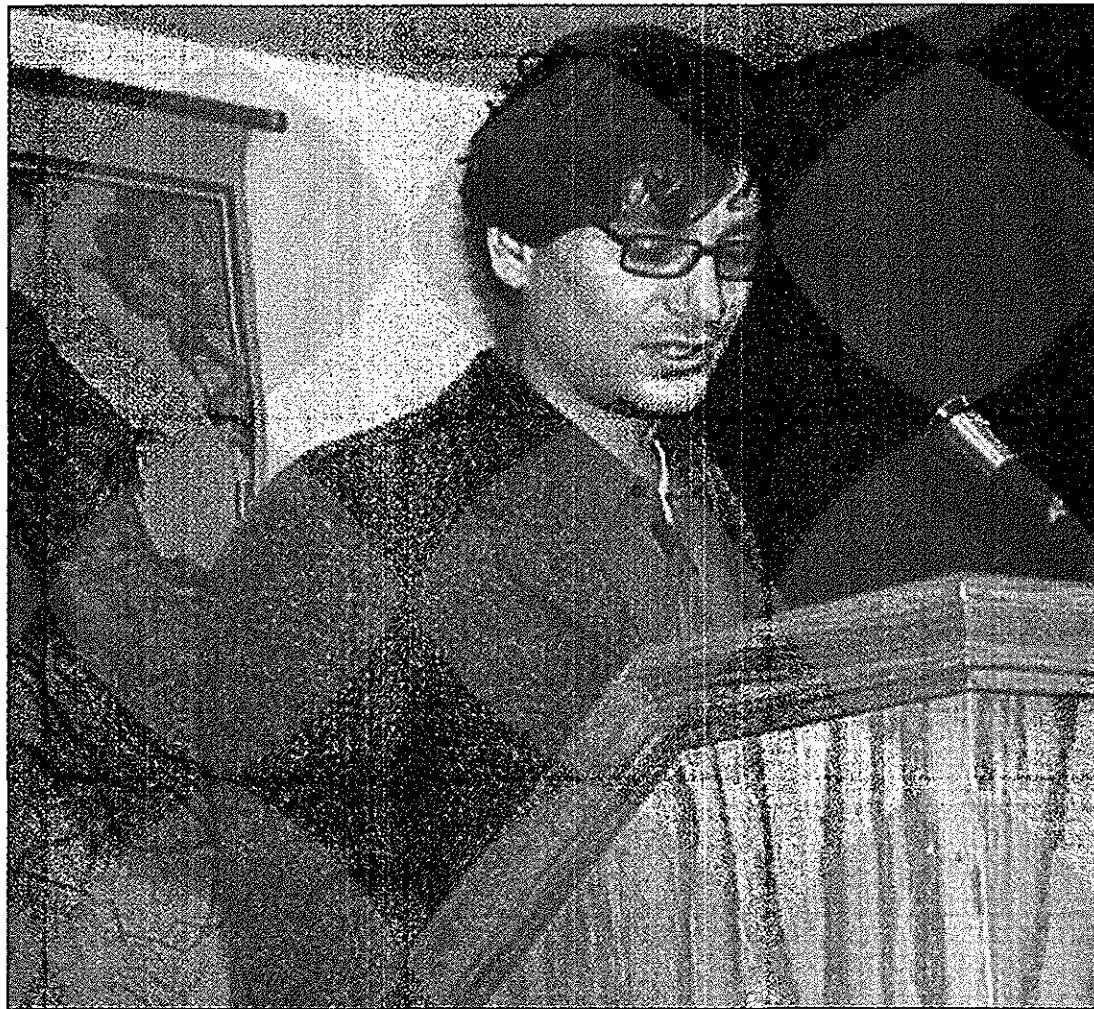


## Professors, students contemplate war



WAR, WHAT IS IT GOOD FOR?: Thomas Sabatini, part-time history instructor and adviser to the Youngstown State Peace Action Network, speaks Wednesday at a forum dealing with the possible war in Iraq. Also speaking were political science professors Keith Lepak and David Porter, religious studies professor Gabriel Palmer-Fernandez and student Jacob Harver.

BY MARK STEVENS &  
HEATHER SHAW  
The Jambar

Four YSU faculty members and one student spent two hours Wednesday verbally sparring about the merits of military action against Iraq.

"There is a fear around the world that the U.S. is going to become a real imperialistic power," said David Porter, a professor of political science who teaches classes on international law and is adviser of the Model United Nations team.

Porter was joined by Gabriel Palmer-Fernandez, professor of philosophy and religious studies; Keith Lepak, professor of political science; Thomas Sabatini, part-time instructor of history and adviser to Youngstown State Peace Action Network; and freshman Jacob Harver, a member of YSPAN.

About 60 students, faculty and staff attended the forum in

the Ohio Room of Kilcawley to discuss U.S. military action against Iraq.

Lepak, the only panelist who expressed support for war with Iraq, organized the forum to give students, staff and faculty a chance to talk about the

protector of the oil."

Porter, however, said there are more complicated considerations.

"What happens the day after the war?" he asked.

Commenting on the Iraqi regime's policies of torture, Porter added: "Iraq is one of the worst sons of bitches we have ever seen, historically."

"If there is an argument for the death penalty, Saddam Hussein should be on the poster!"

Palmer-Fernandez, speaking against what he called "preventive war", opposed the concept of a war with Iraq.

"Nothing tells of imminent aggression," he said.

Harver said it was hypocritical for the United States to take issue with Iraq's suspected nuclear arms program.

"Do they have the right to play that role considering their past and present actions?" he asked.

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## Defense lawyer says witness not credible

BY REBECCA MARQUIS  
The Jambar

YOUNGSTOWN — A lawyer for the alleged trigger man in the 2002 murder of a YSU student said the prosecution's main witness is not credible enough to convict his client.

Testimony began earlier this week in the trial of William Vaughn, 21, Berwick Avenue, and defense attorney Lou DeFabio said prosecutors have no direct evi-

dence linking the Youngstown man to the crime.

Vaughn is charged with the aggravated murder of Justin Treasic, who was found almost one year ago in a North Side field. Vaughn also is charged with aggravated robbery and has pleaded innocent to both charges.

Wednesday's testimony included a Cellular One representative, a city police officer and a videotaped statement by a forensic pathologist.

And although prosecutors in their opening statement depicted Vaughn as the shooter in the Feb. 21 murder of Treasic, DeFabio said the

woman who turned Vaughn in is not believable.

"They have no eyewitness, no physical evidence," said DeFabio.

According to reports Grace Tubbs called a police tip line with the whereabouts of Vaughn after seeing him in the newspaper.

"She got 500 bucks for turning him in," DeFabio said.

DeFabio also said he did not believe Tubbs' testimony would be convincing, saying Tubbs has given several conflicting statements.

"She is almost impossible

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## Union benches resolution

BY HENRY GOMEZ  
The Jambar

Amidst a fiery storm of internal debate, the faculty union's executive committee decided Monday to keep a controversial antiwar resolution from a full vote. The resolution's sponsor, however, refuses to let the issue die quietly.

Several members of the committee had expressed concern with the proposal, which would voice the YSU-Ohio Education Association's disapproval of unilateral action against Iraq.

Shortly after learning of the committee's decision Tuesday, John Russo, a former union president and sponsor of the resolution, fired back with

"I'm deeply embarrassed for our union."



— JOHN RUSSO  
Professor

an appeal to his colleagues and the campus community as a whole.

"I'm deeply embarrassed for our union," Russo wrote in an e-mail sent to faculty and The Jambar. "Regardless, I will be putting the resolution to the university community directly and am asking for your support."

Also in the e-mail, Russo asked for participation at Wednesday's political science forum and an antiwar rally next weekend. He has begun to circulate the resolution as a petition to students, faculty and others on campus.

YSU-OEA President Bob Hogue, who replaced Russo last semester, said a five-member executive committee balked at the resolution because they worried they would be setting a precedent by putting external issues to a full faculty vote.

"Obviously, there are opposing viewpoints," Hogue said Wednesday. "I think we did our best to separate this particular issue from the general question."

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## Atwater fields questions about advising, development

BY ROXANNE TORELLA  
The Jambar

In a public meeting Wednesday, YSU Provost Tony Atwater praised his boss, offered historical information and talked about the future of YSU.

About 20 people attended Student Government Association's "Meet the Provost" forum at Kilcawley Center and asked questions ranging from advising to the university's future. The crowd included SGA members, administrators and curious students.

Atwater acknowledged problems with how students are being advised.

"The quality of advising is uneven, and more can be done with advisement," he said. "The number of advisers is an area of growth."

Atwater said the Williamson College of Business and Administration has the most effective system for

advising at YSU. He said the business college has its own center for advisement, something he would like to see established at the other six colleges at YSU.

The big stumbling block is a lack of full-time faculty at YSU.

Atwater said the university simply does not have the money to hire enough full-time faculty, forcing the university to use more part-timers and leave many positions open.

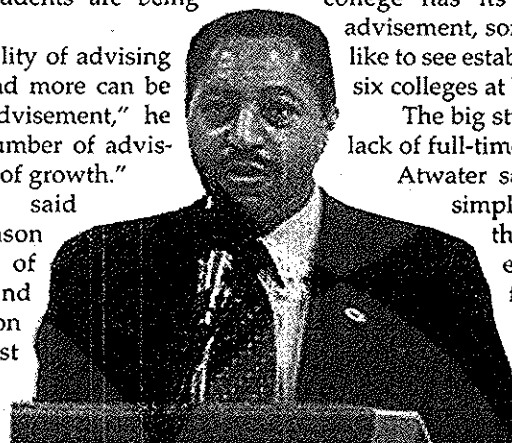
"We have a strong full and part-time faculty," Atwater said. "The part-time faculty has other jobs, the weekends available and can bring other expertise to the classroom."

"There are some difficulties in Ohio," he added. "I am committed to working with those. It is my responsibility to ensure a full-time workforce for the needs of students."

He said YSU has been on a steady decline since the local steel industry collapsed in the 1970s.

"At one time we were busting at

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### Do you know what a Provost does?

Provost Tony Atwater Wednesday offered definition of his job.

Laughing, he said the word Provost in Greek, means "keeper of the prisons."

In reality, he said, he performs the following duties:

- Chief academic officer
- Head of academic affairs
- Monitors quality and development of academic programs

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After each panelist made a statement, members of the audience were invited to ask questions and offer comments.

Sophomore Dan Griesemer reiterated Porter's earlier question of what would happen when the war is over.

"I wonder how this will effect U.S. politics in the future and if the U.S. will lose any power or the U.N. will become stronger," Griesemer said.

Students differed in opinions, but many said the forum was productive and educational.

Freshman Michael Hayes said he appreciated the opinions of others at the debate.

"This debate brought to my attention useful information that will help me make an informed decision," Hayes

said. Sophomore Matt Robson said his peers and professors brought him a new awareness about international law.

"I enjoyed the intensesness of others to argue the same issues with a difference of opinion," Robson said.

The majority of people present were strongly against a war with Iraq and one student spoke out saying there must be another option.

Senior Chris Frangos said violence should not be the solution.

"There must be a different way to win this war and without force."

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That question, Hogue said, is how the union should state its policy. Instead of killing the resolution altogether, Hogue said the committee sent it to the union's Planning and Research Committee. There, he said, officers would discuss how to handle this and future "outside" issues the union wishes to address.

"Clearly this is an issue that has drawn deep feelings from faculty on all sides," Hogue said. "We hope to come up with a way for this to be properly handled in the future."

Russo, however, feels the union squandered a chance to be heard on an issue that has

dominated headlines for weeks.

"The executive committee engaged in the politics of postponement and evasion by not putting it to a full vote," Russo said.

Howard Mettee, treasurer of the YSU-OEA, said he thought sending the resolution to the Planning and Research committee could bring positive results.

"This committee can help develop a procedure for the future," he said. "I've been in the union more than 30 years, and every time something heats up, people want to jump on it."

Mettee said he did not

want to discuss his personal feelings on the war, but Hogue said as a veteran he has wrestled with predecessor's resolution.

"Personally, I find myself torn," Hogue said. "There are quite a few things in the resolution I agree with. But I don't know as much as I should about this. A lot of the information [about Iraq] is classified, so it's a tough call."

Hogue said several union members felt Russo tried to blindsides them with his resolution, which was sent to all faculty just hours before last week's organizational meeting. "In fairness to John, one of the motivating factors was

probably that the night before the president gave his State of the Union," Hogue said.

Vote totals from the executive committee, which also includes 1st Vice President Michael Finney, 2nd Vice President Jeanette Garr, and Secretary Kathylynn Feld, were not available.

No matter the outcome, Russo said the committee stifled a "good faith" debate of differences of opinion.

"In this period of public apathy, this is wrong."

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the seams," he said as he explained that the university suffered the same way the community did after the steel collapse.

Atwater said for five consecutive semesters, enrollment has climbed, making him hopeful for university and community resurgence.

He said University President David Sweet would play a key role in that urban renewal.

"President Sweet is an expert in urban planning and can help the university play a

leadership role," he said. "He is the president for these times."

He said urban planners are working hard to revitalize Youngstown and YSU, citing the 2010 project, which includes a series of plans to reconstruct Youngstown by the year 2010.

"Some doubt that it can be done," he said. "I relish on a tall challenge."

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to believe," DeFabio said. "Things just don't square up."

Assistant Prosecutor Kelly Johns, however, said the state's evidence — much of which was laid out in opening statements — will prove Vaughn's guilt.

Vaughn's trial follows the trial of his cousin Freddie Lewis, who was convicted of complicity to commit aggravated murder and complicity to commit aggravated robbery in connection with Treasic's death.

DeFabio said being cousins is the only connection the two men had and takes issue with the prosecution's

use of Lewis' name in their opening statements.

"This isn't Freddie Lewis' trial," he said.

Also Wednesday, Jesse Clinton Giles, the former Youngstown forensic pathologist, described via videotape how Treasic was shot.

Giles, who left Youngstown in 2002, said Treasic's head wound was inflicted from such an angle that it entered near the front right of his skull and exited near his left temple, hitting his ear.

During Lewis' trial, Treasic's mother, Jane Treasic, said she learned through

Youngstown Police Det. John Kelly's testimony that her son was made to kneel on the ground and beg for his life before being shot.

Giles also testified that a gunshot wound to Treasic's left arm shattered his humerus bone and that the range of both shots was indeterminate.

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## Today's Editorials

### Some suggestions for future forums

Student Government leaders are on to something with their "Meet the Provost" forum, which they sponsored Wednesday with Tony Atwater.

Atwater, vice president for Academic Affairs, is second-in-command at YSU, and plays a large role in the curriculum for university students. Since his hiring in 2001, however, few have really gauged a sense of what a provost does.

Atwater's predecessor, James Scanlon, was visible on campus and respected throughout academia. It is refreshing to see Atwater make an attempt to connect with students. The forum allowed students to pick his brain and Atwater to pick theirs.

Now it is time for SGA to continue the idea with other campus officials.

To name a few, YSU Police Chief John Gocala, Support Services Director Joe Scarnecchia and Vice President for Student Affairs Cynthia Anderson would be outstanding additions to the "Meet the ..." format.

Gocala would bring much knowledge to a forum as the top law official on campus. A seminar on campus safety — even though YSU is a traditionally safe school — could be interesting for students. It also would awaken them to the crime statistics on campus, which aren't nearly as high as some think.

Scarnecchia undoubtedly would have the most to offer to a forum. As the man who oversees Parking Services, Scarnecchia often has found himself in the crosshairs of angry students who can't seem to find that ideal parking space. In the past, Scarnecchia has been more than willing to succinctly explain YSU's parking situation to Jambar editors and SGA leaders.

A bigger forum would be quite beneficial.

And Anderson, perhaps the most dedicated student servant on campus, would add a fun dimension to a forum discussion. Her school spirit is admirable and she has the ability to motivate students to become involved and make changes.

All three of these leaders serve in an important capacity here at YSU, and SGA is the best group to facilitate and arrange a meeting between them and students.

We welcomed Atwater's appearance Wednesday, and we hope his will be the first of many appearances by university officials at SGA forums. Curiosity, especially at a time of budget uncertainty, is high.

It's good to see people willing to satisfy it.

### Gov. Taft better start looking for a new job

We find ourselves faced with a hard choice: Do we support Gov. Bob Taft's ludicrous plan to raise tax revenues or do we accept yet another state cut to YSU's crippled budget?

There really is no right answer, but shame on Taft for even putting state universities in this classic Catch-22.

His proposed tuition cap is not the answer; most presidents will be hamstrung if the tax plan, as expected, fails. But desperate times call for creativity — from Taft and University President David Sweet.

We were encouraged to hear earlier this week that Sweet is not taking any chances (who could with Taft?) and already is preparing for the worst. With Terry Ondreyka working by his side, we are confident YSU will have some plan in place.

However, Taft's decision to seek taxes on anything from cigarettes to barber shop visits will render him political deadweight in the future.

He cannot run for governor again, but many inside the Republican party said Taft harbored aspirations to run for U.S. Senate. Good luck, gov. No one will forget how you renege on your campaign promises to fix our broken economy and broken education system.

You better start job hunting.

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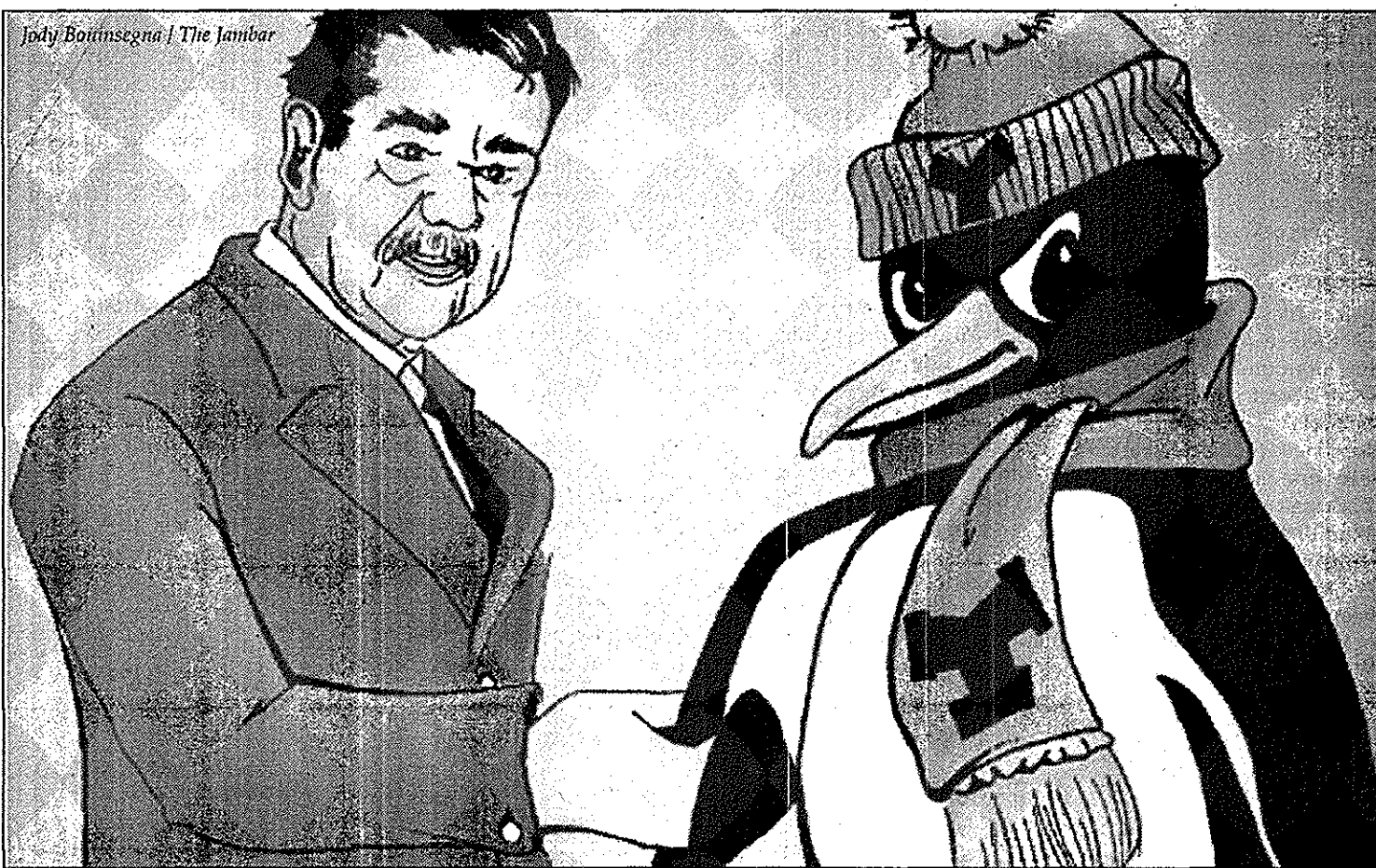
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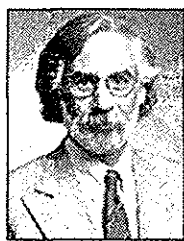


### America, Iraq and YSU

**Editor's note:** The impending war with Iraq has many people on campus talking about the pros and cons of an American attack. The Jambar will be accepting viewpoints on the escalating situation in the coming weeks. Submit any pieces to the editor in chief.

### Why I cannot support any military action

BY GABRIEL PALMER-FERNANDEZ  
Special to The Jambar



War is a period of time in which according to law and custom one may deliberately kill other human beings as a matter of national policy. The number killed by war is impressive and the vast majority of its casualties are not soldiers but civilians, i.e., ordinary people who are not engaged in war.

Consider the following. In WWI, 15 percent of all deaths were civilians; in WWII 48 percent; in Korea, 84 percent; in Vietnam, 90 percent. During the 1991 Persian Gulf War, statements by the high command of the Coalition assured us that the choice of targets in Iraq was designed to avoid civilian deaths.

However, a study by the Harvard School of Public Health subsequent to that war strongly suggests that as many as 150,000 Iraqi civilians — mainly children, the aged, and infirm — died within one year as the result of bombing water purification plants, sewage treatment facilities, and other infrastructure and dual-use targets.

As we go into this war we need to know that our actions are productive of death not only for some combatants, but productive of death also for many more children, their mothers and grandparents, who have no business with war. We need also to keep in mind the kind of war we are about to wage. President Bush has not called it a defensive war, since Iraq has not attacked the U.S., but rather either a preventive war or a pre-emptive war.

Two questions, then: What are these types of wars? And is either one a legitimate war under present circumstances?

The concept of preventive war is British made, mid-seventeenth century and has its natural place in a political and moral vocabulary that seeks to prescribe the conditions necessary for international peace.<sup>2</sup>

The concept is built upon two claims: (1) a balance of power among the nations of the world preserves peace and that balance is therefore worth fighting for as a kind of public service to the international

community; and (2), that it is better to wage that kind of war sooner rather than later. But this kind of war has been, as Edmund Burke wrote in 1760, the original of innumerable and fruitless wars because political calculations show a high degree of uncertainty, military intelligence is notoriously incomplete, and governments frequently lie to each other and their subjects.

We need a fairly high degree of certainty, I think, before we order the killing and maiming of human beings. An imaginary disequilibrium in the international distribution of power is hardly reason sufficient to order massive death and destruction. The facts are that American hegemony is not at issue; Iraq or not, we will remain the only superpower; the balance is intact. So the concept of preventive war is irrelevant to present circumstances.

What, then, does count as reason sufficient to order massive death? What kind of war is relevant to present circumstances? For the Bush administration the concept of pre-emptive war provides an answer, one that is, by my account, far from compelling death. Pre-emptive war is different from preventive war in at least one important sense: a nation wages a pre-emptive war not to preserve a balance of power but to defend itself, and it defends not against a prior aggressive act, but an anticipated future aggressive act. These wars assume that another state is about to resort to war. How do we know that a state is about to wage war? Is Iraq about to war against us.

One word — about — does all the work here. Two conditions satisfy it: (1) a real threat and (2) imminent aggression. Those conditions were perhaps met in October 1962 during the Cuban Missile Crisis: middle-range missiles capable of delivering nuclear warheads into the American homeland close to operational stage were discovered by air reconnaissance, coupled with explicit threats from the Kremlin.

It looked like the former Soviet Union was about to attack. But perhaps conditions were not what they seemed, for example, that Cuba was not so much serving as the platform for a possible Soviet nuclear attack against the U.S. It may have simply been developing a defensive posture having suffered the U.S. invasion at the Bay of Pigs in 1961 and averted a number of assassination attempts against its

leader by the Kennedy administration. As Robert McNamara, Kennedy's Secretary of Defense, stated in 1989: if I had been a Cuban leader [in 1962], I think I might have expected a U.S. invasion. Why? Because the U.S. had carried out...the Bay of Pigs invasion...Secondly, there were covert operations.

The Cubans knew that. There were covert operations over a long period of time. (3) It was Cuba, and not the U.S., that had been invaded; it was perhaps Cuba, and not the U.S., that had good reason to believe it was up against a real and imminent threat. It was perhaps Cuba and not the U.S. that satisfied the conditions to wage a pre-emptive war. The apparent certainty that a nation is about to attack another is challenged by the fact that perhaps things are not what they seem.

Is there under present circumstances a real and imminent threat by Iraq against the U.S.? Is Iraq about to wage war against us? Can we therefore wage a pre-emptive war against Iraq?

Plainly not. Hussein is a dangerous man. He has used chemical weapons against Iran and his own people. He might still have many of these weapons buried close to hell. He has invaded a neighboring state, Kuwait. He might be thinking of invading other neighboring states. But there is not a single sign that he is about to do any of that. Even if we assume that he is a threat nothing tells of imminent aggression. Absent imminent aggression we cannot wage a pre-emptive war against him.

To say, however, that we cannot wage a pre-emptive war against Iraq does not mean that there are not other types of war we might be able to wage against him. But I do not know what kind of war that would be. And as long as that war has not been defined I cannot support any military action against Iraq. Perhaps then we should avoid countless meaningless deaths.

1. See Ingrid Deter De Lupis, *The Law of War* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1987).
2. Actually the earliest essay that I am aware of using the concept of balance of power is by David Hume, *Scottish philosopher. See his Essays.*
3. Philip Brenner, *Turning History on Its Head.*

*The writer is a professor of philosophy and religious studies.*

## Letter to the Editor

Editor:

In a recent editorial in The Jambar, you graded Dr. Sweet. Of concern here, you gave Dr. Sweet an "F" and, in part, based on my remarks during last summer's negotiations.

It is my opinion and that of others that, since the negotiations, labor relations on campus have improved. No doubt, this is result of the negotiation process itself where many of the faculty concerns were the basis of settlement and where the Administration

had to fight with the Board of Trustees to have the settlement accepted.

It is also the result of the hard work of YSU-OEA Negotiation and Executive Committee's working with members of the Administration and Dr. Sweet throughout the fall. Put differently, much like the classroom situation, Dr. Sweet and Administration improved in the last few months of the semester. So it my opinion that while negotiation were acrimonious, most certainly, Dr. Sweet does not deserve the grade that you gave them.

John Russo  
past president, YSU-Ohio Education Association

## Sports

## Heacock announces recruits for upcoming season

BY JOE SIMON &  
DAVE DEVEREUX  
The Jambar

YSU football coach Jon Heacock announced Wednesday the 17 signees that will join the Penguins for the 2003 season.

At an afternoon news conference, Heacock spoke about the incoming group of recruits. "As you look down through the list, one of the things I feel good about is the number of quality kids we're bringing in," Heacock said.

Heacock said he was excited about the group of players joining the team, not only for their athletic ability, but also for their accomplishments in the classroom.

"Several are at the top of their class, presidents of the class and could have received academic scholarships," the coach said. "So we're excited about their character, as well as being athletes."

Among the list of 13 incoming freshmen are three local standouts, Tim Dewberry (a 6-foot 195-pound defensive

back from Canfield), Rob Massucci (5-9, 170, defensive back, Warren Harding), and Tom Zetts (6-1, 205, quarterback, Boardman).

Heacock said Zetts has a chance to compete for the starting quarterback job.

"The jump from high school to college is really difficult, but I think he is what we're searching for," Heacock said. "[Zetts] really has an opportunity to come in and compete."

Heacock said he was also excited about Dewberry, a versatile player that could play offense even though he was primarily recruited for defense. Dewberry was a first team All-Northeast Ohio selection as a defensive back. He is also the grandson of former YSU assistant coach Bob Dove, an All-American at Notre Dame and College Football Hall of Famer.

Massucci, an all-state track selection, was all Steel Valley conference in football, helping his Warren Harding team reach the Division I State Championship. Despite falling

to Cincinnati Elder 21-19, Massucci had a team-high eight tackles, six unassisted, for the contest.

Harding Coach Thom McDaniels called Massucci a "great kid and a very versatile player."

"[Massucci] played punt returner, kick returner, defensive back and tailback," McDaniels said. "He has excellent speed, he's a 10.8 100-meter kid — and he is tough."

McDaniels also said he does not think Massucci will have any problem fitting into the YSU system.

"He'll fit in just fine," McDaniels said. "Rob is a YSU-type kid. Great heart. Always gives great effort. He's a dream to coach."

The Penguins also added four junior college transfers who will begin the 2003 season as juniors. The list of transfers includes Cory Hayslett (6-1, 295, defensive tackle, Ellsworth Junior College), Justin Martin (6-3, 225, linebacker, DuPage College), Matt Porter (6-3, 255, defensive end, American River College), and

Nick Terracina (5-9, 165, punter/placekicker, Jones College).

Heacock also spoke about the changes in recruiting and said YSU is not worried about the players they did not get, but anticipates the opportunity to coach the ones they did.

"Recruiting has changed, kids are looking for different things and we've had great support from folks in this area," said Heacock. "This year we've had to venture out and everyone on this list wants to come to play at YSU... the bottom line is the kids we got and not the ones that we didn't get."

While Wednesday was national signing day for high school students, Heacock said he and his staff is still searching for possible recruits.

"We're not done recruiting yet."

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## 2003 YSU Penguin Recruits.

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Dorian Chenault, LB, Canton, Ohio

Tim Dewberry, DB, Canfield, Ohio

Leon Edwards Jr., DL, Cleveland, Ohio

John Foster, DT, South Euclid, Ohio

Blake Halverson, DE, Palm Harbor, Fla.

Coby Hayslett, DT, Memphis, Tenn.

Tony Lawrence, DB, Detroit, Mich.

Justin Martin, LB, Downers Grove, Ill

Matt Porter, DE, Yuba City, Calif.


Durrell Preston, DB, St. Augustine, Fla.

Curtis Shelton, DB, Lauderdale Lakes, Fla.

Nick Terracina, P/PK, Lake Charles, La.

DeVaughn Wilkins, DT, Cincinnati, Ohio

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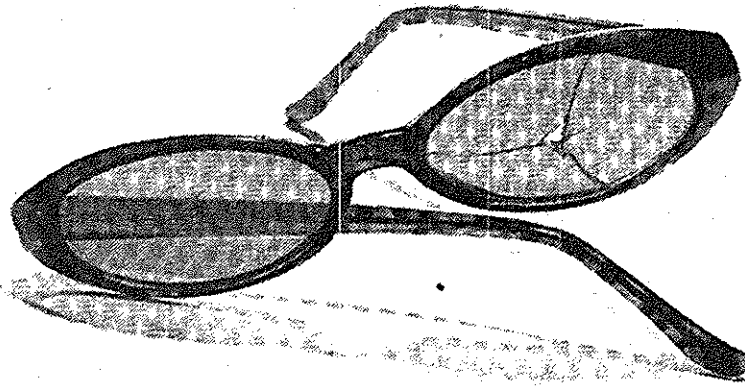


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# Community celebrates African heritage in Kilcawley

By JAMI BONINSEGNA  
The Jambar

Students, faculty and community members clapped their hands, sang with each other and reflected on African-American heritage Wednesday at Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room.

Isaiah Jackson, scholar-in-residence and conductor for the Youngstown Symphony, spoke to the audience on "Spirituals in African-American Experience," one of many events scheduled for the annual African-American History Month celebration at YSU.

Jackson provided history on African-American experience and song, and encouraged the audience to sing along, as well as participate in the conversation about what exactly spirituals are.

One audience member described spirituals as "musical expressions of the story of the soul."

Jackson added that spirituals are songs that provide us with "a wonderful opportunity to have insight to what black people are composed of ... and often reflect on slavery and what our ancestors survived."

Audience members took notes throughout the workshop, and Jackson asked them to write down this definition.

Victor Wan-Tatah, professor of philosophy and religious studies and director of Africana Studies, often took part in leading the conversation. "Spirituals are a double-coded

message," Wan-Tatah said. "They are expressions of yearning of the slaves for freedom from their masters. And, they are appreciation for message of gospels and freedom Jesus promised them in heaven."

While many of the spirituals played throughout the hour brought life to the audience, at times others brought great silence.

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— ISAIAH JACKSON  
scholar-in-residence

After playing "City Called Heaven," Wan-Tatah explained that "some spirituals are quite somber."

He said spirituals were sung when slaves were happy, ending a day of work in the fields or sad.

"But the message of each spiritual is not of any less value," Wan-Tatah said. "They served different purposes. Some were sung to tell other slaves that the master was on his way."

"With spirituals, there is no separation between the sacred and profane. They are expressions of hope against hope."

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Suzanne Fleming, coordinator for the Center for Urban and Regional Studies, said she came to the lecture because she was fascinated with the appearance of Jackson, but left even more interested with the history of spirituals.

"I didn't know a lot about spirituals, and I was fascinated with the presentation," Fleming said. "There is a lot more to it than I originally thought."

One audience member asked how we could bring spirituals into the hip-hop age.

Jackson said it is important to teach the songs and also ask what can the hip-hop generation do to join their music with spirituals.

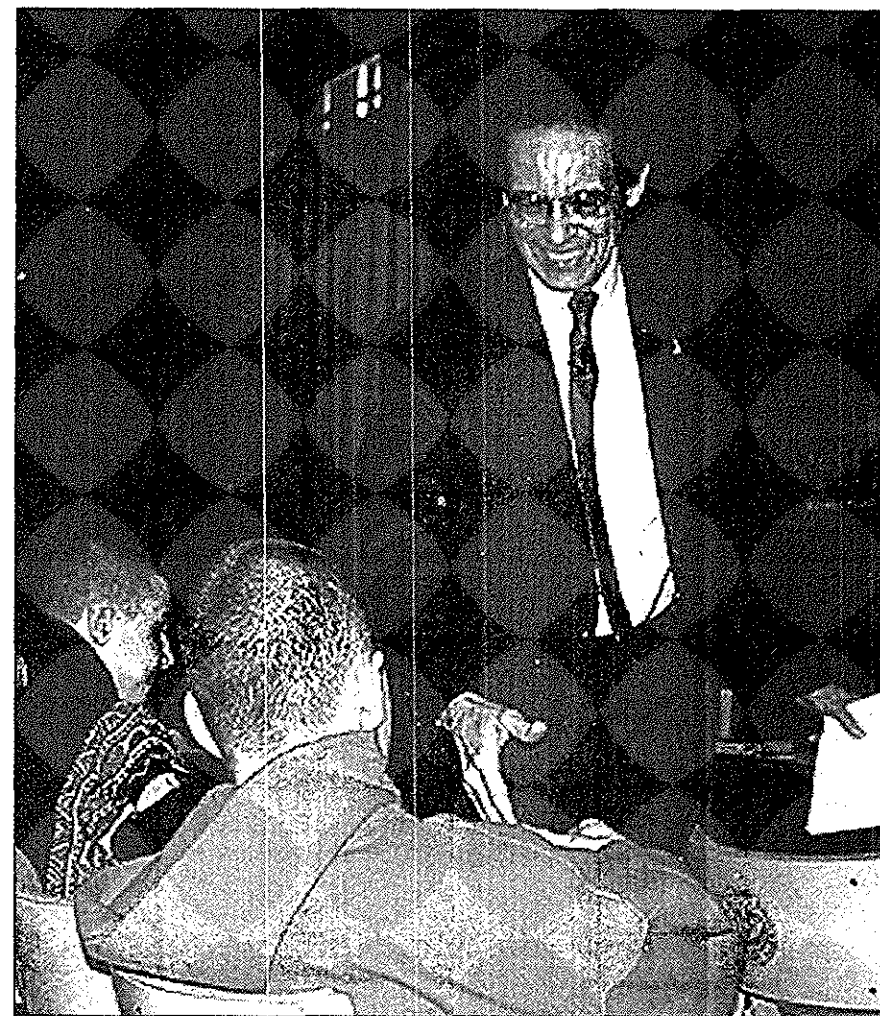
He added that hip-hop has already begun to answer this question by taking on other forms, such as "Christian Hip-Hop."

Cheryl Evans and Thea Howell, teachers at the Youngstown Youth Academy, brought students from their class to the presentation to get more information and give insight on spirituals.

Elijah McGowan, one of their students, said he enjoyed the presentation.

"There's a couple of songs I didn't know that caught my interest, and I'd like to find out more about."

Call Jami Boninsegna at (330) 941-1913.



Jami Boninsegna/The Jambar

NICE TO MEET YOU: Scholar-in-residence Isaiah Jackson shakes hands with a member of the crowd during an African American heritage celebration in Kilcawley Center Wednesday. Jackson spoke on "Spirituals in African-American Experience."

## College Success Workshop Schedule

**The Messages You Send: Tips on College Etiquette**  
8:00 p.m., Monday, Feb. 10, Gallery, Room 2068, KC  
**Introduction to Researching on the Internet**  
9:00 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 11, Wilcox CRC, BCOE\*

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# Students, instructors wage cell phone battle

By KAREN WEIR  
The Jambar

Senior Kim Caputo was stressed. She was in the middle of an essay when a cell phone rang during her final exam.

"I didn't think it was funny when a cell phone went off during my exam but some students thought the interruption was comical," Caputo said. "I hadn't gotten a lot of sleep the night before, and the phone interrupted my concentration."

Some YSU professors are taking stands against cell phones.

Lowell Satre, professor of history, minces few words: No cell phones are allowed in the classroom.

As cell phone usage among college students becomes more and more popular, some YSU professors have adopted policies governing their use. These policies range from zero tolerance to the professor threatening to answer the call if it rings during class.

Virginia Draa, instructor of human ecology, has a specific notation on her

syllabus regarding her cell phone policy. It states: Please do not receive social phone calls on your phone during class time. It is best if the phone is turned off unless you have a very important reason for needing to receive phone calls, such as children at home.

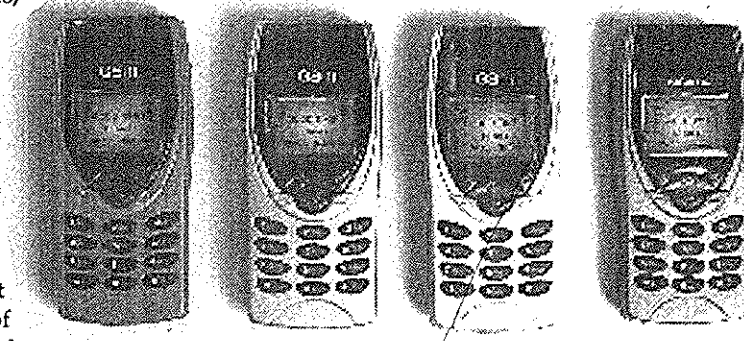
Draa said most students are considerate, but a few are just rude and do not use polite etiquette.

Margaret Gittis, professor of psychology, said many students do not seem to recognize their phone's particular ring and are slow to answer their phones. However, Gittis said she understands the need to have phones turned on during class time in special instances.

"One of my students had a pregnant daughter close to her due date and the student told me why she wanted to

keep her phone turned on during class," said Gittis. "The student was not only about to become a grandparent but she was her daughter's labor coach as well."

"Her daughter actually did have to



call her mother to come to the hospital during the class and it was an exciting event for the whole class," she added.

Darla Funk, professor of music, said there is not an issue with cell phones ringing in her class.

"Cell phones are not usually a problem in my classes and the students are very discrete when the need arises,"

Funk said. "They generally leave the room to respond to a call."

English Professor Sherry Linkon said she understands the necessity of students with children to keep their cell phones on during class and that most students are embarrassed if they receive an unnecessary phone call.

John Jackson, chemistry professor, agreed.

Jackson said his students are courteous and he will usually make a joke about a phone ringing in class rather than being overly "stuffy" about the situation.

"We have enough of that [stiffness] on campus," Jackson said.

Junior Chris DiMauro said he has experienced the embarrassment of his cell phone ringing during class.

"I was embarrassed when my cell phone rang," DiMauro said. "It was some of my friends pranking me because they knew I was in class. I just forgot to turn the phone off before class."

# Women's Club extends deadline

STAFF REPORT  
The Jambar

The Women's Club has extended its deadline for two university scholarships it plans to give to five students.

Denise Walters Dobson, an academic administrator in the College of Arts & Sciences, said the deadline has been changed from Feb. 15 to Feb. 21 because of a lack of applicants.

"I have a couple thousand dollars to give away and only 10 applicants," Walters Dobson said.

The Women's Club scholarship will be awarded to a full-time female YSU student who has completed a minimum of 31 semester hours at YSU and has a minimum grade-point average of 3.3. Applicants also must have a declared major and complete a personal statement of academic and career goals and scholarship needs.

Walters Dobson said two \$500 scholarships will be awarded.

The second scholarship is the Martha Kryston Shuster Memorial Scholarship, which will be awarded to three male or female undergraduate students. Each applicant must have 31 semester hours at YSU and at least a 3.3 average.

Three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded.

Winners will be notified by mid-April, and applications should be returned to Walters Dobson in the Dean's office, DeBartolo Hall, Room 104. Applications can be obtained from the Dean's office, Bytes 'N' Pieces and the office of Financial Aid and Scholarships.

## YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY'S AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

### Proverb of the Month:

"Because friendship is pleasant, we partake of our friend's entertainment; not because we have not enough to eat in our own house." *The Yoruba of Nigeria*

## Calendar of Events for February 2003

### The Underground Railroad in Ohio: A Panel Discussion

Monday, February 3  
7:00 p.m. Warren Public Library

Since the designation of the University as a station for the study and documentation of The Underground Railroad by the national center in Cincinnati, a committee has been involved in

plans to educate the public by organizing forums, identifying local sites and providing documentation on individuals, places and the network in northeastern Ohio, which facilitated the cause of freedom and justice during slavery. Panelists include Dr. John White, Professor and Chair, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Dr. William Jenkins, Professor of History and Coordinator of General Education, Dr. Donna DeBlasio, Assistant Professor of History and Director, Center for Historic Preservation, Mr. Wendell Lauth, Historian, and Dr. Victor Wan-Tatah, Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies and Director, Africana Studies Program. (In conjunction with the Ohio 2003 Bicentennial Celebration)

### Spirituals in African American Experience

Wednesday, February 5  
11:00 p.m. Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center

The Spirituals tradition in African American life is rich and diverse. It has sustained generations of African Americans in times of suffering and struggle, beginning with enslavement. As a testament of resilience and dynamic spirituality, African American Spirituals continue to influence Western sacred and secular music. Dr. Isaiah Jackson, Director of the Youngstown Symphony Orchestra and Scholar-in-Residence at Youngstown State University, will present a practical workshop for high school students.



### First Fridays

Friday, February 7  
6:30 p.m. The Youngstown Club  
First Fridays social gathering takes place regularly at the Youngstown Club in downtown Youngstown. The event brings together African American professionals from diverse backgrounds for an evening of music, dinner, live entertainment by prominent musicians, networking, and comradeship in a convivial atmosphere. Call 1-800-380-8110 for tickets and reservations. (Co-sponsored with Longevity Promotions, Inc.)



### The African Marketplace

Saturday, February 8  
Noon, Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center  
A popular feature of African American History Month celebration, the Marketplace attracts a wide variety of vendors from Ohio, neighboring states, and beyond. Modeled after the traditional African market, it offers African and African American artistic creations in all forms of art, clothing, jewelry, ancient artifacts, and writings. Entertainment will be provided by the Harambee Dance Group and the Youngstown State University Gospel Choir.

### African Dance Event

Monday, February 10  
7:00 p.m. Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center  
The African Soul Dance Theater of Cleveland will present an African musical dance extravaganza that will charm and mesmerize the audience. The cast is made up of energetic and experienced women, men, and children who for many years have specialized in African drumming and songs, and a wide variety of dances from different parts of Africa. The group runs regional and national dance workshops and has performed at major national events and ceremonies. If you are ready to escape the cold for a voyage to Africa, African Soul will provide a first-class ticket.



### Lecture: Traditional Values at Work

By Emmanuel Babatunde  
Friday, February 14  
7:30 p.m. Humphrey Room, Kilcawley Center  
Dr. Emmanuel Babatunde is a professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and Director of the Honors Program at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania. His topic is "Preparing African-American Adolescents for Civil Society: Traditional Values at Work." (Co-sponsored with the Center for Working Class Studies)



### Lecture: African-American Relationships

By Brenda Verner  
Tuesday, February 18  
7:30 p.m. The Gallery, Kilcawley Center  
Brenda Verner is a nationally known communications consultant in human resource development and a researcher in women's studies, media arts, and Africana studies. She is founder of the National Africana Women's Studies Association, and talk show host on the Salem Broadcasting Network. She has appeared on ABC's Morning Show, PBS's Say Brother, and BET's Our Voices, and is president of Verner Communications. Her topic is "African American Men and Women: Courtship, Marriage, and Family."

For more information about any of these events, call The Africana Studies Program at (330)941-3097.



### Movie Night - A Forgotten Hero: Patrice Lumumba

By Raoul Peck  
Saturday, February 22  
7:00 p.m. Jones Room, Kilcawley Center  
Lumumba is a stirring and powerful documentary about the legendary African political figure who led the Congo to independence from Belgium in 1960. As the first prime minister of his nation, Patrice Emery Lumumba's vision of a united Africa provoked the wrath of Belgian authorities and of the CIA, who sided with Joseph Mobutu to protect United States interests in the preservation of the natural resources of the Congo. The Congo soon became a crucial testing ground for the cold war in Africa. The highly acclaimed film by Raoul Peck portrays the costly price of liberty in the Congo.



### Lecture: Black-Jewish Relations

By Rebecca Walker  
Tuesday, February 25  
7:30 p.m. Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center  
Rebecca Walker is considered to be one of the most audible voices of the young women's movement. She was named by Time magazine as one of fifty future leaders of America. After graduation from Yale University in 1992, she founded Third Wave Direct Action Corporation, a national non-profit organization for young women. She has written for Essence and Harper's, and published an autobiography entitled Black, White and Jewish: Autobiography of Shifting Self. (Co-sponsored with the Schermer Scholar-in-Residence Program)



### Comedy Performance

By Happy Cole  
Thursday, February 27  
Noon, Peaberry's Cafe, Kilcawley Center  
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### Lecture on Exhibit: Media Images of African Americans

By Charles Simmons  
Lecture: Friday, February 28  
7:00 p.m. The Ohio Room  
Exhibit runs Feb. 24-28, The Gallery, Kilcawley Center Gallery  
Professor Charles Simmons of Eastern Michigan University explores the media images and misinformation about African Americans and women. The first collection has traveled to 36 cities in the United States and Canada, and includes newspapers, advertisements, post cards, posters, documents, paintings, and prints from late 1700s through the 1950s. The second collection reflects women's struggle for civil rights, and was first displayed at the California State University in Los Angeles in 1990. Dr. Simmons is a veteran newspaper reporter and editor and has received awards from the Sierra Club and the New York Association of Black Journalists.



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**Campus Calendar**

**Tuesday, Feb. 11:** The Student Social Work Association is having a monthly meeting from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. in Bresnahan Suite, Kilcawley Center. The meeting is to discuss the Social Work Field Fair and The Relay for Life. If you are interested in getting involved, please attend or contact Salima Dunn or Ron Davis at SalimaDunn@aol.com or REDAVIS2@yahoo.com. Also, we are taking donations for the Relay for Life.

**Notices:**

**Attention Social Work Students:** Tuesday, February 11, 2003 at 5 p.m. is the final day to sign up for admission to the Social Work Program. If you are a pre-social work major intending to enroll in Social Work Methods I (SCWK 3736) for Summer or Fall Semester 2003, you must complete an admissions application and sign up on the roster posted outside Cushwa Hall, Room 303A. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Sheward, Department Secretary, at (330) 941-1598.

**Feb. 22:** The Annual Black History Brunch will be held from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. The Reception will take place at 12 noon. It will be held at the Upton House, 380 Mahoning Ave., Warren, OH. Speakers: William Blake, Dir. Student Affairs, Youngstown State University, Akron, Ohio. Motivational speaker: Claude Dangerfield, Austintown, Ohio. Sponsored by Warren 9to5 National Association of Working Women. For more info call 330-395-6913 or 330-270-0483. Ask for Gale Johnson or Natalie Scott. A donation of \$5.00 is requested.

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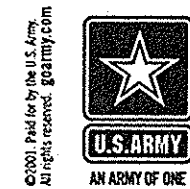
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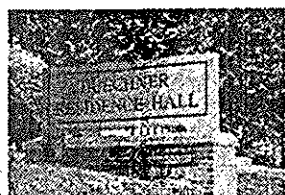
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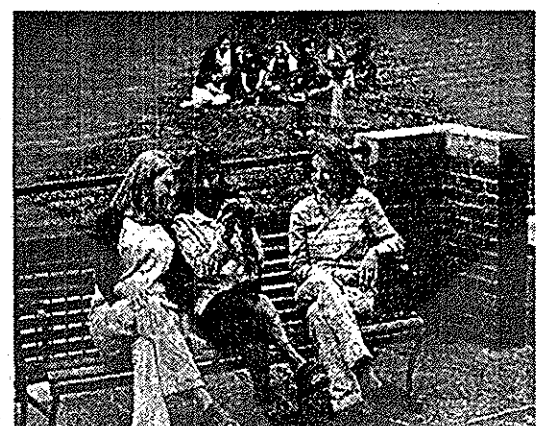
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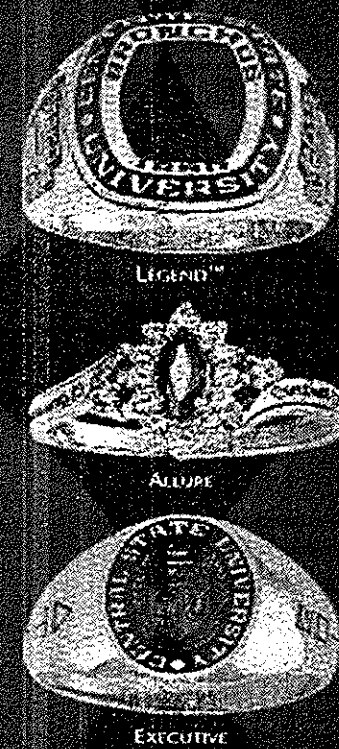
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# Entertainment



## Music downloads remain a hot topic

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A judge's ruling has not fazed YSU students when it comes to downloading free music.

A U.S. District judge's ruling in favor of the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) could spell trouble for those who share free music files online, but students said the verdict will not stop them from downloading.

Sophomores Adam Chasko and Chris Koval said they had not heard about the suit, but both added that they aren't going to stop downloading.

Chasko said he downloads free songs practically every day. Both use standard dial-up connections at home, but Chasko said at his work there is a high-speed cable modem.

"At work I'll download like 100 songs," Chasko said.

The judge's decision means that Verizon Communications must disclose the identity of a customer whom allegedly shared over 600 songs with other Internet users.

The court's decision is the first to enforce the 1998 Digital Millennium Copyright Act, which requires Internet providers to disclose the personal identity of suspected file traders. The RIAA could then proceed with warning letters, civil lawsuits or criminal prosecution. A judge's order is not required to collect such information.

Junior Matt Thomas also had not heard about the ruling, but said he was uncomfortable with the decision.

"I think that would definitely get into some privacy issues," he said.

Verizon has promised to appeal the judge's decision and is not immediately disclosing the customer's name.

In a written statement, Sarah B. Deutsch, Verizon's associate general counsel said:

"The case clearly allows anyone who claims to be a copyright holder to make an allegation of copyright infringement to gain complete access to private subscriber information without protections afforded by the courts."

Thomas, who hardly downloads at all, said he would continue to download until a more concrete decision in the case was made.

"If I had a cable modem, I'd definitely download a lot

"Why buy when you can download?"

— CHRIS KOVAL  
Sophomore

more than I do now," he added.

Koval and Chasko were similarly unfazed by the implications of the Millennium Copyright Act and both said they would continue with their current downloading habits.

"They couldn't catch everybody," Chasko said.

The suit by the RIAA comes on the heels of other failed efforts to eliminate online file sharing such as "loops" and enhanced content on manufactured CDs.

Loops are files put onto the Internet by the RIAA that are purposely corrupted. They feature a roughly 30 second portion of a song that simply repeats over and over, thus creating a continuous loop.

Record labels have also tried enticing prospective CD buyers by packaging additional bonus discs or DVDs with new releases at little or no extra cost. This marketing campaign is relatively new, though some don't even notice the additional content until they take the CD out of the shrink-wrap.

Junior Mike Jesko said he did not notice the extras.

"I don't even notice them when I buy a CD, then I see it comes with a DVD and I'm just surprised."

However, Jesko said this new ploy does not tempt him to buy a CD. He said he would buy it with or without the additional content.

Sophomore Dennis Dota said that even with the added features, the overall cost of CDs is too high, making free music via the Internet much more appealing.

"They shouldn't be over like \$12," he said. "Unless it's a double CD."

Chasko added that he doesn't buy any CDs. "Actually, I wouldn't even buy them if I couldn't download, they're too expensive," he said.

In addition to the high cost of CDs, Thomas said free online file sharing has played a major role in diminishing CD sales.

"I don't think music in general has changed, but I think the prospect of free music on the Internet is just too enticing to pass up," he said.

Koval echoed Thomas's words.

"Why buy when you can download?" Koval asked.

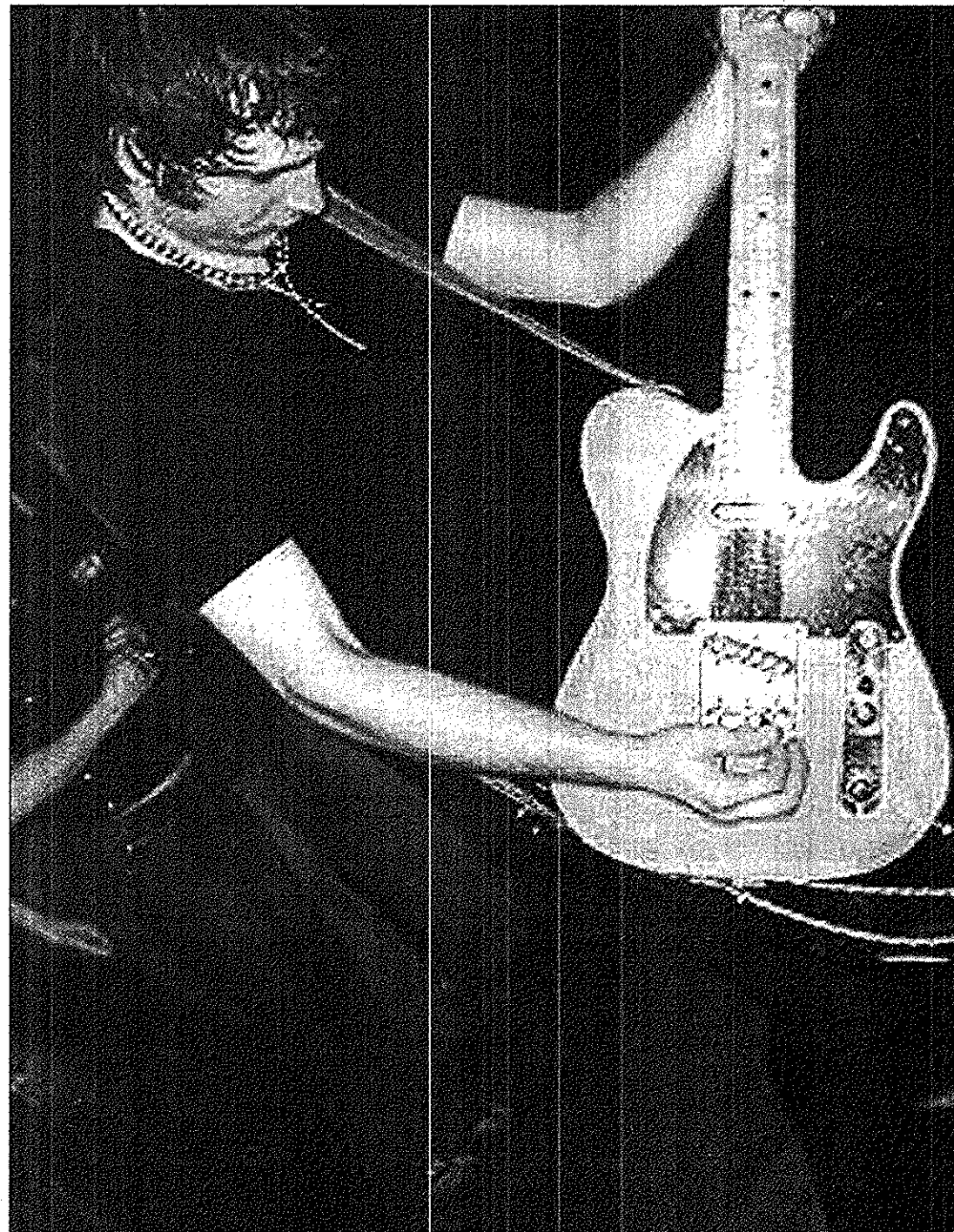
Best Buy, Hastings Entertainment Inc., Tower Records, Trans World Entertainment Corp., Virgin Entertainment Group and Wherehouse Entertainment Inc. recently announced plans to create a new service to offer music via the Internet legally, though no prices have yet been announced.

Thomas does not see any problem with this forthcoming service, but Chasko and Koval scoffed at the idea.

"They have things like that now for \$1.99 a month or whatever, but why would you even waste your time?" Koval asked.

Chuckling, Chasko added, "You wanna get it for free, or you wanna pay for it?"

### ROCK WEEKEND



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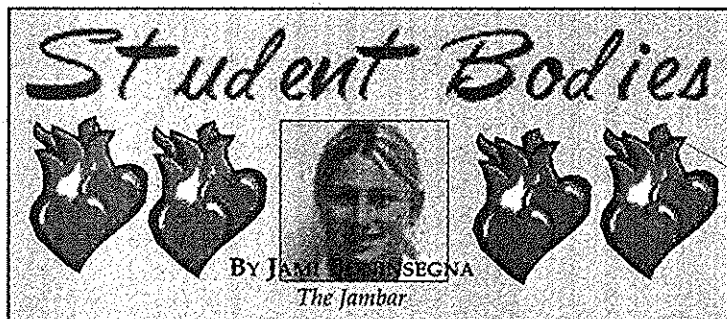
#### HIGH ENERGY ROCK:

Local rock 'n' rollers Manifold Stud will perform Saturday at The Plaza Cafe.

Guitarist/vocalist Mike Polumbi (above) and guitarist Tommy Strain (right) along with bassist Keith Colclough, and drummer Chris DeSantis play up-tempo rock 'n' roll similar to The Replacements and even the Goo Goo Dolls. Showtime is set for 11 p.m.



## Valentine's Day should be a holiday for everyone



It's that time of year again, indeed. Whether you are looking forward to it or avoiding it like the plague, Valentine's Day is on its way.

For some of us, who are more fortunate and content with our significant others, it is truly a day of jubilation. It is a day to honor love and our loved ones with romance, gifts, affection and, of course, chocolate.

cynical Valentine's whether you're in a bad relationship, just got out of one, or are just plain alone.

Let's face it, it's a sad day and painful reminder of just how alone some of us are.

It seems like every organization on campus is selling roses, people are passing out red foil wrapped hearts

But, for a significant amount of the rest of us, Feb. 14 seems like the end of the world.

You may fall into the group of

And why is Valentine's Day declared a holiday? Holidays are days everyone, or at least the majority of people, can celebrate. So, this year I say everyone does just that. Just because you're not in love doesn't mean you have to be alone.

Anyway, it is, in fact, largely believed that Valentine's Day derived from the ancient Roman feast of Lupercalis. The holiday gradually became associated with the feast day

(Feb. 14) of two Roman martyrs, both named St. Valentine, who lived in the 3rd century.

So much for it being a "romantic" day.

With that in mind, rather than boycotting the fourteenth day of this month, everyone should join in the celebration — yes, even those who are alone. Instead of Valentine's Day being a day for lovers, make it a day for love.

Celebrate this year and participate in the rituals of passing on gifts of love, candy, and flowers. If you don't have a lover, express your love for a family member or friend — and do it proudly, not with shame.

Buy your mom flowers, buy your best friend candy, and do it with dig-

nity. These are the people that are guaranteed to always provide you with unconditional love and support anyway.

When someone is babbling away about their plans for the day with their boyfriend/girlfriend, don't feel like the walls in the room are caving in on you.

Make it known that you may not be in a relationship but you are at ease this Feb. 14 and even participating.

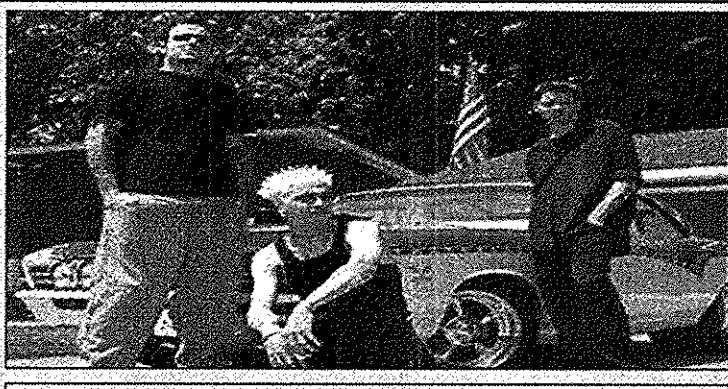
However, whatever you do, don't proclaim that Valentine's Day is "another made-up money-making greeting card holiday," because you never know — next year you might be in love.

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### Weekend Calendar

**Nyabinghi, Friday** - Short Arm Trick, My Luck Wasted. **Saturday** - ALL AGES 6 p.m., One Forth Awesome, Waiting Could Crush, Fallout Boy, Punchline.

**Cedars, Friday** - Trench Town, Bancroft. **Saturday** - Four Foot Francis.



**FAST CARS:** Chicago pop-punk outfit Short Arm Trick will headline The Nyabinghi Friday. Opener My Luck Wasted will kick things off at 11 p.m.

**The Splash, Friday** - Dark Friday w/DJ's Ziota & Rektor. **Saturday** - ALL AGES 6 p.m., Up from the Ashes. 10 p.m. 18+, Voodoo Psyche, Waiting Could Crush.

**Plaza Cafe, Friday** - Mercy Brown, Oral. **Saturday** - Manifold Stud.

**The Cellar, Friday** - Disco Away. **Saturday** - Fat Angus(AC/DC tribute)