wednesday, bought a new phone with us, had to keep both lines open," Yeager explained. "It's Saturday, and he still doesn't have service."

Yeager said she believes the process of switching providers will improve with time.

"Right now the process is new," Yeager said. "We are going into other providers' systems and getting numbers. It's timely and costly. But with time the process will get better and faster."

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Facilities Committee Thursday, December 4, 2003 9:00a.m. Kilcawley Center, Humphrey Room  
Board of Trustees Wednesday, December 17, 2003 3:00p.m. Tod Hall, Board of Trustees Meeting Room

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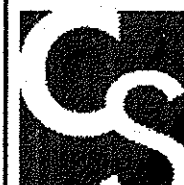
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expressing anti-outsourcing sentiments. Carlile and Domhoff said they have been in close contact with teacher service councils.

Carlile said the teachers in these organizations represent high schools and elementary schools from Struthers, McDonald, Liberty, Campbell and Girard.

Domhoff said they are not happy.

Carlile said many teachers from the schools in those areas have graduated from YSU, either with a bachelor's or a master's degree.

"They come back to YSU to further their education," Carlile said. "They send their children to YSU."

They are not happy with the possible outsourcing, Domhoff said. "They have an invested interest in what happens with the bookstore."

As Carlile and Domhoff made final preparations for today's gathering, by making phone calls and getting buttons that read, "Save Our Bookstore," Domhoff said she hopes hundreds of people

show up today.

Through a silent protest, SGA representatives expressed their concerns regarding the outsourcing during a trustee committee meeting last month.

SGA President Emily Eckman said representatives are just continuing to show their concerns by making sure they attend trustee meetings.

"I believe we will still have our signs," Eckman said. Sherri Zander, president of YSU's APAS union, said she would be attending the meeting today.

Zander said outsourcing the bookstore would not only harm students but could jeopardize union jobs and for that reason she needs to be at the meeting.

Michael Finney, president of YSU-OEA, said he would remain optimistic during today's meeting.

"I truly believe YSU will decide to keep the current bookstore," Finney said.

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book.

"On one hand the advent of technology can be a wonderful thing," Manning said. "On the other hand, it can be abused."

Manning said mechanisms such as e-mails could be tools for harassment.

"The days of sending harassing letters or approaching you may be over," he said.

Some students say certain clauses written in "The Code" took them by surprise.

SGA President Emily Eckman said there is an article in "The Code" that states YSU can pursue judicial action against a student for behavior that has taken place off-campus. Eckman said the article surprised her when she first read it.

Green agreed and said actions committed by students off of the campus of YSU should not be pursued.

Green was surprised to read that, under the Academic Dishonesty Clause, an assignment turned in by students for more than one course could be constituted as academic dishonesty.

"Even if it's your own work?" Green asked.

Green, who lives in the University Courtyard Apartments, said copies of "The Code" should be available in her building as well as other places on campus.

"That would help us out a lot down there to know what the rules are," she said. "The university needs to set them out if they want us to know about them."

Eckman and SGA Vice President Adam Vukovich are part of a committee that is helping to revise "The Code."

Both SGA executive members said it is important to have students involved in the revising process. Eckman said she stepped up

when a professor wanted to remove a clause in "The Code" that gave the student the right to be informed if the reason for receiving a failing grade in a course was plagiarism.

"They needed to see the students' perspective," Eckman said. "They just wanted to downsize the process."

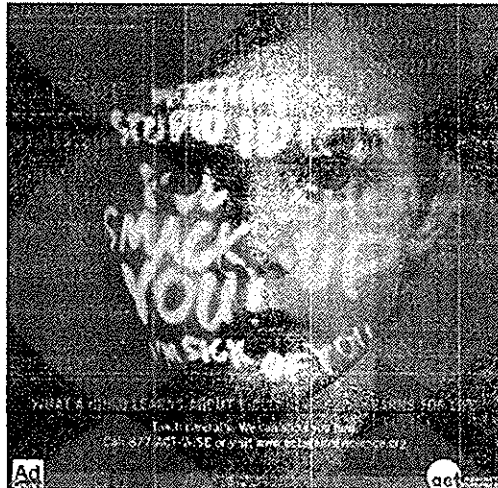
Vukovich said "The Code" has been useful in helping to guide students on how to file grievances against faculty members in the past.

"By not following proper procedure, the grievance can be lost," he said.

"It's a good tool because it outlines our rights and responsibilities," Vukovich said. "It guarantees students whose rights are being ignored have action that can be taken."

Manning said any suggestions regarding the revision of "The Code" could be directed to him in the Office of Student Life.

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YSUnity meets every Wednesday at 4 pm in Kilcawley. Contact Joel Masters [omegaportent12@aol.com](mailto:omegaportent12@aol.com)

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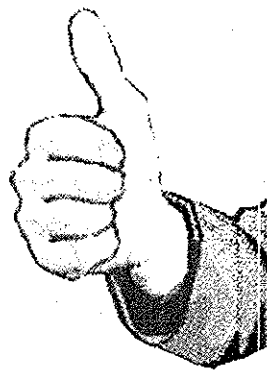
## The Best and Worst of 2003

By RYAN MCCABE  
The Jambar

As record sales continue to slide for the second straight year, it's time to look back at this year's albums and see where the blame really lies. Is illegal downloading the

source of the industry's financial woes, or is it just simply a major drop-off in quality from so-called A-list artists?

Here are my picks for the best and worst commercially released albums of 2003. After viewing the list, decide for yourself where the blame lies and let the debates begin.



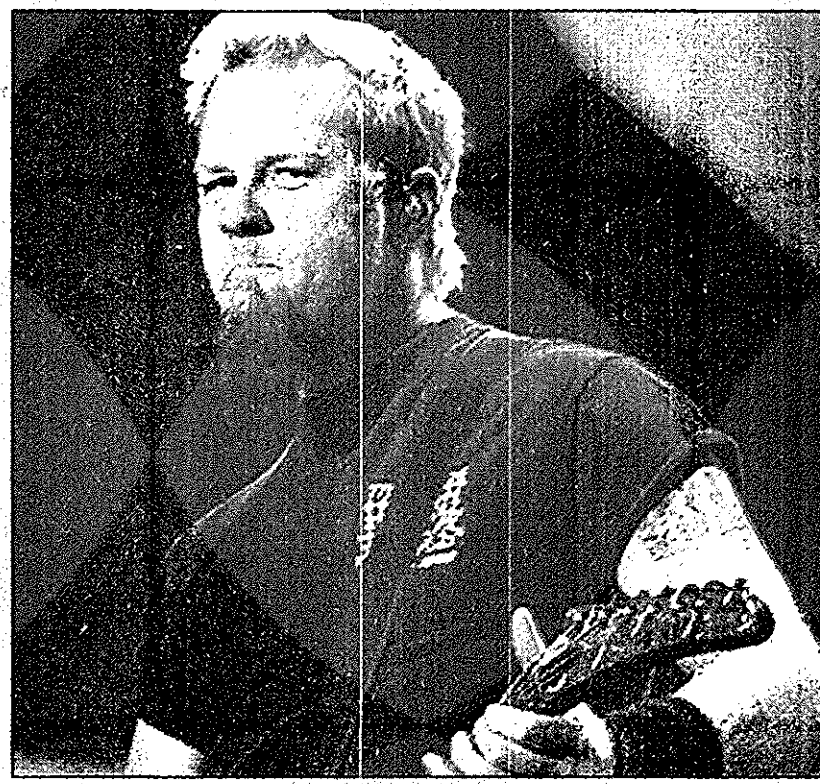
### The Good Stuff



#### Garage Rock guru's

The White Stripes, "Elephant": Finally, a band that actually lives up the hype. I wanted to hate them because of the constant critical praise. Surely, they must suck like critical darlings

Coldplay, but I was wrong. There are so many classic rock influences here and Jack White is just amazing on guitar.



#### HEAVY METAL HEROES

Metallica's "St. Anger": Heavy metal's whipping boys overcame the departure of long-time bassist Jason Newsted and lead singer James Hetfield's bout with alcoholism and

extended rehab stay to produce their grittiest, rawest album in years. Nowhere near as commercially successful as previous efforts, the album alienated as many fans as it delighted. Not for the casual listener.



#### Gritty Goth's

Evanescence, "Fallen": Putting the overplayed single "Bring Me to Life" aside, this album reestablished women's role in rock music. Lead singer Amy Lee proved she could do both gritty goth

rockers and emotionally-charged ballads. Her powerhouse voice coupled with the superb production of guitarist Ben Moody makes Evanescence one to watch.



#### South Africa rejoice!

Seether's "Disclaimer": South-African natives Seether broke into the mainstream with the melancholy ballad "Fine Again," and it only offered a glimpse of how great this grunge inspired album really was. Lead singer Shaun Morgan channels Kurt Cobain at times, but Seether distances itself from other Nirvana-wannabes with their brutally honest lyrics and carefully crafted music. Check them out at The Cellar on December 15.



#### Melodic Moshing

Cold's "Year of the Spider": Like Metallica, Cold probably alienated many fans on their third album. More melodic and harmony-driven than their previous albums, lead singer Scooter Ward's cold, dark and honest lyrics keep their credibility in check.

### The Garbage



#### INGEST WILL NEVER BE IN

L.A.T.U.'s "200 Km/Hour in the Wrong Lane": With the guilty pleasure single "All the Things She Said" aside, not since Ace of Base has a less talented import assaulted American airwaves. It's like listening to the Chipmunks while they're high.



#### RESULT NOT GOOD

Limp Bizkit's "Results May Vary": Always the embarrassing step-child of rock music, Fred Durst and company turned in their most repugnant and pitiful effort to date. Durst's cheesy, soul-searching, pity-me lyrics didn't help any either.



#### New crap on the block

Lillix's "Falling Uphill": Looking to cash in on fellow Canadian Avril Lavigne's unprecedented success, this quartet couldn't muster any of the magic Avril and the Matrix put together. The end result is a female version of New Kids on the Block.



#### Progression stopped

Fuel's "Natural Selection": Fuel runs out of gas on their third studio album. Any sense of forward movement has stopped, and the music sounds like it was made by a 3-year-old banging his pots and pans together.

There it is plain and simple.

The newer bands are taking over in terms of quality. Until radio picks up on them, they'll have to rely on word-of-mouth to sell records.

In the meantime, sub par efforts by multi-platinum, yet virtually talentless artists like Limp Bizkit and Britney are driving down album sales.

Do yourself a favor, pay attention to up and coming bands. Let everyone know if you find a good one. Supporting deserving artists is the only way we're going to get rid of "the Britneys" of the industry and the other commercial crap that MTV shoves down our throat.

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#### All about the looks

Britney Spears' "In the Zone": Somewhere deep down inside Britney believes she has talent. Eventually, the girl will figure out what the rest of the world already knows, she doesn't.