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City police have no suspects in killings

By MICHAEL J. BALALE
The Jambar

The Youngstown Police Department still has no leads in last week's triple homicide less than two miles from the Youngstown State University campus.

As detectives continue questioning people, one YSU student said she is nervous about visiting her boyfriend who lives on New York Avenue — the street where the murders took place. But city police say that the YSU campus is one of the safest areas of the city.

At about 7:45 p.m. last Thursday, the bodies of Danyale C. Oliver, David Johns and Nicole Scott were found in Oliver's New York Avenue home.

Youngstown police Lt. Robin Lees said detectives have not yet found a motive, but drugs have not been ruled out of the equation.

Police said that when they arrived, they were met by Oliver's cousin, who told them that he broke into the house through the front door. The victims were found surrounded by pools of dried blood; all had suffered wounds to the head and elsewhere from a 9 mm pistol.

The bodies of Oliver and Johns were found in the basement, and Scott was found in the kitchen, clutching a brown luggage-type bag. Homicide detectives and the Street Crimes Unit were both brought to the scene, finding no evidence of forced entry in the New York Avenue home.

The proximity of the crime to campus has YSU Police Department keeping a watchful eye on students and faculty. Lt. Greg Clementi said campus police would continue their routines of patrolling the campus and the surrounding areas.

"We rigorously patrol those areas near campus, but we can't control what happens outside of it," Clementi said. "I think everything affects students if it happens in Youngstown. We just try to keep it as far away from campus as possible."

Although Clementi said police do everything possible to protect students' safety, junior Kara Del Negro said she still worries and now takes precautionary measures when visiting her boyfriend, Marcus Schwarm, a New York Avenue resident and neighbor of the deceased Oliver.

"My boyfriend's roommate saw them bringing the bodies out," DelNegro said. "When I go over now, it makes me nervous and I'm locking

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YSU parking situation tightens up

By ELIZABETH TABAK
The Jambar

With groundbreaking for the new Youngstown State University Recreation Center approaching, faculty and staff are beginning to wonder where they will park.

Construction of the recreation center will begin March 15 in the area that currently serves as the F2 faculty lot next to DeBartolo Hall. Once construction begins, 124 faculty parking spaces will be eliminated — an issue union leaders and administrators are hoping to resolve quickly.

Special Assistant to the President Thomas Maraffa said he and Vice President for Administration John Habat began discussions with union leaders in December to arrange alternate parking lots for faculty and staff in a "mutually pleasing way."

"This is something we have to do fairly quickly; we realize that," Maraffa said. Michael Finney, president of the YSU-Ohio Education Association, added that the lots are covered under the agreements between the OEA and the university which call for "gate controlled parking" reserved for faculty members.

"This is not a matter of being upset, but the university has an obligation to provide us with comparable parking," Finney said.

Christine Domhoff, president of YSU-Association of Classified Employees, said although no specifics have been discussed yet, she is assured that the university will "not act in a non-productive manner."

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PARKING LOT WOES: 124 parking spaces in the F2 faculty lot next to DeBartolo Hall will be eliminated with the construction of the recreation center.

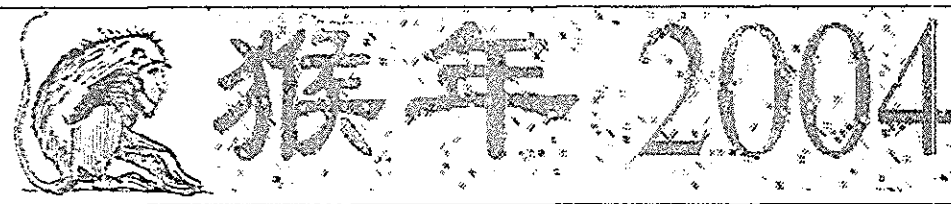
Chinese New Year officially in motion

By ELIZABETH TABAK
The Jambar

Midnight officially marked the beginning of the Chinese New Year of the Monkey, a 15-day celebration that the Chinese dedicate to family, close friends and "good food."

Dr. Yaqin Wang, vice president and treasurer of the Chinese Association Greater Youngstown Area (CAGYA), said the Chinese New Year falls at a different time every lunar year, and marks the beginning of spring. Fireworks, set off just before midnight of each new year, begin the celebration which culminates in a celebration of the full moon.

"Fireworks is one of the very important things that people do," Wang said.



"This is to keep the bad luck away."

Each year is characterized by a different animal of the Chinese Zodiac, and is said to determine the personality of individuals born in that year. According to the CAGYA program for the Chinese New Year Celebration 2004, people born in the year of the monkey will be "clever, skillful and flexible ... with a deep desire for knowledge."

"People born in different years have different personalities, and we can see that this is generally true," Wang said.

Wang added that the most significant

part of the celebration is spending time with friends and loved ones.

George McCloud, dean of fine and performing arts, agreed with Wang. McCloud, who travels often to China and has many close friends of Chinese descent, said he observes every New Year with his friends.

"There is an old Chinese saying 'Lao Peng You' which translates literally to mean 'old friend,'" McCloud said. "It means something more, though. It describes a friendship that persists over time, over differences and runs deeply

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Bush sets election agenda for '04

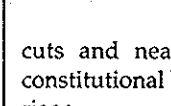
By CHARLES PROCTOR
Minnesota Daily (U. Minnesota)

(U-WIRE) MINNEAPOLIS — President George W. Bush opened his reelection bid Tuesday night along largely partisan lines as he defended the war in Iraq, pushed for further tax cuts and nearly endorsed a constitutional ban on gay marriage.

Calling the state of the union "confident and strong," Bush said the country was committed to the war in Iraq, even though U.S. forces there face heavy guerrilla resistance. "We have not come through tragedy and trial and war only to falter and leave our work unfinished," he said.

Cautioning against possible future terrorist attacks, Bush urged lawmakers to extend certain provisions of the Patriot Act, a federal law broadening governmental powers to track suspected terrorists.

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Former Jambar editor succumbs to cancer

By CHUCK ROGERS & COLLEEN HAVEN
The Jambar



NACHMAN

A former editor of The Jambar who went on to become editor in chief and vice president of MSNBC died this week. Award-winning journalist Jerry Nachman, 57, died at his home in Hoboken, N.J. late Monday or early Tuesday. According to an MSNBC press release, Nachman had been battling cancer for the past

year. Nachman was born Feb. 24, 1946, in Red Hook, Brooklyn and spent his early childhood in Flatbush before he moved with his mother and stepfather to Pittsburgh, according to his New York Times obituary which was published Wednesday.

Nachman attended Youngstown State University from 1963 to 1967 without taking a journalism course or graduating. Nachman was a staff writer for The Jambar during the winter quarter in 1964 and news editor during the spring quarter in 1965.

During his long career, spanning radio, television and

print, Nachman worked as editor in chief of The New York Post, news director for WNBC-TV and vice president for news at WCBS-TV. He produced "Politically Incorrect" with Bill Maher during the 2000 election campaign and won two entertainment Emmy awards.

Although many people knew Nachman as a cigar-chomping, street-smart journalist, few people remember him as an undergraduate student at YSU.

Bill Weimer, one of Nachman's fellow students, said he remembers Nachman as an arty kind of person and writer.

Vic Rubenstein, another

fellow student, said he believes he worked with Nachman at The Jambar.

"I remember Jerry being very inquisitive and critical," Rubenstein said. "He was the world's greatest nitpicker because he would always tear the articles apart."

Rubenstein met with Nachman again during Ronald Reagan's campaign. He remembered talking with Nachman and one of Reagan's chief political advisors about national politics.

"Jerry Nachman was a tremendously friendly guy," Rubenstein said.

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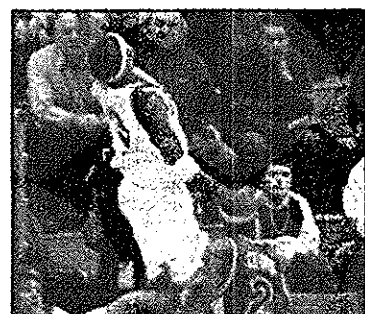
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YSU faculty and staff list their top 5 music albums of all time. Page 8



YSU yearbook makes its return

By WILLIAM LEHN
The Jambar

Youngstown State University students are testing the waters on reviving an abandoned tradition this spring.

After discussions between the YSU Alumni Association, the English Department, YSU administration and the Student Government Association, the YSU yearbook will make a return in a test run after a 12-year absence.

Production of the yearbook, titled "The Neon," was halted due to lagging sales and a lack of student interest. However, student and faculty concerns over what some consider a loss of history caused the creation of a class specially designed to produce this year's edition.

The class, called "Selected Topics in Journalism," taught by Alyssa Lenhoff, director of journalism, pools YSU journalism students, photographers and graphic artists.

The editors of the revitalized yearbook include junior Daniel Griesemer as editor-in-chief, senior B.J. Lisko as design editor and junior Kathy Kocan and sophomore Trina Quarles as assistant editors. The class has eight to 10 weeks

to complete the project, one that normally takes nine months.

Lenhoff says she is not intimidated by the fact that the effort behind the making of the yearbook falls squarely on the shoulders of her and her students.

"The yearbook will fulfill an important mission on campus," Lenhoff said. "People often look to The Jambar to fulfill that purpose. The Jambar has an entirely different purpose. The Jambar's role is to report the news on campus."

Griesemer said the collaborative effort will be a 150-page snapshot of the 2003-04 academic year with color from cover to cover.

Griesemer described it as "both a visually and aesthetically appealing photo essay of the year. It will incorporate major events on campus and in the Youngstown area."

Griesemer, who sees the yearbook as part of the campus renaissance, is upbeat about the process.

"It's a big thing for YSU," Griesemer said. "The rebirth of the yearbook is symbolic of a rebirth on campus. It's another step in the process of regeneration on campus."

Shannon Tirone, director of Alumni Relations, said she is

committed to what the yearbook offers, and expressed concern over undocumented events on campus.

"There's been a loss of information on campus over the past twelve years," Tirone said.

The Alumni Association is also committed to partially fund the cost with help from the administration who will purchase copies as gifts to graduating seniors. Dean of Arts and Sciences Robert Bolla will also pick up a portion of the expense of the class.

Though the exact cost of producing the yearbook has not been finalized, Lenhoff estimates it will cost around \$12,000 to produce 4,000 copies, and the cost per yearbook will be approximately \$30.

English Department Chair Gary Salvner was excited about the "hands-on" project for journalism and Professional Writing and Editing students.

"We have a shoestring budget and it will be an interesting trial," Salvner said. "[I'd like to] see where it takes us."

Call William Lehn at (330) 941-1913.

News in brief

Student leadership retreat set for Fri.

On Friday, the 2004 Spring Student Leadership Retreat will be hosted by the Student Affairs, Student Activities, Student Life and Student Government from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Ohio Room and Gallery of the Kilcawley Center.

Students interested in attending must fill out a registration form listing the organization they are representing. For more information, contact the Student Activities office at ext. 3575 or 3580.

Recycled paper now available for YSU

Recycled-content paper is now available to Youngstown State University departments through the YSU Central Stores according to Jim Petuch, manager of YSU Recycling.

In the upcoming weeks Petuch said he will send a memorandum to all university departments stating the benefits of recycled paper.

The new paper costs 27 cents more per ream

than non-recycled paper. However, Petuch said that benefits such as higher quality content, and a lesser chance that recycled paper will clog a copy machine outweigh the price.

Anyone interested in purchasing recycled paper from the YSU Central Stores can call (330) 941-3110.

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doors more than usual." One of the few leads that the Youngstown Police Department has may be Oliver's residence.

The windows of the 123 New York Ave. home are covered with bars and surveillance cameras are perched along the perimeter of the home, with viewing monitors in the basement, living room and bedroom, police said.

"How many people have

360 degree cameras on their house and barred windows surrounding it?" Lees asked. He added, "We don't have a suspect, but we do have a direction."

"In this type of homicide, you have to realize that the individuals that were the victims were not randomly chosen, and that makes it even harder."

Lees said Youngstown Police would continue their

search for any clues that may lead to an arrest, and said that YSU students need not worry about their safety.

"Statistically, the university is one of the safest places in the city and campus police patrol the premises throughout the day," Lees said.

Call Michael J. Balala at (330) 941-1989.

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enough to bind the fabric of your life. That is what is celebrated."

Wang said that many individuals with family overseas miss their families the most at this time of year, and find celebrations in the United States quite different from those in China.

Andy Chang, professor of math, said his celebration is much smaller than his family's observance in Taiwan.

One way Chang said he celebrates is by attending the CAGYA's annual party, which was recently held in Kilcawley Center. Also, his wife prepares

"special Chinese dishes" on each of the days of the celebration. However, Chang said that with a heavy workload and his children attending school it is more difficult to have an elaborate observance of the holiday every day.

"Back in Taiwan there is plenty going on to celebrate," Chang said.

Chang spoke of the celebration of the full moon, an event where people create and display multi-colored lanterns at their temples. Often, Chang said, lantern designers illustrate with signs of the Chinese zodiac, each holding a differ-

ent significance for the creator. Participants also compete in riddle competitions for a chance to win small presents.

Chang said it is a time of year where small gifts are given as a way of bringing good luck to friends and loved ones.

"The younger generations get red envelopes with money from the older generations for good fortune," Chang said. "I still send red envelopes to my parents in Taiwan to give to my sisters' children."

Call Elizabeth Tabak at (330) 941-3758.

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"If they unilaterally changed the lots without discussions that could be constituted as an unfair labor practice," Domhoff said. "I have every confidence, however, that the university will meet with us again."

Habat said that talks will begin within the next two weeks in order to "accommodate the objectives" of both the labor unions and the administration, and is confident that the parking issue will soon be resolved.

"I don't anticipate that this will be an insurmountable problem," Habat said.

Officials said possible

locations for adding faculty parking are in the M-24 lot located on Fifth Avenue or in a mixed lot on Lincoln Avenue. However, Finney said there is currently no consideration for adding spaces to make up for the student's lost spaces.

"The students are going to get screwed," Finney said.

Domhoff, however, remains hopeful that distant parking will increase use of the university's shuttle bus service.

"Students have been lucky to have parking so close," Domhoff said. "I think the shuttle buses are the solution to temporary parking prob-

lems." Students, however, are not so optimistic.

Sophomore Erin Gallagher said that parking is already limited and further restrictions can cut into class time.

"Now, instead of looking for parking for half an hour, it is going to take an hour," Gallagher said.

Freshman Tracy Olin agreed.

"I have to come to class at nine, and the lots are already full," Olin said. "This is only going to make it worse."

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Nachman was currently a staff writer on the primetime drama "UC: Undercover." His journalism awards included a Peabody Award and an Edward R. Murrow Award.

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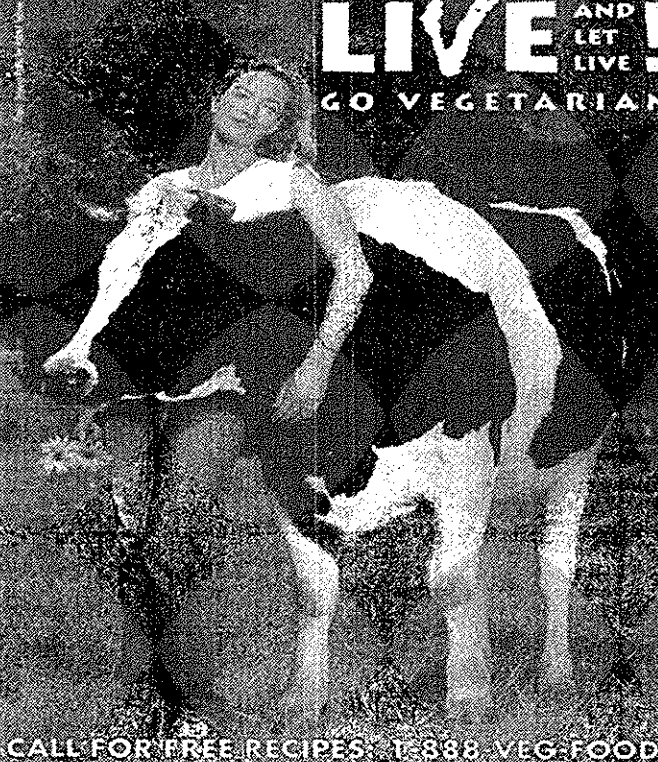
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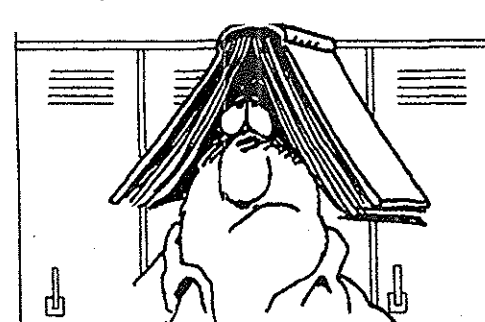
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Today's Editorial

Bush needs to do homework if he's talking college

The day after U.S. President George W. Bush told the world that he is optimistic about the country's current status, he stopped at a small community college near Toledo to say that community colleges can help give willing Americans training who want to work.

Bush's Tuesday night State of the Union address followed by his college stop ignore some key facts:

- Community college educations are not what Americans need to advance the economy.

- Community colleges, and all colleges and universities in Ohio, have lost badly needed funding.

- People in Ohio, and especially northeastern Ohio, cannot afford the costs of higher education.

- Bush's comments draw attention to the terrible state of funding for higher education in Ohio and across the United States.

Ironically, the Ohio college where Bush spoke Wednesday recently laid off six employees whose job it was to find employment for the Owens Community College graduates.

Bush needs to do more homework about the state of higher education and the economy.

As Bush spoke at Owens Community College, many protesters stood outside with signs and anti-Bush chants. It is time for a change in the White House. It is time for a president who understands that a community college education is not the way to grow an economy or a nation.

We believe that many of the current Democratic contenders for president have a more sophisticated understanding of the role of education and the economy.

Democratic presidential hopeful John Kerry, who just scored an impressive win in the Iowa caucuses, is certainly a more attractive choice than Bush.

But the truth is that nearly all of the other Democrats running for president are better than Bush when it comes to the most important issues facing our future — education and the economy.

Letter to the Editor

Column is 'pointless' to campus readers

Editor:

While reading the Jan. 15 edition of The Jambar, I came across the "Student Bodies" column that has made its way into nearly every publication this year. My initial reaction: I had an interesting conversation on AOL Instant Messenger last night — do you want to print that, too?

This letter is not meant to insult Beth Tabak and Mark Stevens, both of whom have displayed their journalistic talents through numerous other articles. However, they should think twice about their

involvement in a column that is both pointless and at times offensive to its readers. In short, this seems to be nothing more than a space-filler. That column would be better occupied by a crossword puzzle, student poll, or team/organization/professor highlight — something worth 12,800 students' attention.

Please do not take this as an attack on The Jambar, but rather a suggestion for improvement.

Angela Mavrikis
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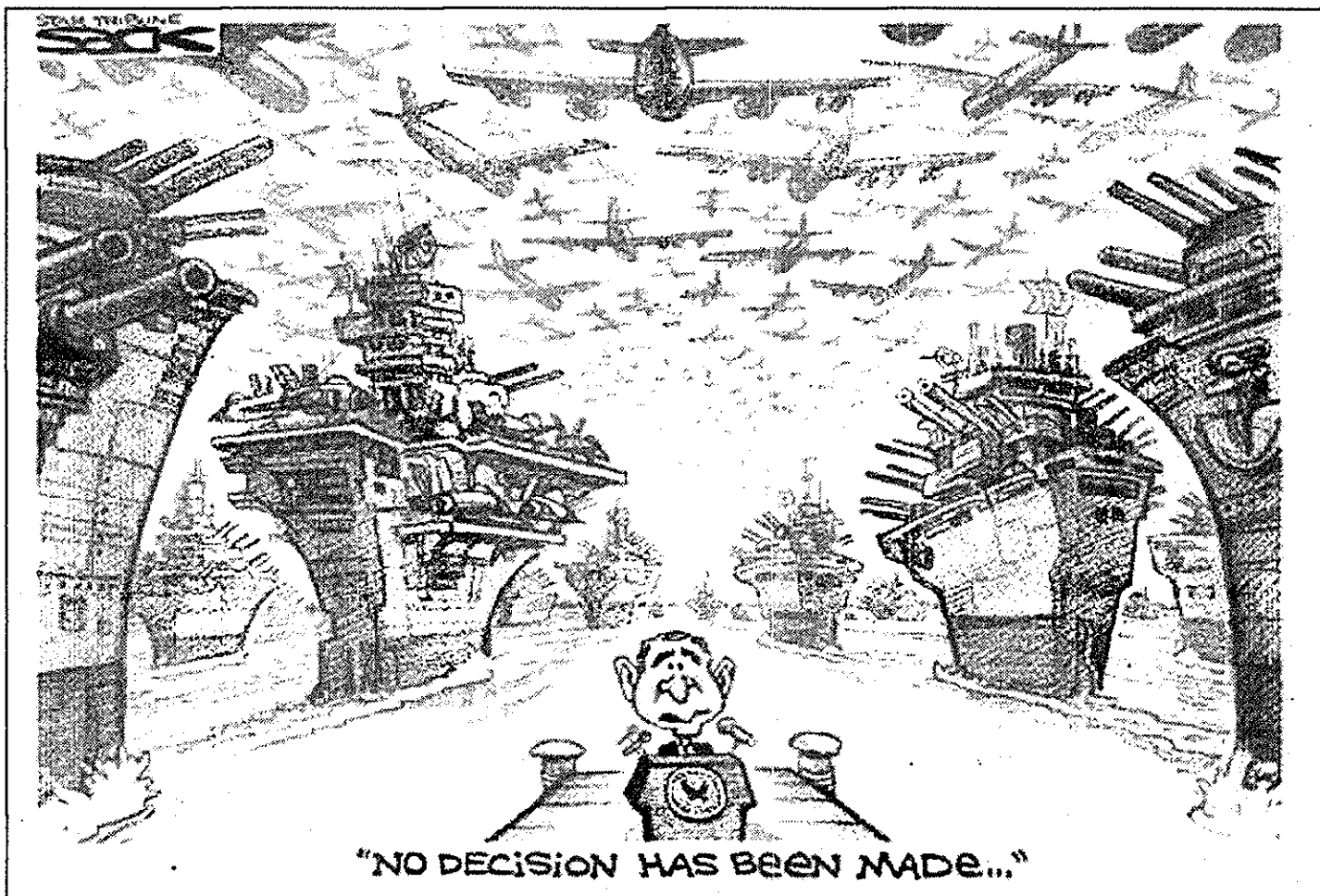
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MIND MADE UP



Letters to the Editor

Campus not as bad as Charles thinks

Editor:

In response to the recent letter by Dave Charles regarding the "GM mentality" that he claims to be pervasive at YSU, I'd like to question his assertions.

Dave sounds a little bitter that he can't find a job in his area (computer science) in this area (Youngstown) and blames coming to YSU for this. The tone of his letter suggests he's looking for a job in greater Youngstown and getting such a job relies upon knowing the right people. How then would going to OSU, Penn State or Cleveland State "smooth his transition to work" if he wants to stay here? Nonsensical bollocks if you ask me.

Okay, my main beef is with this assertion: going to OSU, Penn State, or Cleveland State would be better for students in the Youngstown area. Sometimes yes, sometimes no. YSU is affordable (I hate the word "cheap" because it misses the point) and many of our graduates go on to quality positions whether it be in employment or in graduate/professional school. For example,

very recent students from YSU are now employed at places like the Cleveland Clinic, Fortune 500 companies such as Pfizer and Procter and Gamble, and are completing their graduate degrees at places like Penn, Penn State, UC-Irvine, Ohio State and Wisconsin-Madison.

To quote our mate Dave: "Let us face facts, YSU graduates either commute to Cleveland or move to Columbus to find work. The bottom line: if I had to do it all over again I would not go to YSU."

Dave: sorry to hear your experience was so negative, especially as I've seen so many of our students do so well recently. Feel free to drop by my office sometime (WB 6014) and I'll try to convince you that this place isn't so bad.

Peter Norris
Associate Professor
Chemistry

University lab situation needs to be fixed

Editor:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Social Research 4851 class. This is a research class that needs to utilize a computer in order to complete expected tasks. The problem is the Sociology and Anthropology department does not have its own computer lab. So in turn this class that I am taking is held in Beeghly Center, the problem is no lab. We are all charged with a lab fee, but no lab available.

According to the professor as well as the department, "There are labs on campus, but they will not let our class use them." I am not going to name any specific locations or departments, but they seem to be "territorial" of their labs according to a source.

OK, so the problem remains the lab fee? Either the lab fee

gets credited to everyone in this class or a lab needs to appear. This is not fair. I am a senior and outraged. This is not my first experience with this. Last semester I tried to use a lab in Meshel Hall where my class was held to do some work; there was no class in at the time, so I asked a lab assistant if I could do my homework. The answer: "No you are not a CSIS major so you can't use OUR Labs." I spoke to the professor that is the same one that I have for this class. She in turn was outraged!

Something better be done. There are some very upset students and staff in this particular department. Thank you.

Michelle Fullerman
Senior
Sociology

Country founded on 'strict religious morals'

Editor:

Upon reading Lindsey Gerish's letter, I was impressed that someone actually had the guts to share such an unpopular view, and I applaud her. She hit on a key point that few seem to take very seriously now days.

This country was founded on strict religious morals, where a union is between a man and a woman. The entire point to a man-woman union is to procreate, which same-sex partners CANNOT DO. Therefore, 'alternative lifestyles' should not receive the same benefits and recognition as their straight counterparts.

50 years ago, this notion of granting same-sex partners to

marry was taboo. That was when parents took the time to teach their children right and wrong, when families went to church, and when gay individuals stayed in the closet. A lot of things have changed since then, most for the better, but on this particular issue, I wish we could go back 50 years because I, for one, don't want to know your sexual orientation, let alone see it paraded around on television and stopping up our courts. After all, aren't there more pressing issues our judges should be listening to?

Christie Vogel
Former Student

Athletic department ostracizes cheerleaders

Editor:

At the beginning of the current YSU basketball season (women and men), the YSU cheerleaders were permitted to go to the Roundball Room in Beeghly during halftime and enjoy popcorn and beverages compliments of the Penguin Club. Two cheerleaders were required to leave cheering right before halftime of each game to demonstrate their culinary expertise by making popcorn for the Penguin Club members.

Recently, the cheerleading squad has been banned from the Roundball Room at halftime. Why? Are they terrorists? Uniforms too long? Too sweaty? And adding insult to expulsion, two cheerleaders are still required to "pop" at halftime — but must exit the room before intermission begins. Indentured servants?

"69th" class citizens?

The members of the cheerleading squad invest a magnitude of hours practicing, conditioning and cheering and are immensely under-appreciated. They give an exhausting and incredible performance every game. They require rehydration and nutrition for the second half of each game. And yet, they now must pay out of their student pockets for any food and drink at halftime.

Athletic department: If you are so desperate for money, thin out the "herd" in Stambaugh. Who made this decision? Are the Penguin Club members aware of this ostracizing?

Rick Berger
YSU Alumnus

SPORTS & RECREATION

Fat Head Says

BY MARK STEVENS
The Jambar



Moral Dilemma of the Week: With the hiring of Lovie Smith to be the head coach of the Chicago Bears, there are now five black head coaches currently working in the NFL.

That begets the question should the NFL applaud itself for reaching a new record of minority head coaches, or should they be ashamed that the amount of black head coaches reaching a number that can still be counted on one hand is a record?

I'm too sexy for my goalie, too sexy for my goalie: FIFA President Stepp Blatter raised a few eyebrows last week when he said that in order to attract more attention to their sports, female athletes should add sex appeal.

He noted tighter shorts and sexier uniforms would be a boon to women's sports.

Don't get me wrong, I'm sure there's a couple of perverts out there who think Blatter is helping out men all over the world under the guise of helping women.

But the truth is, the lack of attention on women's sports hasn't the slightest thing to do with sex appeal. People in general are just under the impression that women don't compete athletically at the same level as men.

While women may generically be unable to physically do some of the things that men can do, the truth is that they are better students of the game and their grasp of fundamentals usually exceeds that of their male counterparts.

Female athletes deserve more credit than they get, I just hope they don't stoop down low and show some thigh to get it. Women who are fans of men's sports don't watch because of how nice Orlando Pace looks in football pants; that's for sure. They watch out of appreciation for the craft.

It's simply a matter of time and endurance for female athletes to prove that they deserve at least a respectable amount of attention.

It has nothing to do with short shorts or cleavage. Respect is earned with time, dedication and patience.

While sex does sell, it doesn't always sell.

To quote sportswriter Patrick Hruby, "... I never picked up the Katarina Witt issue of 'Playboy.' Why on Earth would I watch her figure skate?"

It's a selective issue, this sex sells business. It's also an issue that women's sports would be wise to consider carefully before risking losing the respectability of the game itself.

Boy, Susan B. Anthony sure would be proud: And speaking of women, anyone who thinks that Michelle Wie isn't capable of competing with men should ask the men who were twice her age — or more — that she scored better than in her first ever PGA Tour event.

I'm sure they didn't have much to say as her drives soared past theirs and her score dropped below theirs.

Sure, she didn't make the cut. Wait 'til next year.

"Chick Flick" worth catching: The new Mandy "no artificial parts included, yet somehow I remain irresistibly adorable" Moore film, "Chasing Liberty." Enough humor and a decent enough story to make it worthwhile.

This? Again?: Turned on "Outside the Lines Nightly" a few minutes ago. They were talking about Boston and Texas and the A-Rod situation.

Are you serious? Are we still covering this?

There have been major wars that have lasted shorter amounts of time than the media's constant lusting over this deal that is doomed to never happen.

Browns fans must love this: Bill Belichick just reached his second Super Bowl in three years. It's amazing what getting away from a destructive front office can do for a coach with a natural talent for inspiring players and putting them in the right place at the right time.

Most teams favored by a touchdown or more usually at least win the Super Bowl. Right now the line has the Carolina Panthers as 6.5-point dogs.

I love the underdogs.
Carolina will win, 17-10.

Call Mark Stevens at (330) 941-1811.

Penguins drop close contest 80-74

By JOSHUA BOGGS
The Jambar

The Youngstown State University men's basketball team failed to claim their fifth win of the season on Thursday when they traveled to UW-Milwaukee to face the Horizon League-leading Panthers (10-5 overall, 5-0 Horizon League).

The Penguins (4-11, 1-5) held their own for most of the game and despite shooting a season best 61.2 percent overall from the field, still lost by a slim margin, 80-74.

Led by junior Doug Underwood, who scored a career-high 29 points connecting on 9 of 16 shots from the field, the Penguins could not dig themselves out of an early hole after trailing by 11 points in the second half.

During the second half, the Penguins went on a 8-1 run with 9:52 remaining to cut the Panther lead to four, and with 2:40 left in the game the Penguins trailed 77-72.

Although the Penguins out-shot the Panthers percentage-wise (56.5 percent), they also committed 24 turnovers in falling to their eleventh loss of the season.

It has been a rough road for the YSU women's basketball team since winning their season opener at Bowling Green.

The Penguins (1-15, 0-5) traveled to the James J. Gentile Center on Thursday Jan. 15 to face Horizon League opponent Loyola (7-9, 2-3).

YSU, despite leading at the half and by as many as six in the second half, went ice-cold from the floor in the second half, shooting just 25.9 percent from the field.

Loyola went on a 9-0 run to lead 37-32 in the second half and held YSU scoreless for almost a four-minute span on their way to a 55-45 victory.

Jessica Olmstead led the Penguins with 14 points.

The women's team then traveled to UW-Green Bay on Saturday, Jan. 17 to face the Phoenix, who could be considered YSU's toughest opponent of the year.

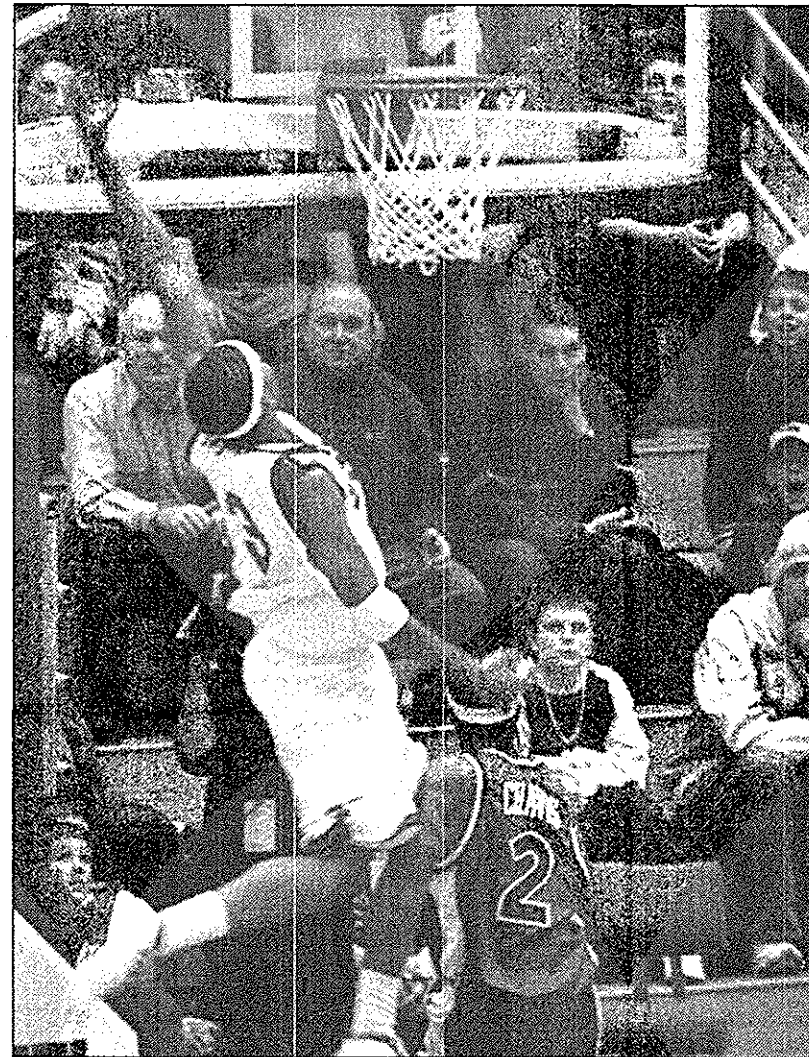
Green Bay (6-5, 4-1) are the 5-time defending Horizon League Champions, and they showed YSU why.

The Phoenix went on a 19-3 run at the beginning of the game to lead 19-5 with 8:11 remaining before the half en route to a 65-47 victory over the Penguins.

Despite Cathy Hanek's season high 16 points, which included three 3-pointers, the Penguins could not get it going from the floor and only shot 28.6 percent overall.

The Penguins played a double-header against Butler University on Wednesday night. Results of that game will be reported in the next issue.

Call Joshua Boggs at (330) 941-1811.



Chuck Rogers/The Jambar

CLOSE ONE: YSU dropped its eleventh game of the year Thursday losing to UW-Milwaukee 80-74.

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

By MIKE PINGREE
KRT Campus

BUT I THOUGHT YOU WERE DONE WITH HIM

After divorcing her husband, a woman in Northampton, England, was outraged to learn that he married her twin sister.

SOME PEOPLE NEVER CHANGE

A man was locked up in the Seminole County Jail in Florida for drunken driving, auto theft and habitually driving with a suspended or revoked license. Upon being released, he immediately stole a car, and, a few days later, he drove it to the jail to pick up belongings he had left there. Asked for his ID, he showed his drivers license, which a computer check revealed had been revoked for life. The clerk told him to drive the car to the parking lot out back, where he was arrested.

HEY, I'M THE VICTIM HERE!

A man called the police to come to his home in Adelaide, Australia, because thieves had broken in and were stealing his marijuana plants. The cops came and arrested everybody, including the homeowner, much to his surprise. "I don't know what he was thinking," an officer said. "Perhaps he was smoking too much of his own product."

YEAH, RIGHT, VERY FUNNY

A dwarf who worked at a grocery store in Whittlesley, England, has sued his boss for holding him up to ridicule by having him stock the upper shelves and not providing him a ladder. As he climbed the shelves, shoppers would joke: "Don't jump. Life isn't that bad."

STIFF COMPETITION

An athlete from Thailand won the Gold Medal in the pole vault at the South East Asian Games in Hanoi. It was the only medal awarded in the event. Nobody else could make it over the bar.

WHAT? ANOTHER TEST?

A man in Oslo, Norway, showed up drunk for a test for a new drivers license. He was allowed to take the written test, which he passed, and then was given a breathalyzer test, which he failed.

WE'VE IDENTIFIED THE PROBLEM

An Israeli Olympic official went to Athens to discuss security for the 2004 games. While he was in the meeting, somebody stole his briefcase.

THAT'S 'MAYOR DUDE' TO YOU

The mayor of Arvin, Calif., was ticketed for a minor traffic violation by a deputy sheriff who, he says treated him disrespectfully: He kept calling

the mayor "dude." "I asked him five times, '... don't call me dude.'" He has asked the sheriff to fire the deputy.

MUST BE EASIER THAN YOU'D THINK

Among the 26 inmates who escaped from a jail in Niteroi, Brazil, were two one-legged prisoners.

SPEAK UP, I CAN'T HEAR YOU

A well-known drug user went into the police station in Kassel, Germany, to see if he was wanted for any crimes. A policeman noticed something sticking out of the man's ear. Turned out to be a gram of heroin. He was arrested.

CALL ME CRAZY, BUT I THINK IT'S LOVE

A New York psychotherapist has created a dating service for patients matching people with similar psychological problems. "Similarity of psychodynamics is what makes for good chemistry," he said.

(Mike Pingree is a columnist for the Boston Herald. Read a second "Looking Glass" column on the Internet at www.pingreeslookingglass.com.)

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"Our law enforcement needs this vital legislation to protect our citizens," he said. "You need to renew the Patriot Act."

Some activists and Democrats have said the Patriot Act infringes upon civil liberties and may give the government too much leeway to fight terrorism domestically.

That Bush mentioned the Patriot Act early in his speech was surprising and a move most likely tailored to appeal to a conservative voting base, said Joel Aberbach, a University of California-Los Angeles political science professor.

"It was a very unusual way to start such a speech, and it was very noticeable," he said.

Bush only made passing reference to North Korea and Iran — the two nations lumped into the "Axis of Evil" along with Iraq two years ago — saying only that "different threats require different strategies."

And he was vague about whether Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction — one of the administration's key reasons for going to war and one of its key embarrassments as no such weapons have been found.

Instead, Bush focused on the "hundreds and thousands of men, women and children" who had suffered under the regime of former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

"For all who love freedom and peace, the world without Saddam Hussein is a better place," he said.

Michael Mann, a UCLA professor who specializes in U.S. foreign policy, said Bush didn't break much new ground with international relations, which may reflect those who perceive the war in Iraq to have stalled.

"[Bush] is a little aware of the criticism. There was no great optimism, and it was a little defensive," he said.

California Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-San Francisco, criticized Bush's "racial doctrine of preemptive war" during the Democratic response, saying the country should pursue greater international support in Iraq.

"America should be a light to the world, not a missile," she said.

Domestically, Bush drew parallels between education and the economy, saying an educated American work force was needed to handle jobs in advanced fields like biotechnology.

Accordingly, Bush proposed increasing Pell Grant funding, increasing funding to community colleges, and helping more lower- and middle-income high school students reach higher education.

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., criticized Bush on education, especially higher education, where he said average college tuition has increased by \$600.

"America's schools are holding up their end of the bargain, but the president is not holding up his," he said.

And in a surprise move, Bush suggested a constitutional amendment might be necessary to protect what he

called "the sanctity of marriage," especially in light of a recent court decision in Massachusetts recognizing gay marriage as constitutional.

"If judges insist on forcing their arbitrary will upon the people, the only alternative left to the people would be the constitutional process," he said.

Bush also urged Congress to codify his tax reductions, cut spending, and push for immigration reform allowing guest workers to be employed in American businesses and potentially earn citizenship.

Republicans countered with cheers and applause when Bush urged lawmakers to approve extensions to both the Patriot Act and the tax cuts. Also, at times when Bush talked of Iraq and his domestic policies, Republicans gave him standing ovations while the Democrats remained largely silent.

"He doesn't want to mention him because then he brings to everyone's attention that we haven't caught him," Mann said.

Though Bush touched on many controversial subjects, Aberbach said he was direct and unwavering when he outlined his policies.

"His own positions on most of these things were very firm and very clearly stated," he said. "There wasn't a lot of nuance."

Sports in brief

Arens picks up league honor

Senior Lena Arens was named the Horizon League Women's Swimming and Diving Athlete of the Week for the period ending Jan. 19, league communications assistant Kyle Smith announced.

Arens won the 50- and 100-yard freestyles and anchored the winning 400-yard freestyle relay in a 169.5-121.5 loss to the Akron Zips on Saturday afternoon at the Beeghly Natatorium.

Arens' victory in the 50 free was the first win of the day for the Penguins against the Zips, who were ranked second in the most recent CollegeSwimming.com Division I Mid-Major Power Rankings.

Arens' winning times of 24.78 seconds in the 50 free and 54.87 in the 100 free were personal-bests. Full Story in Tuesday's Jambar.

Source: ysu.edu/sports

Sweet hopes to curb underage drinking

By WILLIAM LEHN
The Jambar

University President David Sweet recently pledged his support to help curb a growing concern on campuses across Ohio and the nation: student alcohol abuse.

Sweet, along with 41 other university presidents, signed his name affirming Youngstown State University's commitment to provide alternative non-alcohol activities for students.

By signing, Sweet has pledged to work to thwart the increasing problem of binge drinking at colleges and universities across the state.

YSU has joined a partnership with Ohio Parents for Drug Free Youth's (OPDFY) Ohio College Initiative to Reduce High Risk Drinking.

But two YSU officials said they have concerns about how to fund programs encouraging students not to drink and question how effective the program is.

Formed in 1996, the Ohio College Initiative to Reduce High Risk Drinking is a nationally recognized model that promotes long-term environmental change in the campus culture.

This year's focus for the Ohio College Initiative is to reduce problems associated with off-campus drinking through emphasis on alcohol policies and on the enforcement of campus policies and community laws.

Holly Zweicig, assistant director of OPDFY, said the 42 partner colleges and universities work on a voluntary basis with the Ohio College Initiative but receive no money for implementing programs on campuses.

William Blake, director of Student Activities, who has been involved since the initiative's inception said, "Now, no one is in charge; it [the program] has been lost in a quagmire since there's no funding for it." Blake added that "monies originally came from travel and other departments, but now there's no money

in the accounts [for the initiative]."

Jack Fahey, director of Auxiliary Services and Ohio College Initiative Project director at YSU, said the initiative doesn't work well. "It's a hard sell to come back on campus with the large amount of commuters here."

"I would like to see someone drop a couple of hundred grand down for an Alcohol Awareness Czar," Fahey said. "It's pretty unrealistic so we have to make do with the limited resources we have."

Most of YSU's anti-drinking programs are aimed at on-campus residents. Fahey said Auxiliary Services sponsors between 175 to 200 programs a year for alternative activities on campus for residents. Some include Roommate Appreciation Week, Safe Sex Week and Diversity Week. In addition, each of the 12 Resident Assistants puts on three programs a year.

Call William Lehn at (330) 941-1913.

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sometimes regrets hang heavier.

Mark: I regret nothing.

Beth: Whoopdeedo. Some people do.

Mark: You mean you? Or all women?

Beth: You're a sexist pig.

Mark: Your mother.

Beth: Huh?

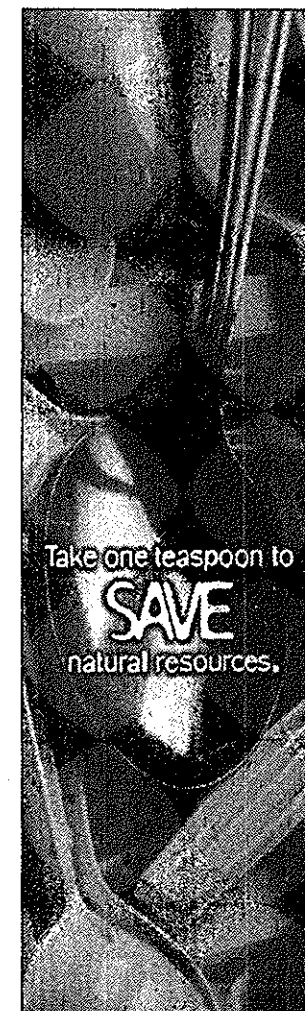
Mark: Look, here's my tip of the day. Don't worry about what has gone on in a past relationship with the person you're with. Worry about what you can do to make it work. Living in the past leaves you stuck there. Obviously you don't want to be there or it would be the present, not the past.

Beth: Someone told me that once.

Mark: Now you've been told twice.

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Looking for love? Lend your heart a technological hand

By ERIC EDWARDS
The Orlando Sentinel (KKT Column)

As single people enter the new year, one thought consumes them: Are there any prescription drugs or technological advances that will make me more appealing to the opposite sex?

People have long ago given up on the idea that changing themselves for the better is a good way to improve their chances of love. Most would rather be alone with their own repulsive quirks than adjust their lifestyles to attract friends and lovers. While that sounds selfish and misguided, there is certain logic to it because no one is truly one-of-a-kind.

If you are a mountain-dwelling, half-man-half-animal who lives off tree bark and pine beetles, the chances of your whipping your life together in time to get a date for Valentine's Day are slim, especially if you're hoping to get a date with Natalie Portman.

The odds are good that somewhere in this crazy, mixed-up world, there lives a half-woman-half-animal who

loves tree bark and is your perfect match. The only problem is finding her amid the millions of seemingly normal people walking the street.

With any luck, technology has found a way for you to determine which people you run into really are your match and not just a serial dater looking for a free meal of pine beetles.

A couple of Canadians think they have invented just such a device. I recently discovered while browsing the United States Patent Office Web site.

The device, as yet unnamed and almost certainly destined to never be granted a patent, illustrates two things: 1) Inventors are focusing more energy on trying to bring together lonely souls; and 2) some people have too much time on their hands (including columnists who browse the United States Patent Office Web site for fun).

Listed under the heading, "method and apparatus for finding love," this amazing device is "carried by or embedded in a lonely or socially inept individual, communicates with like devices in such a way as to divine the

likelihood of attraction due to relative sexual, social, intellectual or spiritual interests of the bearers."

Say no more.

This apparatus, presumably no larger than a medium-sized human organ, will be inserted in the body and alert the carrier when someone similar is approaching.

Since I stopped taking science classes in high school, I can't begin to tell you how this device purports to work. But I can tell you that it uses a radio transmitter to "talk" to others wearing the product whom it deems a good match.

One major plus to this is that people will never have to flirt again. Their chips can flirt for them.

No more going to painful gong-show-like, speed-dating seminars to find romance, no more lunch dates with this device, people will simply need to walk around the mall and let their implants do the talking.

The patent application does not make it clear to the layman how the apparatus is able to persuade attractive

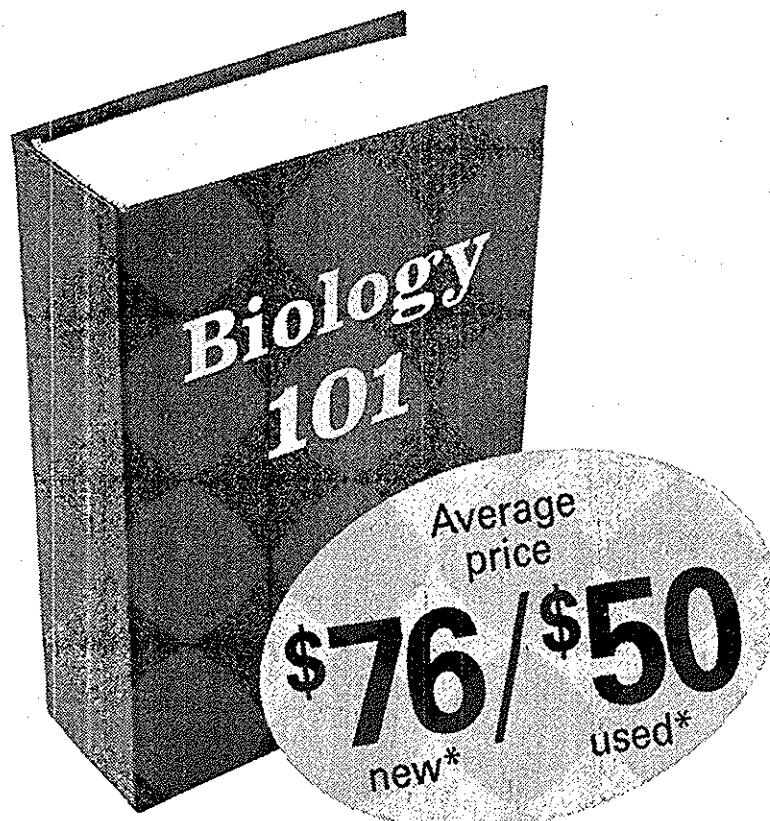
people to go home with us. I assume a complicated system of magnets and pulleys will trap them and drag them with us to our cars where we can drive them home and start new lives full of passion and romance. But I'm no scientist, so I might have misread it.

One thing is for sure: If such a device ever were brought into the market, it would be a home-run product. People would scramble from their lonely apartments, out of their monastic lives and off the sides of their mountains to buy a device that takes all the dangers of rejection out of flirting.

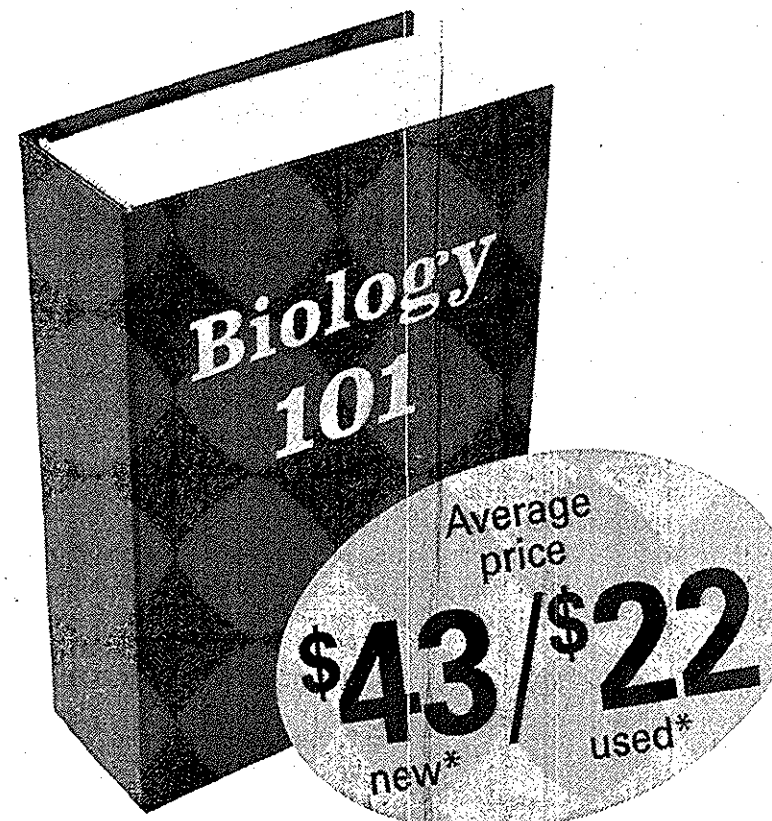
If that happens, the world will become warm, loving and blissful and I won't have anything to write about.

(Eric Edwards, who is terrified that Canadian scientists could put him out of work, writes for *The Orlando Sentinel*. He can be reached at *The Orlando Sentinel*, 633 N. Orange Ave., MP 240, Orlando, Fla., 32801. Send e-mail to eedwards@orlandosentinel.com.)

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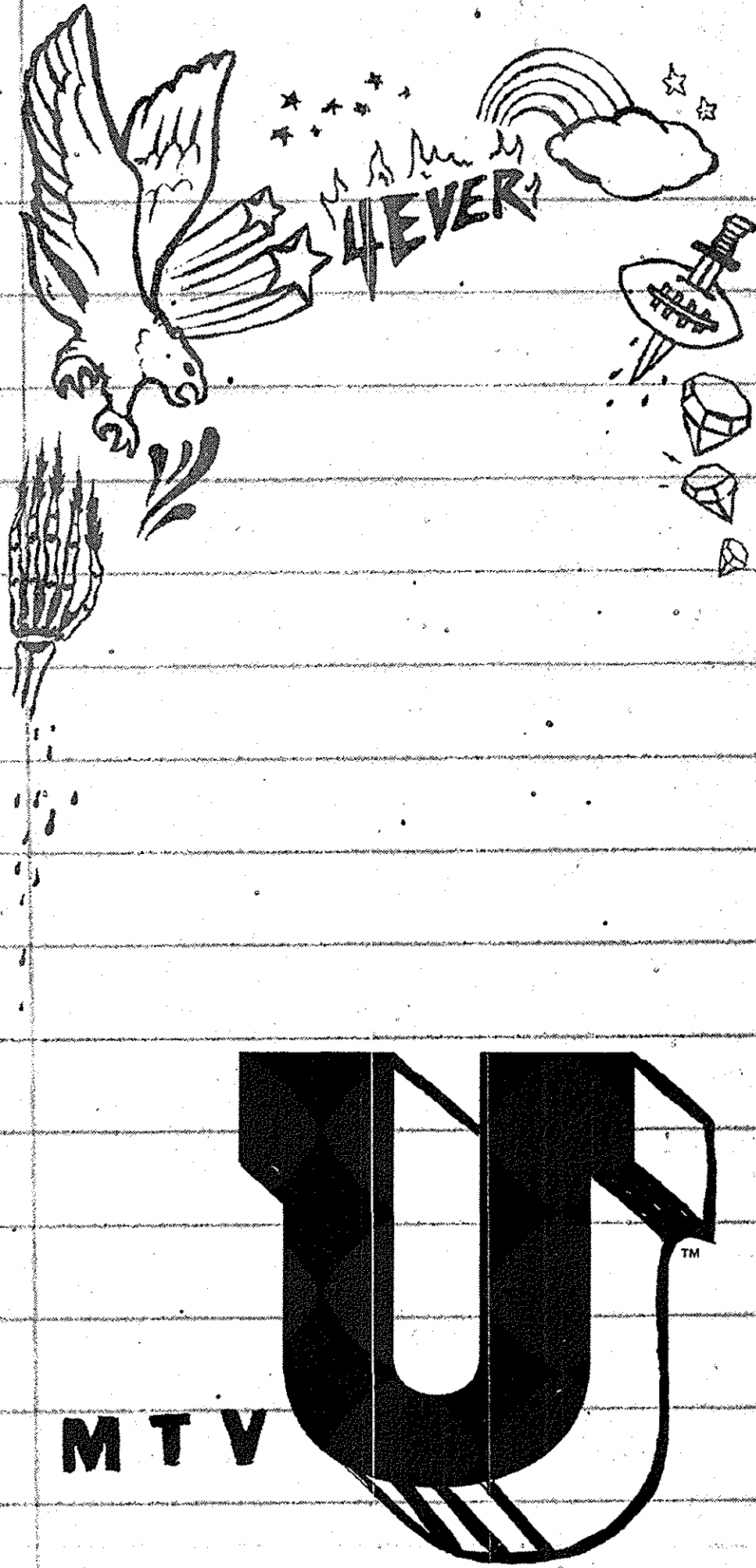
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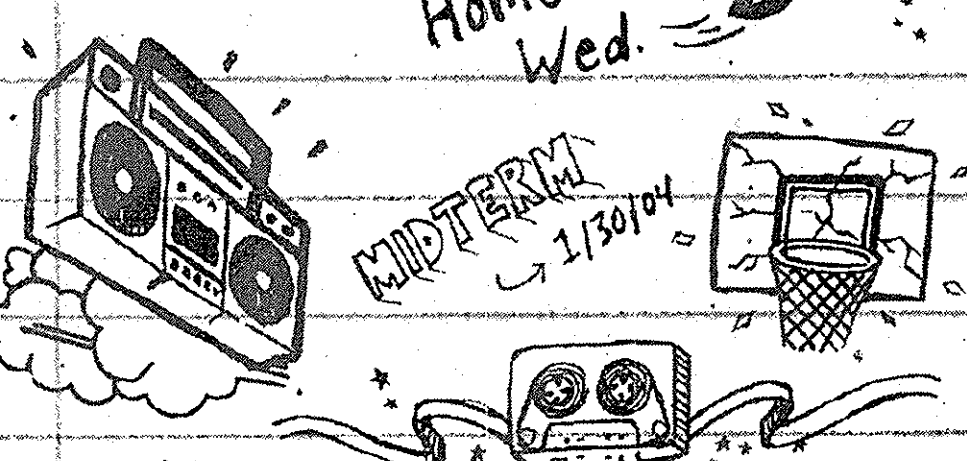
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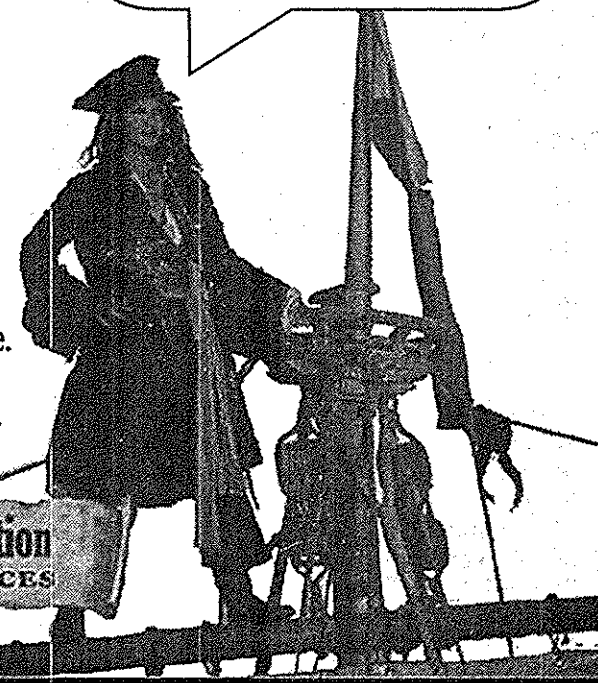
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

From Mozart to Pink Floyd and back again

Various YSU personalities list their favorite five albums of all time.

By BJ LISKO
The Jambar

"It is essential that we maintain and enhance the quality of our programs and our education."
— University President David Sweet

"We don't need no education." — Pink Floyd

Sitting in his Tod Hall office, students can imagine David Sweet doing the usual tasks of a university president — attending meetings, preparing speeches, mapping out university goals, answering phone calls. But listening to Pink Floyd doesn't exactly show up at the top of your list. Well I got news for you kiddies; the university president listed "The Wall" in his top five favorite albums of all time. How's that for heading up the kingpin office of YSU? We're gonna get a keg and roll over to Tod Hall! It's party time with the president! Awwww yeaaaaah ...

Okay sure, so he also listed Tchaikovsky and Simon and Garfunkel, but cut him some slack, he threw a curve ball in there no one would've expected. We tossed out the same question to various university personalities, and here's what came back.

David Sweet, University President

1. Tchaikovsky, "Violin Concerto in D" — "The first classical record I bought while in high school and a favorite ever since."

2. Norah Jones, "Come Away With Me" — "A recent favorite CD given to me by my daughter and enjoyed on long drives to Columbus."

3. Pink Floyd, "The Wall" — "Not my typical fare but my then teenage son played it all the time and the 'Is there anybody out there?' refrain became addictive."

4. Handel's "Messiah" — "A powerful composition providing opportunities in the past to participate in a community sing-a-long."

5. Simon and Garfunkel — "The release of their recent 2 CD set brought back many memories."

Thomas Shipka, Chair, Philosophy and Religious Studies



"In my teens during the 1950's I was a drummer in two local bands, those of Sonny Litch (saidly gunned down while on police duty transferring a prisoner) and Ronnie Austalosh. I also did sporadic work for another local group, including cutting demo records at a studio in Cleveland."



"These groups had an 'all-of-the-above' approach to performance because they worked in a variety of forums - weddings, fraternity and sorority parties, dances, class reunions, anniversary parties, openings of new stores, and bar and restaurant settings. We played everything from rock to polkas to standards."

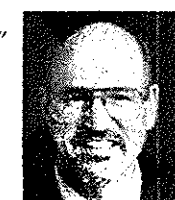
"As I grew older and left the world of drumming for college and graduate school, courtesy of an offer from my father that I couldn't refuse, my interests changed quite a lot. As the years passed I learned to enjoy country music and I listen to that more than any other type these days. 95.1 or 105.1 are usually the stations that I tune to when I'm driving locally, except for trips to and from work when I catch Morning Edition and Fresh Air on WYSU."

"I nevertheless continue to enjoy a variety of musical genres, including classical, folk, country, standards, jazz, classic rock, and even some gospel. But there are at least two types of music that I don't enjoy, rap and heavy metal."

"My favorite artists are many and I'm hesitant to identify just a few. The list would include Toby Keith, Johnny Cash, the Kingston Trio, Josh Groban, Anne Murray, Patsy Kline, Shania Twain, Frank Sinatra, Mel Torme, The Dave Brubeck Quartet, and literally a dozen or more."

Walt Ulbricht, Executive Director, Marketing and Communications

1. "The Best of Joe Cocker"
2. Les Brown and the Band of Renown "Live"
3. "The Best of the Moody Blues"
4. W.A. Mozart's Symphonies 21, 30 and 33 performed by the Mozart Festival Orchestra.
5. "Bob Seger's Greatest Hits"



"I'm very pleased to see that Bob Seger was recently inducted into the Rock 'N Roll Hall of Fame. In my opinion he's an outstanding rock poet who writes evocatively of the passage of time impacting people's lives."

Sherry Linkon, Ohio's Professor of the Year, English.

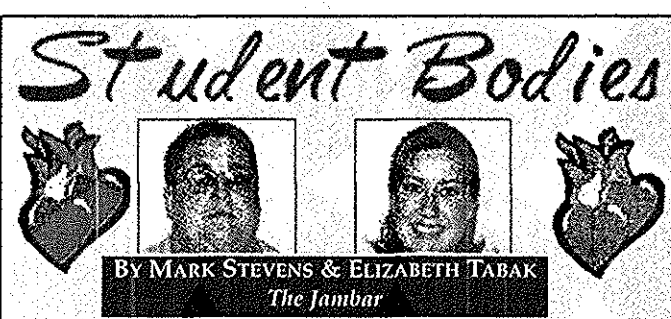
1. Paul Simon, "You're the One" — "I like the beat and the instrumentals, and some of the lyrics are great ('You're not old, God is old, we're not old, he made the mold.')

2. Lyle Lovett, "Road to Ensenada" — "Again, a great mix of interesting, upbeat sounds and crisp, funny, on-target lyrics."

3. Peggy Lee, "The Best of the Capitol Years" — "Great music for dancing in the kitchen."

4. Bruce Springsteen, "The Ghost of Tom Joad" — "Well, I have to list this one, it has 'Youngstown' on it."

5. Tracey Chapman, "New Beginnings" — "I listened to this on a trip through Germany a few years ago, riding on trains and watching a new landscape unfold, so I like it because it's not just good music, it also represents a good set of memories."



BY MARK STEVENS & ELIZABETH TABAK
The Jambar

Mark: Happy Chinese New Year to you. It's the Year of the Monkey, you know? What animal were you born under?

Beth: Year of the Boar.

Mark: Year of the whore?

Beth: Ass.

Mark: Let's get right into it this week.

Beth: OK.

Mark: Let's talk about having friends of the opposite sex while in a relationship.

Beth: I don't see what the big deal is.

Mark: I can't hear you when you talk with your mouth full.

Beth: I'm hungry. I'll stop now.

Mark: You never had a problem like that?

Beth: Honest to God, no. There's never been any jealousy from any of my boyfriends over my having guy friends. It's just assumed that I have a lot of guy friends.

Mark: But you've never been jealous of one of your guys and the way they still have contact with an ex or a girl friend of theirs that's too feely or anything?

Beth: Ok, yeah, I guess.

Mark: See. There you go.

Beth: I mean, you can't help but be jealous. The ex thing is different territory.

Mark: Different how?

Beth: It's different because when there is an ex involved, there's history there. It's gonna

be weird. There's gonna be jealousy and trust issues.

Mark: But they are just friends.

Beth: But there's still that past.

Mark: Why are women so concerned with a guy's past?

He can't go back and change it.

Beth: Because.

Mark: Wow-Deep.

Beth: Guys are concerned with females' past, too.

Mark: But women take it too far.

Beth: How do you mean they take it too far?

Mark: They just do. Any conversations about an ex are pointless. Females always feel the need to talk about that and they need to compare and contrast the relationships.

Beth: OK. First of all, the whole conversation about an ex is kind of a disclaimer of 'if you act the way this guy did, it's not gonna work out between the two of us,' it's kind of putting information out there.

Mark: Why not just live in the now?

Beth: Much easier said than done. I've tried to do it. It's not all women that do that. And there are some guys that do the same thing.

Mark: Why do you keep trying to validate yourself? I think you have displacement issues.

Beth: Clarify displacement issues.

Mark: You feel the need to justify your feelings with the way you claim how everyone else is the same way.

Beth: Didn't I say that not every woman does it and that there are some guys that do it too?

Mark: You prove my points for me better than I do.

Beth: How am I proving your point?

Mark: You reintroduced the fact that you put it on guys as well. We were talking about you.

Beth: I thought this was just discussing relationships in general and how this happens.

Mark: No. We were talking about you. You said "I do..." such and such. You made it first person.

(After a debate over whether or not Mark was right, he was proven right.)

Beth: Whatever. Back to the subject. What are your feelings on the matter?

Mark: I live in the now. Right now. I can't change the mistakes I've made in the past. I can't take back feelings and actions that happened before. I live for this very moment. I don't get jealous because I know my girl is with me. I don't worry about what she's done before me.

Beth: Regardless of whether or not you live in the now and you try to focus on it,

MTV feeling heat from Fuse

By ANGELLA SEMONS
The Reveille

(U-WIRE) BATON ROUGE, La. — For the past 20 years, MTV spin-offs have dominated the television music scene with MTV, MTV2, VH1 and CMT. But, with competition by Fuse, a new music channel launched last spring, MTV is fighting back for videos with a vengeance.

When Fuse first hit the air, MTV showed no fear of the rival music competition. At the time, MTV general manager David Cohen told Rolling Stone, "I'm not sure anybody's that fussed about it."

But last month, MTV initiated a turf war when the channel started forcing artists to sign contracts that would ensure videos are not played on Fuse. Videos that are currently under contract for exclusive MTV play include Beyonce's "Crazy in Love," Radiohead's "There, There" and Linkin Park's video "Numb."

Matt Zokai, a business senior, criticized MTV's ego over the video wars.

"MTV doesn't play many music videos anyway," Zokai said.

Fuse was able to get around the exclusive contracts by filming live performances of artists like P.O.D. and Puddle of Mudd in the Fuse studios.

"Given the current crisis in the music industry, it's a shame that anyone would seek to prevent the work of today's artists from getting to as many people

as possible."

— MARK JURIS
Fuse President

as possible," Fuse Network President Mark Juris told The Los Angeles Times.

Some students like Kim Bell, a psychology senior, agree that another music channel is a good idea.

"I think it's a good thing MTV is getting competition. We need some variety," Bell said.

With unorthodox tactics, Fuse tries to distinguish itself from MTV. The spokesperson for the channel is Sally Struthers, the big blonde woman in the "Feed the Children" commercials, but now she asks music watchers to "Help Save Music Videos."

The new music channel's campaign to play more music than other channels is apparent on the Web site www.fuse.tv, with slogans like "More music than the leading brand," "More music, less crappy TV" and "Kicking ass and taking names."

Fuse offers variety in their programming by including many genres of music.

"Uranium" is the heavy metal show featuring artists like Damage Plan and Nine Inch Nails. Alternative Latin music has a voice with the show "Marcha." And authentic hip-hop is featured on the program appropriately named "Authentic Hip-Hop."

A setback for the channel is its exclusive availability on digital cable and satellite providers. According to Rolling Stone, Fuse reaches 34 million households, but MTV more than doubles that number by reaching 87 million homes through basic, extended and digital cable and satellite services.

In the Baton Rouge area, 180,000 households subscribe to Cox cable, said Sharon Kleinpeter, a Cox Communications representative. Kleinpeter said more than 30 percent of Cox subscribers have digital cable and access to Fuse on channel 238. Access to the channel does not guarantee viewers; even after being on the air for over six months, people have never heard of Fuse. "I have digital cable and a million and one channels, and I had no idea that such a channel existed," said Lorraine Couvillion, an accounting freshman. "I don't understand why MTV is so nervous."

With nearly three times as much viewer potential and withstanding success, students like Couvillion are baffled by the corporation's action toward Fuse.