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Diversity director brings experience

By MARK STEVENS
The Jambar

University administrators announced Wednesday that the currently vacant director's position in the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity has been filled by a man whose entire career has been built around championing equal opportunity.

Jimmy Myers, formerly the director of the Office for a Multicultural Community at the University of Michigan, will begin to serve in a similar capacity for YSU Nov. 3.



MYERS comes to YSU after years of serving as an administrator in Affirmative Action and equality.

The University of Michigan was a hotbed for Affirmative Action debates earlier this year as some applicants to the university filed a lawsuit claiming that the school's policy of assisting minorities during the application process was unfair.

Myers said that while he wasn't "operationally" involved in the case, he was

interested in it and happy with the results.

"In terms of the possible outcomes, I was very pleased," Myers said.

Myers also said that he fully supports Michigan's policy. "Affirmative Action and race-conscious admission practices are not reverse racism."

Leon Stennis, coordinator of Youngstown State University Equal Opportunity and Diversity, said hiring Myers is a positive for the university.

Stennis said that Myers impressed him when he came to YSU for interviews.

After earning degrees from both Wayne State University in Detroit where he earned a bachelor's in political science and history, and Michigan where he earned his master's in public policy and public administration, Myers served several civil rights and Affirmative Action organizations.

Myers is a founder of the Michigan Association of Affirmative Action Officials, serving two terms as its first president. He also served as a national executive board member of The American

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SGA: Regardless of book contract, text prices will increase

By LA'EL HUGHES
The Jambar

A Student Government Association representative says YSU's current bookstore is guilty of inflating numbers in its proposal to land the permanent bookstore contract and warns that students will be paying more for books no matter which company wins the contract.

The YSU bookstore controversy heated up even more Tuesday with allegations of false numbers and sharp disagreements about which of three companies, Barnes and Noble, Follet or the current bookstore, is best suited to operate the official bookstore.

Earlier this week, the consulting firm Packer Thomas

released a draft analysis of the three bookstore proposals, but did not offer a final recommendation. Packer Thomas officials attended Tuesday's meeting in

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— DANIEL GRIESEMER
SGA Representative

Kilcawley Center and said they have more questions before they can recommend one company.

Daniel Griesemer, SGA representative, attended the meeting and after it ended, expressed frustration at the entire situation.

Griesemer said students would be paying more no matter who ends up controlling the bookstore.

Griesemer also said he questions the accuracy of the bid submitted by the YSU Bookstore. In its bid, the YSU Bookstore promised to earn as much as \$7 million over a 10-

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Officials: YSU breaks law

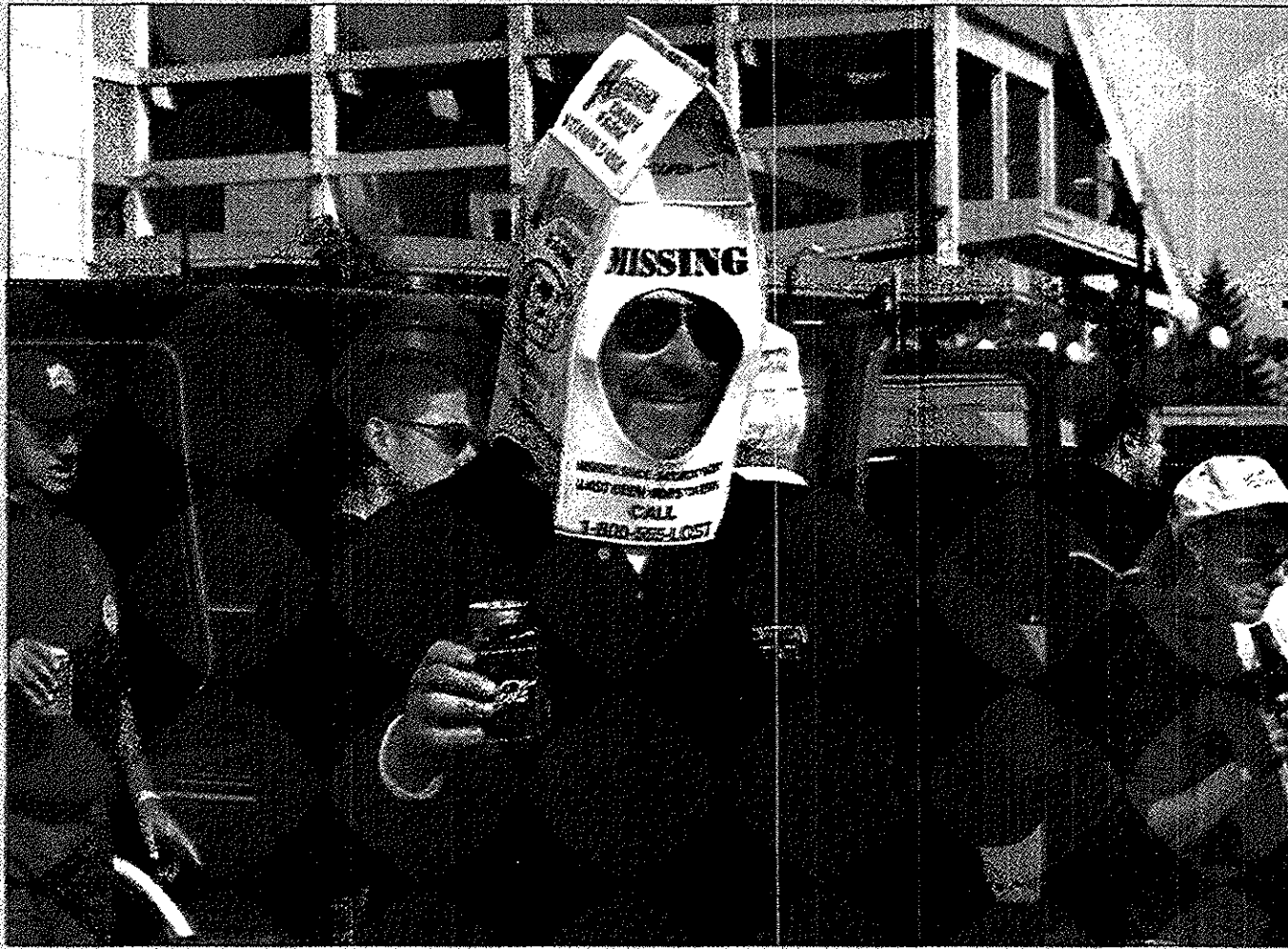


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MISSING — PERMIT: For years, YSU tailgators have been breaking the law during football game festivities. State officials said Wednesday that drinking in YSU tailgating lots is violating Ohio's liquor laws.

By ANGELA OLIN & MICHAEL J. BALALE
The Jambar

Youngstown State University has been violating state law by allowing people to bring alcohol to tailgate lots for football games, said an official with the State of Ohio Liquor Control Commission.

For decades, YSU football fans have brought kegs and cases of beer and bottles of hard liquor to lots surrounding Stambaugh Stadium

before and after home football games.

"It is illegal to bring in your own alcohol to a tailgate," said Matt Mullins, a spokesman for the Liquor Control Commission.

People caught drinking in a tailgate lot can be arrested, according to a spokesman for the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

When contacted by The Jambar Wednesday, University President David Sweet said he was surprised to

hear about the law. Sweet paused and then said, "You're telling me something that is news to me."

Sweet said he would investigate the issue.

One hour later, Sweet said the university's own policies allow for the drinking in tailgate lots.

"Given the circumstances, we need to review that policy,"

Sweet said.

YSU police Chief John Gocala said he has had "issues" with drinking in the tailgate lots for some time.

"I don't make those decisions," Gocala said.

Rick Love, an athletic department official, said he disagrees with the State Liquor Control Commission.

Love said he believes YSU complies with liquor laws by selling "private passes" to set up in the tailgate lots. He said

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Schedule of Classes book one week late

By CHRISTINA POE
The Jambar

Senior Stacey Mehring schedules for spring semester classes Monday, but she is clueless about what classes she can register for.

The Schedule of Classes catalog, usually available a full week before class registration, has not yet been distributed.

Across campus, students

like Mehring are wondering how they are going to register for the spring.

Bill Countryman, Interim Executive Director of Enrollment Services, said the catalog would be distributed tomorrow. Countryman said discussions between the university provosts and deans were the reason for the delay.

Countryman said originally, a spring schedule and tenta-

tive schedule for summer and fall listings were to be contained in the catalog.

As the registration period neared, officials decided on placing the exact schedules for both the summer and fall to better help students plan their classes, Countryman said.

"We wanted to make sure the information would be the most beneficial we could provide to the students," he said.

Though some YSU students said they were more hindered than helped by the delay in the catalog's availability.

"Since it comes out on Friday, I only have the weekend," Mehring said. "That gives me zero time to figure out my classes."

Mehring also said she felt the possibility of securing

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Senator speaks about higher education

By LA'EL HUGHES
The Jambar

State Sen. Eric Fingerhut visited campus Tuesday, meeting with students and faculty about the condition of higher education in Ohio and the state's economy.

Fingerhut met with political science classes, Greek organizations and faculty dur-

ing his campus trip, which was sponsored by the Ohio Young Democrats.

Fingerhut was elected to Congress in 1992 and was re-elected to the Ohio Senate last November 5 to represent the state's 25th district.

During a State and Local Government class in Williamson Hall at 11:00 a.m., Fingerhut, who is running for U.S. Senate, addressed a class of nearly thirty about his concerns regarding the de-funding of higher education along with his political aspirations of helping to turn Ohio's economy around.

"I voted against this year's

budget," Fingerhut said. He also said he wondered if the state had truly contributed enough money to universities.

Fingerhut mentioned the state's recent decision to rescind the Tuition Trust Authority Programs, which were used by families to do a pre-paid tuition program, that would allow parents to pay for

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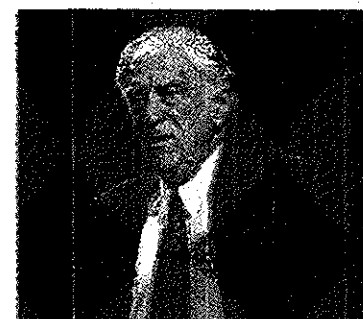


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he had consulted a university lawyer and they had agreed that by selling the permits, the tailgate parties then become private functions.

But Mullins disagreed. "There are no specific permits for tailgating," Mullins said. "Anything open is a public violation."

University General Counsel Sandra Denman did not return phone calls Wednesday.

At last week's Homecoming game, hundreds of people strolled between tailgating tents, with some tents so crowded it became impossible to move. Those with tailgating tents included local businesses, the YSU Alumni Association, some University Departments and the Student Government

Association.

Beer was served at some of the tents and SGA President Emily Eckman said she "was definitely drinking" in the SGA tent.

Hosts of a few of the tents placed restrictions on who could drink their alcohol, but most offered it freely.

YSU's tailgating practices differ from at least two other state universities.

At Kent State University, University Police Chief John Peach said any organization wishing to serve alcohol must first obtain a liquor permit from the state. The organization must qualify as a non-profit and then specify exactly where it intends to set up and how it will operate. The university president and the uni-

versity police chief must approve the request.

Peach said the Kent organizations that are granted the permits must sell their alcohol and are forbidden from giving it away.

In addition, he said anyone entering a Kent tailgate lot wishing to drink must show identification and buy a wristband good for only four drinks.

"If there's no permit, it's real illegal things," Peach said. "We only ensure that appropriate legal practices are taking place."

The Ohio State University also mandates state liquor permits.

"If they don't have a permit, they're warned, summoned, issued a citation or

arrested," said Ohio State police Chief Ronald Michalec.

A spokesman for the Ohio Department of Public Safety said the law is clear on the issue of drinking and tailgating.

"If we go have a couple of beers and cook some chicken in the back of a truck, it's a violation of the law," Rich Cologie said. "It's not that it's not going to happen, but it is a violation."

Cologie said the Department of Public Safety does not check if universities are abiding by Ohio's liquor laws.

"We have agents that have the authority to go to the universities, and they react on complaints," Cologie said. "If someone makes the department aware of it, they'll react

on it."

He said the Department of Public Safety's Akron office has no record of any complaints against YSU.

Gocala said YSU police officers patrol inside the tailgate lots "primarily looking for intoxicated people causing problems."

He said if an officer thinks a person drinking alcohol is a minor, the officer will ask for identification. Though, he said, YSU's system is not "fool-proof."

"Can you slip through the cracks?" Gocala asked.

"Absolutely."

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As one of the scientists who decoded the secrets of the double-helixed DNA, DR. JAMES WATSON was noted by Time magazine as "One of the Great Minds of the Century." Co-winner of the 1962 Nobel Prize with Britons Francis Crick and Maurice Wilkins, Watson and his colleagues uncovered the basic configuration of the DNA molecule and determined how nucleotides are arranged. Subsequent research based on their findings has led to more discoveries about the growth and maintenance of individual organisms.

Watson, a native of Chicago, received a scholarship to the University of Chicago, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in zoology. During these years, his boyhood interest in bird watching had matured into a serious desire to learn genetics. This became possible with a fellowship for graduate study in zoology at Indiana University in Bloomington, where he received his Ph.D. in 1950. His postdoctoral work in Denmark and Italy involved him increasingly in microbiology. Upon encountering the DNA work of Maurice Wilkins, he shifted his research toward the structural chemistry of nucleic acids and proteins. He began work at the Cavendish Laboratory in 1952, where he met Francis Crick. Their collaboration, supported by the crystallographic research of Wilkins and Rosalind Franklin at King's College, London, led to the now-famous proposal of the complementary double-helical configuration of DNA.

From 1988 to 1992 Dr. Watson served as head of the National Institutes of Health's Human Genome Project, which involved thousands of scientists worldwide working to crack the human genetic code.

Dr. Watson is currently president of the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. He received an honorary knighthood from Great Britain in 2001.

The lecture is free and open to the public. Parking for the lecture will be provided in the Wick Avenue parking deck.

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Today's Editorial

YSU blatantly disregarding law

An Ohio Department of Public Safety official says Youngstown State University has been violating state law by allowing people to bring alcohol to the tailgate lot across from Stambaugh Stadium.

The liquor control official and other law enforcement officers say the law is clear: Alcohol cannot be consumed in a public place without proper permits and control.

YSU Police Chief John Gocala said he has long had "issues" over alcohol at tailgate parties.

It seems clear that no one in the administration has been listening to him.

YSU cannot blatantly disregard state law.

It is ridiculous to think that university administrators did not know that state law addresses public drinking or that YSU policy was not in compliance with state regulations.

Last weekend, YSU celebrated its annual Homecoming football game and several university administrators strolled through the tailgate lot, stopping at different tents.

At the Student Government Association tent, for instance, President Emily Eckman freely admitted that she and others were drinking alcohol.

The SGA tent, however, was just one of many where beer and mixed drinks were being consumed.

University President David Sweet rode in a car during the parade and then made his way to the tailgate lots where he had to have seen the kegs and coolers of beer.

The tailgate lot last weekend was wide open to anyone who wanted to enter and visit the various tents. No one checked identification.

After being contacted by a Jambar reporter Wednesday Sweet said the university will now review its own policies that have allowed tailgaters to bring and consume alcoholic beverages.

At Kent State University, any organization wishing to have alcohol at a tailgate event has to obtain its own alcohol permit from the state to sell alcohol.

At Kent, organizations may not give away alcohol and no one may bring their own alcohol in to an event. Then, anyone wishing to drink has to show identification to one of the organizations selling the alcohol, pay the money and be given a wristband.

The Kent police chief says his university doesn't do anything special. Instead, he says they merely follow the law.

YSU has long been known as a school that cares a great deal about football. While we certainly understand Penguin pride, the question must be asked about Penguin dignity.

Is revenue from tailgating so important that YSU administrators are willing to break the law and risk the reputation of the university? Certainly there are other sources of revenue.

Is the tradition of drinking and football so ingrained that administrators would rather jeopardize public safety than comply with the laws intended to protect citizens?

Are the people who come to the tailgate lots so determined to drink that they would not come to see the games and support the team if they were not permitted to bring in their own alcohol? Is this the real question?

Have we allowed our football obsession to overtake logical, ethical and legal decision-making?

The YSU football team plays one more home game on Nov. 15 and football fans will be there to cheer them on. It is our hope that the university administration will embrace their responsibility and decide to enforce the rules.

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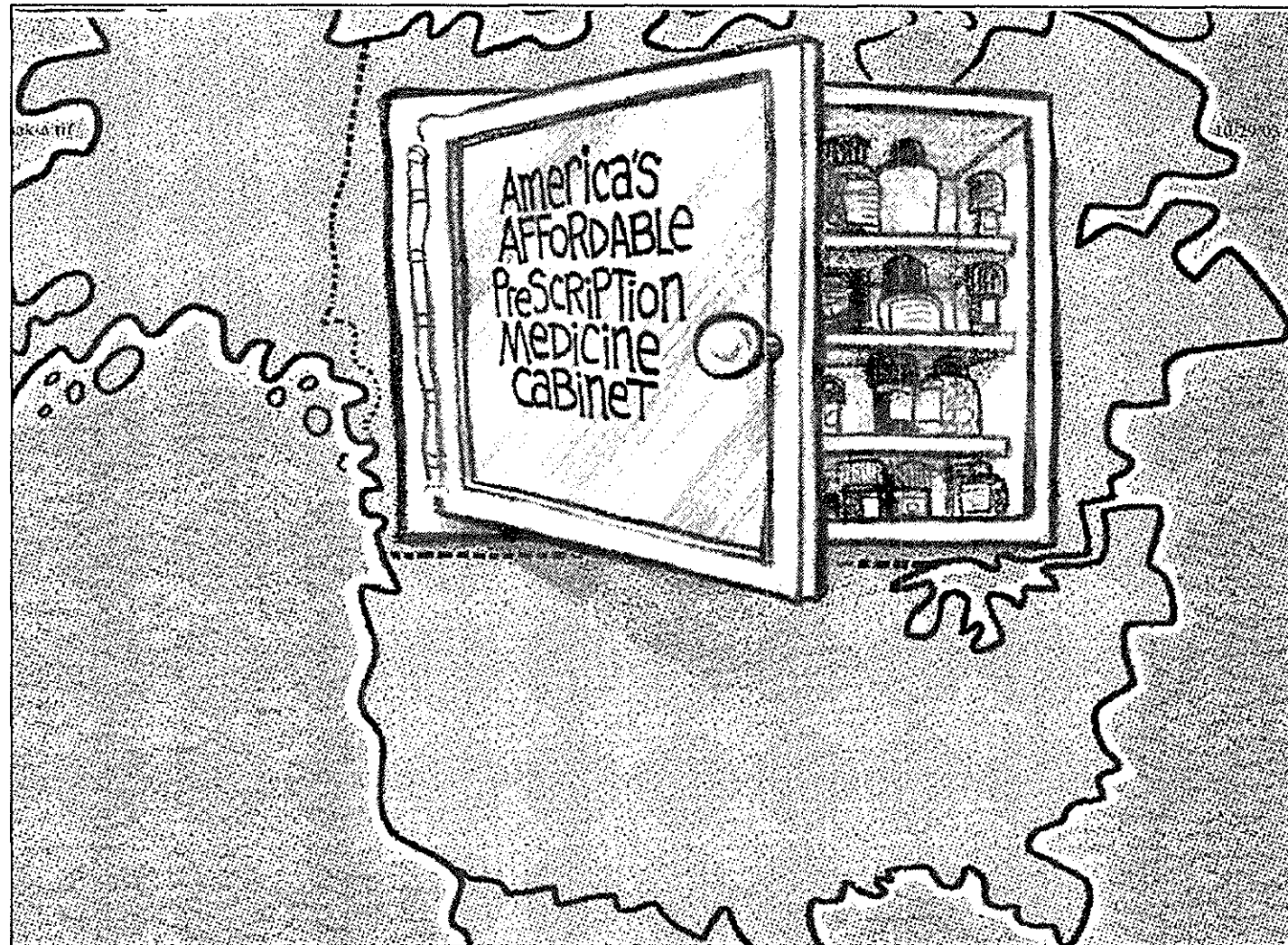
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Letters to the Editor

Not everyone likes the 'Christian opinion'

Editor:

In a letter in Tuesday's Jambar, Jeanette Garr provided us with a "what if?" scenario for Terri Schiavo. I am sure that Dr. Garr is a compassionate woman and that her reasons are coming from years of soul searching. I would like, however, to provide her with some "what if?" questions of my own.

What if these really are the convictions of Mrs. Schiavo, and her parents simply did not know about them? Not everyone tells his or her parents everything. What if her husband is motivated by love for his wife and respect for her wishes, not the signing of a divorce decree? What if the foul play/murder scenario is, as it sounds, just a wee bit paranoid? What if there is a healthy body? Are you suggesting that we should keep a healthy, mindless body alive?

Some of her "responses" are autonomic, not chosen. If, after

13 years, this poor woman hasn't come back, she probably won't. What if we all minded our own business and allowed people to make their own decisions about life and death free from the outside interference of folks like Gov. Bush and the esteemed Dr. Garr?

Not all of us are interested in the Christian opinion on the decisions we make in our lives. We are not all Christians! It is big of you to offer to take in and shelter a child, rather than allowing it to be aborted. There are thousands of unwanted, unadopted children in the social service system right now. I suggest you get started providing; you are a little bit behind.

Lisa Torrence
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News

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year period for the university. He said the YSU Bookstore would only be able to realize that figure by inflating the costs of books to meet the "competing market."

He said he also believes the increased cost for the textbooks would be used by the university to make "ends meet" for the proposed Wellness & Recreation Center.

The university should not "be concerned with financing projects such as the Wellness Center and abandoning affordable prices for books," Greisemer said.

When discussions began about outsourcing the YSU Bookstore, Greisemer said he joined the debate believing that the current YSU Bookstore was the best choice. But after reviewing the "numbers" for himself, Greisemer said, "The YSU Bookstore was just as guilty as inflating the numbers" as the other competitors.

Greisemer said that the YSU Bookstore "is not better or worse."

Greisemer, however, was not the only one upset with the current status of the bookstore discussions Tuesday. Some committee members said they believed the draft from Packer Thomas made the numbers appear skewed.

A memorandum written by KJ Satrum, executive director of Student Services, and directed to Don Cagigas, bookstore committee chair, was discussed at Tuesday's meeting.

In the memo, Satrum wrote, "I am disappointed in the draft of the financial analysis of the bookstore proposals prepared by Packer Thomas. There are errors and omissions in the information presented that influences the numbers in favor of having Follett operate the bookstore at YSU."

In the meeting Satrum said, "Numbers-wise, this makes [YSU Bookstore] look very bad."

After Satrum pointed out what she thought to be discrepancies with the proposal, Gary Carlisle, representative of the

Ohio Education Association, agreed, but said the examination still shows the current YSU Bookstore to be the best choice.

Greisemer, however, said he believed the YSU Bookstore was too unrealistic in some of its conclusions.

"They made decisions on projected sales and enrollment growth... that's unrealistic," Greisemer said.

Greisemer said he and SGA members plan to look into other alternatives not mentioned in the proposals for YSU students.

Greisemer said he thinks the bookstore committee members worked hard, but began discussions "closed-minded."

He said SGA is in the beginning stages of talking with Campus Book and Supply to make sure the Lincoln Avenue book retailer keeps its prices reasonable for students.

"Students should not be afraid to go off campus to get their books," Greisemer said.

Greisemer said there are also plans to mobilize students

to use DogEars — an SGA-sponsored Web site where books can be bought and sold.

After the meeting, Cagigas said Packer Thomas has been asked to reconsider elements of the first draft. The final draft, which will include a recommendation of one company, is expected in November.

Cagigas said the analysis from Packer Thomas would only be one part of the final report.

He said committee members would have a chance to submit any concerns to the three committee chairs, who are overseeing the study of bookstore management, location and service issues.

Cagigas said he has plans to make a final recommendation to University President David Sweet by the beginning of December.

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a student's tuition at the current rate in one large amount or spread out in monthly payments.

Ohio along with West Virginia, Kentucky and Texas also voted to suspend the program. Due to the rapid increases in tuition, many states are saying they cannot promise to redeem the families' tuition plans.

Fingerhut later responded to questions dealing with the city officials' plans to revive

Youngstown's downtown arena.

Fingerhut mentioned the importance of keeping YSU students in Youngstown after they graduate by commending city officials on their proposed downtown arena project.

Fingerhut said he strongly believes the city needs to be a place of entertainment and a exciting place to live, however, he said the arena project cannot be the only factor in keeping graduates in the area. Fingerhut said YSU is more

important to the area and that it was more important to place focus on building up the university than an arena project.

Also during Fingerhut's afternoon conversation, he mentioned the possibility of a major employment boost for Youngstown and the surrounding area. The Boeing Corp. is currently looking for a new factory site. Fingerhut said a spot near the Youngstown-Warren airport is a possible location for the corporation if they decide

to accept the bid from Ohio. The Boeing Corp. could bring 1,200 jobs to the area.

As the class discussion ended, he touched on legislation, which is currently evaluating term limits for state officials. Fingerhut said just when he was getting good as a state senator, "it is time for me to go."

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Movie Commentary

All this horror business



DEATH COMES RIPPING: Evil Dead is one of seven great horror movies and features Bruce Campbell as Ash. The role would become synonymous with Campbell throughout his career.

By RYAN MCCABE
The Jambar

Halloween without horror movies would be like Thanksgiving without Pumpkin pie. But sadly, the state of horror movies is in a yo-yoing flux. For every great concept that delivers the chills, there are umpteen copycats that literally drain the life out of said concept. And of course, let's not forget the endless onslaughts of indestructible boogie-men who are routinely blown to a million bits but somehow manage to pull it together to kill again in the tepid sequel.

After the trick-or-treaters are gone and you've made your requisite visit to the local haunted house or hayride, head to the video store and rent any of the following seven movies. In no particular order, I've waded through the crap to compile a list that encompasses both horror classics and those that have scared the crap out of me (not easily done), or achieved both.

The Blair Witch Project: I can hear the chorus of "boos" and sighs of disgust already. But, seriously, this is a creative and effective scary movie. Most people thought it was real. Rampant misconceptions about what makes a movie scary (buckets of blood, backwoods witches) created much of the public backlash, but the key element to the fear created by this movie is what you don't see. An imagination can create mental images more terrifying than anything ever shown on screen. Hence, the scene where the 3 student filmmakers are awakened by crying babies

deep in the forest and the rhapsodic thumping by things unseen on their tents is terrifying enough to make you never want to go camping again.

The Exorcist: Still controversial after 30 years, it is in my opinion, the scariest movie ever made. Based on William Peter Blatty's semi-factual book about demonic possession, Max Von Sydow stars as an aged exorcist who teams with a younger priest in ridding a young girl's body of a centuries-old demon. If Dick Miller's phenomenal make-up effects don't make your skin crawl, the film's climactic exorcism scenes will.

The Evil Dead: Long before helming "Spiderman," Sam Raimi became a horror hero with this low-budget cult classic. Five young people on a weekend getaway in a remote cabin stumble upon the mysterious "Book of the Dead" and an accompanying set of audiotapes that when played, inevitably unleash pissed off evil spirits. The production values are shaky by today's standards, but the film still delivers plenty of chills while piling on the gore.

Halloween: The best of the "invincible boogie men" movies, John Carpenter's low-budget film about a childhood murderer returning home to tie up his loose ends gave Jamie Lee Curtis her first big break and created one of pop culture's most recognizable masked killers in Michael Myers. Carpenter's ultra-creepy and universally recognized theme music adds to the chilling atmosphere of this classic.

The Texas Chainsaw Massacre: Not

nearly as bloody as the ominous title suggests, a van full of five teenagers falls into the murderous grasp of Leatherface and his whacked out family. Not much happens in the first hour and the acting is so bad that you'll actually be relieved when Leatherface dispatches the heroine's chatterbox invalid brother.

Night of the Living Dead: Often imitated but never duplicated, George Romero's ultra-sadistic flick about reanimated zombies wrecking havoc in the Pennsylvania countryside breaks all the rules of convention. Zombie children eat their parents and the "hero" of the story dies a cruel and undeserved death. Few movies shock on as many levels as this black and white masterpiece.

The Ring: With his spooky remake of the Japanese "Ringu," director Gore Verbinski defied conventions and proved a PG-13 horror film was as effective as an R-rated one. Featuring a laughable premise about a mysterious videotape that brings death to anyone who watches it, the movie holds its own with a fervent intensity as the mystery begins to unravel and the true evil of "The Ring" is revealed. Samara's ascent from the well is worth the price of rental alone.

There you have it, a list of seven movies guaranteed to make the hair on the back of your neck stand up and your flesh crawl, but don't blame me when you have to sleep with the lights on.

Call Ryan McCabe at (330) 941-3758.

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classes as far ahead as fall semester was unrealistic because of unforeseen circumstances, such as an ill professor or unavailable room.

Sophomore James O'Rell agreed with Mehring. O'Rell said he felt the university should confirm how the catalog will be constructed before

they begin to put it together.

Freshman Steve Lettau said he was worried the tardiness of the catalog would affect his ability to register for the classes he needed.

Despite some students' distress, Countryman said his office has not received many complaints.

Walt Ulbricht, Executive Director of Marketing and Communications, said the delay of the catalog's release in booklet form should not cause too much unrest among students.

Ulbricht said that the schedule of classes has been available to students on the

university's Web site since mid-October.

He also said the university is planning to address the problem in a meeting to find a solution to avoid delays in the future.

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Association for Affirmative Action.

In 1995, the Michigan State Legislature honored Myers for his hard work and dedication to equality.

Myers said that everyone he has spoken to about his upcoming position has queried him as to why he would take the job. He listed University

President David Sweet as a main reason.

Myers said that he was a fan of Sweet's work as far as the university's steps for diversity is concerned and that he "wanted to be a part of Dr. Sweet's mission."

In coming to YSU, Myers said he will be facing a whole new set of challenges, the first

of which is "finding the closest grocery store."

After finding out where to pick up his bread and milk, Myers will be facing the challenges of a campus whose leaders say they are hungry for diversity.

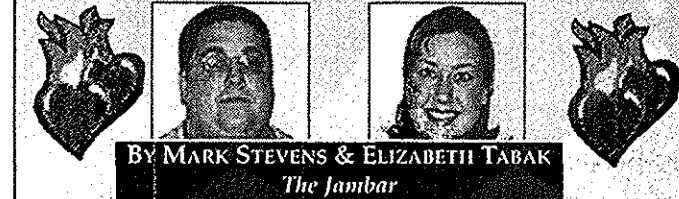
While minority enrollment has risen 2.3 percent over the last year, university officials

still list diversity as a major concern for YSU.

Stennis said that YSU has several programs going on now and planned for the future. Stennis listed educational programs, recruitment and entertainment as the areas where he is currently focusing.

A pre-college workshop is planned to help minority stu-

Student Bodies



By MARK STEVENS & ELIZABETH TABAK
The Jambar

Her Side:

It's Thursday again: the start of the college weekend, ladies' night at a few bars and oh yeah, start of the college weekend.

Oh wait. Maybe I should stop the alcohol talk lest I be charged with finding solace in alcohol — again. Hey, Fat Head, what about the bottle in your drawer? Oh wait, sorry, that's just the barbecue sauce from the family order of wings you just bought.

Anyway, it is also the day that I wake up with a pounding headache after banging my head against the wall looking for a topic to spread my knowledge of. So, after having a few drinks with my friends (back off Mark; eat your cheese sticks and shut it) I was introduced to more than a few annoying things to talk about.

As my dear friend said, "Girls, what the (expletive deleted)?"

No, I am not just holding my gender accountable for the can of worms I about to open. I am actually questioning the sanity of both genders.

Clinginess in relationships is running rampant. It's at epidemic levels and I just do not understand it. It is a MAJOR turnoff. Usually females are the ones to suffer this stereotype, and they are usually repeat offenders. However, I do have a share of male friends and former boyfriends that are guilty of the same crime.

Have you ever heard the line "Well, if my boyfriend is going, then so am I?" No, honey, you're not. It is ladies' night or guys' night out for a reason, and that reason is that you are not wanted there. Don't make a fool of yourself or be a nuisance by tagging along.

Set your own alone time, and avoid following each other around like whiny little puppies. No, wait, puppies are cute, boyfriends and girlfriends attached to one another's rear ends like Mark on a chili dog is not.

The bottom line is that clinginess in a relationship is no fun for anyone. The recipient gets irritated, the antagonist gets frustrated and the friends just get good and pissed off. Learn to spend some time apart because the time spent together can become much more special.

Clinginess is often the result of little trust. No trust equals no relationship. Whether you trust each other or not is your own issue, but you don't always have to be together. Sooner or later, you will either break the relationship apart or each other's friendships.

Okay Fat Head, unleash your fury.

His Side:

I feel this powerful welling of pride in my chest right now.

Did you just read that? I mean come on. That was good stuff. It only took ten weeks of begging for Elizabeth to drop the after-school-special tone and slide over to something interesting.

It's like Trent ("this is our friend T, we call him Double-

Down") said in "Swingers" about Mikey, "My little boy is all grows up ... and he's grows up and grows up."

And to commemorate this occasion, I won't even make fun of Beth for being a lush.

Since I can't make fun of Beth, I guess I'm stuck actually saying something intelligent. Or trying to do so, I guess.

"Clinginess" as Beth so acutely named this affliction is not good. It's not even kind of close to being in the neighborhood where the ballpark resides of being good. And unfortunately, as Beth pointed out (go you Beth) it works both ways.

I refuse to discuss 'clingy' guys. And I'm making this refusal for the following reasons: 1. I have no experience being a clingy guy; 2. The thought of guys acting clingy makes me have one of two reactions, either nausea or absolute mockery; 3. I don't really feel like it.

So let's talk about clingy girls. It can be cute. Not Mark on a chili dog' cute or whatever Beth said, but cute. It's nice for a girl to show that she's all about her dude and wants to be close to him. But there's a line; there's a serious, serious line.

The line is crossed when your honey starts to play you close, like butter plays toast (big up to Brooklyn).

See the cute part of clinginess is the literal interpretation of it. Girls that always want to be close to their guys when they are out together are okay. I mean it gets old, but that need will fade. Trust me.

The bad interpretation of clinginess is the idea that when your dude goes out, you have to go out right along with him.

Don't get me wrong. Spending time with your significant other is good (okay, so it's a slight understatement). But you needn't spend 24 hours of every day humping your boyfriend's leg. But the important part of your boyfriend needing you to slow your roll isn't because he wants someone else on that leg.

Guys need time to be guys. Guys need to be able to go to a bar, have a few drinks, play some Golden Tee, have a few more drinks, watch the game and know that you're not going to drop in, even if it's just say hi. But the thing girls never realize is that this has nothing to do with talking about other girls or trying to hook up or anything bad at all.

It's just a matter of maintaining balance. This is essential to relationships. If you allow one aspect of your life to consume all of your time, free or otherwise, you're going to have one strained relationship and the rest will be crap.

Tune in next week to see if Beth bucks up with another few shots from her bottle of courage and feels like doing this when I take the cuffs off.

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SPORTS & RECREATION

Seven Penguin alums inducted into hall

By JOSH BOGGS
The Jambar

The YSU athletic department inducted seven former athletes and coaches into the YSU Hall of Fame at a ceremony last week.

Each year a list of over 100 names are narrowed down to ten candidates and then the remaining ten are voted on.

Inductees must have participated in at least two years of athletic competition and be ten years removed from the sport.

Among the list of new inductees were former YSU football players Jeff Wilkins, Tamron Smith, Drew Gerber, and Robert Lynn; former track star Dave Ritter; former women's basketball standout Donna Wertz and former women's basketball coach Ed DiGregorio.

Dab Wathern, an athletic trainer at YSU and a chair member for the Hall of Fame inductees, commented on the prestige of these former YSU standouts.

In the four years that Wilkins, Smith and Gerber were here, they won over 50 games, Wathern said.

"They were all outstanding individuals in their fields," Wathern said.

Wilkins is YSU's all-time leader in points by a kicker (373). The 66 field goals Wilkins made from 1990 through

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outstanding group over the years. Youngstown State is a great place."

— ED DIGREGORIO

Former YSU women's basketball coach

1993 culminated in a Walter Camp All-American honor in 1993.

Wilkins is currently a place kicker in the NFL for the St. Louis Rams.

Smith is YSU's all-time leader in rushing yards (4,866) and rushing attempts (987). He played as tailback for the Penguins from 1990 through 1993, and as a senior, he earned first-team AFCA All-American honors.

Gerber, an offensive tackle for YSU from 1990 through 1993, started all 57 games throughout his four seasons and was named All-American by the Associated Press in 1993.

Lynn, who is now a retired Major General in the United States Army,



played center for the Penguin football team from 1951 through 1953.

Wathern credits the large number of football inductees to the great football teams of the early 90s.

"Outstanding teams produce outstanding individuals," Wathern said.

Ritter, a track and field standout in the late 1980s, currently holds the school outdoor records in the high jump and javelin.

"Dave Ritter was one of the best track and field guys," Wathern added.

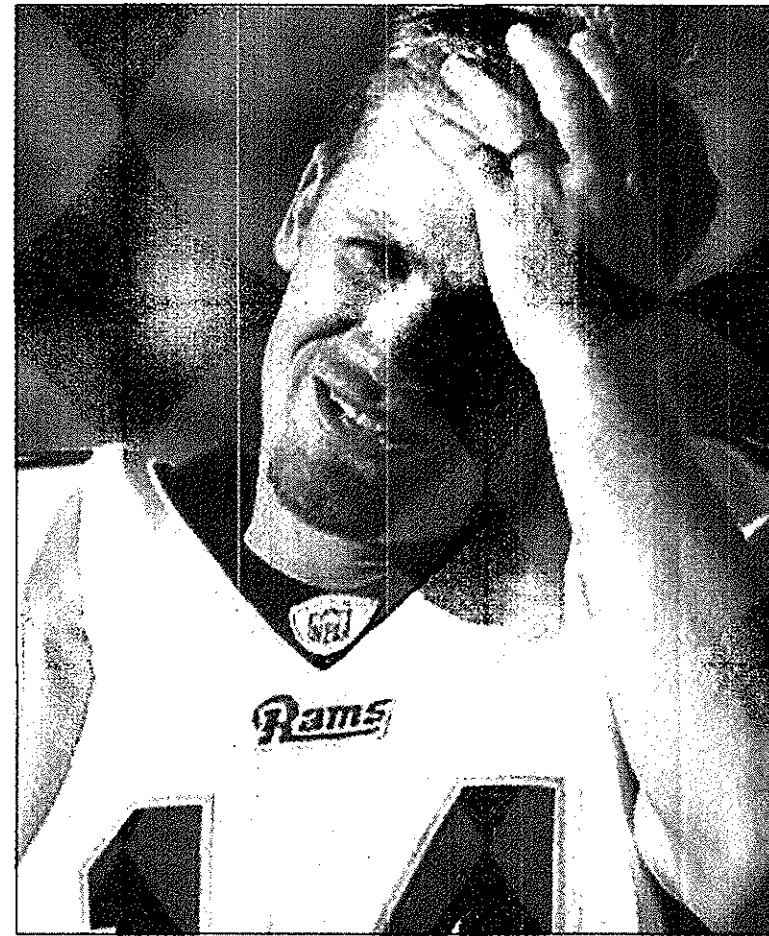
Wertz, who played basketball for the Penguins from 1988 to 1992, scored 916 points in her career, ranking her 17th in school history for points scored.

Wathern said, "Donna was just an excellent basketball player here."

DiGregorio, who recently retired last spring, posted a record of 319-241 throughout his 20 years with the Penguins. He led his team to five regular seasons, three postseason tournament conference titles and a couple trips to the NCAA championship tournament.

"It's a distinct honor to be selected and be a member of such an outstanding group of people over the years," DiGregorio said. "Youngstown State is a great place."

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KICKING HIS WAY TO THE HALL: St. Louis Rams kicker Jeff Wilkins was one of seven former YSU alumni to be inducted into the Penguin hall of fame during YSU's Homecoming game.

Pardon 'The Jambar' Interruption

GAME	MARK STEVENS "FAT HEAD" RECORD STRAIGHT UP: 24-19 AGAINST THE SPREAD: 19-17	B.J. LISKO "THE COMMISH" RECORD STRAIGHT UP: 29-14 AGAINST THE SPREAD: 19-17	MICHAEL BALALE "THE NOMAD" RECORD STRAIGHT UP: 24-19 AGAINST THE SPREAD: 11-25
MIAMI (-3) VS. VIRGINIA TECH	I really, really thought that Va. Tech had something special this year. Bryan Randall was playing well at quarterback, and with their stable of running backs and wide receivers, they were a threat to score 50 points every week. But then they turned on the retard switch and Randall couldn't remember which team he played for or something, because he was passing out turnovers like Santa Claus. Miami has looked less than dominant all year, but they have enough skill and enough coaching to pull this one out. Miami wins in a game not as close as the score appears, 28-24.	I hate both of these teams, and I don't think either as good as they are perceived to be. Virginia Tech once again proved that last week getting stomped by the Mountaineers. Miami is due to lose as well, but I don't know if Virginia Tech is the team that's going to defeat them. This could really go either way, but if history has taught us anything it's that Virginia Tech is pretty rotten from November on. Miami wins by a touchdown, 28-21.	With something to prove this week, Virginia Tech hosts the number two ranked Hurricanes in what will form or end the season for the Canes. Miami struggled a couple times this year, as is par for the course for them, but VT is on the verge of collapsing after last week's loss against West Virginia. This one could go either way, but look for the shuffling backfield of Miami to balance out with Brock Berlin at the helm. Also add in number 34, whose jersey reads Payton, to have a break out performance against a vulnerable VT defense. Miami wins and covers 38-27.
MICHIGAN (-4.5) VS. MICHIGAN ST.	Even if Michigan State hadn't started to come together this year, the game would be close. This is one of those rivalries that get overlooked on the national scene. But look for Jeff Smoker to come out and light the Wolverines up like a bong hit. That said, it's not exactly like John Navarre and Co. are headed up against an immovable object in the Spartan D. All of this lack of defense pretty much adds up to one word: shootout. I think Michigan will pull away late, 44-37.	Here's another game where it's tough to predict an outcome. This all depends on which Michigan team shows up. I constantly rip on Jeff Smoker's former substance addiction, but honestly he's had a monumental season thus far and is clearly the best quarterback in the Big 10. The biggest question mark in this game is the Spartan defense. I still don't know if they're for real or not. Navarre actually looked good for once last week, and I think his good play will ride into this week as the Wolverines pull out a close victory, in what I feel will be a high scoring affair. Michigan wins but doesn't cover, 35-31.	Nobody really knows how good the Michigan Wolverines really are, except me. Their only losses came in a hostile environment known to all as "The Nut House" in Oregon, where they shouldn't have even agreed to play, and to Iowa, where Michigan's special teams were anything but. The Wolverine team we saw last week is the real deal, and this week they'll get tested like never before. Jeff Smoker is by far the best QB in the Big Ten, and he's on a hot streak. Look for him and Navarre to have a shootout in East Lansing in what will be an instant classic. Chris Perry will get his carries, and the Wolverines will get their win. Michigan wins but the Spartans cover, Michigan 24-23.
FLORIDA ST. (-11.5) VS. NOTRE DAME	Notre Dame used a good defense and a good running game to upset Pitt a few weeks ago, then they forgot all about that and gave USC less than a fight. Coach Willingham and the lucky leprechauns best not forget the formula that gave them that win against Pitt, because this week they face a similar opponent in the 'Noles. The differences between Pitt and FSU that give the boys from Tallahassee the edge this week are depth and defense. Pitt has one great receiver. FSU has 4 very good receivers. Pitt's defense is the equivalent of Helen Keller's vocal skills. FSU rolls, 35-14.	If Notre Dame could put together a couple of decent offensive drives, they could stay in a lot more games. Their defense isn't bad by any means, but when they're on the field for three quarters of the game, they tend to wear down. Same thing will happen this week to the Irish, and even though I think Chris Rix is terrible, he'll put up decent numbers in a winning effort. Seminole wins and cover, 35-20.	Notre Dame continually makes me nauseous week after week, with the projectile vomit continuing this week in South Bend. The Seminoles' sole loss came to an overpowering Hurricane team in some rough weather a few weeks back. Chris Rix can't beat a top five team; it just won't happen. Notre Dame has lost two straight, and six of the last seven games. Freshman QB Brady Quinn doesn't have the maturity to beat the heavily favored Seminoles, in any stadium. Touchdown Jesus won't be dancing this week and Florida State wins and covers, 27-10.
TEXAS (-5.5) VS. NEBRASKA	In years past, this game would be the game of the week instead of the game of the week. Nebraska's defense is always quality, and this year isn't any different. But since the offense is crap, they won't be able to match points with the 'Horns. Don't get me wrong, Texas is its usual disappointing collective self this year, but they're better than the Huskers. Texas wins 34-17.	God, could the games this week get any harder to predict? Here's another one that really could go either way, with two teams that I hate with a passion and don't think are up to snuff. Texas hasn't looked very good against formidable opponents this year. But is Nebraska really formidable? The Cornhuskers have no passing game whatsoever and they'll need one if they're going to hang with Texas. I think Texas erases the pounding they took from the Sooners and take it to Frank Solich's crew, 28-14.	The Horns are back in town, and hosting quite an overrated Cornhusker team that can't pass to save their lives. Texas freshman sensation Vince Young already has eight touchdowns, and by the way, he's a QB. The Horns have looked good as of late, and the Huskers have been, well the Huskers. They should be getting 10, because they'll lose by 20. Horns all the way, demolishing the spread, Texas 42-27.
OKLAHOMA (-16) VS. OKLAHOMA ST.	Oklahoma State loves to play the spoiler to the Sooners of late, and they've had some success in recent years. Sooner coach Bob Stoops has been humble about his team's recent struggles with the Cowboys, but expect for him to drop the humility in favor of celebration after this win. After getting past the Cowboys, Oklahoma all but locks up its spot in the BCS game. OU beats OSU, but doesn't cover, 45-30.	Oklahoma is going to win the national championship this year—without question. They are the only team that has fired on all cylinders all year long, and Stoops will not let them lose to Oklahoma State for the third straight year. There's no way Oklahoma State's defense can't stop Jason White, and Cowboys quarterback Josh Fields will be eating turf all day. Sooners in a laugher, 45-14.	Ookkkkkklahoma. There I said it, the number one team in the land hosts an intriguing Ok. State team that could be dangerous. Not this Saturday though, Jason White and his 25 touchdowns will dismantle the Cowboys, and keep his Sooners on top of the nation. OSU and Tatum Bell's 1000-yard season won't be enough to stop the swarming defense of the Sooners. Oklahoma wins, but OSU keeps it somewhat close, Oklahoma 31-24.
YSU VS. NORTHERN IOWA	We've been critical of the Penguins of late, but I would hardly think that we've been out of line. The team is struggling, mostly because they can't stop the run. Let's hope they can stop the bleeding soon: I just don't think it'll happen this week. YSU falls, 42-19.	Like I said last week, YSU will be hard pressed to win another game this year. Northern Iowa has lost just one game this season, and that was to Iowa State. I like the Penguins: I really do. But they won't win this game. NIU wins 45-21.	The Penguins travel to Northern Iowa where they look to end their losing streak. Good luck boys; you have no chance. The playoffs are a distant memory, and although we dropped one last week to Illinois State, Northern Iowa's only loss came to Iowa State, you do the math. I've cheered and rooted for our sub-par team all season, only to have lost most of my faith. I hope you win, I wish you well, and prove me wrong, which I don't think you will. Northern Iowa 74-2.
THE SECTION WHERE WE RIP ON EACHOTHER	Sounds like the Commish is whining. I never thought he was a hater. Waah-Waah. Everybody loves Fat Head. Nobody loves me. Shut up. You're crying like Nomad when Express Men runs out of mock turtles. What do you expect? You're the opponent of all Christendom. Besides, people love the fat kid. It's the tall, lanky ones wearing black with Backyard Babies t-shirts on that they're afraid of. At least the Nomad is pretty good at picking games against the spread. He's like one for his last 30 picks with the points. El Nomado el sucko.	The Nomad had problems scoring Browns tickets this week. I think it's because the ticket place had trouble believing he was "a sports kind of guy," while he was blow-drying his hair when he made the call. Fat Head, schmat head, everyone's always talking about Fat Head. Remember in the movie Tommy Boy, where Chris Farley talks about how he would grab bear claws handfuls at a time and they would lodge in his chest? That happened to Fat Head last week when I asked him who he was taking in the YSU game. He sort of hacked and blurted something that I took for "Penguins." It might have been "help me," or "I'm choking," but who was I to decide? What do I look like, a doctor? I've got a paper to design.	Here at the Jambar, sports have become taboo as of late as Fat Head and myself have been transformed from all out sports buffs to the next Pulitzer Prize winners due to our God-like abilities to report the news. I'm taking Fat Head to get a new suit to go with his professional demeanor: I wonder if Litehouse Pools has something that he can squeeze into. Is that a mirror? Because I see a striking resemblance to the fact that his picks look a little like mine, be less original next week big boy. The Commish really doesn't associate with us anymore, unwillingly accepting the fact that he may have to run the underworld without the help of his right hand men. He was so broken up, he picked the Sooners to win by 31 points. Take the cloak off of your eyes Dr. Doom, you're going down this week.