



YSU officials protest new crime rating

by TAMMY KING
News Editor

A recent publication, *Crime at College: The Student Guide to Personal Safety*, lists YSU as the least-safe campus in Ohio among colleges rated, but University officials claim the conclusion is "totally erroneous."

YSU's Executive Director of University Relations Jim McCollum said, "The book's authors utilized a strange methodology that attempted to extrapolate a campus crime rate based on the crime rates of the (entire) county in which the campus is located."

Because it ignores the raw data of the crime incidence rate on college campuses, McCollum says the method used to compile the statistics is extremely flawed.

Using the 1992 FBI's Uniform Crime Report (UCR), the book's authors, Curtis Ostrander and Joseph Schwartz, determined which college campuses were safe and unsafe by using county crime statistics.

Every year, the FBI compiles the number of actual crimes committed by categories, specifically offenses against people and offenses against property, for every campus city, county, state and police agency, McCollum said.

The authors considered colleges with 5,000 or more students and ranked the schools by the calculated number of crimes committed per 100 residents in the geographical area where the school is located.

According to the book, YSU ranked the least-safe in Ohio with

7.96 percent crimes committed per 100 residents in the geographical area. On the other hand, the 1992 UCR used by the authors ranks YSU among the lowest for violent crime on campus for the universities listed — two robberies and one aggravated assault.

Ranked by the book as the safest college campus in Ohio, Kent State University actually had the same number of violent crimes on campus as YSU — two aggravated assaults and one robbery.

According to the UCR, the FBI defines violent crime as murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault.

The report also lists property crimes — burglary, larceny, theft, motor vehicle theft and arson. According to the UCR statistics, YSU is again among the lowest with a total of 142 property crimes. Kent State University had 492 property crimes in 1992.

"Statistics can be interpreted in several ways and certainly in this particular situation — considering the methodology used," YSU Police Chief Jack Gocala said. "Perhaps this indicates an accurate evaluation of the city crime statistics, but not those of the University."

McCollum said, "I'm sure the complaints from urban campuses like YSU is growing by the minute because the procedure to derive a campus crime rate is flawed."

"The fact of the matter is you're less at risk on a campus than you are in your neighborhood, or shopping complex," McCollum concluded.

Campus Crime Statistics from the FBI's 1992 Uniform Crime Report

	Student Enrollment	Violent crime total	Property crime total	Percentage of student population affected by crime
Baldwin Wallace College	4,720	2	60	.013
Bowling Green St. University	18,685	6	519	.028
Cleveland State University	18,607	12	402	.022
Kent State University	24,525	3	492	.020
Lakeland Community College	8,940	3	35	.004
Marietta College	1,304	4	46	.038
Miami University	16,318	2	442	.027
Ohio State University	54,311	63	1,776	.033
Ohio University	18,688	6	355	.019
University of Cincinnati	30,051	38	1,164	.039
University of Toledo	24,947	10	284	.015
Wright State University	16,789	5	313	.018
YSU	15,164	3	142	.009

McGruff the crime dog's campus safety tips



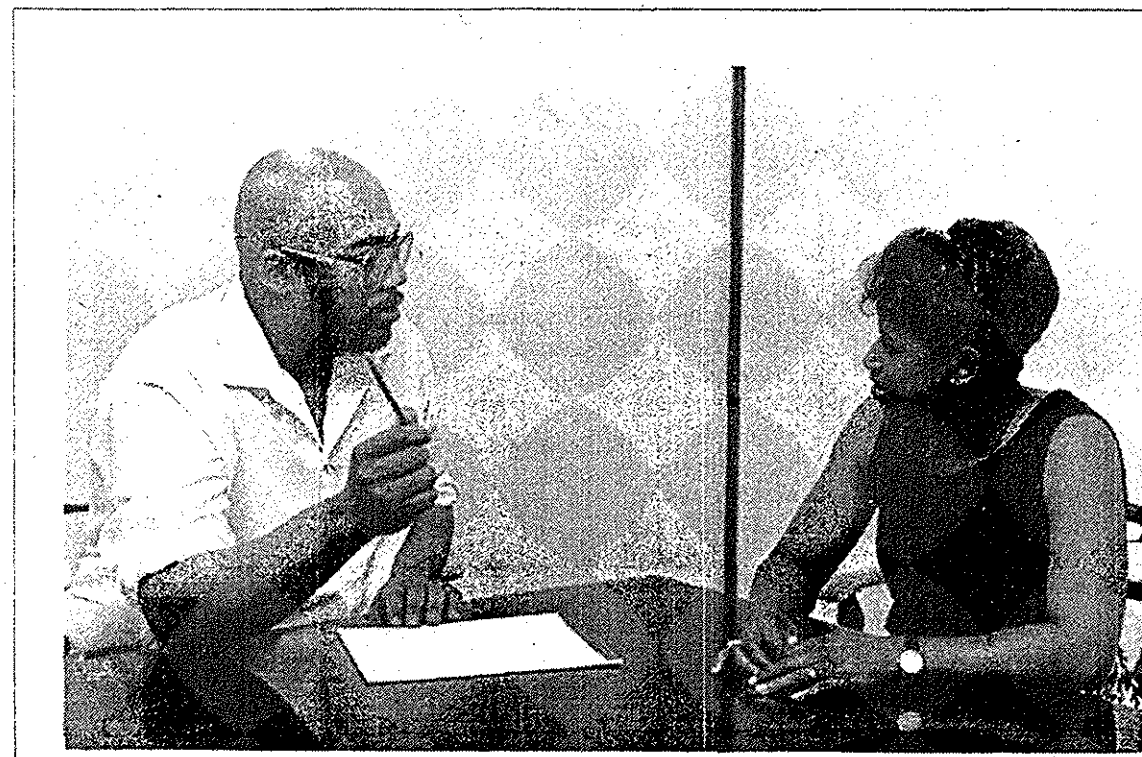
On Campus Grounds:

- ♦ Stay alert and aware of people around and approaching you.
- ♦ Don't walk alone. Call Campus Escort Services or walk with a friend or group.
- ♦ Use public walkways, avoid dark and secluded places.
- ♦ Always lock your bike to a secure object. Use a U-shaped lock for the best security.
- ♦ Always lock your car and take your keys with you. Lock your valuables out of sight.
- ♦ Know the locations of emergency or public telephones. Always keep a quarter handy.
- ♦ Report suspicious or criminal activity to campus police.
- ♦ If you are a victim of crime, call campus police immediately.

In the Buildings:

- ♦ Always keep your door locked — day and night. Never let strangers in.
- ♦ Never lend your keys to anyone or leave your door unlocked for a friend.
- ♦ Don't bring valuables to campus. Leave them at home.
- ♦ Keep cash and small valuables out of sight.
- ♦ Always engrave your valuables with your social security number.
- ♦ Don't prop open exterior doors. You could let in an intruder. They are locked for your protection.
- ♦ Don't leave your books unattended.
- ♦ Know the location of building staff offices, phones and other safe areas.
- ♦ Use common sense and never drink and drive!

A Few Good Mentored



YSU News Service

Work experience: Andrew Gordon, left, and Karen Franklin of the Minority Work Experience Program at YSU, discuss their YSU work experiences. Gordon and Franklin are two of three African American students chosen as participants in the new Minority Work Experience program. The program is sponsored by the YSU Foundation under the supervision of Barbara Bacon, director of affirmative action.

Program provides work experience for minority students

YSU — Karen Franklin, Ron Grubbs and Andrew Gordon are the participants of a new employment program at YSU that is designed to retain and mentor African American students.

Karen Franklin, a post-graduate pre-med student, works 10 hours per week in the Department of Biological Sciences' herbarium and laboratories, assisting faculty members.

A graduate of Kent State University, Franklin worked as a substitute teacher for Warren City Schools for eight years before working as a WKBN-TV production assistant and producer of a youth-oriented television program called "Common Ground."

Franklin, who is married to Warren Councilman-at-Large William Douglas Franklin, is now pursuing a lifelong dream of becoming a physician. She is also

the mother of three sons: Jelani, age 9; Jamal, age 5; and Dean, age 2.

Ron Grubbs, who is a junior engineering student, works for Student Services 20 hours a week. His duties include entering computer data information, conducting meetings with high school students who are preparing for college and coordinating the group activities for his office.

A 1989 graduate of Warren Western Reserve High School, Grubbs worked as a machine operator for two years for Bicon Industries, a manufacturer of radiation detectors.

He was also employed by the Young Scholars Program, which is sponsored by Ohio State University for underprivileged minorities.

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Words of Wisdom

- ◆ When passion reigns, reason flees.
- ◆ Investments in knowledge pay the highest rate of return.
- ◆ More minds go to waste through disuse than overuse.
- ◆ If a wrong is committed by one side, there would be no quarrel.
- ◆ Love without reservation, and give no harbor to hatred.

EDITORIAL

West Federal Street building demolition will prove fatal for Youngstown's growth

On August 19, The Beat Coffeehouse will sponsor an outdoor concert to benefit SWEAT (Save West End Artists & Tenants). All proceeds will go to saving the historic buildings on West Federal Street from demolition. According to a press release from The Beat, the block is currently under construction as a site for surface parking lots. The demolition of these historic buildings will mean an end to the housing facilities and businesses in that area.

To the Youngstown area, this demolition, if it succeeds, will mean an end to a part of Youngstown's history. It will also mean a drop in money coming from consumers who shop at local businesses in that area. What will it be replaced by? Cars, cars, and more cars. Instead of seeing high rise, old-fashioned, beautiful buildings, you will see Buicks, Toyotas and Cavaliers. For simple aesthetics sake, which would you prefer?

As far as the future of Youngstown goes, what will this demolition mean? Less traffic, fewer visitors and consumers and a "downtown" full of stagnant vehicles, instead of busy people shopping, working and living. Who would rather see motionless cars instead of living, breathing people?

Another concern is where will those merchants and artists living in that area go? To another city? Perhaps Warren or Niles where they will be wanted and appreciated?

Instead of wasting energy planning a demolition of historic buildings, the city should be focusing on how to improve West Federal Street and the surrounding area. The owners of bw-3 and Cadmium Red must know something Youngstown officials don't. They moved here recently, knowing that the YSU community wants businesses housed here. Many students would prefer to have some place to eat, hang out and shop around campus. The West Federal Street area is a perfect area for them to go.

It would be a mistake for Youngstown to replace those buildings with parking spaces simply because some city official can't figure out where to put them. Let the drivers park elsewhere and walk a longer distance than they are used to, and protect and secure the merchants, artists and other city residents who live there. How is Youngstown supposed to thrive otherwise?

Students receive higher grades than they deserve

kosinski

Think you earned that "A" in your last liberal arts class? Well, think again. The newest symptom of America's failing educational system has entered the spotlight on campuses across the nation. This symptom is called grade inflation and its effects can be felt from the most renowned Ivy League school to the most remote community college.

According to an article entitled "The ABC's of Grade Inflation" in *Inside Out* (Ohio's only college magazine), standardized test scores are falling but grade point averages are on the rise.

Grade inflation is a practice in which students receive higher grades than they deserve. These "inflated" grades make A's less credible and more attainable than in the past.

This phenomenon sounds like a national crisis to me. But, what do I know? I'm only a B student (or is that a C student?) Although grade inflation

"I would rather get a hard-earned B than an undeserved A."

is most rampant in liberal arts courses, pre-med students are being undermined as well because of

science and math courses that boast a "generous curve."

This practice has made it difficult to distinguish between high performers and mediocre students. A's are now given for ordinary work as well as exceptional. B's are given for average work and C's are considered by students to be an almost failure.

D's and F's are disappearing because with this current trend, a student needs to be almost comatose in order to receive a grade lower than a C.

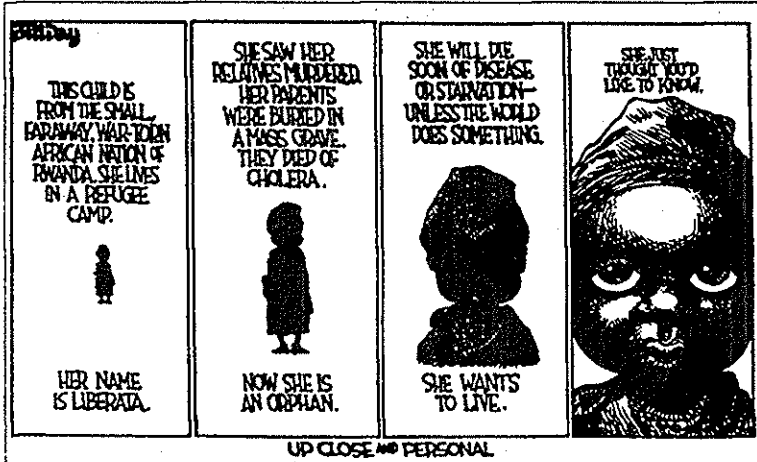
According to recent statistics, the national GPA is up from 3.09 in 1990, to 3.14 in 1993. In the 1970's, the national GPA was only 3.0. I find that rise in GPA's hard to believe in a country where the average SAT score has dropped 35 points in the last five years.

Several reasons are cited for this phenomenon. The first is economic; colleges are anxious to fill classrooms and dormitories, so they lower their admission standards. The second reason is that professors are concerned about the quarterly evaluations given by their students. These evaluations determine pay raises, promotions and awarding of tenure.

So, the "hard" professors are considered bad while the "easy" ones are considered the best. And the incoming students are the ones who pay the price of a lower quality education.

Is it any wonder that college graduates have a difficult time finding jobs? Yes, the economy is slow, but grade inflation makes it harder for students to get into graduate school which may prevent a job placement or advancement in the future.

I don't know for a fact if grade inflation occurs at YSU. However, I do know that I have received more than my share of undeserved A's. I can't speak for all college students, but I can honestly say that I would rather get a hard-earned B than an undeserved A.



Ten-year college career leaves Morgan with many memories

David Lee Morgan
contributing writer

In five weeks, my ten-year college odyssey will come to an end. Yes, it took me ten years to graduate, so sue me.

Call me dysfunctional. Call me clueless. And if I had to do it all over again, maybe... MAYBE... I would have studied more and attended classes more often and not switched majors as often as Elizabeth Taylor swapped husbands - but hey, cut me some slack. The bottom line is I'm graduating (Granted, I pass all 25 hours I registered for this summer.)

I graduated from high school in 1984 and in the 10 years I've been in college, I have probably amassed \$6,530 in parking fines. I finally bought a parking pass for the first time in my college career this summer and the main parking deck is under construction.

With the thousands of dollars

I probably paid for overdue books, Maag Library could probably afford to add another wing. And let's not forget about the new hassle-free SOLAR registration system implemented AFTER I registered for the last time. These are a few examples of the type of luck I've had at YSU.

But aside from the low points of my college career, I've experienced some of the best times of my life at YSU and wouldn't trade them for anything in the world.

The following are some of the fond memories I have of YSU:

Surf's Up used to be the talk of winter quarter until a few drunken knuckleheads ruined it for everybody.

The College Inn (that dorm at the corner of Lincoln and Fifth) was my home for two years because I couldn't get in Kilcawley. The best feature of the "INN" was the bar, the Lincoln Tunnel, in the basement of the building. What

more could a college freshman ask for.

The Pit was the best dining establishment you could find after 1:00 am. Mrs. Brown made the best barbecued fish dinner around and her jukebox had all the oldies. Just don't put your feet on the seats... she'd kill you.

The Campus Lounge (presently Kinko's) was a perfect place to play pool. Unfortunately, I was banned from the place. Something about a \$300 unpaid tab.

The Rocky Horror Picture Show matinee in the Chestnut Room was the perfect place for me to aim my displaced hostility. "A Toast..."

Pal Joey's will always hold a special place in my heart. No, not because of all the "Wet-T-Shirt" contests I used to religiously at-

tend. I met my wife Tricia, of almost four years, at Joey's. For the record, she NEVER entered any of those contests.

And how about these "Do You Remember's." Do you remember:

The Narduzzi era?
The OVC?

Friday Night

Live?
Mike Rice?

Coaches Rosselli and Dailey (Legends?)

When the intersection of Wick and Elm was a thoroughfare?

The Arcade?

The apartments (one of which was mine) along Madison Avenue that were demolished to build Lyden

"I've experienced some of the best times of my life at YSU."

House?

You know, it's awfully funny.

I've struggled for 10 years to graduate from YSU but in retrospect, I remember these things like yesterday.

MAKING THE GRADE

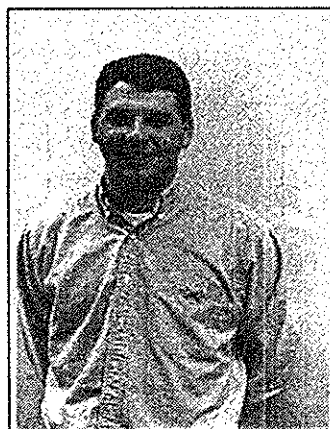
Former Stu Gov president receives Board of Regents fellowship

by STEPHANIE UJHELYI
Copy Editor

Because of a prestigious Ohio Student Aid Commission grant, YSU graduate and former Student Government President Scott Schulick can continue his education with YSU as a graduate student.

One of 70 1994-95 Regents Fellows, Schulick received an Ohio Regents Graduate/Professional Fellowship that is valued at up to \$3,500 each year for two years of graduate or graduate professional study.

On his presentation, the



"I am honored to have been nominated by the University and received the award."

— Scott Schulick

accounting major commented, "I am honored to have been nominated by the University and received the award."

Having graduated in June with a Bachelor's degree in accounting, he plans to pursue a Master's in business administration with a major in finance at YSU.

Schulick, who turned over the reins to new President Chris Heasley on June 20, will continue to serve YSU as a student trustee until his term expires in 1995. He will also serve as a member of both the YSU Alumni Association and the Kilcawley Center boards.

Schulick hopes to find work

as a stockbroker or public accountant. Looking towards the future, he hopes to pursue a Doctorate degree and be a college instructor or administrator.

The Regents Graduate/Professional Fellowship program has been designed to recognize and give financial assistance to Ohio's academically outstanding college graduates.

Selections are based on an applicant's GPA, graduate or professional examination scores, percentile rankings, application to graduate study at an Ohio institution of higher education, written essay, letters of recommendation and campus-based committee interview.

YSU staffers establish St. Elizabeth scholarship in daughter's memory



Lynne Traylor

by CLARA VALTAS
Contributing Writer

Wesley Traylor, retired YSU purchasing administrator, and JoAnn Traylor, travel auditor, recently awarded the first two scholarships created in memory of their daughter.

Their daughter Lynne graduated from St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center School of Cytotechnology in 1986, and the Lynne Traylor Scholarship foundation was created two days after she died of cancer in 1989.

Cytotechnologists are specially trained technologists who work with pathologists to detect changes in body cells. This can aid in the early diagnosis of cancer

and of other diseases.

Although never employed by St. Elizabeth's, Lynne kept in contact with the instructors that trained her. Her father said that one instructor Lynne kept in touch with was Kathryn Franko, who is now retired.

In September 1987, Lynne accepted a position at Bethesda Hospital in Zanesville. Whenever Lynne came to the Youngstown area, she would spend some time with Franko. "Lynne and Kathryn Franko had a cordial relationship... their relationship was unique," Wesley said.

Shortly after learning she was ill, Lynne learned that she was accepted at Bryn Mawr University in PA where she planned to further her studies in medicine.

Because of Lynne's close ties to St. Elizabeth's the Traylor's "felt that it was better to give the awards to students finishing their internships there," he said.

St. Elizabeth is one of about 50 schools in the U.S. that teaches cytology. Class size is usually limited to 10 people.

Students receive a high amount of individual training and are highly skilled upon completing the program.

The two recipients of the first Lynne Traylor Scholarships are Steven Walter of Grove City and Janelle Hollinger of Beach City. Both are graduates of St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center School of Cytotechnology.

Awards are made possible because of contributors' gifts to the Lynne Traylor Scholarship Foundation.

Awards are based on academic performance, microscopic and diagnostic skills, leadership ability, initiative, acceptance of responsibility, dedication and their relationship with colleagues.

Eligibility is based on enrollment in a program of cytotechnology approved by the Committee on Allied Health and Accreditation of the American Medical Association.

Future fundraising possibilities include a scholarship awards banquet and a shopping trip to Atlantic City next spring. The foundation is currently selling Garland Stainless Steel ballpoint pens.

For more information, contact The Lynne Traylor Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box 8053, Youngstown 44505-8053.



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Grubbs, who has a four-year-old daughter Cearra, plans to pursue a graduate degree in math and engineering at Bowling Green State University.

Andrew Gordon, a junior English major, works 20 hours per week in University Relations as a student news writer. His duties include writing press releases and feature articles about people and events at YSU and the surrounding community.

A 1970 graduate of North High School, Gordon worked as a construction laborer for 12 years and as a professional truck driver for nine years. He is also a certified motorcycle technician.

A few of Gordon's plans include becoming a well-known author and freelance writer for several magazines. He also plans to write a children's book, which he will dedicate to his children, Andrew Jr., age 12, and Clarrissa, age 10. Gordon says his children have been the main inspiration for his academic accomplishments.

The program, which is funded by the YSU Foundation, aims to increase diversity and African American enrollment and appointments. The program is overseen by a committee chaired by Barbara Bacon, YSU's director of affirmative action.

NEWS

The Jambar has several positions open for the 1994-95 academic year. The positions are open to all full-time YSU students who are in good academic standing as of summer 1994. All open positions are paid a quarterly stipend.

You can obtain additional information and application forms at the Jambar office in Kilcawley West. Applications will be accepted until Wednesday, Aug. 24, in the Jambar office. The available positions are described below.

Sports Editor: Responsible for content of sports pages, design/layout of sports pages. This position requires about 20 hours of work per week.

Assistant News Editor: One position open to assist News Editor with news assignments (8 hours per week).

Assistant Copy Editor: Help Copy Editor edit stories (8 hours per week).

SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Penguin baseball captain stands in his own 'field of dreams'



Lou Vassalotti

by BRAD HELLER
Contributing Writer

While Lou Vassalotti pitched wiffle balls to himself in his backyard, he daydreamed that he was in the seventh game of the World Series with the game on the line. In his fantasy he would always hit the game-winning home run out of the park and become the hero.

He still has those little boy dreams that some day he will hit a home run in the World Series, and judging from his senior season at YSU it seems like those dreams might come true.

A senior captain and the team's Most Valuable Player, Vassalotti was the catalyst for the YSU baseball team this year, leading them to third place in the Mid-Continent Conference and a game away from the NCAA regional tournament.

Referring to the three conference games YSU had rained out that eventually decided who would receive the league title, Vassalotti stated, "We had a good year. I just wish that the cards had fallen in the right places, and we could have made up those three games."

Nevertheless, Vassalotti plans to continue his career in various summer leagues while closing in on obtaining his degree in accounting. The hard-nosed outfielder would eventually like to play baseball in the professional ranks, and pursue a career as a CPA at some time or another.

"I have always been intrigued by numbers. For some reason, my talent in the classroom has always been in mathematics. I would like to put that talent to proper use, because you can't play baseball forever," he said.

Batting a remarkable .412 and setting records for hits in a season (72) and career (182), the unstoppable centerfielder had one

of the greatest years in YSU baseball history.

"Lou was absolutely awesome this year," said YSU third baseman John Silvey. "He deserved our team's Most Valuable Player. He is an example to be followed."

Besides being a standout on the field, Vassalotti also excels in the classroom. He currently holds a 3.93 grade point average and became the True Value Mid-Continent Conference Scholar Athlete of the Year.

The Clinton, Ohio native was reluctant to come to YSU at first. "I wanted to go to a bigger university coming out of high school, but YSU gave me the most scholarship money. Fortunately, everything turned out for the best."

Vassalotti's inspiration stems mostly from his parents, whom he seems extremely dedicated to. "They came to as many games as they could through the course of my college career. I am very grateful for their support and would openly like to thank them for it."

While Vassalotti's life seems to be headed in the right direction, he just hopes that his hard work will pay off in the future—just as it did when he envisioned it as a youngster in his backyard.

Sports Commentary

WWF errands puzzle student

by ANDREW GORDON
Contributing Writer

There I was, minding and tending to my own business when the phone rang. Carolyn, who refused to give her last name for fear of my implicating or my mentioning her in the very recent steroid debacle of the great Lou Albano, needed a runner, a go-fer, a flunky.

Well, I never said I was above menial endeavors, especially when I can really use the M-O-N-E-Y. So, here I am. A rather handsome intelligent person, if I do say so myself, offering my services to a woman whom I have never met.

My first task, which was nothing more than a pick up and delivery, came to me as a bit of a surprise. Sweet Carolyn handed to me a list of items which she said she needed right away.

I carefully looked at the list and as I recognized each of the items I started to smile, inwardly. Now here I am in the presence of a Typhoon, a Million Dollar Man and an individual named Savage, and what is it they must have right away? Alcohol-free Chubs Baby Wipes with Aloe, two small packages of tissues, the type you find in a woman's hand bag, and a roll of paper towels.

Now I wouldn't dare make any suggestions about what they were being used for, nor will I try to make any sense of the next trip I made back to the same drug store. I was asked to have one key duplicated 12 times, to purchase a box of plastic forks and a package of paper plates.

By this time, Lex Luger was walking around with an impish grin on his face trying to find his way out of the basement of Beeghly.

Don't worry, I am off to the rescue once again. Carolyn informs me that we both must go back to the drug store this time and retrieve the cure for all of this animalistic apprehension. Quite naturally, I was headed back to the same drug store when I was told that the prescription had been

called in at another one.

Well, blow me down. A different drug store this time. But when I got there, it had the exact same name as the previous one. Perhaps being on a different street gave her the impression that I didn't know what was going on.

But the last time I checked, Thrift Drug was Thrift Drug and it made no difference if it was on Belmont Ave. or Gypsy Lane. Talk about things that make you go hmmm. Did I forget to mention the shopping bag full of miniature candy bars?

Now my final errand was a bit more understandable. I was asked to go to a local Dairy Queen and bring back a cake that had been ordered. An ice-cream birthday cake.

In beautiful frosted lettering the name which I still don't understand, Mrs. something-or-other, was all over the top of the cake. But when they started singing happy birthday, this huge hairy-chested, foul-breathed behemoth looked up from the position he had taken on the floor and just smiled.

Although there were a few more things that went on around Beeghly Monday afternoon that I will never quite understand, "The show must go on."

Book Review

Thriller mystifies reader with exciting twists

by CLARA VALTAS
Contributing Writer

Everybody has a few skeletons hidden in their closets, but skeletons hidden under floorboards? That is a different matter.

You'll find this and more in Joe R. Lansdale's latest effort, *Mucho Mujo*, an excellently woven collage of murder, suspense and mystery.

One of a few authors whom it is nearly impossible to neatly categorize into any genre, Lansdale likes to call himself a genre. With a unique writing style of clear prose, excellent dialogue and his special style of humor, Lansdale lures his readers into the traps he has waiting between the pages of all of his works.

The mystery begins when Leonard Pine's uncle unexpectedly dies. Leonard is surprised to learn that he is the beneficiary of the will because he was previously disowned for being homosexual. Now, Leonard is a recipient of \$100,000, a key to a bank safety-deposit box and a bunch of food coupons.

After opening the safety-deposit box, Leonard and his straight best friend, Hap Collins, find a paperback edition of *Dracula*, a bunch of newspaper clippings, another key and a painting of a gothic style house Leonard painted when he was 16.

The mystery deepens when Hap and Leonard are awakened

by noises from a neighborhood crack house, which just happens to be next door, and discover a padlocked metal trunk. To open the trunk, the key from the safety-deposit box is used. Inside the trunk is a yellowed skeleton of a 10 year-old boy, which is surrounded by musty kiddie pornographic magazines.

Leonard knows his uncle is innocent of this heinous crime and decides to prove his uncle's inno-



Lansdale lures his readers into the traps he has waiting between the pages of all his works.

cence without consulting the police. Leonard is sure someone else killed the child because why else would his uncle keep the key to the box in a safety-deposit box instead of hiding it somewhere at home?

While searching for answers, Hap and Leonard learn that Uncle Chester reported as many as nine children as missing to the police. Chester told the police that each year, for about 10 years, a young child who was unlikely to be missed would disappear. He wanted the police to assign him a

team of men to solve these crimes.

Only the police didn't seem to care. The disappearing children were from a black neighborhood and no one who didn't live in the neighborhood cared.

When Chester went to inquire about getting help, he was turned down because everyone thought he was a bit crazy. The police knew that Chester had always wanted to be a detective so they didn't pay any attention to him.

Before his death, Chester enlisted the help of his best friend, Ilium Moon, who was a retired cop. When Hap and Leonard go to talk to Ilium about Chester's work in the investigation, they discover him dead and with children's clothing, some of which are new, and the same kiddie pornographic magazines that were locked up with the skeleton, they know that someone else is involved.

Hap and Leonard are more successful than Uncle Chester in obtaining police help (from a sympathetic black cop).

Although Lansdale leads you to believe you have the murderer neatly figured out, he throws in a twist at the end of the novel that will make you leaf through the book looking for the clues that you missed.

Compared to previous Lansdale novels, the gross-out element in *Mucho Mujo* is best described as tame. But for new readers, this novel is an excellent way to become acquainted with Lansdale's writing.

Faculty members receive promotions in rank

The following is a list of YSU faculty members promoted in rank effective Sept. 15:

To professor:

Janet Beary, early and middle childhood education; Michael Gelfand, music; Janet Gill-Wigal, counseling; Patricia Gilmartin, sociology and anthropology; Randy Hoover, secondary education; Scott Martin, civil and environmental engineering; Carolyn Martindale, English; Virginia Monseau, English; Helen Savage, accounting and finance; Raj Varma, human ecology; Bo Kai Wong, management.

To associate professor:

Philip Brady, English; Julie Brown, English; Maria DeLost, allied health; Julia Gergits, En-

glish; Philip Ginnett, early and middle childhood education; Shakir Husain, civil and environmental engineering; Johanna Krontiris-Litowitz, biological sciences; Sherry Linkon, English; Carolyn Mikanowicz, health sciences; Bill Mullen, English; Paul Mullins, computer and information sciences; David Pollack, mathematics; Nathan Ritchey, mathematics; Pamela Schuster, nursing; Gregg Sturuss, physics and astronomy; Robert Weaver, sociology and anthropology.

To assistant professor:

Cheryl Bosley, nursing; Marion Scott, health sciences; Paul Sracic, political and social sciences; William Wood, school of technology.

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