

Governor race stirs mixed emotions

By JOLENE POWELL
The Jambar



A local political analyst said Republican victories in Ohio might leave the traditionally Democrat Mahoning Valley without the sympathy of the state.

"I fear we will be ignored," Paul Sracic, associate professor of political science, said. "It may be a rough two years."

Ohio voters on Tuesday re-elected Gov. Bob Taft over Democrat Tim Hagan, a Youngstown native. Taft's fellow Republicans fared just as well, capturing each major state race.

"Obviously it's tough to lose, but something is to be said for raising important issues," said Austin Jenkins, campaign spokesman for Hagan.

Taft campaign spokesman Orest Holubec said Democratic communities would not be left out of Taft's agenda.

"When Gov. Taft took his oath four years ago, he pledged to be a governor for all of Ohio," Holubec said. "He has spent a lot of time in Mahoning County. Mahoning County being a Democratic community is not an issue."

"Taft will continue to work hard for all of Ohio, especially in the areas who need it more."

Higher education funding had been a crucial issue throughout the campaign between Taft and his opponent Tim Hagan.

Holubec said some of Taft's plans pertaining to schools include trying to increase higher education funding on the February budget and reimposing tuition caps.

Jenkins said Hagan received a great response from students across Ohio.

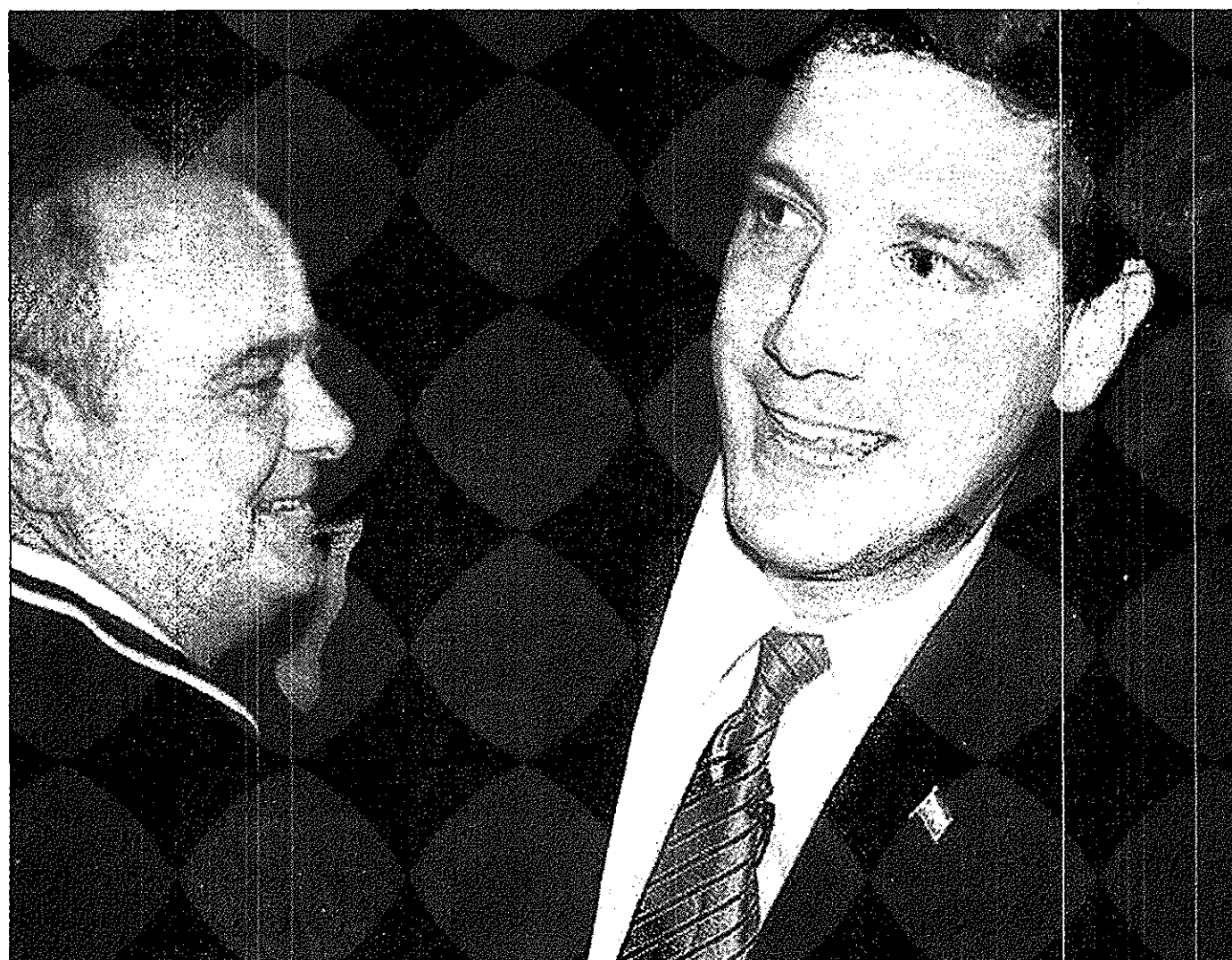
However, Walt Ulbricht, executive director of Marketing and Communications, said YSU could benefit from some of Taft's plans.

"I look forward to the governor moving forward with his third frontier initiative of a knowledge-based economy," Ulbricht said. "It could have direct benefit for YSU and all higher education institutes in the state."

Jenkins was not so sure. "Republican rule has not been kind to the Valley," he

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'I'm giddy'

29-year-old Tim Ryan promises changes for YSU students as he makes his way to Capitol Hill

By ANGELA OLIN
The Jambar

NILES — As hundreds of supporters stood atop chairs hollered and clapped, tears rolled down the 29-year-old's face.

"It's in the bag," Tim Ryan said to friends who mobbed him with pats on the back and sloppy kisses.

He walked through the large banquet room fogged with a cloud of cigar smoke and hugged family, friends and supporters.

Tuesday night at Mollica's Banquet Center in Niles, Ryan claimed victory in the 17th District congressional race. He will be the first person in 17 years not named Jim Traficant to represent the district.

With hordes of TV cameras hovering over him, Ryan said YSU students could expect much from a young congressman.

"They're going to have a 29-year-old congressman with an office in Youngstown," the former YSU student said. Ryan pledged to get more aid for Pell Grants, more two-year degrees and more research and development at

the university.

Then, Ryan, a smile plastered across his face, beamed at the cameras.

"I'm giddy," he said with a laugh.

Before Ryan's arrival at Mollica's, reporters, supporters and family speculated on what time the likely victor would arrive, but as cigars and beers were passed around, everyone agreed on one thing.

"This is the place to be."

Rain drizzled as more than 30 reporters, cameramen and green-shirted supporters shivered as they awaited the big arrival of the night.

"It's party time! a girl screamed from inside."

A group of young girls began to chant.

"R y a n ! Ryan! Ryan!" they shouted.

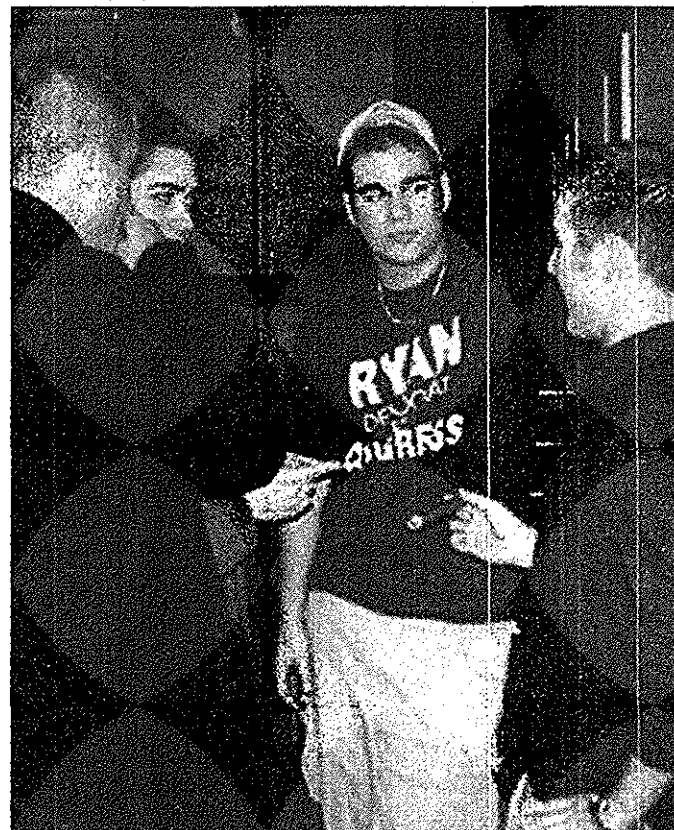
As the clock turned closer to 11, more screams could be heard.

Tim Ryan walked up the wet, slippery blacktop to meet his crowd.

His mother shrieked and laughed as she ran up and hugged her son tightly.

"We are some bad guys," others shouted. "Our big guy did it."

As Ryan put it, his "monu-



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CELEBRATING VICTORY: YSU juniors Josh Nething, Adam Luchey, Ryan Liguori and Christopher Dussel celebrate Tim Ryan's victory Tuesday at Mollica's Banquet Center in Niles. The students helped Ryan throughout the campaign.

mental day" began.

Inside, as Ryan made his way to the podium, brother and campaign manager Allen Ryan bellowed over the microphone to "make some noise, people."

"Ladies and gentlemen, mission accomplished," Allen Ryan screamed.

Congressman-elect Ryan

began to cry as his brother described the past six months.

"The 17th district has decided to make a change," Allen Ryan said. "And they decided to make a change with the most charismatic, most well-spoken 29-year-old dynamo."

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Student reflects on lesson in politics

By REBECCA MARQUIS
The Jambar



WARREN — The numbers didn't look pretty as Jim Calko watched TV at a city restaurant Tuesday night.

"Brutal," was the only word the 21-year-old political science major could manage as he sat with family and friends.

Returns showed Calko, a Republican candidate for the state House of Representatives, had finished a distant second to Democrat Sandra Stabile Harwood.

Calko was one of several to gather at Buena Vista for a Trumbull County Republican Party celebration.

Some never looked away from the television screen — anxious for the latest news from the polls. Others discussed campaign strategies.

For the most part, however, they left disappointed.

Calko of Lordstown fell behind early and stayed there. As he left the GOP gathering, he said he had been awake for almost 36 hours — time he said he spent posting signs around voting stations and nervously awaiting election results.

Harwood of Niles, who like Calko was running her first campaign, received 21,572 votes for 65 percent, according to unofficial results. Calko finished second with 9,275 votes and 28 percent. Independent Werner Lange of Newton Falls finished third with 2,579 votes or 8 percent.

"It was up to the Lord and the people, and they spoke," Calko said.

He said the experience has been an enriching one that may assist him in his political science studies.

"Theory doesn't always apply to real life," Calko said.

As for whether or not he would run again, Calko seemed optimistic.

"As long as issues I'm passionate about are on the table, I'm going to be around," he said, adding that if his opponents can get the job done, then "more power to them."

Trumbull County Republican Party Chairman Craig Bonar said he was a little surprised at Calko's loss.

"I thought he would pull higher numbers," Bonar said.

The seat for which Calko was running, state representative for the 65th District, is being vacated by state Rep. Anthony A. Latell, a Girard

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Online classes offer alternatives to students

By ALICIA HOUSTON
The Jambar

Once again, it is time to register for spring semester.

Students searching through the schedule of classes desperately try to create a feasible schedule to fit their busy lives.

This year, YSU is offering a few online courses that one instructor said may aid students when trying to find a balance between work, school, and other activities.

Alice Slusher, who teaches this fall an online section of Healthy Lifestyles, a health science course, said that the subject matter of the course lends itself well to the abundance of health-related materials on line.

So far, Slusher said, her on line course has been a great success.

"Most of the students are doing very well," she said. "I think the most difficult thing for students in an on line course is to be able to keep up with the assignments without having an instructor remind them each class period of the work that is due."

Slusher said successful on line students must be able to remain organized and disciplined in order to do well.

"I've had a great time with the students this semester, and have gotten to know them even better than if I'd taught them in person," she said. "We meet for two exams and the final. One student commented that he has had more one-on-one interaction in this on line class than he has ever had in conventional class-

room courses."

Slusher said the online resources make it easier for the students to learn.

"There are online assessments that estimate a person's 'Emotional IQ,' a 'Communications Skills' quiz that helps the student judge abilities in relationship interactions, and numerous other quizzes to assess nutrition, fitness, stress, and risk for certain disease processes."

She said these activities allow students to apply the information in the text to their personal lifestyles. The textbook for this course also has a related web site with study quizzes, and the results of the quizzes can be forwarded to the instructor.

Slusher also said that online courses offer a way to experience learning beyond the confines of the traditional classroom.

"The biggest difference between distance learning and traditional classes is when and where the students participate in the course," she said. "Conventional classes require attendance at the YSU campus or one of the Metropolitan College locations at regularly scheduled times, which sometimes interferes with a student's ability to manage employment or family responsibilities. Online learning allows students to learn course material at times when their busy schedule permits."

Slusher said it is important, however, for students to make sure that they are the right candidate for an on line course. Factors such as technical issues and personal learning style must be taken into consideration.

She said successful on line learning requires considerable commitment on the part of the student. The student must be able to complete coursework on time and keep up with the course schedule.

"You should not take an on line course simply because you think it might be easier," Slusher said. "These courses can often be more demanding than conventional classroom classes."

Slusher said that for a three credit hour class, students should expect to spend at least nine to 10 hours a week participating in journal research, Web-based research, ongoing dialogue with other students via discussion board, online quizzes and other assessments, and written papers on assigned subject matter.

She said it is essential for students taking an on line course check in with the course everyday to keep up with announcements from the instructor and continuing discussion board participation. Students frequently interact with the instructor by e-mail and telephone. Next semester, Slusher plans to schedule chat rooms designed for synchronous discussion.

Slusher's Healthy Lifestyles course (HSC 1568) will be offered on line again next semester. The course code for that section is 6807, which is scheduled to meet at the Metro College at Southwoods Commons in Boardman.

Slusher will also be teaching another on line course, a section of Medical Terminology (MATEC 1501, course code 6866), which was omitted from the schedule of classes.

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Hagan defeats Hanni

By MELISSA MOSCHELLA
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State Sen. Bob Hagan thanked those congratulating him on his re-election Tuesday evening just moments after he learned of his brother Tim's loss to Bob Taft in the race for Ohio governor.

Hagan, who did not have a campaign party of his own, said he attended his brother's party in Cleveland because he was confident about his chances in the race for the state Senate's 33rd District seat.

"My entire family is here," Hagan said from his brother's campaign party at the Sheraton Hotel. "My 13 brothers and sisters and my mother are here. I was worried about my brother and wanted to be with my family tonight."

Those who attended the party said Tim Hagan was positive as he conceded. In a speech last night, he stressed that the Democrats must keep fighting and one day will succeed in Ohio.

Election 2002 proved to be more positive for Bob Hagan, who - according to unofficial results - received almost 77 percent of his district's vote to win the race for Ohio Senate.

Hagan was victorious over Republican candidate Holly Hanni. He vowed to continue fighting for higher education in his new term.

"Obviously I am happy about this victory," Hagan said. "Certainly an overwhelming victory shows me that people want me to continue to take on such issues as prescription drugs, health care and lower tuition."

According to the unofficial results, Hagan received 58,074 votes to Hanni's 23,675.

Hanni said she wishes Hagan well but described the outlook of his next four years as in the state Senate as bleak.

"All he wants to talk about is prescription drugs," Hanni said in a telephone interview Wednesday afternoon. "Hagan says, 'free drugs.' I wasn't willing to get out there and lie to everyone."

Hanni said she would have been able to get more done for Youngstown as a Republican senator because of the Republicans' control of the state and federal government.

"Once again Youngstown is left in the cold because we have Democratic leadership," Hanni said.

Hanni said she blames the Democrats being elected on "Youngstown's ignorant voters who vote only for the party."

Hanni said she plans to run for county commissioner in two years.

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News in brief

Veterans service today

A service of remembrance for military veterans connected with YSU will be held on Veteran's Plaza at 11 a.m. today.

Since the dedication of Veteran's Plaza in 1996, the service has been held every

November.

The public is invited to attend the service, which will be conducted by university employees. The service includes the reading of over 60 faculty, staff and students who were killed on active duty.

Rock presentation Saturday

John Fox, a musician and rock historian, will perform Saturday, Nov. 9 at Peaberry's Café in Kilcawley Center.

His presentation, "The History of Rock Music (A Jewish Perspective)," starts at 7:30 p.m. Fox will perform with his band, The Hubcaps, after the presentation.

The production is free to the public and is sponsored by the Schremer Scholar-in-Resident Program and the

Youngstown Jewish Federation. Fox is a YSU Schremer Scholar-in-Resident.

The presentation covers the role Jewish musicians, singers, songwriters and business people played in the formation of the music that shaped the 1940s to the 1970s.

He will show the audience how icons such as Bob Dylan, Paul Simon, The Beatles and Elvis were assisted by Jewish men and women.

WCBA awards announced

YSU's Williamson College of Business Administration announced the recipients of the WCBA Outstanding Alumni Awards last week.

The winners were honored at the WCBA 7th Annual Banquet last week in Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room.

The awards were present-

ed to Donald Graham, an executive vice president with Fifth Third Bank's Cleveland, Ohio bank, Larry Roberts, chief financial officer of Berlin Industries in Berlin, Ohio and Bruce Sherman, the president of Sherman Creative Promotions.

Poetry center to hold reading

The YSU Poetry Center and Africana Studies will host a reading by a student and professor fiction writers, Christine Lincoln and Robert Mooney.

Lincoln's first book, "Sap Rising," was published in 2001.

Mooney is a professor of English and creative writing at Washington College.

The two writers will be available for book signings and comments after the reading.

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Democrat who ran for Congress earlier this year.

Bonar said he thought the lack of an incumbent would have given Calko a better chance at winning. Harwood could not be reached for comment.

"One thing he did wrong was he didn't get his signs up quick enough," Bonar said.

He added that Calko employed good strategies, such as going door to door introducing himself and using radio ads.

"There's a good future for him," said Bonar.

Calko and other Republicans at the gathering said they had hoped recent indictments and corruption scandals in the area would help their chances at the polls.

One visitor, John Keytack, pointed out that of all the politicians indicted, none were Republicans.

However, state-wide, Republicans fared better than they did locally.

Gov. Bob Taft defeated Democrat Tim Hagan.

Republican Joseph Deters beat Mary Boyle in the treasurer's race, and Jim Petro and J. Kenneth Blackwell won races for attorney general and secretary of state, respectively.

Locally, Democrat James Tsagaris defeated Republican Don Manning and independent Patrick Durina for Trumbull County commissioner. Democrat David Ludt won the race for Mahoning County commissioner over Democrat-turned-Republican Jeff Groat.

Bonar said although he is disappointed with the final results, he is proud of the candidates and the campaigns they ran.

"They all worked very hard," he said. "I felt every one of our races were winnable."

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said. "One lesson is that a million dollar campaign can't compete against a ten million dollar campaign."

Sracic said one of Taft's problems have been a state budget deficit.

"Taft was not the only governor facing a deficit, and the budget woes won't go away anytime soon," Sracic said. "But the economy seems to be improving."

"The popularity of the Republicans may allow more flexibility (with raising taxes) or it may have reinforced the anti-tax attitude," said Sracic.

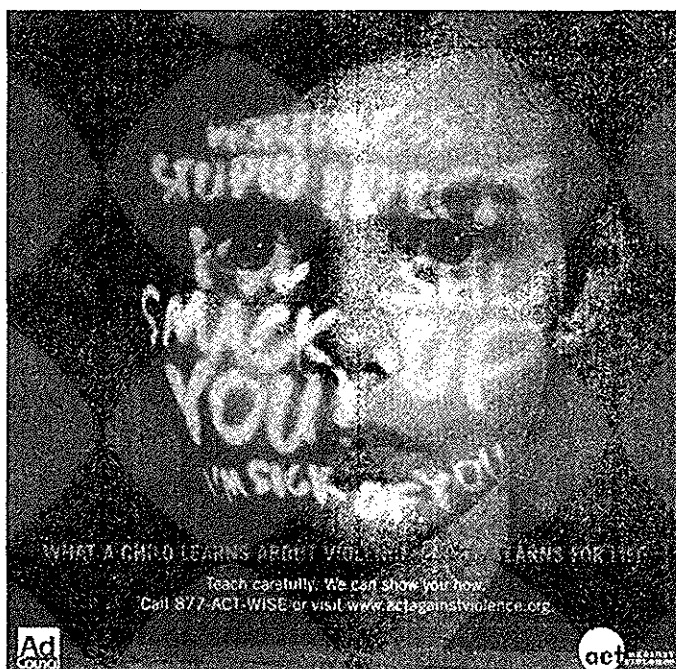
Holubec said his party's successful night shows they have the most popular plans.

"The Republicans overwhelming win proves what we've been saying," Holubec said. "The Republicans were the most experienced and diverse ticket in the state."

Jenkins, however, urged caution.

"This will be a telltale year," Jenkins said. "Taft has a big problem on his hands. Taft doesn't understand Ohio needs an educated workforce."

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Today's Editorial

Higher education faces future strife

As the returns came in Tuesday evening, we could not help but wonder where the college students and true capitalists were throughout the day.

One look at the results — at least in Ohio — shows they certainly did not go to the polls.

Republicans won — most with ease — every major state office, including two seats on the Ohio Supreme Court. These victories signal a sad day for Ohio's senior citizens, Ohio's working poor and Ohio's students.

But rather than dwell on a heartbreaking night, we would like to issue some strong challenges to Gov. Bob Taft and his Republican cohorts.

They have promised to reform education, K-12 and higher, in the state. While your political track records indicated otherwise to this newspaper, we hope your campaign speeches were more than just postured pandering.

Make good on this promise. College students of Ohio are on their way to be graduating to the ranks of the working poor. If they do find a decent job with a decent wage and future, it likely will not be in Ohio, where steel mills have closed and few high tech businesses have opened.

At least with a degree they will be able to have a job that not only pays the bills but contributes to the cyclical nature of America's economy.

A college education, however, has become a luxury. Tuition rates have skyrocketed, and private schools are becoming more popular than the great public universities Ohio has to offer.

Instead of promising tax breaks, invest revenue into worthwhile programs such as state scholarships and prescription drugs. Tax relief has for too long benefited the upper crust of this state — the Bob Tafts, the Jim Petros and the Betty Montgomerys.

Wouldn't it be nice if you, too, had the chance to live how they do?

You would if these officials adhered to the moral core of capitalism, where a working poor is eliminated for the common goal of a nurtured, cyclical economy.

We urge these elected and re-elected state leaders to not promise improbable measures such as tax cuts, but instead invest in helpful promises that deal with education, health care and business development.

Tax cuts are not always the answer.

And to one of the few Ohio Republicans to lose Tuesday, Ann Womer Benjamin: Do not turn your back on the 17th district just because you lost. Show us that you are more than empty promises. Continue to work to secure funding for the district's universities, just as you did throughout the campaign.

We lament at the loss of Tim Hagan, a fiery but underfunded gubernatorial candidate. We worry about the victories of Maureen O'Connor and Evelyn Stratton, two conservative judges who pose a threat to school funding.

Students must watch these officials closely for the next four years. And this term, we must speak out when we see mismanagement.

Taft and friends enjoyed comfortable wins Tuesday. Why?



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Victory party runs high on emotion

By HENRY GOMEZ
The Jambar

You could feel it in the air at Mollica's Banquet Center on Tuesday.

It wasn't just the cigar smoke billowing over herds of green T-shirts. And it wasn't just the cold wind and rain brushing past TV crews from all over Ohio.

For some it was the celebration of something in which they strongly believed. For others it was the free beer mixed with the disco relics blaring from a sound system.

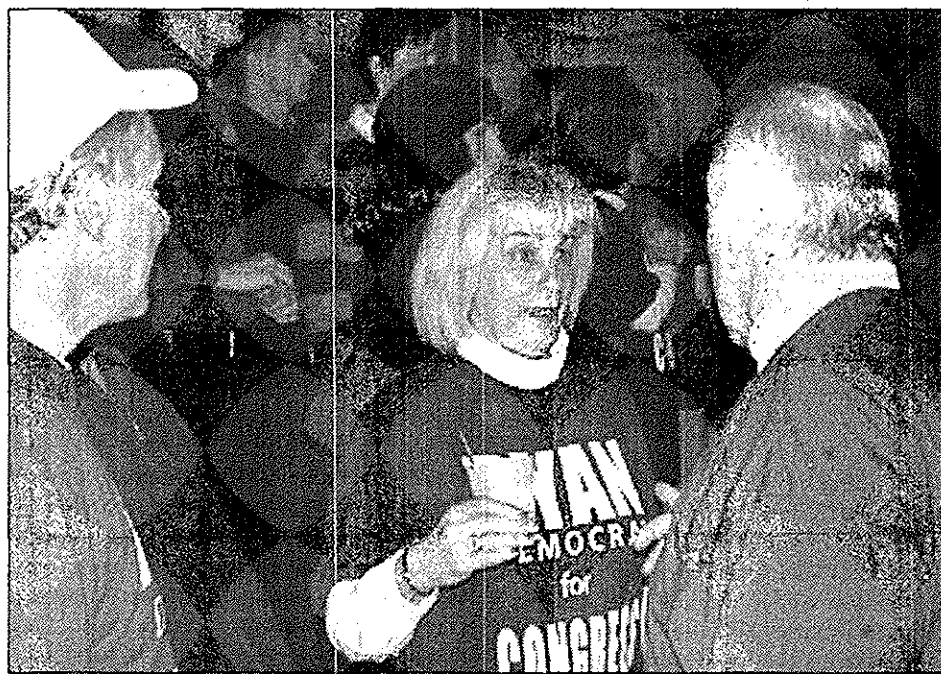
But for 29-year-old Timothy J. Ryan and his colorful cast of supporters, Tuesday night was the release of generations of pent-up political angst. For the first time in 17 years, Youngstown and Warren will have a real congressman not a maverick with a penchant for showboating and scheming.

Ryan's brother and campaign manager, Allen, said his brother never took no for an answer. Faced with the heavy task of beating the ghost of imprisoned Jim Traficant and a Republican on the attack, young Tim pulled the majority of votes from the closely watched 17th District.

He described himself as giddy, and had every reason to be. Mollica's was "the place to be" Tuesday, and the packed banquet hall erupted with cheers as the Niles man ascended a stage plastered with green and white campaign signs.

Months full of soap opera drama, complete with tales of a fake ID, fake hair and faulty campaign finance came to an end as Ryan accepted victory and pledged a strong Mahoning Valley of which his friends could be proud.

Indeed, this is the new generation of Mahoning Valley politics.



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THE PLACE TO BE: Rochelle Ryan, center, chats with friends as she waits for her son to arrive for his campaign party Tuesday night. State Sen. Tim Ryan's congressional party at Mollica's in Niles drew hundreds of well-wishers.

Some have likened Ryan to a younger, more tactful Traficant. The similarities are there — Ryan likes to bear hug journalists the same way old Jimbo did.

But Ryan offers energy and a Democrat's philosophy different from Traficant's across-the-aisle efforts the last six years.

Ryan talks passionately of his plans for prescription drugs and higher education. Traficant talked passionately about his bodily functions and his son-of-truck-driver pedigree.

Sure, Ryan will be at the bottom of the depth chart when he goes to Capitol Hill in January. But he goes in with good ideas and some good Washington connections,

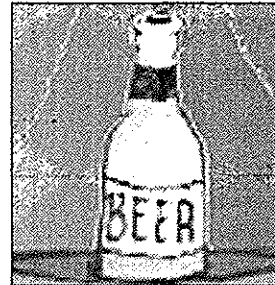
such as Minority Whip Nancy Pelosi, D-California.

The details and specifics, however, were of no concern to Ryan's crew Tuesday. A who's who of Trumbull County politics visited Mollica's to congratulate and party with Ryan. Ryan's mother, Rochelle, had a hug for anyone who wanted one.

A throng of grade school girls chanted Ryan's name, and bikers clad in black leather patted each other on the back.

And through it all, Ryan — often stone-faced and serious on the campaign trail — could not stop smiling.

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By JAMES DOUGLASS
Guest Commentary

There's no nice way to say it: Sarah Thompson's article about the greatness of the dairy industry demonstrates years of brainwashing. The commentary contains so many myths and misperceptions I don't know where to begin.

I guess let's start with the whole idea behind PETA's "Got Beer?" campaign. Surely, it's not to get college students to drink more beer, as if college students need an excuse to drink beer.

The campaign was trying to shock people into realizing all of the things wrong with milk and the dairy industry by suggesting that drinking beer in moderation is healthier (for humans and the world) than drinking milk.

First of all, I'm sure PETA didn't cite leafy greens as the sole source of vegan calcium, seeing as how so many other foods are high in calcium as well.

Second, it's doubtful that 1 cup of milk equals 1 ton of spinach; I'll accept this as a bad attempt at hyperbole.

Third, spinach has one of the lowest calcium contents of the leafy greens.

Another myth I would like to dispel involves the economic catastrophe you suggest would happen by not drinking milk. Oh, the horror!

Does Thompson realize how highly automated the dairy industry is, and how

few employees are really necessary to run a large-scale factory farm?

Don't buy into the "economy over conscience" trick.

We no longer live in a mom and pop world where cows roam freely on old McDonald's farm until they're milked into a pail; the demand for milk products is so high that dairy cows are serving a life sentence, in concrete stalls, milked by machines.

In such a world as the one we live, quantity takes precedence over quality, and the welfare of the cows being used is of little concern. Which leads me to my final and most scathing rebuttal: Sarah Thompson's third-grade view on where her food comes from.

"Balancing out [vegetarian] diets by adding milk and/or eggs is one way to add the missing essential nutrients without causing harm to the animals ... milking does not harm the animal, in fact in the case of cows...it is necessary to their health."

Ok, eggs are produced by the same deplorable factory farm conditions that chicken meat comes from.

Laying hens live in battery cages in such close proximity to one another that they need to be "debeaked" with hot razors to keep from territorially pecking each other to death. They live in each other's excrement, a majority of them contracting pneumonia and other respiratory

diseases from the high ammonia concentrations in the laying house.

After the hens can no longer produce eggs, you know what happens to them? They become meat, a testament to the Nazi-like efficiency of the meat industry.

Milk and meat are tied together in much the same way, with an even more repulsive twist. Thompson believes that cows just produce milk constantly throughout their lives.

However, this is not the case; like other mammals, cows lactate in order to feed their young, so therefore they are only producing milk in the time period after giving birth. Cows are ritually impregnated on "rape racks" (a dairy industry term, not an animal rights term) to keep them lactating.

Gee, if humans are drinking the cow's milk, what is happening to the baby calves? Answer: they are crammed into crates so small that they cannot move; immobilizing them makes their muscles weak and tender.

I invite Sarah and anyone else desperately needs education on the topics of the dairy industry and the case for animal rights to view the Youngstown State Environmental and Animal Rights Coalition's (YSEARC) Web page at www.angelfire.com/oh4/YSEARC. E-mail one of us, or approach us for videos of the dairy and egg industries, pamphlets on vegan nutrition, or any other information.

Letter to the Editor

Editor:

When I first read the story in the Jambar concerning the \$1.4 million that may be given back to YSU, I must admit, I was relieved.

Like many YSU students, money is a concern for me and a tuition hike in the spring would hit my bank account hard and I'm only a freshman.

Students who have been here three and four years surely must be feeling the pinch. I assumed that we could thank President Sweet for pushing so hard to get some of the money cut from the universities budget, back.

However, the more I've thought about it, it seems ridiculous to me that before, when we thought the university would be losing \$2.8 million, President Sweet didn't seem as concerned when he accepted his pay raise. He could have donated his raise to scholarship funds or put the money back into some other aspect of the university.

Being in a leadership position means putting the good of the University first, no matter what. As the President here at YSU, Sweet had (and still has) a responsibility to his students to do the right thing for the majority all of the time, and not just when it suits him.

If President Sweet was truly concerned with trying to keep tuition costs down, he never would have accepted the large amount of money that he did and he never would have put tuition hikes on the table for discussion to make up for the budget cuts.

It would be great if the University can get \$1.4 million back, but regardless, let's not forget that if Sweet and his Board gave back their raises, we'd be much closer to the other \$1.4 million still missing from the budget.

Christie Vogel
Freshman, Vocal Performance

Math department unveils new program for students

BY MICHAEL KELTY
The Jambor

The YSU math department unveiled this semester a new program that uses artificial intelligence to teach students algebra.

This modern technology is called ALEKS. ALEKS was introduced to YSU by math professor Annette Burden.

Burden said ALEKS is being used at YSU to help incoming freshman who scored low on their math placement exam.

"There are too many professors who aren't there for their students," Burden said. "I want to do something positive for my students. If you're not here for the students, you shouldn't be here."

ALEKS uses artificial intelligence to move the student along at their own pace, and possibly into a higher level math course in the same semester.

The artificial intelligence is a computer program that takes what the student already knows and conforms itself to that particular student's ability, empowering the student to

improve themselves.

ALEKS is used exclusively for pre-algebra and beginning algebra students. Burden said the class is almost completely student driven, lending itself only to a curriculum designed by Burden herself.

She said professors shape their lectures around the areas that cause the most problems for students, which is determined electronically.

All student progress is monitored through ALEKS. Professors follow this progress through their own computer and lessons are then created based on these results.

Burden said students move as quickly or slowly as they see fit. ALEKS will provide students with problems, answers, and explanations.

She said once the student is confident enough to move on they are tested. Once the student completes all six units of ALEKS they are finished.

If the student manages to complete ALEKS in three to five weeks, they can be moved up to a higher level math course in the same semester, an achievement that Burden said 25 students reached this

semester.

However, students had mixed feelings on how useful of a learning tool ALEKS would be.

Freshmen Nathan Ortiz and Kristen Clemente agreed.

"We should have teachers, not computers," Ortiz said.

"The computers just don't go into enough detail," Clemente said.

Corrine Ruby, a part-time instructor at YSU said she could understand where the students were coming from.

"Human interaction is so important," she said. "Teachers can tell by the look on students faces if they're getting it or not. Computers just don't do that."

But some students said they thought ALEKS was a great idea.

"Math is hard for me," said Freshman Jill Proch. "ALEKS keeps me going until I learn what I need to learn."

Freshman Nicole Italiano said she liked the one-on-one aspect of the computer based learning. She said that although it could be frustrating, ALEKS could be very rewarding.

United Way to kick off campaign

STAFF REPORT
The Jambor

Local chapters of the United Way will kick off its annual campaign Tuesday at Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room.

Thirty-one agencies from the Youngstown area will open the campaign with an agency fair from 11 a.m. to noon. Walt Ulbricht, executive director of Marketing and Communications, said the fair offers students an opportunity to land internships and jobs with the United Way.

At noon, YSU and United Way representatives will begin the annual drive with an announcement of this year's goal, which Ulbricht said would be 10 percent more than the \$32,000 raised last year.

"I think we can do better," he said.

Last year, 195 people donated to the drive. Approximately 50 campus volunteers will team with volunteers from around the Mahoning Valley.

Several YSU professors are working with Project Blueprint, a three-way partnership that includes the United

Way and Volunteer Services Agency, Inc., of Youngstown.

Project Blueprint is aimed to promote diversity on non-profit boards and committees throughout the Mahoning Valley. Carol Salmon, a part-time history instructor, is director of the project and said she hopes YSU students and staff will consider volunteering.

In January, the first 20-member training classes will meet for six sessions on a monthly basis. For an application or further information, call Salmon at (330) 782-1220.

Deadline for applications is Nov. 19.

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Henry Gomez/The Jambor

HOUSE OF THE RISING SON: Tim Ryan escorts his mother, Rochelle Ryan, through Mollica's Banquet Center in Niles. Ryan defeated Republican Ann Womer Benjamin and independent James A. Traficant Jr. in Tuesday's congressional election for the 17th District.

Tim Ryan stepped up to the microphone and began to give thanks.

"I don't want anyone here to think I did this alone," he said as he thanked his mother, brother, grandmother and his great grandfather, who Ryan said without, Tuesday night's win would have been impossible.

"This is definitely the greatest moment in my life," Ryan said. "But tonight is just the beginning."

Ryan, a Democratic state senator, immediately began to promise change. His election signaled the end, at least temporarily, of Traficant's political career. Ryan also beat Republican Ann Womer Benjamin, a state representative from Aurora.

According to unofficial results, Ryan carried about 51

percent of the total vote in Mahoning, Trumbull, Portage and Summit counties. He received 92,708 votes, unofficially, to Womer Benjamin's 61,269 and Traficant's 27,487.

In a telephone interview Wednesday afternoon, David All, campaign spokesman for Womer Benjamin, thanked supporters.

"She wants to thank all the people who believed in her and congratulate the victor," All said.

All said Womer Benjamin would continue to fight for higher education from the state House of Representatives, where she has served since 1995.

"Absolutely," All said. "She has been a fighter for higher education for the past eight years."

Tuesday night, Ryan

vowed to turn the Valley and northeastern Ohio around by creating high paying jobs that would make people want to stay, live and work in the area.

"I'm not saying everything is going to be OK in two years," he said. "My plan is just to plant the seeds."

When asked what his first priority would be, Ryan laughed.

"I'm gonna find a beach," Ryan said. "I don't know where, but I'm gonna find one."

The mood heightened even more as songs such as "We are Family," and "Don't Stop Til You Get Enough," blasted over the speakers.

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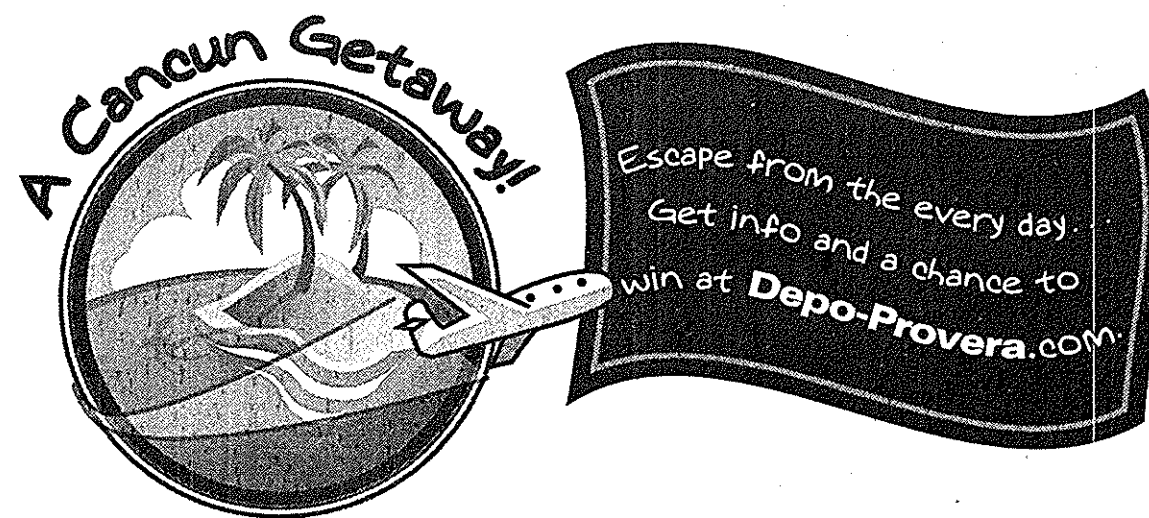
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SG continues to fight for higher student wages

Student Government President Jeff Parks said he is encouraged by recent statements from University President David Sweet.

By **MELISSA MOSCHELLA**
The Jambar



PARKS

Student Government is continuing its efforts to raise student wages.

SG vowed to address this issue after students put it on a list of demands at last month's student protest. Representatives continued to talk about the issue at Monday's regular meeting.

SG President Jeff Parks spoke positively about the progress of the SG's proposal.

SG has set a goal of finishing the proposal by the end of this month. Statistics are currently being gathered

from other universities in Ohio as well as benchmark universities that resemble the same profile, enrollment and urban environment as YSU, Parks said.

"It's all pretty rough and preliminary right now," said Parks, who expects an answer from the administration regarding the proposal by the end of this semester.

If approved by the administration, more competitive wages would be offered to the over 1,100 students who work on campus.

"Feedback so far gives us reasons to be cautiously optimistic," Parks said.

Parks said he is encouraged by a statement made at a Board of Trustees retreat last week by University President David Sweet.

Parks said that Sweet mentioned competitive salary to the entire workforce, including the students, as one of his priorities.

Parks described the administration as "open and ready for a strong proposal."

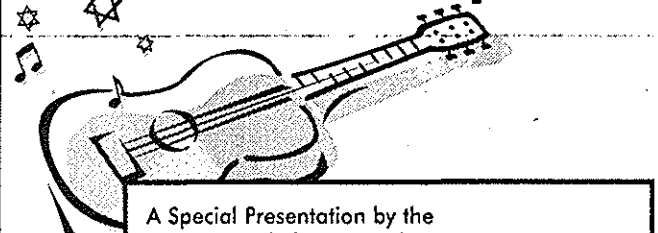
He said the office of Student Affairs would help work out the final details of the proposal before it is presented to the administration.

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YSU sets America Recycles Day

By **AUCIA HOUSTON**
The Jambar

The YSU Recycling Program will be hosting its third annual America Recycles Day Celebration on Friday, Nov. 15.

America Recycles Day is a national awareness event about the benefits of reducing municipal solid waste for residents, institutions, schools and universities and businesses. The event will provide students and faculty with a variety of environmental displays and presentations pertaining to reducing, reusing and recycling.

Jim Petuch, YSU Recycling program manager, said the event is a great opportunity to raise awareness about the extreme importance of recycling.

"In the US, there are over 2,000 landfills left," he said. "Twenty years ago, there were 20,000 landfills, so it is important to save landfill space. Waste is being exported out of states and imported into other states."

Petuch said New York and New Jersey are the two main states that export their waste into Ohio, and Mahoning County receives a lot of the waste.

"It is also important that we save natural resources," he said.

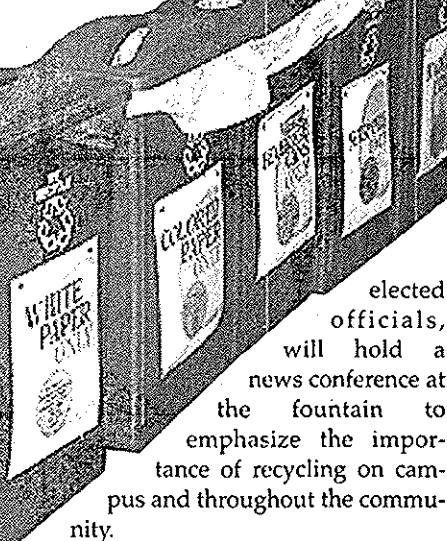
"Every year, 35 million trees are cut down just to create and copy magazines. Most of those magazines don't get recycled."

The celebration begins at 9 a.m. in Kilcawley Center, where there will be dis-

plays about reducing waste, the environment and recycling.

At noon, Dr. Ken Thomas and his wife Miki will be performing a balancing and acrobatic act on Peaberry's Cafe main stage. The act is called "Life and Balance" and ties health and the environment together.

Also at noon, Student Government and University President David Sweet, along with other invited guests a n d



will hold a news conference at the fountain to emphasize the importance of recycling on campus and throughout the community.

At 1 p.m., Bill Whitehouse, a naturalist emeritus, will present a lecture regarding veganism and the environment in Peaberry's program room.

On Nov. 14, there will be a pre- America Recycles Day event in which all those who are interested will meet at 2 p.m. at the Mail Room on Lincoln Avenue for a Community Litter Clean Up. For two hours, the group will recycle the litter

found between Lincoln Avenue and Wood Street.

Petuch said that YSU is one of the few colleges in Ohio to have a major awareness day about recycling. The goal of the recycling program is to recover 200 tons of materials, such as paper, cans, bottles, pallets and computers, from going into landfills by the end of the year. That amount is equal to 20 18-wheeler trucks full of garbage.

So far, they have recovered 183 tons of materials. This year, the program has improved their overall recovery rate by five percent from last year.

Their goal is to reach the State of Ohio mandate in the next two years, which means recovering 25 percent of the university's 1100 tons of materials.

"We will exceed our goal," Petuch said. "Ohio University is one of the top recycling schools. They're up there with Harvard and Yale, recycling 50 percent of their materials. My goal is to beat Ohio University."

"YSU is ahead by six percent in recycling over larger schools in Ohio," he said. "The University of Akron is coming here to learn how we recycle."

Petuch said that he hopes the 700 recycling bins distributed throughout campus will help the recycling program meet their goal.

"We haven't met our goal yet, we still need people to help."

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DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is a form of birth control that is given as an intramuscular injection in the buttock or upper arm every 3 months (13 weeks). To continue your contraceptive protection, you must return for your next injection promptly, at the end of 3 months (13 weeks). DEPO-PROVERA contains medroxyprogesterone acetate, a synthetic hormone that acts like the natural hormone progesterone, which is produced by your ovaries during the second half of your menstrual cycle. DEPO-PROVERA acts by preventing your eggs from ovulating. If an egg is not released from the ovary during your menstrual cycle, it cannot become fertilized by sperm and result in pregnancy. DEPO-PROVERA also thickens the cervical mucus that makes it less likely for pregnancy to occur.

How effective is DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
The efficacy of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection depends on following the recommended dosage schedule exactly. The typical failure rate for DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is less than 1% when used correctly. This means that the average failure rate is less than 1% for every 100 women who use DEPO-PROVERA. The effectiveness of most contraceptive methods depends in part on how well each woman uses the method. The effectiveness of DEPO-PROVERA depends on how often you return for your next injection. Your health care provider will help you compare DEPO-PROVERA with other contraceptive methods and give you the information you need in order to decide which contraceptive method is the right choice for you.

The following table shows the percent of women who got pregnant while using different kinds of contraceptive methods. It gives both the lowest expected rate of pregnancy (the rate expected in women who use each method exactly as it should be used) and the typical rate of pregnancy (which includes women who become pregnant because they forgot to use their birth control or because they did not follow the directions exactly).

Method	Lowest Expected	Typical
DEPO-PROVERA	0.1	0.3
Diaphragm with spermicide	0.2	0.7
Female condom	0.2	0.4
Vaginal insertion	0.1	0.15
Contraceptive sponge	0.1	0.1
Condom	0.1	0.1
Progesterone gel	0.5	0.5
Progesterone foam	0.6	0.6
Condom, non-latex	0.6	0.6
Condom, latex	0.6	0.6
Condom, natural membrane	0.6	0.6
Withdrawal	1.0	1.5
Contraceptive patch	1.0	1.5
Contraceptive ring	1.0	1.5
Vaginal sponge	1.0	1.5
Contraceptive diaphragm	1.0	1.5
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What other things should I consider before using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
You will have a physical examination before your doctor prescribes DEPO-PROVERA. It is important to tell your doctor about any of the following:

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- bleeding between your periods
- kidney disease
- irregular or heavy menstrual periods
- high blood pressure
- migraine headaches
- asthma
- epilepsy (convulsions or seizures)
- a history of liver disease
- a history of depression
- if you are taking any prescription or over-the-counter medication

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What if I want to become pregnant after using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
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What are the risks of using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
Long-term use of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection may be associated with a decrease in the amount of mineral stored in your bones. This could increase your risk of developing bone fractures. The rate of bone mineral loss is greatest in the early years of DEPO-PROVERA use, but after that, it begins to resemble the rate of bone mineral loss in women who do not use DEPO-PROVERA.

What are the possible side effects of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
You may experience a weight gain while you are using DEPO-PROVERA. About two thirds of the women who used DEPO-PROVERA in clinical trials reported a weight gain of about 5 pounds during the first year of use. You may continue to gain weight after the first year. Women in one large study who used DEPO-PROVERA for 7 years gained an average total of 8.1 pounds over those 7 years or approximately 1.2 pounds per year. Women who continued for 4 years gained an average total of 13.8 pounds over those 4 years or approximately 3.5 pounds per year. Women who continued for 6 years gained an average total of 16.5 pounds over those 6 years or approximately 2.7 pounds per year.

Other side effects
In a clinical study of over 3500 women who used DEPO-PROVERA for up to 7 years, some women reported the following effects that may or may not have been related to their use of DEPO-PROVERA: irregular menstrual bleeding, amenorrhea (no periods), nervousness, abdominal cramps, dizziness, weakness or fatigue, decreased sexual desire, leg cramps, nausea, vaginal discharge or infection, breast swelling and tenderness, bloating, swelling of the hands or feet, headache, depression, insomnia, acne, pelvic pain, hair growth or excessive hair loss, rash, hives, and joint pain. Other problems were reported by very few of the women in the clinical trial, but some of these could be serious. These include convulsions, sinusitis, urinary tract infections, lung infections, fasting paralysis, gonorrhea, lack of return to fertility, deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism, breast cancer, or cervical cancer. If these or any other problems occur during your use of DEPO-PROVERA, discuss them with your health care provider.

Should any precautions be followed during use of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
If you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, you may use a condom or your periods may stop completely. If you have been receiving your DEPO-PROVERA injections for more than 3 months (13 weeks) and you are not pregnant, you should wait until you can be sure you are not pregnant before you have sex with your partner.

When should I return to my health care provider?
You should return to your health care provider for your next injection. You should also return to your health care provider if you experience any of the following side effects:
• irregular menstrual bleeding or spotting, a change in menstrual bleeding or no bleeding at all
• unusual vaginal bleeding or spotting, or a change in vaginal bleeding or spotting
• a change in your menstrual cycle, such as a change in the length of your period, heavy periods, or missed periods
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What should I do if I miss an injection?
If you miss an injection, you should return to your health care provider as soon as possible.

What should I do if I have a side effect?
If you have a side effect, you should return to your health care provider as soon as possible.

What should I do if I have a serious side effect?
If you have a serious side effect, you should return to your health care provider as soon as possible.

What should I do if I have a very serious side effect?
If you have a very serious side effect, you should return to your health care provider as soon as possible.

What should I do if I have a life-threatening side effect?
If you have a life-threatening side effect, you should return to your health care provider as soon as possible.

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Friday, November 15th - America Recycles Day at YSU sponsored by YESS, YSEARC, Student Gov., and YSU Recycling. Displays in Kilcauley Center, main floor, from 9 AM to 3 PM. William Whitehouse, Naturalist Emeritus, will give an environmental presentation at 1 PM in Peaberry's, and Dr. Ken and Miki Thomas will present an amazing performance regarding the environment and health from noon to 1 PM on Peaberry's main stage. Call #2294 for details.

Notices:

The Student Social Work Association is having a Thanksgiving food drive. Drop-off any non-perishable boxed and canned food in Room 3026, Cushman Hall. Drop-off times are as follows: Tuesday, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m., Thursday, 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon. Deadline is Nov. 22.

The Department of Physical Therapy will host informational sessions on Nov. 1 and Dec. 2, 2002. Please join us between 11:30 and 1:00 in room B046 in Cushman Hall for answers to your questions about the physical therapy program. There will be a power point presentation, informational materials to pick up, and answers to your questions.

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:
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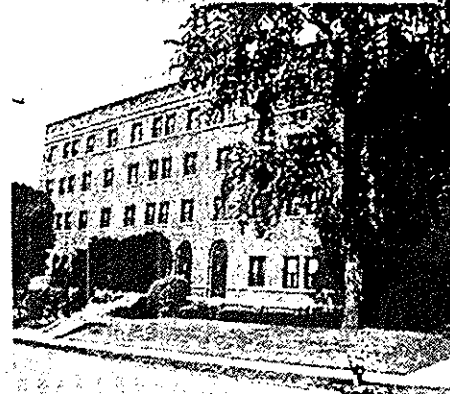
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Entertainment



Martin to perform lead role as Faustus

By ALICIA HOUSTON
The Jambor

Internationally renowned actor Christopher Martin will perform the lead role of "Doctor Faustus" this month as the College of Fine and Performing Arts presents its second play of the year.

"Doctor Faustus," written by Christopher Marlowe, portrays the Doctor's quest for power in the form of infinite knowledge at his soul's expense. Rejecting the significance of his scholarly achievements, he vows to learn the secrets of black magic. He then makes a bargain with the devil that begins to take over his conscience mind and seals his ultimate fate.

Throughout the play, serious and comical scenes alternate to give the audience a lesson in life's choices.

"Doctor Faustus" marks the third play Martin has been involved in at YSU. In 1985, he appeared in the civil war play "Barrie Stavis." The following year, he returned to direct and compose the rock opera "Quase Moto" that he wrote with a composer.

So far, Martin is enjoying working with the students. He said he would come back again for another production at YSU.

He said that he is very familiar with this particular production, having directed and played several other roles in "Doctor Faustus."

"It is a very exciting play, very theatrical, very entertaining," he said.

Martin is the founding Artistic Director of the Classical Stage Company Repertory in New York. He has appeared in such productions as "Don Juan," "Twelfth Night," "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "The Merchant of Venice," "Hound of the Baskervilles," and "Jekyll and Hyde."

He has received several awards, such as the Obie Awards, Downtown Theatre Awards, and Outer Critics Circle Awards. In 1985, he received a Pulitzer nomination for the translation of The Civil Wars.

Martin has been a delegate for the International Theatre Institute Congress and the Swedish Theatre Congress. He has been a consultant for the New York State Council on the Arts.

He has also been a fencing master and fight choreographer for the Pittsburgh Ballet Theater and TV producer and band leader of Electric Village in New York.

Director Dennis Henneman has previously worked with Martin and invited him to return this year.

"It has been a real pleasure and a real challenge to get students to integrate with a professional actor," Henneman said. "His presence in the cast elevates everyone else in finding that they can do things they never before thought possible."

The first performance of "Doctor Faustus" will be at 8 p.m. Nov. 14 in Ford Theater in Bliss Hall.

Call Alicia Houston at (330) 941-3758.

Blue skies for The Clarks

By ELIZABETH TABAK
The Jambor

The Clarks have played a number of shows at the YSU campus area. Their last performance here was in August at the Boardman Big Band Festival, where the band drew a crowd of about 1,000.

That was a blast," Blasey said in a telephone interview Monday. "It was a great experience."

The band's popularity could be due to the quality of the music and the variety of topics covered in the songs.

Many of the songs cover relationships, like the beach theme "On Saturday." There are also songs about love, like "I'm Not a Fool."

The band, with eight albums to its credit, is currently promoting the recent release "Another Happy Ending." The album, with the single "Hey Awe," is the band's first studio album since "Let It Go" was released in 2000. It hit No. 145 on the Billboard Charts for what Blasey called "one glorious week."

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deeper emotions. "I had to acknowledge death to appreciate life," Blasey said of the song "You Have to Let Go of Things at a Certain Point."

"Another Happy Ending" could be a beginning for the band. The album has been getting radio play all over the country and has opened up a wider touring audience.

Locations such as Orlando, Miami and Georgia have been added to the schedule. Blasey has no opposition to the prospect of more touring.

"It's fun. It's what we do."



Photo courtesy of theclarks.com

Movie review

Don't try this at home, jackass

By ANGELA OLIN
The Jambor



Photos courtesy of jackassmovie.com

STUPID STUNTS: Johnny Knoxville and company ride downhill in a giant shopping cart during the opening of their new movie, "Jackass." The group performs a variety of sick and twisted stunts throughout the film, much to the delight of its fans.

With a tag line of "Do not attempt this at home," "Jackass: The Movie" is a hilariously amusing, yet disgusting way to put fun back into gross.

It's not surprising that with the success of the TV series, Jackass was made into a feature film. But the question in the film lies on how far would the stars of the show go?

In the newly released movie, the crew of crazy boys perform numerous stunts and gags — some enough to make even the most distasteful person shake their head.

But nastiness aside, the film offered gut-wrenching laughs with stunts that conquered the craziest, most insane things the human mind could imagine.

Johnny Knoxville begins the movie with — if you could imagine — probably the sanest stunt of all. He begins by liberating the all too strict "Rent a Car" contract.

After inspecting the car for scratches and dents, Knoxville signs the contract, omitting the insurance of course, and drives off. Where he drives seems to be the problem — to the "Rent a Car Crash Derby."

The laughs don't stop after the car is completely demolished or with the blow up dolls deflating in the back seat. But the laughter begins again when Knoxville returns the car and tells the service worker, the rental company will have to pay for the damages.

Directed by Jeff Tremaine, Knoxville is joined with his other "Jackass" co-

stars, including Bam Margera and his infamous mother and father, Chris Pontius, the famously tattooed Steve-O, and Jason "Wee Man" Acuna.

And of course the movie wouldn't be complete without guest stars such as Tony Hawk and Henry Rollins.

Steve-O may be the highlight of the movie with his tightrope act over a pond of crocodiles. Did I mention he also has a piece of beef hanging from his tighty-whities?

Bam's pranks on his beefy father and scared to death mother also conquer the "I wish I could do that to my parents" syndrome.

Other pranks include going into a hardware store and using the model toilet to read the daily newspaper. Leaving a nice surprise for the sales clerk was also on the agenda.

The pranksters visited Tokyo in the movie as well, where they attempted to box a champion woman boxer, skateboarded in furry Panda suits, and basically made fool out of themselves once again, just in another country.

All together though, watching "Jackass: The Movie," was \$7 well spent. At times, you may have to turn your head or use those gag reflex muscles, but if you can get past that, laughing should be expected.

From the ultimate wedgie to the toy car disappearance act, and the mysterious yellow snow cone, "Jackass" is a great way to take a break from normal, stressful life and thrive on others' stupidity.

Call Angela Olin at (330) 941-1989

Weekend Calender

Nyabinghi, Friday - Down July, Creta Bourzia, Tabula Rasa.
Saturday - (ALL AGES 6 p.m.) The Casualties, The Forgotten, The Struggle. (18+, 11 p.m.)
Excercise, Sunday - (ALL AGES 6 p.m.) Alias X, Oreon, Tilt 360, Simple Wisdom.



HEY PUNKS: Punk rock band The Casualties will headline an all ages show at The Nyabinghi Saturday night. The show is set for 6 p.m. For more info visit www.nyabinghi.com

Cedars, Friday - My Sister the Sun, Saturday - Olympus Mons.

The Cellar, Friday - Battery (Metallica tribute), Saturday - The Clarks.

Plaza Cafe - Friday - Kitchen Knife Conspiracy, Kanes Able, Eleven Even. Saturday - Twitch, Reclining Nude, The Zou.



CONSPIRACY THEORY: Local death metal band Kitchen Knife Conspiracy will play The Plaze Cafe in downtown Federal Plaza Friday night. The show will kickoff around 10 p.m. For more info visit www.theplazacafe.com

Section 8 Skate Park - Saturday - From A Second Story Window, The Idyll, Geography.

Freddie Fresh's - Saturday - War Between One, God Eat God, Shattered Soul.

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