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Technology is Fun sees enrollment skyrocket

The Technology is Fun summer camp at Youngstown State University is expected to nearly double the number of participants from about 50 students last year to 80 students this year. Activities include robotics, digital photography, web creation, visual basics and video game creation. The camp runs from July 18 to July 22 and will involve students ages 12 to 15.

Minority doctoral information session

There will be a workshop held from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday in McKay Auditorium at Beeghly Hall to inform minorities about requirements and preparation for doctoral study. The session will include presentations from 10 regional universities. Prospective doctoral students will have the chance to address a panel of minority faculty members and current doctoral students. Reservations may be made with Leon Stennis at (330) 941-2718.

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COLUMBUS

Spill affects 16 at OSU campus

An Ohio State University chemical spill was triggered by an accidental chemical reaction

By Matt Leingang
 Associated Press Writer

COLUMBUS (AP) — Sixteen people were hosed off and treated for breathing problems and throat pain after being exposed to chemical fumes Tuesday at a power plant on the campus of Ohio State University.

The fumes were released when maintenance workers at the power plant combined two chemicals that should not have been mixed, said Rick Amweg, assistant police chief at Ohio State.

None of the injuries was life-threatening, although many of the victims were hospitalized as a precaution. Two firefighters also suffered burns to their hands.

The fumes were reported at 10:08 a.m.

Workers were attempting to clean a boiler when they poured sodium hypochlorite into a 500-gallon tank, Amweg said. Sodium hypochlorite is frequently used as a disinfectant and as a bleaching agent.

Workers thought the tank was empty, but it had remnants of sodium sulfite in it, Columbus fire spokeswoman Kelly McGuire said.

The mixture produced a vapor cloud that spread through the building's ventilation system, McGuire said.

It was unclear how many people were inside the power plant at the time.

The power plant and several adjacent buildings were evacuated. All buildings except the power plant were reopened by late afternoon.



Zestfully clean

Columbus firefighters decontaminate one of several construction workers who were affected by the chemical spill or cloud on the Ohio State University campus on Tuesday. The workers were working on a new boiler at the OSU power plant when the accident occurred. They did not cause the accident but did breathe in some of the chemical. (KRT Campus)

YSU

Administrators preparing plan in event of ACE strike

Bill Rodgers
 News Editor

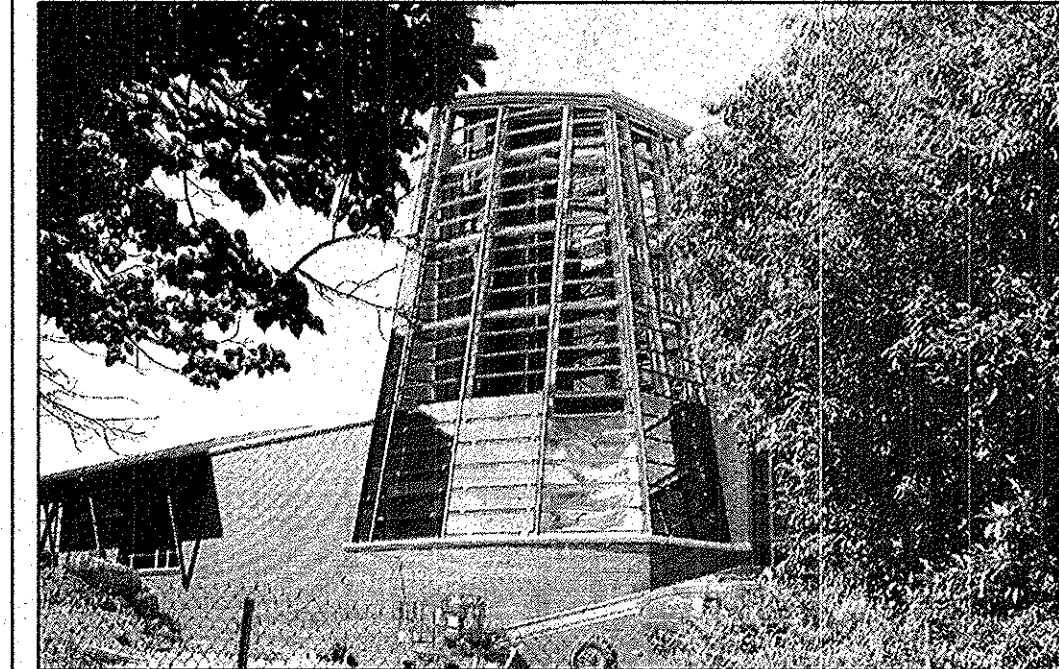
Administrative officials at Youngstown State University are in the process of preparing a contingency plan for the university in the event of a strike by the Association of Classified Employees (ACE) or Ohio Education Association (OEA) unions, Holly Jacobs, YSU's general counsel, wrote Tuesday in a letter to the Jambar.

A contingency plan would develop a course of action the university would take to continue its normal functions in the event of a strike.

Jacobs responded to an open records request, saying that no such plan exists as of yet. She said if such a plan were prepared, it would not be available for public viewing. Jacobs said that such a document would be considered a "security record" of

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Despite reports to the contrary, YSU officials say the Andrews Recreation and Wellness Center should open its doors in late September. (Jambar photo by B.J. Liska)

Officials: Construction on time

Bill Rodgers
 News Editor

Despite rumors of a delay, the Andrews Recreation and Wellness Center should open its doors right on time, university facilities officials say.

Ron Cole, manager of Youngstown State University's marketing and communication department, said a tentative ribbon-cutting date of Sept. 25 had

been set. A time for the ceremony has not yet been decided.

YSU President David Sweet said the recreation center would "definitely be open for next semester" as planned.

Mike Skurich, of YSU's facilities department, said exercise equipment was due to arrive in late July. He said the center's staff would move into their offices in late August.

Skurich said construction workers were currently installing glass around the facility's climbing wall and putting in flooring. He said that all that remains is "punchless work," like installing light switch covers, painting and carpeting.

"What ends up is a tweaking job," Skurich said. "It's the same as if we were modeling a bathroom or a rec

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DeBartolo classrooms undergo remodeling

By Megan Anderson
 Contributing Writer

The classrooms in DeBartolo Hall are undergoing much-needed remodeling this summer as part of Youngstown State University's efforts to upgrade classrooms across campus.

The renovations, funded by state capital dollars and private donations, include new flooring, lighting, ceilings and new multi-media teaching stations, which include DVD/VHS players, overhead projectors and desktop computers.

Jane Kestner, the associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said the improvements are definitely needed.

"Technology has changed so much in teaching," Kestner said. "These

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YSU

Rash of theft sweeps over Jones Hall

Staff Report
The Jambar

A recent rash of thefts in Jones Hall has cost Youngstown State University employees more than \$100. According to three police reports from Saturday and Monday, three different offices in Jones Hall were the targets of theft last week.

Three different YSU employees reported money stolen from July 13 through July 15, with cash and change being removed from offices.

On July 16, an employee in the YSU Human Resources department reported that \$5 in coins was taken from a cup in the employee's office on the third floor of Jones Hall. According to the police report, nothing else in the office was damaged or taken. The cup was located inside of the employee's desk, the report states, and the employee reported that the office door was locked at the time of the employee's leaving the building at 5:30 p.m. Upon arriving back in the office at 8:30 the next morning, the report says, the employee noticed the money was missing. The reporting officer stated in the report that there were no signs of forced entry.

On July 18, an employee on the second floor of Jones Hall reported that money totaling \$27 was removed from the desk drawer in the employee's office sometime after the employee left on July 13. The report states that the door was locked upon the employee's leaving the building and that there were no signs of forced entry.

Also on July 18, an employee in YSU's General Accounting department reported that \$80 in one-dollar bills was stolen July 14 from the top right-hand drawer of the employee's desk. The employee reported that the main door to the office, Rm. 3001, was locked and is always locked, but the employee's office door, located inside the main office, was unlocked.

YSU police are investigating the thefts, and no arrests have been made.

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the university and wouldn't be subject to mandatory release under Ohio Revised Code 149.433.

A security record is defined in part as "any record that contains information used for ... maintaining the security of a public office against attack, interference or sabotage" and an assessment of "deployment plans of law enforcement or emergency response personnel."

Strike Possibilities

Christine Domhoff, president of the ACE union whose contract expires on Aug. 15, said she didn't think the university would be able to continue as normal if ACE went on strike.

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updates are going to be very beneficial to students and professors."

In all, 39 rooms, more than one-third of the classrooms on campus, have been upgraded.

"Our classrooms are the setting for our most important task at YSU — teaching," YSU President David Sweet was quoted as saying in a university press release. "Therefore, it is important that we provide the most comfortable and technologically up-to-date classrooms as possible."

In 2000, Sweet committed to providing \$1 million in classroom upgrades, and he said the improvements to DeBartolo Hall and Beeghly Center fulfill that commitment.

Previous upgrades were done on classrooms in Fedor and Cushman halls, and also Maag Library and the Phelps Building. Maag Library has had four rooms updated, and Fedor Hall has had five rooms renovated.

Michael Hrishenko, interim director of Media and Academic Computing, said

She said she didn't believe the university would have enough people to handle all of the students' needs without ACE.

"I'm not as concerned with how the [contingency plan] affects me or the bargaining unit," Domhoff said. "I'm concerned about the students. I don't think the university will be able to handle the basic needs of the students."

Domhoff said the union was supposed to meet with university negotiators on Tuesday and have Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week to conduct fact-finding, but the meetings were canceled.

Jim Wilkins, who is han-

dling the ACE negotiations for the university, said Tuesday's meeting was canceled because a federal mediator was not available.

Wilkins said he didn't know until Monday who the fact-finder for the negotiations would be.

The fact finder, Virginia Wallace-Curry, would not be available until Aug. 17, two days after the ACE contract expires.

"Both the university and ACE were dismayed with her lack of availability," Wilkins said.

Domhoff said the union and the university might apply to the State Employment Relations board for a different

fact finder.

Last week, Domhoff said the administration and ACE hadn't met since June 29 to negotiate a future contract.

"I'm very concerned that we may be heading toward a strike," Domhoff said. "We'd like to avoid it if possible."

The ACE union represents more than 400 employees, including groundskeepers, maintenance staff, computer service workers and other employees.

A representative from the OEA union could not be reached for comment.

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the smallest nations in the world? The possibilities can leave an ethnic community thrilled.

A portrait of Lithuanian President Valdas Adamkus hangs prominently in Ingrida Bublys' office, a tiny diplomatic post behind Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Cleveland's Collinwood neighborhood. But visitors also see a picture of Ilgauskas, and newspaper stories about his accomplishments.

Bublys is the honorary Lithuanian consul general for Ohio. The clippings are her way of telling Lithuanian immigrants, "Welcome to Cleveland."

"We all love listening to the sports commentators these days," Bublys said. "All the time they mention, Lithuania, Lithuania, Lithuania, and it is so great."

Lithuania entered America's basketball lexicon after 1990, when it broke from the grip of the former Soviet Union and players like Sarunas Marciulionis and Arvydas Sabonis blazed a path from Baltic Sea towns to the NBA.

Lithuanian passion for the game has become well known. You can hear about it in the Lithuanian Club in Cleveland, where immigrants from 40 years ago and from last year debate sports. Algis Penkauskas, a club member, keeps a pair of Z's shoes under lock and key to show off from time to time.

Ilgauskas signed each shoe that night he came in for cepelinai (potato dumplings), soon after arriving in Cleveland in 1996 to play center for the Cavaliers. "He was mobbed. I don't think he liked that much," said Penkauskas, noting that Z doesn't come around anymore.

"We're the Indiana of Europe," said Raymond Butkus, a retired banker who came to Cleveland in Lithuania's post World War II immigration wave. He says Lithuanians play a world-class brand of basketball because they play all the time, year-round, especially in basketball-crazed towns like Kaunas.

"It's painful listening to people say our names," said Vidas Tatarunas, president of the Lithuanian Athletic Club. But he smiles at the youths pouring into the club's basketball program.

"They always heard about how good Lithuanians are," he said.

"This is, like, reality. We feel like the mouse that roared."

they provided customized teaching stations, complete with desktop computers, sound amplifiers and separate connectors so professors can use their own laptops.

Hrishenko also said they provided document cameras that allow professors to show any object on screen, even 3-D items, in DeBartolo Hall.

Denise Donnan, manager of media services at YSU, said they're very excited about the new media installations because they will allow the faculty to teach using the latest technology.

About \$19 million has been spent in improvements this summer on the YSU campus, with \$250,000 in DeBartolo and \$76,000 in Beeghly, according to John Hyden, executive director of facilities.

Another improvement is the \$1.5 million renovation of two parking lots on University Plaza, or the East Campus Gateway project. The project, scheduled to be completed by the beginning of the fall semes-

ter, is part of a plan to improve the main entrances to YSU's campus.

The \$12.1 million Andrews Recreation and Wellness Center and the \$1.75 million addition to the bookstore, both expected to be completed this fall, are other ongoing campus projects.

There are many other projects in progress this summer, including a \$1 million project

to replace two steam lines, \$500,000 in masonry repairs, \$300,000 in improvements and repairs to the swimming pool in Beeghly Center, \$250,000 in improvements to Stambaugh Stadium, \$230,000 in concrete replacement, and \$175,000 in exterior door and window upgrades.

Call Megan Anderson at (330) 941-1913.

POLICE BLOTTER

A woman ran into the Youngstown State University Police Department, crying, around one o'clock in the morning on July 16.

According to the police report, the woman was emotionally shaken and entered the station saying, "He is going to hurt me because I seen what he did."

The officer on duty checked the area for someone who may have followed the woman, and saw a male walking quickly away down Fifth Avenue.

The officer said the female subject came out of the police station crying, and the male subject began running towards her. The officer stood in front of the woman and called for backup while the woman cried, "Don't let him get me."

The male subject was identified by the officer as Thomas Gross. Gross was shouting profanity at the officer until backup arrived, and then he ran away, the police report said.

After interviewing the female subject, police learned that she allegedly witnessed Gross assaulting a woman in a vacant house on Fifth Avenue.

Officers were dispatched to the house to check on the victim, who was found unconscious with

heavy head injuries.

The victim was taken to St. Elizabeth medical center, and at the time of the police report, her condition was critical.

Police searched the area where Gross was last seen, but he wasn't found.

On July 16, a black S-10 Blazer and a police officer were involved in a car chase.

The Blazer, followed by another vehicle, had run a red light at the intersection of the Eastbound Service Road and Fifth Avenue, and almost hit the police car and several other vehicles.

The officer chased the two vehicles onto the Madison Avenue Expressway and onto the exit ramp, heading towards Poland.

At the bottom of the ramp, the driver of the Blazer jumped out of the vehicle as it was still moving and ran across the Himrod Avenue Expressway, the police report said.

The person who had been following the Blazer, William Tomalko, told police the Blazer was his, and he had reported it stolen that day to Liberty Police.

According to the police report, the suspect, later identified as Christopher Washington, was chased on foot by the officer and a civilian male. The suspect was tripped by the civilian, and the officer handcuffed him.

The police report said that upon handcuffing Washington, a screwdriver was removed from his right hand.

A wallet belonging to Tomalko was found in Washington's pocket.

Washington was placed under arrest and booked on charges of receiving stolen property, theft, resisting arrest and criminal tools. He was also issued a traffic ticket for driving under suspension and failure to comply with a police officer.

BRIEF

A dozen YSU faculty members promoted to professor

Youngstown State University President David Sweet has approved the following faculty promotions:

Professor: Kathleen Akpom, health professions; James Andrews, physics and astronomy; Rebecca Barnhouse, English; Marianne Dove, teacher education; Gunapala Edirisooriya, educational administration, research and foundations; Stephen Flora, psychology; Jeanette Garr, civil/environmental and chemical engineering; Donna McNierney, teacher education; Allan Mosher, Dana School of Music; John Murphy, communication and theater; Gail Okawa, English; Gary Stanek, mathematics and statistics; William Wood, School of Technology.

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Associate Professor: Sunil Ahuja, political science; Kevin Ball, English; Christine Cobb, human performance and exercise science; Victoria Kress, counseling; Nancy Landgraff, physical therapy; Kenneth Miller, counseling; Jennifer Pintar, human performance and exercise science; Douglas Price, civil/environmental and chemical engineering; Kimberly Serroka, nursing; Thelma Silver, social work; Stephanie Smith, art.

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OUR SIDE

Sweet shows lack of concern

Again and again, most recently with last week's 3 percent pay raise for non-union administrators, Youngstown State University President David Sweet has shown a distinct lack of concern for students' bank accounts.

Since Sweet was crowned president in 2000, he has raised tuition every single year. It's happening again in the fall, with tuition increasing a grand total of 7.6 percent from the 2004-05 academic year. Sweet wanted an outlandish 10.6 percent increase, but was slapped down by the state legislature.

Sweet repeats over and over again that YSU remains one of the most affordable universities in Ohio. To maintain a quality level of education amid continued state funding cuts, YSU must raise tuition, he rationalizes. However, the fact that YSU is the least expensive university in Ohio does not mean tuition is affordable.

If officials are truly committed to keeping tuition costs down, they would find corners to cut, instead of taking extravagant trips to Hawaii (which happened in March) or granting Sweet a generous benefit package, pay raise and contract extension (which happened in November 2004).

Another cost-saving suggestion: don't give 145 non-union, non-teaching administrators (who earn an average \$72,877 annually, according to Jeff Taylor, YSU's Director of Budget Planning and Resource Analysis) a 3 percent pay raise.

The raise will cost the university only about \$427,000 more next year and the university will actually save about \$250,000 by requiring a 10 percent healthcare co-pay, according to figures provided by John Habat, YSU's vice president for administration. However, it is becoming increasingly difficult for Sweet and company to convincingly argue that YSU is doing everything it can to curb tuition rates.

Not only does the pay raise reflect how poorly the administration thinks of students, it also reflects the hypocritical attitude officials have exhibited in negotiating with YSU's staff and faculty unions.

Initial contract proposals between management and the Association of Classified Employees (ACE) staff union had YSU officials asking ACE to accept a 1.5 percent annual pay increase. Officials will be hard pressed to negotiate anything less than 3 percent with either union in light of the administrative pay raise.

The bottom line for many YSU students is tuition. YSU's tuition rate has more than doubled over the last ten years, outpacing inflation by more than 300 percent. Such extreme tuition increases are unconscionable.

Of course, the problem isn't solely the fault of YSU's top administrators — state funding cuts are largely to blame and campus unions regularly receive at least 3 percent annual raises — however, Sweet and the administration could lead by example and accept a pay freeze, if not a pay cut, at least until they can find a way to rein in tuition costs.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Ten Commandments don't apply to Americans

Editor:

With all this fuss over the Ten Commandments and where they may be displayed, reluctantly, I finally decided to read them after 50 years to see just what the fuss is all about — to better understand the premise on which certain folks are saying this country was built.

Hey, Folks! You can relax — and seriously take issue with the likes of Bob Jones, Jerry Falwell

and Ralph Reed — because they never told us that there's an exemption in very First Commandment: The Commandments apply only to those who have been brought out of the "Land of Egypt and bondage." Don't you see? 90 percent of America — now absolved — was misguided! Whites and Hispanic people came from Europe, and Blacks were taken from Africa — there's no Egypt in this sentence.

Now, of course, the downside of this glaring oversight is the fact that all those millions and millions of Natives who owned the country

were slaughtered, and save what few were left, housed in the biggest Project Housing ever in America — reservations — all because of the myopic Pilgrims spreading the Gospel. And as if that wasn't distressing enough, when I got to that Tenth Commandment, I found that it was the "only one" of which I would be guilty should I have any connections with Egypt, as I have coveted my neighbor's ass — and don't fly off the handle with me. Read it in Exodus 20:14. That's the word used. Of course, there's some solace in the fact that Jesus died for

my sins, but honestly, how big of a deal is coveting an ass? I only wish that Jesus had of died for something more practical and far more helpful to mankind. Because since his death, mankind has continued to frolic in hedonistic sin — yet not dying, contorted and gagging — while sharks and cockroaches are the only creatures living unhampered by cancer, which has ravished humans and animals since Time. Is this what I get for thinking about an ass? Gee ol' man!

Ted Williams

NEWS

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center. They're the jobs you do last."

Skurich said landscaping for the facility would be done in late fall.

He also said that while there is the possibility portions of the center may not be ready, there are currently no delays or setbacks that would affect the completion date.

Jack Rigney, director of campus recreation and intramural sports at YSU, said organized programs for the center should be in place by the first week of October. Rigney said an operating schedule

for the building would be finalized within the first few weeks of the center being open.

Rigney said the center will have 16-hour operating days during the week, from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. He added that shorter hours for the weekend would have to be finalized depending on what works best for students.

"We're trying to see what's most attractive to students," Rigney said. "We want a better sense of the students' needs in regard to operating hours for the weekend."

Hardwood floors for the aerobics rooms and racquetball courts were being installed, Rigney said. He also noted that climbing routes for the center's rock wall were being plotted.

Rigney said that the center offered a good source of student employment.

He said 120 students would be working at the facility.

He also praised the center as a selling point for drawing and retaining students.

"It's going to be one of the shining stars on campus," Rigney

said. "It's going to open the door to many students who are considering attending YSU. It will help attract students to YSU's campus as well as retain them. There's also a lot of employment opportunity at the rec center."

"It's a phenomenal addition to campus. It really is."

Rigney said that the recreation center would be available to tour within the next few weeks.

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COMMENTARY

Let's mess with Texas

Because no one can really like Wal-Mart country

By Bob Mackey
Contributing writer

I recently posed this question to many of my more astute peers: "Is contemporary 'pop' country the worst genre of music ever created?" It could have been that I was alone in my seething hatred of pop country, but nearly every person I talked to was adamant in their belief that pop country should die and go to concept hell (not people hell, of course). But why did we hate it so much? Could it be that we were the philistines, and had no appreciation for the simple beauty these crooners and croonettes bring to the world? Were we card-carrying Communists who found baseball interminable and thought apple pie was lacking that certain je ne sais quoi? Strangely enough, stating that pop country is terrible is one of the few objectively correct opinions you can have. All of the other ones involve Hitler.

If you've never heard any pop country in your life, perhaps an explanation is in order. Pop country is a type of music that exists in small, inescapable white pockets of America. Thankfully, it's easy to go most of your life without hearing it, but should you ever have the misfortune of listening to one of these songs, your mind will start conjuring up images of acid-wash jeans, t-shirts tucked into said jeans, Wal-Marts and trucks. Trucks from America. Yes, country music has been stolen from the hillbillies and the alcoholics and has been placed squarely in the hands of middle America. And like anything else middle America gets their hands on, they were bound to make it incredibly boring.

Luckily, I was able to go a good twenty or so years without being constantly exposed to pop country, but because all good things must eventually come to an end, a few years ago my parents became fans of this musical genre. My guess is that after a certain age, uncontrollable lameness sets in, and this lameness is so intense that no one can fight it. Why else do you think CBS is still in business? While I have not witnessed my folks watching CBS, I know for a fact that at one point in time they had good taste in music; my mom



We'll stick a boot up Toby's ass

"When I heard Toby Keith piping out of her CD player, I said, 'Mom, George Harrison and John Lennon are spinning so fast in their graves that England is experiencing a small series of earthquakes!'" (KRT Campus)

was even a Beatlemania. When I heard Toby Keith piping out of her CD player, I said, "Mom, George Harrison and John Lennon are spinning so fast in their graves that England is experiencing a small series of earthquakes!" I'm convinced that Jimmy Buffet is the gateway drug to pop country; my parents went from his depressing Baby Boomer escapism right into the boring arms of my most hated kind of music.

Being exposed to pop country has given me the chance to learn about it, though, just as being exposed to highly radioactive elements would let me know what living with leukemia would be like. What really intrigued me about the genre was how damn indistinguishable all of the songs are from each other. Are these songs all being sung by the same man? Is there a warehouse in Arkansas where thousands of Tim McGraw

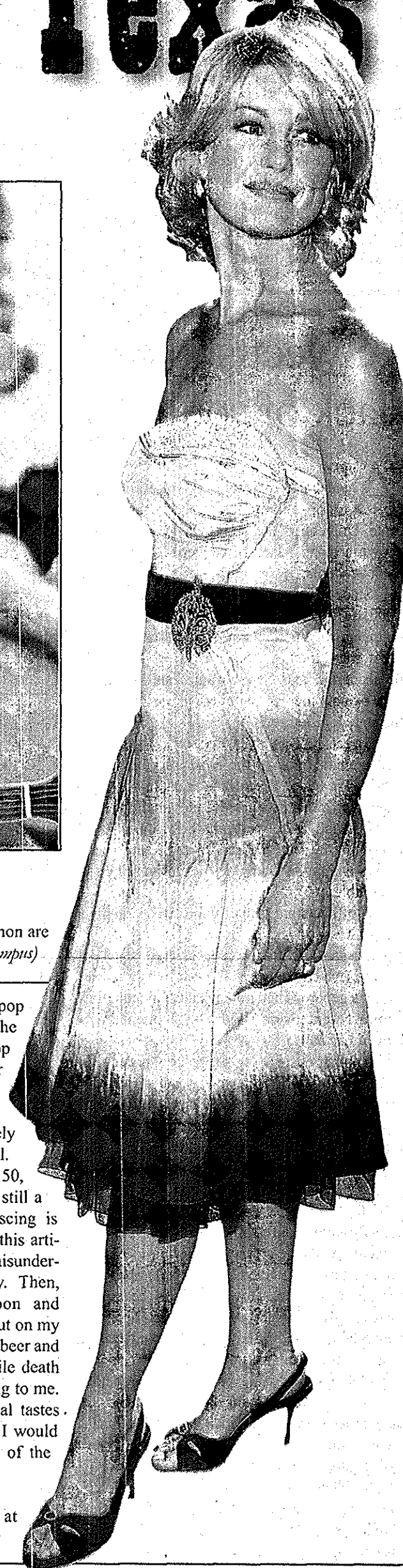
robots are eagerly awaiting their chance to produce the musical equivalent of white noise? Actually, if a warehouse full of Faith Hill robots existed, I would be interested in visiting it, but for reasons not involving music.

Getting away from the idea of having sex with robots for a moment (I promise), I have to say that while the performers in pop country are bland, the music behind their voices is even blander. Listening to a pop country song is the culinary equivalent of eating an entire box of packing peanuts. There are no hooks, no catch and no flavor. Even the most insipid pop rock song can be annoyingly catchy, yet pop country can't even do that right. Hell, pop country doesn't even take the risks of regular pop. R. Kelly was able to take a story he wrote when he was twelve (or maybe he just has the writing skills of a twelve-year-old) and

write the hilariously bad pop abortion known as "In the Closet." Your typical pop country star would rather sing about his yard or home ownership; it's still awful, but on a completely new sleepy and banal level.

I guess when I reach 50, assuming that America is still a democracy where reminiscing is legal, I can look back on this article and laugh at my misunderstanding of pop country. Then, when I enter my cocoon and emerge a geriatric, I can put on my Toby Keith III CD, open a beer and sit on my back porch while death takes his sweet time getting to me. I figure that if my musical tastes have declined that much, I would welcome the sweet touch of the reaper.

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Ethnic community thrilled with Cavs' Lithuanian laced roster

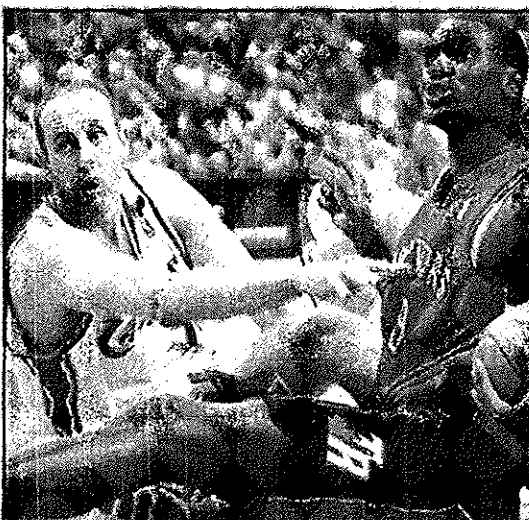
CLEVELAND (AP) — A small Baltic country could have three players on the Cleveland Cavaliers' roster, and this city's Lithuanian community couldn't be happier.

Free agent center Zydrunas Ilgauskas, who stands 7-foot-2, is expected to re-sign with the Cavaliers, getting a five-year deal. And the Cavaliers recently traded for 19-year-old Martynas Andriuskevicius, who also is 7-foot-2.

If the Cavs field twin Baltic towers — Z and "Martyn" (Mahr- TEEN) — Cleveland would be the most Lithuanian team in the National Basketball Association.

Further stoking the frenzy, local Lithuanian-Americans are keenly aware of the Cavs' reported interest in European sensation Sarunas Jasikevicius, the guard who helped Lithuania upset Team USA at the Athens Olympics, and the best man at Z's wedding last summer.

Three Lithuanians on a 14-man NBA roster? All from the same city, Kaunas, from one of



Cleveland's Zydrunas Ilgauskas, left, and Toronto's Pape Sow look to an official for the call after battling for a loose ball during their game at the Air Canada Centre in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, on Wednesday, April 20. (KRT Campus)

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Sportswire

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New Mexico State transfer Byron Davis joins Penguin program

YSU — Youngstown State Head Basketball Coach Jerry Slocum announced on Wednesday

that point guard Byron Davis (Detroit, Mich.) has transferred into the program from New Mexico State.

Davis, a 6-2, 180-pound guard, spent the past two years at New Mexico State



playing in 57 games while starting 35 contests for the Aggies. In his two campaigns, he scored 334 points, grabbed 154 rebounds and dished out 105 assists. Per NCAA transfer rules, he will have to sit out the 2005-06 season and will have two years of eligibility remaining beginning in 2006-07.

Soccer team set to play school-record 10 home games in 2005

YSU — The Youngstown State soccer program will play a school-record 10 home games this season, and in the process doubling the total of home contests from a year ago, second-year head coach Anthony James announced on Wednesday. The previous school mark for home contests in a single year was nine set in 1997.

While the Penguins open with three of their first four games on the road they then play six consecutive games at Stambaugh Stadium, marking just the second six-match homestand in the program's 10th year of existence

Jillian Coleman joins Swimming staff as full-time assistant

YSU — Jillian Coleman, a former standout at Ohio University and assistant at Ashland University, has joined the Youngstown State's swimming and diving program as a full-time assistant coach, head coach Matt Anderson announced.

"We're very excited to have Jillian come on board with us," Anderson said. "She'll be a big help in all areas of the program, especially with recruiting."