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## Unpaid student bills create YSU debt

By ASHLEE OWENS  
The Jambar

Cynthia Anderson has a message for students: "If you register for a course, pay for it."

YSU officials are devising ways to get that message from

some students' heads to their wallets.

At a recent board of trustees meeting, Anderson, Vice President for Student Affairs, and Terry Ondreyka, Vice President for Financial Affairs said unpaid student bills are creating debt at YSU.

Three weeks into the semester, 1,983 students had made no payments on their fall accounts, owing the university \$2.1 million, Ondreyka said. By Oct. 3,

the debt decreased by only \$572,647. As of Tuesday morning,

399 students had made no payments on their fall accounts, said Bursar Beth Yeatts.

"It equals less revenue for the university, so the paying students have to bear a certain cost. An increase in tuition reflects money we're not getting," Yeatts said.

"Everyone suffers."

Yeatts said that students who do not pay off their debts are reported to the credit bureau, and can not obtain their transcripts. In order to register again, the student must pay all old balances, and prepay for the following

semester.

YSU's dilemma—getting students to pay in the first place.

"Right now we're brainstorming ways we think will make the students more

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## ALL BUZZED UP

Analyzing caffeine consumption among YSU students

By ELIZABETH TABAK  
The Jambar

It's a psychoactive drug; a stimulant causing nervousness and jitters in high dosages. Increased irritability and stomach upset are just a few of its side effects, and its abuse runs rampant among college students.

It's also available in an easy-to-carry cup at almost every stop in Kilcawley Center.

Caffeine consumption among most college students is an everyday routine. Used for everything from a quick pick-me-up to a diet supplement, it can be found in the hands of almost every YSU student in insulated coffee cups or plastic pop bottles.

While studying in Peaberry's Café, Meghan Gulas, freshman, chatted excitedly about her daily intake of caffeine. Laughing, she gestured to the bottle of Diet Coke sitting next to her notebook.

"I drink about three cokes a day and about three cups of coffee... That's my thing, nicotine and caffeine," Gulas said.

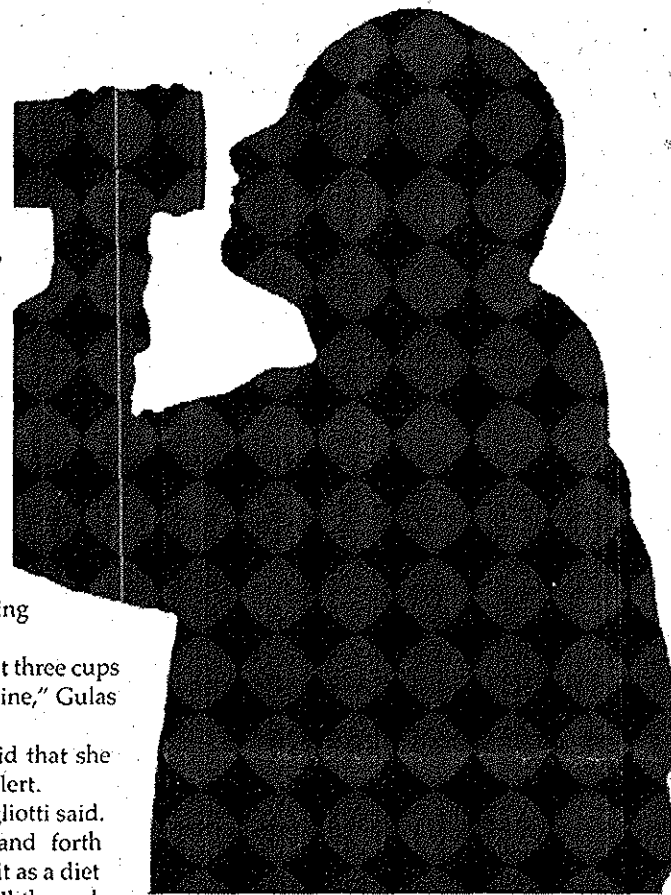
Gulas' friend, Adriana Gugliotti, also said that she drinks coffee all day to keep her awake and alert.

"I just crash if I don't have caffeine," Gugliotti said. As the two excitedly chattered back and forth Gugliotti, freshman, also added that she uses it as a diet supplement. She said that she drinks coffee all through the day because it fills her up, and she remains alert.

Jamie Durig, senior, agreed that coffee is a great energy boost, especially early in the morning. As Durig lounged in one of the leather couches of Peaberry's, she sipped from a coffee cup while talking about her own caffeine habits.

"I drink coffee everyday in the morning... It's just to wake me up, I don't eat breakfast. So I drink coffee,"

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## SGA demands a voice

By TRINA QUARLES  
The Jambar

Student Government Association

representatives Monday said they want Youngstown State University administrators to listen to them and pass several resolutions that they say will send clear messages to University President David Sweet and others.

SGA officials passed a resolution asking for better communication between the administration and the student body.

In its Monday meeting, the organization also passed legislation opposing the outsourcing of the YSU bookstore and discussed plans for a forum where students can voice their opinions on the issue of who should control the bookstore.

Dominic Buzzacco, SGA academic affairs chair, said it is important that administrators justify important decisions to students.

"It is important that we are notified when someone is being considered for a position. It is also important that we are notified of a class change or cancellation of a class," Buzzacco said.

Daniel Griesemer, SGA parliamentarian, said officials must notify students before, not after the fact.

Griesemer said the university has the resources for this communication. "CUE mail is an excellent resource that could be

utilized but isn't," Griesemer said.

In its bookstore resolution, SGA said the YSU Bookstore should be allowed to continue operating the store and that bringing in a company like Follett or Barnes & Noble would only spike the costs of books for students.

"If YSU brings in a third party, such as Barnes & Noble, each student will have \$100 more on books per semester. The current bookstore already meets our needs. There is no need for a third party," Griesemer said.

Griesemer said SGA would soon add "Speak Out," to its Web site—

www.yosu.edu/studgov/—so students can voice their opinions on the bookstore issue.

"Students will soon be able to respond to university issues on our Web site. We plan on presenting the students' opinions to President Sweet. Our opinions should matter," Griesemer said.

In other business, SGA will look to outside sources to fund a second lounge for disabled students.

President Emily Eckman announced that plans for a grant for the lounge are not looking promising and that outside donors are now the best hope.

Eckman said the grant SGA wanted is usually given to smaller universities for changes affecting the whole university.

"We have a specific change in mind for the grant. It is not likely that we would receive the grant," Eckman said.

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—EMILY ECKMAN  
SGA President

## Mid-terms drive some to drink, others to books

By MICHAEL J. BALALE  
The Jambar

This week marks the middle of the semester and some students and professors across campus say that life will begin to change.

Two professors say that students begin to take school and studying more seriously now that only eight weeks are left before final examinations.

Paul Sracic, professor of political science, said more people start coming to his classes.

"Students discover that attendance is necessary because most information comes from the lectures," Sracic said.

Sracic said students start coming to him for help after this, the mid-term week.

David Porter, an associate professor in political science, said he doesn't give students mid-term examinations. He said he also tries to avoid any tests during mid-term week.

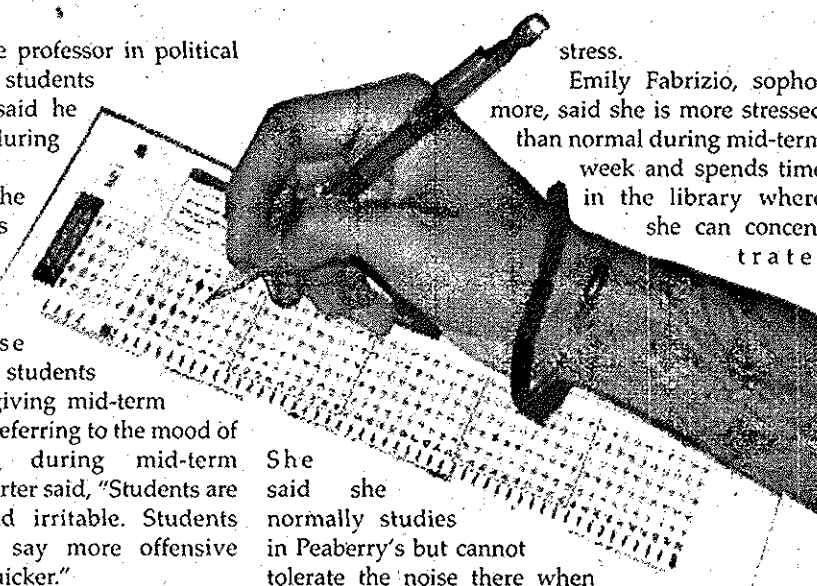
He said he believes he gets a better response from his students by not giving mid-term exams. Referring to the mood of students during mid-term week, Porter said, "Students are tired and irritable. Students tend to say more offensive things quicker."

Porter said he has heard the stories all too often about student stress and workload. He said they will tell him, "I have three tests Friday. Why are they doing this to me? I wasn't in class because I was studying for another test."

—RACHEL BLAZAK  
Freshman

Porter said he tries not to add to his students'

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stress. Emily Fabrizio, sophomore, said she is more stressed than normal during mid-term week and spends time in the library where she can concentrate.

She said she normally studies in Peaberry's but cannot tolerate the noise there when she's stressed.

Freshman Erin Ludwig quickly listed off all of the demands on her time this week. She said she spent eight hours studying for an anatomy examination alone.

"The profs don't explain the tests the way they should. So it's hard to figure out the format until

## 3 Doors Down to headline festivities

By CHRISTINA POE  
The Jambar

The theme of the YSU's homecoming week for this year is "Knight of the Penguins," incorporating a medieval concept.

Headlining the festivities will be 3 Doors Down, who will kick off homecoming week with a concert on Oct. 19 in Beeghly Center.

The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. with Seether as the opening act.

Assistant Director of

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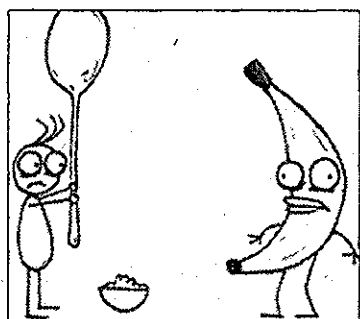
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## Today's Editorial

### Profs demean students with attendance rules

Youngstown State University students need to be treated as college students.

Some professors and instructors have implemented mandatory attendance policies. This practice flies in the face of students' need to be treated as adults capable of making their own decisions.

Students are—or should be—fully aware of the responsibilities that come along with being in college.

Once students receive their syllabi, it is clear what is expected of them for the semester.

If students want to cut class, they are making a choice. Usually, it's an unwise choice and a costly one. Cutting a YSU class costs students between \$12 and \$24.

But students must have the option of skipping class without the threat of having their grades adversely impacted.

Some professors deduct up to 10 percent from a student's grade if more than three classes are missed. Other professors even require students to provide a doctor's excuse when they miss classes.

Keeping tabs on the whereabouts of college students is a ridiculous practice. Being forced to complete sign-in sheets and raise your hand during roll call is reminiscent of elementary and high school.

Mandatory attendance policies blemish students' role as independent thinkers and doers, able to deal with the duties of college life.

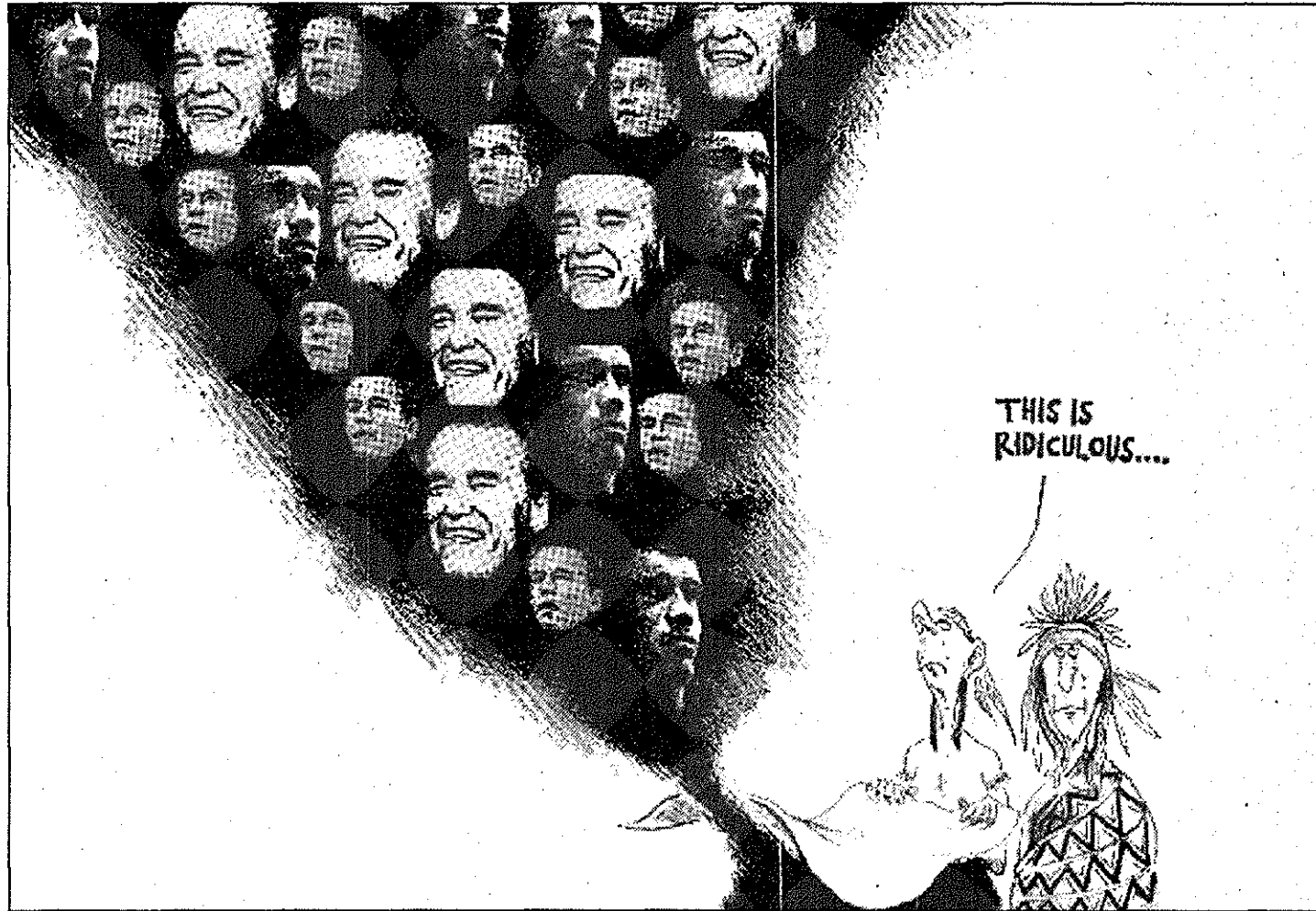
If a student believes he understands the reading on nephropathy in biology and wants to miss his Wednesday class, he should be able to without having to fear point deductions.

It's fair and understandable for a student to earn a poor grade because he has not turned in work due to repeated absences. But a C or D based on attendance alone is nothing less than ridiculous.

Mandatory attendance policies reek of secondary school control mechanisms.

Professors should want students to attend classes because they thirst for knowledge, not because they fear for their grades. Pushing students through the classroom doors with threats of letter-grade deductions for absence totals accomplishes nothing except for professors being able to exercise total control.

## ARNIE WINS



## Letters to the Editor

### Alum suprised with students skipping

Editor:

I went to YSU from September 1965 to June 1970 and earned a BE in chemical engineering. I never remember skipping any classes nor am I aware of any other student intentionally skipping a class. We valued what the professors had to say and what we were learning.

Is this a new trend in people attending college? Is the education not of great value? Is the loss of a few dollars of no importance? Maybe we need to look at where we are going and what the outcome of our decisions will be. I hope this practice is well thought out and does not harm the student, but I fear it may be of great harm depending on the number of classes that are skipped.

Joe Candio  
YSU Graduate

### Student applauds YSU bathroom move

Editor:

This letter is regarding the constant complaints about the university's spending tactics. No matter what the university does, there always seems to be vehemently angry students who believe that they are more capable of budgeting.

The new bathrooms on campus are cleaner and nicer looking, and they alleviate the problem that students themselves cause by not flushing. Moreover, they decrease germ exchange between those of us who use soap and those of us who do not.

The new bathroom project was a smart move, and I am happy with it. Every day I hear my peers whining that YSU has old, shabby furniture and facilities, but they constantly criticize attempts to improve. If you are unable to use automatic toilets, find another bathroom on campus. As for me, I'll be in Debartolo.

Dianna Atwood  
Sophomore  
English

### Bathrooms still have plenty of problems

Editor:

We appreciate the fact that the *Jambar* finally wrote an article about the toilets on campus. However, you probably did not realize that the article ("Officials flush toilet problem") on the front page of the Sept. 30 issue would be received by many as a JOKE! Please do not call them "bathrooms" because it makes most of us shudder to think of them that way!

Yes, the restrooms in Cushman Hall should have been given top renovation priority...and they STILL should be given priority since not much has improved. It may be true that the odors would improve IF the toilets and urinals would flush automatically when they should. When they don't, the excrement merely "sits" there and stinks up the room as usual. Since renovating the restrooms, several toilets and urinals have been placed "out of service" in both the men's and women's restrooms on the basement level. If the renovation project was successful, then why are they out of service? By the way, you can't get the smell out of the restrooms unless you also wash down the walls and the floors with some kind of an acid-wash disinfectant. We appreciate the improved lighting because now we can see what we are walking in and touching. We do agree that it is nice that we do not have to TOUCH as much as we used to!

It is truly a shame that for many of us who work in the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services, the highlight of our day is when we can walk to another building to use a cleaner restroom. One where we can actually sit on a toilet that doesn't flush 3-5 times before we get up; one where the atmosphere is breathable; one where the building is not as filthy as ours; one where the walls, floors and ceiling vents actually get cleaned; one where they do clean or strip the floors before they polish them!

I invite all administrators to visit Cushman's restrooms (especially the restrooms on the first floor, where toilets are "out of service" or on the 2nd floor where the one toilet hasn't flushed for a week) and marvel at the renovations that so far are part of the \$250,000 cost. Apparently most of the money was spent in the other buildings; otherwise I agree with the student that said, "It was a waste of money." In many ways, it may have been cheaper to buy us all gas masks and place latex gloves at the entrances of the restrooms. (The gas masks could serve double duty in case we were targeted for a terrorist attack!)

Jim Conser  
Criminal Justice Department

### Professor questions YSU waiver policy

Editor:

I have some concerns about the Board of Trustees' recent policy change allowing the hiring of some upper-level administrators without a search.

First, it seems to me that hiring someone for such a position without a search—if done at all—should be an extremely rare event and one that is thoroughly and publicly explained by the university.

Second, this decision comes just as the university is beginning its observance of "Diversity Month." What better way to help bring diversity to an organization than to fill important positions from a pool of applicants generated by a national

search?

Third, if a search process is fair and impartial, then any well-qualified local applicants will have just as much opportunity for consideration as will any other applicants.

I am not claiming that the Board ever had any intention of adopting unfair hiring practices. But even if the hiring process is completely open and fair, many within and outside of the university community will see it as tainted if the traditional search process is bypassed for top-level administrative positions.

I hope that the Board will reconsider this decision.

Bob Hogue  
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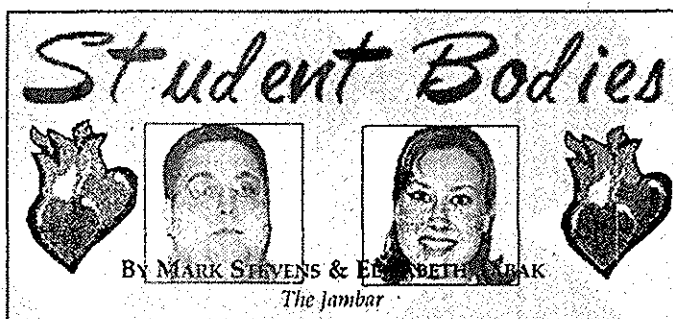
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**Her Side:**  
So, you're one of the lucky ones who have made it through the barrage of mind games, experienced the bliss (or other people's disgust) of PDA and managed to make it work...for a little while.

You broke up and now you just want some hot, um, new perspectives on dating. In other words, you and your ex are fair game to the blood-thirsty vultures that hide in the dating desert just waiting to scoop up the fresh road kill.

Almost fair game, I should say. At least in the secretive, mind-numbingly complex female world there is this unspoken rule: You never ever date your best friend's, friend's, acquaintances' or cousin's uncle's sister's ex-boyfriend.

Okay, yes, that was a drastic over exaggeration. We are definitely far beyond the high school mode of shunning and talking about people for following their heart...I think.

Okay, maybe it's just me, but let me tell you what I think about dating your friend's ex—it sucks.

Think about it. You were in a relationship with someone, whether it was two weeks or two years, and now you're not. The last thing you want to see is that person with someone else, let alone your friend that would be around you 24/7. Constant reinforcement of the fact that you just weren't what the person wanted anymore is not the best for a recovering soul.

There should be a code of ethics for that type of situation; another set of unspoken rules.

Just because they are fair game doesn't mean you should swoop in, the same goes for the ex. However, as much as it pains me to admit this, you shouldn't ask someone to ignore his or her feelings.

I am beginning to digress, so I will just get to the point. If you really want to be with your friend's ex or your ex's friend, just talk to them about it. Hell, plain and simple, ask permission before you go ahead with your little love adventure.

Not to sound like a femi-nazi on an estrogen overdose, but I still hold to the fact that I think it sucks. However, as the adage goes "time heals all wounds." With a little time and a little understanding, the

idea of a person's friend and not so significant other being "together" may not be so harsh.

**His Side:**  
Permission? You want me to ask permission? Should I get a slip and fill in some emergency medical contacts, too?

Puh-lease. You must have a mental disease.

I don't need nobody's permission to do nothing. And neither does anyone else.

Besides, doesn't asking permission open up the door for some serious uncomfortable conversations? Let's try to be as reasonable as we can here.

Look. Your boy just broke up with that fine filly. He dogged her hard. Why do you need his permission to hook up? Does he own the deed to her? Last time I checked, it didn't work out between them for one reason or another. So if it so pleases you, jump on it.

Keep in mind that I'm talking about short-term relationships here.

If your homeboy was with his chick for like four years and it just recently went sour, then perhaps you should exercise a little restraint.

You should have your priorities straight. If your dude is really your dude, then you'll understand that maybe he doesn't want you getting involved right away. And if it means that he doesn't want you to see her ever, then c'mon, just back off.

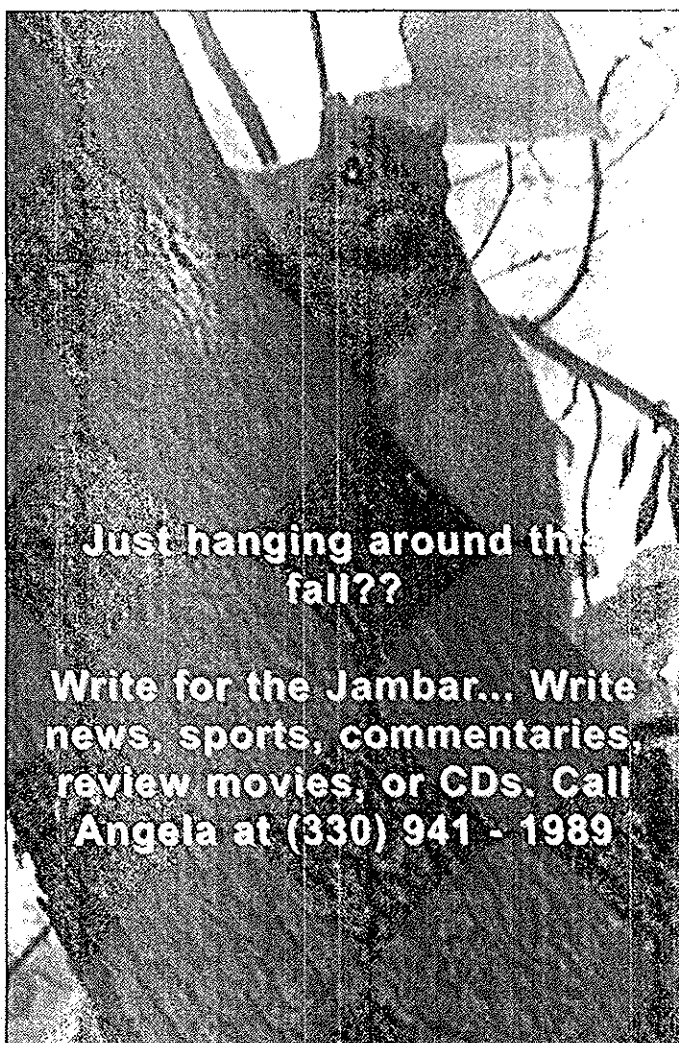
Friends have to come first. In the end, that's what matters. But back to the short-term thing.

If your friend hooked up with some girl and just saw her a few times and they decided to cool it and you find out she wants you, then by all means, step up to the plate. Swing batter, batter. Swing batter, swing. Chances are there won't be any hard feelings. After all, they weren't together long in the first place.

But if you feel the need, you can always scoot by the Jambar and ask for Beth. She'll go ahead and hook you up with some permission slips.

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Call Mark Stevens at (330) 941-1811.



Just hanging around this fall??

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## Hertzfeldt and Judge have a hit

By SARA TKAC  
The Jambar

Plan on having fun this weekend. That is, if you go see "The Animation Show."

"The Animation Show" proved to be chock full of great, animated short films and lots of laughs, as well as some serious food for thought.

The film festival, brought to us by Don Hertzfeldt, who was responsible for the Academy Award nominated animated short "Rejected," and Mike Judge, of "Beavis and Butthead," "Office Space" and "King of the Hill," contains at least 11 short films, with some extra surprises thrown in for the viewers.

The first film of the night is "Strange Invaders," by Cordell Barker. It is a traditionally inked cartoon that explores parenthood, aliens and suburbanites.

"Mt. Head (Atama Yama)" by Koji Yamamura is a strange story with a moral.

A special treat is the "Mars and Beyond" excerpt circa 1957.

"A tribute to the genius of legendary animator Ward Kimball who died in 2002," according to The Animation Show flyer, it gives a look at what people thought Mars was like in 1957. The film is digitally re-mastered, and a splendid bit of animation.

"Ident," by Richard Golezowski is a quirky short starring an entire society of weird clay like worms, with numerous metaphors, including trash cans drinking beer, and people at a bar talking in a

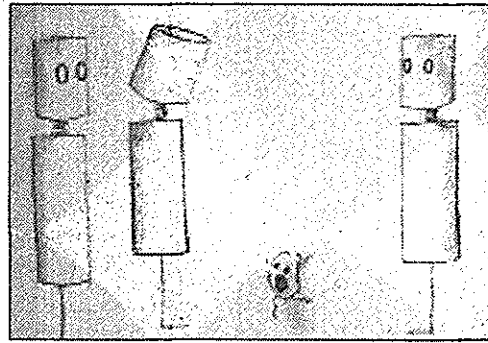
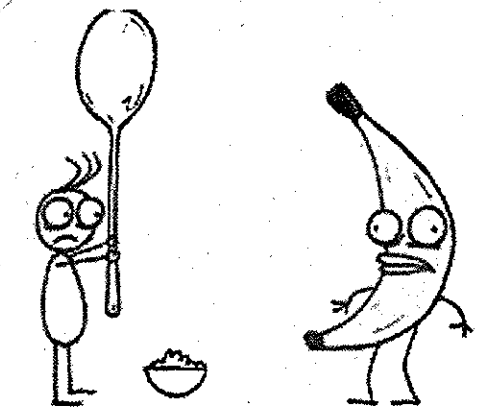


Photo by Jose Gonzalez / The Jambar

PICTURE PERFECT: The Austintown Cinema will be hosting "The Animation Show," a series of animated shorts featuring "Beavis and Butthead" creator Mike Judge starting this weekend.

nonsensical, humorous blah blah kind of language.

"50 Percent Grey," by Ruairi Robinson is very short film that explores the idea of an afterlife, but with dark humor.

"Rejected," by Hertzfeldt, is one of the funniest films I have ever seen. Paired with "Billy's Balloon," also by Hertzfeldt, you will surely have a grin stuck on your face for days to come as you wander around talking about monkeys and boots and spoons. Don't ask; just go see it for

yourself!

Also included is "Parking," by Bill Plympton, which is an amusing story about the parking lot attendant in the lot next to Plympton's apartment.

"Das Rad (The Rocks)" was by far one of my favorites. It is a stop motion animation about rocks, which examines the human race and proves the point that rocks have always been here, they have seen everything we have gone through, and they will be here long after we are gone.

Eight countries are represented in this film festival, with numerous Academy Award nominations between the directors. There is a trilogy of long awaited new cartoons from Hertzfeldt that were produced exclusively for the Animation Show, as well as "Early Pencil Tests and Other Experiments" from Judge.

The film festival opens this

Friday at the Austintown

Cinema and runs through Oct.

17.

Call Sara Tkac at (330)

## New film 'School of Rock' lives up to name

By DANIEL C. HARTMAN  
Iowa State Daily (Iowa State U.)

(U-WIRE) AMES, Iowa — In "School of Rock," actor Jack Black hurls himself into the role of Dewey Finn.

Literally. In the new film, Black stars as a wannabe rocker who dreams of moshpit glory. The problem is, his career, like his stage dive at the beginning of the movie, is crashing.

After he is fired from his heavy metal hair band, Dewey is threatened with eviction from the apartment he shares with his swimp of a best friend and his shrew of a girlfriend.

Mike White plays the nerdy Ned Schneebly and comedian Sarah Silverman plays his control freak of a girlfriend, Patty. Ned is a substitute teacher, which is central to the movie's plot.

White does double-duty on the film as its writer. White also has credits for the movies "Chuck and Buck" and last year's "The Good Girl," starring Jennifer Aniston.

"I serve society by rocking," Dewey tells Ned and Patty when they threaten him with life on the street. Dewey then intercepts a phone call for Ned and gets the idea to pass himself off as a substitute teacher. He decides he can make the rent money by teaching fifth grade at an exclusive private school.

One thing leads to another, and after discovering his class contains many talented musicians, Dewey dreams up a top-secret "class project" for them. That project is winning a "battle of the bands" competition from which he will profit.

This is when the culture of rock 'n' roll

takes hold for both a group of brainy 10-year-olds and Dewey. This is also when Dewey the deadbeat starts to disappear and Dewey the teacher emerges.

As the film progresses, Dewey slowly liberates his uptight students and shows them how to be "cool."

Dewey's not just any teacher, though. His lesson plans include such subjects as the finer points of three-chord guitar and how to be "pissed off" when writing a rock song. The real purpose of rock, Dewey says, is to "stick it to the man."

Speaking of the "man," she is played by Joan Cusack. As the school's somewhat nervous principal, Cusack is well-cast.

Dewey even teaches her how to release her inner "rock goddess." Under the influence of a few drinks, she thinks she is Stevie Nicks.

Overall, this film works because director Richard Linklater, who also made "Dazed and Confused," knows how to bring out the best of an ensemble cast of mostly 10-year-olds.



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ROCK STAR: Jack Black stars in the new film, 'School of Rock.'

Mike White's writing talent also shines. Unlike in "Orange County," which he also wrote, Jack Black's manic energy is tightly focused into a great performance. In "School of Rock," Dewey Finn grows up, but he never loses his edge.

"For those about to rock, we salute you!" Dewey Finn tells the class before they take the stage. Mike White and Richard Linklater, we salute you too for bringing us one of the best "feel-good" movies of the year.

One more thing—stay for the credits. You'll be rocking all the way home.

### News in brief

#### YSU men's basketball team to hold tryouts

YSU's men's basketball team will be holding open tryouts for walk-ons on Oct. 20 and Oct. 21 at the Beeghly Center. The Oct. 20 workout will be held from 6-7 p.m., and the following day's workout is scheduled from 2-3 p.m.

Individuals wishing to try out must be cleared by the NCAA Clearinghouse.

For more information, contact Steve Groothuis in the YSU men's basketball office at (330) 941-3712.

#### Working-Class Studies announces grant

In a Wednesday press conference at 2 p.m., YSU's Center for Working-Class Studies, a center unique to YSU, announced a three-year \$325,000 grant from the Ford Foundation in New York City. The grant will be used to support the center's scholastic

endeavors.

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Thursday Oct 9th, YSU Bookstore will have Steve Hofstetter performing stand up comedy and signing books from 11-1pm. Contact Jan Brady or Susanne Fox at 3589 for info.

Thursday October 7th AFACS to host guest speaker Martha Katz at 6 p.m. on Domestic Violence in Cushman 3112. Contact Dr. Elias 1333.

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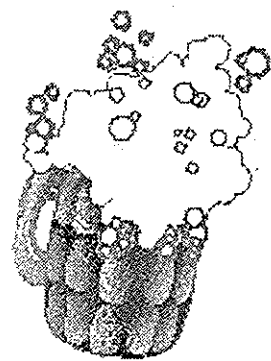
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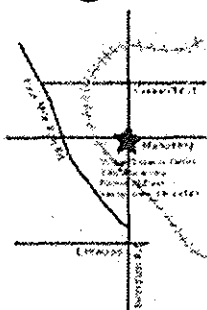
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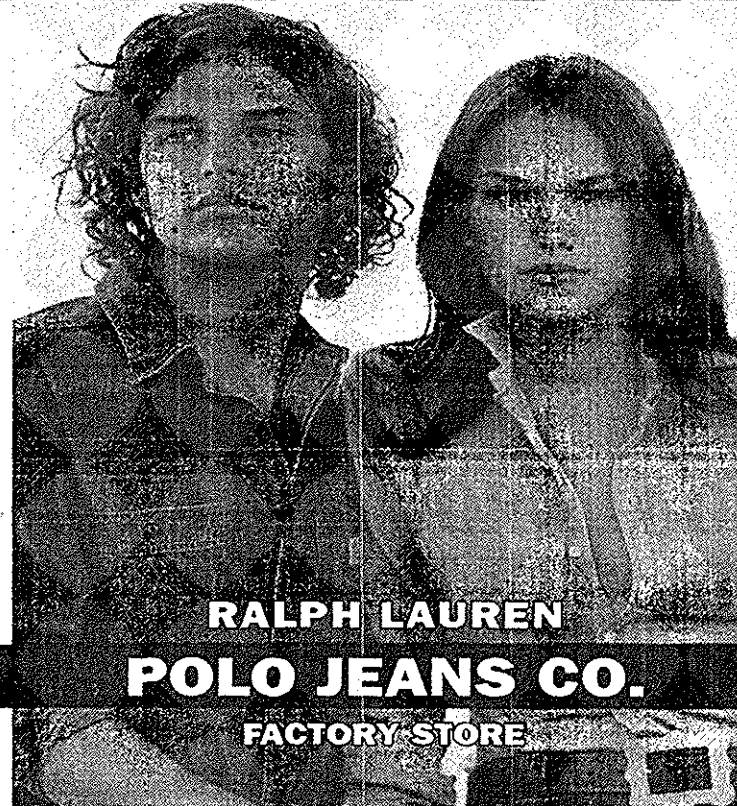
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# SPORTS & RECREATION

## James' debut successful

BY BRIAN WINDHOST  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

AUBURN HILLS, Mich.—There was LeBron James, soaring through the air for a dunk.

There was LeBron James, dishing no-look and behind-the-back passes into spaces just two eyes aren't supposed to see.

There was LeBron James, calming down his teammates, running the offense, leading a team to victory.

Looks like not much has changed after all.

The Cavaliers rookie didn't have the best game of his career Tuesday in his first real taste of NBA action, but he didn't need it to be. Rather he was believable, as in believe he's going to make the Cavaliers better and the first pieces of evidence came in a 100-96 win at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

James finished with eight points, seven assists, three rebounds and two blocks against the Pistons in 26 minutes. But with James flying up and down the court, a no-look pass to Ricky Davis here, a blocked shot of Tayshaun Prince there, the Cavaliers bore little resemblance of the team that was 17-65 last season.

With Detroit's starting unit, the group that's won back-to-back Central Division titles, in the game against the Cavaliers starters in the third quarter, the meek inherited.

"I was most happy sharing the ball, getting out on the run. I loved this game."



—LEBRON JAMES  
Cleveland Cavaliers

The Cavaliers slammed the Pistons in the third quarter, outscoring them 25-16 with James running the point. Add to their second unit's 15-2 run late in the second quarter and the Cavaliers were ahead by 23 points, 82-59. Indeed, it was a mere preseason game.

But last year, the Pistons hammered the Cavaliers four times in the regular season and once more in the preseason.

"I'm back to winning," James said. "I was most happy sharing the ball, getting out on the run. I loved this game."

James got plenty of help. Carlos Boozer scored 15 points and grabbed 14 rebounds. Zydrunas Ilgauskas, who had 12 points, and Davis, who had 11, were just as important in the Cavaliers' victory. So were second-teamers Kevin Ollie, who had eight points, and J.R.

Bremer, who scored 19 points on 6-of-7 shooting.

"We have a lot of learning to do, but tonight everybody was clicking," Cavaliers Coach Paul Silas said. "We were pretty awesome (in the third quarter). Where LeBron gets his vision from, I don't know."

James was 4-of-12 from the floor, missing several open shots. He also turned the ball over three times when some passes didn't find their target. But James showed poise under the pressure and loosened up in the second half, especially on the fast break.

"The court opened up for me," James said. "In the first half it seemed like the court was small. We got some clear paths and got out on the fast break, that's a key ingredient of our game."

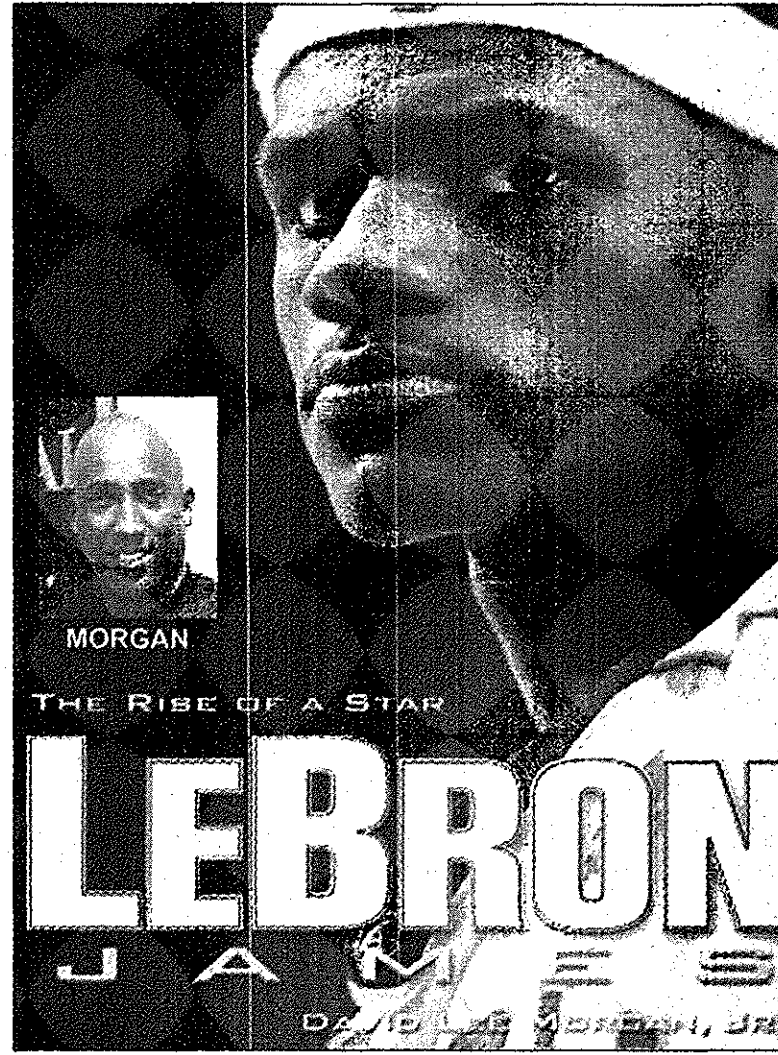
The Pistons made a comeback in the fourth quarter to tighten the score, but it was too late to ruin James' and the Cavaliers' fun.

"His feel for the game is unbelievable," said Richard Hamilton, who finished with 12 points. "He knows how to play the game, even at 18 years old."

The down spots for the Cavaliers were Darius Miles' attempt at point guard, which failed quickly in the first quarter, the team's 25 turnovers, and DeSagana Diop fouling out in just 12 minutes.

Ben Wallace led the Pistons with 13 points and nine rebounds.

### LEBRON IN PRINT



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THE RISE OF A STAR

**LEBRON**

YSU graduate David Lee Morgan, Jr., author of the book "LeBron James: The Rise of a Star" will be at the YSU bookstore Thursday Oct. 17 from 7 p.m to 9 p.m signing copies of his book.

## Pardon 'The Jambor' Interruption

GAME	MARK STEVENS "FAT HEAD" RECORD STRAIGHT UP: 13-12 AGAINST THE SPREAD: 10-11	B.J. LISKO "THE COMMISH" RECORD STRAIGHT UP: 16-9 AGAINST THE SPREAD: 11-10	MICHAEL BALALE "THE NOMAD" RECORD STRAIGHT UP: 12-13 AGAINST THE SPREAD: 6-15
OHIO STATE (-3) VS. WISCONSIN	Ohio State has perhaps the most meager offense of any defending national champion in recent memory. Without Maurice Clarett, their running game looks like three retarded kids playing blackjack. They just keep saying "HIT ME!" Wisconsin might not boast a stellar defense, but it just won't matter this week. OSU has been finding a way to win week in and week out for the past season and a half, but I just think that the Badgers will find a way to score enough points to win. <i>Wisconsin squeaks by 9-6.</i>	Ohio State will get its first real test this week as they head to Wisconsin to face the Badgers. Trying to predict an outcome of two of the sloppiest teams in the Big 10 isn't easy, but here goes. Ohio State eventually is going to lose. I cannot see them going undefeated, I just can't. But I don't know if Wisconsin, a team that brings its own brand of crap football, can knock off OSU. The Badgers are getting a field goal here and have the home field advantage. I think OSU's defense will be too much though, and will be the deciding factor in an ugly contest. Ohio State wins, but doesn't cover. <i>17-16 Bucks.</i>	The Buckeyes travel to Camp Randall to take on Wisconsin in a classic Big Ten showdown. The good news for the Badgers: They have a solid running attack with Dwayne Smith, Anthony Davis and Booker Stanley have combining for over 1,100 yards and 12 TDs. The bad news: although the Buckeyes offense is beyond dismal, they have the number one ranked rushing defense in the country, and that will be enough to shut down the smash-mouth approach Wisconsin coach Barry Alvarez brings to the game. Ohio State wins a close one, but it's not pretty. The Buckeyes don't need no 'stinkin' Badgers. <i>Ohio St. covers and wins straight up 20-13.</i>
FLORIDA STATE (-7) VS. MIAMI	The 'Canes will be relying on Jarrett Payton for a running game this week since Frank Gore tore his 456 <sup>th</sup> ACL. He's going to need some serious help from the spirit of his father Walter to keep Miami in this one. Couple things are important here: 1. The game is in Tallahassee; 2. Miami is overrated; and 3. The Seminoles have a receiver named Crapponso. Between Greg Jones pounding Miami just as he did last year and the fact that the Seminoles have improved and Miami has declined, the Seminoles are the pick in this rivalry game. <i>FSU rolls 33-20.</i>	When in the history of the world has Miami been getting 6.5 points? It's been a long, long time. Everyone is rolling with Florida State this week, saying FSU is back to being a real national championship threat. I'm not convinced, though. They barely beat a struggling Georgia Tech squad, and beat up on wimplings like Duke, and North Carolina. Miami doesn't have Gore, but so what? They still have Winslow, their best offensive weapon, and a stellar defense that will be giving Chris Rix trouble all day. Miami: all the way, straight up and against the spread. And yes, they'll win by another field goal. <i>24-21</i>	The Seminoles defense has not allowed more than 13 points in any game this season. This week, they host the 'Canes, straight off an embarrassing performance against WVU. Frank Gore, proving his kneecaps are made of silly putty, tore his other ACL last week and is out the year. Brock Berlin doesn't impress me until there's two minutes left and he's coming from behind; this week he won't have the chance. Miami proves how overrated they are, and Florida St. beats the 'Canes at home. <i>Seminoles cover and win 31-20.</i>
ARKANSAS (-5.5) VS. AUBURN	My upset of the week is Auburn ending Arkansas' Cinderella season. I hate Auburn, and apparently they hate me, since they rail me every week. But the running game came alive last week against a physical Tennessee defense, and this game is going to be a low-scoring, ball-control affair. Look for field position battles and field goals here. <i>Auburn wins 17-10.</i>	Auburn proved to some that they were for real last week beating Tennessee. They didn't prove squat to me. I still think this team is incredibly overrated, and Arkansas will prove it to the world. Razorbacks straight up and against the spread. <i>38-10.</i>	The Auburn Tigers travel to Arkansas to try to get their fourth win in a row and upset a top 10 team for the second week straight. The Razorbacks have looked impressive all year and have been quieting critics most of the season. Cedric Cobbs and Co. beat up on the heavily favored Longhorns last month, and this week they'll keep the streak alive against what will be letdown Saturday for the Tigers after their big win against the Vols. <i>Arkansas wins and covers 37-27.</i>
GEORGIA (-1.5) VS. TENNESSEE	Tennessee is so up and down every week. They can't seem to figure out who they are. One week they struggle with Marshall, the next they beat Florida, then they lose to Auburn. Who are they? Not a clue my friend, and that's why I'm picking Georgia. At least the Bulldogs have an identity. The only reason they lost to LSU was because all of a sudden David Greene's receivers decided it would be a good idea to drop EVERY PASS. Anyway, Greene is tough, it's too bad he'll turn into Scott Mitchell when he turns pro. <i>Georgia rolls 35-14.</i>	Tennessee angers me. Fat Head and The Nomad will agree, as we all collectively bet our lives on them to beat Auburn last week. Georgia on the other hand has looked pretty consistent all year, with their only loss coming to LSU on the road by a field goal. I hate Tennessee, so I will be taking Georgia. Never mind statistics for my reasoning. Tennessee thinned my wallet considerably, and every time I bet against Georgia last year they made me look like a fool. <i>Bulldogs 28-17.</i>	Last week I bet the house on the Vols, needless to say, I was sadly mistaken in thinking that Casey Clausen was anything but a nozzle, (don't ask). Tennessee hosts the number 12-ranked Georgia Bulldogs, fresh off of their impressive, double-overtime win against Alabama. The Bulldogs' only loss came in the form of a letdown against LSU. This week, they'll climb the rankings some more with a big W. <i>Georgia wins 38-24.</i>
OKLAHOMA (-6) VS. TEXAS	This is one of the best games every year, on paper anyway. I haven't seen Oklahoma play all year, but the word around the campfire is that Texas has a little QB controversy brewing up. That's never good. The Sooners have a sick defense, a solid and productive quarterback and good special teams. Those things combined with the fact that Texas is perennially overrated and Roy Williams will be facing perhaps the most talented secondary in the country, and OU is the pick. Oklahoma sets themselves as the team to beat for the title this year, winning 28-21.	Bob Stoops has had Texas' number for a few years now. He'll have it again when his squad rolls into face the Longhorns. The Sooners don't cover against good opponents though, even though they find ways to eek out victories. Oklahoma wins a defensive struggle 14-10.	The number one ranked Oklahoma Sooners travel to Texas in what is by far their biggest game of the year. Oklahoma may be the only team in the country who has looked beyond superior. The Longhorns looked impressive against Kansas St. but this week their luck runs out, as the Sooners solidify themselves as the team to beat. <i>Oklahoma wins the Big 12 shootout 27-13.</i>
YSU VS. WESTERN ILLINOIS	YSU wins its conference opener, 19-14.	People say, "Commish" why all the hatred for your own school? Why do you always seem to pick YSU to lose? I don't want YSU to lose, it's just I've felt that they've been out-matched a few times this year. I'm glad they were finally able to prove me wrong last week and I really hope they can do it again this week against Western Illinois. They're going to need to have a lot of things go their way to pull out a victory. I'm going to have to go with Western Illinois, in a slobberknocker, 21-20.	Okay, this is homecoming week, and I have faith in Heacock and Co. against a very impressive Western Illinois team who's only loss came to LSU. YSU gelled last week, and Saturday they'll keep riding the wave of confidence and take down their Gateway Conference foe. <i>YSU 23-21</i>
GENERAL COMMENTS	Let's get something straight right now, Nomad. I don't like Krispy Kremes. I prefer Plaza Donuts. Since that nonsense has been handled, let's talk about the things we all do well. Nomad dresses well. He has a nice car. He is as metrosexual as metrosexual can be. But he picked one game right last week. ONE! Give it up, brother. Go back to Express Men. I hear they're running a special on suede underwear. What does The Commish do well? Well, it involves an altar, some chanting and virgin blood. Aside from that, he matches shades of gray and black well, too. He sold his soul to the keeper of the underworld for his picks for this week, so don't be surprised if you see him pull three straight weeks of 6 wins.	The Nomad had no faith in his Cleveland Browns, none at all, and I was the only one to not only pick the Browns to cover, but to win. I was an impressive 4-2 against the spread last week, and I now lead in both categories. Maybe it's cause I'm really into football. Or maybe it's cause I don't use tacos as currency like Fat Head. And just maybe it's cause my idea of a good time, is a beer and ESPN Gameplan — not shopping online for car rims and jeans "that make my a** look cute." Thanks for that quote Nomad. Catch me if you can suckers!	First things first, to all my fans, don't lose the faith, we took one on the chin, but this week I'm going undefeated, GUARANTEED. The Commish lost his car betting on Troy St. last week; not only did they not cover, THEY DID NOT SCORE A POINT. Great pick "death metal," next week I advise less time on the Ouija board, more time on picking your teams, you moron. Fathead spends two days of every week working in front of candy, cupcakes and potato chips. I don't know about you, but that's what I call "counter productive" considering he's the size of Wisconsin. And speaking of which, he was bright enough to pick them over the undefeated Buckeyes. A little advice to my "tiny" friend, put down the Krispy Kremes and concentrate on the games, fool.