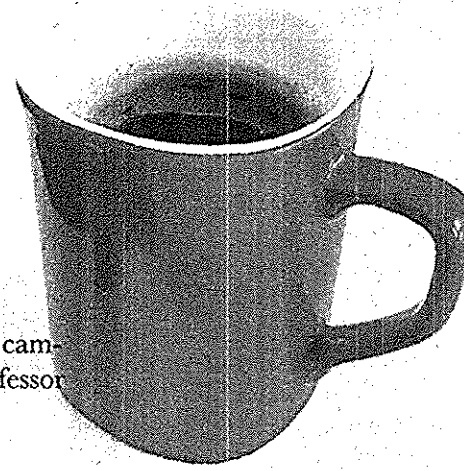


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### News Briefs

#### Open houses set

The Williamson College of Business Administration will be hosting open houses for prospective students from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Jan. 29, and from 1 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 6.

Information concerning the numerous majors, internships and career opportunities in the business field will be available. Current faculty, students and alumni will be on hand.

Reservations are available through the Williamson College of Business Administration Dean's Office at 330-941-3064, or via e-mail to Christine Shelton, coordinator of external relations, at cgshelton@ysu.edu. Free parking is available in the Parking Deck on Wick Avenue.

#### 2010 to "Unveil the Plan"

The Youngstown 2010 plan will be unveiled by Youngstown State University President David Sweet and Youngstown Mayor George McKelvey at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27 at the Stambaugh Auditorium.

Youngstown 2010 is a developmental and planning initiative, aiming to create a long term, comprehensive plan for the city.

Information regarding the unveiling is available at www.youngstown2010.com.

#### Chinese New Year Celebration

The annual Chinese New Year Celebration will be held at 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30 in the Chestnut room of Kikawley Center.

The event called "Lunar Year of the Rooster," consists of musical and acrobatic performances, including the Lion Dance.

For more information, contact Qi Jiang, associate professor of sociology and anthropology, at 330-941-2731 or by e-mail at qjiang@ysu.edu

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## BAGHDAD, Iraq

# Bomber strikes near party HQ

The al-Qaida affiliate in Iraq claimed responsibility for the attack that injured 10

By Jason Keyser  
Associated Press

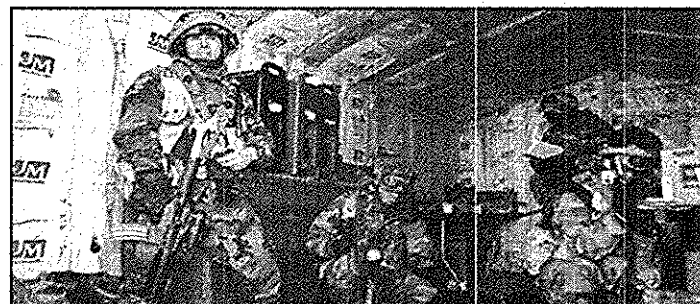
BAGHDAD, Iraq — A suicide driver detonated a car bomb outside the Iraqi prime minister's party headquarters in Baghdad on Monday, injuring at least 10 people. The al-Qaida affiliate in Iraq claimed responsibility a day after its leader declared all-out war on democracy. Mortar rounds slammed into an Iraqi National Guard camp near Baghdad International Airport on Monday, as the rumble of distant explosions reverberated through the capital. There was

no report of casualties in the mortar attack.

The suicide bomber struck at a police checkpoint on the road leading to Ayad Allawi's Iraqi National Accord offices in central Baghdad, shaking the city center with a thunderous explosion. Among the wounded were eight policemen and two civilians, said Dr. Mudhar Abdul-Hussein of Yarmouk Hospital.

Al-Qaida's wing in Iraq said in a Web posting that "one of the young lions in the suicide regiment" carried out the attack

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## Iraq training

Soldiers from the 3rd ACR capture a bomb maker during a scenario in a mock Iraq village on the range at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, Colorado, January 11. 250 of the role playing Iraqi-Americans inhabit three villages where troops conduct Maneuver Readiness Exercises prior to being deployed to Iraq. (KRT Campus)

## YOUNGSTOWN

# Anti-Bush sentiment highlights protest

Protesters gathered at the Federal Courthouse downtown on inauguration day



## Protest

(Left to right)YSU Professor Raymond Beiersdorfer, state Sen. Robert Hagan and Nancy McGarry joined in a silent vigil Thursday evening protesting the inauguration of President George W. Bush. Members of the Valley Coalition for Peace and Justice organized the event held in front of the Thomas D. Lambros Federal Courthouse in downtown Youngstown. (Jambar photo by Chuck Rogers)

Chuck Rogers  
The Jambar

Despite the bitter cold temperature Thursday evening, the political climate was warm in downtown Youngstown as anti-Bush protesters gathered at a federal courthouse building.

About 70 sign-carrying

members and supporters of the Valley Coalition for Peace and Justice met at 5:30 p.m. in front of the Thomas D. Lambros Federal Building and United States Courthouse on Market Street to hold a silent vigil.

Some of the signs bore slogans calling for educational and Social Security reform, but

most bore messages protesting the war in Iraq.

The vigil was timed to coincide with the inauguration of President George W. Bush said Martha Katz, one of the organizers.

"This is an anti-Inaugural event," she said. "We are against many of the policies of the Bush administration —

particularly we are against the war in Iraq."

The group has been holding weekly vigils, Katz said, for the past several months in various Mahoning and Trumbull county locations, as well as workshops and forums.

Several Youngstown State

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# Officials plan fundraiser for tsunami victims

Special Assistant to the President George McCloud said they want to raise "no less than a dollar for every person on campus."

By Christina Poe  
The Jambar

Youngstown State University leaders met recently to plan a month-long fundraising campaign for victims of last month's tsunami disaster.

Special Assistant to the President George McCloud said he immediately thought of YSU's past generosity when he heard about the disaster and felt it would be a "wise decision" to

employ the university's resources.

McCloud said YSU officials and student leaders met Friday afternoon to discuss issues such as how to raise money and which charity would receive it.

"We at least want to raise no less than a dollar for every person on campus," McCloud said. "Hopefully, we will far

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## Picking up the pieces

BANDA ACEH, INDONESIA — Indonesian Red Cross volunteers recover a body in Banda Aceh, Indonesia, on Sunday, Jan. 16. Three weeks after the disaster, more bodies are being found as flood waters recede. (KRT Campus)

# Courtyard Apartment's rent rises \$15 a month

By Leonard Crist  
The Jambar

Rent at the University Courtyard Apartments is increasing \$15 a month for new leaseholders starting fall semester 2005.

Beginning in August for new leaseholders, rent for a four-bedroom apartment will be \$445 a month per person, two-bedroom apartments will be \$525 a month per person and a single bedroom apartment will be \$630 a month per person.

When the Courtyard Apartments opened in 2003, rent was set at \$415 for a quad, \$495 for a double and \$600 for a single.

Beth Horner, vice president of marketing and communications for Ambling Companies, Inc., the corporation that owns the Courtyard Apartments, said the increase is based on inflation and the annual increase of all expenses. Included in Courtyard rent are all utilities, cable television, local telephone service, high speed Internet and furniture.

Though the increase does not affect current leaseholders as long as they renew their lease by Jan. 31, some residents

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# SGA creates lobbying group for tuition

By Christina Poe  
The Jambar

Youngstown State University's Student Government Association began the new semester by passing its first legislative action of the new year and creating a tuition-lobbying group.

Within the span of an hour the organization passed a new resolution and created an ad hoc committee.

Josh Hiznay, chair of the Financial Appropriations committee, reintroduced a resolution from last semester dealing with SGA's Financial Path.

Hiznay told the body the new financial plan, the guidelines SGA follows when asked by student organizations for money, is "simpler and confined."

The committee chairman also said, though modeled after the original plan, the new set of guidelines contains many changes. One change is the committee will begin funding summer events as long as they happen before June 30, the end of the fiscal year.

Another change in the rules, Hiznay said, addresses advisers speaking on behalf of their student organization. Although advisers can attend

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against the party office of Allawi, "the agent of the Jews and the Christians."

The attacks occurred six days before Iraq's crucial national elections, the first since the fall of Saddam Hussein in 2003. Insurgents have condemned the elections and vowed to disrupt them.

In an audiotape posted Sunday on the Web, a speaker claiming to be Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, head of al-Qaida in Iraq, declared "fierce war" on democracy and said anyone who takes part in next weekend's Iraqi elections would be considered "an infidel."

"We have declared a fierce war on this evil principle of democracy and those who follow this wrong ideology," the speaker said. "Anyone who tries to help set up this system is part of it."

The speaker warned Iraqis to be careful of "the enemy's plan to implement so-called democracy in your country." He said the Americans have engineered the election to install Shiite Muslims in power. Al-Zarqawi, who is a Sunni Arab like most of the insurgents here, has in the past branded Shiites as heretics.

The United States has offered a \$25 million reward for al-Zarqawi's capture or death — the same amount as for al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden.

Iraqi security forces arrested a man authorities described as the chief of al-Zarqawi's propaganda operations, said Thaeer al-Naqib, a spokesman for the prime minister.

During weekend appearances on American television, the U.S. ambassador to Iraq acknowledged there were serious security problems ahead of this weekend's landmark ballot, in which Iraqis will choose a national legislature that will run the country and draft a permanent constitution. Legislatures in 18 provinces and a regional parliament in the Kurdish-run areas of the

north will also be elected.

American and Iraqi officials have warned they expect rebels to unleash bloodshed and mayhem to keep voters from the polls in what supporters are advertising as the first free election in this country since the overthrow of Iraq's monarchy in 1958.

During the weekend talk shows, U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte acknowledged an increase in rebel intimidation of Iraqi officials and security forces and said serious security problems remain in the Sunni Triangle north and west of Baghdad.

"But security measures are being taken, by both the multinational forces here in Iraq as well as the Iraqi armed forces and police," Negroponte told "Fox News Sunday."

"There will be some problematic areas. ... But even there, great efforts are being made to enable every Iraqi eligible to do so to be able to vote," he said.

Three U.S. soldiers were wounded Sunday in a mortar attack in Samarra north of Baghdad, the U.S. command said. One of the soldiers was being evacuated to a U.S. military hospital in Germany with serious injuries.

Gunmen firing from a speeding car shot dead an Iraqi police lieutenant as he was returning home Sunday night in Baghdad, an Interior Ministry official said. North of the capital, the deputy governor of Iraq's Diyala province, Ghassan al-Khadran, escaped an assassination attempt Monday morning as a roadside bomb struck his car.

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are asking if the price increase is worth it, while others are content.

Junior Christine Franz said she thought the rate increases might be counterproductive. People are choosing not to live in the apartments because it is expensive, she said.

"So what are they thinking?" Franz wondered aloud. "Raising it \$15 is going to really bring the crowd more in?"

Franz said she was unsure if she would renew her lease. On one hand, she said she feels the apartments are "too pricey" but on the other hand, she likes the heightened security offered by the Courtyards.

"I was thinking about moving into my sorority house, but I'm not guaranteed that someone can't break into that. So the security is worth it at the Courtyards," Franz said.

Student Government President Angela Mavrikis, who does not live in the apartments, said she thinks it will be harder to fill them if they keep raising the rates.

The Courtyards should offer nine-month leases for students who do not want to stay there in the summer, Mavrikis said.

"That's one of the biggest problems they have down there. They can't get students to sign the 12-month lease because none of them want to be there between May and August," Mavrikis said.

Coretta Rutledge, a freshman who just moved into the apartments this past December, said so far people have been friendly and she likes it there.

She plans on renewing her lease.

"I think it's good for what we get. Everything is included," Rutledge said.

"It's close to campus. It's worth it."

But Junior Paul Gromen, who has lived in the apartments since August, said he would not be renewing his lease.

"We're trying to move out now," Gromen said. "This place is a mess"

He said a woman visiting the apartments assaulted his girlfriend, and that complaints filed with management resulted in no action. The woman who assaulted his girlfriend was still allowed into the apartments, he said.

He also complained of a \$50 fine levied against him because of something spilled on the carpet.

Courtyard officials denied fining him.

"It's close to campus," he said. "That's pretty much all it's got going for it."

Still, Gromen said he pays his rent with student

loan money and it was not a big deal to him. He noted, however, "It is kind of expensive," considering he can get an apartment for less than \$350 on Ohio Avenue.

Junior Kalie Gibson said she was not renewing her lease either.

She had no complaints about the Courtyard other than the rent was too expensive for her, she said.

But Junior Kathleen Owen has lived in the apartments since they opened a year and a half ago. She renewed her lease Monday afternoon.

She said the staff there is very helpful and her overall experience has been good.

"You get your phone paid for and cable and high speed Internet. So yeah, I think [the cost of rent] is fair," Owen said.

Call Leonard Crist at (330) 941-1989.

**Campus enrollment up**

Enrollment at Youngstown State University reached 12,327 on the first day of spring semester 2005, an increase of 185 students from the same time last year.

"We keep moving in the right direction," Bill Countryman, YSU interim executive director of enrollment services, stated in a press release Wednesday.

"I think we've really developed a good team approach across campus, among employees and especially students, when it comes to increasing enrollment."

Growth at YSU has been attributed to several factors, Countryman said, including the construction of the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center, heightened marketing and advertising efforts, comparatively low tuition and new academic programs.

The university has set an enrollment goal of 14,000 by fall 2008.

"We keep moving toward that goal, and we've been successful in doing that so far," Countryman said.

Official enrollment numbers will be reported Feb. 1 to the Ohio Board of Regents.

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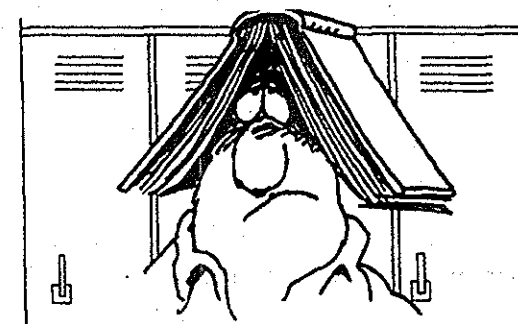
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OUR SIDE

## A little kindness goes a long way

A few days ago, a random act of kindness took place at the cash register of the Youngstown State University Bookstore.

A Jambar editor was purchasing textbooks and found herself just \$2 short of her estimated cost for the cumbersome load in front of her. As she turned to the cashier to remove one of her books from the total and make the inconvenient trek back home to get a few more dollars, she encountered a Good Samaritan.

A YSU police officer, whose name she did not catch, offered the extra cash needed to pay her debt.

It was not something that was required of the officer, nor was it expected; yet he took the time to make a difference in one person's day.

Although this officer's generosity may seem unimportant and the story may appear to be saccharine-sweet fodder for "Chicken Soup for the Soul," this story has larger implications.

A month ago, hundreds of thousands were affected as a tsunami ravaged large portions of Southeast Asia. Families were torn apart, villages were destroyed and still uncounted thousands were killed.

Now, it is up to those who watched the disaster on their television screens from the comfort of their couches to get up and do something about it.

YSU leaders and officials have begun planning a fundraising drive to give relief to tsunami victims. Countless other organizations have already begun raising money and supplies to rebuild what was lost.

We urge those on campus who have some extra cash or extra time to donate it to one of the numerous relief funds.

Though you are not required, nor expected to give of yourself in this instance, please learn by the YSU police officer's example and make a difference in somebody's day.

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### AS OTHERS SEE IT

#### Bush's inauguration speech doesn't unite nation

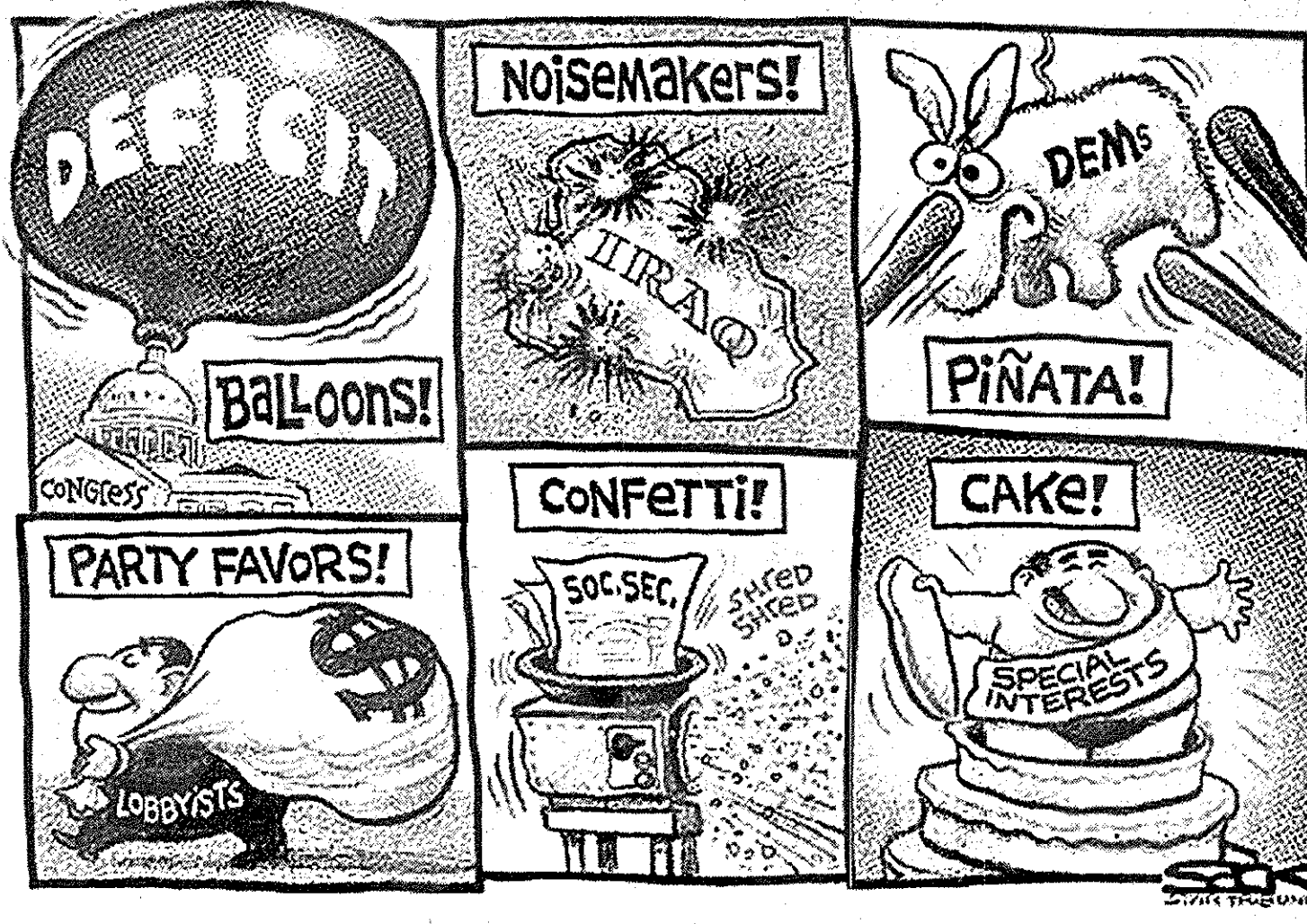
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(U-WIRE) LINCOLN, Neb.

Inauguration addresses are the kind of expansive, flourishing speeches that aim to evoke a warm and fuzzy feeling, to make hearers feel a little closer to their countrymen and yes, even their president. President George W. Bush re-ascended the inaugural podium this year without the same heavy questions of legitimacy he faced four years ago.

But he still didn't have a resounding stamp of approval from the American people this time around, either.

It's still just fewer than half the nation who wanted a Democratic win on election night. Those people probably haven't budged in the months since. And if the president is going to earn any part of that 49 percent's confidence, he'll have to do more than gloss over their worries. Bush's speech couldn't unite America — but hopefully, over the next four years, his actions will.

## INAUGURATION PARTY SUPPLIES



## Through the looking glass

By Mike Pingree  
KRT Campus

### WHAT ARE YOU LOOKIN' AT?

Moose have been attacking outdoor laundry racks in Gjovic, Norway.

Some feel the reason is that the animals have been getting intoxicated from eating fermented fruit that had fallen on the ground. Then, the befuddled beasts may think the racks, with their laundry flapping in the wind, are other moose threatening them.

### I HOPE HE'S OK, NO, REALLY, I DO

A Kentucky man says he lost control of his sports utility vehicle on ice and hit a guy. It was his girlfriend's ex-husband. A coincidence, the man claims. This, even though his vehicle had jumped a curb and had gone through a yard before hitting the guy. Police involvement resulted.

### HEY OLD TIMER, TIME TO COVER UP!

Officials in swelteringly hot Villahermosa, Mexico, have barred citizens from being naked ... in their own homes.

It seems that the locals enjoy walking around the house in the nude — even past the windows — and tourists strolling through the city have caught glimpses of them as they pass by. They apparently don't like it.

### HERE, GIZMO! WHERE ARE YOU, BOY?

There is a hawk patrolling the Brookline suburb of Pittsburgh, Pa. A woman found this out when she left her little Yorkshire terrier, Gizmo, outside to play in the snow. When she came out later, the dog was gone. And there were no footprints. Then she looked up and saw the bird.

She found Gizmo some distance away. Deceased.

### STICK 'EM UP ... NO, YOUR HANDS

Six men robbed a drug store in Rio de Janeiro and made off, not only with money, but with enough erectile dysfunction medicine to last each of them two months.

### ARE YOU CALLING ME A LIAR, JUDGE??

A woman got out of jury duty in Cincinnati, by telling the judge that she couldn't serve because she had to take her son to a doctor. Unfortunately, she had already filled out a questionnaire saying that she had no children. She was arrested for contempt.

### SO MANUEL, HOW WAS YOUR TRIP?

A Mexican slipped over the border into the United States from Juarez, then, when he attempted to go back home, kept getting on one wrong train after another, and wound up in frigid Mankato, Minn., in the dead of night.

He crawled into a trash bin behind a convenience store to keep warm, and woke up inside a garbage truck that had emptied out the bin as he slept. He crawled out at the next stop and called the police. They turned him over to the Salvation Army, where the good people fed him and sent him home on a bus.

### BUT WE'RE THE VICTIMS HERE, OFFICER

A teenage Florida couple told police their stash of marijuana had been stolen from the home they share, and they needed it back so they could sell it.

After arresting them, the local sheriff's office dubbed them "America's dumbest criminals."

### SOMEBODY DO SOMETHING!

A squad of firefighters relaxing in their sauna in Lappi, Finland, accidentally set the outbuilding on fire.

Because they were not dressed and had no equipment, the sauna burned to the ground.

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

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### America must stay positive in fight against terror

What has this world come to in this day and age? This country is by far the greatest country in the world, yet we still have allowed people in other countries to get the wrong concept of what our morals and beliefs are. Where some are saying ignore what other countries think about us, I would dare to say we need to use that criticism to show these countries about our true morals, convictions and dedication. We hear every day on the nightly news about the dedication our enemies have in destroying us, but we should be reporting on the conviction and dedication of the United States and its honorable military to root out these evildoers the world over! It is impertinent that this fight continues in order to preserve our stance as a moral country that strives for the best solution to different problems. This task not only protects our homeland but protects those of uncountable countries as well. We need to stay true and report the positives of our military in this stage of the war against terror and terrorists.

Joe Tesue

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with their group, Hiznay said it should be a student representative who presents the request and background information during the interview.

Bob McGovern, vice president for financial affairs, touched on the plan's guidelines for application deadlines and travel expenses.

McGovern said student organizations would have to turn in their request to SGA within 10 business days of the event as opposed to the former four to six weeks. In addition, reimbursement to organizations for travel has been raised from 31 cents to 35 cents.

The resolution for the new financial plan passed without opposition.

In the new business section of the meeting, McGovern recommended a lobbying group be formed in light of Ohio Gov. Bob Taft's memorandum

to all public Ohio universities dis-suading tuition increases.

The body unanimously approved the creation of an ad hoc committee that will do the "legwork" for lobbying in Columbus for higher education funding. McGovern was named chair.

This work not only includes contacting state legislators and student governments at other Ohio universities, but also gathering and analyzing information on how YSU spends its state funds.

"We as students are in a better position to ask the state for money," McGovern said. "We're the reason we're here."

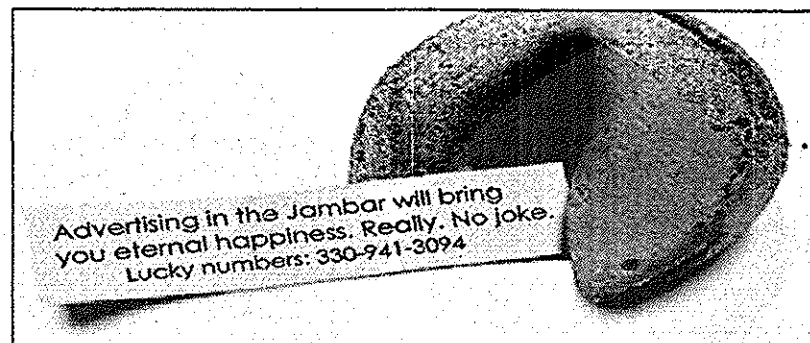
McGovern said the trip to Columbus would most likely take place in February or March.

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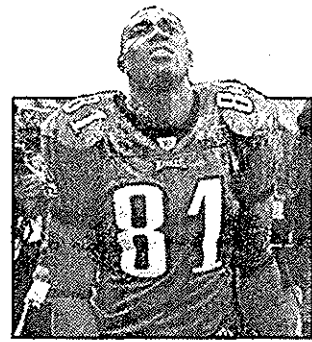
### POLICE BLOTTER

Police were called to the south area of Bliss Hall on Jan. 18 in reference to a fire in a trash bin. The Youngstown Police Department notified the Youngstown State University Police department and the Youngstown Fire Department. Police found smoldering trash inside the receptacle. YFD cleared the scene and no damage was done, according to the report.

A police report was made at the Cafaro House Residence Hall on Jan. 19 in reference to an intoxicated resident vomiting. The resident was carried down to the lobby because he could not walk on his own, according to the police report. The subject was taken to St. Elizabeth Emergency Room for treatment. The police report said the subject was underage and was issued a summons to appear in court.







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 Eagles head coach Andy Reid assured fans that Terrell Owens will suit up for the Super Bowl.  
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**Sportswire**

**Penguins fall to Toledo, 4-3**

The Youngstown State women's tennis team dropped its spring opener to non-conference foe Toledo 4-3 on Saturday afternoon at the Laurel Hill Swim & Tennis Club. Heather Hagood, Gina Peretti and Emily Thayer were victorious for the Penguins. Hagood won her match at No. 3 singles, 6-2, 6-3, Peretti won at No. 4 singles 6-0, 6-0 and at No. 6 Thayer won 6-0, 6-0

**YSU teams up Giant Eagle, 27 First News and Second Harvest**

Youngstown — The Youngstown State University Athletic Department, Giant Eagle, 27 First News and The Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley have teamed up to fight hunger when men's basketball team plays host to Wisconsin-Green Bay on Saturday, Feb. 5, in a special noon start at the Beeghly Center.

Any fan bringing a Giant Eagle brand non-perishable food item or any other non-perishable food product will receive one complimentary game ticket for that afternoon's contest.

"This community-based promotion, supported by Giant Eagle and 27 First News, will help area families through the winter," said Ron Strollo, Executive Director of Athletics at YSU. "We hope area sports fans will enjoy a great day of basketball at Beeghly Center and help us support The Second Harvest Food Bank."

"We, at Second Harvest, are excited about this promotion with our friends at YSU, Giant Eagle and 27 First News," added Mike Iberis, Executive Director of the Food Bank. "We invite you to join us for an afternoon of basketball and help feed hungry people in our community." The game will tip off at noon, while the gates at Beeghly Center open at 11 a.m. The first 3,000 fans will receive a Penguin Pom-Pom. Fans may contact the YSU Athletic Ticket Office at (330) 941-1YSU or the Food Bank at (330) 792-5522 ext. 13 for more game information.

**Thomas, Schultz named Preseason All-Conference by Baseball America**

Youngstown — YSU juniors Justin Thomas and Charles Schultz have been named to Baseball America's Preseason All-Horizon League Team in the magazine's annual college preview issue.

The publication also picked the Penguins to finish fifth in the Horizon League.

Thomas earned second-team all-conference honors last season after posting a 7-3 record and recording 82 strikeouts in a school record 93.1 innings. The lefthander was also picked as the Horizon League's second-best Major League prospect.

Schultz hit .296 with 32 runs scored and 29 RBIs last season after being named to the Horizon League All-Newcomer Team as a freshman. He also earned Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American honors.

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**YOUNGSTOWN**

**Penguins continue losing skid**

YSU held the lead for nearly the entire contest, only to fall in the fourth



By Justin Smolkovich  
 The Jambar

For 38 minutes, it looked as if the Youngstown State University men's basketball team were set to rebound from an eight-game losing skid and avenge an earlier loss to Cleveland State. Fate, however, had different plans for the Penguins.

In the second half, which saw seven lead changes, the Penguins came unraveled.

With less than two minutes to play, the Penguins led 72-69, but Cleveland State hit two straight three-pointers. Senior Brian Radakovich narrowed the lead to 73-75 when he split a pair of free throws.

The Vikings answered with another clutch three ball to increase the Vikings lead to five.

With just 7 seconds remaining on the clock, the Penguins Derrick Harris scored two and the Penguins' final points of the contest to finalize the score at 77-78.

The long range shooting late in the second half was the backbreaker for the Penguins, commented Coach John Robic.

"The game came down to a kid hitting two big threes," Robic said. "That's the game I saw."

Despite tremendous performances by several Penguins, the loss still stung.

"Doesn't matter if its one or 20, it hurts to lose," Robic said following the game.

The loss, which drops the Penguins to 3-15 overall, is all the more difficult to swallow after a night that saw three Penguins break into double figures.

One of the big names for the Penguins was Khari McQueen, who recorded a career best 15 points despite playing most of the second half in foul trouble.

"I've been getting into foul trouble a lot this year, but coach just tells me to play smart," McQueen said.

Along with McQueen, Radakovich once again proved an offensive weapon as he scored 19 points, shooting 8 of 11 from the field.

Also contributing was Quinn Humphrey who added 17 points.

After the game, coach Robic praised his men. "They couldn't have given me anymore than they gave me tonight."

Time will tell if the Penguins are able to rebound from this loss with a tough schedule still remaining, including a trip to Loyola on Jan. 26.

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**Heartbreaker**

Sophomore guard Quinn Humphrey added 17 points to the Penguin's tally in Saturday's game against the CSU Vikings. The Penguins were knocked off in the fourth quarter, continuing a losing skid that has reached nine games. (Jambar photo by Chuck Rogers)

**COMMENTARY**

**My Roethlisberger is overdone**

By B.J. Lisko  
 The Jambar

Just like his sandwich alter ego, Ben Roethlisberger left Steelers fans bloated, gassy and ultimately second guessing their choice, as Pittsburgh was dropped by the New England Patriots Sunday at Heinz Field.

Don't get me wrong. What Roethlisberger accomplished this year was nothing short of a miracle. At the beginning of the season the Steelers weren't even on the radar in terms of teams that were Super Bowl contenders.

To my dismay back in the spring, the Cleveland Browns passed on the opportunity to draft Big Ben, instead opting for Kellen Winslow II, who spent more time scooting around the locker room in a motorized cart than on the sidelines. As far as quarterbacks went, Cleveland then decided to put its stock in Jeff Garcia, which of course worked out tremendously.

But the miserable Browns are not the topic of this piece, and despite his success throughout the season, Roethlisberger's playoff performances showed that he is still only in his first year in the NFL.

The media blitz that accompanied his success in his rookie season got to be overkill by week 10. It was the Blitzburgh defense and a rejuvenated Jerome Bettis that

deserved the most credit for the Steelers' success this season. While Roethlisberger made his fair share of plays, an outstanding offensive line and running game gave him the opportunities to make the big throw on the play action pass. With the exception of their road game in Dallas, he never had to play from behind, and the game was never in his hands to win.

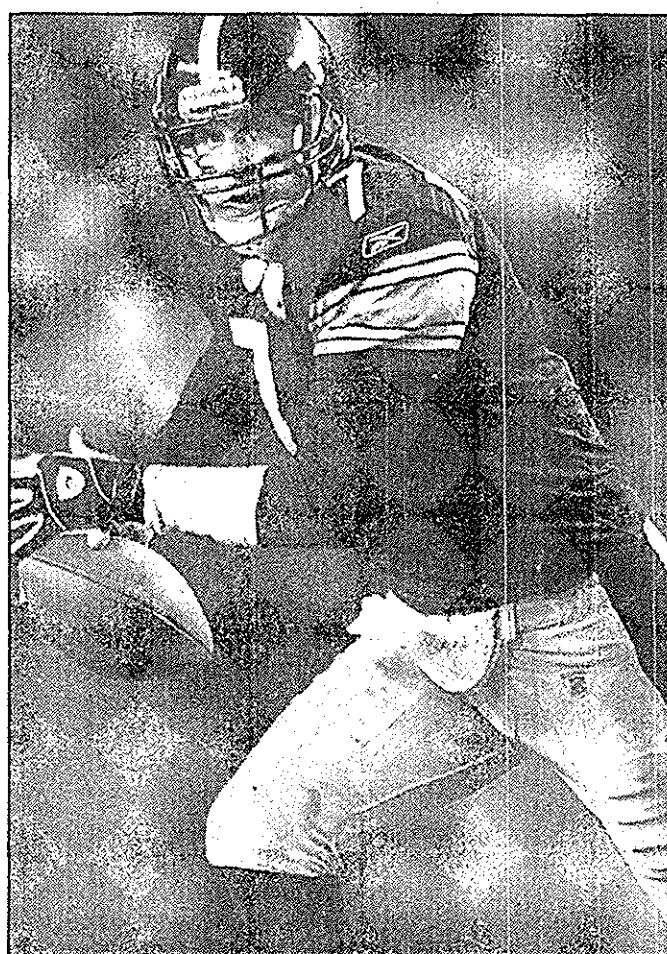
Sunday, it was his mistakes that ultimately put Pittsburgh in an insurmountable hole.

But cheer up Steelers fans. Soon enough, history will prove Big Ben to be the biggest Brown killer any football fan has ever seen simply because he could have been a Brown, but is not. And regardless of how he did it, he was still 15-1 in his first season in the NFL. Now that the media blitz is behind him and the pressure of remaining perfect is no longer there, Roethlisberger can truly grow into the great NFL quarterback he is bound to be.

Eagles, shmeagles.

The Philadelphia Eagles were finally able to get by the NFC Championship Game, earning the right to lose to New England in the Super Bowl.

I was glad to see the Eagles win, but it came in arguably the worst NFC season in NFL history. Up until the



**Rookie blunders**

Despite a remarkable season by Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, his true age showed in the playoffs. (KRT Campus)

final week, the only team not in the playoff hunt in the NFC was the feeble San Francisco 49ers. It wasn't a case of the Eagles getting better, but rather the division getting worse. Even with their best player on the sidelines, the Eagles trounced the Atlanta Falcons,

the second best team in the NFC.

If my predictions are correct, and judging by my wallet they usually are not — the gap in talent will be greatly exploited when the New England Patriots win their third title in four years.

**Q&A**

**An interview with YSU's John Barber**

By Nijma Awadallah  
 The Jambar

Youngstown State University men's basketball player John Barber, who stands at an intimidating 6'6", knows he has a lot to be grateful for. Despite an injury suffered during the pre-season Barber has been able to earn a rank in the league's top 10 for being fourth in blocking.

Recently a Jambar reporter had a chance to go one on one with Barber, as he spoke of his childhood in Germany and his experiences with the YSU Penguins.

J: Where are you from?

B: From Detroit, Michigan. I've lived in Youngstown for about two years. I actually used to live in Germany for six years and Oklahoma for about six years. I wouldn't mind going back.

J: When did you first start playing basketball?

B: I didn't start playing basketball till I was 13-years-old.

J: How tall are you?

B: Officially I am 6'6".

J: Who do you think influenced you the most in your life?

B: Well my mother did

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**CLEVELAND**

**Westbrook inks deal with Tribe**

By Tom Withers  
 Associated Press

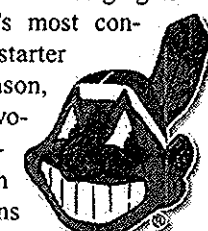
CLEVELAND — Jake Westbrook, nearly an afterthought before emerging as Cleveland's most consistent starter last season, signed a two-year contract with the Indians on Monday, avoiding salary arbitration.

Financial terms were not immediately available on the deal, which includes a club option for 2007. Westbrook, who made \$1 million in 2004, asked for \$3.7 million in arbitration and was offered \$2.5 million by the club.

While C.C. Sabathia struggled and youngsters Cliff Lee and Jason Davis took their lumps last season, Westbrook went 14-9 with a 3.38 ERA in 30 starts and was named an AL All-Star in his first full season in the big leagues.

The right-hander also finished with five complete games, tying for the league lead.

The Indians never expected that type of season from the 27-year-old Westbrook, who went to spring training trying to win a spot in the starting rotation. He began the year as the club's long reliever before becoming a starter at the end of April.





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University professors and at least one local politician braved the weather to support the event.

State Sen. Robert Hagan said he was present to protest the Bush administration's insensitivity to the plight of cities like Youngstown, but he said the biggest issue he was protesting is the Iraq war.

"I think the president has been dishonest with us about what he said about this war," Hagan said, "and it has quickly come to fruition that what he has promised to rid was never exactly there; weapons of mass

destruction were never there — he used them as an excuse."

Hagan said people were holding similar protests all over the United States.

According to an Associated Press report, protests and mock coronations were held Thursday in cities from Bridgeport, Mass. to San Francisco to send similar messages of non-support for Bush administration policies.

In Youngstown, the protesters on the sidewalk in front of the courthouse waved to the drivers of passing cars. Some of the drivers honked their

horns in support, while others drove threateningly close to the curb near the demonstrators.

Among those present at the protest was Gabriel Palmer-Fernandez, director of the James Dale Ethics Center at YSU.

Palmer-Fernandez waved a rainbow flag emblazoned with the word "peace," but declined to comment on the event.

Other YSU professors present at the vigil were Gail Okawa, associate professor of English and Raymond Beiersdorfer, professor of geol-

ogy. Holding a sign with a quote from Martin Luther King Jr., Nancy McGarry of Youngstown said she was there to voice a position that is counter to what the media usually shows.

She said President Bush's popularity ratings indicated that more voices like hers should be heard.

"Percentages would suggest," she said, "that we are certainly not alone."

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exceed that amount."

Although most of the details are undetermined at this time, McCloud said at least two are set in stone.

UNICEF, an organization that focuses on aiding children, was chosen, McCloud said, because of the "tens of thousands of children" orphaned by the tsunami.

He said the campaign will begin Feb. 14, adding that the Valentine's Day launch date is significant because the holiday represents the celebration of

human compassion.

Student Government Association President Angela Mavrikis said although many YSU students have been moved by the disaster, they are not aware of ways they can help.

"The idea is to make donations to the Tsunami Relief Fund as effortless as possible for everyone," Mavrikis said.

To achieve this, Mavrikis said the campaign will be "very visible" and have stations set up around campus where students, faculty and staff can donate.

McCloud added there would also be a place where those who want to donate larger sums can drop off their checks.

As the donations are collected, Mavrikis said they would be deposited into a special account created by the university at Home Savings and Loan Bank.

Mavrikis added the combined efforts of the student organizations and faculty would also unite the YSU community.

Ron Shaklee, geography professor and director of the University Scholars and Honors

program, said the tsunami was the first major natural disaster in many years. Shaklee said while food and water are important provisions to gather, money is essential in rebuilding the towns and lives of the victims.

"The most important thing for us to do is to dig deep in our pockets and help," Shaklee said.

Another meeting will be held this week to further discuss plans for the campaign.

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because she gave me my foundation to become who I am now so that's my biggest influence.

J: Has she been able to come to any of your games?

B: She comes to as many games as she can, but probably she has only been to one or two this year.

J: You had to spend some time off the court due to an injury. Could you tell us about that?

B: In the pre-season I injured my lower back. Well, what happened was I fell trying to dunk and I fell on my back and from there I became a medical redshirt.

J: How did it feel going

through the season with the injury and what did you do to get through that?

B: It probably was the most frustrating thing I've been through because I wanted to play so bad, but I just prayed every night and got strength from the Lord mentally.

So mentally I was able to come back and do what I had to do.

J: Aside of all that, you've been able to come back to become one of the leading blockers in the league, how's that make you feel?

B: Well I didn't know that until you told me, but it feels real good. I really don't know

what to say about that.

J: What is a dream play for you?

B: My dream would be to have a dunk on four people once the buzzer goes off.

J: What's your major?

B: Pre-business management.

J: How do you enjoy Youngstown?

B: Well in Youngstown you have to make the most of what you have so basically having friends is real good because there's not much to do.

J: What's your favorite food?

B: Crab legs and shrimp scampi with a lot of butter.

J: What's your favorite movie?

B: "Paid in Full" because my favorite rapper Cam'ron is in that movie.

J: Who would you like to see go to the Super Bowl?

B: I would like the Detroit Lions and a professional team in Oklahoma if they ever have one.

J: Is there anything you want to say to your teammates?

A motto you guys go by? B: Our team motto is, "Together." Well, we hope it will start working soon enough so we could get some more wins.

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# YSU Police, local departments revamp 'Mutual Aid'

The program will now include Mahoning County officers

By Mike Vlaiku  
The Jambar

Over winter break, the Youngstown State University Police Department reached a deal to expand an already existing agreement with local police departments.

Mutual Aid, a program that allows university police to use other police forces on top of their regular police squad in emergency situations and vice versa, was revamped in December to include Mahoning County officers.

As YSU falls inside the jurisdiction of Mahoning County, the addition to Mutual Aid allows YSU to assist county police in emergencies when officers are available, but are under no obligation to respond.

Mutual Aid has existed at YSU in part since 1996, and cam-

pus police say it is an asset to patrolling and maintaining safety in the outlying areas of campus.

YSU Police Chief John Gocala said when he began at YSU in 1991, there were often problems on the side streets that laid outside of YSU Police jurisdiction.

"We would have fraternity and sorority houses call the station with problems, but they were just outside our district," Gocala said. "What Mutual Aid gives us is the ability to work with the Youngstown Police to better serve our campus."

The program also allows the city to use the campus police for any function necessary. YSU police were called in to help monitor the spectators at the East vs. Chaney playoff in 1997. Another instance of Mutual Aid's use was during a burglary in 2002 when Mr. Hero (now Subway) was bro-

ken into, both police forces surrounded the building and apprehended the criminal.

"Our purpose is not to take the job of the city police, but to keep us safe and keep the criminals at bay," Gocala said. "We can't promise that every crime will be covered, but we will make it as uncomfortable as possible for crime."

Lt. Gregory Clementi agreed with Gocala that the Mutual Aid program has benefited the safety of YSU and its outlying areas. Clementi added that there often instances before the creation of Mutual Aid that he could have used back up from other police units.

"Back when I was a patrolman, I could go down Lincoln Avenue and break up fights left and right and all we could do is hold them for a while," Lt. Gregory Clementi said. "Now, we

call them three to four times a week, but make sure that we don't abuse a great thing."

Even though both police forces work quickly and efficiently together, they are under no obligation to help one another or give support in times of emergency.

"They have never denied us and we have never denied them," Clementi said "In fact, a lot of the campus police officers are also part of the YPD, so this has never really been a problem."

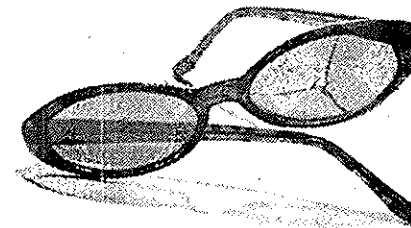


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Wednesday, January 26, 2005	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Kilcawley Center, 1st Floor across from the bank Moser Hall-Lobby
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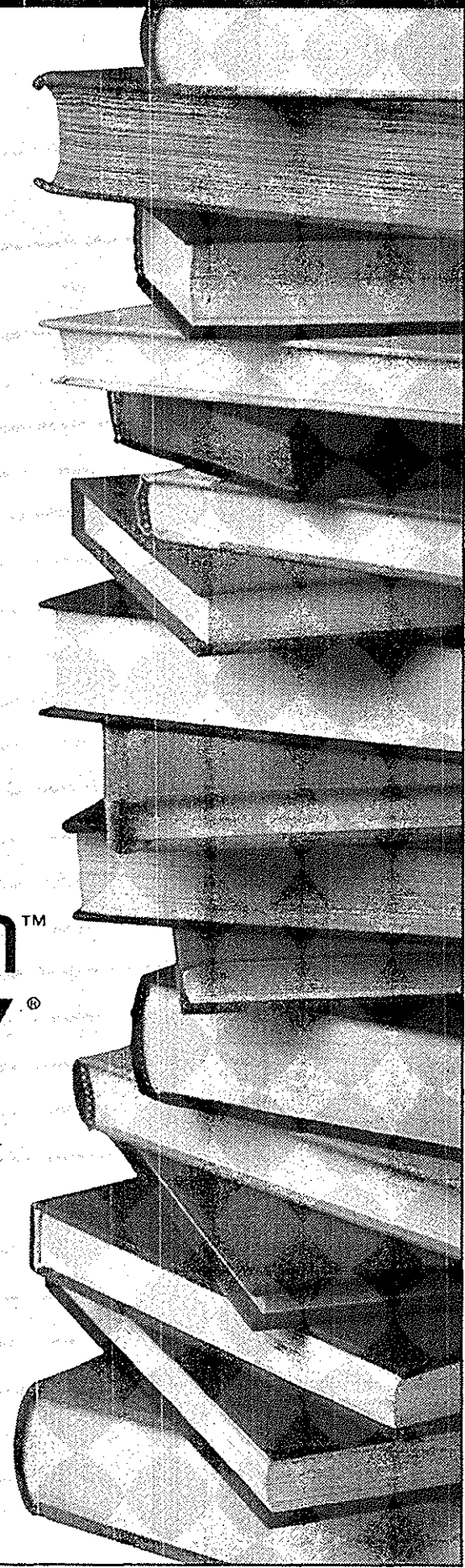
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sampling their coffee. We threw a couple quarters into the donation jar and were punished for it with an all-out assault on our taste buds.

The coffee was very thin and watery. You could see to the bottom of the cup you drank out of. It had a strange smell to it that I couldn't quite place. Evil, it smelled like evil.

Jay: "This stuff has a really caustic smell to it."

Bill: "It comes out looking like muddy water and tastes like I've been chewing on a battery. If coffee were like cigars, this stuff would be Swisher Sweets. This is awful."

**Coffee Vending Machines - 50 - 55 cents a cup**

Next, we went to try the coffee sold from a vending machine in the lobby of Debartolo Hall.

I've rarely had good experiences with coffee vending machines. Usually, the coffee comes out hotter than the surface of the sun with a taste like it's been boiled. I will usually go without my morning cup of coffee rather than get it from a machine. In this case, I was pleasantly surprised. There wasn't anything special about the coffee we drank, but it wasn't horrible either. We tried

both the regular "fresh ground" coffee as well as the "European gourmet" coffee.

Bill: "The regular coffee has a bitter smell and tastes fairly plain. The 'gourmet' coffee doesn't have much of a difference in taste. This stuff is a pretty good deal for only 50 cents, though."

Jay: "I thought the European coffee was a little heftier, but otherwise identical to the first. It also smells like a bicycle tire."

**"Jazzman's Coffee" \$1.29 a cup**

This coffee is sold all over campus at food stands owned by YSU. You can find it in Williamson, Kilcawley Center and on the bridge to Meshel Hall.

Jay: "I think proximity is a factor in what I decide to drink."

Bill: "I agree, I may pick this stuff up simply because it's sold all over campus for a relatively cheap and it has a decent taste to it. It has a nice roasted flavor, certainly better than what you can make at home. You can also use your meal plan to buy it, which is a definite bonus."

**The Beat - \$1.25 a cup**  
The Beat seems to be pretty popular with students. It's a

house converted into a coffee shop that has a relaxed, warm atmosphere to it. In warmer months you can see kids perched all over the porch, sipping coffee and hanging out.

The Beat has a long list of coffees that they have on rotation. There's usually a good deal of variety and you can usually stop by and try something new if you feel like it. We tried The Beat's current feature, a cup of coffee called Zimbabwe, and a darker coffee called Kaldi's.

Jay: "I didn't really think there was anything remarkable about the Zimbabwe flavor. It was pretty mellow and had a slight butterscotch smell to it. And even though the Kaldi's blend was billed as stronger, I didn't think it was extremely strong. The coffee here is serviceable."

Bill: "I thought that the Zimbabwe coffee was fantastic. It had a nice amber color and a very mild taste. I think the aftertaste was the best part, extremely pungent. It felt like the aftertaste just expanded in your mouth whenever you take a sip of it."

**Winslow's Café - \$1.25 a cup**

Located behind the Butler Art Museum, Winslow's Café

also has a wide range of coffee flavors that they cycle through a rotation. Stylish, avant and with jazz music playing over the radio, Winslow's seems like a grown-up version of The Beat. In addition to the other coffees on rotation, Winslow's offers a regular house coffee as well as a "regional" coffee called the Brazil.

Bill: "I like the house coffee they serve here. It's really dark and has a good bitter taste to it. It smells like it's nicely roasted, too. I liked it more than the Brazil, which was a little clearer and had an almost subdued flavor."

Jay: "Brazil is their regional coffee. I guess the 'region' would be Brazil. I thought it was rich and had a fairly smooth taste to it. The house coffee was fairly rich and smooth, too. There's no stark difference between the two cups of coffee."

**Peaberry's - \$1.35 a cup**  
By this point in the trip, both Jay and I felt like we were ready to lift off for the moon. Over the space of two hours,

each of us had consumed about eight different cups of coffee. It didn't help that Peaberry's serves some of the strongest coffee on campus.

The employees at Peaberry's took time to brag that they serve some of the best specialty coffee around. They told us that they use fresh-ground beans each day and brew their coffee with filtered water. As far as atmosphere, Peaberry's is loaded with students. They also have a stage where bands, comedians and other entertainers stop by frequently. It's an entertaining place to be as well as a coffee shop.

We tried Peaberry's house blend as well as their dark roast. Previous to our taste-test, Jay had always heard coffee reviewers describe types of coffee as having a "nutty" flavor. He was excited to get the chance to finally use that term.

Jay: "The house coffee is strong, rich and has a nutty flavor. I think the dark roast is appropriately bitter, but not offensive or caustic."

Bill: "I think the dark roast is pretty thick. The house blend tastes nearly the same, only less intense."

**The Conclusion**

Ten cups of coffee consumed one after another with a severe case of the jitters, we returned to the Jambar office to discuss our findings.

Jay: "I think the least-impressive coffee came from the English department and the coffee machine. Peaberry's had the strongest coffee, but I don't think it was necessarily better than The Beat or Winslow's."

Bill: "Each stop on campus has its merits, though I think the best coffee I had came from The Beat. Winslow's came in at a close second for me. If I ever needed a quick jolt, I'd try Peaberry's. In terms of cheap coffee, a vending machine is probably the best deal for your money. If I ever wanted to induce vomiting, I'd go back and choke down some of the swill they serve in the English department."

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you hear a bad song enough times, your mind begins to block out the pain by lying to you and making you think you like it. This would explain why, after several years, I learned to love John Mayer (but that's a story for another day).

After the fourth listen, I realized my conspiracy theories didn't hold up. Knuckle Down is good. Not album-of-the-year fantastic, but solidly good. At least five of the 12 tracks garnered four out of five stars in my iTunes personal ranking system. One or two of them might even make it on a future mix tape.

And it was then that I realized what was missing, what was holding it back from

greatness: mariachi horns.

What made "Little Plastic Castle" (off her 1998 album of the same name) the best song Ani DiFranco ever recorded wasn't the excellent guitar playing, the quirky singing or the solid songwriting; it was the mariachi horns. This may also be the reason why "Ring of Fire" is the best Johnny Cash song (but the worst flame broiled hamburger jingle) ever.

So this new album is subtle. It sneaks up on you and before you know it, you are ensnared. But mariachi horns aren't exactly subtle, and that's what "Knuckle Down" really needs.

My advice: buy the album if you are an Ani DiFranco fan. Otherwise, just download it.



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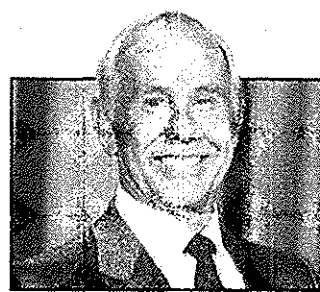
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# Cup o' Joe

Jambar staffer Bill Rodgers, and English professor Jay Gordon scour the campus in search of the perfect cup of coffee

By Bill Rodgers  
The Jambar

Whether they take it with cream or sugar, in small cups, large cups or by the pot, one thing is certain: coffee will make trudging to class through the snow in 10-degree weather bearable for students this semester.

Luckily, Youngstown State University has no shortage of caffeine watering holes where people can get their daily java fix. With all of these choices, the question is: "Who serves the best coffee on campus?" For the more frugal student, the question may also be "Who serves the cheapest coffee on campus?"

A YSU English professor, Jay Gordon, and I attempted to answer these questions by undergoing an unscientific, two-hour rigorous taste-

test of several of YSU's resident coffee vendors. Cups were consumed, merits of each coffee weighed, nerves were added and by the end of the day, each of us were lucky to get any sleep that night.

To make a level playing field, we ordered a small cup of whatever was considered the "regular" coffee at each of our stops. In many cases, we tried both regular and dark roasts to see if there was any significant change in taste or strength. The prices noted are for the smallest cup of coffee that can be ordered at each stop.

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CD REVIEW

## New Ani DiFranco CD improves with added listens



**New disc**

On her latest disc, Ani DiFranco delivers more of what has made her famous in the angst ridden girl rock genre. (Photo courtesy of Ani DiFranco)

By Leonard Crist  
The Jambar

The new Ani DiFranco album "Knuckle Down" is subtle.

On first listen, I thought to myself, "this sounds just like all the other Ani DiFranco CDs and it makes me want to fall asleep." I took a glance at the lyric sheet and thought, sure, the lyrics are better than your average Nickleback release, but on the whole it's nothing an English major with a women's studies minor and a broken heart couldn't come up with.

For instance, a track called "Minerva" just drones on for what seems like an hour (it's actually just under five minutes) with boring lyrics and an awful chorus: "Oh say can you see me/Oh say can you see me/Oh say can you see me over here?" Based on one listen, I would have ranked "Knuckle Down" somewhere in the fair to middling range. I wasn't looking forward to listening to it again.

But the second time I pressed play, the album started to reveal itself.

With some albums, the more you listen to it, the more you like it; late period

"And it was then that realized what was missing, what was holding it back from greatness: mariachi horns."

know you could get down like that." Weird, I know, but weird can be good sometimes.

Upon my third listen, I really started to like the album. I found myself humming along to songs like "Studying Stones," an alt-country dirge that Ryan Adams could have easily released; and "Seeing Eye Dog," an uncharacteristically bluesy jam where DiFranco bel-lows, "You're my seeing eye dog and I am blind."

The songs were really starting to grow on me — even "Parameters," a slightly pretentious spoken word track about a woman who talks a potential rapist out of attacking her. And this made me scared. How could I go from aural dread to post-hippy feminist folk rock heaven in only three listens?

Did backward masked subliminal messages sneak into my brain? .mubla ym ekil lliv uoY, she may have been singing in reverse. Was Ani DiFranco a sly spawn of Satan? Was she the sinister lovechild of Lita Ford and Rob Halford?

No, probably not. Perhaps it was just the repetition. Maybe this is how all radio hits become popular: once

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YOUNGSTOWN

## Latest comedy at Playhouse gives new meaning to the phrase 'break a leg'

"Broken Legs," a farce about a playwright who meets the mafia, will be showing the next two weekends

By Bill Rodgers  
The Jambar

A new comedy being performed at the Youngstown Playhouse is very Youngstown-appropriate.

"Broken Legs," a farce about a playwright who meets the mafia, is all the fun of the mob without all of the unpleasant stuff like finding bodies floating in the town reservoir.

The comedy is about Terence O' Keeffe; a nerdy, earth-tone wearing English professor. Terence, while looking for funding for a play he wrote, turns to the father of Angie, a lusty ex-student of his. Angie's father, Lou, assures Terence that he and his "business partners" would be more than happy to produce the play. However, Terence begins to have serious doubts

about his producers' character (seeing your investors working someone over in a dark alley will do that to you).

The play calls upon a couple Youngstown Playhouse regulars as part of the talent. Kathy Appugliese directs the play, adding to her long line of work at the playhouse. Dennis Colla, who plays the role of Mike in the play, is also returning to the playhouse stage. Colla was the recipient of the Youngstown Playhouse Lifetime Achievement award.

Also reappearing to the playhouse for the role of Angie is Maria Alana Wright. Wright is a substitute teacher and a recent graduate of YSU.

The humor in "Broken Legs" is over-the-top. Lou, Mike and Tino, the play's mobsters, play up the tough-guy act really well. Their accents are great and when they are not dis-

cussing business with one another, they are throwing their weight around at the other characters. Watching them make Terence uncomfortable is definitely the show's highlight.

Terence, played by David Adams, is another fun character. The way Adams twitches and squeaks as he reacts to all of the craziness on stage acts as a good foil to the mobsters' tough-guy act.

The character's all look the part, too. The character of Frankie, played by Christopher Fidram, looks like some weird alternate version of Joe Pesci. Terry Shears, who plays the role of Tino, has a great mobster look: slick, imposing and crazed.

The plot also explores the romantic tension between Terence and Angie. While it's fun to watch Terence squirm uncomfortably whenever

Angie makes a pass at him, this plot device takes a backseat to the antics of the play's mobsters.

The play took a while to pick up. The acting seemed a little stiff until halfway through the first act. It could be the way the play was written, or it could be that the cast needed one good comic scene to get into the play. However, the cast got into the spirit of the play before too long, and the play's humor flowed a little more freely.

The rest of the play was a great comedy with a lot of laughs.

"Broken Legs" will be showing the next two weekends at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays now through Feb. 6. Reservations can be made by calling the Playhouse Box Office at (330) 788-8739.