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## New minor may dance into YSU

By JACKIE SPENCE  
Jambar Assistant Editor

The communication and theater and human performance and exercise, science departments are proposing an interdisciplinary dance minor, which is anticipated to "dance" into YSU by fall 2001.

Christine Cobb, assistant professor, HPES, said an interdisciplinary dance minor means the minor will be offered jointly between the communication and theater department and the HPES department.

Cobb said the reason for proposing a dance minor is the growing membership and talent of the dance program.

The theater department also looks to continue strengthening its already-accredited program.

"I get phone calls and letters asking if we have a major or minor in dance," said Cobb.

Cobb said at this point the minor is a modern-based program and will consist of 20 hours of core foundation classes and 10 hours of electives in which the student can choose from three categories of electives.

Cobb said the core classes proposed right now are Modern Dance one and two, Ballet one, Survey of dance, Folk and American Heritage Dance and Dance Composition.

Cobb said she is excited about the possible arrival of the minor because some students want to major in something other than dance, but may want to continue their studies in dance or may want to have a minor in dance because it is enjoyable.

Pam Koehler, sophomore, exercise science, said she has been dancing for 14 years, and she said a dance minor is a good idea.

"I think it's a good thing. This will bring out a lot of people with an interest in dance," she said.

Frank Castronovo, director, theater and communication, said adding a dance minor will formalize both departments.

"Dance and movement is a big part of theater because before talk there was movement on stage.

"This marriage between the two departments strengthens that area of movement, so it's a win-win situation," he said.

Cobb said if the class is approved this semester, the minor will go into affect in the fall.

## Credit card retailers target students

By SOMOUD NISER  
Jambar Reporter

Free tee shirts. Free calling cards. Free hats. These things sound really good to many of the students on the YSU campus, but there could be some strings attached.

Many students are giving away their valuable information to people posing as credit card merchants. Giving information such as a social security number could be very damaging.

In order for credit card merchants to be given permission to set up on campus, they must be sponsored by a YSU organization and pay the organization a fee.

Some of the YSU organizations that sponsor these companies include Hispanic America, Up 'til Dawn, the Inter-Fraternity Council and the YSU Book Store.

According to Mary Margaret Hovanes, administrative assistant, Kilcawley Center, if the individuals are roaming around campus and are set up somewhere besides Kilcawley Center, then they were never given permission to be on campus.

Accordingly, Nov. 8 two women were removed from Arby's for soliciting students to sign up for credit cards without having permission from YSU. The two were roaming from table to table asking students to sign up

for the credit cards by offering them free Associates Bank T-shirts. YSU police Sgt. Rose Marsco stopped the women and sent them to Student Services.

"They first told me they had YSU's permission, but I later found out they did not," said Marsco.

There is no way for students to be sure all the credit card merchants in Kilcawley Center are definitely legitimate.

Kay Jay Satrum, executive director, Student Services, said of the credit card merchants in Kilcawley, "They are required to submit a phone number and address, but we do not do any formal background checks."

Campus police have removed a number

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How to reduce the chance of credit card theft

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- 2 Carry only one or two credit cards in your wallet or purse.
- 3 Cancel all unused accounts.
- 4 Never give out credit card or other personal information over the phone, unless you have a trusted business relationship with the company.
- 5 Always take credit card and ATM receipts with you.
- 6 Keep a list of all credit cards, account numbers and expiration dates with you.

SOURCE: THE OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL, "AVOID IDENTITY CRIME."

of these solicitors from YSU grounds because they never received permission from Student Affairs to conduct their business on campus.

YSU police Chief John J. Gocala warns students against this type of fraud.

"The information students are giving away is very sacred, and some of these people soliciting on campus are trying to take that from you," said Gocala.

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## Freshmen in dorms at high risk for meningitis

By SUSAN KELLY  
Jambar Reporter

If you're a college freshman living in a dormitory, you are most at risk for contracting meningococcal meningitis. To be even more specific, you are part of a subgroup that is more than six times as likely to contract disease than all other college students, according to the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

Although the disease is rare, it has high rates of morbidity and mortality. It attacks the membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord, causing inflammation of the tissue. There were 83 reported cases on U.S. college campuses in 1999, and although only six of those were fatalities, statistics available from the CDCP indicates the number of cases may be increasing.

An article in The Chronicle of Higher Education, in June 1995, stated that if college attendance emerges as a risk factor for acquiring meningococcal diseases, good health policy might call for vaccinating all freshmen.

Oct. 20, 1999, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the U.S. Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention recommended that college freshmen living in dormitories or residence halls and their families be provided with information on the benefit of vaccination for both the students and their parents.

Recommendations to vaccinate are entirely different from mandatory statements, pointed out Dr. Anita Hackstedde, YSU's staff physician at the Student Health Services office.

Hackstedde, an internal medicine/pediatrician practitioner, said, "Protection is the best defense. Vaccinations are available to all YSU students to safeguard them. I would also stress the importance of simply washing hands frequently, particularly when living in dormitory environments."

Another local physician agreed.

Dr. Steven DiMaiolo, internal specialist at Salem Community Hospital, said, "The bacteria that causes the disease can live outside the body approximately one hour. That's why dormitory living creates an environment friendly to the strain.

"There have been more cases

reported over the last several years, but the overall statistics are not high," he pointed out.

DiMaiolo's son is a freshman at Ohio University this year and recently received a letter from the university recommending vaccinations.

The reason college freshmen are most at risk is because of close living quarters and the possibility of shared utensils. It can be spread through direct contact with shared items such as cigarettes, drinking glasses or through intimate contact such as kissing. The CDCP reports that certain social behaviors, such as exposure to passive and active smoking, bar patronage and excessive alcohol consumption may put students at even more risk.

Early symptoms include fever, severe headache, stiff neck, rash, nausea, vomiting and lethar-

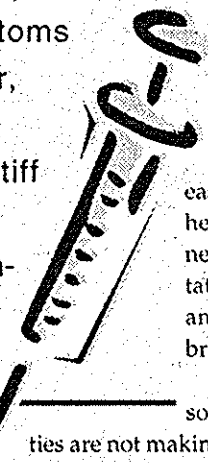
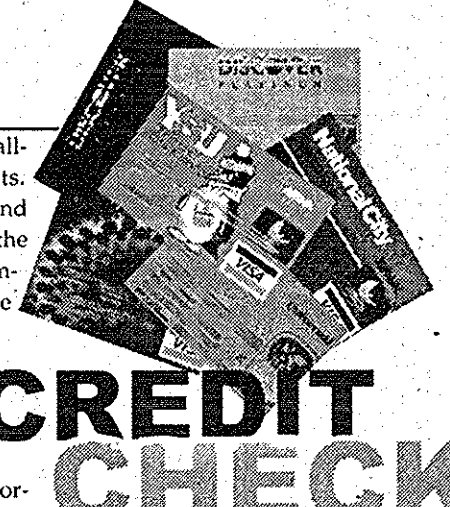
gy. Although the initial symptoms may seem like flu symptoms, disease proceeds very rapidly, and

health professionals advise seeking medical attention if two or more symptoms appear. The disease can result in hearing loss, kidney failure, amputation of the limbs and permanent brain injury.

One of the reasons state universities are not making immunizations against meningitis and other diseases mandatory may be that it would be a "paperwork nightmare," according to a source at OU who did not wish to be identified.

"Can you imagine the records that would need to be generated and the endless trail of data entry, updating and so forth?" she said. "The cost would be prohibitive, and the tracking nightmare would be very real. At smaller colleges and institutions, the mandating

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## NEWS BRIEFS

A Gateway laptop computer was stolen from a locked room on the third floor of Ward Beecher Science Hall over the weekend. Dr. Gary Walker, professor, biological sciences, said the computer was stored in a locked room Friday, and when he returned Monday morning, the computer was missing.

Walker said he checked with faculty members who have access to the computer, none of whom had used the computer. A theft report was filed with the YSU Police Department.

Lt. Mark Adovasio said there was no sign of forced entry to the room. This is the second laptop computer to be stolen from Ward Beecher in a month. Walker said the other computer was stolen in a similar manner. Neither computer has been recovered.

A 20-year-old Boardman woman was found unconscious Thursday afternoon in a third floor restroom in Ward Beecher Science Hall.

Leah Petruzzi, of 2400 Hunters Ridge, who is not a student, was revived by paramedics who inserted an IV in her arm.

A syringe was also discovered in the restroom. Petruzzi was transported to St. Elizabeth

Medical Center for further treatment. YSU police are investigating.

YSU police arrested a woman Thursday on an outstanding warrant of receiving stolen property.

Rosia Spikes, 46, of 279 Benita in Youngstown, was transported to the Mahoning County Jail for booking.

During a search at the jail a small plastic bag containing a white powder residue was discovered in her coat pocket and was taken as evidence.

Spikes was arraigned Friday morning at the Youngstown Municipal Court and pleaded not guilty to all charges.

(U-WIRE) COLUMBUS, Ohio — After being on paid administrative leave since Dec. 28, an Ohio State University police captain was fired for violating more than one policy of the University Police.

David Stelzer, 45, was fired on Jan. 19 after 22 years on the force on the basis of, "using university resources in furthering a personal business, failing to disclose the use of those resources

when questioned, failing to disclose secondary employment, and failing to disclose his relationship with a university vendor from whom he authorized university purchases," according to a university media release.

An investigation began in late December when Stelzer was discovered to be running a pornographic Web site out of a OSU office building. University officials asked Stelzer to remove the site immediately and he complied.

The site, *FantasyWarrior.com*, depicted scenes of sexual bondage and domination. Stelzer was also accused of using university resources while selling law-enforcement supplies from a company he owned.

"After a careful assessment, we concluded that Captain Stelzer has compromised his ability to serve effectively in his leadership position," said Vernon L. Baisden, assistant vice president for public safety, in a media release.

"I'm very disappointed with the university's decision and we will be filing an appeal," Stelzer said in a Saturday article in *The Columbus Dispatch*. When contacted by *The Lantern*, Stelzer declined comment.

## UC-Berkeley scientists discover benefits of penguin wobbling

By BERNICE NG  
Daily Californian

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. — If you're looking for the most energy-efficient way of walking on campus, you may want to consider waddling to your next class.

A new University of California-Berkeley study has found that the seemingly energy-consuming, not to mention awkward way a penguin waddles, actually helps the animal conserve its much-needed energy. Penguins have long been known for an inefficient method of walking that requires the expenditure of a large amount of energy to walk short distances.

Studies have shown that the flightless birds use twice as much metabolic energy to walk a given distance as other terrestrial animal of similar mass. Previously, the culprit behind the characteristic inefficient walking was thought to be the penguin's gait, or manner of movement — waddling.

In a study published in the journal *Nature*, however, UC-Berkeley graduate integrative biology student Timothy Griffin and former assistant professor Rodger Kram have shown that waddling is not the reason why penguins need to expend large amounts of energy to move. Instead, they found, waddling actually makes penguins more energy-efficient.

According to their findings, the funny waddling motion that penguins use to travel helps the short-legged terrestrial animals conserve energy.

"This expense was thought to be due to excessive mechanical work wasted by side-to-side waddling," Griffin said. "Surprisingly, rather than increasing work, waddling helps conserve mechanical energy."

Scientists liken the back-and-forth waddling motion to the movement of a pendulum, which is able to swing continuously because of the continual exchange between gravitational potential energy — the energy stored when the pendulum is at its highest point — and kinetic energy — the energy associated with the pendu-

lum's movement.

"The physical principle underlying the penguin's ability to conserve mechanical energy is analogous to a swinging pendulum," Griffin said. "Given an initial push or drop, a pendulum swings continuously because gravitational potential energy and kinetic energy are exchanged back and forth."

"Now imagine a pendulum that is turned upside down and has a stiff rod instead of a string," Griffin added.

"The side-to-side waddling movement in penguins conserves energy much like an upside-down pendulum with each leg acting like a stiff rod. Visually, this looks like a bowling pin that teeters side-to-side after an initial nudge."

The team conducted the study of energy consumption in penguin locomotion on five emperor penguins at the Penguin Encounter located at Sea World in San Diego, Calif.

"We collected video and force recordings from five emperor penguins as they walked at different speeds across a force-measuring platform," Griffin said. "These data allowed us to calculate the work required to lift and to accelerate the penguin's body."

Their data showed that the waddling motion of penguins allows for an 80 percent recovery rate of energy — the highest rate reported for any animal.

"Our findings indicate that walking is costly for penguins because their short legs require them to generate muscular force rapidly," Griffin said. "Penguin leg lengths are only about one-third as long as the legs of a typical terrestrial bird of similar mass, such as the 20 kilogram rhea, an ostrich-like bird from South America."

Results from the waddling study could lead to further research and applications in human cases such as in pregnant women or obese individuals, some of whom tend to walk with similar waddling motions to cope with the increased need for energy consumption in their relatively shorter legs.

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# Editorial & Opinion

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## Editorial

### YSU should adopt OSU idea

The Ohio State University just introduced a very good idea — the office of Public Relations will be sending out weekly e-mails to update the campus community about events, activities and administrative initiatives.

This is something not beyond the reach of YSU that could possibly boost student involvement on campus.

OSU's service, called Buckeye News Net, will be sent to all students and faculty who use their OSU e-mail account. Likewise, YSU could implement this service using students' and faculty's UNIX accounts.

Information could include University Theater performances, planetarium presentations, lectures and important administrative updates, such as tuition changes and important dates to remember.

As the student newspaper, it may seem counter-active for us to propose an idea that could undermine the purpose of the paper — after all, we have the Campus Calendar, News Briefs and Local Stuff To Do to inform campus of events. However, newspapers are easily discarded and lost, whereas e-mails can be referenced long after they are received.

For example, a student might read in The Jambar about a speaker in Kilcawley, but two days before the event the student has forgotten the location and doesn't have a paper handy. That is where this e-mail could be useful.

Also, some students are on campus so little they don't often pick up a paper, and many students take classes exclusively at the Metro Colleges or on the weekend, where and when the paper isn't available.

Also, e-mail doesn't tend to get stuck in a pile and forgotten about. People check e-mail regularly and often save messages longer than they do actual paper, which takes up space and gets lost amid other unnecessary mail.

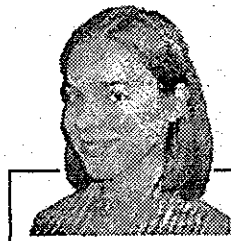
And this task doesn't necessarily have to be undertaken by University Relations, although they do handle all campus media information.

If YSU is interested in keeping students on campus after classes and boosting attendance at events, OSU's new system may be a good starting block.

When Rev. Jesse Jackson and Ralph Nader were on campus in October, the university was barely able to fill the Chestnut Room. With those kinds of speakers, Beeghly Center should be bursting at the seams.

Maybe these e-mails would make more students aware of events. There's no postage cost, and it would just be a matter of compiling information already being dispersed to the media to send to students.

### Band needed: no talent required



By KATIE BALESTRA  
Jambar Assistant Editor

As I flipped through the channels on the television, I stopped on MTV to see if there was actually anything good on.

What I saw disgusted me and made me laugh at the same time. I saw grown men cry. I saw them prance around on a stage singing WAY out of tune. I saw them make a mockery of any intelligent person paying for cable. I saw "Making the Band."

What is this new boy band? There are already three well-known ones out there: N'SYNC, Backstreet Boys and 98 Degrees. Do we really need another one? Well, what makes these guys special is they've spread their shameful, boring, lousy lives all over the television instead of just simply singing corny love songs.

I might sound kind of harsh, but how good can a group be when their greatest hit is a song called "Liquid Dreams"? I might be a little naive, but does this mean what I think it does?

As I watched the show, all of the guys kept talking about how famous they would soon be. One of the guys said he had to prepare himself for all of the fame coming toward him. If these losers become famous, music will hit an all-time rock bottom.

Then of course, one of the guys in the band wanted to write his own songs. What does he think boy

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bands are? Does he actually think they write their own music? He probably thinks he'll get to learn how to play the guitar, too!

And what happened to the African-American guy and the guy that looked to be of Asian descent? They made it until the final cut, and then they had to leave. So what did the final group end up being? A bunch of white guys. Well, two of the guys looked to be of Spanish descent, and the guy that ended up quitting was Hawaiian. But they still look like a bunch of white guys.

I understand that the target audience for boy bands is mainly white, teenage girls; but letting the two "extremely ethnic" looking minorities make it that far and then not allow them to stay seems a little shady.

I might be offending a lot of people by saying this group has no talent, and by accusing those in charge of using race as deciding factor might not be a popular opinion. However, I am absolutely sure of one thing. MTV has hit yet another all-time low.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Student defends Bush and Ashcroft

Dear Editor,

I am writing about the commentary, "I just don't get it," in Thursday's Jambar.

I am saddened and concerned about the Bush-bashing following the presidential election.

Angela Gianoglio said she doesn't understand Bush's selection for attorney general, John Ashcroft. Ashcroft has served this country as both a senator and as a governor. He has shown in the past that he can make decisions contrary to his own beliefs.

Also, the tone Gianoglio uses when eluding that George W. Bush is trying to cause dissension in the country is simply uncalled for. Isn't calling the 43rd president

of the United States a liar a little harsh?

It seems that no matter who won the election, 50 percent of the country was going to be upset. Either candidate was going to have a difficult time rallying the opposing side to his side.

The people who decided this election clearly did what was best for the country, and these people include: ballot counters, judges and Supreme Court judges.

Gianoglio wrote, "Only in America could someone be elected president who did not receive the most votes." Only in the greatest country on Earth could its forefathers dream of a system that protects the smaller states from larger ones. If there were no Electoral

College, states such as California, Texas and New York could decide what was good for the rest of the country. Only in America can even the smallest voice be heard.

And is she making allegations that there was some wrong doing by Jeb Bush in this election? As I recall, he removed himself completely from the recount in Florida.

There are always going to be issues in which we don't always know the facts.

The right thing to do is to learn more about these issues and make informed judgments rather than jump to harsh conclusions.

John Fowler  
senior, electrical engineering

### Sweet is addressing wrong problem

Dear Editor,

The Jan. 15 issue of The Vindicator reported, "[President David] Sweet has called for a Labor Summit to smooth ... relations [between the faculty and the administration] and 'clear the air and identify common objectives

and resolution strategies."

The university already has in place a mechanism for solving problems, a mechanism which the administration has consistently undermined. It is the grievance procedure outlined in the YSU-OEA Agreement.

If Sweet really wants the sys-

tem to work, then he should inform his administrators that it is their job to solve problems, not to create them or to sweep them under the rug.

Michael Finney  
associate professor, English  
YSU-OEA grievance committee

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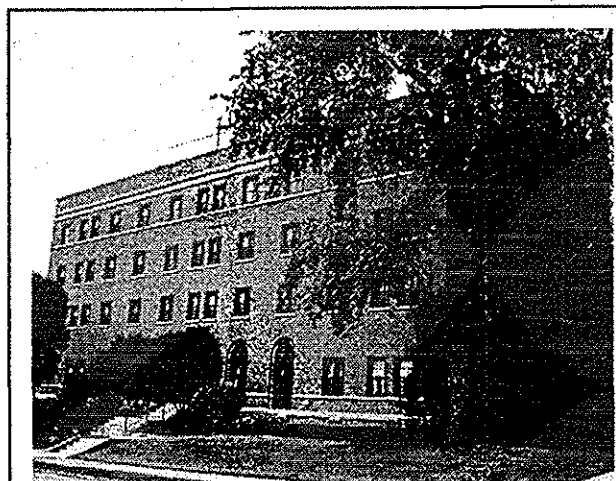
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Many of these individuals who are posing as credit card businesses nationwide on college campuses are nothing but ordinary people who know they can get college students to give away this priceless information, according to Gocala.

According to Josh Aikens, senior, advertising and public relations, and executive director of Up 'til Dawn, "When we sponsor these credit card companies, we contact them to set up in Kilcawley for a fee. This way we know they are legitimate."

YSU police Sgt. Michael Cretella said, "Students don't need 14 credit cards, but if they really want one they should call a major credit card company rather than give valuable information to someone on the street."

A handbook from the Ohio State Highway Patrol advocates, "Protect your social security number. It is the key to your banking and credit card accounts as well as insurance and health benefits, making it a prime target for identity thieves."

According to the handbook, the issue is becoming more serious than many people are aware because it can eventually lead to an identity crime.

An individual's social security number alone can cause major problems if placed in the wrong hands.

Christen Craciun, sophomore, dental hygiene, said, "The free gifts they offer really pull students in, but I never thought what giving away my social security number

could really mean."

Gocala said, "My officers are told to question anyone stopping students for any type of solicitation, and if they are not permitted to be there, they are removed immediately."

Tyke Frangos, senior, secondary education, said, "I don't understand why these people are even allowed on campus if they can harm the welfare of the students. YSU organizations should not be permitted to sponsor these people at all."

Satrum said, "If we have any problems with the credit card retailers, we do not let them come back."

"The only incident we had is the credit card retailers not paying the fee to the organization that sponsors them. Now we make them pay [Student Services], and we pay the student organization," Satrum added.

When credit card retailers recently set up in Kilcawley Center were asked questions, they refused to comment and said to speak to their sponsor.

"They probably thought they might say something that could somehow hurt their credibility. Them refusing to answer hurts their credibility more than ever," said Frangos.

Gocala asks students to be careful when being stopped by these individuals.

"It's a smart idea to call campus police if you suspect a fraud. They will quickly be removed, and action will be taken against them," said Gocala.

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# Sports & Recreation

## Can Tressel be a god at OSU?

A GUEST COMMENTARY FROM THE SCHOOL THAT STOLE TRESSEL

By PAUL ROVNAK  
*The Lantern (The Ohio State University)*

Hallelujah.  
Hallelujah.  
Hallelujah.

Twenty-five days after Christmas, and 17 long days after the firing of John Cooper, The Ohio State University athletics director Andy Geiger and the nine-member advisory committee gave birth to OSU's newest football coach — Jim Tressel.

The former YSU coach brings an impressive resume to OSU. He guided the Penguins to four Division I-AA National Titles (1997, 1994, 1993 and 1991) and has graduated 59 percent of his football players.

Yes, these are miraculous numbers, but will Tressel be able to carry his success the 180 miles from Youngstown to Columbus? The buzz around town is that Tressel is a player's coach who knows his Xs and Os.

More importantly, he is revered as a person who cares about his player's performance not only on the gridiron but also off the field and in the classroom.

It seems like Tressel, who was the quarterbacks and wide receivers coach at OSU from 1983-86, was born to coach football.

He has the sport in his blood and was influenced by the guidance of his father, Lee Tressel.

The elder Tressel coached at Baldwin-Wallace College and coached his son for four years there.

The two men are the only father-son combo to earn National Coach of the Year honors.

The Tressel family has amassed more victories than any other family in college football without the last name Bowden.

Tressel looks like the perfect savior for an OSU program that, according to Geiger, is slowly deteriorating.

By accepting the job, he has

put himself in position to be one of the greatest coaches of all time.

He is now the man who is looked upon to resuscitate one of the greatest programs in college football history, but believe me, it won't be easy.

He needs to shepherd a team that has posted a 14-10 record the past two years.

A team that at times looks like they are complacent and are just going through the motions.

A team that has been depleted by graduation and early NFL declarations.

A team that has no rallying call.

A team that has beaten Michigan three times since he was last here.

Tressel needs to be able to handle all of these things.

This could take some time, but time is something Tressel does not have.

His longevity clock as a Buckeye is already ticking.

Some fans have expressed their displeasure with Geiger's choice.

They can be heard moaning that they wanted a big-name guy to replace Cooper, that the athletics director settled for a lesser, cheaper name after Stoops, Gruden and Bellotti said thanks but no thanks.

Other fans are applauding Geiger for taking a chance on a Division I-AA coach who was reared on Ohio football.

But, the question remains.

How much time should Tressel be given to win at OSU?

Thirty-three months sounds like the perfect fit.

That is enough time to establish a sound coaching staff, rustle-up and reassure recruits, restore the tradition in OSU football and, most importantly, win.

But, what if none of these things happen?

If there are no improvements, then OSU's surly fans will be ready to crucify our newborn savior.

## Men's basketball wins in double-overtime game

By YSU Media Relations

Ryan Patton, senior, scored a career-high for the second straight game, and the Penguins defense came up big in the closing seconds of the final overtime to hold on for a 71-68 men's basketball victory over Chicago State University in front of 3,055 fans Saturday at Beeghly Center.

Patton scored 25 points in the game, including a 3-pointer to force the second overtime.

Against Western Illinois University Thursday, he scored a then-career-best 22 points and has scored 47 points in the last two games.

By pulling out the victory, YSU improves to 14-7 overall and 6-2 in the Mid-Con.

The Penguins remain in a first-place tie with the University of Oakland and Southern Utah University at 6-2 in the league. CSU drops to 3-14 and 0-6.

For YSU, Rafael Cruz, freshman, added 13 points off the bench.

The Penguins finished the game shooting 37.5 percent from the field while CSU shot 40.7 percent.



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ON THE COURT: Excitement was the name of the game during the double-overtime bout at Beeghly Center.

The Cougars outbounded the Penguins 48-35.

For CSU, Tony Jones and Darrell Johns each scored 26 points to combine for 52 of the 68 points.

At halftime, the Penguins led by six despite not grabbing an offensive rebound.

After the first 20 minutes, YSU struggled putting the ball in the basket, making just nine field goals in the final three periods.

CSU was 12-of-20 from the free-throw line in the first half, but shot eight free throws the rest of the game.

With four seconds left in regulation, Jones made a 16-foot jumper to tie the game 59-59.

In the first overtime, YSU trailed 63-61 with 1:22 remaining to take a 64-63 lead.

Johns made one of two free throws with 24 seconds left, forcing the second overtime.

In the second OT, Stephen Flores layup tied the game at 67, and TeJay Anderson, freshman, made a lay-up with just under a minute left, giving YSU a 69-68 lead.

Rafael Cruz made two free throws with 26 seconds left, and Jones and Jason made 3-point attempts, but all were missed.

YSU returns to action Thursday in Macomb, Ill., playing Western Illinois University.

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## Winning Streak: Lady Penguins win two

By CORINNE OLLOM  
*Jambar Reporter*

After a rough start to the season, the YSU women's basketball team beat the Chicago State University Cougars Saturday night 72-59.

This victory begins the first winning streak for the Lady Penguins this season.

Cathy Hanek, freshman, led the charge with a career-high 16 points.

Alyson Vogrin, senior; Nikki Pope, senior; and Heather Harris, freshman; each tallied 15 points to

help solidify the Penguin victory.

As Harris connected on 6-of-9 from the field, Hanek went 6-of-12 including 4-of-9 from behind the three-point line.

The Cougars played the Penguins tough for the first 14 minutes of the game.

The Penguins stayed strong with 6:27 left in the first half, scoring nine unanswered points.

After the timeout the Penguins went on to extend their lead by 12 points going into the locker room at the half.

At halftime the Lady Penguins led 47-35, shooting 50 percent from the floor and 47.4 percent from behind the three-point line.

In the second half the Penguins continued their romp by extending their lead by 20 points.

The Cougars then took another timeout to come back with a 13-0 run, which narrowed the Penguins' lead by 7 points, 62-55, with 6:40 left in the game.

The Penguins answered with a 7-2 run of their own with 4:39 left in the game.

Tiffany Green, sophomore, led the Cougars with 14 points, and Loretta Ellul, freshman, scored 12, which wasn't enough to stop the Lady Penguins' final score, 72-59.

After the game, the players seemed pleased yet determined to stay on track.

"I think we're really starting to play well together; we're finally starting to click," said Hanek after the game.

Vogrin also felt the connection coming through on the court.

"Coach [Ed DiGregorio] is starting to have more confidence in us, which is giving us more confidence with each other when we're playing," she said.

## Degree plays growing role in industry hiring

By CAROL WILSON  
Jambar Assistant Editor

Job security is generally at the top of the list for many who have made the decision to attend a college or university after high school.

College, however, is not for everyone, even though the predominant thought nowadays is that a college degree is the answer to a more secure future.

However, there are many who have moved into positions that would have been otherwise filled by someone with a college degree simply on the basis of their experience.

But in today's job market, that is not as easy to do as it once was.

The recently-appointed risk manager for Mahoning County, Cathy Jones, who does not have a formal degree, is a classic example of someone who has worked her way into a position usually reserved for someone who holds a college degree.

As risk manager, Jones' duties take on a variety of responsibilities centered on filing and administering workers' compensation claims for county employees.

"You just can't learn workers' compensation in college. I feel I deserve the benefits and the salary because I have basically worked and scratched to learn and apply anything that anybody could teach me about this job," said Jones.

Carol Cook, coordinator, Career Services, who works directly with employers and recruiters from the local and surrounding area, agrees that Jones deserved the position based solely on her experience.

"She had the opportunity at some point in her life to learn this work and develop her expertise, and yes, that is highly, highly valuable," said Cook.

"But," she added, "there could have been a person who had the four-year degree who also had the experience and the background competing for the same job."

"Now who would they have chosen? We, of course, don't have an answer for that, but I would almost bet it would have been the person with the degree," said Cook.

Cook said there are always exceptions in the world of business. Personality, she stated, will sometimes be the deciding factor about who will win the prospective job regardless of a two-year and even four-year degree.

"Employers, however, do recognize the work that has gone into obtaining a degree. The energy, enthusiasm, drive and goal setting that comes along with a college degree will be a factor when any employer looks at what this person has accomplished.

"In my experience with the

type of companies who come here to recruit, many of them can only hire those who have a four-year degree. That is a policy of the company, and these are generally the better-known companies who pay well and provide futures for their employees," said Cook.

Dr. Betty Jo Licata, dean, Williamson College of Business Administration, added, "What people have been able to do in the past without a college degree is typically not the case today. Yes, there are vice presidents that do not have college degrees, but they'll be the first to tell you, 'You couldn't get to where I am today without it.' That is, 20 years ago you could get on that career path, but today is different."

Licata tested her theory on some freshman when she questioned them about their reasons for attending YSU.

"When I asked a group of freshmen recently why they were [in college], they said they wanted choices. [They wanted] choices about what to do and where to do it. They have aspirations of career mobility, they have aspirations for earning power, and without a degree they are not going to have those opportunities."

However, Licata acknowledges that age plays an important role in peoples' decision to attend school.

"I'm speaking mainly about that student between 18 and 25 years old. When you have someone who is, say, 40, and they have a lot of experience behind them, their career path may be different. But there are plenty of 40-year-olds that are back in school saying, 'I need a college degree because that is the only way I'm going to get ahead,'" said Licata.

"There are 22-year-olds saying, 'I have a full-time job, but I look around my company, and I know the only way I'm going to get ahead is if I have the college degree,'" said Licata.

However, added Licata, students need to be looking at developing and taking responsibility for their own job search.

"They can't depend just on what's advertised in the paper or just what's posted at Career Services."

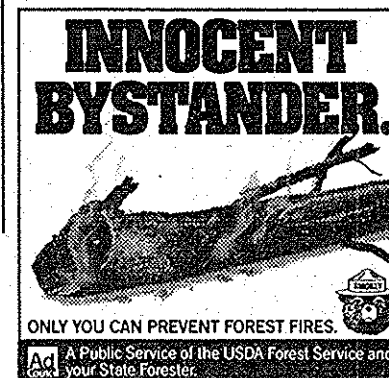
"Employers in the area certainly have a very strong interest in commitment to employing students from the Mahoning Valley, but, and we teach this from the time they are freshman, students have to get out there and involve themselves in different aspects of business. Then when they are ready to graduate, they already have a knowledge of what is going to be expected of them as future supervisors and executives," said Licata.

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can be managed quite easily."

There is an exhaustive list of colleges and universities who are conducting vaccination clinics available at the MFA Web site ([www.musa.org](http://www.musa.org)).

Ohio and Pennsylvania listings include Kent State University, Otterbein College, Carnegie Mellon University, Case Western Reserve University and Penn State University branches. YSU does not appear on the list, although students can obtain a vaccination at any time by going to the Student Health Services clinic in Kilcawley Center.

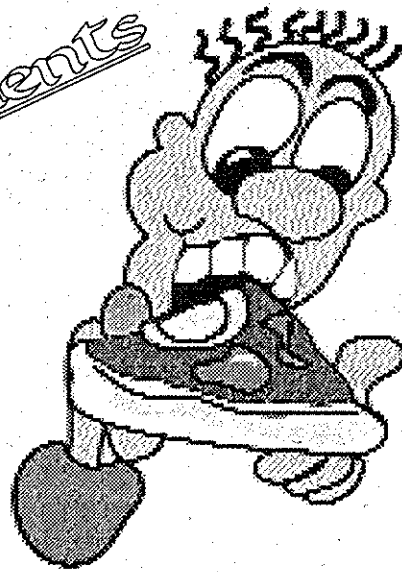


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**Bush takes oath of office  
as Clinton bids farewell**

By JENNIFER THOMAS  
The Dartmouth

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON — After a disputed election, George W. Bush was sworn in as the 43rd president of the United States Saturday and, in his inaugural address, called upon the nation to commit itself to "civility, courage, compassion and character."

Restoring his family to power after eight years of Democratic reign, the 54-year-old former Texas governor was sworn in at 12:02 p.m. in a ceremony rife with reminders of the hotly-contested political race.

More than 300,000 spectators inundated the rain-soaked Mall to witness the first inauguration of the millennium, displaying the entire gamut of political sentiment. As Republican loyalists waved "God Bless President Bush" signs, perturbed Democrats countered GOP euphoria by toting "Hail to the Thief" placards. When the new presidential team was introduced after both Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney took the oath of office, roaring cheers and whoops mixed with boos from some members of the crowd.

Cognizant of deep political rifts following what some viewed as a dubious victory, Bush focused his 14-minute speech around the concepts of national unity and patriotism.

"Sometimes it seems we share a continent but not a country," he stated, describing how the burgeoning of bipartisanship must be a collaborative effort.

Indeed, he exhorted all Americans to "become citizens, not spectators" in order to "seek a common good beyond [their] comfort." For his own part, Bush promised to both "work to build a single nation of justice and opportunity" as well as "to bring the values of our history to the care of our times."

Despite good intentions and an eloquent delivery, however, protesters carrying signs saying, "W Stands for Wasted Vote" would not let him forget that he is one of

the few presidents in history to win the election but not the popular vote.

In the face of such opposition, Bush's speech reflected a desire to rally the country behind him. Although all three branches of government — executive, legislative and judicial — are now securely under Republican control, he avoided reference to controversial partisan issues and was careful to stick to the four-pronged list of principles he announced at the outset of the speech.

He was the first to honor his commitment to civility by thanking former Vice President Al Gore for a contest "conducted with spirit" and "ended with grace."

He manifested the religious undertones of his address in his encouragement of compassion when he assured the soggy onlookers that "when we see that wounded traveler on the road to Jericho, we will not pass to the other side."

In his call for character, Bush stated that "our public interest depends on private character," an interesting comment in light of chronologically salient moral scandal caused by former President Bill Clinton.

The new president's eyes welled up with tears as he made the sacred promise to "preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States," grazing his fingers across the same Bible that both George Washington and another George Bush had used on the same occasion.

Such deep emotion comes as no surprise in light of the fact that Bush was surrounded by key characters in his own recent political drama. Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, who swore him in, had been part of the 5-4 majority whose decision on contested votes in Florida had won him the election.

Although aware that the next four years will test his political skill, the new president ended his speech on an optimistic and spiritual note — "An angel still rides in the whirlwind and directs this storm."

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The Society for Technical Communication will be having a meeting at 3 p.m. in Room 122, DeBartolo Hall instead of the English department conference room as originally planned. They will be planning events for the new year. Pizza will be served. New members welcome. For information contact Lacey Cunningham at (330) 757-0201.

### Wednesday

Reading and Study Skills Center, Center for Student Progress and University Counseling Center will be having a workshop at 1 p.m. in Room 3322, Beeghly College of Education. The topic will be goal setting and decision making. For more information contact Julie at (330) 742-3554.

History Club will be meeting at noon in Room 2069, Kilcawley Center. Theresa Seiders, manager of the Loughurst Museum, located on State Route 224 between Boardman and Canfield and owned by the Western Reserve Historical Society, will speak about the museum. All are invited. For information contact Lowell J. Satre at (330) 742-1608.

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