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YSU

Tuition hike officially drops from 9 to 6%

Vice President for Administration John Habat noted a 3 percent decline in state support for education

By Bill Rodgers
News Editor

The tuition rate for the coming school year was officially lowered to a 6 percent increase from a previously passed 9 percent increase on Friday by the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees during its

quarterly full board meeting. Other items on the agenda included the new annual budget for the 2006 fiscal year, a resolution changing the student tuition for the coming year and the installation of two new trustees. John Habat, YSU's Vice President for Administration, also announced an energy sav-

ing initiative that could save the university money.

Tuition

In his budget presentation, Habat noted a 3 percent decline in state support of public education. Habat said tuition for the upcoming year would go



HABAT

at 6 percent with an additional 1.6 percent increase to finance the Andrews Recreation and Wellness Center. The 1.6 percent tuition increase for the recreation center would be exempt from the annual 6 percent tuition cap allowed

by the state in the new state budget.

The trustees approved a resolution bringing the tuition increase for the following academic year within the 6 percent cap allowed by the state.

In January, the trustees please see **TUITION**, Page 2

TUITION CAP

Gov. Bob Taft is expected to sign a \$51.2 billion budget today, which includes a 6 percent tuition cap.

\$626/yr
Trustees proposed hike, Jan. '05
\$479/yr
Actual hike, takes effect fall '05

Jambor reports

Y-town 2010 ready to submit plan

Planners are set to submit city revitalization project draft to City Planning Commission

By Bill Rodgers
News Editor

Planners for the Youngstown 2010 project announced that the draft of the city revitalization project is completed. The Youngstown City Planning Commission will submit the draft to city council members July 19 with the recommendation that the council adopt the plan as the guiding document for the city.

The city council will then vote on a resolution deciding whether to adopt the plan.

The plan was first unveiled at a public meeting in Stambaugh Auditorium January 27.

The plan would implement a series of projects geared at improving the community. Each of the proposed projects is sorted into one of three categories: "cleaner Youngstown," "greener Youngstown," and "better planned and organized Youngstown."

The proposals were drafted after a three-year series of town meetings. William D'Avignon, Youngstown 2010's spokesperson, commented on the planning process.

"It was a three-year process," D'Avignon said. "The first step we had was a vision of what Youngstown

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DETROIT

Push is on for a woman in White House

By Julie Hinds
KRT Campus

There's something in the political air, and it's not testosterone. The possibility of a female president is heating up the Internet, not to mention bookshelves and TV schedules.

Several grassroots Web sites are working to draft Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice for the Republican nomination in 2008, even though she denies any intention to run.

Other sites are equally devoted to ensuring the next Democratic ticket is led by U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton, who hasn't thrown her hat into the ring.

A Rice-Clinton battle for the Oval Office? A book on that scenario is expected in a few months.

And a TV network is jumping on the Madame President bandwagon, too. ABC has a new

fall drama, "Commander-in-Chief," that puts Geena Davis in the presidential hot seat.

For decades, political buffs have discussed the possibility of a female president. As more women gain clout through elected office, the conversation grows more serious.

With the 2008 race on the horizon, the talk is now sounding more confident than ever.

"I think it's just going to snowball from now until Election Day. I think we're going to swear in the first woman president on January 20, 2009," says Rosemarie Boyd of American Women Presidents, a group dedicated to helping elect a woman to the White House.

Boyd's group is on a bipartisan mission. Its Web site (www.americanwomenpresidents.org) offers information on Rice and Clinton, along with leading

On the Web: www.americanwomenpresident.org

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Presidents?

Several Web sites are devoted to working on securing Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, and U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton for the Republican and Democratic tickets in 2008. *KRT Campus*

YOUNGSTOWN

SCDC, YOUNG break ground for Renaissance Park

The organizations are transforming a once dilapidated area into a community garden

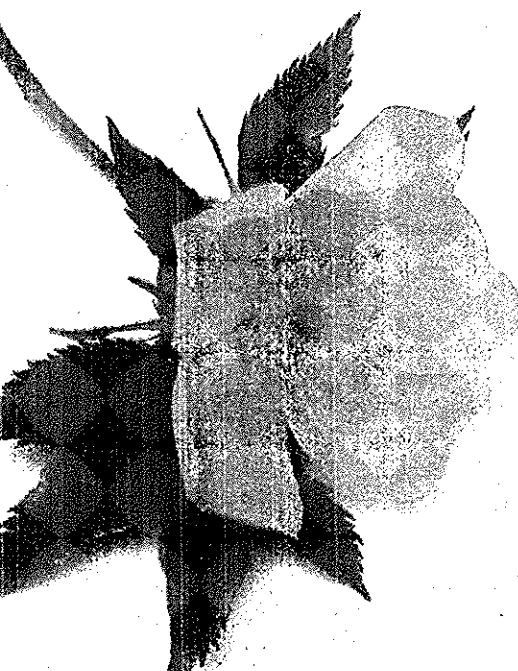
By Cheryl Thompson
Contributing writer

Just four years ago, the property next to the South Side Hospital in Youngstown was an eyesore. Five dilapidated houses stood vacant until the Southside Community Development Center, a non-profit organization, bought the property. Now that the houses have been demolished and the ground leveled and cleared of debris, the SCDC is working with the Youth Oriented United Neighborhood Gardens and Jubilee Gardens to change the empty lot into a community garden called Renaissance Park.

As of now, the park consists of a field and two patches of soil. This might seem like a humble start, but Adrian Byrnes, the interim executive of the SCDC, said this is just the first step to building Renaissance Park. "It might not look like much now, but compared to the way it looked before, it is gorgeous," Byrnes said.

Nicole Campbell, a Youngstown State University senior human ecology major, serves as the director of the project as part of her internship with the SCDC. Campbell, who already

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News Briefs

Press to release new book edited by Linkon, Russo
Cornell University Press is releasing a new book edited by Youngstown State University professors John Russo and Sherry Lee Linkon. It is entitled *New Working-Class Studies* and contains writings from historians, economists, geographers, sociologists and others from across the nation. The book

addresses key themes and issues dealing with the development of the working-class studies field.

Business leaders set to speak at Business Week
Ohio Business Week will be held at YSU from June 26 to July 2. Local and regional business leaders will hold sessions for high school students featuring

topics such as elements of cost, marketing and advertising, personal finance, business communications, ethics, customer service and entrepreneurship.

For more information, call Christine Shelton, WCBA coordinator of external relations at (330) 941-3068, or Stephanie Wilson, public relations specialist for Ohio Business Week Foundation at 1-888-377-7414.

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should be in the future. We went out into the neighborhoods and gathered input. We developed a plan using that vision as a platform."

Under the plan for a "cleaner" Youngstown, Youngstown 2010 calls for some beautification projects. Under the plan, the gateways into the city would be cleaned up and highly visible rundown buildings demolished. There's also a plan for the city to work with the Ohio Department of Transportation to beautify the Madison Avenue expressway.

D'Avignon said some parts of the "cleaner" category were already being carried out.

"The gateways into town and into [YSU's] campus are being maintained and kept clean," D'Avignon said. "These are general principles but our object is to formalize them. We're getting property owners involved, and there are incentives if needed."

D'Avignon said there was a façade-assistance program that would give property owners a grant to improve the image of their property.

Under "greener," the projects include proposals for green industrial districts, a restoration initiative for the Mahoning River and a downtown park near the waterfront.

Under "better planned and organized," the city plan would support Youngstown State University's Centennial Master Plan, a similar project aimed at revitalizing YSU's campus. The plan would also support the revitalization of the

Smokey Hollow neighborhood. Youngstown would partner with towns such as Boardman and Struthers in establishing common border and commercial districts.

The plan would also establish hike and bikeways. There are a few key education and job incentives such as the Mahoning River Education Project and the NEO-Healthforce.

If the plan is adopted by city council, D'Avignon said that money from Youngstown's yearly operating budget would be allocated to fund the plan. D'Avignon said some projects would also have state support, such as ODOT working on Mahoning Avenue.

D'Avignon said one of the main challenges to the plan was the need to allocate resources to neighborhoods based on their sustainability. He said that certain neighborhoods have gotten to the point where the city can't afford to use any more resources on it.

D'Avignon said that community support would help the plan.

"We've had people get involved in any way they could," D'Avignon said. "We have had a lot of people lend their expertise and talents to do things."

The proposed plan is available for review and public comments on the Youngstown 2010 Web site.

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had prior experience working with community gardens, said she was excited to help with the Renaissance Park project. She said it gives her a chance to do something she loves and give back to the community.

"I've always liked gardening and when I found out about the program I couldn't wait to start one," Campbell said.

YSU Assistant Professor of Biology Carl Johnston is attending meetings to bring student involvement.

"This program will help students apply what they learned in class and teach it to others," Johnston said.

The park officially opened June 17, and with the help of

students from Lincoln Place tilling the soil and planting seedlings, the transformation from empty field to scenic garden began.

Attending the park opening were students from the Lincoln Place, first ward councilman Artis Gilliam Sr., who helped the organization receive grants, Youngstown Master Gardeners and other community leaders.

Shawn Richardson, a Lincoln Place student, said he is happy to be working with the garden.

"I think it will help the community and make it look better out here," Richardson said.

J.W. Powers, the senior

director of the program, said beautifying Youngstown was the purpose from the beginning.

"It was our idea from the start to put the 'Young' back in Youngstown," Powers said in his opening address. "Too long the inner-city has been neglected for long term development."

The park, which will feature both flower and vegetable gardens, is aimed at not only revitalizing the city, but also teaching area youth the importance of farming and gardening in everyone's life.

The program will feature different activities each week for young people from age six up to age 18. The activities

will vary depending on the age group.

They include hands on lessons about different aspects of gardening ranging from composting to entomology to nutrition.

YOUNG is also planning on enlisting the help of the YSU biology department to help with activities that teach kids how to analyze the chemical composition of the soil.

Over the summer, more youth groups will become involved including the Youngstown Boys and Girls Club, Mount Calvary Church and possibly the Head Start.

Call Cheryl Thompson at (330) 941-1913.

POLICE BLOTTER

A female student approached a Youngstown State University police officer Monday and informed him that she was being stalked by a male student. The victim stated that she met Robert Dunlap, 56, at the Beat Coffee shop on June 3. The victim took him to church on June 5, and on June 6, the middle-aged freshman called her and asked her to be his girlfriend. After refusing Dunlap, the victim said that he would call her around the clock and harass her. A police report states that on June 13, Dunlap appeared on the first floor of Cushman Hall as he stared into the classroom at the victim while she was attending class. The victim also stated that Dunlap told her that he has guns and knives at his house and has been trained to bury people.

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women from both parties. Other activists, however, want a specific woman in the nation's top job.

"From my perspective, it's just not a woman, it's just not any woman, it's this woman, Condoleezza Rice," says Crystal Dueker of Fargo, N.D., national co-chair of Americans for Dr. Rice (Americansforrice.com).

"She's got the iron will of Margaret Thatcher."

Her group's Web site offers news updates and a selection of T-shirts, bumper stickers and buttons (some labeled Condi, some Condoleezza). There's also a link to a song: "Condoleezza Will Lead Us."

Dueker, who's been crisscrossing the country in her Mini Cooper, says she's always running into "Condistas," a nickname for Rice supporters. The energy is just as high in the many Hillary Clinton

camp.

"We're on a roll right now on a major scale," says Bob Kunst of Miami Beach, Fla., president of Hillarynow.com (www.hillarynow.com).

Kunst was in South Carolina last week for an early straw poll for 2008 taken by Democrats in Richland County. It resulted in an unexpected win for Clinton.

The vote total was extremely small, but it was still a boost for Clinton supporters. According to the New York Post, Clinton received 45 votes, while second-place finisher, former U.S. Sen. John Edwards, trailed with 36.

Kunst says his group is looking at airing TV ads in New Hampshire within a month. Dueker says her group is preparing to debut a TV ad for Rice. Soon, attention will shift to bookstores. "The Truth About

Hillary: What She Knew, When She Knew It, and How Far She'll Go to Become President" (Sentinel, \$24.95) by Edward Klein makes its debut this week. Already, it's prompted a swirl of gossip.

Several other Clinton-themed books are in the pipeline for summer and fall, including "Condi vs. Hillary: The Next Great Presidential Race" (Regan Books, \$25.95) by Dick Morris, the ex-Bill Clinton adviser who is now critical of the Clintons, and his wife, Eileen McGann.

For the fall season, ABC is promoting "Commander-in-Chief," which has a premise laced with political intrigue.

A description from ABC says Davis will play Mackenzie Allen, the vice president and a mother of three, who's asked to resign by the dying president and let someone "more appropriate" take

her place.

Instead, Allen follows her conscience and takes over the Oval Office.

The series comes from Rod Lurie, writer and director of "The Contender," a 2000 film starring Joan Allen that also centered on a high-powered female politician.

Clips of Davis in "Commander-In-Chief" show her with a hairstyle that's similar to Condi's power flip.

Whether or not Rice and Clinton end up running in 2008, more women should consider doing so, says Boyd.

Like male undergrads who compete for their party's nomination, women could use a presidential bid to raise their profile and spread their message to a wider audience, Boyd argues.

"We need to see that every election," she says. "It should not be the exception."

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announced a 9 percent tuition increase for the coming academic year. Six percent of the increase would go toward general tuition, 2 percent for technology improvements and 1 percent for financial aid.

Habat said YSU would finance its technology improvement costs from other sources. YSU had already promised applying students financial aid under the assumption that the university would have the extra 1 percent tuition increase. Habat said YSU would honor its commitment to those students, but doesn't expect students to claim 100 percent of the money YSU had promised.

Energy Saving Initiative
Also at the meeting, Habat said YSU would undergo performance contracting to find and make improvements in the university's energy consump-

tion. Habat said the contracting could save the university "millions" over the next decade.

John Hyden, YSU's facilities director, said that under House Bill 7, YSU could apply for performance contracting. Hyden said that YSU would be able to invest in a contractor who would perform upgrades to lighting, the power grid, water systems, roofs and windows. The upgrades would reduce energy consumption, saving the university money each year.

Hyden said that the university would pay for the upgrades over the next decade. The university would pay for the upgrades with the money saved through reduced energy consumption.

Hyden said the university had proposals from three contractors and would make a final recommendation to the board

of trustees soon. Hyden said the recommendation could be made to the trustees at a special board meeting over the summer.

Hyden said that the anticipated costs and savings of the project were vague at this point.

He said the total cost of the project would be based on how much money the university could save each year. Hyden said that some contractors were projecting \$10 million in savings over the next decade.

YSU President David Sweet said that the plan had "obvious potential."

"Over the long haul we would be saving substantial amounts of money," Sweet said. "We should strive to be as energy efficient as possible."

New Trustees
Diane Bitonte Miladore and Sudershan K. Garg were

sworn in as trustees at Friday's meeting.

Trustee Hai-Shiuh Wang was elected board chairman for a term beginning July 1 and ending June 30, 2006. Wang was appointed a nine-year term as a trustee in 2000. His term expires in 2009.

Trustee John Pogue was elected board vice-chairman for the same time period.

Each year at the board's last regular meeting of the fiscal year, a new chairperson is elected.

Larry Esterly served as the board's last chairman.

Esterly died in May 7 from a heart attack in his home in Poland. The board passed a resolution on Friday honoring Esterly for his 40 years of service to the university.

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OUR SIDE

Amendment un-American

The summer of 1966 was a tumultuous time for America. Though the battle for civil rights was slowly winning greater equality for African Americans, the more racist elements of society had not yet given up the fight.

On June 6, 1966, a black civil rights activist named James Meredith was walking along Highway 51, just outside Hernando, Mississippi, participating in a voter registration march. As the marchers strode down the highway, a man came out of nowhere shouting, "James! James! I only want James Meredith!" Meredith turned around to see who was calling his name, and the man shot him three times, wounding him in the head, neck, leg and back.

Meredith was rushed to the hospital. He survived, but word spread fast of the shooting. In Brooklyn, a decorated World War II veteran named Sydney Street heard the news on the radio. Street, who was black, couldn't believe what he was hearing: how could acts of violence like this still be happening in America, more than 100 years after slavery ended?

Street had to make his voice heard somehow. He pulled out an American flag he had stored in a dresser, walked outside, and set the flag on fire in symbolic protest. As flames engulfed the Stars and Stripes, a police officer came up to Street and asked him whose flag was burning. "That is my flag," Street said. "I burned it. If they let that happen to Meredith, we don't need an American flag."

Street was arrested and convicted for "cast[ing] contempt" on an American flag; however, the Supreme Court later overturned the conviction. The court stated the act of flag burning, though offensive to some, should be protected speech under the First Amendment and should not be considered a crime. A similar case in 1989 produced the same result, with the Supreme Court siding with the First Amendment right to burn a flag. Unfortunately, some politicians, in fact, the majority of politicians can't take no for an answer. These politicians would have you believe that Sydney Street was not an outraged citizen engaged in non-violent protest, but instead, a common criminal.

Because the Supreme Court has repeatedly struck down any law that would prohibit flag burning, Congress is trying to circumvent the First Amendment by changing the Constitution.

To change the Constitution, an amendment has to be approved by two-thirds of the House of Representatives, two-thirds of the senate and then be ratified by three-quarters of the states. The U.S. House has passed six different versions of the flag-burning amendment since 1995, but it has always failed the two-thirds Senate vote.

The House passed the bill again about a week ago, but what's different this time is that the Senate is dangerously close to having enough votes to pass it and send it off to the states, where the amendment would likely be ratified and written into the constitution.

It will be the dawning of a dark new age in America if lawmakers criminalize certain aspects of political speech that they find offensive.

Flag burning is a non-problem. There is certainly no epidemic of flag burning, and especially not one big enough to warrant altering the Bill of Rights for only the 18th time in more than 200 years.

Also, burning a flag, though distasteful to many, is hardly the worst form of offensive speech allowed in America today. Surely, the hate-filled speech that comes from members of the Ku Klux Klan or neo-Nazi groups is more harmful to society than burning a flag. Yet nobody is suggesting we remove the first amendment rights of the KKK.

If flag burning is such a non-issue, why are politicians trying to pass it into law? Polls have shown that Americans are largely in favor of outlawing flag burning. Also, flag burning is a political firestorm. Nobody wants to be on record as having voted for burning the Stars and Bars. The amendment also serves as a fine distraction from far more pressing issues facing our nation today. Capturing Osama bin Laden, the war in Iraq, and the rising cost of health care all jump to mind as issues that should take precedence over an absolutely unnecessary flag-burning amendment.

Right now, flag burning is a legitimate form of protest, but not a very effective one because it offends so many people. However, if it becomes illegal, every time a flag is burned there will be an arrest and a trial, with the offensive act likely garnering far more media coverage than it otherwise would have. The act of burning a flag in protest will become less legitimate, but far more effective. The probable result being an increase in the number of flags burned.

This brings to mind the Prohibition of alcohol in the 1920s and '30s, the only other time the Constitution was amended to limit people's freedoms. It was banned, but everybody continued to consume alcohol. It was virtually unenforceable, which ultimately led to its repeal.

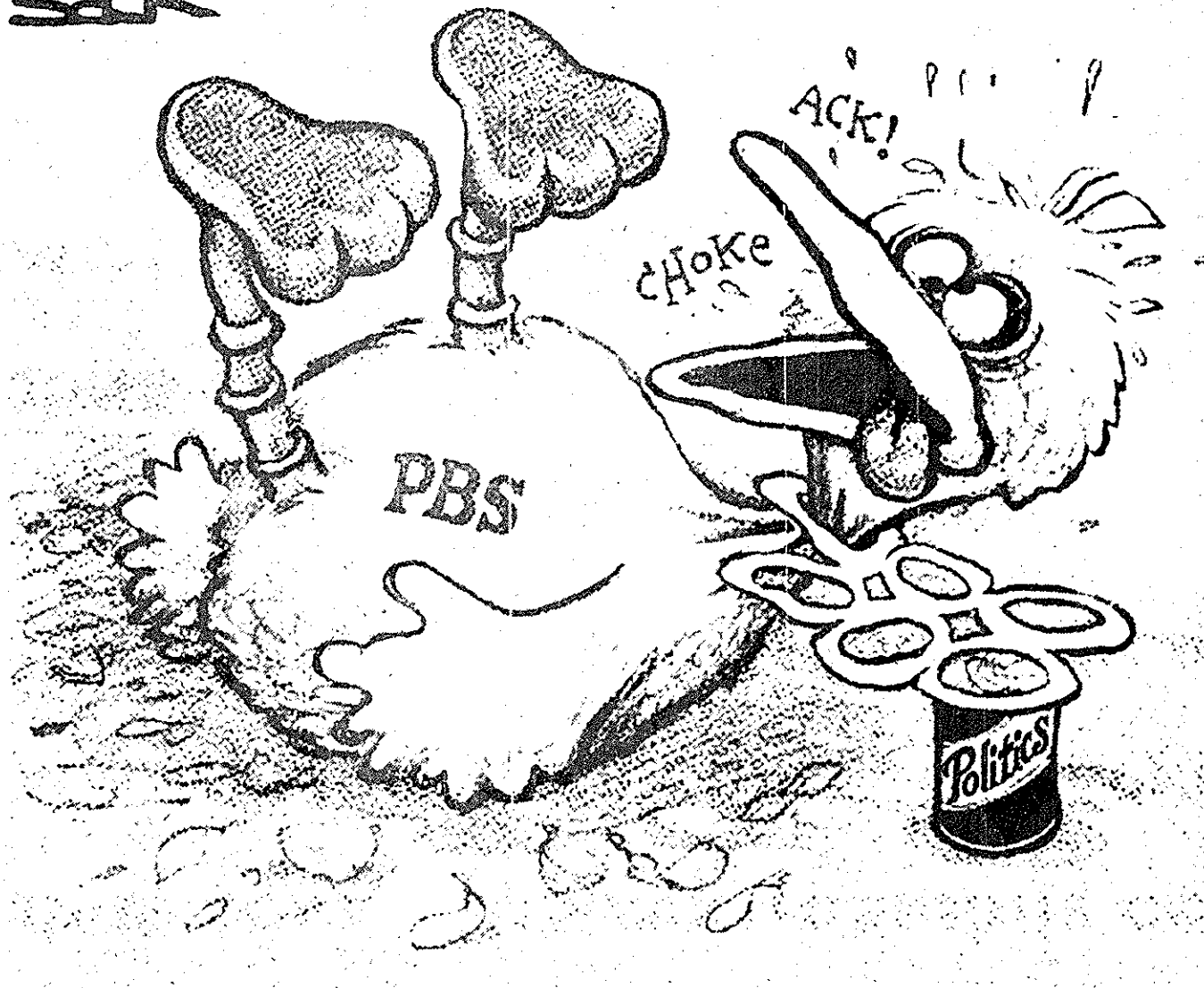
The flag burning amendment is similarly unenforceable. For starters, what is a flag? Could someone legally burn a "fake" flag with 49 stars and 12 stripes? How about a photo of a flag? Or a flag t-shirt?

Also, an amendment would likely bring about selective enforcement of the law. Some people would be allowed to burn the flag, if they had the right intent. For example, the Boy Scouts of America burn flags every year, all across the country. They do this because the only accepted method of retiring an old and tattered flag is to burn it. If an amendment passes, the Boy Scouts would likely continue to burn flags.

There are so many arguments against passing this draconian amendment and only one real argument for: many people simply don't want to see such offensive behavior. But that is the essence of free speech. If you only tolerate speech you agree with and you make illegal speech you don't agree with, then there really isn't free speech.

By amending the constitution to limit free speech, our lawmakers will have done something far worse than burning a flag; they will have burned the essence of the Constitution itself.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Great Lawn a contradiction

Editor:
According to the Jambar article on June 23, the new north gateway includes the planting of 100 trees so as to add to the beautification of one of YSU's primary entry points to campus.

Hmmmm... Now let me try to understand this — let's plant 100 trees to make the entrance to campus more pleasing to the eye. Seems to me to be a fine and sensible idea. However, let's also devastate the inner campus core of its biological diversity and innate beauty by leveling its gently sloping hills as well as eliminating its natural arbor by removing most (if not all) trees. Somehow, I fail to see how the latter idea is consistent with the first.

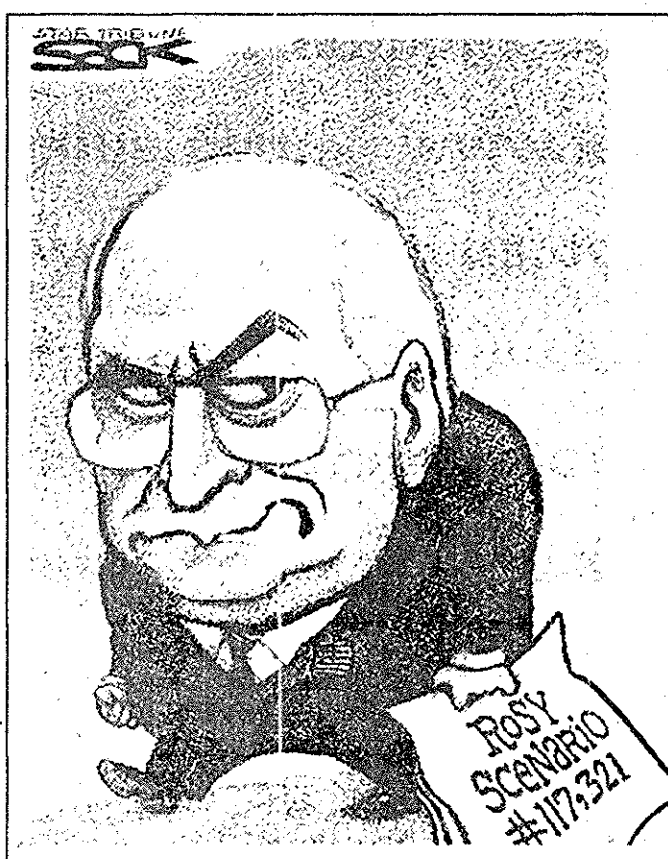
Chet Cooper
Associate Professor
Biological Sciences

We do not support the Bush agenda

Editor:
During his June 28 speech, George Bush referenced September 11, 2001 five times in hopes that the fear of another attack on U.S. soil would keep the American public from looking rationally at the current situation in Iraq. He vowed that another September 11th would not happen on his watch.

Somehow, his pre-emptive war with Iraq would prevent another attack on this country from happening. Unfortunately for George Bush, we the American people are not that uninformed. We know that September 11th did happen on his watch. We know that George Bush ignored a presidential briefing in August of 2001 alerting him that Osama Bin Laden was determined to attack within the United States. We know that the White House terrorism task force, headed by Dick Cheney never met prior to September 11, 2001. In the summer of 2001 George Bush was more concerned with preventing stem-cell researchers from finding cures for deadly diseases than keeping our country safe from terrorism.

More time has passed since September 11, 2001 than the entire time that passed from the attack on Pearl Harbor to the end of World War II. After that attack, F.D.R. initiated investigations into why Pearl Harbor happened, united our nation and the free world, asked everyone to sacrifice and helped defeat a real threat to democracy and freedom. After September 11, 2001, George Bush: opposed an investigation, divided our nation and the world, asked everyone to keep shopping, imprisoned and tortured hundreds of innocent individuals, has not been able to catch Osama Bin Laden, and started an unrelated



THE INSURGENCY IS THRIVING.
YOUR CREDIBILITY, HOWEVER, APPEARS TO BE IN ITS LAST THROES.

war, based on lies, that has decimated tens of thousands of U.S. and Iraqi lives and hundreds of billions of dollars.

George Bush's invasion and planned permanent occupation of Iraq has made the U.S. and the world less safe. In his speech he offered no plan to end the occupation and no exit strategy. He claimed that announcing a timeline for withdrawal would harm democracy and freedom in the region. The Downing Street Memo provides documentation that the

Bush administration had decided to go to war with no exit strategy months before he lied to Congress to get their support. Three years later over 1,700 U.S. soldiers, 2,000 government contractors and between 30,000 and 100,000 Iraqis are dead as a result of Bush's lies. The United States is building 15 PERMANENT military bases in Iraq. George Bush still has no exit strategy because he never plans to leave Iraq just as the hijackers on September 11th never planned to take lessons on how to land a jetliner.

We the people support our troops but we do not support the Bush agenda of illegal, immoral and insane war.

Ray Beiersdorfer
Associate Professor
Geological & Environmental Sciences

'Save a dog, send a jackass'

Editor:
As a black sailor, I saw America's use of dogs in Vietnam and I thought it a massive crime — totally inhumane — not to speak of all the innocent lives lost given that the war was never just in the first place. Now 30 years later, it's being

considered again that dogs be sent on death missions: used to sniff out roadside bombs in Iraq—a war a hundred times more unjust since Iraq had nothing to do with 9/11!

I do not want to know that something as good and valuable as a dog is being blown apart trying to save lives. Then, the answer came to me when I was reflecting on this latest rash of black on black retaliation killings throughout the city — and you can be sure throughout America — that all these mindless, ungrateful of the "black plight" criminals be rounded up (also taken out of jails and prisons) and sent to Afghanistan and Iraq to walk ahead of convoys and stand guard at check points where car bombers are sure to charge. It's quid pro quo: simply that these useless murderers and counterproductive asses of society pay up for the destruction and tears they've caused and for their bed and board otherwise. Better yet, let's empty all jails and prisons of all murderers and child rapists and put them at the head of convoys. It's the human thing to do. Save a dog, send a jackass! Then something worthwhile would have come of Bush's War.

Ted Williams

Jambar needs to 'grow up'

Editor:
I was working on campus today and didn't have much to do. So in my boredom, I grabbed a Jambar. I read the first couple pages. I also agreed with the letter to the editor about Bob Mackey's previous article regarding the

"Hot Rods." Then I turned to the last page. What a joke! Bob Mackey has written another brilliantly idiotic commentary. Does he have nothing more important to discuss than some game he played ten or more years ago? And if he had remembered the game correctly, the illustration would have been less graphic — the game had no blood or gore. The following article was just as bad. I don't care about Mark Stevens' golf game and neither does anyone else on YSU's campus. Oh, and by the way, maybe Mark Stevens, copy editor, should have spell-checked his own title, which read "copy editor." My main complaint about these two articles though, is how poorly written they are. I don't appreciate the language used by both. Some of my favorite quotes: "It was like Pac-Man with learning, which means it was shitty" and "Anyway, so it's ass degrees outside and in between sneezes and nose wiping and screaming 'GODDAMMIT' we decided..." Is their vocabulary really so lacking that this is all they can come up with? I thought college was about growing up and learning to prepare yourself for the real world. But from what I've seen, these two still have a lot of growing up to do. If this is the face of future journalism, I'll stick to the 11:00 news.

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Sportswire

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Justin Thomas makes professional debut for Everett Aquasox

Everett, Wash. — Former Youngstown State pitcher Justin Thomas threw one scoreless inning in his professional debut Tuesday evening for the Everett Aquasox, the short season class A affiliate of the Seattle Mariners.

Thomas walked one batter but did not allow a hit in the ninth inning in Everett's 7-2 loss against the Boise Hawks, who won the Northwest League Championship last season. Thomas, who was selected 113th overall in the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft, signed with the Mariners last week with a bonus of \$290,000 and reported for a week of training in Peoria, Ariz. before going to Everett. At Youngstown State, Thomas was named the Horizon League Pitcher of the Year as a junior after posting a 7-5 record with a 3.42 ERA and a career-high 88 strikeouts.

Academics: 57 Penguins named to League Honor Roll

Indianapolis, Ind. — Fifty-seven Youngstown State student-athletes were named to the Horizon League's 2005 Spring Academic Honor Roll, the league released on Tuesday. Overall, a total of 504 league student-athletes made the squad as Butler led the way with 74 selections. To be named to the Honor Roll, a student-athlete must participate in a league sport, have completed three semesters at the same institution and have a cumulative grade-point average above 3.25 through June 20.

The YSU student-athletes who made the Honor Roll in the spring were: Gina Abruzzino (Women's Golf), Rebecca Bertuzzi (Swimming), Danielle Blagg (Swimming), Megan Blazek (Swimming), Brian Boone (Baseball), Megan Bricker (Softball), Lacy Bronson (Softball), Brandon Caipen (Baseball), Erin Carter (Swimming), Billy Clapper (Men's Basketball), Lindsey Cobey (Track & Field), Jeanna Cunningham (Track & Field), Lisa Davies (Cross Country/Track & Field), Jarrod Davis (Track & Field), Carmen DiPenti (Men's Golf), Jeff Dolphin (Men's Golf), Crystal Duncan (Volleyball), Jordan Dunn (Swimming), Abby Eitlenhofer (Volleyball), Barb Fabianova (Women's Basketball), Kristy Gaudiose (Women's Basketball), Matt Gnacinski (Baseball), Lindsey Hill (Track & Field), Nkechi Hooper, (Track & Field), Leslie Johnson, (Track & Field), Catherine Krupko (Cross Country/Track & Field), Hannah Lawther (Soccer), Maddie Lawther (Soccer), Cari Leslie (Volleyball), Kaly Leveto (Diving), Kevin Libeg (Baseball), Lori Lyman (Volleyball), Katie Malys (Swimming), Dave Mealy (Cross Country/Track & Field), Brian Meek (Men's Tennis), Kelly Murphy (Softball), Nicole Muzechuk (Women's Tennis), Karen Najbert (Women's Tennis), Josh Page (Baseball), Lanissa Papach (Track & Field), Angie Pasquinelli (Volleyball), Maura Patton (Soccer), Gina Peretti (Women's Tennis), Jen Perugini (Women's Basketball), Jeremy Riehm (Cross Country/Track & Field), Ashlee Russo (Women's Basketball), Emily Schnitkey (Cross Country/Track & Field), Bonnie Sherman (Women's Golf), Nick Smith (Cross Country/Track & Field), Jeff Solt (Baseball), Melissa Tarrant (Women's Basketball), Mike Turjanica (Baseball), Andrew Weizer (Track & Field), Josh Wells (Baseball), Katy Williams (Track & Field), Jessica Yarter (Soccer) and Josh Zarlenga (Men's Golf).

CD REVIEW

"In Your Honor" no better or worse

The latest release from the Foo Fighters has its moments — positive and negative

By Leonard Crist
Editor in Chief

Every time I listen to a new Foo Fighters album, I try to pick out the songs that Foo front man and former Nirvana drummer Dave Grohl has written about former band mate Kurt Cobain.

Grohl has a knack for writing songs open to interpretation, but my interpretation always tends to fall back on Cobain, the proverbial pink elephant in the room.

"This is the last song that I will dedicate to you/made my peace and now I'm through," Grohl sings on "The Last Song." He is probably singing about some woman who broke his heart, but it's much more fun to think he's singing about the Ghost of Nirvana Past.

Arguably, the Foo Fighters have written a number of songs that rival or even surpass much of Nirvana's cannon. Unfortunately for the Foos, most of those songs appeared on "The Color and the Shape," their seminal second album and one the 1990s greatest rock records. Grohl manages to write a few radio friendly, toe-tapping, (and more recently, head banging) jingles for each of his albums, but on a whole, no album has reached the same euphorically rocking highs since.

"In Your Honor," the new double album (the first disc is composed of rockers, the second disc features more mellow acoustic songs), is, like the previous two Foo Fighters' albums, largely hit or miss.

There are several excellent tracks, such as album opener "In Your Honor," album closer "Razor," and the lead-off single "Best of You" (which, by the way, has a disturbingly awesome music video directed by Mark Pellington featuring the band playing live interspersed with clips of wild animals devouring their prey) and plenty of passable songs, which, when compared to the

rest of modern rock radio, rank pretty high. But much of the album tends to blend together, each song relatively indiscernible from the last.

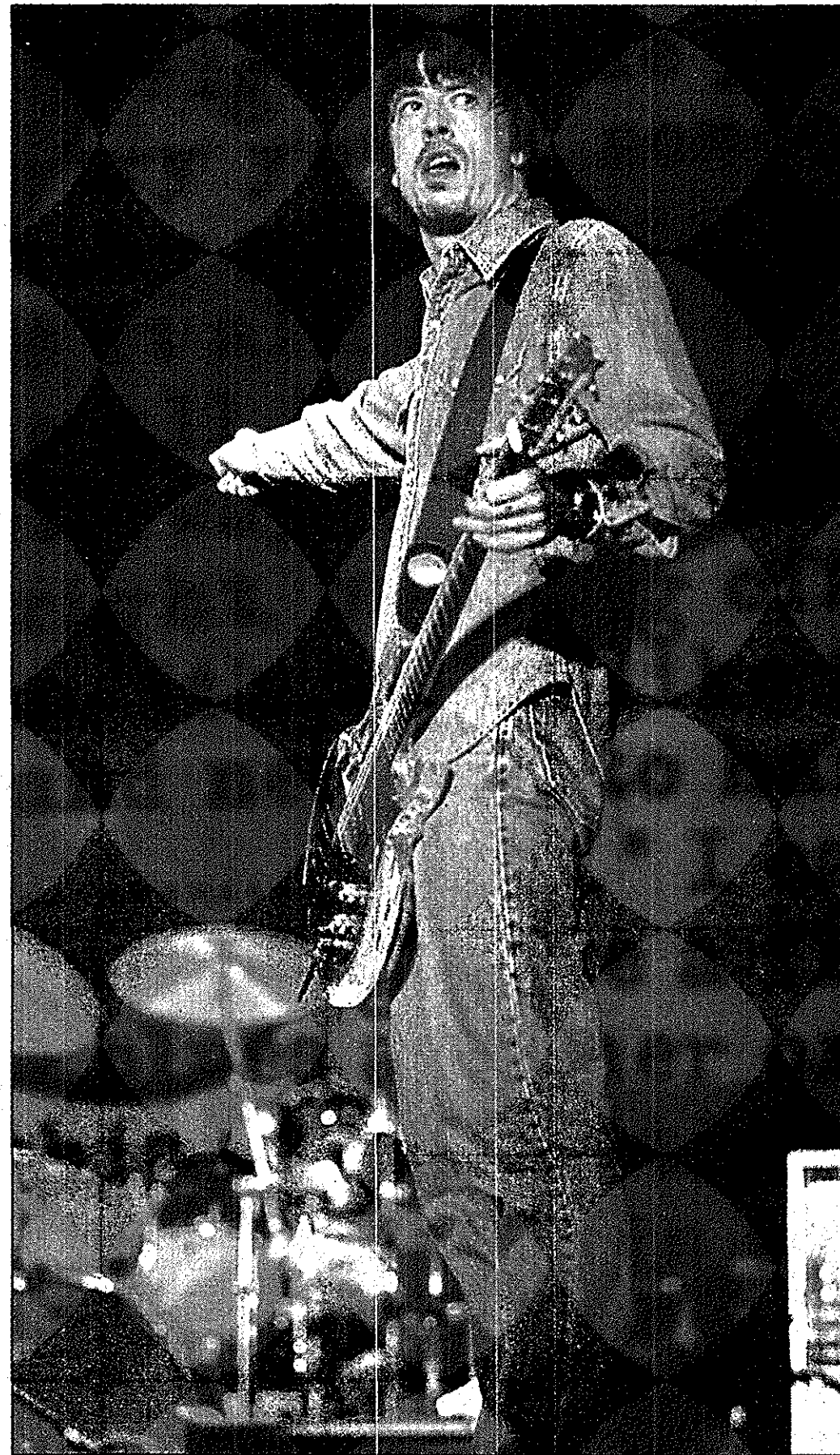
The hard rocking disc features the regular Foo line up of Grohl, Taylor Hawkins, Nate Mendel and Chris Shiflett. But on the acoustic disc Grohl invited a few friends. Guest spots come in the form of the completely expected (Josh Homme of Queens of the Stone Age, a band that Grohl spent some time with as drummer), the totally unexpected (Norah Jones, on the jazzy "Virginia Moon"), the out-of-place (Led Zep's John Paul Jones, who would have fit in far better on the hard rocking disc) and the unnecessary (Foo drummer Hawkins getting behind the mic for lead vocal duties on the bland "Cold Day in the Sun.")

Though the two discs combine for a total runtime of about 85 minutes, which is the bare minimum to qualify for a double album, In Your Honor suffers from the over indulgence that is common to the double disc cliché. Had they cut one or two songs, the album could easily have fit it onto one disc. Had the Foo Fighters cut 7 or 8 songs, they could have had an excellent album on their hands.

But double discs are all the rage these days, what with Bright Eyes, System of a Down, even Nelly, jumping in on the action.

It's hard to say "In Your Honor" is a step backward for the Foos. The album is no better or worse than their last two attempts. The results are better than a lot of what's on the radio today, but the Foo Fighters don't seem to be expanding much as a band. It'd be nice to see Grohl and co. come up with something a little different and new, or at least more consistent.

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Foo for you

Dave Grohl of the Foo Fighters performs at the Witness Festival in County Meath, Ireland, on July 13, 2002. The Foo Fighters new album "In Your Honor," is in stores now. (KRI Campus)

COMMENTARY

Wedded bliss — in terms of Marc Summers and the physical challenge

Line up ladies! Here is the most memorable plan for a wedding you'll ever hear

By Bob Mackey
Contributing Writer

The marriage of one's sister is a magical event that only happens once in a young man's life. Or possibly more than once if his total sister count is greater than one. Also, if his only sister happens to be promiscuous, he could be looking at multiple weddings and wasting hours of his life sitting in church, watching ceremonies. Why, this hypothetical man is wasting his life! But that's neither here nor there, as the current wedding of my non-hypothetical sister is my focus.

When I first heard about my sister's wedding, I was dreading having to show up at the ceremony. Luckily, whoever was doing the planning decided that I didn't need an important role, and I was relegated to "spectator." I don't think I could be trusted with the responsibility to not screw up, and the planner must have seen this quality in me. Still, being a spectator at a wedding is about as fun as sitting through church, and the

reason I don't go to church amounts to more than just an alarming lack of spirituality. Every ceremony in church has to be boring; it's in The Bible! If you don't believe me, just open it and take a look. It's somewhere in the back.

Since misery loves company, I decided to inflict the fun of wedding time on one of my friends. I didn't dare ask any of my guy friends, since weddings are an emotional experience, and being guys, we all have the same feeling about emotions: they are dumb and should be hated. All was not lost, however, as it was just my luck that I had a friend who also happened to be a woman!

What are the odds? Strangely enough, my lady friend Abbey decided to go with me to this wedding, and she wasn't even being held at gunpoint when I asked her. I had no idea why she agreed to go, but I just assumed that, as television has taught me, women live for weddings and their eyes erupt like geysers during them. Oh, television, you are a compulsive liar.

Instead of being emotional like I

expected, she doled out the harsh truth to me. "Now that my sister's married," I lamented, "My family is going to put all of this pressure on me to do the same." She bluntly told me that the future possibility of my wedded bliss is not at all a concern of my family, since they already married off their "little girl." And you know what? She's right. This is how weird uncles are created! Perhaps you have one of your own, because nearly everyone does: He's the well-meaning guy who lives with his parents a little too long, and is into his nerdy hobbies and buying you subscriptions to MAD Magazine. While I lack the funds to be buying subscriptions to MAD Magazine willy-nilly, I have accepted my fate.

Putting my future behind me for the moment, I have to report that the wedding was standard fare. In fact, it was so standard it had me dreaming up plans for my own non-existent future wedding. First of all, let's talk music: Pachabel's Canon in D? More like Pachabel's Cliché in B. "B" for boring! The only song that will be played at my wedding will be a constant loop of Bobby "Boris" Pickett's "Monster Mash." Really, how can you not have a good time while "Monster Mash" is

playing? Following the ceremony, all participants of the wedding will go out to the parking lot and actually mash monsters (who in reality are interns from the Youngstown Community Playhouse). And while this is by no means going to be a theme wedding, I'll see if I can dig up a few copies of the 1980s "Monster Mash" board game to give away as prizes.

Tradition is important, but ends up being so traditional that people are bored to tears by it. This is why in my future wedding I plan on flying in TV's Marc Summers (of Double Dare fame) to spice things up. Just as people start walking down the aisle, a buzzer will sound and — yep, you guessed it — physical challenge! Can a blindfolded bride carry an armful of cream pies to the altar without dropping any? I hope so, because if she doesn't the wedding is null and void! Pulling that flag out of the giant nose that hangs over the altar isn't easy, but that's what the power of love is all about. And maybe we can win mountain bikes!

So, ladies, this is what I'm all about. Any takers?

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