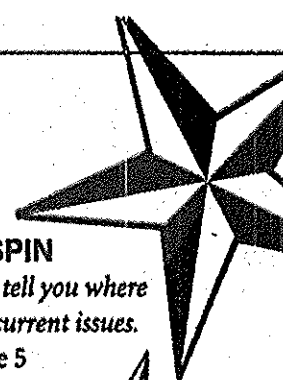




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Benefits plan passes by slim margin

CHRISTINA POE | The Jambar

In a five to four vote, the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees Internal Affairs committee, members passed a proposal that could extend health care benefits to same-sex partners of YSU faculty.

The final proposal will be voted on at a special full meeting of the Board of Trustees tonight at 5 p.m.

Vice President for Administration John Habat presented the document to the Board. It outlined healthcare benefits including medical,

vision, dental and prescription that would be offered to the employee, their domestic partner and their combined dependent children.

The first page of the proposal stated YSU is aware of the variety of employees within its walls.

"Youngstown State University is committed to the recruitment and retention of a highly qualified and diverse workforce; and ... the University recognizes that some employees are in a long term, committed and personal relationship with a same sex domestic partner ... [the board] does hereby author-

ize the Administration to offer health care benefits..."

The document also states the employee and partner must meet eligibility requirements, such as sharing a permanent residence together and submit an Affidavit of Domestic Partnership.

Habat's data, based on studies from other universities, estimated 1 percent or 12 employees would apply for these benefits.

Minus the 10 percent dividend paid by employees, the document said the total estimated yearly cost to the university would be \$60,000.

The vote was a close five to four, with the main opposing issue concerning the impact the proposal would have on YSU's budget.

Trustee Don Cagigas, who voted against the proposal, said with state funding in decline and health care costs continually rising, adding more benefits at this time would be a "financially irresponsible" decision for the university.

"We should be looking at ways to reduce the cost structure before adding more to it," Cagigas said.

Cagigas added that, within

the last five years, overall employee benefits have increased by 46 percent.

Cagigas said the responsibility of the board is to look into how an issue would affect the university and its students in the future when making a decision.

One of Cagigas' concerns is that additional costs created by the resolution could end up "falling on the students" down the road.

Trustees Millicent Counts, Larry Esterly and John Pogue, who voted in favor of the proposal, could not be reached for comment.

CHRISTINA POE | 330-941-1913



Democratic supporters lined state Route 193 across the street from Youngstown Regional Airport Wednesday in protest of President Bush's visit to Youngstown.

Bush makes pit stop in the Valley

The president landed at Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport to pick up Mayor McKelvey

CHUCK ROGERS | The Jambar

Hundreds of Mahoning Valley residents planning to see President Bush at a Wednesday afternoon rally were disappointed, as law enforcement officers turned them away at the door.

The rally, held at the Winner Aviation hanger at Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport, was open to the press and Republicans who obtained tickets from the local Republican Party.

For more than a mile, cars were at a standstill just after noon near the airport's west gate on Ridge Road in Vienna. Some drivers parked their cars and walked to the airport's gate in an attempt to get in sooner.

At 12:45 p.m., Trumbull County Sheriff's Deputies closed and locked the gates, saying there was no more room. Those refused entrance included schoolchildren and media representatives.

Dave Patten, a South Range



A Trumbull County Sheriff's Deputy locks the Ridge Road access gate to the Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport after the event reached capacity.

High School teacher, accompanied two school buses full of students who took the day off to see the president. He said when they

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Ohioans question effects, benefits of Issue 1

BILL RODGERS | The Jambar

A proposed amendment to the state's constitution is causing quite a reaction among Ohio voters and members of the Youngstown State University administration and faculty.

Issue 1 is an amendment seeking to define marriage as only between a man and a woman. This proposition has caused reaction from those supporting it because they do not want marriage licenses extended to same-sex couples. Others, including University President David Sweet and YSU-Education Association President Mike Finney, are opposed to the amendment, and say it could harm the Ohio economy.

Sweet, along with the 14 other members of the Inter-University Council, released a statement of their opposition to Issue 1 yesterday afternoon.

In the statement, the IUC writes that if Issue 1 were to go into effect, "employers, public and private, will lose out in the talent pool and Ohio's economy will suffer as businesses decide against locating in a state where the courts could be barred from recognizing any contractual obligations involving unmarried relationships."

Finney also says that he is opposed to the amendment and knows that "the National Education Association and OEA have opposed Issue 1."

Phil Burress is a member of the Ohio Campaign to Protect Marriage and supports Issue 1.

Burress stressed that Issue 1 is important to maintaining families as an institution. Without the

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College Dems encourage voters to turn Ohio blue

MAYSOON ABDELRAHMAN | The Jambar

Kilcawley Center turned into a political ground zero Tuesday as the College Democrats held their "Get Out the Vote" event in an effort to inform the Youngstown State University community before the Nov. 2 election.

"The most important idea is to get out the vote and that's why the people are here to get out the vote," Brent Whetstone, president of the College Democrats, said.

Many political figures

attended the event and shared their thoughts and opinions.

Kate Mulgrew from TV's Star Trek Voyager introduced her husband, Cuyahoga County Commissioner Tim Hagan, who received a round of applause when he told the audience to stand up and question the government. He emphasized that students should be informed about who is running for the presidency and the voters have the capacity to make Ohio blue on Nov. 2.

"It's a choice about who you are," Hagan said.

Others speakers included

Congressman Tim Ryan (D-17), State Sen. Robert Hagan (D-33), State Sen. Marc Dann (D-32), State Rep. Sylvester Patton (D-60), Judge William O'Neil and Capri Cañaro.

About 100 people attended the event, many of whom asked questions about issues such as Medicare, jobs and education.

The event had emotional moments as well.

Lila Lipscomb held in her tears as she spoke to the audience. Lipscomb, who lost her son in Iraq and was featured in the documentary "Fahrenheit 9/11,"

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NEWS IN BRIEF

▶ **Michael Moore visit**
Filmmaker Michael Moore will appear in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center at noon today as part of his "Slacker Uprising Tour" in an effort to get non-voters to the polls on Election Day. The event is free and open to the

public and tickets are not required to attend the event. Doors open at 11:00 a.m.

▶ Running Series

The Mahoning Valley Running Series will be held on Nov. 20 at 7574 Columbiana Canfield Rd. across from the Canfield Fairgrounds. Entry fees for participants are \$12 for pre-registered and \$15 the day of the race.

The first 225 registered individuals will receive long sleeve shirts. Proceeds go to the YRRC Scholarship Fund.

Registration times are as follows: Noon to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19 at Second Sole and on the day of the race from 8 a.m. to 9:55 a.m. at McMahon Hall-Metro Parks Farm.

There will be awards for the top 3 masters and

top 3 in the age groups indicated.

Make checks payable and mail to YRRC, P.O. Box 2817, Youngstown, OH 44511 with your name, address, phone number, age on Nov. 20 and shirt size between medium and X-large.

For more information call either Jim at 330-482-9230 or Bruce at 330-758-7409.

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Court blocks Nader from Ohio ballot

CHRISTINA POE | *The Jambor*

In a move that has stirred up voters in an already volatile state, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that presidential candidate Ralph Nader would not appear on Ohio's general election ballot.

Around Youngstown State University, students are voicing their opinions on Nader and his role in the upcoming presidential election.

Some said they believe his presence on the ballots will benefit the government and voters, while others said it might have a negative impact on the election's outcome.

Junior Nicole Cunningham said she will vote for Nader because he is the only "real anti-war candidate."

Cunningham said she has heard voting for Nader will take votes from Kerry, but still believes a person should vote for the candidate they are most passionate about instead of "the better of the worst."

She added that further diversity in the form of a third party would give more representation to the American public.

Cunningham said she will not vote for Kerry although his views somewhat mirror Nader's and the Green party. Nader ran as a member of the Green Party in the 2000 election but the party has chosen another candidate for this election.

"Kerry will further our involvement in Iraq while the Green Party has turned their back on Nader's views," Cunningham said.

Freshman Brent Whetstone, president of YSU College Democrats, said while he felt Nader has "good intentions," it would be "more honorable" for him to back out at this point in the campaign.

While he recognizes the loyalty of Nader supporters, Whetstone said the representation of their views could diminish John Kerry's chance of winning if Nader remains on the presidential ballot.

Whetstone said because Nader and Kerry's views are comparable on several issues, they and their voters should support each other.

"We need to work together instead of against each other so that we can achieve our common goal," Whetstone said.

Freshman Kelly

Muscarella, a member of YSU College Republicans, said although Nader and President Bush are "polar opposites" in regards to their views, she respected his decision to remain in the election.

"It gives people more than just two parties to vote for, which is important to the growing number of indie voters, which especially includes people our age," Muscarella said.

Muscarella added she felt Nader should be included on all ballots because it could create more political interest and bring those voters that hold a political cynicism to the polls.

Nader will be on the ballot in 34 states and the District of Columbia.

CHRISTINA POE | 330-941-1913

NEWS IN BRIEF

Penguin Parade auction, raffle Oct. 29

The 29, 7 foot-tall fiberglass penguins making up the penguin parade will be auctioned off to the highest bidders on Oct. 29 at a gala celebration in Stambaugh Auditorium. The auction begins at 7:30 p.m.

The Hot Rod Penguin will be awarded at the end of the night through a raffle. Tickets are \$5 each and are available at area Key Bank locations and at the auction.

Tickets are \$50 and are available at the door. For more information, call 330-743-5555.

POLICE REPORTS

Police were called to Williamson Hall on Oct. 26 in a reference to theft. A laptop computer was missing from room 534. The police report said there was no sign of forced entry.

A male was sitting in the WRTA Bus Stop on Oct. 25 when police approached him. The officer saw the man talk briefly to three separate individuals. The report stated the officer asked the male if he was asking people for money and the male said yes. The man was issued with a written warning and advised to stay off of YSU property, the report stated.

Two males playing basketball in Stambaugh Stadium were stopped and questioned by police on Oct. 25. The males did not show proof of YSU affiliation and were not registered students. The males were issued with a criminal trespassing warning the police report stated.

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brought many to tears as she spoke about her son. She told the crowd that she holds the current administration responsible for his death.

"Bury a child and then

see how you wake up," she said.

Lipscomb, like Hagan, also stressed the importance of being informed when casting a vote. She said she wants people to know who they are voting for and what they stand for.

Another speaker at the event was Andrew Rice who

lost a brother in the World Trade Center attack. He said he does not want to give a sad story for everyone to listen to and then tell them to go vote for Kerry but instead just wants people to be informed.

Freshman Carla Stone said her favorite part was Lipscomb and Rice's speeches. Stone said since she is a Republican, she wanted to see the

Democratic standpoint on issues.

Freshman Emily Harnock said the reason she came to the event is because she is a big fan of Kate Mulgrew and wanted her autograph.

Whetstone said he was very happy with how the event turned out. "It was a wonderful success," he said.

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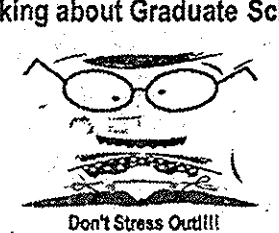
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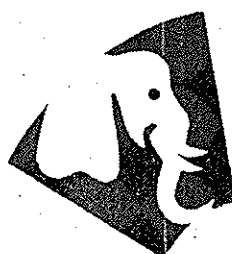
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opinion

— an editorial —

Issue 1 should not sway YSU away from goal

In a long-awaited move, the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees Internal Affairs Committee has voted to extend Domestic Partner health Benefits to YSU employees.

We applaud and respect the committee's swift action on this issue.

Reports do show that just a small amount of YSU employees will benefit from this move, but we must take into account the benefits that it will bring the university as a whole.

Extending domestic partner benefits to YSU employees is the surest move to cement the university's ongoing and ever-growing commitment to diversity. It will send the strong message to Ohioans that YSU is a true competitor in the college market and will open the door to a more diverse population.

Such benefits will extend a warm welcome to more students and faculty that will compliment our already talented pool.

These benefits cannot be extended until the full Board of Trustees votes to approve it. Though approved by a slim margin, we remain hopeful that the full board will support this measure. We urge them to do so, in appreciation of current employees and anticipation of those to come.

The future, though, is one that is daunting. Perhaps we are too soon to celebrate.

On Tuesday's ballot will be the hotly debated Issue 1; an amendment to the Ohio State Constitution that would not only ban gay marriages, but deny same-sex and unmarried couples from receiving other benefits.

What benefits? We're not sure yet. The proposed amendment states that Ohio would not recognize the "legal statutes for relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to approximate the design, qualities, significance or effect of marriage."

The wording is so vague that it leaves excessive room for the courts to interpret it to mean marriage between a same sex couple or an unmarried man/woman couple.

Though presented to Ohio voters as a defense of marriage from homosexual couples, it is blatantly obvious to us that the proposed amendment is also aimed at unmarried couples that want to make a home and family together.

Supporters of this proposed amendment refer to such individuals as "deviants" because they do not submit to their religious code of conduct. As Americans we must remember that there is a separation of church and state; one religion does not define morality for all Ohioans.

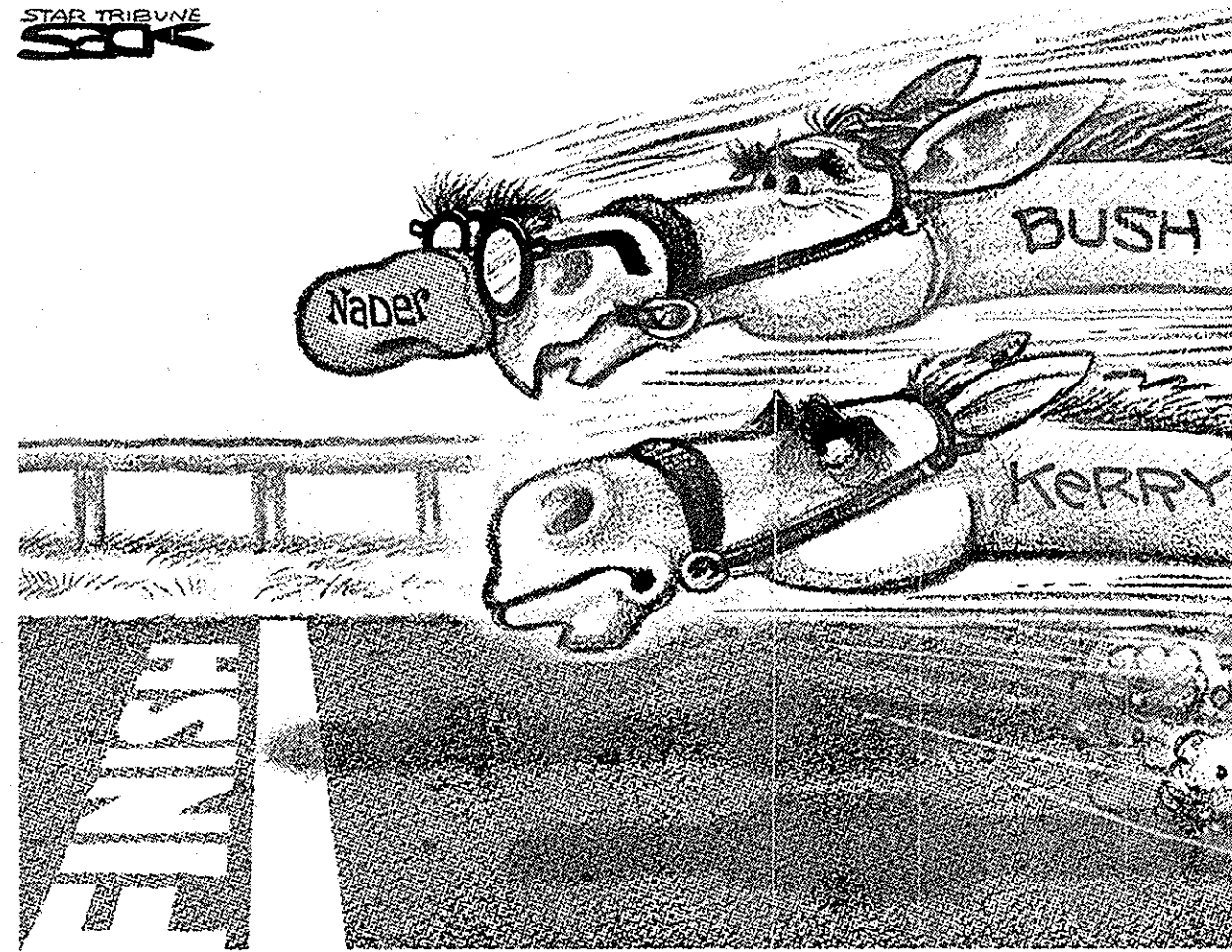
The Board of Trustees has already remained steadfast in their goal of examining and securing domestic partner benefits. We urge them in their diligence to stay resolute and to not let Issue 1 blur their vision as they focus on their goal.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



The truth about the draft

TIM RYAN U.S. REP (D-17)
Guest Commentary

Several months ago, we started to hear discussion that a military draft was increasingly likely. Back when things weren't that bad, such chatter could be easily dismissed as conspiracy-talk among the worst-case-scenario crowd. But it refused to go away, eventually becoming the subject of ominous e-mails streaming back and forth among anxious college students and their worried parents. As conditions in Iraq steadily worsened, the people once labeled "pessimistic" began looking more and more prophetic. When the experts started to take it seriously, something that was once inconceivable became a part of the national debate — talked about on the evening news, written up in newspapers and magazines and debated in Congress. By the time the second presidential debate rolled around, President Bush had had enough.

"Forget all this talk about a draft," the president demanded. "We're not going to have a draft so long as I'm president."

Predictably, neither the president's promise, nor a similar promise from John Kerry to keep the U.S. military draft-free, did anything to squelch the debate.

Although each candidate would like every American to take his promise to the bank and ignore the promises of his opponent, concerns continue to grow. The reason is simple and obvious to every parent and their draft-age sons and daughters (a new draft would likely include women as well).

Americans have had four years to see how certain President Bush's previous "certainties" turned out to be. While it's likely, of course, that the president and his administration really believe there is no way they would ever have to reinstate the draft, the fact is a draft next year or any year has never been dependent on campaign promises but rather on our military commitments and our ability to convince allies to help secure the peace. And on these grounds, it does indeed matter what each candidate promises.

President Bush promises four more years of the same foreign policy that took us into a tragic and lonely guerilla war in Iraq and left America's military overstretched, undersupplied and bogged down. American citizens and our allies and enemies know that almost all our combat troops are either fighting in or preparing to fight in Iraq or Afghanistan. They know that thousands of soldiers are being forced to

remain in Iraq even though they have reached their promised retirement date — a situation John Kerry accurately labels a "backdoor draft." National Guardsmen and Reservists — our so-called weekend warriors — now make up more than 40 percent of the troops in Iraq, which has caused recruiting and re-enlistment rates to drop. And in case there was any doubt about the necessity to find more troops somewhere, a study commissioned by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld recently reported that America has "inadequate total numbers of troops and lack of long-term endurance."

President Bush's "cow-boy diplomacy" and risky military adventurism has weakened us both diplomatically and militarily. When we should have been building alliances to help pay for and fight the global war on terror, the Republican Congress and the Bush Administration were busy insulting "Old Europe" and officially renaming french fries "freedom fries" (Yes, they really did that). This toxic combination of school-yard chest thumping and neo-conservative fantasy has made a draft more likely now than at any time since the creation of an all-volunteer force thirty years ago.

John Kerry, like President Bush, should

never truly rule out a draft because no one knows just how dangerous the world will be in the coming years. What Kerry can promise is a return to America's traditional foreign policy — a foreign policy that has led us successfully through two world wars, the first Persian Gulf War and will lead us to victory in the Iraq and Afghanistan. While a President Kerry will reserve the right to act preemptively — as every American president always has — he will also end the insults and lectures that drove our traditional allies away in disgust. Every foreign soldier we can recruit to help us fight this war (or a war with North Korea or Iran) is one less American soldier we would potentially have to draft. And just to be extra sure we have the number of troops we need without resorting to a draft, John Kerry will use increased education and enlistment bonuses to increase the size of our all-volunteer Army by 40,000.

There is only one presidential candidate offering a foreign policy that reduces the chance of needing a draft — John Kerry.

Tim Ryan, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, represents the 17th Congressional District of Ohio.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IUC stands in opposition to Issue 1

Editor —

The Inter-University Council of Ohio (IUC) joins Governor Bob Taft, U.S. Senators Mike DeWine and George Voinovich, Attorney General James Petro, Ohio's business leaders and major media outlets in opposing State Issue one. The presidents of the state's four-year public universities concur that this constitutional amendment would be detrimental to Ohio's future.

While individual views about the proper legal definition of marriage vary widely, the proposed amendment is one of the harshest such measures in

the country and would have negative consequences for thousands of unmarried Ohioans. If adopted, State Issue one will have a chilling effect on business development and discourage many talented people from coming to or staying in Ohio.

Employers, public and private, will lose out in the talent pool and Ohio's economy will suffer as businesses decide against locating in a state where the courts could be barred from recognizing any contractual obligations involving unmarried relationships. The proposed amendment would not only ban same-sex marriages; it also may cloud the rights of unmarried couples to jointly own property and pass that property on to a surviving partner, remove domestic partner job benefits (such as health care) from the unmarried partners of state

employees and threaten benefits such as maternity leave for unmarried pregnant women.

For those who feel it's necessary to protect the legal status of traditional marriage, Ohio already has a Defense of Marriage statute that denies the legal recognition of same-sex marriages but without the punitive elements in State Issue one. We urge voters to look beyond the election-year rhetoric to the very real and harmful consequences of the proposed constitutional amendment. Ohio's future depends upon it.

— The Inter-University Council

The Inter-University Council is composed of the fifteen presidents of Ohio's public institutions of higher education. Included in this

council is Youngstown State University President David Sweet.

Issue 1 poses threat to Ohio economy

Editor —

Please vote to turn back an effort to let Ohio's constitution discriminate against its own law-abiding citizens.

Issue one purports to be an amendment that bans gay marriage. You may think that lesbians and gay men should not be allowed to marry; if you do, you should know that Ohio already has two laws on the books that ban gay marriage.

But this amendment

would also prevent any unmarried couple — gay or straight, young or old, black or white — from exercising their right to create private contracts that would protect their ability to transfer property to a loved one, to decide who has control over medical decisions and any other contract that a married person has as an unquestioned right.

It would also prevent corporations from granting any benefit to unmarried employees and their partners. Many — including Gov. Taft and Republican U.S. Senators Voinovich and DeWine — fear that passage of Issue One will keep companies — and universities like YSU — from attracting a creative and diverse workforce and student body. With Ohio's economy on the ropes and young people leaving the state in droves,

we can hardly afford to become known as a place where diversity is not welcome.

Please ask yourself this: Is it fair to prevent people who are not allowed to marry from finding other ways to protect their interests and secure their families?

On this critical matter, we are asking you to read Issue one carefully, and see the great threat it poses to the health of Ohio's economy and the happiness of tens of thousands of Ohioans — some of whom are your friends, classmates, and neighbors.

Your vote will make a difference. Please vote for fairness — and AGAINST Issue one.

— Jean Engle


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As college students today, we ought to seriously consider that question.

Oh yes, President Bush insists he won't bring back the draft. But remember: this is the same president who swore that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction. That Saddam was linked to 9/11. And that Iraqis would welcome us with open arms. He was dead wrong every time.


With George Bush stubbornly determined to go it alone, our allies won't join us. American troops will still be 90 percent of the "coalition." And 90 percent of its dead and wounded.

And the volunteer military will be a casualty of war.

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Bush, Kerry in their own words

CALVIN WOODWARD
Associated Press

It's not all attack ads and stomping opponents from the stump. Since the start of the fall campaign, President Bush and Democrat John Kerry have answered questions from The Associated Press three times a week, on the issues.

Here are the answers to five of the questions asked. Some answers are excerpted.

COLLEGE COSTS: Is there anything the federal government should do to ease the costs of post-secondary education?

Bush: "My 2005 budget requests a record \$73.1 billion in financial aid to help nearly 10 million students attend college, an increase of \$25.9 billion (55 percent) since I took office. I have increased Pell Grant funding 47 percent, helping 1 million more low-income students. My plan also provides students with the chance to receive up to \$5,000 to study math or science. It is important that students graduate high school ready to do college-level work. No Child Left Behind and my high school reforms will ensure students are academically prepared for college so they are less likely to drop out. And I have proposed Enhanced Pell grants to provide additional assistance to low-income students who complete challenging coursework in high school that prepares them to succeed."

Kerry: "Absolutely. As president, I will enact a College Opportunity tax credit on up to \$4,000 a year for four years of tuition at a public university. I will ensure that this credit is eligible for 'advanced payment' so students get the resources they need when tuition is due. Unlike current credits, my tax credit will be refundable for those students who need help the most and for those who receive other credits. I will provide \$10 billion in state fiscal relief for higher education, and I will offer a simple deal to hundreds of thousands of America's young people: If you will serve for two years in one of America's toughest and most important jobs, we will pay for four years of tuition at a public university."

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: How would you seek to revitalize communities in greatest need of economic development?

Bush: "My Opportunity Zone proposal would assist areas that have lost a significant portion of their economic base and are transitioning to a more diverse, broad-based economy, as well as poverty areas eligible for existing programs. Opportunity Zones would ease that transition by targeting federal resources and encouraging businesses to invest in these areas. They focus both on stimulating new economic activity and promoting education, job training, affordable housing and other activities critical for a vibrant community."

Kerry: "I will create a Small Business Opportunity fund, expand loans and equity for small businesses, increase the federal government's venture capital investments and expand loan programs to help more small businesses get off the ground. I will increase the share of federal contracts for small businesses and ensure that minority-owned businesses get a fair share, use tax credits to cut the cost of energy and reduce the cost of health care by two-thirds, and eliminate capital gains taxes for long-term investment in small businesses. And I will help small businesses offer retirement plans by using tax credits to help offset the startup costs of pension plans. I'll have a new jobs tax credit to cover an employer's share of payroll taxes for net new jobs created by small businesses in 2005 and 2006."

MILITARY DRAFT: Do you rule out a draft over the next four years?

Bush: "Yes. I am committed to keeping participation in the United States Armed Services voluntary. Recruitment and retention rates remain strong, and the military has not had any problem maintaining a capable force. We will not have a draft so long as I'm the president of the United States."

Kerry: "I oppose reinstating the draft, and I am committed to an all-volunteer military, and I'll have a foreign policy that brings allies to our side to share the burden around the world. George Bush has effectively used a back door draft of our National Guard and reserves, and used a 'stop-loss' policy to extend tours of duty, delayed retirements, and prevented enlisted personnel from leaving the service."

TAXES: What further income-tax cuts, if any, do you support?

Bush: "In my first three years in office, I signed historic and comprehensive tax relief that has reduced the marriage penalty, doubled the child tax credit to \$1,000, reduced rates across the board, and eliminated the death tax. This tax relief should be made permanent; otherwise, starting next year, 37 million families with children, 11 million seniors, and 23 million small business owners will see their taxes increase."

Kerry: "We need to provide middle class tax relief for families trying to afford college and all Americans and small businesses struggling with the cost of health care. We should cut taxes for businesses that create jobs here in the United States and stop using the tax code so American workers subsidize shipping their own jobs overseas. We should provide tax credits to help create manufacturing jobs here at home. It's right to protect middle-class income tax cuts, and it's also right to roll back George Bush's unaffordable giveaways to individuals making over \$200,000 so we can invest in jobs, health care and education, and restore fiscal responsibility."

WAR ON TERRORISM: How will Americans know when the war on terrorism is won?

Bush: "It is unlike any conventional war we have fought in the past. It will not end with a peace treaty or by the capture of a city or the fall of a single regime. It will be won through the steady advance of freedom, hope, and opportunity."

Kerry: "The global war on terrorism will be finally won when terrorists no longer have global reach and terrorist organizations are unable to inflict catastrophic attacks. That will happen when we cut off their financing, their sanctuaries, their recruiting capabilities and their access to weapons of mass destruction."

YSU student Keller (R) challenges four-term veteran Patton (D)

JAMBAR STAFF REPORT

In the 60th representative district, four-term incumbent Democrat Sylvester Patton, of Youngstown, is facing Republican challenger Nicolas Keller, a Youngstown State University senior from Youngstown, for a two-year term in the Ohio House of Representatives.

•What has been your biggest accomplishment in the Ohio House of Representatives so far?

Sylvester Patton: My best achievement, I think, has been in building relationships with my colleagues on both sides of the aisles. Given the fact that I'm a minority legislator, I'm in the minority party. And I come from a union, blue-collar working area and have been able to successfully build relationships to be able to bring millions of dollars back for economic development and everything.

Ohio political maverick could be the next Katherine Harris

ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS
Associated Press

COLUMBUS — He's the enforcer of an archaic rule requiring voter registration forms to be printed on 80-pound paper. He's been accused of trying to suppress the black vote by rejecting ballots cast in the wrong precinct.

But on Nov. 2, Ohio Secretary of State J. Kenneth Blackwell — and obscure officials like him in other key states around the country — will decide which

legislators, need to address the cost of education, period, which we haven't done. One thing that I would do is to redo the tax structure in the state. [...] We need to make some changes where the tax burden would be shifted back to the corporate tax. You know, 15, 20 years ago, corporate was paying around 34 to 36 percent of the tax and residential was paying right around 14 percent. Well, that has flipped. And with that being flip-flopped and given the fact that the manufacturing jobs are leaving, there's lower wage jobs, our whole tax structure is going terribly the wrong way.

•What will be first on your agenda if you are elected a State House Representative?

Nicolas Keller: My first priority will definitely be, the biggest problem I feel is the unemployment in our area. I'm going to work as hard as I can to make this area more business friendly, to attract new business to Youngstown, because we need jobs, we need revitalization.

•What will you do to improve the quality of higher education and make it more affordable for college students?

Patton: That is a tough question, though one of my main things have been that we need to lower the cost of tuition, of higher

education. The state, the legislators, need to address the cost of education, period, which we haven't done. One thing that I would do is to redo the tax structure in the state. [...] We need to make some changes where the tax burden would be shifted back to the corporate tax. You know, 15, 20 years ago, corporate was paying around 34 to 36 percent of the tax and residential was paying right around 14 percent. Well, that has flipped. And with that being flip-flopped and given the fact that the manufacturing jobs are leaving, there's lower wage jobs, our whole tax structure is going terribly the wrong way.

Keller: I'm a student myself, so this affects me as well. The bottom line is, I think public education, as

small that it is a matter of dispute. Critics view Blackwell — a conservative black Republican who has crusaded against everything from taxes to gay marriage — as a willing pawn of the GOP. "It's important to point out that Secretary Blackwell was sworn to uphold and defend the constitution, not the Republican Party," said NAACP President Kweisi Mfume. "He has a constitutional obligation to try to

marked spending for the Mahoning Valley and half a million of that went to the YSU materials program. And that's something that I'm really, really proud of. And the other thing is really getting \$2 million for the [Vienna] Airbase. That's been our number one priority. And to get a couple million bucks to help try to solidify that and to organize the community to begin the fight for [the airbase] is very, very important.

•What will be first on your agenda if you are elected to Congress?

Long Island native Cusimano (R) challenges incumbent Ryan (D)

JAMBAR STAFF REPORT

In the 17th Congressional District, one-term incumbent Democrat Tim Ryan, of Niles, is facing Republican challenger Frank V. Cusimano, of Warren, for a two-year term in the United States House of Representatives.

•What has been your biggest accomplishment in Congress so far?

Tim Ryan: I think the amount of money that we were able to bring back. We have this transportation bill that passed. Almost \$30 million in ear-

State lawmaker challenges Voinovich for U.S. Senate seat

MALIA RULON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A senator with millions of dollars and a well-known name is being challenged Nov. 2 by a state lawmaker whose campaign included a walk across Ohio.

Democrat Eric Fingerhut acknowledges that he's at a disadvantage against Republican George Voinovich, a former two-term governor and mayor of Cleveland who raised \$9.7 million for the race. "I understand what we're up against," he said.

Fingerhut, a state senator from the Cleveland area who has accrued just \$1.1 million, says the election is about whether voters want the status quo or a

change. "In some respects, Senator Voinovich and I agree about what this election is about. It's about jobs. What we disagree about is that Sen. Voinovich thinks that things are heading in the right direction, and I don't," Fingerhut said in an interview with The Associated Press.

To Voinovich, the race is about the economy and protecting America from terrorism. He says the national economy is improving, as recent data indicate, and Ohio needs his experience to get back on track.

"What I am doing is bringing new thoughts to these areas. I understand what needs to be done,"

Voinovich told the AP. "I'm the change agent." America's payrolls continued to increase in September, with the economy adding 96,000 jobs, but the nation is still down 821,000 jobs since President Bush took office in 2001.

Ohio's unemployment rate was 6 percent in September, compared to a national rate of 5.4 percent.

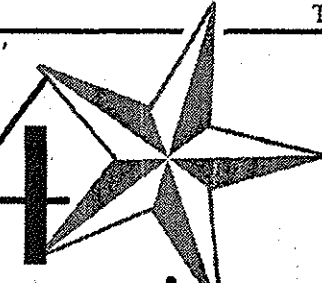
In the Senate, Voinovich has supported a clean air bill that won't put power companies out of business, a highways bill he says would create jobs in Ohio and a new federal office focusing on manufacturing.

He was among four

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People at Bush campaign stop say election integrity a concern

PATTON

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higher education goes, is becoming increasingly more expensive. What we plan to do is look at the budget.

There is a six percent cap right now on tuition in the state of Ohio. I'd like to see a stronger cap. We have to work to get tuition to where it's affordable to all students, to anyone who wants higher education, because I feel that higher education is what fuels the economy.

•What is your position on issue one, the anti-gay marriage referendum in Ohio?

Patton: This referendum is just a waste of time. I'm definitely opposed to it. We have in this state a law that clearly states that marriage is between a man and a woman. We've just passed in this general assembly a bill, and the governor just signed, dealing with the fact that because we already have a law that says we ... recognize only a marriage between a man and a woman. The law that we just passed says you can't come out of state from a state that is legal to do it and come here.

What [the referendum] does is, it will eliminate any benefit packages that any institution or company might have between a man and woman who happens not to be married and have a family together.

Keller: In a free society, we all have the right to have our own sexual preferences. I am for, however, the preservation of marriage and the preservation of the family. So, I feel that we should, in Ohio, tolerate it, but not recognize it

as marriage between a man and a woman. The definition of marriage should be between a man and a woman.

•Why are you more qualified than your opponent for Ohio's 60th District Representative seat?

Patton: I am the senior legislator down there. I will be going for my fifth term down there. We have term limits, which are four terms, but I was appointed to the first term. I have been overwhelmingly elected for the last three terms. And I'm hoping that they will send me back for my fifth and final term. I still have work to do. My whole goal is to continue to bring economic development funds back to this district. I think we're going in the right direction here. And I'm the one that can do it. I represent the people very well.

Keller: I've lived here all my life. The issues that face the district, I feel that I understand better than my opponent. I feel that I can be a better representative on those issues. I feel that I can impact the district more positively.

And also it's because I want the job. And I'm going to do this full time. My opponent has already thrown his hat in the ring for the 2005 mayoral race, and he's said if things go his way, he will not be sticking around for the second half of his term. And I feel that that's wrong. I will serve a full term and I will serve it to the best of my ability. That's basically what separates my opponent and I. I want the job and he is obviously using it as a stepping stone to his next position.

Both candidates know what it's like for working-class families to make ends meet.

Fingerhut, 45, is the grandson of immigrants from Hungary and Eastern Russia and son of an insurance agent and a secretary. After his father died, he used his Social Security survivor benefits to become the first in his family to attend college.

As a lawyer he worked with Cleveland's welfare program and legal aid clinic. Fingerhut won his first election to the state Senate in 1991 and a seat in the U.S. House the following year, at age 33. He lost re-election two years later to Republican Rep. Steven LaTourette.

Fingerhut attributes the loss to several controversial votes, including one on an assault weapons ban that expired this year. He also cast a pivotal vote to help pass President Clinton's 1993 deficit-reduction bill, which included some unpopular tax increases.

"There's no shame in losing an election when you did the right thing," Fingerhut said.

Voinovich's grandparents immigrated from Croatia, and he grew up in a big family. He was elected to the Ohio House in 1966, at age 30, and to the U.S. Senate in 1998.

A win would make Voinovich the second Republican senator re-elected in Ohio since the 1950s. Sen. Mike DeWine was the first, in 2000. Voinovich, 68, wouldn't say whether this will be his last race for public office.

Meanwhile, Fingerhut has brushed off questions about whether the race is about building name recognition and an organization to run for governor or attorney general in 2006.

"I'm flattered, but I'll be busy in 2006 because I'll be Ohio's newest U.S. senator," he said.

JOE MILICIA

Associated Press

VIENNA — President Bush supporters said Wednesday at a campaign stop that they have some concerns about the integrity of the election but believe voting will go smoothly. Some said it's up to voters to make sure.

Outside another Bush rally across the state in Findlay, Kerry supporter Keith Krantz, 29, said he was concerned that the nation might not have a president the day after the election.

"I hope one way or another there's a good solid majority," said Krantz, of Findlay. "I want John Kerry to win, but I don't want him to win because people on the other side didn't get their vote counted. I wouldn't want my guy to win that way."

RYAN

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here, attract them here. I moved here from Long Island. It's a nice place to call home.

•What will you do to improve the quality of higher education and make it more affordable for college students?

Ryan: I am in agreement with the John Kerry plan: double the cost of the Pell grant that a student can get, get the banks out of the student loan business so that [bank profits] can be passed on savings and can be given back to the students.

You know, tuition is up because Ohio stopped state support for colleges and universities. Kerry wants to give \$25 billion to the states that has to be spent for state support. So that will hopefully at least contain if not drop tuition costs, plus give the students, instead of \$4,500, give them \$9,000 in Pell

POLITICAL

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find a way to increase the ability of people to exercise their rights to vote and not decrease them."

But a look at his past, his record and his ambitions reveals Blackwell as more maverick than pawn, willing to take on anyone — Republican or Democrat, black or white — who gets in his way.

"If you get pushed around," says Blackwell, "people will just push you around more."

A former college football star, Blackwell lived as a child in public housing in Cincinnati's inner-city West End. Steve Reece, a businessman who went to elementary school with him, remembers Blackwell facing down bullies who took other kids' lunch money. "If you take him on, he's going to fight," Reece said.

Blackwell carried that take-no-prisoners style into politics. He knocked Ralph Nader off the Ohio ballot, which could help Democrats. He enraged state Republicans by trying to undo a penny sales tax they'd enacted to balance the budget.

But it's his rulings on how voters are registered, and where they can vote, that have caused the most controversy.

The "80-pound paper" regulation, requiring voter registration forms to be printed on heavy stock, was proof-positive to some

Ohio Democrats have sued to block Republican challenges to \$5,000 voter registrations across the state.

Election boards across the nation have been swamped with millions of new voter registrations, and there are widespread fears the voter rolls in some places may not be up to date come Election Day. Many voters will need to cast provisional ballots, which are not counted until at least 10 days after the election and could be needed to determine a winner if the presidential race is close.

"I think the Democrats are doing a lot to cast a lot of doubt on the election. They're setting it up so if they don't like the outcome they have a case to make to the Supreme Court," said Jay Capan, 19, of

grants to lower student loan costs, lower interest on the student loans.

Cusimano: I have to see why it's going up so fast. One of the important things is education, especially in the age we're in now. [Improvements could be made] with grants and low interest loans, but hopefully more grants because it's getting harder and harder with the way prices are going up.

But that's another thing I want to find out. What's making it rise so fast? Are your professors getting paid that much?

A lot of my race is trying to find the root cause of a lot of problems. Why education is costing so much. Why health care is costing so much.

•What is your position on issue one, the anti-gay marriage referendum in Ohio, as well as the proposed nation-wide constitutional ban on gay marriage?

of his critics that he was out to suppress the vote. Blackwell said the rule, an old law that had not previously been enforced, would ensure that registrations were not shredded by postal equipment. But he eventually backed off and instructed election boards to accept all forms they received.

He also successfully fought for the right to disregard provisional ballots cast in the wrong precinct. These ballots are backups for voters whose names do not appear on the rolls. Democrats believe they should be accepted as long as they are cast in the right county.

Initially, a U.S. district judge ruled against Blackwell, saying he "apparently seeks to accomplish the same result in Ohio in 2004 that occurred in Florida in 2000."

But on Oct. 23, a federal appeals court decided the case in Blackwell's favor, ruling that the provisional ballots Ohio voters cast outside the precincts where they live should not be counted.

Blackwell dismisses concerns over the issue, saying, "A lot of folks are creating a mountain crisis out of a molehill. Most of the voters will know where to vote and how to vote."

Democrats fear black voters will be disproportionately disenfranchised by the restriction because they are more likely to be poor and more likely to

Kinsman, as he waited to hear the president's speech at Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport in Vienna.

First-time voter Daryl Juillerat said he has done everything possible to make sure his ballot is counted on Election Day.

Juillerat, 18, who attends Youngstown Christian School, waited in one of several long lines to hear Bush speak at the airport. He said he thinks that each voter needs to take some responsibility to become educated on where and how to vote.

He said he doesn't expect Ohio to have any of the problems that Florida experienced in 2000, because he thinks voters are more savvy now.

Political parties, citing a little-used 51-year-old state law, plan to have representatives inside polling

places to challenge some voters about their identity and make sure election laws are followed. George Forbes, president of the NAACP in Cleveland, said he fears such challenges will create long lines at polling places and discourage voters.

Gary Spring, 41, of Conneaut, said he is concerned about the possibility that lawsuits could be filed after the election.

"I think it's going to diminish the legitimacy of our voting process and thereby weaken the county," Spring said.

He said if he's willing to wait in line to see the president, he will do whatever it takes on Tuesday to cast his ballot.

"I've been in line here for 2 1/2 hours and it hasn't deterred me. It's worth it," he said.

live almost everything people are going through today. Twenty years ago, when I moved here, I was working in a bakery making \$90 a week, no healthcare. I know what its like.

I know what it's like then to work up the ladder and then start having to pay into healthcare, which is \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year depending on which year I was paying into it. I've been on unemployment lines.

The big thing is, I run my own business. That has a lot to do with money coming in, money going out. The government doesn't seem to realize, or maybe they do and they just don't care, you can only spend so much. If you don't have the money coming in and you keep borrowing, sooner or later, you do go bankrupt.

I think all that together, to be able to relate with the people that I'm representing, is a big plus.

Cusimano: As far as experience in life, I have had to

Blackwell bristles at any suggestion that he has hurt black voters. "This assumption that minorities and low-income people should be treated as mentally challenged siblings is just insulting," Blackwell said. "The last time I checked I was African-American and proud of it, and secondly, I came from very modest means."

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amendment, Burrress said, families will be raised with children who have either no father or mother. He added that allowing same sex marriages would destroy the institution of marriage.

"Marriage is the most important institution in the world and it's supposed to be between a man and a woman," Burrress said. "It's the cornerstone for who we are in America. Without strong families we cannot achieve greatness."

Alan Melamed, Chairman of Ohioans Protecting the Constitution, commented on Burrress' idea.

"Marriage is protected by how married people

treat one another," Melamed said. "It's not threatened by people who live in other ways. As a nation we have strength in our diversity, to say otherwise is absurdity."

He added that the amendment's language is too vague, and the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) already defines marriage as the proposed amendment does. Under DOMA Ohio does not recognize same-sex marriages that were granted in other states.

"The amendment is redundant," Melamed said.

Melamed also said the amendment causes significant problems for a lot more people than same-sex couples.

"The law would take away benefits from all unmarried couples," Melamed said.

It would punish seniors living together to protect pension benefits, unmarried couples seeking to jointly own property, adopted children of unmarried couples and people who receive benefits from domestic partner plans, he added.

Burrress did say he realizes there is opposition to the amendment because it could take away legal rights and monetary benefits for other unmarried couples, not just same sex couples.

"There are some issues with this amendment that will probably be litigated," Burrress said. "For every

issue there's 1000 hypothetical situations you could bring up and 1000 ways to resolve them. We will always have courts to solve issues like those."

In a statement from Ohio State University's President Karen Holbrook, Holbrook says that under Issue One, Ohio State may be prohibited from providing healthcare benefits for sponsored dependants, even though Ohio tax dollars do not pay for these benefits.

"If it is determined that Issue 1 prevents Ohio State and others from offering these benefits, it will be harmful to our institution's ability to remain competi-

tive with other employers and institutions of higher learning. Such an outcome would have negative consequences for our community and state," Holbrook said.

The amendment has the support of state officials like Ohio Secretary of State J. Kenneth Blackwell. However, Ohio Gov. Bob Taft has come out against the amendment, saying that it goes too far.

"I think [the governor] is a good man, but he's misled on a lot of issues like this one," Burrress said. Issue One also has the support of some Republican groups. Joe Iesue, the on-campus

director for YSU's College Republicans explained the Republican platform stance is that marriage should be between a man and a woman.

"We believe that must be protected by the constitution," Iesue said.

However, Tom Copeland, co-advisor for YSUnity, said he feels there are other, more important issues that should be protected.

"The amendment says to these people: 'Because you are gay, you are not worthy of the benefits that marriage provides,'" Copeland said.

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BUSH

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first arrived at the airport, they were told they had plenty of time to get in.

After more than an hour of waiting on the street in their busses, they were turned away. Patten said the event left him with a bad impression of the president and that he was not the only one who would be upset.

"There will be a lot of unhappy students, a lot of unhappy parents and a lot of unhappy administrators," Patton said. "What do you tell two busloads of kids? It's really disappointing."

Media representatives from WKSU-FM, The Review, and a New Zealand radio network, Newstalk ZB, were unable to enter the airport to cover the event.

More than 50 people waited outside the gate in hope of being admitted. Some verbalized their annoyance to the officers, but most talked quietly among themselves.

Vanessa Weikart, a YSU junior, still held her ticket in her hand as she shared her frustration at missing the event.

"I just don't understand how something like this can happen," she said. "All I wanted to do is see the president."

Others in the crowd agreed.

Gary Egelsky of Brookfield said all ticket holders should have gotten in, but added, "I still support George Bush's stand on terrorism; that's why I'll be voting for him."

Others decided to leave once they learned there was no more room. Some of those leaving said they were ordered to go because of a bomb scare. Deputies and State Troopers could not confirm a rumor that Air Force One's landing was delayed because an unattended black bag was found in the parking area.

The Trumbull County Sheriff's Department dispatcher was later heard on a patrol-car radio saying the bag was personal property and there was nothing in it.

Air Force One landed at 1:57 p.m., almost half an hour after the president was scheduled to speak. Some of the crowd cheered and clapped when they heard the sound of jet engines and saw the tail fin

of president's plane in the distance.

On the opposite side of the airport, protesters gathered to express their disapproval of the president and at least one local politician.

Along state Route 193, across from the airport's main entrance, sign-carrying Kerry supporters waved to passing cars and chanted, "No more Bush s--t."

A large inflatable rat with red eyes and bared fangs towered over the crowd. A sign tied to the figure bore the name of Youngstown Mayor George McKelvey. The Democratic mayor recently endorsed Bush at the Republican National Convention.

Debbie Bindas, president of the Trumbull County AFL-CIO, said the protest was intended to show President Bush that he is "not welcome here; not by labor and not by ordinary working people."

But some of those still waiting at the entrance gate said they would have been satisfied just to go in and stand along the runway to see the president.

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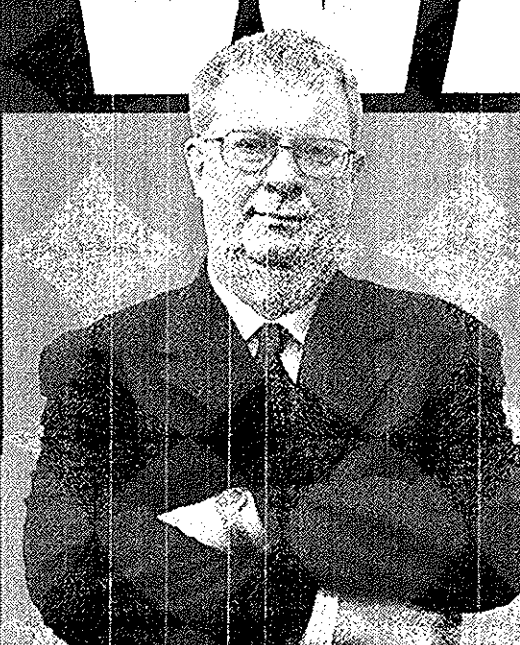
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SGA discusses change to dispersing funds

CHRISTINA POE | *The Jambar*

At the Student Government Association's Monday meeting, representatives learned Youngstown State University's Residence Hall Association was concerned the body may be violating the "chain of command."

SGA discussed this matter, along with possible new financial appropriations guidelines and their "Get up and Vote" drive.

At their last meeting, SGA passed a resolution concerning the possibility of new ATM machines in residence halls.

Freshman Representative Joe Iesue told the body RHA said they were concerned about not being included in residence hall issues. Iesue added the organization wanted anything relating to or affecting the residence halls or their occupants presented to them before being considered anywhere else.

In response, SGA Vice President of Student Affairs Shivani Jindal said she had spoken with residents about the possibility of ATMs and did not feel the "chain of command" had been broken.

"Students have said they did direct the subject to RHA and received no response, so they took it to SGA," Jindal said.

Dealing further with money matters was SGA Vice President for Financial Affairs Bob McGovern, who presented a possible amendment to SGA's Financial Path by splitting the budget into different categories such as travel and entertainment.

Financial Path is the set of guidelines used to determine how SGA appropriates funds. McGovern said the amendment could make the guidelines less confusing. He added it would be the Financial Appropriations committee's job to decide which category the requests would fall into and how much would be taken out of that fund.

Some representatives voiced concerns over McGovern's idea.

College of Business Representative Justin Truitt said SGA decides which group to give funding to by the value of each group's activity. A separate budget, Truitt said, might cause debate over

defining which category a request goes into and become a "hassle."

Iesue agreed. "I'm all for this type of budget, but debating over what activity is what may limit the power student government has," Iesue said.

McGovern reminded the body that "anything created by SGA can be amended by SGA" if it is found to be unnecessary. He added that by creating the amendment he was looking for a way to strengthen SGA appropriations with a "flexible and fair" system.

The budget issue was sent to the Financial Appropriations committee for further discussion.

SGA Secretary of Campus Life Amanda Mielke also discussed their "Get up and vote" program to promote student voting. Mielke explained that students can take their "I voted" sticker to an SGA table located outside of Kilcawley Center's Ohio Room, and redeem a coupon for a free Arby's sandwich.

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▲ The tail of Air Force One peeks over the top of a grassy hill surrounding the Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport. It was the only presidential glimpse some got of Bush's visit.

Forum compares Bush, Kerry

ERIC FORTUNE | *The Jambar*

A small group of students and faculty gathered in Kilcawley Center Tuesday evening to get added perspective on the presidential race.

The forum, "Helping Americans Balance Work and Family — Comparing Bush and Kerry," was sponsored by Youngstown State University's Family and Consumer studies program and highlighted key points in both candidates' platforms.

The forum was held to inform Associate Professor of Human Ecology Janice Elias' students of the issues behind the candidates in order to make an informed vote.

"I think it is important for my students to see how public policy and the person they vote for affects their daily lives," Elias said.

Junior Nicole Campbell presented the candidates' agendas. Nine areas were presented and the panelists each present-

ed the candidates' stance on issues, their own analysis of the topics and which side he or she favored.

Some of the areas discussed were the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, minimum wage standards, eldercare and prescription drugs.

Senior Cara Jamieson and Campbell presented their information regarding minimum wage. They explained that Bush favors raising minimum wage by \$1, but only if individual states can choose whether or not to implement it. The two added that Kerry is a co-sponsor of the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2004, which proposes an increase of a \$1.85 by the year 2007.

Senior Tricia Goodnough said she supports Kerry in this matter because of personal experience.

"I know emotionally why I would not vote for Bush," Goodnough said. "I lost my job. I taught home economics for two years."

Also discussed at the forum were domestic partner benefits, housing, childcare and family farm preservation.

Junior Erica Simmons, who said she has not yet had time to research both sides of the issues, said she found the forum "enlightening."

Junior Jami Nimmo, one of the panelists, said after listening to the information presented and doing some of her own research, she has decided that the race to the presidency will be a close one.

"It is going to be exciting," Nimmo said as she added, "One thing that scares me about Kerry is that he changes his views."

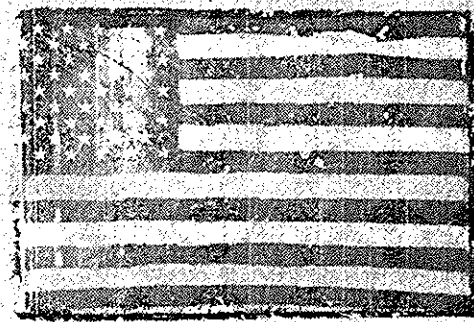
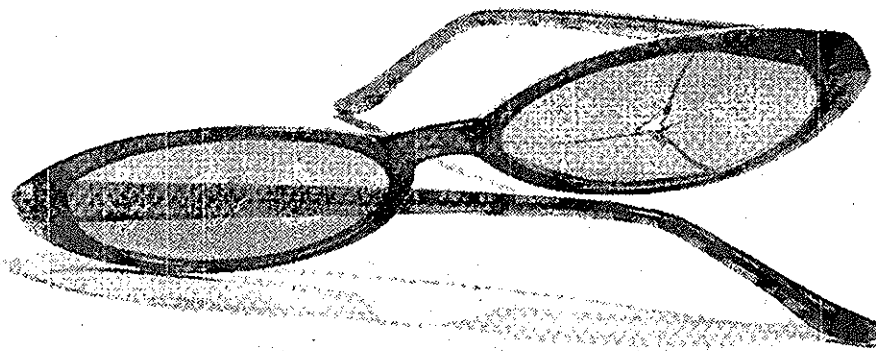
Sophomore Alana Jackson said it is not Kerry's issues that she is concerned over.

"Bush has proven he will sacrifice his people," Jackson said "Let's elect someone who is at least willing to listen to his constituents."

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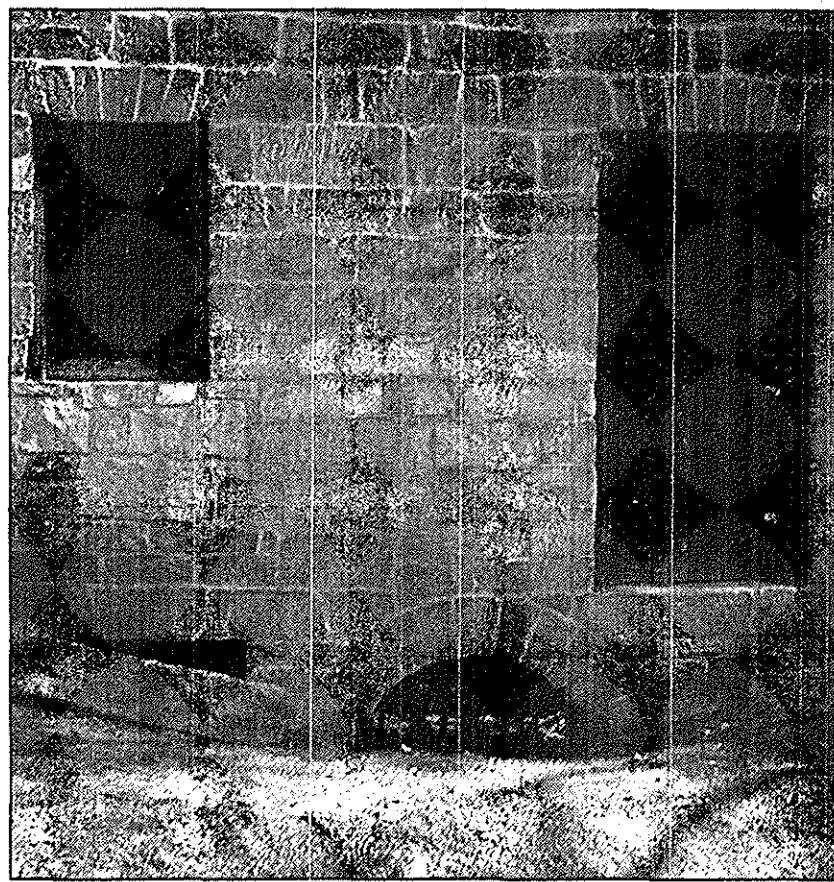
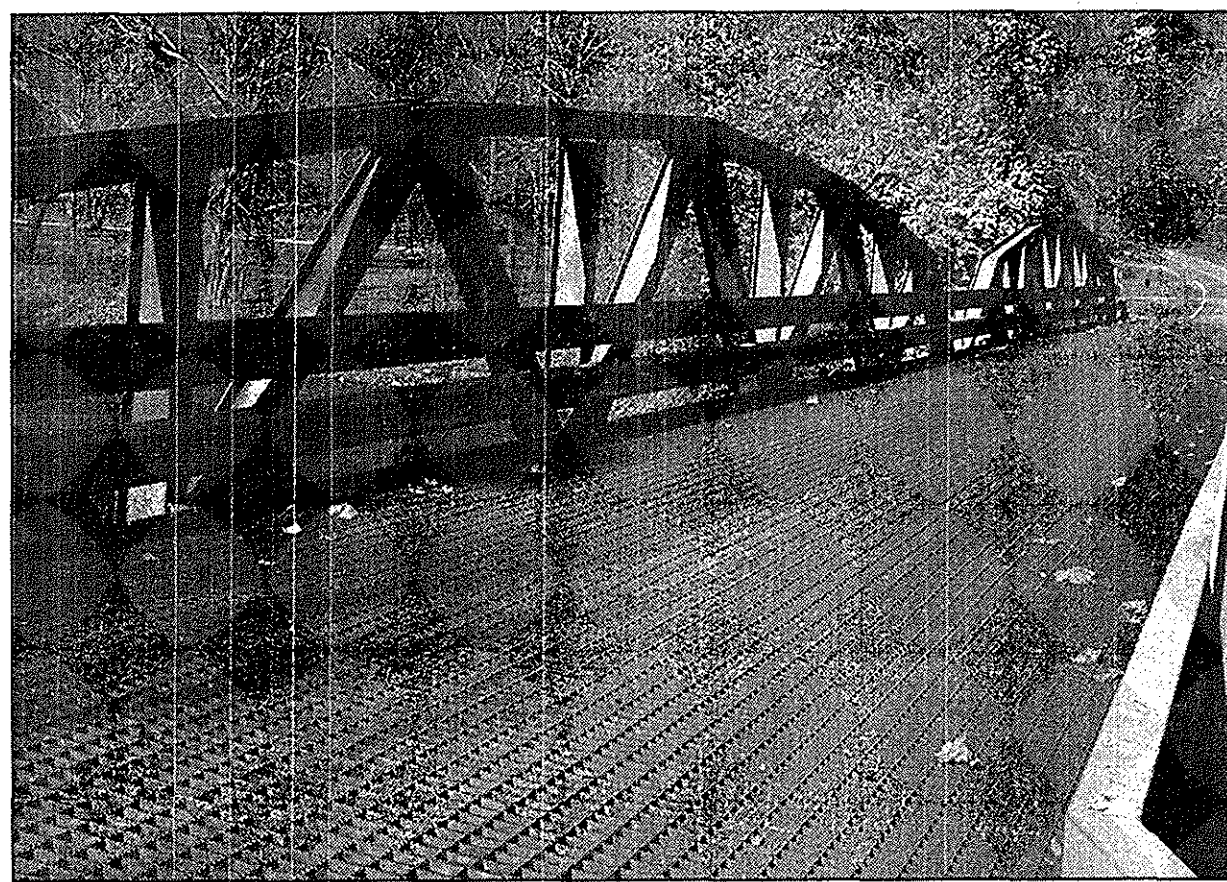
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▲ (left) Local legend says the ghost of jilted bride Esther Hale haunts this bridge and nearby Hambleton's Mill (right) in the former Sprucevale Village, now Beaver Creek State Park. (right) The doors and windows of Hambleton's Mill are bolted and barred to keep people out. Local legend says it is the home of restless spirits. What appears to be a face in the lower window is actually a pattern of light shining in through another opening. The mill is lone of the last artifacts of the former town of Sprucedale.

HAUNTED Valley **Haunted** hiking

BILL RODGERS | *The Jambar*

As the month of October draws to a close and Halloween is only days away, it is fitting to end our series of haunting stories describing an area that has so many.

Beaver Creek State Park near the town of East Liverpool is 30 miles south of Youngstown, and is home to the last remnants of Sprucevale town and the Sandy Beaver Canal system.

It's also home to some of the oldest and longest-running ghost legends in Northeast Ohio. The oldest-known accounts of these stories in print dates back to 1900 and were written about by historian Ira Mansfield. The accounts Mansfield gives seem as if they were already legend. One can only guess when or how the original started.

Most of the stories center around the abandoned town of Sprucevale, a settlement that sprang up in anticipation of the Sandy Beaver Canal system that would have made trade up and down the creek possible. In 1852, because of a reservoir break that caused severe damage to the canal system and with use of railroad transportation on the rise, the canal project was abandoned. The town of Sprucevale was abandoned shortly thereafter. Today, Hambleton's Mill, a brick building and a few locks are the only remnants.

Gretchen's Lock
The story of Gretchen's

Lock is probably the widest-known tale to come from Beaver Creek.

Locks were giant stone structures on the river that boats sailed into to navigate through varying water levels on the Canal. Gretchen Gill was the daughter of Edward Gill, an English engineer who helped design and construct the locks along the river.

The story goes that on the way to America, Gretchen's mother became ill and died. She was buried at sea. This threw Gretchen into a state of depression and homesickness when she arrived at Beaver Creek with her father. Gretchen wept continually, always asking her father when they would be able to return to England.

The legend says that Gretchen eventually contracted malaria and died. On her deathbed, Gretchen was rumored to have asked to go home and see her mother again. Her last words are said to have been: "I want to go home. I want to be with my mother."

Edward Gill decided to honor his daughter's wishes, and planned to bury her in England once he was done with his work on the locks. He temporarily entombed his daughter in the walls of the lock that would come to bear her name.

Gill exhumed her from the walls of the lock when he left for England. On the way home, however, Gill's ship was caught in a terri-

ble storm. The ship, everyone in it and the little girl's body, were lost.

Gretchen eventually returned, but not to her home. Today it is rumored that she can be seen walking along the walls and the trail to the lock that bears her name. All the time weeping to herself, "I want to go home."

Jake's Lock

The story about the lock-keeper known as "Jake" is less well-known than the legends that share Beaver Creek with him.

Jake inspected the locks regularly each day and night, checking for any damages that would need to be repaired. One night there was a thunderstorm. Jake took his lantern and went to inspect the locks to see if the rains caused any damaging floods.

As he stood on the edge of one of the locks, he was struck by lightning and killed instantly. His electrocuted body fell into the lock and sank. When he was found the next morning, he was still clutching the lantern.

The story says that Jake still makes his daily and nightly rounds despite his death. Tales tell of visitors and campers who see the bobbing light of a lantern in the woods or around the locks late at night. Jake also happens to be a tad camera-shy. Cameras refuse to take pictures whenever Jake is near.

Esther Hale

Esther Hale was a young Quaker preacher in Sprucevale. Hale was engaged to a young man who left her standing at the altar (though other stories say she was engaged to a Union soldier who died in the Civil War). She stood in the chapel and silently waited for her groom. Hours and hours passed and he never arrived.

Heartbroken, she left the church to return home where she had a fantastic dinner waiting for her to celebrate her wedding day. Days passed and Hale's friends found that she was still in her house, still wearing her wedding gown amidst the feast in her home. The story says that Hale was starving herself and slowly going insane. She spent much of her time scratching the words, "Come Home, Come Home, Come Home" on the walls of her house.

One windy night, someone in the town noticed her door was open, banging against the side of the house with each gust of wind. Someone went to inspect the house and found Esther slumped over a table, still wearing her wedding veil. She had starved herself to death.

Hale is rumored to sometimes haunt Hambleton's Mill. Some stories tell of a woman in white that floats around the mill at night. Others say that she haunts the nearby bridge (dubbed "Esther's Bridge").

Sometimes she is a figure robed in white, other times a horrific corpse or skeleton that stares in the windows of cars that drive over the bridge.

The stories say that she especially hates bachelors

and will wail, "Come home!" at unmarried men she sees, mistaking them for the man who left her at the altar.

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▲ The ghost of Gretchen Gill is reputed to wander near the canal lock that bears her name, searching for someone to take her back to her mother. Gretchen's lock is located at Beaver Creek State Park in Columbiana County.

Hotspots for the haunted holiday

BILL RODGERS | *The Jambar*

As Halloween draws closer, Youngstown State University students are gearing up their costumes, stuffing themselves with candy and getting ready to party with several random oddly-dressed strangers.

Or they'll be stuck at work while Halloween chaos goes on outside. Whichever.

Freshman Dana Farinelli said she will be spending some time with family and plans on taking her niece and nephew trick-or-treating.

"I'm going to be dressing up like Jesus," Farinelli said.

Other students, such as senior Sam Gugliotti, are making their yearly pilgrimage out to Ohio University's now-legendary Halloween Parties.

"I'm going to OU dressed as Alf," Gugliotti said. "I went to party there last year and it was insane."

Junior Claudi Vuccilli is going to OU and will be dressed as Venus, the Roman Goddess.

"I'll be the hottest Roman goddess you'll ever see," Vuccilli said.

Junior Ben Dickey, however, said he planned on keeping his weekend tame as he struggled across campus with his leg in an air cast.

"I cut my leg up with in an accident with a chain saw," Dickey said. "I'll probably just be sitting on my a** all weekend."

Dickey looked down at his leg and muttered, "I should dress up as Leatherface."

Some are cursed to

spend the holiday working.

Sophomore Nicole Birrelle said she was bitter that she was scheduled to work over the weekend while her friends party.

Freshman Amanda Geiger also had to work but her boss is throwing a costume party for the employees.

For those still searching for some Halloween fun, there are plenty of opportunities in the area for parties, haunted houses and shows.

Haunted Houses, Hayrides, Tours

The Canfield Fairgrounds are running a haunted house and hayride through this weekend. The fairgrounds are located on state Route 46 in Canfield. The fairgrounds are open Thursday and Sunday

from 7p.m. to 10 p.m. and on Friday and Saturday from 7p.m. to midnight. For information, call (330) 799-3111.

"The Haunted Prison Experience" hosted in the old Mansfield prison on state Route 545 and Route 30, will take place Thursday from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. and on Friday and Saturday from 7p.m. to midnight. For \$13 guests can be taken on a tour of the supposedly-haunted prison that was also the site where The Shawshank Redemption was filmed.

Concerts

Fliers are plastered on telephone poles and bulletin boards all around campus advertising clubs and bars that are hosting their own Halloween parties.

The Bon Frog art and

music festival will be returning Saturday night at the Nyabinghi for a special Halloween show. It will begin at 8 p.m. and will feature live bands, art exhibits, a costume contest and magic.

The Royal Oaks in Youngstown will also be hosting a Halloween show. Local rock bands Satan's Satellites and Bob's Country Bunker will be performing Saturday starting at 10 p.m.

Comic Book Signings

Former YSU student and local resident Chris Yambar, will be signing copies of the comic book "Bart Simpson's Tree House of Horror #10." Yambar co-wrote the comic book that features the creative input of 4 rock 'n' roll legends: Gene Simmons, Rob Zombie, Alice Cooper

and Pat Boone.

The comic mirrors the popular Simpson's Halloween specials that air every year. Yambar wrote half of the comic, which features caricatures of the four rock stars as well as the regular Simpson's characters.

The signing is on Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Art House 1, 2325 Mahoning Ave., in Youngstown

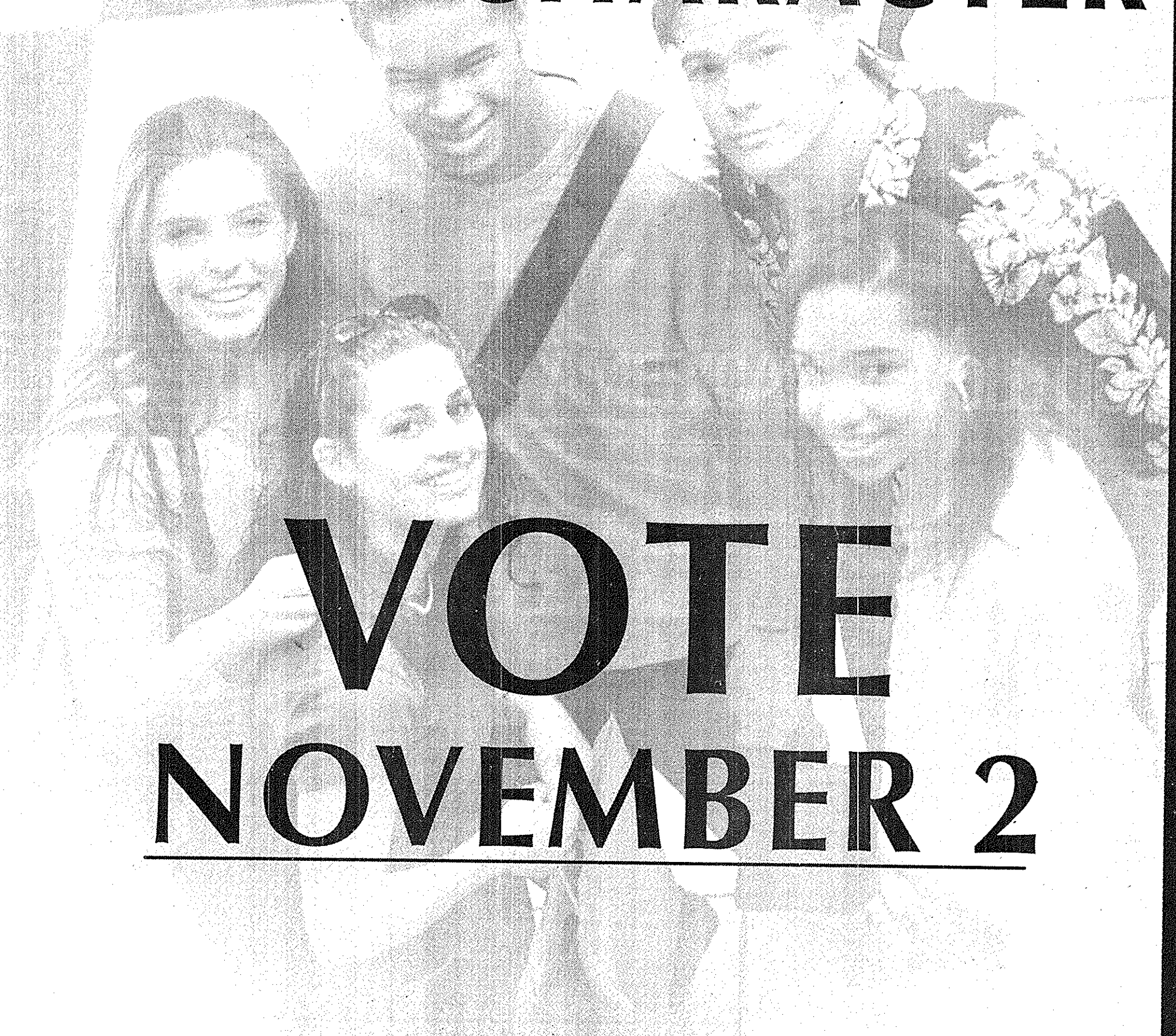
Rocky Horror

Showings of the Rocky Horror play at the Oakland Center for the Arts continue this weekend. The play is showing Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. with a special midnight showing of the play Saturday at midnight.

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sports

Swim, dive teams sweep Vermont, Niagara

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The Jambor

Following Youngstown State University's dual meet sweep of both Niagara and Vermont, head coach Matt Anderson said he was pleasantly surprised.

"When I look at a meet before hand, I usually look and see if we can win half the events, and I thought it would be extremely hard at this meet, but then again I wasn't surprised because I know our girls were capable," the second year head coach said.

Surprised or not, Anderson has a lot to be excited about as the Penguins took eight of 13 events with first place qualifies all over the board.

Taking first for the Penguins was Jordan Dunn who set a personal record in the 1650-meter free style with a time of 18:25.6. Dunn also won the 500-meter freestyle with a time of 5:27.22.

In the 200 meter freestyle, Becky Bertuzzi took first in the 200-meter free-style with the time of 2:03.56. Brittany Senn also recorded a win in the 100-meter freestyle in a time of 56.00.

Another swimmer Anderson pointed out was Katy Malys, a contributor on the relay teams.

"Malys has been getting personal best times every meet, and she has been a huge help on the relay teams for us," Anderson said.

Competing well in the early portion of the season is important, Anderson said, adding that this meet was a building block for the team.

"We swam against Marshall and Radford and didn't compete as well and then to come back the following week and compete extremely well is very important," he said.

The Diving team

Penguins hope to fell Sycamores

Saturday is season's last home game, Senior Day

SHAWN BUSKIRK
The Jambor

This Saturday the Youngstown State University football team will host the Indiana State Sycamores. For the Penguins, this is the last home game of the year and also Senior Day. YSU is trying to rebound from a 30-24 setback by Illinois State making it four straight losses for the Penguins. The Sycamores have dropped three in a row with a 31-9 showing versus Western Kentucky being the most recent defeat.

"I think they'll be excited and play hard. I expect our seniors to play the best game they've every played," said YSU Head Coach Jon Heacock in a press conference on Tuesday.

In the Illinois State contest, it was special teams that couldn't come through for the Penguins. The Pens gave up two kick returns for touchdowns in the match. The loss set the Penguins back with an overall record of (2-6) and still empty in the Gateway (0-4).

On a brighter note for YSU, junior running back Josh Cayson has come on strong in his



Junior tail back Josh Cayson was named Hill, Barth and King Offensive Player of the Week and Haines Family Player of the Game in Saturday's match against Illinois State.

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-Jon Heacock

last two outings. He rushed the ball for a career best 25 times and tallied up 146 yards and a touchdown in last Saturday's game. Cayson was named the Hill Barth and King Offensive Player of the Game and also the Haines Family Player of the Game.

Cayson has now played in 20 career games as a Penguin and has rushed for 1,160 yards, including four

games of 100 yards plus. Heacock stated, "Josh has been a talented guy since he's been here."

The Sycamores (4-4, 1-3) were pounded last weekend by one of the two Gateway powerhouses: the Hilltoppers of Western Kentucky. WKU put up 437 yards of total offense against Indiana State. Hilltopper quarterback Justin Haddix threw for a career best 276 passing yards

against the Indiana State defense, who give up 247.5 yards per game through the air on defense.

Indiana State quarterback, Phillip Johnson, has thrown for 1,336 yards this season. Against WKU he threw for 204 yards. His success has come with the complement of the Gateway Football Conference's leading receiver, Sam Logan. Logan has made 44 receptions this season, which is tops in the league.

"He's a great receiver. He just catches balls," Heacock said. "And their quarterback doesn't turn the ball over."

Playing Indiana State has regularly been a very tight match for the Penguins. Of the 13 times the two schools have suited up against one another, seven have been decided by a touchdown or less.

The overall series edge, however, is not as close as the scores may have depicted. Youngstown State has won 12 of the 13 games lifetime versus the Sycamores. The only time Indiana State has beaten the Penguins was

in Stambaugh in 1995 when the Sycamores were just seven points better winning 13-6.

Playing in their final game at Stambaugh Stadium this Saturday are the following seniors: Nate Bastan, Mike Bracken, Matt Briggs, Herb Jones, Norris Kennedy, Phil Larmon, Justin Martin, Ryan Martino, Matt Porter, Steve Reynolds, Mike Roberts, Matt Rycraft and Nick Terracina.

Senior offensive lineman Kennedy commented on his upcoming final game.

"This will be big for next year," Kennedy said. "You never want to quit on anyone [the underclassmen.] Every week we go out with positive mindset."

Heacock mentions there is no battle having to go out each week, "The battle is getting the team regrouped after a tough loss — not motivated."

The Penguins are still searching for their first conference victory.

The Penguins take on the Indiana State Sycamores this Saturday, Oct. 30. Kickoff will be at 4:00 p.m.

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also ran the table, taking both first and second place finishes. Kalyn Leveto won both the 1-meter dive and the 3-meter dive with scores of 282.65 and 268.15 respectively. Closely behind was Erin Mazzant who finished second in both events to help give the Penguins the win. Anderson credits a mix of great talent and help from eighth year diving coach Nick Gavolas.

"We are extremely lucky to have Nick," Anderson said.

Along with coaching the divers, Gavolas has been mentoring one diver for years.

"Leveto has been diving for Nick since she was 10-years-old, that stability in coaching has really helped," Anderson said of the two-time conference champ. Leveto looks to add two more championships this year alone.

The Penguins travel Friday to Athens to swim against Ohio University.

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Commentary

Scariest moments in sports

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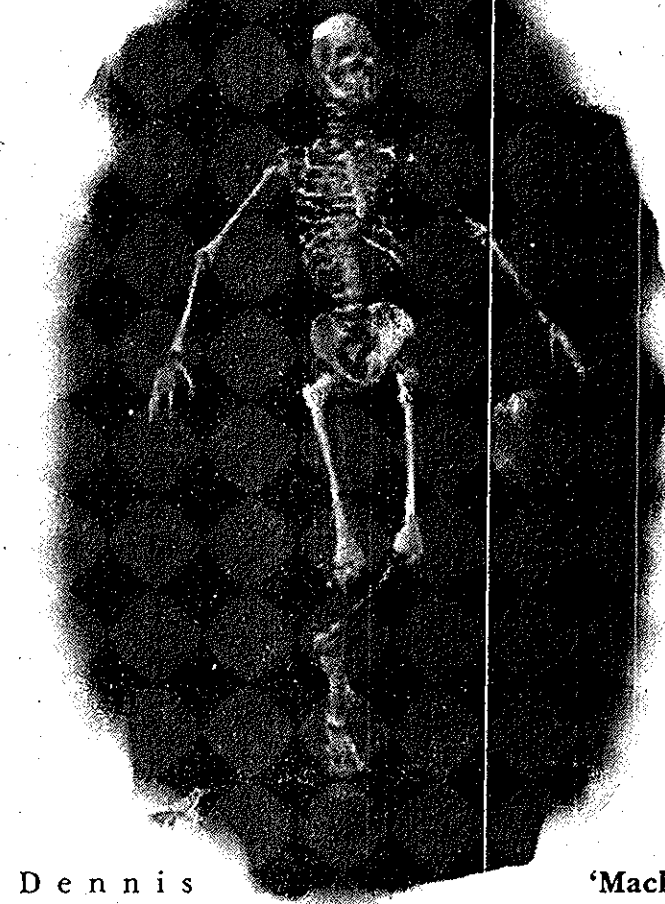
Halloween. A time for scaring and being scared. Halloween affects every aspect of our culture and sports is no exception. Compiled for your reading pleasure is a list of the most horrendous sports moments I personally can remember:

Roseanne Barr sings national anthem: It must have been a slow day in the front office of whatever team gave birth to this brainchild. Before a San Diego Padres and Cincinnati Reds Double header, Roseanne let loose her ear piercing cackle of a voice upon the crowd. Not only did she butcher the anthem, she then followed up by grabbing her crotch in defiance when the crowd reigned boo's upon her and her 1980's perm.

Deion Sanders touch-down Dance/Seizure: Some say there is no better feeling in the world than scoring a touchdown, or hitting a homerun. One of those people is surely Deion Sanders. After scoring, Deion lets us see just how happy he really is by losing all control over his motor skills and better judgment. It

was only after he retired and became a religious man, did we learn that those weren't convulsions he was having, just his reaction to the Holy Ghost.

Dennis Rodman acting:



Dennis Rodman decided that after numerous NBA championships, he needed to dabble in a new line of work. Starring opposite TBS made for TV movie legend Jean-Claude Van Damme, Rodman portrayed "Yaz," a futuristic weapons dealer. It's a

wonder that a movie with the tagline "They don't play by the rules!" never made it big. If "the rules" are making money and being a quality film, then they are right.

'Macho Man' Randy Savage turns street: When I first heard this I laughed, because, like most people, I believed this had to be a joke. Wrong. Not only does he breathe life into his pretend feud with Hulk Hogan in his single "Be a man," he also slows

things down for the women folk. Hey guys, if you have a special lady and happen to be an ex-professional wrestler, why don't you use a line from the song "Pretty Lady," that works for 'Macho' every time. "I wanna keep ya happy not just financially/But mentally, physically, romantically/I know it's funny cuz I'm usually slammin' cats/Elbow off the rope in a wrestlin' match." Feel that ladies? That's your heart melting.

Don Zimmer bull rushes Pedro Martinez: There are only a few moments in a person's life when something so ridiculous, embarrassing, hilarious and horrific happens all at once, especially if you are New York Yankees coach Don Zimmer. In last year's American League Championships against the Boston Red Sox, Zimmer charged Pedro Martinez like a moose in heat and was quickly thrown to the ground. My first reaction was "He is dead, Pedro Martinez murdered that old man." But then Zimmer rolled around on the ground and wobbled his way over to the bench.

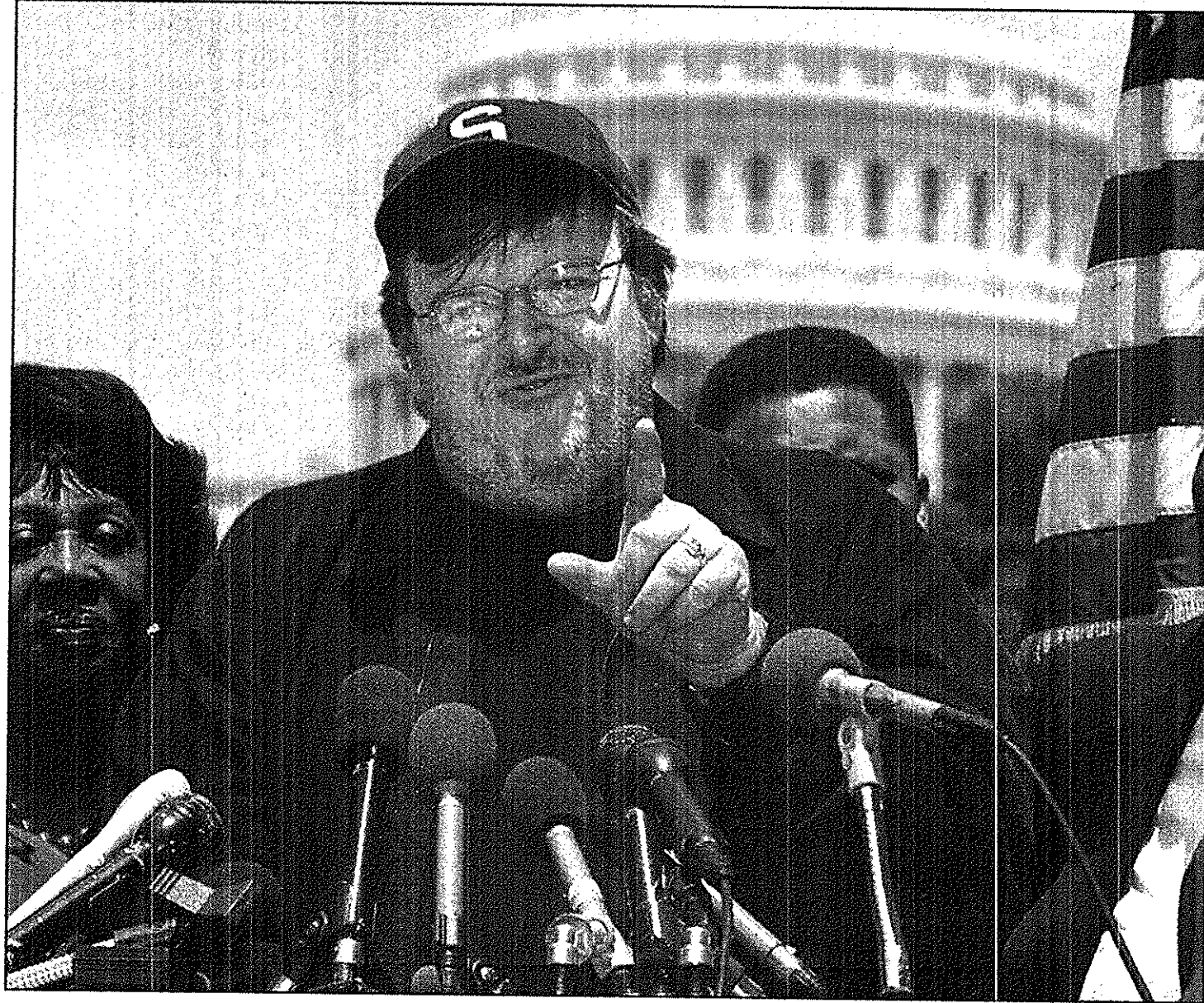
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