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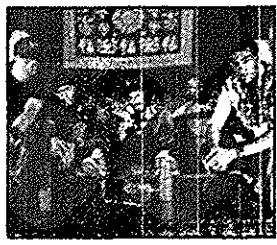
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News Briefs

Festival looking for participants

The Festival of Nations is looking for ethnic groups to participate in the Summer Festival of Arts at Youngstown State University on July 9 and 10. Ethnic groups must be members of churches, synagogues, or established clubs and organizations. Last year more than 20 groups participated in the Summer Festival of the Arts, which highlights Mahoning Valley's diverse ethnic populations through food, displays, presentations and musical and dance performances.

Engineering Dept. partners with Delpi Packard

Youngstown State University's College of Engineering signed a partnership agreement on Wednesday with Delpi Packard. The agreement is for research in the electromagnetic field. Dean of the College of Engineering Cynthia Hirtzel said the research collaboration is a great addition to YSU. "If anything it enhances the college," Hirtzel said. Delpi Packard is providing all the equipment needed for the project.

Parks discussion set

"On the Bus with Rosa Parks," a discussion about the anniversary of the famed boycott, will be held at 6 p.m., tonight, at the Main Branch of the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County.

Weather >> Partly cloudy

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Yes 67% No 33%

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COLUMBUS

Bill could restrict professors

Proposed bill would regulate what profs can say as well as regulate the material they present to students

By Bill Rodgers
The Jambar

A bill being considered in the Ohio senate is currently under fire from state lawmakers, educators and

YSU faculty.

Ohio Sen. Larry A. Mumper (R-26), recently introduced senate Bill 24, the "academic bill of rights for higher education." The bill could possibly restrict what professors say in their class-

rooms as well as regulate the material they present.

The bill's language states it would prohibit university faculty and instructors from, "persistently introducing controversial matter into the classroom."

Another section of the bill would require professors to "make students aware of serious scholarly viewpoints other than their own." The bill also calls for a grievance procedure to keep universities in check concerning

the proposed law.

Mumper said the bill is necessary to prohibit professors from pushing their political ideologies on students. An article

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YSU

Officials say maintaining quality most important

Amid state budget cuts, administrators said there was a need for the tuition hike

By Leonard Crist
The Jambar

When the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees approved a 9 percent tuition increase Friday, YSU officials cited most frequently the need to maintain a quality education amid continued state funding cuts as the rationale for the hike.

Several university press releases highlighted a \$6.5 million loss in the state instructional fund since 2000 and emphasized that YSU is still expected to remain the most affordable comprehensive public university in Ohio, even with the \$313 per semester increase.

Columbus legislators on both sides of the aisle have stressed a desire to stop the continued budget cuts, but feel there is not much they can do. A large percentage of the budget is earmarked for Medicaid and K-12 education, leaving little money for higher education.

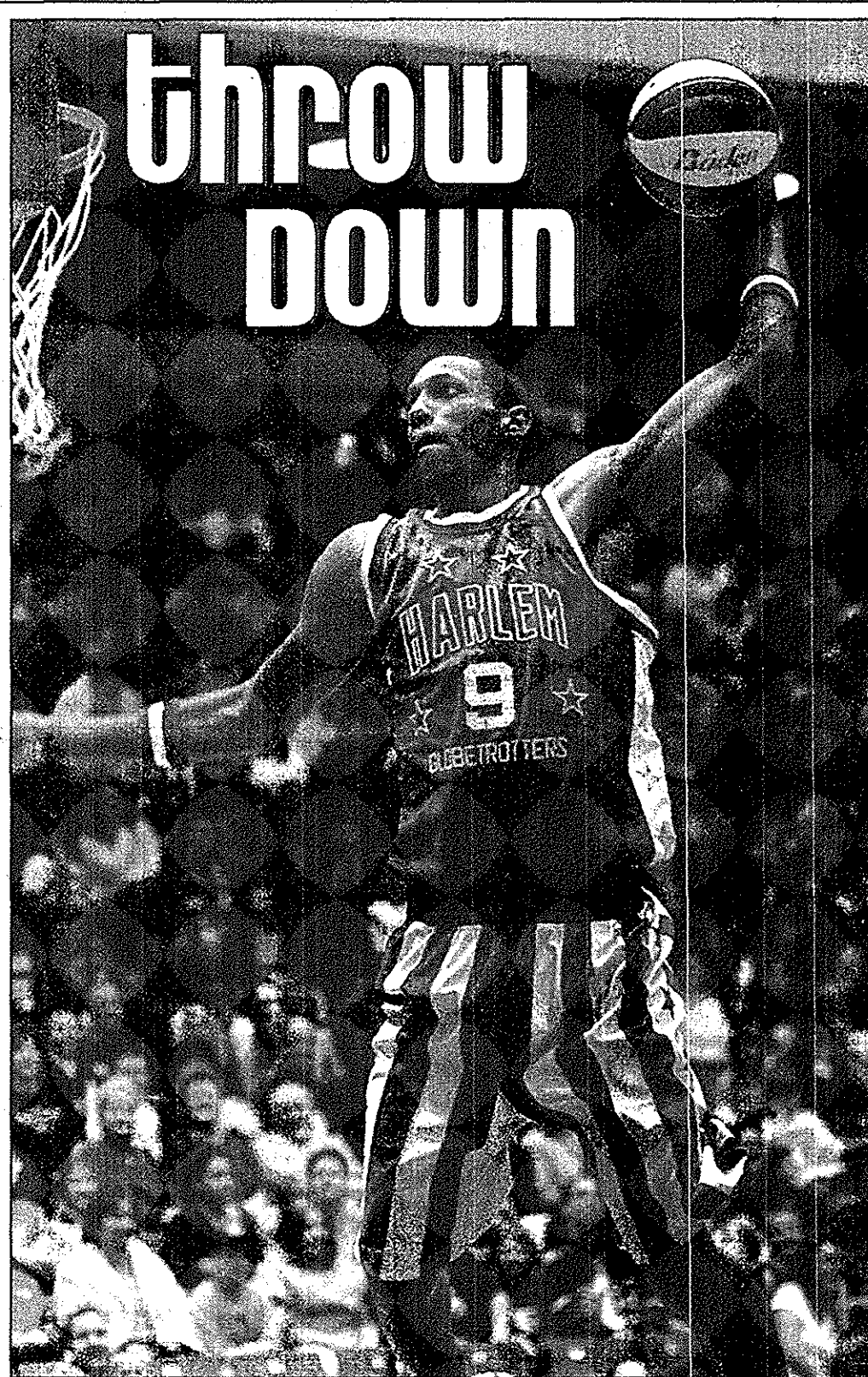
Democratic leaders in the Ohio Legislature say they are fighting for better university funding, but do not expect any miracles. State Sen. Marc Dann (D-32) said there is plenty of blame to be spread around between the Republican majority in Columbus and Ohio's various public universities.

While the state subsidy for higher education decreased by 40 percent over the past five years, tuition at Ohio's public universities has increased by 50 percent in that same time period, Dann said.

"So not only [have] the universities not responded to a clear signal from the legislature that perhaps they're not operating as efficiently as they could be, but they gave themselves a tip," Dann said.

A review of the university's projected budget for fiscal

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Star-studded affair

Anthony "Airport" Greenup soars toward the hoop as part of the Harlem Globetrotters performance against the New York Nationals Wednesday in Beeghly Center. (Jambar photo by Chuck Rogers)

YOUNGSTOWN

Landlord: Allegations overstated

Claims when tenants left, they vandalized the property

By Chuck Rogers
The Jambar

The landlords involved in a dispute with five Youngstown State University students say allegations their tenants made against them are overstated.

Steven Hinz and Anthony Dommenick, owners of Hinz-Dom LLC, said they "donated" the house at 222 North Heights in Youngstown to tenants Rachel Hanni, Rachel Bice, Sarah Bobby, Nicole Carr and Shelley Webber in exchange for their time. The two men said they were trying to help some students and preserve the historic north-side district.

Last week, the Jambar reported three of the women filed petitions in Mahoning County Court for Civil Protection Orders against Hinz and Dommenick, claiming verbal abuse and unauthorized entry into their home.

But the two men said they were entitled to access their property and ask their tenants to go easy with the heat and electricity.

Hinz said last semester he approached Greg Gulas, assistant director of Student Activities, with an idea for a free housing program.

"Me and/or one of my investors would supply a house where college students could live very inexpensively in exchange for donating their time," Hinz said, "They'd volunteer helping us paint, clean properties and so forth."

Hinz said Gulas took the information to the fraternities and sororities, and the five women were interested in the deal.

The agreement stated each of the women would pay \$100 toward utilities and work 60 hours per month to live in the house.

Hours worked in excess of the quota could be banked for the following month, and the tenants' friends could work and accrue hours for them. But if any one of them fell short of the 60-hour quota, they could be fined \$10 for each hour missed.

The work included clean-

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WASHINGTON D.C.

Bush will up number of Pell Grants

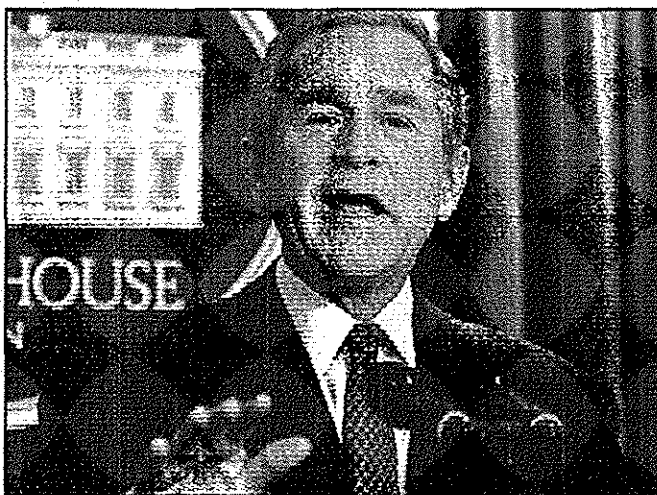
By Maysoun Abdelrasul
The Jambar

The Bush Administration is following up on a federal law that might make it easier for college students to receive money from Pell Grants.

On Dec. 8, President Bush signed a bill that will more than likely increase the number of college students receiving the grant. The U.S. Department of Education will follow the law requiring it to use up to date information in determining Pell eligibility.

For the next five years, there will be an increase of \$100 each year, changing the maximum grant from \$4,050 to \$4,550.

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Pell Grant

WASHINGTON, DC - President Bush speaks during a press conference, Wednesday, Jan. 26, in the press room at the White House. The president signed a bill that will more than likely increase the number of college students receiving a Pell Grant. (KRT Campus)

YOUNGSTOWN

Officials hope to give building facelift

By Christina Poe
The Jambor

Youngstown State University officials have begun the search for a developer to give one of the city's historic buildings a long overdue facelift.

The Wick Pollock Inn, a mansion given to the university in the late 70s, stands on Wick Avenue and was a well-known hotel through the late 80s and 90s.

Six years after it went bankrupt in 1998, YSU acquired the lease and began making plans to remodel and reopen the inn.

In one of the first steps, a committee was formed to seek and evaluate potential contractors for the project.

John Habat, vice president for administration and committee member, said about 20 companies from outside and inside the Mahoning Valley were sent a "request

for developer qualifications" form.

"We are looking for developers who have demonstrated experience working with a project of this nature," Habat said.

Habat added an ideal choice would be a company that could oversee both the revitalization and the management of the inn.

Richard Delisio, YSU's director of materials management, said the committee used the Cleveland consulting firm, The Cobalt Group Inc., to compile their list of possible companies.

Delisio added four contractors have already expressed interest in the project and toured the Wick Pollock at the site visit Jan. 19.

According to the qualification document, criteria include expertise in university-area development, the ability to provide a management

company and knowledge of public financing tools linked with historic buildings.

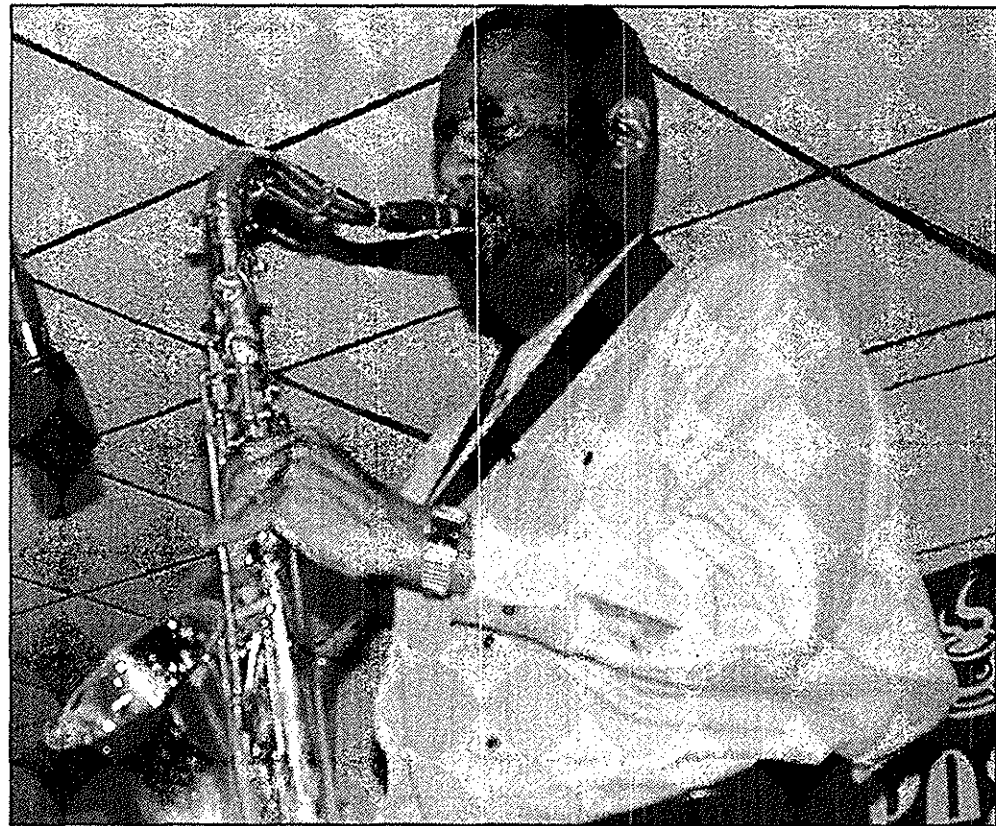
"In summary, the vision for the Wick Pollock Inn is to establish a high-quality hospitality facility for university and community visitors," the document stated.

The document also stated each interested contractor should submit at least two examples of plans for the inn that clearly demonstrate the qualification criteria.

After the proposals are received, the committee and a sub-committee of YSU's Board of Trustees will review them. The final selection will be made by March 25.

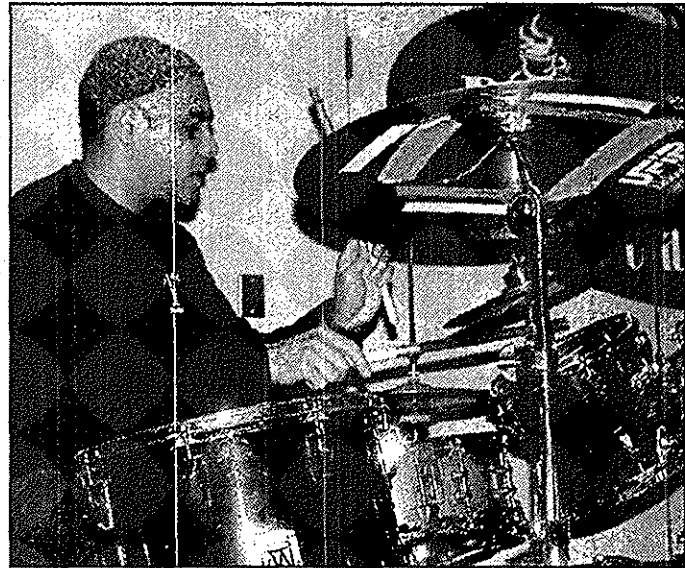
Delisio said the Feb. 4 deadline was extended to Feb. 15 to give contractors more time to prepare their proposals.

Call Christina Poe at (330) 941-1913



Smooth sounds

The Lee Robinson Jazz Combo performed Wednesday at Peaberry's Cafe as part of YSU's celebration of Black History Month. Many more black history events are planned throughout February. (Jambor photos by B.J. Lisko)



College Success Workshops

Undecided? Tips for choosing a major:

Monday, February 7 @ 12:00 noon; Rm. 1034, JH

Developing an Effective Resume:

Wednesday, February 9 @ 12:00 noon; Rm. 1034, JH

Effective Interviewing Skills:

Thursday, February 10 @ 12:00 noon; Rm. 1034, JH

JH=Jones Hall; All workshops are Free! No registration required! Each lasts 50 min. Co-sponsored by the Reading & Study Skills Center, Center for Student Progress, University Counseling Center & Career Services

African American History Month Celebration

Thursday, February 3
Lecture—"Slavery: The True Cause of the Civil War"
Dr. Paul Finkleman
7:30 p.m., Presidential Suite, Kilcawley Center

Saturday, February 5
The African Marketplace
Noon-6:00 p.m., Kilcawley Center

Tuesday, February 8
Lecture—"The African American Struggle: Shifting Visions and Strategies"
Dr. Joe W. Trotter
7:30 p.m., Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center

Friday, February 11
Poetry Reading—"Rosa Parks: Then and Now"
7:30 p.m., SMARTS Center

Monday, February 14
Concert—Jazz Performance "Horns and Things"
7:00 p.m., Peaberry's Café, Kilcawley Center

Thursday, February 17
Lecture—"The Black Family: Tracing Your Ancestry"
Roland Barksdale-Hall
7:30 p.m., Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center

Friday, February 18
Play—"The Color of Love"
7:00 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center

Saturday, February 19
Panel—"Myths and Realities on Health Issues in the African American Community"
7:00 p.m., Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center

Tuesday, February 22
Panel Discussion—"Black Artistic Creations at Youngstown State University"
7:00 p.m., SMARTS Center

Friday, February 25
Film—"The Ghosts of Rwanda"
7:00 p.m., Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center

Saturday, February 26
Lecture—"The African American Male and the HIV/AIDS Crisis in the Black Community"
J.L. King
7:30 p.m., Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center

Art Exhibit—"Black Artistic Creations at Youngstown State University"
Monday, February 1-February 28
The Dean's Suite in DeBartolo Hall and the SMARTS Center
Panel discussion
Tuesday, February 22, 7:00 p.m., SMARTS Center



Proverb of the Month:

"When a cock is drunk, it forgets about the hawk."
—An African Proverb

For further information, call the African Studies Program at (330) 941-3097.

Event Parking:

Parking is available at the Lincoln Deck and lot M24 below McDonald's Restaurant.



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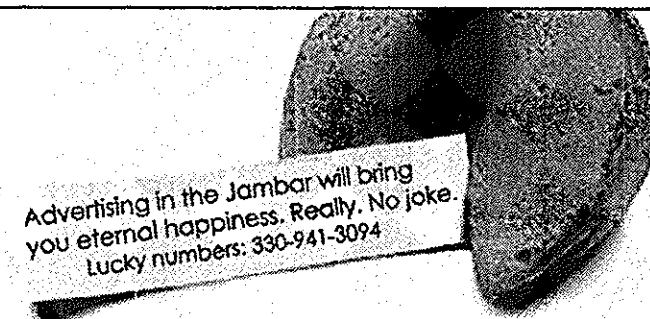
POLICE BLOTTER

Youngstown State University Police were called to the Kilcawley Residence Hall on Jan. 31 in reference to a non-resident female. The coordinator told the female he needed to talk to her about signing in and she said she was signed in and used profane language. According to the sign-in log, the female was signed in. Police spoke with the resident assistant and the Kilcawley House coordinator. The two said the female is often in the dorm, but not signed in. It was discovered the female was using the laundry facilities, which is against the rules because she is not a resident. The police report said the coordinator advised the female that she

was never to return to the house.

A theft report was made on Jan. 31 to the Youngstown State University Police Department. The victim told police that he left his wallet, car keys and cell phone under his coat on the bleachers in Stambaugh Stadium while he was playing basketball.

The victim said a male entered the gym and started playing basketball and then sat down next to his coat. When the male left, the victim discovered his belongings missing. The officer searched the area and came up with negative results. The victim canceled his cards and no transactions were made.



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OUR SIDE

Where's the money going?

The students of Youngstown State University must know what they are paying for.

These students, who pay up to \$12,500 a year to attend this university, have a right and a need to know where and how their money is being spent.

Last week, the YSU Board of Trustees approved a 9 percent increase to the 2005 academic year tuition. Despite outcry by both students and legislators, the decision was made to go ahead with the eighth increase in eight consecutive years, an increase that squeezes right under the 9.9 percent state tuition cap.

The administration and the Board of Trustees have continually reiterated that the increase is a result of projected cuts from the state budget. They have told us it is necessary to maintain the quality of education at YSU.

A close examination of the preliminary forecast for the university's fiscal year 2006 budget shows that the university is anticipating a possible loss of \$2.2 million from the state after the state budget is reviewed.

After this figure is reduced from the projected budget, the upcoming tuition increase will add approximately \$4.8 million to the university's coffers.

Of the projected \$ 4.8 million, approximately \$2.2 million will be put toward updating and improving YSU's technology. It will also be put into student financial aid and scholarships.

We agree that technology should be invested in, as it is a growing and ever-changing area that will assist in "maintaining a quality education" for all YSU students. Further, those students trying to pay for their education will surely welcome the portion allotted for scholarships and financial aid.

After crunching these figures, it leaves approximately \$2.6 million unclaimed. The question that all YSU students should be asking is where will the rest of the excess money go?

Administrators say this will go to the short-term reserve for the fiscal year 2006. Another look at the numbers reveals a projected \$2 million left over from the fiscal year 2005 short-term reserve.

It would be senseless for an employer to hire a person for a specific position without knowing the person's skills, qualifications and abilities, or without the knowledge of what that person plans on doing for the employer.

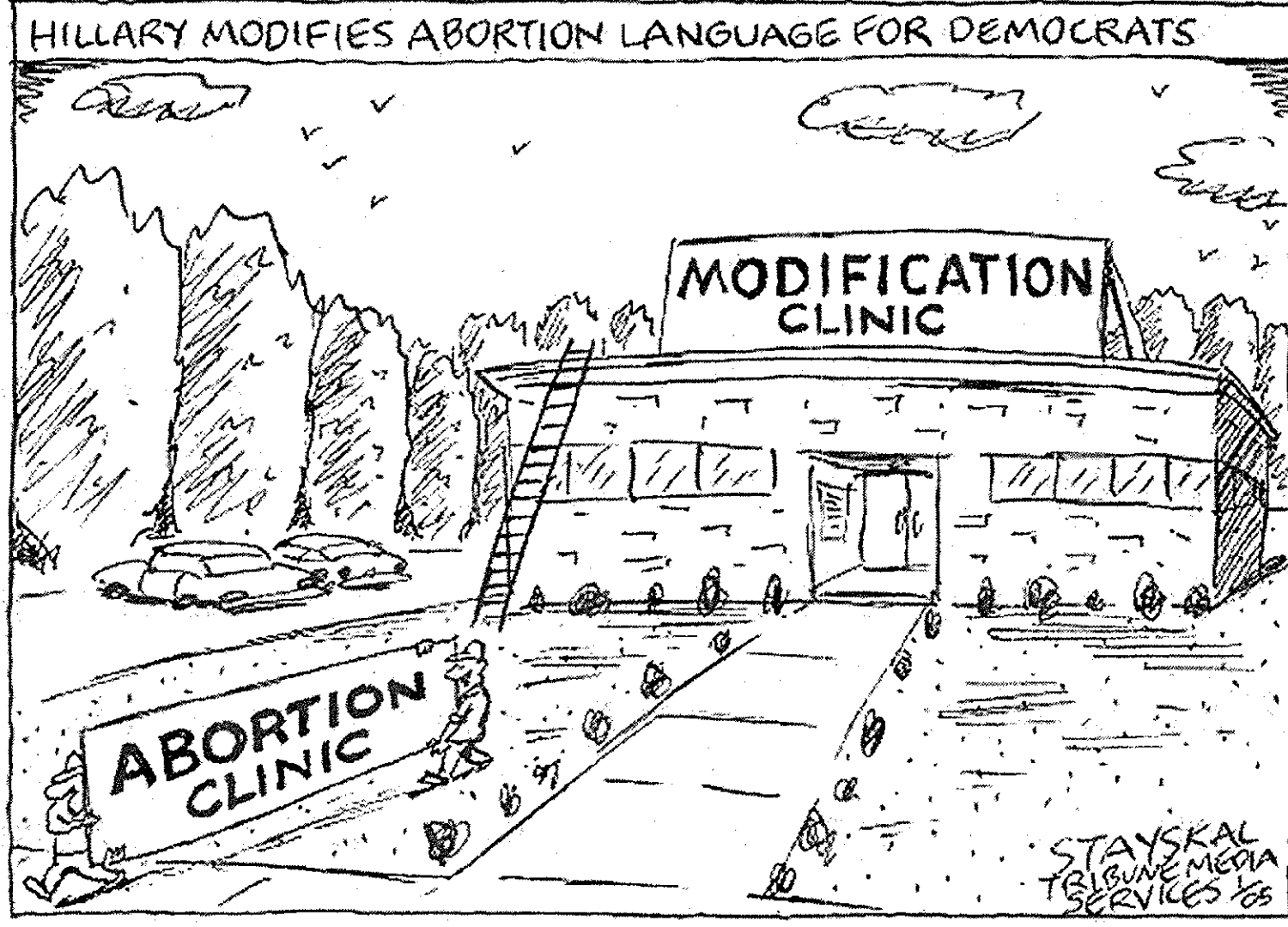
Likewise, those students who hand over the constantly increasing tuition costs to attend this university should know where their money is going.

All we ask for are answers rather than a black hole mentality. All that we and other students see is our tuition increase — what we need to see is action and results by the administration. Investing in students' education means taking these extra funds and putting them toward something comprehensible to all who attend this university.

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Through the looking glass

By Mike Pingree
 KRT Campus

COME ON HONEY, YOU CAN DO IT

A man in Papatoetoe, New Zealand, figured he was too drunk to drive, so he turned over the car keys to his nine-year-old daughter.

She crashed the car into a house.

MAYBE IT'S A HANDSTANDING BEAR

A prankster is leaving bogus bear tracks on walking trails in the Alaska wilderness to scare the hikers who venture there.

Wildlife officials know the imprints are phony because the tracks are of two left front feet and "there are no hind tracks."

BECAUSE NIGHTTIME IS FOR SLEEPING

A couple in Borlaenge, Sweden, was making love so loudly and so frequently in their apartment that their neighbors finally asked the company that owns the building to evict them.

But the request was refused on the grounds that they were doing it mostly in the afternoon.

OK SIR, LICENSE AND REGISTRATION

A judge revoked the license of a Melbourne, Fla., man, and ordered him not to drive again. The guy then left the courthouse, got into his car and drove off at a high rate of speed. He lost control and hit another car.

NOT MUCH ELSE TO DO IN ICELAND

Some 52 percent of women in Iceland own vibrators, more per capita than in any other country, according to a survey.

SO HIS PASSING WON'T BE MOURNED

A man attempting to rob a store in Camden, N.J., grabbed the owner's wife and held her at gunpoint.

The owner pulled out a gun and said he'd let the guy go if he released his wife. The guy refused, so the owner shot him in the head, killing him instantly.

They did a DNA test on the dead man, and, in a delightful development, found that he was the man who had raped three women over the previous two months.

PERFECTLY REASONABLE REQUESTS

A woman who worked at a kebab shop in Wellington, New Zealand, was, she said, repeatedly harassed and belittled in front of others by her boss, Ilhan Ramadan. Then, he asked her out. She refused. Then, he asked her to marry a friend of his. She also refused to do this. So he fired her.

OH YES, WE THINK SHE'S VERY COOL

A 40-year-old Colorado woman held weekly parties for high school boys in which she supplied them with drugs and alcohol. Police said she also had sexual relations with five of the lads.

She told a police detective she just wanted to be "a cool mom."

OK NOW, WHERE WAS I?

A Toronto man, whose 9-year-old son was benched by his hockey coach for missing practices, responded by heckling the coach during a game and then reaching over the Plexiglas that separated the team from the fans and choking him into unconsciousness.

The game resumed after the father was arrested and the coach came to.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reader agrees with viewpoint on Boardman

Editor,

I still get the Jambar e-mail addition. I just wanted to tell you that I immensely enjoyed your article about Boardman vs. Youngstown. It was very eloquently written. Granted, I'm not originally from Youngstown proper; I'm from Austintown, but I still agree with what you're saying. As I left Austintown for Columbus, they were undergoing some level of gentrification, most of the proliferation occurring by the shared southwest border with Canfield (a.k.a. "Klanfield"). Quite frankly, it was really pissing me off. Austintown was losing its image as the suburb that despised Boardman. If people here at OSU ask where I'm from, I say Youngstown. Not only because nobody knows all of the suburbs that aren't from Northeast Ohio, but there's also the pride issue. Plus, it's true: even though my house was in Austintown and I went to Austintown parochial and public schools, most of my academic and social outings had something to do with the epicenter of Youngstown. YSU is not only for college students; they host a lot of community events younger school-children take part in, such as spelling bees (I was in two, thank you very much), the English Festival, the Science Fair, the American High School Math Exam and the SB-140 program, all of which I took part in. I worked in Liberty (ironically enough, at TNS Intersearch, a market research firm that was downsized last year, resulting in many of its former employees and my friends working at InfoCision now, regardless of their real political views). Many a vegetarian potluck dinner was enjoyed in Mill Creek Park. And of course there were countless nights at Cedar's or the Nyabinghi. Why am I writing all of this? I guess I miss Youngstown and your article just brought it out of me! So anyways, good job, keep up the good work!

James Douglass
 YSU Alumnus

President, trustees' corruption knows no bounds

Editor,

During my experience at this university I have seen bad and I have seen worse, but I have never seen something as despicable as the corruption of the university president and trustees this past week. These buzzards are eating us for dinner and we as a university should not stand for it. With a high record for profit, this university has falsely proclaimed a financial crisis to win over doubts that they might be stealing from us.

Well wait no longer, the truth is revealed Dr. David Sweet, the highest dictator at this place we call school, has wasted our money on projects such as himself, the penguin shuttles, the new rec center and again himself. Where is your money when you need it?

Aren't we supposed to see an improvement in the quality of our education? If these tuition increases are for raises to trustees, lazier transportation and a rec center that redundantly mimics Beeghly Center and Stambaugh stadium, I quit.

This university does not meet the needs of the community; it meets the needs of its corrupt administrators. Admissions have gone up because people cannot afford to go elsewhere, not because President Sweet has made YSU seem like a great place to be. I will agree, I love this university and I love its teachers. But sadly, a good workforce is never good enough with bad leadership. President Sweet is slowly hammering the stake in the hearts of all of the students. When we all die, he'll be remembered as another tragedy that hit Youngstown. Just as a reminder to anyone who doesn't remember the good old days. Youngstown State's tuition about three or four years ago was \$4,500. In this time period, state funding was only cut by \$7 million. With tuition at \$6,500 this next academic year, multiply \$2,000 by 13,000 students. My calculation is \$26 million. What the hell in the last four years is costing us \$19 million extra?

Joshua Ehret
 Secondary Education for Math

Author 'ill informed' about Boardman

Dear Editor:

Who cares whether the Boardman residents realize their prosperity and security? They spend most of their lives self-obsessed just like the majority of other demographics. Study any major city — especially one that has had a manufacturing or natural resources past — and you'll see a prosperity ring that continuously moves outward from the city limits. Say hello to the term "suburb."

Booing Boardman residents just because they have more money than Youngstown residents is silly. Your recommendation of Youngstown trash-talking Boardman is at best worthless and puerile. It's certainly not what I'd call "politically active," more like mudslinging. Youngstown has better things to do with its time. I can appreciate a good editorial, but yours is not one. Fact checking, even in an opinion piece, is important. You can't hold a worthwhile opinion unless it is based on valid facts. Get out and talk to the employees of fast-food restaurants and residents of Boardman and Youngstown. See where they come from residentially and ask their stance on their city.

As it stands, you come off sounding as ill informed and ignorant as the Boardman residents you assail above and maybe just a little bit jealous.

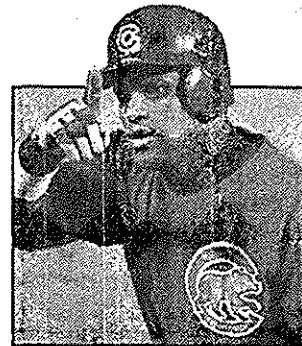
Better luck next time.
 Khawali Shayastah
 Senior, English



HEADLINES

◀ *Close but no cigar*
The Cavs buzzer beater was called off Tuesday, as they fell to the Magic 105-102.

▶ *Newest Oriole*
Pending a physical, Sammy Sosa is headed to Baltimore.



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Sportswire

Information taken from the YSU Sports Information Web site (ysu.edu/sports) and wire reports

Drew Weizer named Horizon League Athlete of the Week

Indianapolis — Youngstown State sophomore Drew Weizer was named the Horizon League's Men's Indoor Track & Field Athlete of the Week, league assistant director of communications Taylor Payne announced Wednesday. Weizer broke the school record in the weight throw with a mark of 55 feet, 9 inches at the Western Pa. Intercollegiate Indoor Championships on Sunday. Weizer is the second YSU athlete to earn athlete of the week honors this season. Carly Youton was the women's track honoree on Dec. 12.

Twelve players sign letters of intent

Youngstown — Twelve players signed National Letters of Intent with Youngstown State on Wednesday to join three newcomers who enrolled in January. The class features six players from the state of Ohio, three from Florida, two from New York and one each from Virginia, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Hawaii.

YSU will host Eastern Michigan Feb. 19

Youngstown — The Youngstown State men's basketball team will play host to Eastern Michigan on Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Beeghly Center. It was released Monday as part of ESPN's Bracket Buster pool announcement. The time for the contest will be announced later this week. As part of the agreement, YSU will play a contest at Eastern Michigan (9-9) sometime next season.

Weizer breaks YSU weight throw record at Robert Morris

Moon Township, Pa. — Youngstown State sophomore Drew Weizer broke the school record in the weight throw with a mark of 55 feet, 9 inches at the Western Pa. Intercollegiate Indoor Championships on Sunday at Robert Morris. Weizer's first-place throw surpassed Jarrod Davis' mark of 54-10 1/4 that was set on Feb. 21, 2004.

Rudy Tomjanovich resigns as Lakers coach

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — Rudy Tomjanovich resigned midway through his first season as coach of the Los Angeles Lakers, citing health reasons. L.A. general manager Mitch Kupchak met with Tomjanovich at his home Monday after the coach missed Sunday's game because he did not feel well. Their conversation led Kupchak to believe Tomjanovich would resign, and he made it official Wednesday.

YOUNGSTOWN

Penguins hope to get back on track

In the midst of a 10-game losing streak, players say urgency to right the team's season is at an all-time high

By Justin Smolkovich
The Jambar

Despite having seven days off since their last contest, the Youngstown State University Penguins have been working to get back on the winning track.

The urgency, senior Khari McQueen said, is at an all-time high.

"These practices have been pretty intense," McQueen said. "Yesterday's was probably one of the better practices we have had all year."

The intensity will be needed as these hard practices will hopefully pay off for the Penguins when they host Detroit, who is currently in third place in the Horizon League and are coming off of a win over Loyola.

Head Coach John Robic said the seven-day break, which has been the longest since December for YSU, could not have come at a better time.

"This was our first break in action since Christmas, they just needed to get their legs back," Robic said at a weekly press conference.

The break in action has given the Penguins a chance to refocus and get back to basics, Robic said. And in the Horizon League, defenses are where games are won. This philosophy is highlighted by lower scoring games.

"Typically in the league, it's low scoring," Robic said. "If we can go 50 or 60, we have a good chance at winning."

Detroit will provide the first challenge for the Penguins who will host another game within 36 hours. UW-Green Bay will visit Beeghly on Feb. 5.

Playing at home also provides the Penguins with an extra weapon, McQueen noted, who believes the team has played better and better each game at Beeghly.

"I don't think it's a secret," McQueen said.

Nearing the end of the season, each game is becoming critical to the elder Penguins who realize each game brings them closer to the end of their YSU careers.

The three Penguin seniors, McQueen, Billy Clapper and Brian Radakovich, all realize for the season to end well, they must take advantage of every game.

"It's coming down to the end, there is a lot to play for me and Brian," McQueen said, who recently scored a career high 15 points against Cleveland State.

The rejuvenated Penguins seem poised to break into the win column soon as the whole team appears to have taken on a new life, culminating with Robic who is eager to take the floor again.

"I thought the practice this week was great," Robic said. "I can't wait to get out there and practice today."

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Salvaging a season

YSU men's head basketball coach John Robic calls a play from the bench during a recent Penguins game. The team hopes to snap a 10-game losing streak and get its season on the right path as soon as possible. (Jambar photo by Chuck Rogers)

Lady Penguins face defining moment in road trip

YSU looks to keep momentum after the team's first victory over UW-Milwaukee in 13 years

By Justin Smolkovich
The Jambar



Falling in place

YSU women's head basketball coach Tisha Hill hopes the Lady Penguins can keep up their intensity in an upcoming two-game road trip. (Jambar photo by Chuck Rogers)

Things are beginning to fall in place for the Lady Penguins basketball team, but a two game stretch away from the friendly confines of Beeghly center will test them.

The Penguins begin their two-game tour of the Horizon League Wednesday, and finish up on Saturday when they battle Loyola.

While the Penguins will be without the fan base, second year head coach Tisha Hill knows it is still basketball.

"As far as I know the floor is still the same, the hoops are the same, the only thing different is the colors," Hill said.

The two-game stretch will take the Penguins to Cleveland to play Cleveland State on Wednesday and then on to Chicago to take on Loyola.

The Penguins defeated CSU earlier in the season at

Beeghly 74-52.

The Penguins also defeated Loyola earlier by a score of 62-55.

The Penguins are set for the road trip following a monumental victory over UW-Milwaukee for the first time since 1992 and Hill wants all the emotion the Penguins can muster when they hit the court.

"Oh, I want them up high, they feed off of that emotion," Hill said of her Penguins Tuesday afternoon.

The Penguins, who are 9-11 on the season, are starting to put all the pieces together, mixing lessons learned-in practice with talent.

"I think the consistency is there, and it's starting to carry over to the game," Hill said.

The Penguins as of late have been spurred on by play of some younger hoopsters, and last week's win over UW-Milwaukee is a prime example of how vital the play of underclassmen has been.

Kristy Gaudiose, who started her first game of the year, poured in 24 points for the Penguins, a career high for the sophomore guard.

"It wasn't a fluke...the kid can flat out shoot," Hill said of Gaudiose.

Also chipping in big numbers against Milwaukee was Jen Perugini with 18 points and Michelle Holmes with 10.

For the Penguins to continue winning, it will need to be a team effort across the board.

Despite beating both CSU (2-17) and Loyola earlier in the season, the Penguins must play smart basketball and sound defense. "Both teams we have had success against, but there are still some facets that they do that we have to shut down."

Hill said she believes the Penguins can make the most out of this road trip and remains confident that her team will get the job done.

"We have a good week coming up," Hill said.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.

T.O. makes it official: He's playing in the Super Bowl

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — He's not limping. He's not feeling any pain. He's embracing the biggest spotlight in sports.

And the way Terrell Owens is talking, it's ludicrous that anyone would doubt he'd be ready for Sunday's Super Bowl.

Owens didn't waste any time Tuesday pronouncing himself fit for the Philadelphia Eagles' first try at the NFL title since 1981. Less than a minute into media day, he let the world know that T.O. would be in the

house — Alltel Stadium — and in uniform against the New England Patriots.

"I feel great, I'm proving people wrong, the sky is the limit for me," he said. "There are no limitations."

Well, maybe a few, but the All-Pro wide receiver basically is ignoring them. He doesn't have clearance from the doctor who performed surgery on his right leg after he severely injured it on Dec. 19 against Dallas. Nor has he taken a regular role in any practice sessions.

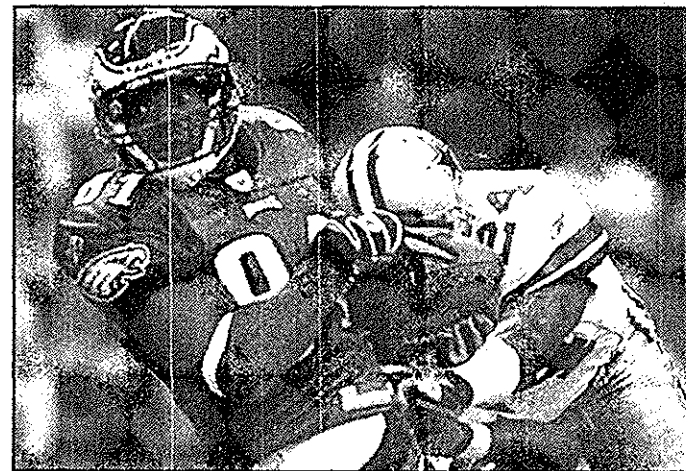
No matter to Owens, who confidently predicted last month he would be in the line-

up when the Eagles got to the big game.

"I will play on Sunday," he reiterated during a question and answer session that often resembled a monologue. "I know the type person I am; I have a lot of faith in my ability."

"I told the guys in the locker room: You guys just get us into the Super Bowl and I'll be there. They've done their job, now it's time to do my job."

Where T.O. is concerned, part of that job involves controversy. Whether he's pulling please see **SUPER BOWL**, Page 5



IRVING, TX — The Eagles' Terrell Owens catches a touchdown pass against the Cowboys' Nathan Jones, bottom, and Tony Dixon in the first quarter of their game at Texas Stadium on Nov. 15, 2004. Owens says he will play in the Super Bowl on Sunday. (KRT Campus)

GUEST COMMENTARY

Emmitt's legacy is true testament to greatness

By Mark Stevens
Special to The Jambar

Frankly, I'm not sure how I have managed to survive every February and March so far in my life. Life without football and baseball just doesn't seem the same. John Madden becomes a friend with no rival over these months despite the fact that hearing his voice and played-out commentary over a video game almost makes me consider the lifestyle of the Amish as a way out.

But I write not today to complain about the lack of an NHL season (by the way, you know they cancelled it, right?), the difficulties I have watching the NBA (the most interesting story out of the NBA this year was Qyntel Woods' dogs), or even to talk about the Super Bowl (by the way, take the Pats). No, my return to the pages of The Jambar (triumphant? long-awaited? dreaded?) is for a more somber reason.

I grew up a fan of the Dallas Cowboys, and before you get started with all of your name-calling, I was a fan long before Jimmy Johnson and Troy Aikman and the Super Bowl victories. I endured some hard times. Well, maybe not the kind of hard that Browns fans know, but hard nonetheless. I have my father to thank for my loyalty to the 'Boys.

Enough of defending myself. The reason I'm writing is to share some memories of the man who defined

football for me, the man who I'm told will soon be hanging up his cleats and the more than 17,000 yards he rushed for in them. That man is Emmitt Smith.

Sure, a lot of people have always argued that Smith was overrated and that if Barry Sanders had played behind the kind of line that Smith got to run behind he would've broken every record in the books. And I wouldn't dream of taking anything away from Sanders — I once wrote that I loved

"His toughness was immeasurable, and his heart was a champion's... Emmitt Smith was it man. That's all you can say. He was it."

nothing more in the world than watching Barry Sanders work in traffic — but I never bought those arguments.

Emmitt and Barry were different players with different styles and different demeanors. As far as I'm concerned, you can't make this argument logically because it never happened so we'll never know.

Anyway, back to the memories. It would be easy to pick Super Bowl victories or the time Emmitt broke Walter Payton's career rushing record as memories that stand out, but while they certainly ring in my mind as things I'll never forget, there are two other memories that will always be stronger in my mind as to why Emmitt Smith was the definition of a football player.

The first was a Monday Night Football game. I don't remember the year; I was still in high school, I believe. The Cowboys were playing the Bears on a cold night in what was mostly a meaning-



End of a legacy

DETROIT, MI — Arizona Cardinals Emmitt Smith, (22), is wrapped up by Detroit Lion's Dre Bly, (32), and Barrett Green, (54), during 2nd quarter action of their game at Ford Field in Detroit, Michigan, on Sept. 7, 2003. Sources say Smith will not return next season. (KRT Campus)

less game. The Cowboys were leading late and had driven down inside the 5-yard line and were preparing to put the game away.

Troy Aikman was under center and Emmitt was behind him in the backfield. When the ball was snapped, Emmitt burst forward, appearing to accept the hand-off, and he hurtled over the pile, launching himself into the bigger lineman and linebackers, lunging himself toward the goal line. The fake was so good that the camera operators were fooled and we only caught the end of Aikman's rollout and

touchdown pass. The game was in hand.

As the bodies rolled off the pile, Emmitt's body lay still and motionless on the field. He had landed on his head. Everything turned out to be fine, but he had to be carted off the field on a stretcher.

How he sold out on that play will always give me chills. It was a fake! He didn't have the ball! He wanted so badly to sell the fake and draw the linebackers to him and away from their coverage responsibilities that he dove over the pile instead of just lowering his shoulder. It was

sacrifice the way we will always define it in sports.

The second memory is one that has been more talked about.

In early 1994, with home-field advantage and a first-round bye in the playoffs at stake in the season finale against the New York Giants, Emmitt separated his shoulder when he was slammed to the ground in the second quarter. You can't play through that kind of pain. I mean you can't. I can't. No one can. Emmitt did.

He touched the ball 17 more times that game and

either ran or caught the ball on nine of 11 plays on an overtime drive that won the game for the Cowboys. With a separated shoulder! OK? Are we clear on that point?

His toughness was immeasurable, and his heart was a champion's. Emmitt might be retiring, and he might have played out the last couple years of his career with the dismal Cardinals, but nothing can take away from what he's done. And nothing will ever change my mind.

Emmitt Smith was it, man. That's all you can say. He was it.

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A memo from the U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce states if the current administration updates the tables, more students could receive the grant, and it would broaden prospects for future increase of the award.

The memo also stated that if the tables are not updated, taxpayers will be cheated and the poorest students will not be given a fair chance.

Alexa Marrero, press secretary of the department of education workforce committee, said this is not a new law. The tables are simply being updated to make sure all the information is correct, something Marrero said should be

done annually. "Nothing really happened to trigger this," she said.

She said there are other factors involved in receiving the Pell Grant beside the tax table. The government also looks at factors such as how many people in the household are attending college and the total income of the household.

The funding is increasing to approximately \$400 million. Marrero said overall, a larger number of students would be receiving the award.

Some Democrats, however, are not quite confident the Bush Administration will do what it says.

Tom Kiley, press secretary for George Miller, the top

Democrat on the education committee, said they have a couple reactions to the situation.

"If it is real then it is a step in the right direction," he said, adding that there is a possibility it is a promise that could be broken.

Another issue the Democrats point out is where the money will come from to increase the amount of Pell Grants distributed. Kiley said Miller would not support the idea if the funding comes from federal student loans.

"Show me the money," he said. "We will believe it when we see it."

Pat Lowry, Congressman Tim Ryan's (D-17) press secre-

tary, said he does not believe increasing the number of Pell Grants will significantly increase enrollment. He said it is a good gesture to increase it, but said it needs to be more.

Elaine Ruse, YSU's director of financial aid and scholarships, said so far the proposal from the Bush administration looks positive.

"By far this is the most favorable proposal," she said.

As it pertains to enrollment, Ruse said she cannot predict what will happen. She said at most she hopes that more students apply and find that they are eligible.

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a Sharpie from his sock during a game, or being teased by actress Nicollette Sheridan, dressed only in a towel, for a Monday Night Football opening, there is no middle ground for Owens.

Nor does he expect there to be.

"I was T.O. before I got here," said the player who forced a trade from San Francisco, refused to report to Baltimore, where the 49ers dealt him, then got the trade reworked for him to land in Philly. "I didn't ask to be controversial, but I guess it follows me."

"Controversy is the plan and map God made for me. Obviously, it was that way in San Francisco and I thought I could start on a clean slate in Philadelphia, and it followed me. Obviously, I got tired of it, but I can't dwell on it. You just move on."

Adorned with diamonds in each ear and a matching bracelet, Owens moved

smoothly through media day. The throngs of real journalists were joined by hangers-on, autograph seekers and other NFL players, many of them hired by the likes of NFL Network to do interviews that were more like jock joke sessions.

But T.O. found time to talk some football, too. He praised the Patriots for getting to their third Super Bowl in four years, and displayed a strong knowledge of their defense, particularly the secondary.

"They make their presence known in the secondary," he said, specifying safeties Rodney Harrison and Eugene Wilson. "When you have two guys who do that at safety, you must be aware of it. You have to take into account those guys will deliver great hits. You know they're back there and you know they're coming after you."

They surely will test Owens early — if he is on the field. Remember that when

Owens participated in his second straight practice Tuesday, he spent much of the time running in place. He got on the

field for six of the Eagles' 20 offensive plays, catching one of the two passes that were thrown his way.

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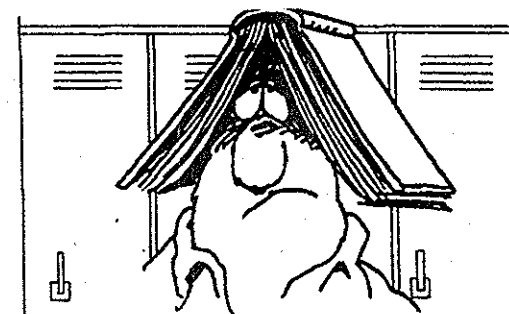
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published by the Columbus Dispatch quotes Mumper as saying, "80 percent or so of them (professors) are Democrats, liberals or Socialists or card-carrying Communists." Critics say the proposed bill is redundant and a danger to free expression.

In a telephone interview, Mumper said some professors try to indoctrinate students by stifling student opinions or through assigning required reading such as "Fast Food Nation" by Eric Schlosser, a book Mumper said was "an attack on the free market."

Mumper said the bill would prevent professors from using their position as a political platform.

"If I were to sign up for a class about the history of socialism, I would expect to hear political arguments in that

class," Mumper said. "I shouldn't have to listen to political arguments in a Math course."

David Horowitz, conservative columnist, influenced the bill.

"Our institutions of higher learning must have an Academic Bill of Rights that stresses intellectual diversity," Horowitz wrote in a column. "Universities should not be indoctrination centers for the political left..."

Horowitz created the group "Students for Academic Freedom" as a forum for those who share his ideas. The nationwide group has a Web site for students to trade stories about professors who show political bias.

Similar versions of the bill were considered in other states such as Indiana and Colorado.

State universities in Colorado agreed to adopt some of the bill's provisions.

The bill has many critics, including the American Association of University Professors, which recently released a statement condemning the bill.

While the group says they agree with academic neutrality and diversity, they claim the bill "infringes on academic freedom in the very act of purporting to protect it."

"The danger of such guidelines is that they invite diversity to be measured by political standards that diverge from the academic criteria of the scholarly profession," the statement said.

State Sen. Bob Hagan (D-33) also spoke out against the bill, calling it "embarrassing" and "a slap in the face" for the freedoms of speech and expression.

"I'm outraged in the highest sense," Hagan said. "Who will they have in the classroom monitoring all of these 'controversial issues?'"

Hagan added: "I hope people are paying attention to their legislators. These are the ones they voted in for their 'moral values.'"

Critics of the proposed legislation also include YSU faculty and administration members. YSU President

David Sweet is one of them.

"To say the least, I'm shocked to see the details this legislation would put in force," Sweet said.

The university president said there were already venues in place to help students who felt intimidated by their professors. Sweet said students could take any complaints they had to a department chair or an ombudsperson.

"Our ombudsperson is very effective in resolving student concerns," Sweet said.

K.J. Satrum is YSU's ombudsperson. Satrum said her job is to make sure student concerns are heard and dealt with.

However, Satrum said she had never had a student approach her with a problem about a professor's personal viewpoints.

YSU Professor of ethics Gabriel Palmer-Fernandez proposed a resolution that he presented to YSU's Academic Senate yesterday. The proposed resolution condemns the "academic bill of rights."

"Senate Bill 24, although called an 'academic bill of rights' is actually a bill of restrictions, none of which is necessary, and none of which is in furtherance of the aims of higher education in this or any state," Palmer's resolution reads.

Another critic from YSU, Tom Diggins, is an assistant professor of biology.

"I think it's hypocritical that the state government habitually cuts funding for public education and legislators now feel that they have the right to interfere in the way teachers and professors conduct their classrooms," Diggins said.

Keith Lepak, associate professor of political science, read the proposed bill for the first time yesterday.

"Any scholar of reasonable objectivity could agree with part of it. It says: 'academic diversity is a good idea' — that part is common sense. The other part is pointedly political. Who decides what 'controversial material is?'" Lepak said.

Some YSU students spoke up about the bill as well, such as junior Bob McGovern.

"A student should be able to tell the difference when a teacher is giving his opinion as opposed to a statement of fact," McGovern said.

Sophomore Tabitha Kerr agreed. "I think the reason they're trying to pass this is because the Republicans are in control and they don't want Democrats to have any voice."

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YSU hopes to fare well in RecycleMania

By Christina Poe
The Jambor

As the rest of the country waits on pins and needles for the Super Bowl, Youngstown State University has its sights set on another kind of competition.

YSU is among 49 universities and colleges participating in RecycleMania 2005, a 10-week national contest sponsored by the United States Environmental Protection Agency's WasteWise program.

The competition is aimed at increasing student awareness of recycling. YSU recycling manager Jim Petuch said the university is ready for the challenge.

Petuch said the recycling program has already won two WasteWise awards, but now has the chance to prove itself on a national level.

However, Petuch said the trophy created from recycled materials is not the most important award of the competition. Instead, the most important benefit would be the pride YSU will gain from competing and doing well against such universities as Harvard University, Ohio State University and Yale University.

"That is the most important element," Petuch said. "To know our program stacks up well against the majors throughout America."

Petuch said two student organizations — the Youngstown Environmental Students Society (YESS) and the Youngstown State Environmental and Animal Rights Coalition (YSEARC) — are assisting in the event.

Daniel Kuzma, president of YSEARC, said the group is by passing along information to students about recycling and RecycleMania. Kuzma echoed Petuch when he said the true prize of the competition will be bringing the YSU community together.

He said because no person is excluded from participating in the contest, everyone can share a sense of pride in working together.

"One person throwing a pop bottle in a recycling bin is not only participating in the competition," Kuzma said. "They're also helping the environment and creation of potential jobs."

Kuzma added that over the years, departments across campus have been supportive of the efforts of YSU Recycling.

University President David Sweet said his office plans on "being a model" for the university by adding more recycling bins.

Sweet said the need for recycling awareness throughout the entire Mahoning Valley is important to the improvement of Youngstown. He said he hopes to express this message by participating in the competition.

"YSU is a beacon in demonstrating to the community that it can be done," Sweet said.

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ing and repairs to the North Heights house and other properties managed by Hinz-Dom. The women were to provide a weekly schedule of the hours they could work, Hinz said.

Hinz said the five tenants began working on the North Heights house in October to prepare it for living.

However, Hinz said problems arose in January because several of the tenants failed to provide schedules or scheduled themselves for fewer than the 15-hours per week he requested them to work.

He added the tenants wasted his supplies and building materials, leaving paint cans open and paint brushes

unwashed after use.

Although Hinz said his tenants were all in breach of their agreement by the middle of January, Hami and Bice said they fulfilled the hours they were required to work.

The women said the focus of the trouble with their landlords was the utilities and the landlord's attempts to enter the house without prior notice.

Hinz acknowledged he sent numerous text messages asking the women to turn off the lights, but said text messaging was their main form of communication for other purposes as well.

He also said he, Dommenick and a friend came to the house at about 9 p.m.

Jan. 19 to replace a fluorescent light fixture, but denied they chased one of the women to the front door of the house.

Dommenick also denied going to the second floor when he entered the house on Jan. 16.

He said he found the door between the house and the garage open and the outer garage door also open. He said he then entered through the open garage door to latch it from inside and exited through the front door.

Dommenick said the only thing Webber said to him was, "we thought you left the [garage] door open."

Despite the arrangement exchange work for living space,

Hinz said he did not consider the students to be employees or independent contractors for his company.

He said they signed a "voluntary participation agreement."

"They are literally volunteers," Hinz said, "I will go ahead and give you a place to live if you'll help cover the cost of utilities and in exchange for your time."

Hinz and Dommenick manage other properties on the city's north side, and one tenant spoke in their defense.

"They helped me out when I was in very tight bind," said Megan Reed, who rents an upstairs apartment at 252

Broadway.

Reed said Hinz and Dommenick rented her an apartment despite the fact she has a pet dog. She says they were willing to work with her and she has a great apartment with a view of Wick Park.

"No one I know has something as nice as this," she said, "for the money I pay."

As of now, the five YSU students no longer live at the North Heights house. They were served with an eviction notice that would have forced them to move by Feb. 15, but they moved out before Feb. 1.

Hinz said when they departed they left a mess in their wake.

Hinz said the former tenants spattered the walls and floors with ketchup and chocolate syrup, broke out a window, damaged walls and cabinets and left garbage behind in the house.

Webber and Hami said they were unaware of the ketchup and the damaged windows, but Webber said a power outage in part of the house left it too dark to clean properly.

Hinz said he intends to keep the women's security deposits, but is uncertain about what other legal action he may take.

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year 2006, which begins July 1, appears to confirm that notion. Though the university is anticipating a \$2.2 million loss in state funding, the effective 10.6 percent tuition increase next academic year will bring an additional \$7 million to the university, a difference of roughly \$4.8 million.

About half of that \$4.8 million is going toward technological improvements, need-based scholarships and operating costs for the new recreation center. The other half is going in fiscal year 2006's short-term budget stabilization reserve,

which is a fund the university can tap into if needed.

YSU is holding \$7.4 million in operating reserves, a "rainy day fund" that is only to be used if "the bottom drops out," as YSU's Vice President for Administration John Habat has said. Additionally, \$2 million in the short-term budget stabilization reserve for fiscal year 2005 will likely be carried over into fiscal year 2006 as a surplus, Habat said. All of this reserve money adds up to about \$12 million.

Reserves are an important safeguard and contribute to the

overall fiscal health of the university, Habat said.

Sweet said Friday he feels YSU's tuition is a bargain compared to other comparable Ohio universities and the return on the investment is more than worth the cost. However, he said, continued hikes are likely.

"Realistically, unless there is a sea change in terms of state and federal policy, it will be a continuing course of action that we'll have to take," Sweet said.

Dann said the state legislature has not been willing to make higher education funding a priority.

"The governor and the Republican leadership in the legislature have failed and don't recognize the importance of higher ed to our economy. It's time we changed that. It's unbelievable to me," Dann said.

In Mahoning and Trumbull Counties, less than 10 percent of adults have degrees beyond high school, while in the far more economically prosperous Franklin County, 35 percent of adults have a degree past high school, Dann said.

"I take responsibility for this. I have to make this case to my colleagues here in

Columbus. Just because I'm a Democrat in the minority doesn't mean that I don't have a responsibility," Dann said.

But Republican State Sen. John Carey (17), said there is not much wiggle room in the state budget and most state funded areas have experienced cuts.

"Almost everything in the state budget except for Medicaid and for K-12 education has been flat funded or has taken a hit," Carey said. "While state employees have gone with no raises for a couple years and really made sacrifices, we've cut our payrolls. The perception is the higher ed community just wants to do what they want to do, and they're going to do it whether the state gives them the money or not."

State Rep. Shawn Webster (R-53), who chairs the Higher Education Subcommittee, said Ohio is constitutionally required to have a balanced budget. "Unfortunately, at this point in time, there doesn't seem to be enough money going around. It doesn't seem like anybody's happy," Webster said.

Universities need to strive for efficiency, he said, adding he was troubled that presi-

dent's salaries across Ohio have been on the rise.

Sweet received a 3 percent pay raise for the 2004-05 academic year, with a 2 to 4 percent increase guaranteed each year until 2010.

"It sounds like we're not in times where we're at a luxury to award those kinds of salaries," Webster said. "In my business, when times are bad, I know there are times when I don't get a paycheck."

Habat said top university officials earn wages that compare with national averages.

Carey said he hopes state funding does not decrease again, but even if it does, a 10.6 percent increase is too much. Legislators have tried to increase scholarship funds, which bypasses university funding appropriations, he said.

Still, the universities seem to have a hard time accepting the state budget, he said.

"As a community as a whole, and I'm not singling out Youngstown State, but they've got to have the mindset that they have a budget and they have to live within the budget," Carey said.

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had cocaine, El Pus got X. What are you gonna do?

It's 2005 now folks. Time to face the fact that The White Stripes, The Strokes and the Killers are not going to save rock. What's bad is that you don't even have to know how to write songs to save rock. (e.g. Kiss, AC/DC after the 70s, etc.) But new bands can't even "not write," songs well. El Pus on the other hand, does

a pretty good job of it. Really rock 'n' roll's only hope is to fuse elements that have already been done, better than anyone else had already done before. Make sense? If not, good. Quit thinking so hard and buy El Pus. It doesn't stink. Catchy. Rock. Rap. Guitar. Pimp. Good. Blah.

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vengeance in the '60s, when Hollywood had a torrid affair with royal intrigue ("Cleopatra," "The Lion in Winter"), which addressed the conflicts between a ruler's personal romances and public responsibilities. Ever since the '70s, the royals have been dethroned, making way for working-class heroes and heroines such as

"Coal Miner's Daughter" (Loretta Lynn), "Raging Bull" (Jake LaMotta) and "Erin Brockovich."

Most recently, Oscar has been smitten with those who exhibit madness and genius — Geoffrey Rush as the pianist in "Shine," Russell Crowe as delusional mathematician John Forbes Nash in "A Beautiful Mind" and Nicole Kidman as suicidal author Virginia Woolf in "The Hours."

And last year, madness alone was enough: the Academy awarded Charlize Theron top honors for her portrayal of serial killer Aileen Wuornos in "Monster."

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The Chemical Brothers' unique sound, giving a conceptually incongruous album a continuity that you have to hear to believe.

The Chemical Brothers claim to fame has always been the ability to produce tracks that translate well from the dance floor to the radio, and Push the Button hasn't changed that. "Shake Break Bounce" is an addictive, intense tune that

can get the stiffest of you to bob your heads, no matter where you are.

Push the Button is an infectious album with an in-your-face type of boldness, which is what the brothers are good at.

Check out The Chemical Brothers if you're a fan of Crystal Method, Orbital, Thievery Corporation, Prodigy or Zero 7.

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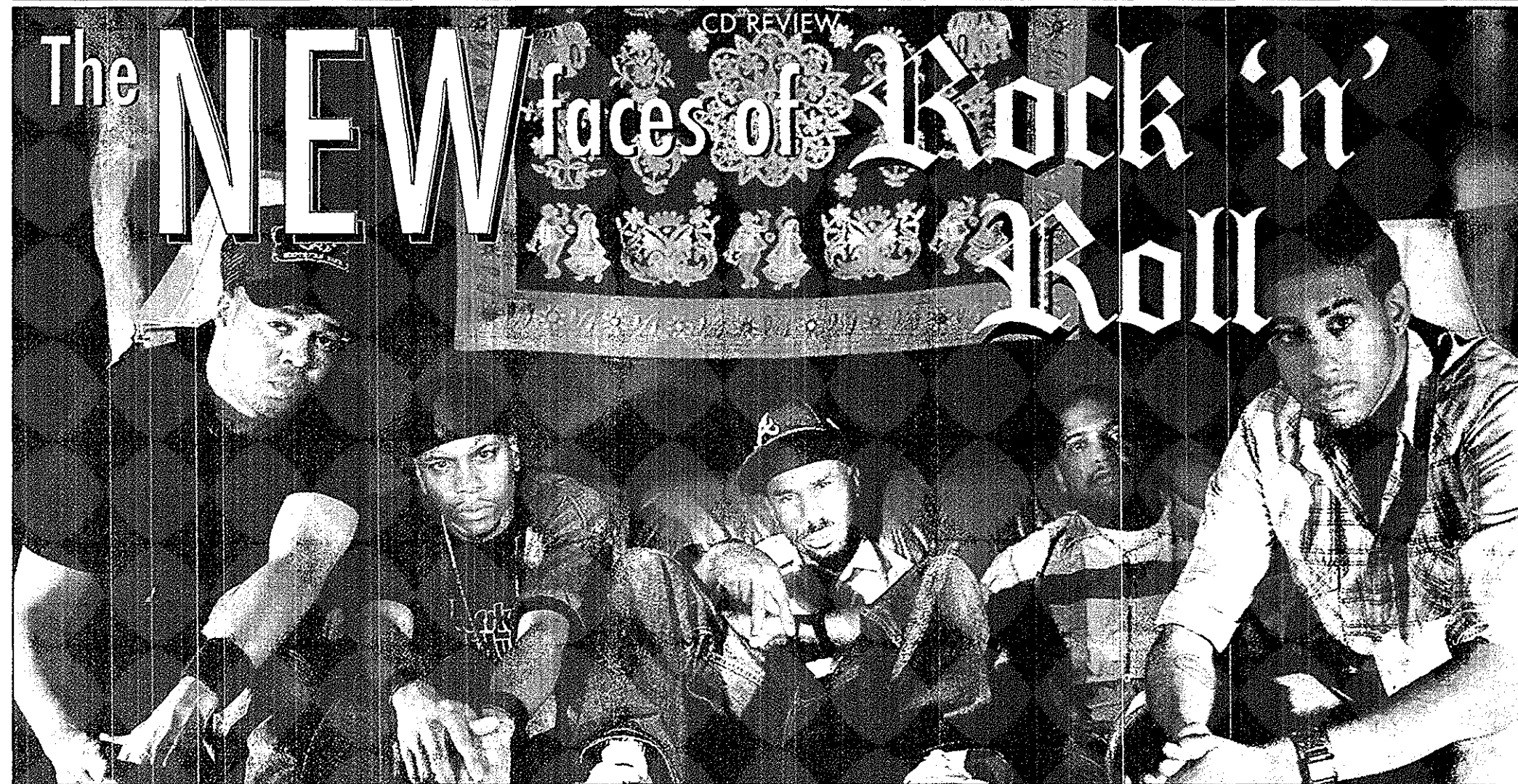
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CD REVIEW
The NEW faces of Rock 'n' Roll

You don't have to be a genius to write good rock 'n' roll, but El Pus seem to be the last of the unintelligent

By B.J. Lisako
 The Jambar

The world as we know it will change March 1. Rock 'n' roll will be saved. The face of music will change forever. The shit is seriously coming down. What's the deal you inquire? Look no further than saviors of rock, El Pus. (Pronounced "El Poose," a slang term for "the s---it.") But before I bring you their powerful testimonial, a brief history lesson if you will. Rock music in 2005 is boring.

predictable and was done ten million times better in the 70s and early 80s. Got it? Good. Now let's proceed. El Pus is so pimp, the first time they sent their album to The Jambar, it didn't even play. The "Pootie Tang" silent album maneuver worked, as when Mr. Delivery Man rolled through a second time and made us sign for their CD (suck on that Kid Rock). I knew the holy grail of albums awaited. And that's just what we got with the advance copy of the El Pus album, "Hoodlum Rock (Vol. 1: The Bogard)."

"Led Zeppelin had 'Stairway to Heaven,' Aerosmith had 'Dream On,' El Pus has 'Suburb Thuggin'."

They drop their testimonial right out of the gate with "Monday Morning." Think of a rap version of the Marvelous 3, with dance-like Poisonesque choruses — not in a ruellet sporting MILF way, but rather a clubbing on a work night way.

From said track: "Smoke smoke y'all, cheeba cheeba y'all, get crunk y'all, ya don't stop." Exactly. From "Thing Thing": "Smoke something, toke something, put some lubrication on it and choke something." Yep. If "Girl" didn't contain profanity, it would be an instant number one. Lyrically it's Digital Underground rap, musically it's 70s dance meets Metallica. Led Zeppelin had "Stairway to Heaven," Aerosmith had "Dream On," El Pus has "Suburb

Thuggin." From said track, gangster wannabes from Canfield, Boardman and Poland take note: "You ain't really never seen no gangster s--- it cause if you did you'd be p'ssin' yourself. You're not a tough guy. Pull your pants up." Damn straight. From some other song (really the names don't matter): "The girl across the bar looks so good to me, but I don't know if it's her body or the ecstasy." The Rolling Stones please see **ROCK**, Page 7

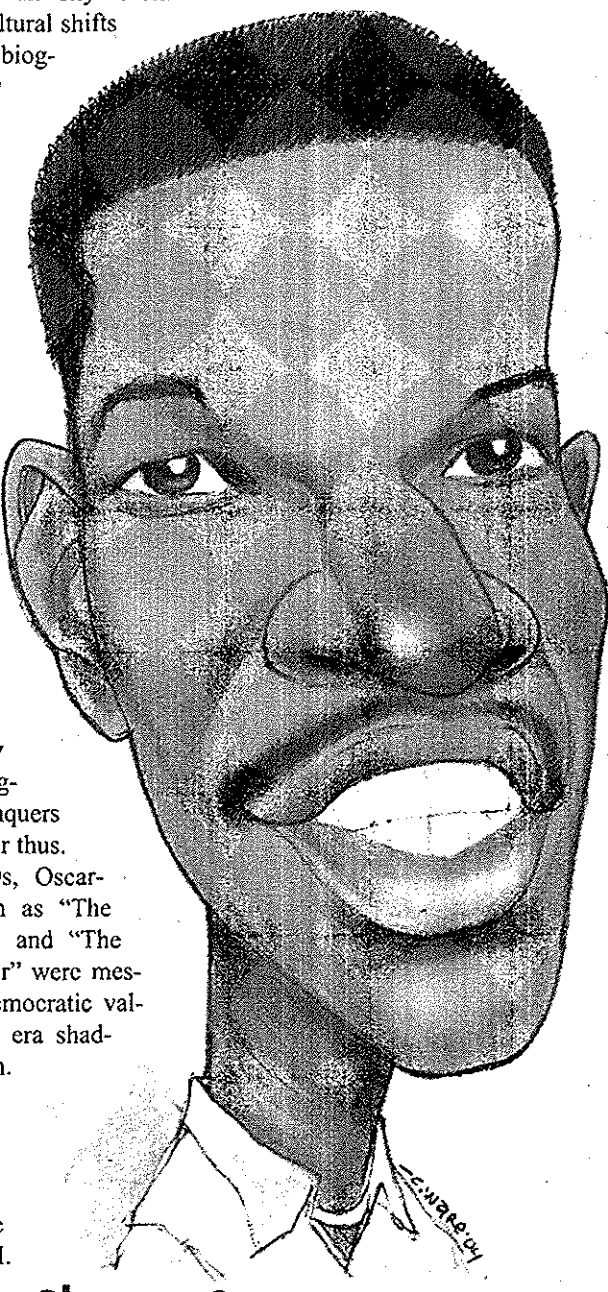
Come Oscar time, biography is destiny

Three of the five movies up for best picture — "The Aviator," "Finding Neverland" and "Ray" — are biopics. A record eight of 20 actors contending for Oscars played real-life figures.

By Carrie Rickie
 Knight Ridder Newspapers

Filmmakers haven't been bitten by the bug responsible for reality television. They just know that the odds of getting a statuette have always been greater for film biography than for any other movie genre. Let the record show that one-quarter of the trophies for best picture (19 of 76) went to biopics, including "Lawrence of Arabia," "Out of Africa" and "A Beautiful Mind." Thirty-eight of the 286 acting awards, or 13 per cent, were given to performers who essayed real-life figures, among them Gary Cooper for "Sergeant York," Barbra Streisand for "Funny Girl," Fanny Brice and George C. Scott for "Patton." Real lives provide a unique challenge for screenwriters, in that they do not provide the neat three-act structure and resolution of drama. They likewise hold a unique challenge for actors, especially when they play well-known figures, as with this year's nominees Jamie Foxx as Ray Charles in "Ray" and Cate Blanchett as Katharine Hepburn in "The Aviator." The degree of difficulty in playing a familiar personage (think Denzel Washington in "Malcolm X") is greater than in playing a figure not so well known (Meryl Streep as Isak Dinesen in "Out of Africa"). If Foxx and Blanchett have an edge, it's because they don't just channel Charles and Hepburn; they resurrect them. The bio-nominees of 2004 include Leonardo DiCaprio as Howard Hughes in "The Aviator," and Alan Alda (supporting actor) as Sen. Owen Brewster, who attempted to discredit Hughes. "Hotel Rwanda's" Don Cheadle (best actor) and Sophie Okonedo (supporting actress) were cited for their performances as hotel manager Paul Rusesabagina and his wife, who saved 1,200 lives during their nation's 1994 civil war. Johnny Depp won a best actor citation as "Peter Pan" author James Barrie in "Finding Neverland," and Laura Linney a supporting actress bid as the spouse of "Dr. Sex" in "Kinsey."

Oscar scholarship is an oxymoron. Still, one can chart cultural shifts by the kind of movie biography the Academy celebrates. This year's top-nominated biopics are about creative artists battling inner demons, reinforcing the popular myth about the artist-as-madman. Depp's Barrie is an arrested-development playwright and the creator of the boy who won't grow up. DiCaprio's Hughes is an obsessive-compulsive drug-dependent film producer. Only Foxx's Charles, a drug-addicted musician, conquers his habit. It wasn't ever thus. During the 1930s, Oscar-winning biopics such as "The Life of Emile Zola" and "The Story of Louis Pasteur" were message movies about democratic values, significant in an era shadowed by Fascism. Forties biopics featured World War I patriots such as "Sergeant York" and "Yankee Doodle Dandy's" George M. Cohan. In the '50s the biopic waned. It returned with a



Shoe in?
 The Oscars have been quite kind to biopics in recent years. Will it be the same scenario for Jamie Foxx in '05? (KRT Campus)

CD REVIEW

Chemical Brothers move on with 'Button'



By Chris Reynolds
 UNC

The first single "Galvanize," a Middle East laced, aggressive beat features A Tribe Called Quest's Q-Tip, to be followed by Tim Burgess (The Charlatans, UK) and his big lips gracing "The Boxer" with out-right Rock vocals over a "Block Rockin Beat"-esque electro-crash, which is a harbinger of things to come for the rest of the album. The Chemical Brothers weave in and out of Hip-Hop spiked Big Beat extravaganzas almost seamlessly. From "Galvanize" to the airy, Trance-like "Hold Tight London" then to politically charged "Left Right" — with Anwar Superstar (brother of Mos Def) — for a "ride or die" type Hip-Hop heat, all held together by blaringly obvious.

Like Super Bowl astrophysics, the idea of

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