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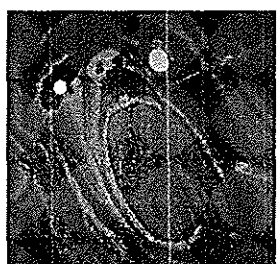
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#### News Briefs

##### YSU student wins national Phi Kappa Phi award

Jennifer Davidson a senior and mechanical engineering major has been awarded the National Phi Kappa Phi Award of Excellence. Davidson was selected for the \$2,000 scholarship by The National Board of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. She is among 40 students nationwide to receive the honor.

##### English Festival draws 3,000 to YSU Campus

Nearly 3,000 students from area middle and high schools will attend the 27th annual English Festival on April 20-22 in Kilcawley Center. At the festival students hear lectures from authors, attend workshops and labs on writing, poetry and journalism and compete in various contests.

This year's festival features Jacqueline Woodson, an award-winning author of picture books, middle school and young adult books. Other presenters include the Irish folk music band Brady's Leap, made up of professors from the English, physics and astronomy departments and Youngstown Symphony conductor Isaiah Jackson. For more information contact Gary Salvner or Rick Williams at (330) 941-3414 or log on to <http://www.yseenglishfestival.org/>

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# Caps may result in lower tuition

SGA president-elect Bob McGovern plans second lobbying trip for higher education funding

By Leonard Crist  
The Jambor

When Youngstown State University's Board of Trustees raised tuition 9 percent in January, it did so in three separate

packages: a 6 percent general tuition increase, 2 percent for technology improvements and 1 percent for financial aid. Later, Ohio Gov. Bob Taft's biennial budget proposal eliminated the



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tuition allowance for technology increases. Instead, Taft proposed a 6 percent cap for tuition increases and a 3 percent cap for need-based financial aid.

Last week, the Ohio House of Representatives passed their own version of Taft's budget, stripping the 3 percent allowance for financial aid and setting a strict 6 percent tuition cap. The budget now moves to the Senate for approval, where it will likely

undergo more changes.

For YSU, the lengthy budget process means waiting for the dust to settle before the complete budgetary picture is revealed.

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## The life of a LAB RAT

Assistant YSU professor leads experiment on pain reception in rats

By Laura Cagley  
The Jambor

Jill Tall, assistant professor of biological sciences, is leading a group of undergraduate students in studying how environmental factors impact the perception of pain in laboratory rats. The study is part of Tall's ongoing research on the behavior of rats. Current research by Jill and her team has found laboratory rats that are provided with comfortable living conditions recover quicker from pain than those housed in traditional cages.

"Lab animals are given the essentials, but animals kept in unnatural situations produce unnatural behaviors," Tall said.

"Rats are social animals that like to burrow and chew," Tall said. "Giving them larger cages, plastic tunnels and nylon chew

bones can make a significant difference in how they react to pain."

"I became interested in this research after reading an article in "Discover" magazine about how the environment affects these animals."

Gene Huang, a senior, will be working with Tall this summer. He said he became involved in the research after having a human physiology lab with Tall last year.

"Since she was straight out of graduate school, she was really motivated to teach, and it actually got me really interested in the lab," Huang said.

"I found out that she was teaching a pharmacology course and doing pain research, but even though I couldn't fit the pharmacology course into my schedule, I still really wanted to work with her somehow."

According to Huang, the research plans to study groups of rats housed together and also some housed alone. On a regular basis an inflammatory agent will be administered to the paw and

Foot fault  
YSU laboratory rats will make their contribution to pain research by taking a shot in the paw. The results may help design future hospital environments that aid in pain management. (Jambor photos by Chuck Rogers)

YSU  
**Social Security numbers no longer needed on Scantrons**  
Students can instead use their student ID

By Bill Rodgers  
The Jambor

Students no longer have to identify themselves on Scantron sheets with their Social Security number.

Students can now use their student identification numbers instead. An effort by the Student Government Association has resulted in better protection of student's personal information and YSU's compliance with the Gramm Leach Bliley Act. It is a change that some say helps students

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YOUNGSTOWN  
**Relay for Life honors survivors**  
Local organizations raise money for cancer cure

By Maysoun Abdelrasul  
The Jambor

As the radio blared "I Will Survive," laughs, smiles and applause could be heard as cancer survivors wearing matching yellow t-shirts took the first lap around the gym in Beeghly Center on Friday evening.

Relay for Life, an event sponsored by the American Cancer Society to honor cancer survivors, was held at Youngstown State University for the fourth year this weekend.

Different organizations formed teams to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Marie Cullen, co-chair of the Youngstown Relay for Life, said the goal was to raise \$48,000.

"We are raising money to find a cure," she said. Each team is responsible for \$1,000 and most teams make close to

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### Relay for a cause

Cancer survivors were the guests of honor at the Relay for Life Friday at Beeghly Center. Pete the Penguin joined hands with Marissa Cullen, a Cardinal Mooney High School sophomore, to lead the survivors for the Relay's first lap. (Jambor photo by Chuck Rogers)

VATICAN CITY  
**Cardinals fail to elect pope on first ballot**

By William J. Kole  
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Black smoke poured from the Sistine Chapel's chimney Monday evening, signaling that the cardinals sequestered inside for the first papal conclave of the new millennium failed to elect a new pope.

The black smoke emanating shortly after 8 p.m. (2 p.m. EDT) meant the 115 voting cardinal "princes" of the church would retire for the night and return to the chapel Tuesday morning for more balloting in their search for a successor to Pope John Paul II.

If two morning ballots fail to produce a pope, the cardinals could hold two more votes Tuesday afternoon.

Some 40,000 people who

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avoid security risks and identity theft.

Heather Baltic, an SGA representative for the College of Health and Human Services, led the push to get student identification practices changed. She said she first realized a problem with using Social Security numbers on Scantron documents in November.

"It struck me as a security issue," Baltic said. "We have student ID numbers, so we should use them instead. Your Social Security number is personal, not public information."

She said when professors posted student grades after the

tests, students were identified by their student ID numbers rather than their Social Security numbers. Baltic said she wondered why students had to use their social security numbers if it would be translated into their student ID number later.

"The computers translated the Social Security numbers to student ID numbers," Baltic said. "Then, students' got their grades back with their student ID number listed. Why did we need to use our Social Security numbers in the first place?"

Baltic said she took the problem to the Academic Affairs committee of SGA and

helped start efforts to get the practice changed.

Baltic said she had a lot of help from YSU registrar Bill Countryman, who talked to the computer services department about her concerns.

"As a contact he was a big help," Baltic said.

Richard Marsico, director of the Student Services department at YSU, said he was unaware of any damages caused by using Social Security numbers to identify students, but he said it was an issue that needed to be resolved. Marsico said the use of Social Security numbers on tests was just one

of the applications his department was working to change.

"We're moving away from the use of social security numbers as a means of identification," Marsico said.

Marsico said the move to student I.D. numbers was to help YSU comply with the Gramm Leach Bliley Act. The GLB Act requires financial institutions -- which includes colleges and universities -- to protect the privacy of their customers' nonpublic, personal financial information.

Under the GLB Act, universities must identify foreseeable risks to customers' "cov-

ered information," which includes social security numbers. The GLB Act says universities have to design and implement information safeguards to control the risk to customers' private information.

SGA president Angela Mavrikis said she was happy to see the change.

"Using your Social Security number to identify yourself is risky. It's nice to see that our university is keeping up with the times," Mavrikis said.

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then test their reactions to certain tests on that paw.

Huang said the research is helpful for his academic career and future research. "I haven't done any formal type of research yet in my academic career. Much of the reason we're researching this is because some past research may be invalidated if those researchers did not take into consideration environmental conditions."

Tall credits the YSU School of Graduate Studies and Research and Jeff Dick, director of undergraduate research, for fostering undergraduate research on campus. She encourages students to get involved.

"Research is important for sciences majors because they are applying the scientific method rather than just reading it out of a textbook," Tall said. "YSU is very supportive of undergraduate research."

Tall said down the road the results of this research could lead to changes in hospital and patient room design. "Design does impact the use of pain medication," she said.

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\$5,000, she said.

Beth MacDonald from the ACS said the event grows every year. There are more volunteers and more teams, which brings in more money, she said. The community wants the event at YSU and it succeeds in the area, she said.

Radio personalities from WHOT-FM A.C. and Kelly kicked off the event with a brief introduction and lively music. The teams set up tents and sold items from home-

made chocolate suckers to handmade jewelry.

Along with raising money for ACS, the different organizations had the opportunity to publicize themselves.

A new organization on campus, the Sigma Alpha Lambda Honor Society, was trying to gain new members by participating in the event. It is an organization that strives on community service projects.

Sophomore Ashley Jones, president of Sigma Alpha Lambda, said she heard about the event and brought it up to the other members who were interested in participating.

"We wanted to raise money for cancer awareness," she said.

Some participated with their organizations while others had more personal reasons.

Junior Aryn Harding, a

member of Sigma Alpha Lambda, said she is walking for her grandmother who died of pancreatic cancer.

A social sorority, Alpha Xi Delta, has members who know people with cancer. Senior McGowan is one of them.

"I have been touched personally by cancer and it means a lot to help others," she said.

The 18-hour event included more than taking

laps around the gym. A Youngstown area community band serenaded the crowd Friday evening. Master Park Karate wowed the crowd with some karate moves.

At midnight every one showed their flexibility skills and played twister. A talent show, a scavenger hunt and swing dancing were on the agenda for Saturday morning.

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packed St. Peter's Square to stare at the stovepipe jutting from the chapel roof shouted, "It's black! It's black!" and snapped photos with their cell phones.

White smoke will tell the world that the church's 265th pontiff has been chosen to succeed John Paul, who died April 2 at age 84.

The cardinals, from six continents and representing 52 countries, began their secret deliberations late in the afternoon after the ceremonial closing of the massive doors of the chapel, which is decorated with frescoes by Michelangelo and wired with electronic jamming devices to thwart eavesdropping.

The excitement built as darkness set in and pilgrims watched close-ups of the chimney on giant video screens in the square.

As the smoke began pouring from the chimney, shouts of "e bianco! e bianco!" — "It's white! It's white!" — rippled through the crowd. But the cries quickly gave way to sighs of disappointment as the smoke blackened.

"At first it seemed that we had a new pope, so I had a lot of emotions. But of course we didn't really expect to have a pope on the first day," said Alessia Di Caro, a 23-year-old university student.

There was initial confusion when a Vatican Radio commentator said, "It seems white," as the first puffs emerged from the chimney. But as thick, darker smoke followed, the station proclaimed it black.

"It looks like the stove wasn't working well at first," an announcer joked a few minutes later.

Before shutting themselves inside, German Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger led his fellow cardinals in reading aloud an oath of secrecy. One by one, they then filed up to a Book of the Gospels, placed their right hands on it and pronounced a second oath to keep their sessions secret.

Ratzinger's admonition read, in part: "In a particular way, we promise and swear to observe with the greatest fidelity and with all persons, clerical or lay, secrecy regarding everything that in any way relates to the election of the Roman Pontiff and regarding what occurs in the place of the election, directly or indirectly related to the results of the voting; we promise and swear not to break this secret in any way ..."

Ratzinger — a powerful Vatican official often men-

tioned as a leading candidate for pope — began by reciting a prayer at the palace. The cardinals chanted the Litany of the Saints as they made the short walk to the chapel, led by altar servers carrying two long, lit white candles and a metal crucifix.

In a stately and colorful procession carried live on television, they walked past a pair of Swiss Guards in red plumed hats standing at attention at the entrance to the chapel and took two steps into the voting area, where special devices were installed beneath a false floor to block cell phone calls or bugs in an unprecedented effort to secure the proceedings.

**Lost Gone!** All items FOUND this semester, that are not claimed by the end of finals week, will be donated to area charities.

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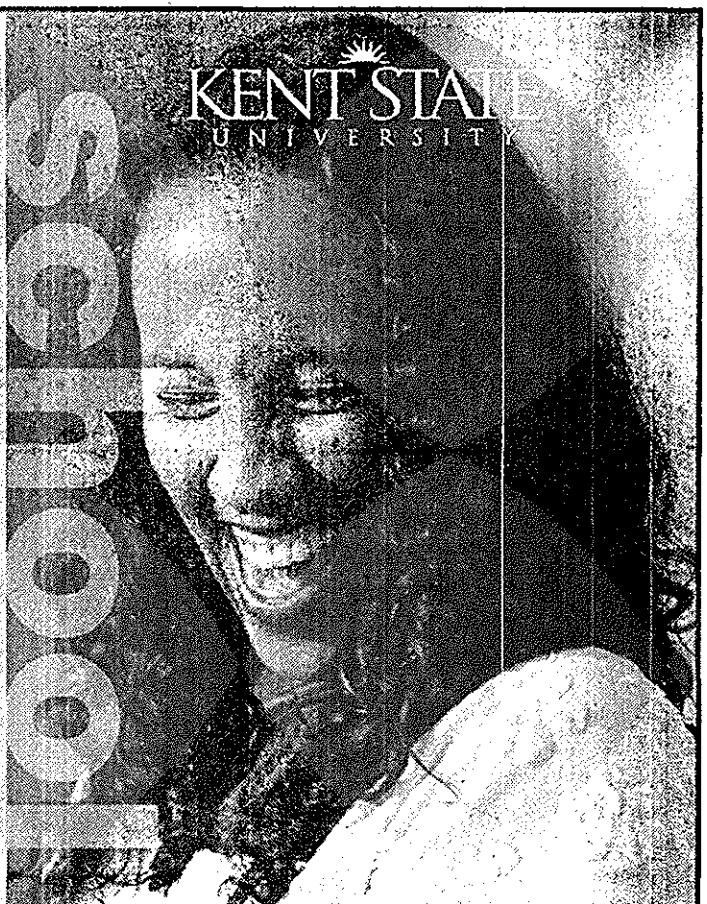
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## OUR SIDE

### Scantron decision protects students

The decision to stop the usage of student social security numbers on Scantron test sheets was a smart and insightful decision.

Youngstown State University officials and Student Government Association representatives recently led the movement to begin using student identification numbers found on their identification cards instead of the long used social security numbers as a means of identifying students on tests.

This decision was an intelligent move because it safeguards students from the possibility of identity theft, a common and growing problem in contemporary society. Though there have been no reported incidents of such a problem because of using social security numbers, there was still the possibility that it could occur had nothing been done to change it.

Further, the university's compliance with the Gramm Leach Bliley Act makes the university look more attractive by taking measures to protect students in this way.

We would also like to commend the SGA for spearheading the project. It is a welcome movement, and nice to know that the governing body of the students is looking out for their best interests. We hope to see this continued effort in the future.

To take full advantage of these changes and for their protection, students whose social security numbers appear on their ID cards can go to the Registration Office in Meshel Hall and request a new card without their social security number printed on it free of charge.

## HOW OTHERS SEE IT

### Ultimate Warrior a disgrace

(Indiana Daily Student, U-WIRE) BLOOMINGTON, Ind.— There was a time when I thought it was alright for celebrities to speak their minds about politics. Martin Sheen? Sure, great. Arnold Schwarzenegger? OK, I'll give you Arnie. Sean Penn? He's a bit of a jerk, but even jerks are allowed to have positions. I didn't believe that their opinions were right just because of their star status, but by being famous, they would naturally attract attention to some well-meaning causes. The famous have freedom of expression, just like you or me. And there's nothing wrong with expressing one's political beliefs.

That belief was knocked out and body-slammed earlier this month. The University of Connecticut hosted former professional wrestler, current political "commentator," and possible complete nut-job, the Ultimate Warrior. The supposedly serious lecture about the difference between liberalism and conservatism erupted into a full scale battle royal when leftist protestors heckled the Warrior during his speech. The Warrior took this as well as an admitted-steroid-abusing-former-pro-wrestler would, which is to say "not very well."

The Warrior's clever retaliations involved telling an Iranian student to "get a towel" and that "queering don't make the world work." There was also a pre-taped video that included four different angles of the Warrior ripping up an Iraqi flag. Students booed and the Warrior blustered. Eventually, the whole ordeal turned into a pier-six brawl.

This is celebrity in its worst form. The Warrior has his right to speak his mind, just like we have the right to ignore him. However, we should break free of this celebrity cult by realizing that famous people are just people, too. We should think for ourselves and become our own political Warriors.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### 'If there were a god there wouldn't be a Republican Party'

Editor,  
More persons than myself have a volatile reaction to religious zealotry advocated on the part of the Pope — as such writings are totally obviously to the rights of others to have a contrary opinion.

Joe Ilesue's drizzle is typical. He comes off sounding as if he's being thoughtful and considerate of the other person's opinion — offering up straw dogs that he ceremoniously tear down to fit his "eye of a needle" argument.

Professor Lepak's recent pro-Pope article was measured, didactic, seeking to convert negative opinions to more respectful ones — simply because the Pope was on a mission.

Both gentlemen have asserted how influential this Pope was politically in international affairs; however, not being very savvy myself about international politics, I must ask what was — more, where was — this Pope on Nelson Mandela's 25 year imprisonment? What about Apartheid? Oh, well, at least he was against pre-marital sex — the most natural thing for any human being in this universe to do.

Here's what I think about any Pope — and all religions: First, if there were a god, there wouldn't be a Republican Party. Secondly, for all we've heard about what this Pope has done — and my mother and I have had this battle many times as she is a Catholic — why didn't he take a real stand against wrong in the world and dismiss Cardinal Bernard Law who covered up the priests' perversion in America? But rather, this wise, wonderful spokesman of the Almighty elevated Cardinal Law to an even more prestigious position by bringing him to Rome — which will now lead to him having input on who'll be the next Pope. Not that I could give a hoot!

If Ilesue and Lepak really wanted to show their FOX "Fair & Balance" view of the issues — arguing against the unfounded editorial about the Pope — then they might have mentioned little boys who were led to salvation via that same sex that their religious right and the Republican Party often blames AIDS on.

I'll believe in the Devine when: The Devine forgets about all the football games, all the baseball games, all the boxing events, and all other sporting events, where black folks, more than other folks, thank the Devine for helping them win — but rather the Devine helps the child win by changing the pervert's hands and penis into Cobras which bites him to death.

Ted Williams

### Jambar 'prejudiced' against Catholic Church

Editorial Staff:  
This letter is in response to your recent op-ed piece on John Paul II.

Your article reflects a type of prejudice against the Catholic Church that is much in vogue today, full of stereotypes and surface-level criticisms. Bishop Fulton Sheen foresaw this in 1977 when he said, "The Cross unites not only the friends of our Lord, the Cross unites enemies. As we will begin to see as the world goes on, a new kind of bigotry. We will be oppressed not because we believe in the supremacy of the Holy

Father, but because we are standing in the way of the demoralization of the world... We stand for life against death. We stand for the family against divorce. We stand for purity against fornication. We stand for goodness instead of vice. We are the great obstacle for the world. And the new bigotry will see the Cross and hate us".

John Paul II stood for all of these virtues at a time when it was neither easy nor popular. This is the mark of all truly great men and women. In short, he was a great obstacle for the world. Fulton Sheen went on to suggest that all Christians should, "Either be on the Cross with our Lord either through suffering or sympathy, not beneath the Cross to harangue our Lord; 'Come down and I will believe.'". John Paul II had sympathy and suffering for the sake of his flock while the Jambar can only harangue.

Dan Laird  
Assistant Professor - Engineering Technology

### Music brings hall together

Editor,  
I never thought that I would get along with the people on my floor in my residence hall, until I was kept awake last Saturday night by people blasting their music in their rooms till the wee hours of the morning. Yeah, that's right. I was tossing in turning in bed struggling to sleep when I realized that there is one common bond between my "floor-mates" and myself: Music. We all love music and we all have a strong passion for it. So, here I am lying in bed listening to some guy named Lil' Jon scream about getting drunk and dancing. I'm sorry, but it made me miss the days where when you spoke of Lil' Jon, you were referring to Robin Hood's number one Merry Man.

I was raised on Led Zeppelin, Queen, Neil Diamond, The Beatles, The Monkees, The Who, Chuck Berry, Cream, Jimmy Hendrix, The Doors and many others. Top 40 music was always there, but being a child of the 80s, my parents just could not bring themselves to turn the dial to The Cure. When I first had my own radio at the young age of 6, I looked for what they referred to as "oldies" and "classic rock" stations. The first I ever heard of Michael Jackson was in 1991 in a song called "I Want You Back" from when he was in the Jackson 5.

Now, here I am: a 21 year old working his way through college. I remember a few years back on campus when a classic rock station had a booth outside of Kilcawley Center and they were going to give away some prizes to whoever knew the answers to some classic rock questions. The first question was "Name all the original members of Kiss." In a crowd of more than 30 people I rattled off "Gene Simmons, Paul Stanley, Peter Chris, and Ace Frehley." He then asked me to name the members of Led Zeppelin and I responded all in one breath, "Robert Plant, Jimmy Page, John Paul Jones, and John Bonham." I walked away from there with two Miller Genuine Draft shirts that never have fit me and a few bumper stickers.

My mother and grandparents used to have many conversations about the days where it took a large amount of talent to be offered a record deal and played on the radio. I don't see talent anymore, I see image, and the last that I checked, music is mainly an audio specific form of media. People can now sell

their music through music videos, DVDs and designer shoes.

The artists I listen to on WEXC 107.1 had to sell their music with sheer talent and a hint of showmanship in case they ever had to perform on Ed Sullivan or American Bandstand. Music used to have meaning and emotion behind it, and hopefully someday it will again. I believe it was "The Bear" from Canned Heat who said, "Love is a beautiful thing. Love can be found everywhere, even in a guitar."

The people who bring me real music from the 50s, 60s, and 70s become my best friends when I am driving alone in my car. Sure, I have people I hang out and go to the bar with, but when I'm alone, my best friends are Johnny Rogers, Doctor Rock, Pappy and Big Chuck just to name a few. These guys keep it real. They play music that I don't just hear, but I feel it as well. If you still don't know what I'm talking about, then the next time you get off of work around 5 p.m., turn that dial to WEXC 107.1 and Johnny Rogers will drive you all the way home.

Kyle A. Daley

### Health care outrage

Dear Editor:  
Here's my health care outrage of the week. Two thousand Buckeye State pastors have formed the Ohio Restoration Project to mobilize their Christian congregants on political issues of importance to them. Ohio's evangelical Christians have long decried the influence of secularist ideology in public life. So how did an extremist policy position of the Ohio State Medical Association infiltrate its Restoration Project platform?

The Restoration Project's sole issue under the heading of "medical reform" is so-called medical malpractice reform. In very specific policy language, the churchmen of the Restoration Project agree with the Ohio State Medical Association that patients who've been injured by negligent medical doctors ought to be denied the right to seek full and fair remedy under law. Where's the scriptural foundation or theological argument?

So-called tort reform is bad for Christian evangelicals and bad for all Ohioans because it devalues the quality of Ohio medical licensure, and redefines the quality of acceptable medical care downward in ways we can't yet foresee.

Conscientious and courageous medical doctors who now help police the medical profession by their expert medical testimony will be hamstrung in their ability to do so.

Medicine, which is already a monopoly by State licensure, will be dangerously removed from responsible civil oversight by radical legislation that, as local attorney James Callen has noted, exempts physicians from 1,000 years of Anglo-Saxon tort law.

Why don't evangelicals take a leaf from the Roman Catholic Church? The Roman Catholic position on universal health care is founded directly on the Pauline epistles, and in its role as a major owner and operator of hospitals, the Roman Catholic Church has real-world savvy about health care issues that evangelicals can't hope to match.

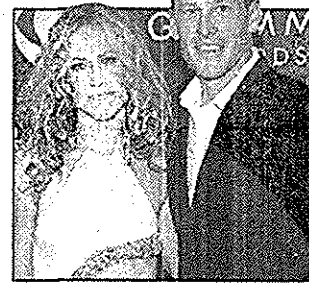
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**HEADLINES**



◀ **Draft set for weekend**  
Cleveland has the third overall pick, and some speculate will draft QB Alex Smith.



▶ **Armstrong to retire**  
Lance Armstrong said he will retire after the Tour de France.

**CLEVELAND**



Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James grimaces on the floor after colliding with another player in the second quarter in Auburn Hills, Mich., Sunday. (KRT Campus)

**Cavs' collapse almost complete**

By Tom Withers  
Associated Press

CLEVELAND (AP) — LeBron James pressed his back against the wall outside Cleveland's locker room. Drew Gooden sat in the same court-side chair that fired coach Paul Silas favored after practices.

Radio and TV commercials for NBA playoff tickets were still being aired. Soon, the ducats may be worthless.

There were symbolic reminders everywhere Monday for the fast-fading Cavaliers, whose soap opera-ish season has dwindled to two games and desperation.

"Our backs are against the wall," Gooden said. "We're almost in the wall. I wouldn't have thought we'd be in this situation. But we're here now. It's reality."

And it hurts deeply for the Cavaliers and fed-up Cleveland fans, who spent much of the season fantasizing about whom the team might face in the first round.

But by going just 9-19 since Feb. 25 and losing six of eight games the

past two weeks, the Cavaliers (40-40) no longer control their destiny.

They must win their final two games against Boston at home and in Toronto, on Wednesday and hope New Jersey (40-40), currently the Eastern Conference's No. 8 seed, loses one of its last two.

The Nets, peaking during a mad dash for the playoffs, host Washington on Tuesday and finish the regular season in Boston. They beat the Cavaliers three times and own the tiebreaker for the final playoff spot.

Cleveland's postseason odds are stacked higher than 7-foot-3 center Zydrunas Ilgauskas' head.

But Gooden, battling hip and shoulder injuries, still believes the Cavaliers can make it to the postseason for the first time since 1998.

"Yes, we can," said Gooden, who played 14 scoreless minutes during a 90-87 loss in Detroit on Sunday. "I still have faith in us. I still think we can."

The team's freefall has coincided with an ownership change; Silas' sudden firing on March 21; point guard Jeff McInnis' inexplicable benching;

James trying to carry the team alone; and general manager Jim Paxson's uncertain future.

So, what happened? It wasn't long ago that the Cavaliers were looked at as a team capable of doing damage in this year's playoffs, perhaps even winning a series. But they've unraveled amid reports of Ilgauskas leaving after the season and James' dissatisfaction.

"From my perspective, everybody has to look within themselves," said Ilgauskas, a soon-to-be free agent playing with a dislocated finger on his shooting hand. "It's easy to blame somebody else. I think we all had a part in it. Everybody has to look at themselves."

"At this point, it really doesn't help looking back to see what happened. We'll have the whole summer — and the rest of our lives — to figure that out. We all could have done something better and something different."

It's hard to lay the blame on James. In his last six games, he's averaging 35.3 points, 10.8 rebounds and 7.0 assists. With Gooden and Ilgauskas banged up, James hasn't

gotten any scoring help and at times has tried to do too much.

On Sunday, he scored 37 points but was flustered by Tayshaun Prince into shooting a 3-point air ball in the closing seconds. As the horn sounded, James angrily pulled off his wine-colored jersey and stormed off bare-chested.

"It's just disappointing," he said. "I want to win ballgames. Yesterday was a game I wanted to win bad. I showed my emotion."

James made more history, too, as the fifth player to average at least 25 points, 7.0 rebounds and 7.0 assists per game. He's in that club with Oscar Robertson, John Havlicek, Larry Bird and Michael Jordan.

However, unless the Cavaliers can sneak into the playoffs, James' spectacular second season won't be remembered for his dunks, dishes or drives. Just as another Cleveland sports disaster.

"We're not out of it," James said. "We still feel like we've got a chance. There's no reason to start packing up right now when we've come this far. We didn't come 80 games to quit in our last two."

**NEW YORK**

**'Monday Night Football' heads to ESPN in '06**

By Dave Goldberg  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — "Monday Night Football," a television institution that over 35 years has helped transform the NFL into a prime-time ratings draw, is leaving ABC and moving to ESPN beginning with the 2006 season.

The new broadcast deal also brings the NFL to NBC for the first time in six years. The network gets the Sunday night package — which the league now considers its marquee television showcase — and will employ a flexible scheduling model.

"In the current media environment, Sunday is now the better night for our prime-time broadcast package," commissioner Paul Tagliabue said Monday.

The move to ESPN, which currently broadcasts Sunday night games, keeps the Monday Night Football brand within the umbrella of The Disney Company. Disney owns both ESPN and ABC.

After the coming season, ABC, which reshaped sports broadcasting by turning the NFL into a prime-time ratings draw, will be the only major network not to carry it. "Monday Night Football" has been a pillar of ABC since it began in 1970, when Howard Cosell anchored the show that now stands as the second-longest running prime time network series, trailing CBS's 60 Minutes by two years.

NBC will start its Sunday broadcasts with a pregame show at 7 p.m. eastern; games will begin at 8:15. The network plans to use a flexible scheduling model that in the last seven weeks, allowing it to shift afternoon games to prime time to ensure more meaningful games are shown on national TV.

The Monday night move to basic cable, which includes an earlier start time of 8:40 p.m., is expected to cost ESPN — which previously broadcast Sunday night games — \$1.1 billion a year over eight years, two sources familiar with the deals told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

"The earlier kickoff times for both packages, NBC's Sunday night programming devoted to the NFL and flexible scheduling for Sunday night are all positive changes," Tagliabue said.

NBC will get the Sunday night package for \$600 million a year over six years, according to the sources. The network will also get the Super Bowl in 2009 and 2012 as part of the deal. ESPN said it had been assured by the league that it would get high-quality games in keeping with the tradition of Monday night football.

"ESPN could have stayed on Sunday night," ESPN vice president Mark Shapiro said. "Unequivocally our task was to continue ABC's tradition of Monday Night Football. We've been assured we're getting the preferred schedule."

Added George Bodenheimer, president of ESPN and ABC Sports: "From the Disney perspective, it was a smart move for ABC by moving out of football and having ESPN move into Monday nights."

**YOUNGSTOWN**

**Penguins drop doubleheader to Ashland Eagles**

Only 24 hours after beating Ashland University in a double header, the Penguins reversed roles with the Eagles and dropped two games on Sunday afternoon at Eastwood Field.

The Penguins, who had won 11 of their last 12 games went into extra innings in the first game before they would falter.

The Eagles scored at the top of the ninth inning to make the score 3-2 in favor of Ashland, a score the Penguins could not match.

Pitching for the Penguins in game one was Eric Shaffer, who did not allow an earned run in eight innings.

Game one also saw senior outfielder Jim Phillips extend his hitting streak to 14 games only to have it end in game two. His previous streak had been 11.

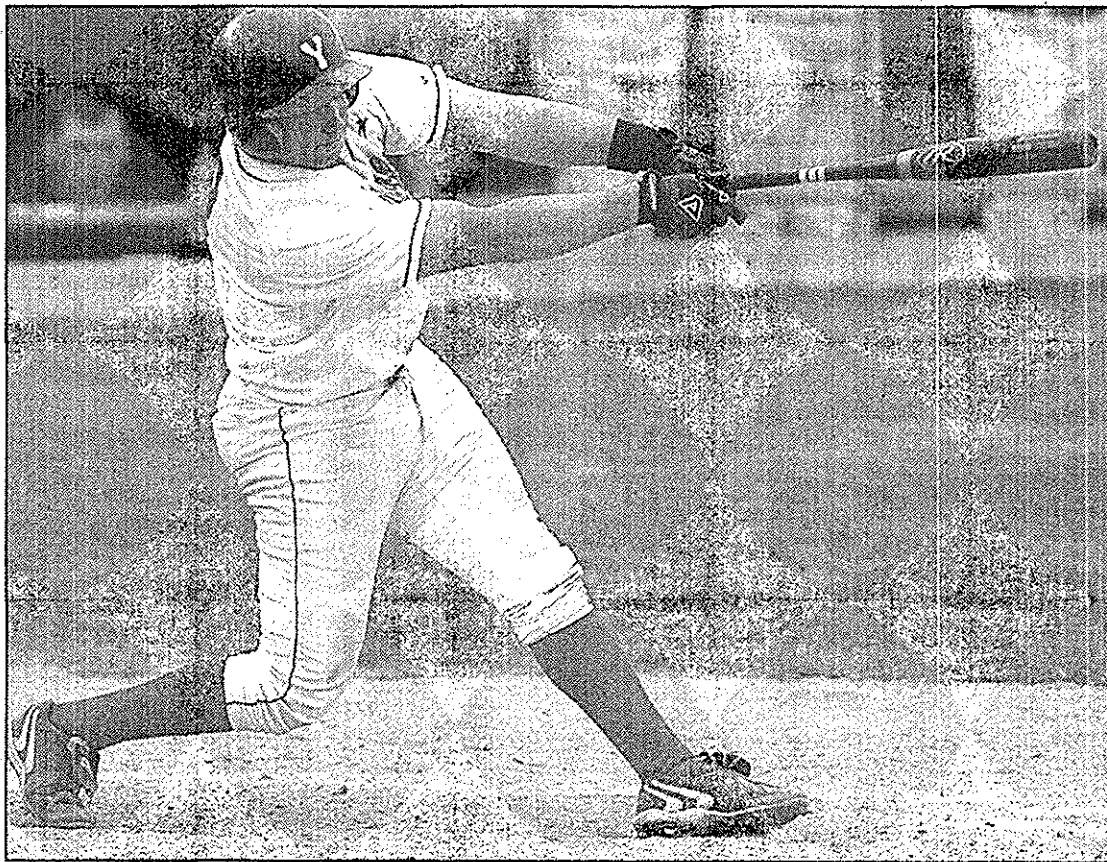
The second game of the day proved the most difficult for the Penguins as they allowed eight unanswered runs as the Eagles exploded offensively.

Senior Justin Banks went 3 for 5 on the day, including a three run homerun in the seventh and final inning of the second game of the double header to bring the Penguins deficit to only three at 8-5.

Lucas Engle started the game for the Penguins as he went five and a third innings allowing five runs, suffering his first loss of the season.

The doubleheader loss drops the Penguins overall record to 18-15.

The Penguins resume action at 6 p.m. Tuesday as they host Toledo at Eastwood Field.



Justin Thomas scored his third home run of the season Sunday against the Eagles. The Penguins won two against Ashland Saturday 9-5 and 9-6, but dropped Sunday's home double-header 2-3 and 5-8. (Jambar photo by Chuck Rogers)



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Should the 6 percent tuition cap go into law — the state has a July 1 deadline to complete the biennial budget — YSU will have to comply and restructure its budget accordingly, University President David Sweet said.

In other words, YSU would be forced to cut its 9 percent tuition increase to 6 percent.

"My brief experience with this is things change rapidly over the course of these discussions," YSU spokesman Ron Cole said. "So what we're talking about today could be changed next week and could be changed yet again the following week. It's kind of a moving target at this point."

**Financial aid honored**

Despite the many uncertainties, one thing university officials are sure of is that previously promised financial aid packages will be honored. John Habat, YSU's vice president for administration, said financial aid offers have been sent out already.

YSU was counting on the revenue from the 1 percent tuition increase — approximately \$700,000 — to cover the cost of new scholarships. Still, Habat projects the university will be operating in the black, even if the university cannot raise tuition as high as originally planned.

"We are operating on a tight budget forecast to begin with," Habat said. "The only immediate real difference between what the House did and what the Governor did was eliminate any tuition surcharges for financial aid."

The university is also committed to its technology initiatives, Sweet said, despite the real possibility the 2 percent technology increase will be disallowed under the state's final budget.

"We're obviously looking at other contingency plans and dealing with how we're going to proceed," Sweet said. Tuition caps have "a major impact on the revenue stream that we were counting on for implementing our technology initiatives, and particularly the three year commitment we have for the implementation of the \$12 million

SCT Banner project."

**A loss for students**

"I think students lose in the long run here," Habat said, responding to a question asking if lower tuition caps can be considered a win for students.

Tuition caps affect the ultimate quality of education, he said. "It may not be the effect that you have next year, but it affects long-term patterns. It affects our ability to enhance programs, to maintain buildings. So maybe there's an immediate positive impact for the students. But the long-term impact for students is not good."

YSU has lost \$6.5 million in the state instructional fund since 2000. YSU is facing an additional \$1.5 million state funding cut next year.

"It may be a penny wise and a pound foolish if we continue to pursue this state-wide policy of disinvestment," Sweet said. "I think the ramifications will occur in the years ahead."

The January tuition increase was the eighth consecutive year tuition has gone up at YSU. YSU's full year tuition has increased 34 percent, or more than \$2,100, since 2001. Tuition in Ohio is 67 percent higher than the national average.

**"Banking" percentage points**

Senate President Bill Harris (R-Ashland) said he supports the 6 percent maximum cap passed by the House, but would allow universities to "bank" the percentage points they do not use, saving them for future use in tight financial situations. For example, if a university only raised tuition 3

percent this year, they could raise tuition 9 percent the next year.

Habat isn't so keen on the idea.

"If that happens, I don't think you will find a single university taking advantage of it. I think all the universities have said 6 percent is a struggle just to maintain what we're doing," Habat said.

Harris said the state eliminated tuition caps four years ago and tuition skyrocketed. There may be other approaches, but caps give an assurance to families that tuition will not go so high as to be unaffordable, he said.

**Dann's plan**

Sens. Marc Dann (D-Liberty) and Eric Fingerhut (D-Cleveland) have developed a completely different biennial budget than Taft and the state's Republican majority. Under the proposal, tuition would be capped at zero, meaning no increases over the next two years. Instead, the state would fully subsidize the universities so they would not have to raise tuition. Dann said this would cost the state approximately \$225 million each year.

"That's not a lot of money in light of a \$52 billion state budget," Dann said. Lowering tuition caps is not a good idea if the state does not increase funding for higher education, Dann said.

"The states that are economically vibrant are reinvesting in their students," Dann said. "Every dollar we spend on subsidizing a student going to Youngstown State will come back to the state in multiples, both in terms of taxes and economic vitality."

Students need to insert themselves into the dialogue and demand no tuition increases, Dann said.

**More SGA lobbying**

Bob McGovern, the YSU Student Government Association President-elect, said he is planning another

trip to Columbus, this time to lobby the Senate.

Last month, McGovern spearheaded a trip to the state capital to testify before the House and talk with state representatives about the rising cost of a college education.

Details haven't been

worked out yet, but the trip will be similar to last month's effort, he said.

"We're going to try to do a lot of the same things and more," McGovern said.

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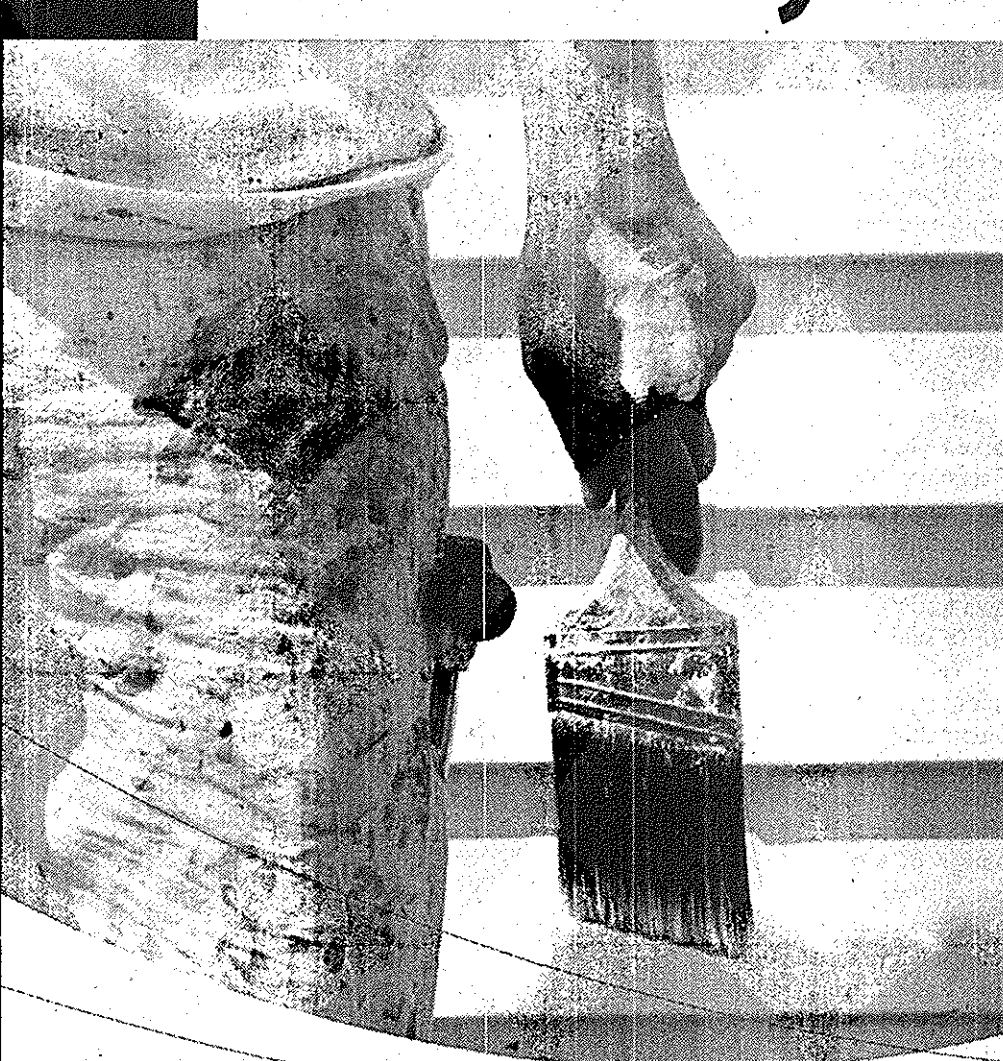
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## MADAIN, Iraq

## Security forces find no hostages despite reports of captives

By Hadi Mizban  
Associated Press

MADAIN, Iraq — Iraqi security forces, backed by U.S. military, swept into a town south of Baghdad at dawn Monday but found no hostages despite reports that Sunni militants had kidnapped as many as 100 Shiites there.

Residents and Sunni clerics said the reports had been grossly exaggerated by government officials bent on re-establishing control in the lawless region the U.S. military has called the "Triangle of Death" because it has become a stronghold of the Sunni insurgency.

Iraq's most powerful Shiite bloc wants former leader Saddam Hussein put to death if he is convicted of war crimes by a special tribunal, and if the interim president won't sign the execution order, he should resign, an alliance spokesman told The Associated Press on Monday.

"We feel he is a criminal. He is the No. 1 criminal in the world. He is a murderer," said Ali al-Dabagh, a lawmaker from the Shiite clergy-led United Iraq Alliance. "He deserves a trial, and he should be subjected to the law and the court. Whatever the decision, everyone should follow it, even if the president says he cannot sign it."

Iraqi President Jalal Talabani told the British Broadcasting Corp. on Monday that he likely would abstain from signing an execution order because of his opposition to the death penalty.

Talabani also told the BBC that the ongoing insurgency could be halted if Iraq used militias such as those consisting of Kurds and Shiite Muslims.

"In my opinion, Iraqi forces, the popular forces and government forces, are now ready to end the insurgency and end this terrorism," he told the BBC.

In Madain, an AP photographer joined hundreds of police who entered the town, deploying on rooftops and moving in vehicles and on foot. There was no resistance and no captives were found in the agricultural town of about 1,000 families, evenly divided between Shiites and Sunnis.

National Security Minister Qassim Dawoud warned Parliament on Sunday of attempts to draw the country into sectarian war. Addressing legislators Monday, he pledged to "chase down terror everywhere."

He said Iraqi forces had discovered rooms full of mines, ammunition and car-bombmaking equipment in Madain. Six completed car bombs were found and were being defused, he said. A number of suspected insurgents also were detained.

A correspondent for Al-Arabiya television, embedded with Iraqi forces, reported that six Iraqi police and special forces brigades participated in the Madain operation.

Fewer than 200 American troops were providing air cover, medical evacuation services and a quick reaction force, which would only be sent in if needed, the U.S. military said. Streets were largely deserted.

Iraqi police and special forces searched farms and orchards. At one farm, they found stolen cars, bomb-making equipment and instructions on how to use weapons, the AP photographer said.

The confusion over what happened in Madain illustrated how quickly rumors spread

in a country of deep ethnic and sectarian divides. Poor telephone communications and the difficulty of traveling between towns because of daily attacks on the roads make it difficult even for government officials to establish facts.

A Defense Ministry official, Haidar Khayon, said early Sunday that Iraqi forces raided the town, freed about 15 Shiite families and captured five hostage-takers in a skirmish with light gunfire. He said there were no casualties in what was described as a tense standoff in which Sunni militants threatened to kill their Shiite captives if all other Shiites did not leave town.

By the end of the day, however, Iraqi officials had produced no hostages and Iraqi military officials and police who provided information about the troubles could not be reached for further details.

Sheikh Abdul Salam al-Kubaisi, a spokesman for the Association of Muslim Scholars, an organization of Sunni clerics, denied to Al-Jazeera television that hostages were taken.

The country's most-feared insurgent group, al-Qaida in Iraq, also denied there had been any hostage-taking in a statement Sunday on an Islamic Web site known for its militant content. The group, headed by the Jordanian-born terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, said the incident was a fabrication by the "enemies of God" to justify a military attack on Madain aimed at Sunnis.

An Associated Press Television News cameraman toured the town Sunday morning and saw no signs of unrest. People were going about their business normally, shops were open and tea houses were full, he said. Residents contacted by telephone also said everything was normal.

On Thursday, Shiite leaders claimed Sunni militants had seriously damaged a town mosque in a bomb attack. The next day, the Shiites said, masked militants drove through town, capturing Shiite residents and threatening to kill them unless all Shiites left.

Shiite leaders and government officials initially estimated 35-100 people were taken hostage, but residents disputed that, with some saying they had seen no evidence any captives were taken.

Security forces began raiding sites Saturday in search of those abducted, Dawoud said.

On the issue of Saddam's fate, Talabani told the BBC that signing a death warrant would go against his beliefs as a human rights advocate and opponent of capital punishment.

He said he may abstain from having to sign any such document and leave the decision to his two deputies.

"I personally signed a call for ending execution throughout the world. And I'm respecting my signature," Talabani told the BBC.

Al-Dabagh, a member of the Shiite majority long oppressed under Saddam's rule, said Saddam's execution was not negotiable.

"This is something that cannot be discussed at all. If the court says he's a criminal, we will follow it," al-Dabagh said. "He (Talabani) is now the president, and he should follow the law. If he doesn't want to sign it, then he should resign the presidency."

Saddam and his top lieutenants will be tried before

the Iraqi Special Tribunal established in late 2003. The tribunal has given no official dates for starting the trials, although national security adviser Mouwafak al-Rubaic said recently that Saddam could be tried by Dec. 31.

The death penalty was reintroduced in Iraq in August 2004 for crimes including murder, endangering national security and drug trafficking. But it is only meant to be a temporary measure in the effort to stamp out the country's insurgency.

Sunnis make up about 20 percent of Iraq's estimated 26 million population but were dominant under Saddam. Since U.S.-led forces drove him from power two years ago, the disempowered Sunnis are believed to form the backbone of the ongoing insurgency, fearing a loss of influence to majority Shiites.

At least 33 people died over the weekend in insurgent violence, including four U.S. soldiers and a 28-year-old American aid worker identified as Marla Ruzicka, the founder of a group trying to determine the number of civilian casualties in Iraq.

On Monday, two Iraqi policemen were killed and six injured when a roadside bomb exploded as their two patrol vehicles drove through Basra in southern Iraq, police Capt. Alaa Hasan said.

Talabani told the BBC that Iraqi security forces could start replacing coalition troops soon if militias were used. The government has rejected offers by the Kurds to use tens of thousands of Peshmerga guerrillas and by the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq to

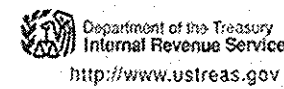
use its Badr brigade of fighters, the BBC reported.

"There is a kind of thinking inside the 1/8 outgoing interim 3/8 government that they must not use 1/8 them 3/8," Talabani said. "We cannot wait for years and years of terrorist activity because we haven't enough government forces."

Associated Press reporters Jamie Tarabay, Qassim Abdul-Zahra and Sameer N. Yacoub in Baghdad contributed to this report.

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He served three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives beginning in 1972. In 1977, he was appointed U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations by President Carter. Five years after his appointment, Mr. Young was elected mayor of Atlanta and served until 1989. Among his many accomplishments in that office, he helped bring the 1996 Summer Olympics to Atlanta and acted as co-chair of the Centennial Olympic Games.

In 1994, Mr. Young was appointed by President Clinton to head the Southern Africa Enterprise Development Fund, which manages \$100-million in private funds to assist developing businesses in 11 countries.

Mr. Young, an ordained minister, was president of the National Council of Churches from 2000-2001. He also was appointed by the Secretary of Defense to serve on the National Security Study Group.

A top aide to Martin Luther King, Jr. during the civil rights movement, Mr. Young currently serves on the board of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center of Non-Violent Social Change.

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Gholke also said that YSU was a late arrival to the site.

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**Safety Risk?**

Campus newspapers at other schools have raised the question if Facebook, which has the option of including your personal phone number and address with your profile, is unsafe. Columnists from other campus papers have called Facebook "a stalker's dream."

Mark Adovasio, Lieutenant of the YSU Police Department, said they had not seen the Web site yet, and couldn't comment about any security measures students should take.

Vansuch said she didn't include her personal information with her profile after an incident that happened to one of her

friends from another school. She said that her friend received a text message from someone she didn't know after including her cell phone number in her profile.

"That sent up a red flag to me," Vansuch said.

Other students said that they weren't worried about any risk, pointing out Facebook users have privacy controls where they can set parameters about who sees their profile.

"I'm not worried about security because only the people I set as friends can see my personal information," freshman Halley Moore said.

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huge venue, and the sound far from filled the room.

It was kind of like listening to the radio in my '94 Cherokee — I could hear it, but there was no presence, no feeling and no sense that the music was really integrated with the video. That improved later.

The visual images for the "Dark Side of the Moon" were segments of film footage from the "The Wizard of Oz," the movie that, through design or serendipity, seems to synchronize with the album.

The film's soundtrack was audible behind the music — strains of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" rose up over rock-guitar instrumentals, and the entire juxtaposition seemed silly.

Perhaps the neatest visual effect from this part of the show was the multi-colored laser tornado projected over Dorothy's

monochrome Kansas one.

It must have been intentional irony that "Money" began as the film switched to Technicolor and the Yellow Brick Road appeared, but one wonders if David Gilmour and company ever envisioned Munchkins (the midgets, not the donuts) cavorting to their tunes.

The little people danced on until the Good Witch appeared in a bubble of light and, well, you know the rest.

Throughout the production, the lasers painted typically cheesy line-drawing figures over the video screen.

The audience was bathed with reflections from the disco ball hung at stage center, and swirling, Spirograph-inspired figures tried to hypnotize the audience into thinking they liked the show.

After 45 minutes I was glad it was over, but disappointed to find out it was not the end, just the intermission. The audience donated a mild applause to the light-and-sound technicians and to the ghost of the band in the machine.

I braced myself for the second half of the show, thinking that it probably couldn't get much worse. But I wasn't ready for what came next — it got better. This is the second time I was wrong.

The sound guys must have gotten their heads together during the break, because what awaited the audience after intermission was a room-filling, bone rattling sonic presence.

Roger Waters' bass riff from "The Wall" actually shook my chair, and I could feel Nick Mason's drums beating in my chest. The sound quality made all of the difference in the world.

The video portion of the second part seemed more relevant to the music also. As "The Wall" played, the schoolmaster harangued his students, both in movie footage and laser projection. Soulless workers marched in and out of factories to "Welcome to the Machine."

During "Comfortably Numb," the character's hands swelled into balloons that carried him away into the sky. There were still some clumsy laser visuals — the spirals and the line figures. But those were more than compensated for by the laser animations, many of them figures from "The Wall" movie.

Hammers marched, and airplanes soared across the screen. In one segment, a laser girl danced and gyrated sensually over the stage.

In one scene, the screaming face from the cover of "The Wall" album was projected on the screen, blood-red with eerily-glowing green laser eyes.

Combined with the laser beams, fans and searchlights, the entire effect was more sophisticated, unified and intense than the first half of the show.

In the grand finale, a 15-foot-tall inflatable figure rose from the floor in front of the stage and seemed to dance to the music.

The audience evidently recognized the improvement, alcohol consumption notwithstanding. The end of each song was met with enthusiastic cheers and applause.

Laser shows still don't impress me much. They're kind of like a high-tech fireworks show, but fireworks are even interesting sometimes.

And in the same way, "Laser Floyd" is interesting, too.

If acoustics are right, if you like the music of Pink Floyd, and if you can find some philosophical meaning in dancing Munchkins, endure "Dark Side of the Moon" and stay for "The Wall." Because, all in all, it was the best part of the show.

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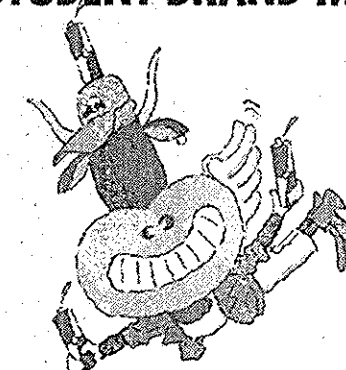
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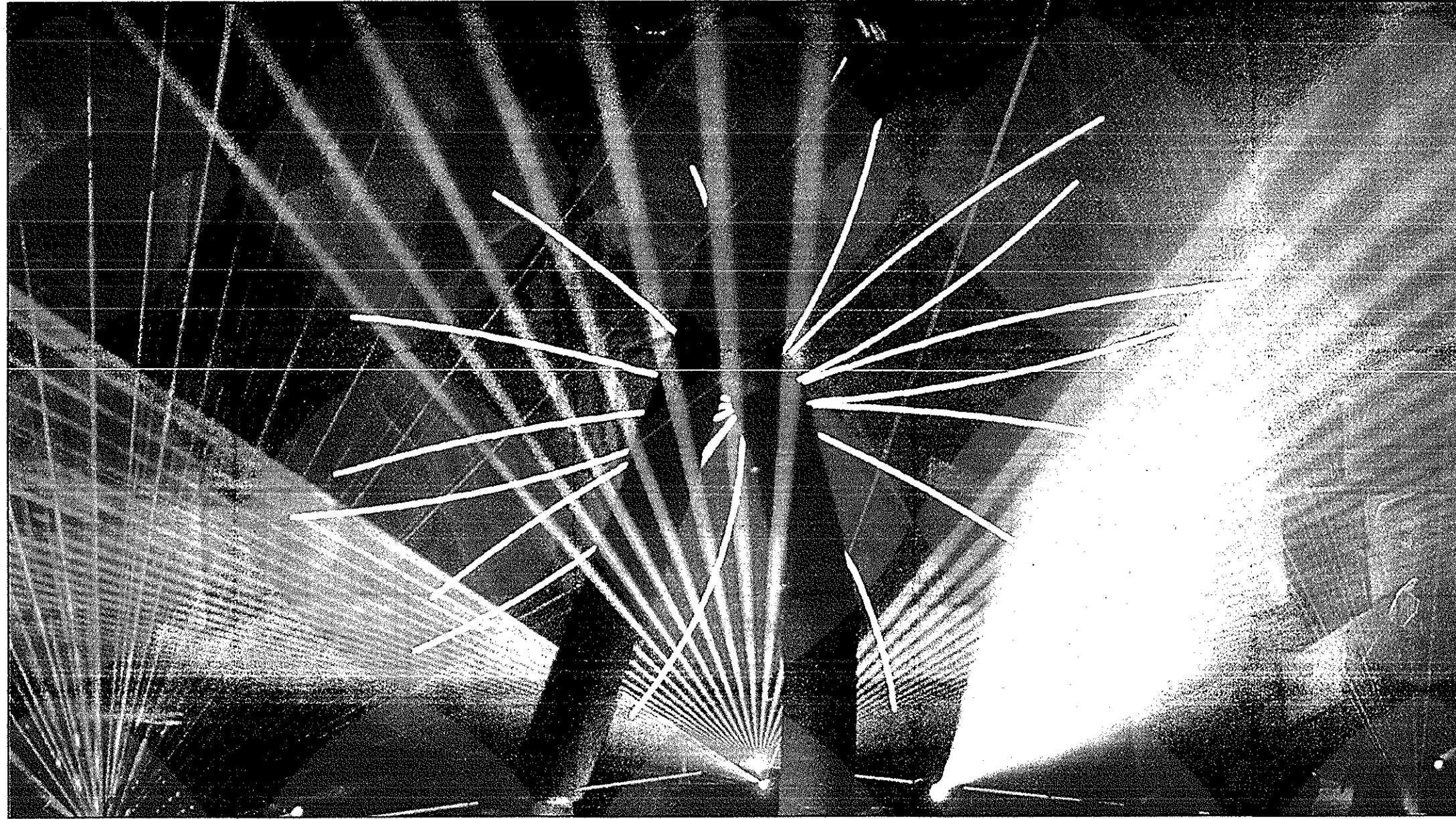
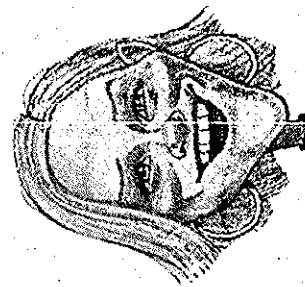
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Reese Witherspoon is filing a false imprisonment report with Los Angeles police after paparazzi aggressively followed her home last Friday night from the gym, and blocked her from her gated home.



## Welcome to the machine

Lasers, video, and music come together in "Laser Floyd," a light show set to the music of Pink Floyd. The show isn't half bad, depending on which half you watch. (Jambur photo by Chuck Rogers)

# Laser Floyd rocks Stambaugh

By Chuck Rogers  
The Jambur

Laser shows do not excite me. Too many years of watching high-tech high-resolution sci-fi movies has left me unimpressed by line figures painted by colored lights on a screen.

So I was not enthusiastic about reviewing Saturday's "Laser Floyd" show at Stambaugh Auditorium. But my editor wanted me to "get the non-traditional student" (read OLD GUY) perspective on the program.

Admittedly, I have fewer follicles on my head than most male Youngstown State University students, and many of them are sprouting gray foliage lately. And I would have agreed with the assumption that Pink Floyd's music appeals mainly to the older crowd if I had not gone to the show. But I was wrong — twice.

Teens and twenty-somethings were all over the place and as enthusiastic as the older patrons.

A crowd of about 300 people, at least half of them way too young to remember when parents said "What the hell kind of a name is Pink Floyd for a band," turned out to see Paramount's

LaserSpectacular "Laser Floyd" light and sound show.

The show, sponsored by radio station 93.3 WNCB-FM, was held in the cavernous main auditorium of the 75-year old concert hall. The stage-full of black boxes glowing with green and red lights seemed a little out of place amid the red velvet seats, polished woodwork and Corinthian columns.

Some of the crowd milled about in the lobby as they waited for the show. The aroma in the air was evidence that alcohol was for sale in the lower lobby, and the atmosphere was almost like

a rock concert.

Pink Floyd t-shirts adorned young and old alike, and a vendor was hawking DVDs and "Laser Glasses" near the doors. I bought a pair just to see if they would enhance the experience, but I probably should have invested my money at the bar.

The people in the lobby dashed for their seats when the opening tick-tock tick-tock of "Time" began and the lights went down for part one.

"Laser Floyd" is divided into two parts —

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# FACEBOOK

A new way for YSU students to keep in touch

By Bill Rodgers  
The Jambur

Youngstown State University Students have a new way to keep in touch with one another this semester.

An SGA initiative now has YSU involved with a nationwide college student Web site known as The Facebook. With [www.thefacebook.com](http://www.thefacebook.com), students can get in touch with friends from their college, students from their classes, and people they knew from their high schools.

The Facebook is a Web site started by Mark Zuckerberg, who launched the Web site in February 2004 when he was a sophomore at Harvard College. The Facebook is a Web site similar to university facebooks, books published with photographs of students to help students get to know one another before the start of the semester.

On The Facebook, students can make their own profile, create a group of friends, join groups, or look up students from their classes or high schools. The site covers colleges from across the country, and is one of the largest college networking sites.

Since YSU joined on Thursday, April 7, more than 880 students signed up for the online service.

Amanda Lewis, chair of the Student Affairs committee of SGA, said the push to get YSU involved with the site began early this semester with Vinay Vajjhala. She said he heard about it through a friend and wanted to get YSU on it.

Lewis said to get YSU on The Facebook, a certain number of students needed to fill out online request forms, asking that it include YSU.

Sarah Vansuch, another committee member for Student Affairs, talked about the application process. She said the drive to collect requests

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Sarah Vansuch, committee member, Student Affairs

was spread mainly by word-of-mouth.

"We bombarded them with requests, and as a result we finally got on," Vansuch said.

Vansuch said YSU's involvement with the site would have benefits to the students.

"This is important because we're a commuter school," Vansuch said. "This will help get students more connected."

Freshman Brandi Veigh talked about what she liked most about the site.

"Well, it's a neat way to keep in touch with people from around campus, and even from back home in high school — there are so many people that I've talked to in the last week or so that I haven't even thought about since graduation. It's also a great place to meet new friends from around the dorms and campus," Veigh said.

Senior Charlie Adams echoed Vansuch's sentiments about Facebook's benefits to YSU students.

"I believe that Facebook has the potential to be a good way to meet others who share similar interests, especially for those who are commuters or who wish to become 'involved' but don't know where to start," Adams said.

Freshman Sarah Fisher said what many students who use the site say: Facebook is addicting. Veigh agreed.

"Yes, it's very addicting. I hate to admit this, but I check it almost

Currently, YSU has more than 430 different groups on Facebook. Some students use Facebook groups as a networking tool, others have fun with them. If you are ever browsing YSU's Facebook, keep an eye open for some of the following organizations.

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- ▶ College Democrats
- ▶ Alcohol is Your Friend
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- ▶ The Lenny Crist Fan Club
- ▶ I Spend More Time at Noodles than I do at Class
- ▶ Broke College Students Unite!
- ▶ Monday Nights at Irish Bob's
- ▶ Jim Morrison is a God
- ▶ I Went to Private School
- ▶ I Went to Public School, b-tch
- ▶ I have ADD and I like Green Day
- ▶ I want to Catch a Campus Squirrel

every time I sit down at my computer," Veigh said.

Other students, such as junior Dave Gholke were unimpressed by the recent hype Facebook has received.

"Facebook is a waste of time," Gholke said. "I hear stories about

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