

Pay raises blamed on trustees

BY LA'EL HUGHES
The Jambar

As students and staff continue to talk about pay raises for YSU administrators, a state legislator says trustees and the governor are to blame.

In an interview Wednesday, state Sen. Bob Hagan, D-Youngstown, said students should redirect their anger from University President David Sweet, who received an \$11,000 pay raise.

"When we are facing \$3 million budget cuts in higher education, the Board of Trustees made a terrible mistake in giving pay raises," Hagan said. "It was a slap in the face to all YSU students."

Hagan also said the Board of Trustees should have questioned Gov. Bob Taft on the recent cuts in higher education instead of offering pay raises to YSU administrators.

Trustees evaluated the jobs of Sweet and his top administrators last week, deciding on a 6 percent raise for the president and 3 percent raises for many of his assistants.

Union leaders asked to comment on the raises Wednesday offered mixed views.

"I really do not have a comment," John Russo, president of the YSU-Ohio Education Association said. "We are just moving on. Negotiations are over and I

couldn't tell you why the Board of Trustees did what they did."

Christine Domhoff, president of the YSU-Association of Classified Employees, said she would continue to question the recent financial decisions made by the university and trustees.

"I would like to know if the university kept in mind the current economic situation of higher education at YSU as an entity, what criteria did they use to decide the salaries for administration?" she asked.

Hagan said students and administrators need to question the priorities of trustees and Taft, who is running for reelection in the November election against Hagan's brother, Tim.

"There will be increases up to 19 percent in all universities across the board, and I just can't blame Sweet, but I do blame the Board of Trustees," Bob Hagan said.

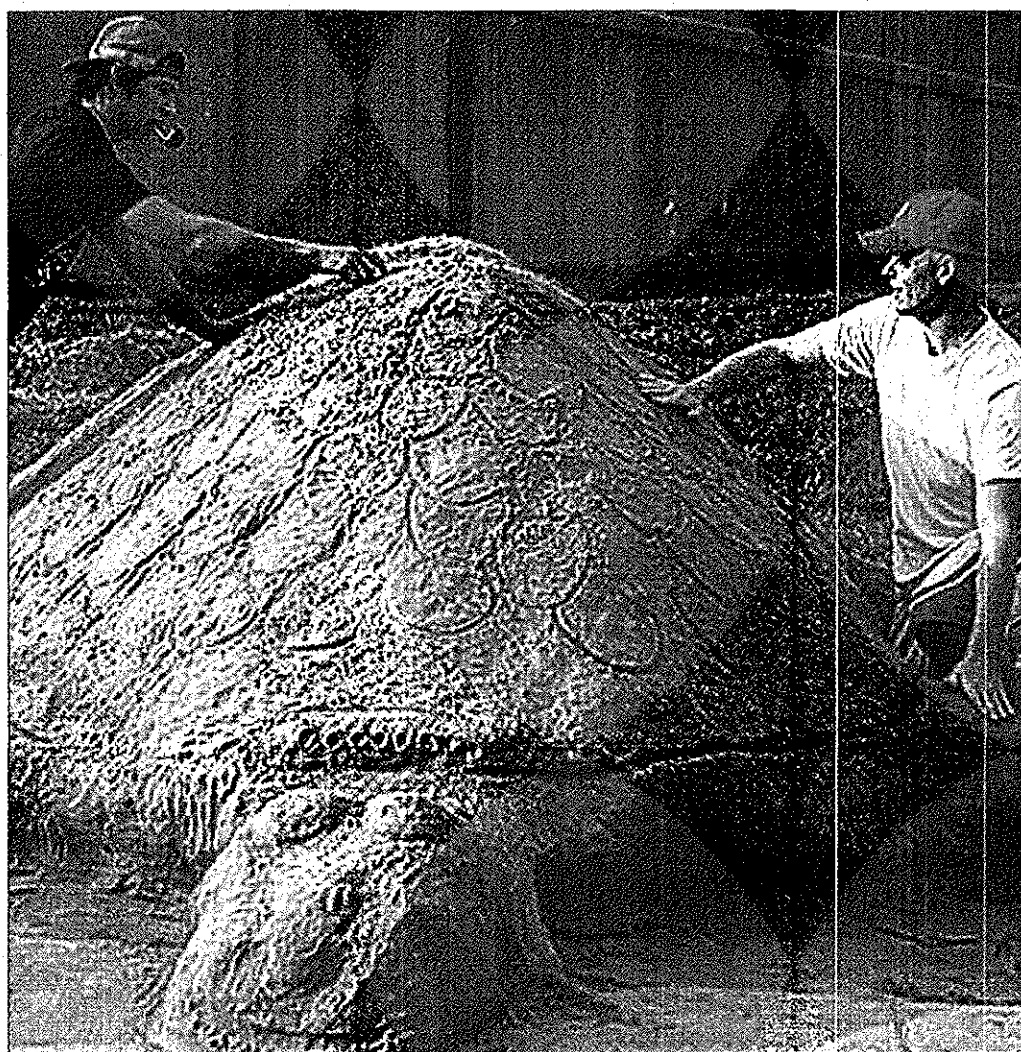
Walt Ulbricht, executive director of Marketing and Communications, refused to respond to Hagan's comments. Board of Trustees Chairman Joseph Nohra did respond.

"Well, I guess he's entitled to his own opinion," he said. "I have nothing more to say about that."

Domhoff said she believes

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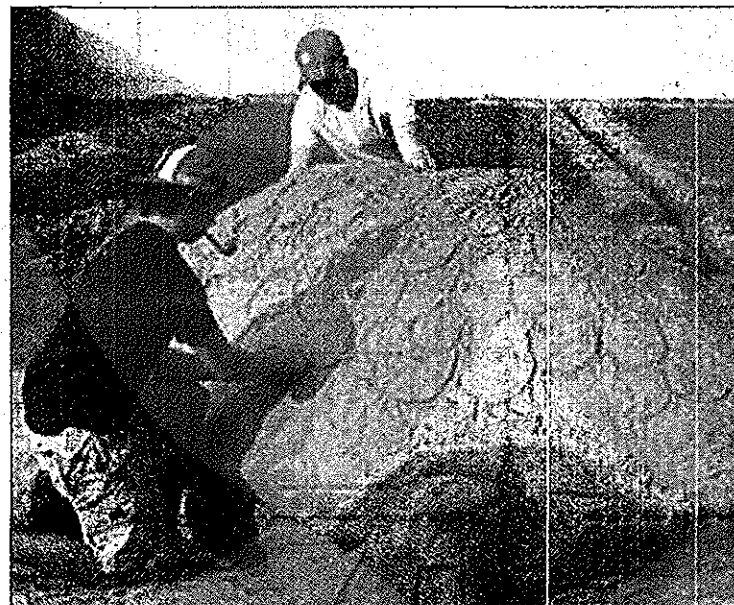
SAND TURTLE



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PLAYIN' IN THE SAND:

Freshmen Terry Balenski and Brent Davis built a four foot high turtle Wednesday outside of the Sweeney Welcome Center. Balenski said he saw a big pile of sand and decided to build a turtle. If rain holds off their turtle may be there for a time to come, but a 30 percent chance of scattered thunderstorms is expected today.



Rivals discuss school funding

BY JOLENE POWELL
The Jambar



HAGAN



Taft

Hagan hit the campaign trail again Wednesday with his "Tim Hagan 2002 Ohio Campus Tour."

Hagan's tour stops at college campuses around Ohio and continues through October.

Austin Jenkins, spokesman for Hagan, said the tour's focus is higher education.

A Hagan news release called the focus of the tour a discussion of "the terrible burden of Governor Bob Taft's tuition hikes." A Taft spokesman, meanwhile, said Hagan is not the only candidate concerned about college funding.

"(The tour) has had a fantastic response," Jenkins said. "This issue is on the minds of college students."

Jenkins said Hagan is not proposing a tuition cap but instead has proposed reinvesting in higher education.

Jenkins said the poor statistics and rankings of Ohio's higher education system helped Hagan to set priorities vastly different from Taft's.

Taft is seeking re-election against Hagan, a Mahoning Valley native. Taft spokesman Aaron McLear said his boss, too, has made higher education a priority.

"Taft is concerned with tuition increases," McLear said.

McLear said Taft has negotiated with six university presidents to keep tuition increases down while still providing a quality education.

"Higher education is a priority," McLear said. "Hagan simply can't (stop tuition increases) because university boards of trustees decide."

"The opponent wants to be all things to all people. Next, we wonder if he'll give all college students free lunches."

Jenkins said Hagan will fight to reduce tuition increas-

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Ohio fails affordability test YSU student faces charges

BY JAMI BONINSEGNA
The Jambar

Ohio has failed a policy group's test of college affordability, earning an "F" on the Center for Public Policy and Higher Education's report card.

The nonpartisan think tank released the results of its recent evaluation this week. Ohio also was scored poorly on all other areas, which included preparation, participation, completion and benefits.

Mikyung Ryu, policy analyst for the center, said Ohio ranked in the bottom 10 of all 50 states.

YSU officials said they have read news accounts of the study and believe it confirms what they have known all along: Ohio's public universities need more money from the government.

The study showed that an Ohio family needs an average

of 29 percent of its annual income to pay for an education at a four-year public institution and 54 percent for a private education.

"There was no substantial charge in Ohio compared to other states, overall. Standing still is not good enough."

— MIKYUNG RYU
Policy analyst for Center for Public Policy and Higher Education

In states finishing on top of the test families spend 18 percent of their income for an education at a four-year public campus and 32 percent for a private.

These figures were compiled before the recent tuition

hikes at Ohio universities.

Ryu, in a telephone interview Wednesday, said the only area where Ohio improved was in participation, the number of students between the ages of 18 and 24 enrolled in college. In that category, Ohio increased its grade from a "C-" to a "C+."

In the category of completion, Ohio dropped from a "B" to "B-" for how many students actually graduate.

Ohio remained constant in categories measuring how well prepared students are for college and how students fare after college.

"There was no substantial change in Ohio compared to other states, overall," Ryu said. "Standing still is not good enough."

Ryu said the test is meant to be a wakeup call for state leaders and policy makers, but John Habat, vice president of administration, said that no

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BY REBECCA MARQUIS
The Jambar

A YSU student was arrested last week on charges of felony possession of a firearm, receiving stolen property and two counts of fugitive from justice.

Arian O'Connor, 25, of Youngstown, was arrested Friday night in Hermitage, Pa. O'Connor allegedly was carrying a gun, YSU Police Lt. Mark Adovasio said.

The Mahoning Valley Violent Crimes Task Force and the Hermitage Police Department participated in the arrest, Adovasio said.

Hermitage police and the Task Force arrested O'Connor about a 1/2 mile from the Starlight Inn in Hermitage. Deputy Chief Larry Matchak said officers were waiting for

O'Connor at the inn, however when O'Connor drove by, he spotted the police and did not stop.

The officers, Matchak said, saw O'Connor's vehicle pass them and followed him in what turned out to be a short pursuit. During the pursuit, O'Connor tossed a stolen gun out the car window, Adovasio said.

O'Connor is currently being held in Pennsylvania on \$100,000 bond and is awaiting extradition to Ohio, Adovasio said.

"He could fight extradition," Adovasio said.

Youngstown Police Department Sgt. John Kelly said O'Connor's charges stem from a Sept. 8 incident, in which he allegedly shot at a

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the university still needs to be held accountable for the financial decisions made by trustees.

She said university officials continually told her union during the summer negotiations that the university did not have the money to give the staff the increases they were asking for.

"But when I read the newspaper, I see that Sweet got a 6 percent increase," Domhoff said. "But I was told if (staff) were to get our increases, students would share the burden by getting a tuition increase."

William Binning, chair of Political Science, made a correlation between the raises and worry over corporate finance scandals.

"Because of the recent attention given to the corporate downfalls, it is natural that YSU and the community becomes more sensitive to YSU's president and administrators perks and salaries," Binning said.

Hagan said Taft will visit campus Saturday for the Penguins' football game against Indiana State.

"I would hope students take that time to be heard about their opposition on the \$500 increases," he said. "They should protest peacefully about how it is becoming harder and harder to afford an education."

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one is listening. Habat said recent state budget cuts to higher education and resulting tuition increases should have sparked action and protest from students and parents.

"The problem is right now legislators are running for reelection but they're not hearing the message from us that higher education needs to be top priority," Habat said.

Walt Ulbricht, executive director of Marketing and Communications, said there

has been a dramatic reversal in state funding for higher education.

"Thirty years ago, the state provided more than 70 percent of funding to YSU, today that number is down to about 40 percent."

Ryu said Ohio provides only 38 percent of the amount spent by the federal government for higher education. The top states provide more than 100 percent.

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person entering his residence. O'Connor allegedly called a female victim in an attempt to get her to come outside, then allegedly shot at the victim five or six times, missing her and striking the door.

The slug landed in the victim's living room wall.

The felonious assault warrant from the alleged shooting was the basis of the arrest in Hermitage, Matchak said.

"All we did was pick him up on a warrant from Ohio," said Matchak, who added that the fugitive from justice charges also stem from Ohio.

Kelly, who was the officer assigned to the original felonious assault report, said O'Connor was recently paroled after serving time on a separate felonious assault charge.

He is a part-time freshman majoring in pre-computer information systems.

The Violent Crimes Task Force is a specialized, multi-jurisdictional team that deals with violent criminals, such as those who rob fast food restaurants or have a record of violent behavior, said YSU Police Chief John Gocala.

The team, headed by the FBI, is comprised of YSU police as well as Youngstown police, sheriff's, marshals and local law enforcement agents in both Mahoning and Trumbull counties, Adovasio said.

Gocala added that law enforcement agents were DeBartolo Hall last week waiting for O'Connor.

Adovasio was part of the team at DeBartolo.

"We were waiting for him at one of his classes, but he never showed up."

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-es if elected, but he will first need to balance the Ohio budget.

Jenkins went on to say the budget is an absolute mess and that Taft is responsible.

University President David Sweet said he could not publicly support one candidate or another, but he did say he was anxious to see who is elected because of the potential effect on university funding.

Terry Ondreyka, vice president for financial affairs, said he also will not choose one candidate over the other. Ondreyka did, however, say he is pleased to see they are both

recognizing the issue of higher education funding.

"Higher education has taken a significant hit in terms of reduction in state appropriations to support the institution," Ondreyka said. "There is a financial burden on students. Whoever is elected will have to confront the issue."

YSU is not on Hagan's tour itinerary. McLearn said Taft will be on campus Saturday to attend the Penguin's football game against Indiana State.

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Today's Editorial

WCBA majors show promise

There was some good news to come out of last week's Board of Trustees meeting, at which University President David Sweet and his top assistants received ridiculous raises.

Trustees also approved several new degree programs for YSU, including an associate of technical study degree that we think will entice current and prospective students.

The associate's degree will be a part of the business and technology track, and Betty Jo Licata, dean of the Williamson College of Business Administration, said the program would attract students experienced in high-tech fields.

We agree. We also think the program could be a step toward attracting much-needed high-tech, professional jobs to the Mahoning Valley.

Since the demise of the steel industry in the 1970s and 1980s, Youngstown and its neighboring communities have been in a severe rut. As the few remaining local steel mills struggle to survive, the crowning achievement in a turbulent year for Mahoning Valley was the announcement that the General Motors Lordstown Assembly Plant would be making a new car.

That's pretty sad. The bottom dropped out in late summer when Phar-Mor began closing its stores, and the last airline doing business at Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport in Vienna retreated.

The writing is on the wall. High-tech jobs are essential to the Youngstown area's survival. For years, economists have said YSU could be a prime contributor to a trend change.

And now, YSU is finally showing signs of a commitment. This is not to say that an associate's degree program is the panacea for what ails the Valley. At the surface, this is quite a small step, but most definitely it is a step in the right direction.

Downtown Youngstown has fallen apart. The city has two federal courthouses but no substantial employer other than the university now that Phar-Mor is gone. Major metropolitan cities today feature downtown skylines decorated with office buildings for major technology and other professional firms.


The new associate's degree program is not going to change reality, but factored into a business college that has made tremendous improvements and additions over the last few years, there is some hope in Youngstown.

Walt Ulbricht, executive director of Marketing and Communications, said the new program would offer the chance for YSU to engage in more partnerships with the community.

"The technical education can be provided through cooperative arrangements with public, private, or proprietary post-secondary institutions, vocational centers, or other educational enterprises," he said.

It's true. We hope Dean Licata and YSU officials will continue to increase the credibility and attractiveness of the business college. And, we hope those outside the university take notice.

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Iraq possibilities spur many questions

By GARY SEXTON
Guest Commentary

While there is still opportunity to sheathe the sword, it is urgently important that we examine the need for an attack on Iraq and the justification for it offered so far.

We also must take a hard look at the possible consequences.

Would a "pre-emptive" attack be immoral? Would it be illegal? Is it warranted?

I don't want the president's proposed act of aggression performed in my name, especially before these, and many other questions, are answered. Would the attack be a violation of the U.S. Constitution, which states that only Congress can declare war?

Would the attack contravene international law, which holds that one country can't attack another unless it has been attacked or is under threat of imminent attack? Would the attack violate the U.N. Charter, which allows for the use of force only in self-defense?

Isn't war supposed to be a last resort, considered only after all other options have been exhausted? Wouldn't an attack on the scale Bush is suggesting lead to the deaths of thousands of innocent people; people like you and me, people with daily concerns and life aspirations? We each have to look especially deeply into this question. Is there a greater moral question than that of being directly or indirectly responsible for the taking of human life?

After exhaustive digging, there is no evidence that Iraq is connected to Al Qaeda. No money, no hijackers, no nothing. In fact, Al Qaeda would just as soon see Saddam Hussein's secular regime toppled.

Shouldn't we be maintaining our focus on the "War on Terrorism?" Why has Iraq become such an urgent issue right now? Would the purpose of this attack be to distract us from the fact that the "War on Terrorism" has bogged down? Is it to divert us from the country's economic problems? Or will it help to justify the continuing erosion of our civil rights?

Deterrence and containment have

"Wouldn't an attack on the scale Bush is suggesting lead to the deaths of thousands of innocent people; people like you and me, people with daily concerns and life inspirations?"

worked against Saddam Hussein. Iraq's army is a pale reflection of what it was in 1989. It is extremely unlikely that Iraq has nuclear weapons and less likely that it has a means of delivering them anywhere.

If Saddam Hussein has biological or chemical weapons, why would he use them? Usage would mean certain destruction, and Hussein knows that.

In fact, it is much more likely that Hussein would unleash his worst weapons if he thought he was about to be destroyed.

Forcing a regime change in Iraq would not be popular in the Arab world and it has very little support in most of the rest of the world. The world community is very uneasy about the United States right now. Is it justified in its suspicion?

A "pre-emptive" attack on Iraq would establish the very dangerous precedent

that the United States has the right to openly topple governments that are hostile to what are perceived to be U.S. interests. Wouldn't other countries think that they have that right now too?

What would such an attack do to international stability and order?

Are we prepared for the expense and consequences of this war? There are some very scary possible scenarios that an attack could trigger: a U.S. nuclear response to the use of chemical or biological weapons which is now a stated response option of our government; regional chaos drawing in Israel and other Arab countries; more acts of terrorism; and a great number of casualties on all sides.

Are we prepared for the years or decades of occupation that would be required once we "win"?

However you answer these questions, I hope that your position comes as the result of deep and sober reflection.

It is a responsibility of our citizenship that we take part in this discussion about an action of this magnitude for our country. It is a personal moral responsibility as well. We are responsible for the actions of our government. We need to have a wide-open dialogue that respects all thoughtful positions. Call or e-mail your senators or representative (if you have one). Call the White House switchboard.

Talk to friends, family, and colleagues. Write a letter to your newspaper.

Our leaders need to hear from us before irreversible actions have been taken. Too often, we try to find answers to questions once the damage has been done.

Sexton is the director of WYSU-FM.

Letter to the Editor

University is littered with double standards

Editor:

Perhaps YSU needs to change its initials to "DSU", for Double Standards University.

When Trustees recently raised the salary of President David Sweet by 6 percent and increased his housing allowance, it was very interesting to note their justification. One reason given was that our President was among the lowest-paid in the state.

Yet when similar arguments were raised by the faculty negotiating team several months ago about faculty salaries, we were told that rankings were meaningless. We were reminded to look at the local cost of living. We were told that comparisons to other universities within Ohio were not valid because we are now the only II-A institution in the state.

A double standard? Well, YSU is littered with them. Here is another one. During negotiations, we were told that the University would not even entertain discussion on domestic partner benefits.

Why? Well, for one thing, no other state university in Ohio had domestic partner health care benefits, so YSU-OEA's attempts to include these benefits were rebuffed. After all, we were told, if no one else in the state is doing it, we have no justification asking for it.

Yet now we hear that the University has approved a new degree program in Forensic Science. And one of the great points about this, according to the Administration, is that no other university in the state is offering one.

Strange, how being the first to do something can be seen as such a positive factor when the Administration wants something, and such a negative factor when they are vehemently opposed to it. But wait, there's more.

At least two members of the Board of Trustees have stated their opposition to the extension of domestic partner benefits on moral and religious grounds. Yet they spoke not a word about the fact that oral contraceptives are covered under the new health care plan. (Incidentally, it was not the faculty's proposal to add oral contraceptives.)

A casual look at these things by an outside observer might lead one to think that ineptitude abounds here. I wish it were only that. This is not ineptitude. It is duplicity. It is deceit.

It is the blatant application of double standards. And it is infuriating.

Bob Hogue
Associate Professor, CSIS

Author plans YSU visit

By MATTHEW LILLAR
The Jambar

A series of posters around campus ask students, "Where is Mel Watkins?"

The numbered posters offer clues to a scavenger hunt about Mel Watkins, an author, New York Times editor and Youngstown native who is coming to campus next week.

The winner of the scavenger hunt will receive a \$200 scholarship. In conjunction with the poster contest, a winner of an essay contest will receive a \$500 scholarship.

Watkins wrote the book, "Dancing with Strangers," which is being read by first-year students as part of the English department's Freshman Reader's Dialogue. He will be on campus to meet students Oct. 7 through 11.

"Dancing with Strangers" chronicles Watkins' life as an African-American in Youngstown during the 1940's and 50's, painting a picture of the segregation and racial hostility that went on during that era.

"He's been very successful, and he has a great message," said Dr William Jenkins, coordinator of General Education at YSU.

Events throughout the week include a tour

of Youngstown with Watkins, where he will guide students on a WRTA trolley through Oak Hill Cemetery, Mill Creek Park and the neighborhood where he grew up.

Watkins will also speak with journalism and composition students in the Jambar office in Fedor Hall on Oct. 7 and 9.

Other events include book signings at Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Boardman, Borders Bookstore in Warren, and the YSU Bookstore in Kilcawley.

Watkins will be also be involved in diversity luncheons on Oct. 9 and 10.

Area high schools will also be sending senior students to YSU's Chestnut Room in Kilcawley on Oct. 10, where Watkins will speak and answer student's questions.

The topic of this year's Freshman Reader's Dialogue is race and cultural diversity, and the department plans to make the Freshman Reader's Dialogue an annual event with new topics and authors coming to campus each year.

Mel Watkins has also written two other books, "African American Humor" and "Who Killed Tiffany Jones?", a murder mystery with a \$10,000 prize to the reader who can solve the puzzle.

YSU student hopes to avoid becoming the weakest link

By HENRY GOMEZ
The Jambar

If Hollywood does not come calling, Alvin Crawford said he could settle for being a lawyer.

The 22-year-old criminal justice major has tried for years to capture the attention of casting directors while at the same time bouncing between northeast Ohio colleges.

He has been to University of Akron, Kent State, and now YSU. But next week, Crawford will travel to Burbank, Calif., to be a contestant on the popular NBC game show "The Weakest Link."

"I hope I get discovered by a Hollywood agent," Crawford said.

Crawford will be a part of the show's college tournament, which could air by the end of fall. Walt Ulbricht, executive director of Marketing and Communications, said Crawford will compete against students from Harvard and

other large schools.

"YSU bought me a YSU sweatshirt to wear on the show," Crawford said. "I didn't have one."

Crawford auditioned for the show in the summer.

"I was watching the show this summer, and I called the 888 number to see if there were any auditions in my area," he said. "I went to one up at Tower City in Cleveland."

"There was at least 300 people there."

Crawford said all hopefuls were told to expect a long wait before learning whether they had made the show. He, however, only had to wait a few weeks until he got his call.

"I was speechless for at least a few moments," he said. "I still can't believe it."

But despite his awe for the show — he likes new host George Gray better than the controversial Anne Robinson — Crawford said he is not nervous about next week's taping.

"Oh, absolutely not," he

said.

Possibly because Crawford has been on national TV before. His last brush with Hollywood came in 1999, when he participated in MTV's "Want to be a VJ" contest.

"I actually have Jesse Camp's phone number," Crawford said of the aloof winner of the original "Want to be a VJ" contest. "He's a nutcase."

Crawford does realize "The Weakest Link" is a bit more challenging than MTV.

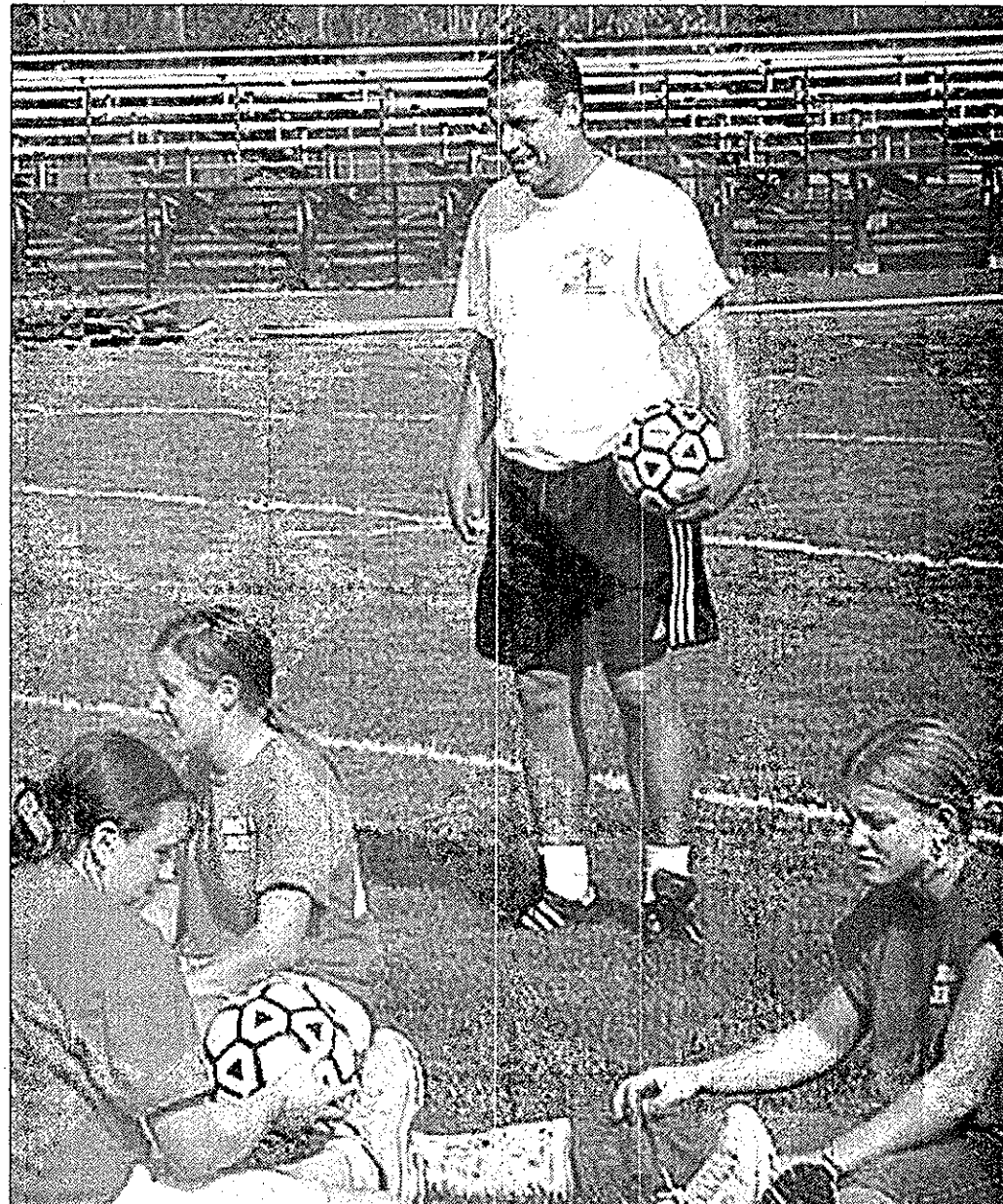
"It's really hard to win at that show," he said. "If I win anything, it'll just be a big bonus."

He could use the money for law school. Crawford said if he does not make it big in Hollywood, he will follow in his family members' footsteps and become a lawyer.

"My family has a tradition of law in its blood," he said. "I wish I could be a Renaissance man and do it all."

Call Henry Gomez at (330) 941-1991.

YSU SOCCER



BJ Lisko/The Jambar

KICKIN' IT: YSU assistant soccer coach Chris Labette gives instruction to players on YSU's soccer team Wednesday. The Penguins will next play Arizona Friday on the road, at 9:30 p.m.



News in brief

Student Diversity Council to hold meeting

The YSU Student Diversity Council is holding a meeting Friday at 2 p.m. in Room 2068 in Kilcawley Center. All student leaders are asked to come and take a stand. The meeting is open to everyone and elections will be held.

International Student Association meeting Friday

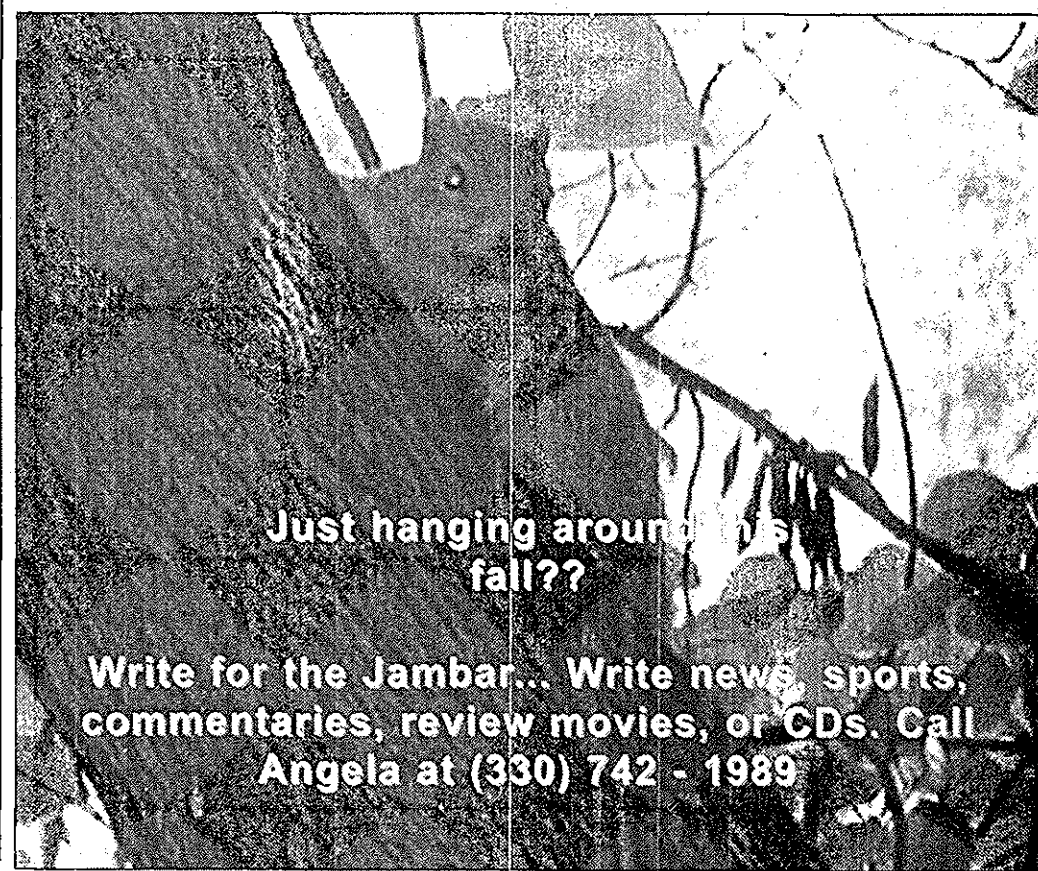
The International Student Association, ISA, is holding a meeting Friday, Oct. 4 at 3:15 p.m. in the Cafaro Suite in Williamson Hall. There will be a presentation about Mexico and samples of Mexican food. The meeting is open to everyone.

PT department will hold informational session

The YSU department of Physical Therapy will host an informational session on Oct. 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room B046 of Cushman Hall.

The session will be held to answer all questions concerning the physical therapy program through a power point presentation and informational materials.

For more information, contact the department at (330) 941-2558.



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Campus Calendar

Today: Attend the Graduate Studies Information Day and have graduate program directors from the various colleges and representatives from the School of Graduate Studies answer any questions you may have regarding your future! Thursday, Oct. 3, 2002 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Saturday: YSU Ice Hockey Club vs. University of Pittsburgh - Johnstown. 7 p.m. at the Ice Zone in Boardman. (330) 965-1423. Cost \$2 for students with I.D.

Thursday, Oct. 10: Informational meeting for students interested in Road Trip to the U.S. Holocaust Museum in D.C. (Nov. 8-11, 2002 and Habitat for Humanity Alternative Spring Break Trip '03 to Florida, at 12:00 noon and 1:00 in the Cochran Room, Kilcawley Center. Both meetings will be identical. For more information call (330) 743-0439. Sponsored by Protestant and Catholic Campus Ministries at YSU.

Notices:

Tongzhi - A Gay/Straight Alliance will have a business meeting every other week, alternating with a social get-together in Peaberry's. Both will be on Tuesdays at 4 p.m. All LGBT people and straight allies are welcome to attend. The upcoming dates are as follows:
Tuesday, 10/8: Social in Peaberry's Cafe
Tuesday, 10/15: Meeting in Bresnahan Reception

The Department of Physical Therapy will host informational meetings for students who are interested in the Master of Physical Therapy Program. The dates for those informational meetings are Oct. 3, Nov. 1, and Dec. 2, from 11:30 - 1 in Cushman Hall, B046. Advisors welcome.

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Entertainment



Red Wanting Blue makes its move

By HENRY GOMEZ
The Jambar

Their lyrics touch on taboos and social utopia. They purposely play a 10-minute song complete with a four-minute drum solo to allow for a smoke break.

And they have a loyal legion of diehards devoted to them. Scott Terry, Epp, Mark McCullough and Jonah Dolan are Red Wanting Blue, a modern-rock jam band from Columbus. For four years the group has performed to packed bars and concert halls in Ohio, as well as making appearances at the House of Blues in Chicago and Village Underground in New York City.

The band has released four full-length albums since it formed in 1996. The latest, "Sirens," features a blend of hard guitar-driven pieces and soft, melodic anthems for liberal youth.

With rumors abound that the band is moving to New York in search of a higher profile, local fans no doubt will flock to upcoming Ohio shows.

And with good reason. Perhaps best known to casual fans for its 2000 release "Model Citizen," Red Wanting Blue packs emotion into each song. Live, the band amazes as Terry (lead vocals) hops across

the stage, fake black mustache plastered across his lip.

But Terry and crew are not just about style. Substance, indeed, is the name of Red Wanting Blue's game.

In an age of radio-friendly pop music riddled with clichés and breakup stories, Terry finds ways to convey his rage, curiosity, regret and sexual frustration quite originally. "You'd like the view my neighbor," Terry contends on "Wake Up, Dreamer," a track off "Citizen." "We fly so high. We rolled through miles like minutes. Hi."

"Model Citizen" is best known for the sexually charged "Venus 55" — an ode to, well, sex. Epp (guitar) and Terry have been known to please fans at shows by leading into "Venus" with a take-off on Britney Spears' "Hit Me Baby One More Time."

On "Sirens," released last fall, Terry inspires with lyrics of political weight reminiscent to those of U2 in the early 1980s.

"Pink Chiffon" begs for tolerance of different. As idealistic and whimsical as it sounds, Terry, with his playful wit, dice.

A more serious assessment: "One for the Numbers," known on the tour circuit as "Bastards," with its anger-driven lyrics, "Bastards" tells the tale of a country obsessed with

"Americanization."

"Give us a break, we're heaven in the making," Terry sarcastically argues.

On "Color of One," McCullough shows off his talents with the Chapman Stick, joining Terry in an ode for racial harmony. Terry's sage gets old after a few tracks: "Chiffon" is a love song but the lyrics are anything but. The highlights, however, are "The Best Borrow," a confessional by Terry, and "Heart's Collar," a hypnotic song where Terry promises to "close the West to keep the day alive more hour."

A wonderful mix of instruments and lyrics made Red Wanting Blue a prime draw for Ohio audiences several years. Fans have sites devoted to the band and the group's message receives posts hourly.

After a show last night in Bowling Green, Ohio, Terry

into Youngstown, Ohio. Terry will be performing at the Youngstown Music Center on Oct. 4. Tickets are available at www.redwantingblue.com.

Call Henry Gomez at (330) 941-1991.

R&B act's follow up falls flat

By ALICIA HOUSTON
The Jambar

Since Slum Village released their sophomore album, Trinity (past, present and future) last month, it has stayed on R&B/Hip Hop Album Billboard charts.

The Detroit rap group, consisting of Baatin, T3 and producer Jay Dee, received rave reviews for their first album, Fantastic Volume 2.

For his efforts on the album, producer Jay Dee was deemed hip-hop's most intriguing producer.

Trinity, however, has a much different sound.

Most of the creative input for this album was left to rappers Baatin and T3. According to the group's press release, the rigors of touring caused Jay Dee to take a back seat to producing most of the album.

It seems as though everything genuine and identifiable about the group went with him.

Without Jay Dee in the studio, the group is unable to hide their simple lyrics behind his beats. The one song Jay Dee does produce, "One," is reminiscent of the group's first album. Other tracks, like "Disco" and "Marvelous," are the works of other producers who fail to recreate the chemistry of the first album. The tracks simply do not match up to their expectations.

The lead single, "Tainted," which has been selected as "Handpicked" on MTV2, was produced by Kareem Riggins and features the talents of singer Dwele. It is perhaps the best reproduction of Jay Dee's style. Its plain communication of idealism lost makes it genuinely likeable.

Overall, the album is not a total disappointment. Hip-hop fans may very well like the group's new sound. Presently, Slum Village is touring the country and will be appearing at Cleveland's Allen Theater on Nov. 7.

Call Alicia Houston
(330) 941-3758.

Weekend Calender

Nyabinghi, Friday - Tubring, Kitchen Knife Conspiracy. Saturday - Stinking Lizaveta, Olympus Mons.



NYABINGHI: Philadelphia's Stinking Lizaveta bring their brand of acid jazz/stoner rock, to the Nyabinghi on Salt Springs Rd. Friday. Show time is set for 11 p.m.

Cedars, Friday - The Jelly Bricks. Saturday - Pete Drivere and the Pretty Demons.

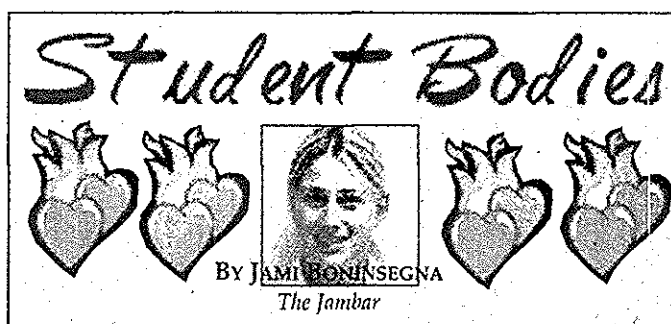
The Cellar, Friday - Eric Dales, Chuck Hall and the River Saints. Saturday - Brownie Mary, Twitch.



THE CELLAR: Blues guitarist Eric Dales will play The Cellar this Friday with opening acts Chuck Hall and the River Saints. The show begins at 10 p.m.

Plaza Cafe, Friday - My Sister the Sun. Saturday - Via Sahara, Tilt 360, Moral Dilema.

Section 8 Skate Park, Friday - Cyrus.



By JAMI BONINSEGNA
The Jambar

Here's the scenario—and almost every couple is bound to fall into it. You meet someone special. You begin to date and this new boyfriend or girlfriend sends your head into a complete whirlwind.

Then, the relationship hits that six month point. For some couples it might be shorter, for some maybe longer. But, it's that point in the relationship where right when you were so sure this other person was "the one," you guys got comfortable — I'm talking about that boring stage that makes you feel like an old married couple.

It's at this point that all you can do is reminisce about the days when you and your other half first met. In the beginning you were inseparable and always doing something.

Maybe you even somewhat abandoned your friends for a while — and it didn't even bother you.

But, then it starts to seem like there's nothing new about you guys anymore. And things begin to slow down.

There are no more notes on your car when you get out of class, and there are no more messages on your phone from your special someone, just calling to say "hi," when they knew you were in class and couldn't answer.

And, suddenly hanging out late during the week doesn't sound as appealing as going to bed since you have to wake up early for 8 a.m. class.

Also, you remember how you loved everything about your boyfriend or girlfriend in the beginning — even the corny things that normally would annoy you used to make you laugh.

It could be that dumb and totally irrelevant word that they used in every other sentence — you used to think it was hilarious and it simply makes you cringe now.

Or, that tacky song that they sang over and over, and completely off key. Maybe, they even had a friend that you couldn't help but laugh at before, and now you find that you can't help but leave the room when they're around.

Also, you guys no longer feel the need to impress each other.

Even though you won't admit it, you used to plan what you would wear if you were going to see your new man or woman, but now "bad days" seem to be more frequent in front of your new half.

Don't worry. Many relationships start off this way and it's actually healthy to enter this comfort zone.

So, don't do anything irrational—like break up. And, don't start having crazy thoughts based simply on this comfortability factor—like this isn't the one.

All relationships have numerous ups and downs over long periods of time. That doesn't mean it's healthy to be living on an emotional roller coaster, but getting "boring" at times is just fine.

It's these times that keep us in check with reality. When we're not so focused on being lovesick we can focus better on the other goals in life, like school, work, and friends (who should never be abandoned for good).

It's also at these "boring" stages that you can take the opportunity to find out new things you love about each other. Maybe you'll realize you guys have the same favorite movies, and not just the same favorite drinks.

And now that you guys aren't lovesick anymore, you can take time to do the things you like to do yourself. Work out. Go out with your friends.

This will not only keep the relationship new and fun, it will bring you back to that time when you used to get butterflies in your stomach when you thought about your boyfriend or girlfriend.

And, if you don't just enter the boring stage, but actually make it out too, then you will really know if this is "it."

Call Jami Boninsegna at
(330) 941-1991

YESS will hold meeting

The YSU Environmental Studies Society (YESS) will meet at 7:15 p.m. Monday Oct. 7 in the Ward Beecher Planetarium.

The film, *Affluenza*, will be viewed. The film is about the American economy and its affect on the environment.

Vegetarian and vegan pizza will be served. Anyone is welcome.

For more information contact Missy Hughes, YESS secretary, at (330) 941-6255.

Know of a show not listed on our calendar? Call BJ at (330) 941-1807 to get your gig listed.