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Union official challenges process

By LA'EL HUGHES
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The debate over which company will run the official YSU bookstore has heated up with a union official challenging the process for how the decision will be made.

Gary Carlisle, a member of the bookstore committee, said he opposes the recent decision to consult an outside firm to analyze bids from the YSU bookstore and the two competitors - the Follett Company

"We need an independent, objective recommendation regarding the numbers made by YSU, Follet, and Barnes and Noble"

— DON CAGIGAS, Bookstore committee chair

and Barnes and Noble. Don Cagigas, bookstore

committee chair, told other committee members that he suggested to President David Sweet that an outside firm be consulted on the financial data from the three companies.

Carlisle said he believed that when he was selected for the committee, that it would be the teams' responsibility to make a recommendation to the university. Carlisle said he is now being told that the committee only needs to point out the strengths and weaknesses

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Trustees debate student program

By ELIZABETH TABAK
The Jambar

The YSU Board of Trustees met Wednesday with members of the Youngstown City School Board to discuss apprehensions surrounding the Early College High School Program.

The program, on which YSU and Youngstown City Schools have been working for a year, is designed to give 100 students either their two year associate degree or junior standing once they graduate from high school.

Trustee Millicent Counts said that one of the concerns of the trustees was maintaining the integrity of the two-year associate degree program at YSU. The other concern was assuring that the money provided by the Ohio Department of Education followed the student from YCS into YSU.

"We just have some kinks we have to work out," Counts said.

YCS Superintendent Ben McGee said the trustees also wanted information on the proposed curriculum. McGee said there were questions over how the student will fulfill their high school requirements and YSU's general education requirements.

Special Assistant to the Provost Richard Bretz said trustees voted to have another informational meeting on the topic.

Bretz said the trustees also requested a site visit to Boyce Middle College, another Ohio location where the Early College High School Program is in place.

John Tullio, project manager for YCS, said that further meetings would be called to keep everyone informed on the finer points of the program.

"We just need to sit down and resolve the challenges of ironing out all of the kinks such as location, what time will they have to be in school and how will they get there."

McGee said that the tentative location for the ninth and tenth graders in the program will be Fedor Hall. The location of where the older students will take classes is still unclear.

The program, which targets middle school students that would otherwise not have the opportunity to attend college, can be completed in either four or five years, McGee said.

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Higher education = higher student debts

By DIANE CARROLL
Knight Ridder (KRT)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Jennifer Fugett got through the University of Kansas with just \$3,500 in student loans.

A paltry amount, compared with the \$18,900 the average undergraduate now borrows, according to Nellie Mae Corp., which provides federal and private education loans.

But the 22-year-old will join those repaying big-time loans when she marries in October. Her fiance, Phil Goetz, graduated in May from Washburn University with a law degree and \$65,000 in student loans. They estimate they will pay \$375 to \$400 a month — for 30 years — starting in November.

"He made me aware of what I was going to get into," Fugett said, laughing. "I still feel real good about getting married."

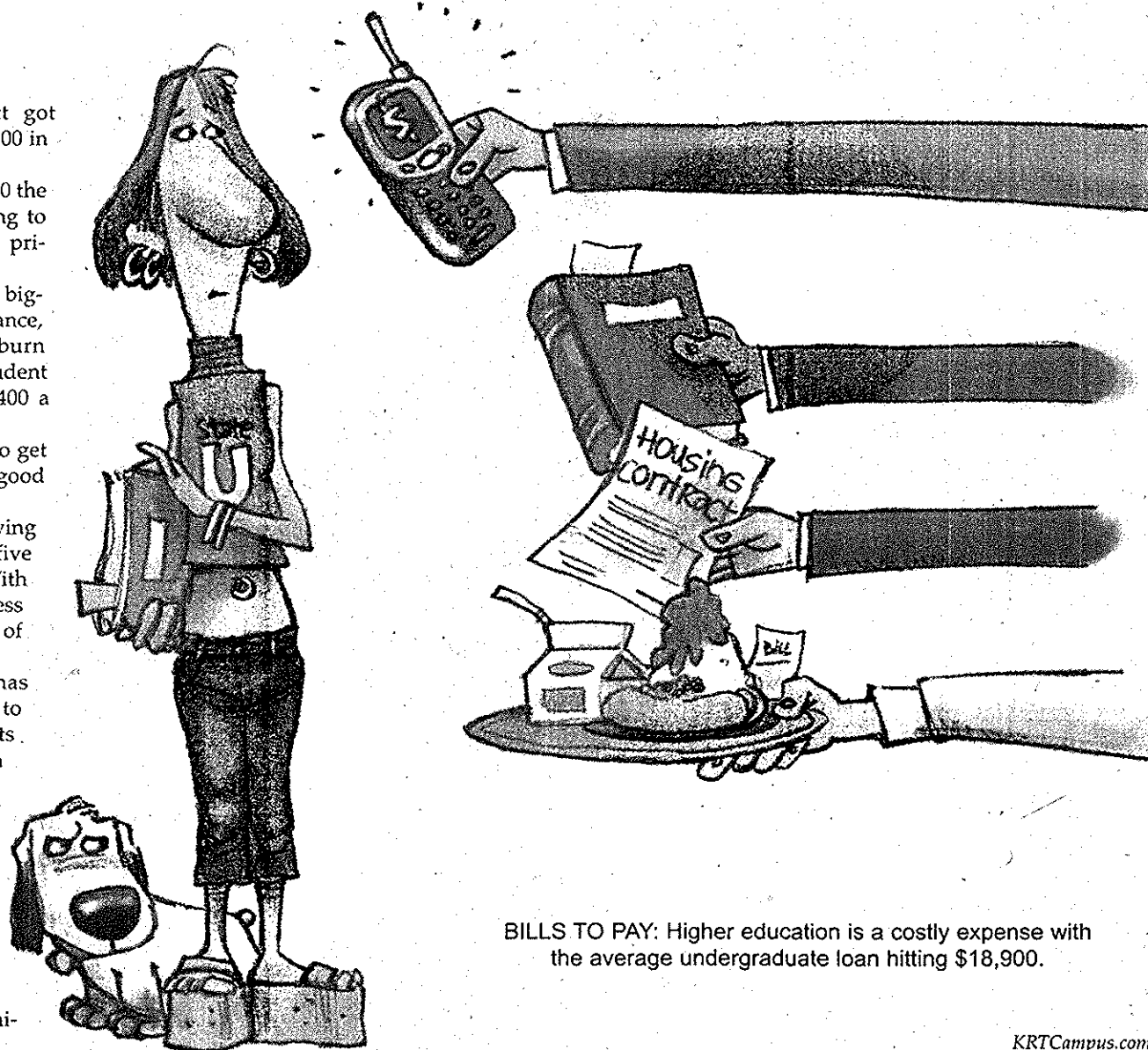
The amount of money students are borrowing to attend college has shot up during the past five years, according to a Nellie Mae survey. With recent big tuition increases and with Congress talking about boosting loan limits, the amount of student debt is expected to continue to grow.

The average undergraduate debt has increased 66 percent, from \$11,400 in 1997 to \$18,900 in 2002, the survey found. Students attending graduate school borrowed an extra \$31,700, up 51 percent. Law and medical students drove up the average graduate level of borrowing: Their average accumulated debt was \$91,700.

"Education is very expensive," said Sandy Baum, an economics professor who is co-author of the Nellie Mae survey. "Someone has to pay for it."

As state governments have cut funding to universities, Baum said, students and their families

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BILLS TO PAY: Higher education is a costly expense with the average undergraduate loan hitting \$18,900.

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Vending machine prices rise

By TRINA QUARLES
The Jambar

Charles Benson is headed for Campus Book & Supply. But it is not books or school supplies that the YSU freshman is seeking.

"I have to walk across campus every time that I want a snack," he said. "The prices in the vending machines are just ridiculous."

Vending machine prices rose following the spring semester, when a 20-ounce bottle of pop cost \$1.10. Now YSU machines gobble up \$1.25 for the same item.

In comparison, Campus Book & Supply charges 75 cents for 20-ounce bottles of the same products.

The university's vending machines are contracted by the Automated Vending Incorporation Food Systems Inc. Paul Hrosch, AVI branch manager, said the AVI contract includes a recommended selling price for the merchandise in the vending machines.

"We look at the open market and what the supplier is charging us for the product," Hrosch said. "If our costs go up, then it affects what we recommend that YSU charge in the machines."

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Michael J. Balala/The Jambar

HIGH PRICED SODA: Prices for Coca-Cola products have gone up this semester.

Profs analyze '04' Dem candidates

By CHRISTINA POE
The Jambar

With the November primaries a little over a month away, the debate has begun over who will become the Democratic nominee in 2004's presidential election.

Some YSU faculty and students have decided to weigh in on the candidates and issues in the 2004 presidential election.

David Porter, political science professor, said he believes former governor Howard Dean (VT), Rep. Dick Gephardt (Miss) and Sen. John Kerry (Mass) are the most likely candidates to be chosen to represent the Democratic Party.

Porter also noted two other possible candidates for the Democrats' candidacy: former vice-president Al Gore and former NATO commander Wesley Clark.

"Clark and Gore are still waiting in the wings," Porter said. "I'm expecting to hear them announce their candidacy any day now."

A recent poll published in the Boston Globe showed Gore as "neck-to-neck" with President George W. Bush if Gore were to run.

However, out of all the candidates, Porter said Dean has been the most unexpected success story.

Porter said that Dean's unanticipated success in recent polls has caused a stir among political scientists who had labeled him the "underdog."

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News in brief

On September 20, the YSU Africana Studies program, the Youngstown chapter of the Links, Inc. and the Humility of Mary Health Initiatives will sponsor a conference on African and African American dialogue, entitled "Two Continents, One People."

The conference will address issues of common concern to

Auditions for "The Wallpaper Project" — a dramatic portrayal of oral history of Ohio — will be held Sept. 21 and 23 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the new Campbell Elementary / Middle School.

"Preserve, Rebuild, Reuse", a Sacred Landmarks Forum, will be held Friday, Sept. 19 at the Beeghly Center of Education.

The forum will focus on the preservation and reuse of urban historical places of worship.

The featured speaker will be John Nottinham, co-president of Nottingham-Spirk Design, who is making reuse of the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Cleveland.

Other speakers will include the Rev. John Homer from St.

Today, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Kilcawley Center, the Youngstown State Environmental & Animal Rights Coalition (YSEARC) will hold an event with information on the use of animal imagery and the subjugation and mass murder of individuals detained during the Holocaust.

YSEARC says the basis for this event is a book called Eternal

Africans and African Americans around the topics of health care, education, economics, social, community development, philosophy and theology.

The day-long conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center. Registration fee is \$25. For more information, call Africana Studies at (330) 941-3097.

Cast requirements are six men and six women.
For more information call (330) 757-7979

John's Episcopal Church and the Rev. Ed Noga of St. Patrick's Church in Youngstown.

Also speaking at the program will be a stained glass expert and architect from the Interfaith Forum on Religion, Art and Architecture.

A reception, which will honor the Sacred Landmark Scholastic Art Award Winners, will be held after the forum.

Treblinka: Our Treatment of Animals and the Holocaust by Charles Patterson. Informational fliers and a list of books will be available to interested persons.

For more information, please contact YSEARC President Dan Kuzma at (330)793-2272 or YSEARC Vice-President Cory Blankenship at (330)565-9276.

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"These are students who don't know their potential," McGee said. "A program like this will increase their level of motivation."

Kathy Sauline, who is working on recruiting the students for the program, said that the response to the program has been very successful, especially in the area of academic progress for the students.

Sauline says that she has no doubt that the September 2004 starting date will be met once the trustees have all the information.

The program is already being used in 100 locations across the country.

Tullio said that the Youngstown area was chosen because of the strong relationship between Youngstown City Schools and YSU.

"This is a great opportunity for both the university and the school systems," Tullio said. "It's a great collaborative project."

Call Elizabeth Tabak at (330) 941-3758.

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Science William Binning agreed with Porter.

"Dean's rise was very surprising," Binning said. "That he has been able to sustain it has been surprising as well."

Binning attributed much of Dean's growing popularity to his use of the Internet. He said Dean's well-organized Web site showcases his platform and has been crucial in recruiting volunteers for his campaign.

Binning also said Clark could cause an upset in the Democratic primaries as well, if he decides to run.

On the topic of important issues for this election, both Binning and Porter said that candidates are focusing primarily on the state of the economy and foreign affairs, the latter being related to the growing disenchantment of the military occupation in Iran and Iraq amidst some people.

Many YSU students are also concerned about foreign and domestic security policies. Freshman Tim Lyden said he did not agree with the continuing deployment of American troops into Iraq and Iran. Lyden said he did not feel it was necessary to send troops overseas.

The Domestic Security Enhancement Act being proposed in Congress, also known as the Patriot II Act, has stirred some debate.

One YSU student says it may infringe on his rights.

Freshman Jason Farrell said he hopes the act will not pass.

"[Patriot II] is scarier than the Patriot Act," Farrell said. "The government will be able to get any kind of information on anybody. They can apprehend anyone they think is a threat."

Though Porter said he believes Kerry, Gephardt and Dean have a good chance to be chosen as the democrat nominees, he said the probability of President Bush getting reelected would greatly depend on the decisions he makes about the war in Iraq.

Other Democratic candidates are: the Rev. Al Sharpton, Sen. John Edwards (NC), Sen. Bob Graham (FL), Rep. Dennis Kucinich (OH), Sen. Joe Lieberman (Conn.) and former senator Carol Moseley-Braun (IL).

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of the proposals.

Cagigas said there was a lot of debate when he announced to the group his suggestion to hire an outside firm.

"I am not an accountant," Cagigas said. "We need an independent, objective recommendation regarding the numbers made by YSU, Follett, and Barnes and Noble."

Cagigas said that the committee members were too busy with other jobs and responsibilities to analyze the information.

University President David Sweet said he believes the outside firm will lend a "dispassionate" view to the process. "I see nothing wrong with hiring an outside firm," Sweet said.

But Carlisle said, "I thought that's what we were here for."

Carlisle said that he believes the committee is "intellectually smart enough" to handle making a recommendation to the president, and that it is unnecessary to hire an outside firm to do the committee's work.

Based on presentations the three companies made earlier this month, Carlisle said the YSU bookstore presented the best figures.

"The presentation made by YSU was ironclad!" Carlisle said.

Carlisle said research by the university bookstore showed glaring differences between the costs of books at the YSU bookstore and the Cleveland State University Barnes and Noble branch.

"YSU books were cheaper," Carlisle said.

Carlisle also said YSU

stands to gain millions more in revenue if the university bookstore is maintained under its current ownership.

The YSU Bookstore has projected that the university would collect \$12 million over the 16-year contract; Follett Company is projecting about \$6 million; and Barnes and Noble is estimating about \$5 million.

Carlisle said the funds projected by Barnes and Noble and Follett are not guaranteed.

With such differences in the proposals, Carlisle said he doesn't understand why an outside firm needs to be consulted.

Cagigas said he hopes that when he finds an outside firm, the committee will still be part of the consulting process.

Carlisle said Cagigas could have consulted faculty members from the Williamson College of Business for analysis of the figures.

But Cagigas said no one made such a suggestion during the Sept. 10 committee meeting.

Sweet said the outside firm will not charge for its services.

Cagigas said he recognizes that there were members of the committee who did not believe an outside firm should be consulted and some who believes it was a good idea.

Several committee members failed to respond to telephone calls from The Jambar seeking comment.

"There is nothing wrong with healthy debate," Cagigas said.

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K.J. Satrum, executive director of Student Services, said she usually follows Hrosch's advice.

"They know the market, so I usually follow their recommendations," Satrum said.

Dan Snay, buyer for Campus Book & Supply, said he sets prices according to the open market, as well.

"We usually price things at 20 percent of what we get from the supplier," Snay said. "We used to just carry Pepsi products. Then Coke offered us a deal, so now we are able to pass the savings along to the students."

Hrosch said YSU has a 10-year contract with Coke that prohibits the university from selling any Pepsi products on campus.

YSU does receive money from the AVI vending machines, regardless of how many items are sold.

Satrum said AVI gives YSU an annual commission of \$116,000 just for displaying the vending machines.

Satrum added that the commission is guaranteed. She said 85 percent of the money goes to athletic scholarships.

But as AVI's profits rise, students' wallets get thinner.

Junior Diane Harris scowled as she listened to her coins clink to \$1.25 worth of thirst-quenching carbonation.

"This is inconvenient," said Harris, who is on campus Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. "We're college students stuck on campus; where else can we go for a drink?"

"It sucks!" exclaimed sophomore Molly Dobozy. "It's bad enough tuition is rising, let alone this."

To save money, Dobozy and her friend junior nursing major Laila Tanterno take turns buying the 20-ounce bottles. Then they share the drink.

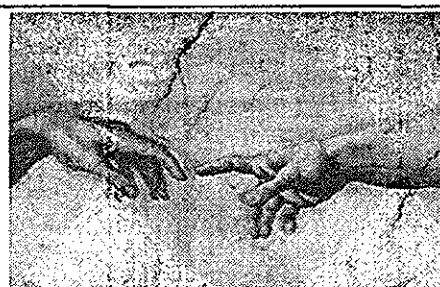
Dobozy twisted the lid off their bottle of Sprite with a sardonic smile.

"What's this going to cost next semester, \$1.50?" she wondered.

Ashlee Owens contributed to this article.

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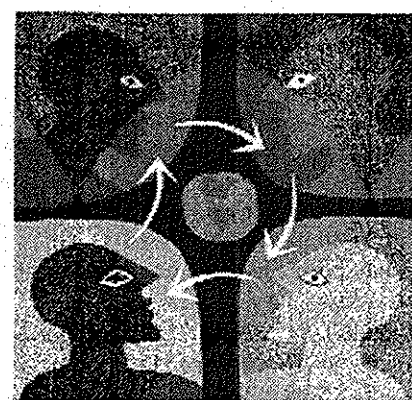
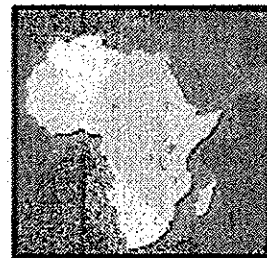
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Today's Editorial

YSU Bookstore should receive recommendation

Until last week, there were three contenders to operate the official bookstore of the YSU campus: the YSU Bookstore, the Follett Company and Barnes and Noble.

Late last week, a new contender entered the picture: bureaucracy.

Bureaucracy is now in first place.

Here's what has happened:

A committee was created to recommend one company to University President David Sweet.

That committee considered proposals and bids from all three companies and listened to lengthy presentations.

Then, last week, the committee was told that an outside firm would be brought in to analyze the data.

Welcome to the committee, bureaucracy.

Appointing a committee to do a job and then telling the committee that the real work would be done by an outside firm reeks of red tape.

That's what has happened and committee members who have already invested countless hours in the search for a new bookstore operator should feel burned, insulted and wasted.

University President David Sweet said he believes it won't hurt to have a "dispassionate" view of the bids.

We cannot agree. We don't want dispassion. We want passion — passion for students and their wallets.

It is simple accounting. Which company will yield more money for the university?

The proposals clearly say that the YSU Bookstore will generate about twice as much as the other two. Why do we need to go further?

Is Sweet tormented by the fact that the bookstore is in first place? Did Sweet begin this whole ordeal with the sole purpose of cutting the bookstore off and bringing in a glitzier name?

These questions can only be answered if one horrifically wrong decision is made — if Sweet gives the contract to any company other than the current bookstore.

Bureaucracy, it's well past time you left.

Sweet, stop this nonsense and let the committee make its recommendation — do not let this go any further.

Put the YSU Bookstore back in first place where it belongs.

Letter to the Editor

No love for Pittsburgh?

Editor:

I may be a freshman, but I would like to have a voice when it comes to sports.

I've noticed that a couple of times already, stuff has been published about the Cleveland Browns. I don't care that you do that. But unlike baseball, the NFL fan base is more split between the Browns and their longtime archrival, the Pittsburgh Steelers, on the YSU campus.

I, myself, am one of those Steeler fans, and every other media source in Youngstown shows equal coverage of Cleveland and Pittsburgh sports, since Youngstown is roughly right at the halfway

point between the two towns.

But The Jambar shows nothing about the Steelers, just the Browns. [I don't care if the Indians and Blue Jackets are shown instead of the Pirates and Penguins. I don't like Lemeux, and I don't think I need to explain myself with baseball.]

I would really appreciate it, as well as the many other Steelers fans on campus, if you show equal coverage of both sides of the "Turnpike Rivalry". Since my coming to YSU, the rivalry has more meaning to me for the first time in eight years. Thank you for your time.

Joe Gerard
Freshman

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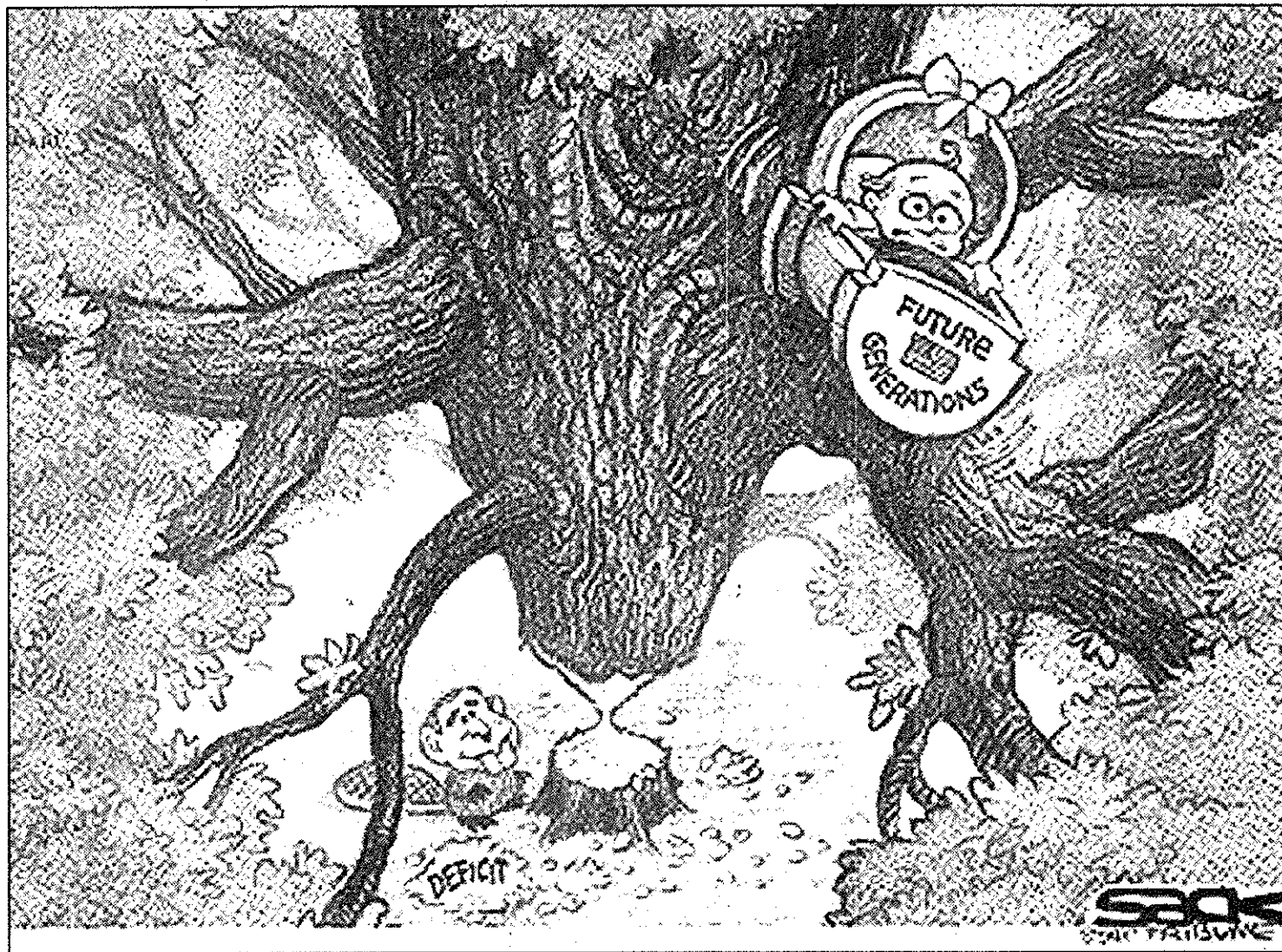
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Letters to the Editor

YSU-OEA endorses current bookstore

Editor:

The YSU-OEA Executive Committee endorses the proposal of the current bookstore management to operate the YSU Bookstore. In the judgement of the Executive Committee, this proposal is clearly superior to the proposals of the outside vendors. The proposal guarantees the University greater profits, the students better prices and the faculty better service.

The Executive Committee objects to the failure of the administration to assure adequate faculty participation in the selection process and to the appointment as co-chairs of two non-academics, who apparently have no knowledge of or interest in the academic

function of an academic bookstore in an academic environment. The Executive Committee also objects to the apparent change in the charge of the committee, which was originally supposed to recommend one of the proposals and is now asked to list pros and cons for each of the proposals.

Finally, the Executive Committee urges David Sweet and John Habat to acknowledge that "it ain't broke and don't need fixin'" and to approve the proposal of the current bookstore management without further delay.

Michael Finney
President, YSU-OEA

Student says 'orgasm' headline went too far

Editor:

This morning I had the pleasure of reading today's edition of The Jambar. Two articles struck me as meriting comment. The first, written by Ashlee Owens, was an excellent example of brevity, communicating all of the key points.

It has a good lead. Its use of quotes is appropriate, and it has a professional yet chatty style that welcomes the reader.

The other article appeared in the column Student Bodies. While I believe in students' right to exercise free speech, this article is an example of the abuse of that right. I am not referring to

the content as much as to the headline.

It seems that this reflects an attempt to push the limit. In my opinion, it has gone beyond the limit and is in the realm of complete impropriety.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to express my opinion and for the many examples of fine writing that appear in the Jambar.

Sincerely,
Richard J. DeLuca

Background ignorance 'shocks' senior

Editor:

It is sad that a major university such as YSU could be so ignorant to the fact that people are not always what they seem.

As a senior, it shocks me that the university does not conduct background checks on its faculty members. Maybe this is why in the last two years we have had professors involved in criminal actions that have led to bad media for the YSU faculty and staff.

Does it make sense now to do background checks? Maybe we should allow our professors to run around public events while wearing revealing and disturbing clothing.

This is what I am paying for as a student? College is more than academics; it is a social environment that is supposed to shape our leaders of tomorrow in both academics and social conduct.

Regardless of the situation at Pennsylvania University and two other universities in Ohio now doing background checks, shouldn't YSU also look into the conduct of its own faculty and decide it is time to start screening potential professors.

Personal references are great on résumés, but you are not going to put someone on there unless they are going to speak of you in a good and professional manner.

Being an academic institution, we should know not to judge a book by its cover. Walt Ulbricht [executive director of marketing and communications] asked if traffic violations should be taken into consideration, and I think the answer is yes.

You can learn a lot about a person's character by their crimi-

nal history no matter how small the violations are.

Why wouldn't YSU do background checks? Does it cost too much money? Or are people afraid of what they may uncover in other people's pasts?

YSU pays a ridiculous amount of money for long distance. They leave the lights on all night at the stadium, and tuition has raised every year, but they will not do background investigations?

Hey, if I am paying your salary, I want to know if you were convicted of murder or other serious crimes.

YSU is a campus that prides itself on being a safe place to learn and brags about the dropping crime statistics on campus every year.

So why would they not want to take that extra step to make sure that those professors are not convicted felons. Convicted felons cannot vote in the United States, but they can teach a course at YSU?

Background checks are not fool proof — it can only tell you what people have done in their pasts. It can't predict the future.

However, it helps to prevent situations that could have been stopped before they ever happened.

I'm glad that I pay all this money to the university and they can't even guarantee me that the person grading my exams is not a convicted felon.

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Political Science

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SPORTS & RECREATION

YSU falls to Golden Flashes

By MICHAEL J. BALALE
The Jambar

In a battle of ball control and running attacks, the Penguins gave Kent State all they could handle Saturday in a 16-13 loss.

The Penguins turned many critical heads as the heavily favored Golden Flashes were on their heels most of the game and never looked in control. Unfortunately for YSU, four turnovers were too much to overcome, as the Penguins took their first loss of the 2003 campaign.

"Anytime you throw your heart out and play that hard, it's hard to not get the reward in the end," said head coach John Heacock.

Mike Burns led the way for YSU with 118 yards rushing and a touchdown, and quarterback Aaron Marshall was 6 of 18 for 91 yards and an interception.

The Golden Flashes showed off a running game of their own, led by Elijah Brooks, who slashed his way for 145 yards and a touchdown, while quarterback Joshua Cribbs added another rushing touchdown and 69 yards of his own.

The highly-touted Cribbs completed just 10 of 22 passes, and the Penguin defensive unit clamped down to intercept two passes, forcing KSU to concentrate on the run.

The issue was in doubt up until the final whistle. With 3:19 remaining, KSU kicker Travis Mayle tied the game 13-13 on a 37-yard field goal, and on the ensuing kick-off, Jake Godec fumbled and KSU took over on the YSU 30 yard line.

David Alston ran the ball the next seven plays, lining up Mayle for his third and final field goal of the day. The final turnover proved most costly for YSU, and the hopes of a big upset on the road slipped away as the ball went through the uprights.

The Penguins host Florida Atlantic this Saturday at 7 p.m. and will look to bounce back after this past week's near miss against the Golden Flashes.

Heacock said that the players would have to put this loss behind them and move on to the next game.

"We're just going to go back to work, just as we did after our first two wins, we have to look forward to this week," Heacock said.

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reward an aging country music icon that had transcended the genre.

In the end, Cash walked away with one Moon Man statue for Best Cinematography. Justin Timberlake, who beat out Cash in the Best Male Video race, said the award belonged to Cash and demanded a recount, and Snoop Dogg gave Cash a shout out before presenting Video of the Year honors. Cash had been scheduled to appear but was hospitalized with a stomach condition.

Though his career appeared to peak in the late 1970s with his Top 40 hit "Werewolves of London," Zevon continued making music and amassing a

Fat Head Says



By MARK STEVENS
The Jambar

Moral dilemma of the week: Would it be wrong for me to thank the drunk, uninsured and unlicensed guy who totaled my car because I ended up getting a newer, nicer car that I like better than my old one anyway?

Paging Ms. Cleo: Forget about Babe Ruth calling his shot. That's one pitch, one play. The man hit a homerun like once out of every seven times he stepped to the plate anyway. Seven-to-one isn't exactly insurmountable odds.

Jamal Lewis is the new call-your-shot king. Early last week, the Baltimore Ravens tailback told Cleveland Browns linebacker Andra Davis that if he (Lewis) got 30 carries in their game on Sunday, then he'd break the record for most rushing yards in a game.

I know there's some trash-talking going on between NFL players at all times, but be serious for a moment. Lewis was setting

himself up for a fall.

Except, he did get the ball 30 times against the Browns on Sunday. And did he ever back up his words. My boy Jamal dropped nearly three bills on the Browns on his way to a record 295 yards lugging the rock.

Move over George Herman, this man — this monster in purple — needs you to get out of his throne.

Just because I like the sound of his last name: Joe Charboneau. Not exactly a stripper named Destiny running up a grand in room service bills: All the national sports news services are riding our boy Jimmy Tressel — mighty hard about some gifts Mickey Monus gave to Ray Isaac.

When is it that personal accountability will start to become a major factor in the media's determination of moral fortitude?

I checked. YSU never employed a licensed babysitter by the name of James Tressel. The only Tressel I found in the books was some guy who coached a little bit of football here before moving on to grand national supremacy with the boys down in Columbus.

That said, it is not Tressel's job to hold Maurice Claret's hand. It was not Tressel's job to hold Isaac's hand when he was a quarterback at YSU in the early 90's.

Tressel holds the clipboard. Tressel directs his coaching staff. Tressel can advise his players and support his players and encourage his players to do the right thing and warn his players about all of those people that are going to bring them down, but he cannot live with and for his players.

Tressel cannot be with his players at all times to make sure that they recognize sleaze (Monus, anyone who paid Claret anything) when it slaps them in the face with a wad of money.

Next week, "Solving the WNBA's Attendance Problems": Oscar de la Hoya is demanding an investigation into the outcome of his recent fight with Shane Mosley. Apparently, Oscar disagreed with the three judges who all scored the fight the same and awarded the bout to Mosley.

Quick fix: boxing matches should be indefinite in length. There should be a series of three-minute rounds, with the match ending when one of the fighters gets a ten-count or one of the fighters can't answer the bell.

Take out the judges. They're too subjective anyways. Last man standing, baby. Last man standing.

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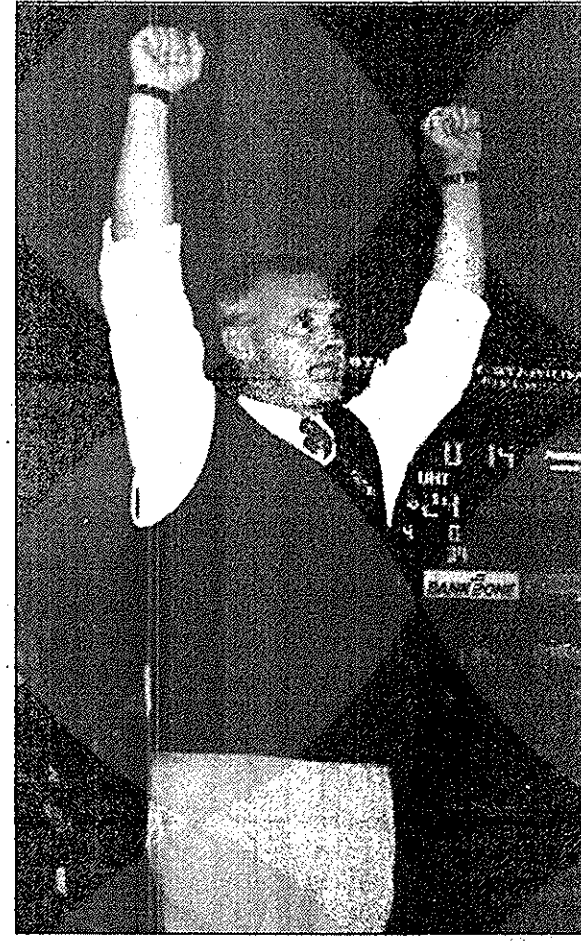


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NOT A BABYSITTER: Jim Tressel has taken some heat for the behavior of Maurice Claret, but it's not his job to monitor him 24/7.

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lies have picked up more of the cost.

Also, she said, more students are taking advantage of the unsubsidized Stafford loans the federal government introduced in 1992. Those loans, which accumulate interest while a student is in school, have opened the door for all students, not just those with a financial need, to take out federally guaranteed loans.

Nellie Mae's random survey drew responses from 1,280 persons who began paying their loans between 1998 and 2001. Eighty-six percent of the respondents were undergraduates. The borrowers had attended public and private schools.

As in previous Nellie Mae surveys, the vast majority "appreciated the fact that they had the opportunity to go to college and they said the loans made it possible," said survey co-author and Nellie Mae Vice President Marie O'Malley.

Only about one-third said they felt overburdened by their student loans, O'Malley said. Kelly Young, 28, of Smithville, Mo., said she was glad she borrowed \$14,000 to get a master's degree in December 2000 from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. The degree in counseling and guidance allowed her to get a job as a career counselor at Rockhurst University, she said. Young is paying \$80 a month. She's on a plan that calls for the amount to gradually go up.

"I've paid on it for two years and it seems like I've hardly put a dent in it," she said. "But for my husband and myself, it's fine. We don't have any problem making those payments."

In Missouri and Kansas, financial aid directors said students apparently

planned to continue their reliance on federal loans.

As of Aug. 15, the University of Kansas had received 16,106 applications for financial aid, up from the 14,990 received on that date the year before, said Brenda Maigaard, KU's director of financial aid. Students have until Jan. 1 to apply for aid for this academic year.

The University of Missouri-Kansas City already has received 10,923 financial aid applications for this academic year, said Mel Tyler, assistant vice chancellor of student affairs for enrollment management. It received 11,878 for all of last year.

The average undergraduate debt at UMKC after four years of study is \$14,642, not far from the national average. Tyler said his staff tries to provide counseling to students about how much they should borrow.

"The key is only borrowing to meet your educational needs, not borrowing money to eat pizza and stuff like that," Tyler said.

The federal government offers a variety of loans to help students through college. The most widely used are the subsidized and unsubsidized Stafford loans.

The interest rate is the same on both. It changes annually. On July 1, the rate dipped to 3.42 percent during repayment and 2.82 percent while a student is in school or in a grace period. The government limits borrowing on a Stafford loan. For freshmen, the limit is \$2,625; sophomores, \$3,500; juniors and seniors, \$5,500; and graduate students, \$8,500 per year.

Most national education associations are asking Congress to increase

those limits by about 30 percent. The limits have been the same since 1992.

The United States Student Association opposes an increase in the limits, said Mary Cunningham, its legislative director.

"We are very concerned with the amount of student debt that folks are going into after they graduate," Cunningham said. The debt is becoming unmanageable for too many, she said.

The National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators is among the groups supporting an increase in the loan limits, President Dallas Martin said. "The reality is, given the current economy and circumstances, most families and students will continue to rely on some form of credit to pay college expenses," Martin said.

Fugett said she and her future husband appreciated the interest-rate cut that took effect in July. They think their monthly payment would have been about \$600 without it.

Although the couple's student loan debt looks daunting, Fugett said she thought it would be manageable once they both get jobs in their fields.

For now, they are working part time at a grocery store in Lawrence where they met four years ago, and they're living with her parents in Lecompton.

Fugett said both of them were glad they went to school. She said they looked at their loans as an investment in their future.

"I absolutely believe you need a college degree to get anywhere," she said.

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behind the scenes. Its success will be judged by what is not seen, rather than what is seen. AOL 9.0 has a new unsolicited email (spam) blocker. As of September 14, AOL had blocked approximately 14.1 billion spam messages since the beginning of this month.

For any user, it has to be a pleasant surprise to not have to sort through dozens of emails advertising solutions to increase the size of the male sex organ or bargain-priced Internet prescription medications.

Just as AOL is working to cut down on the amount of spam received, it is working just as hard to eliminate another worry for its users: computer viruses. Most computers include some type of anti-virus software. However, in most cases, the virus definition files that are used by the programs to detect and stop viruses expire after a certain period of time. That makes the program useless.

Not all of AOL 9.0's new features deal with security. Among some of the features are: 3-D super buddy icons, expanded online mail storage, an address book and favorite places that follow the user where ever they go, voice conversations using a new AOL Talk Phone, video clips, digital photos, file sharing and pop-up advertisement prevention.

While AOL has offered select broadband-only features in the past, AOL 9.0 goes much further. For the first time, AOL's client software is actually empowering both its dial-up and broadband users. On the broadband side, AOL 9.0 offers its users a free firewall to protect against computer hackers.

Again, its broadband version offers more than security upgrades. Having only one screen name per account online at a time has always proven to be a difficulty. Now, up to seven screen names can be online at the same time with only one AOL broadband account and a high-speed connection.

Over the years, a good portion of AOL's membership has left its ranks. Now it appears, AOL has turned a new page to appeal to those former members, and those who still have not tried AOL or another online service. Once again, the sound of "Welcome, You've Got Mail" is actually something both the user and AOL should be proud of hearing. And speaking as a beta-tester who sees software before it is released publicly, trust me, there are more exciting features on the way.

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their youths, was in a bit of a career slump until he hooked up with Rubin to record 1994's "American Recordings." With its dark lyrics and disturbing video, the single "Delia's Gone," amassed a decent amount of play on MTV and added a brief spark to Cash's flailing career.

"The American Recordings" became a concept over the past few years, culminating with last year's "American IV: The Man Comes Around." They consisted mainly of

religious-themed original songs and cover versions of commercially popular songs, particularly those that dealt with religion or self-reflection.

Over the course of those four albums, Cash added his own unique touch to Tom Petty's "I Won't Back Down," Soundgarden's "Rusty Cage," Simon & Garfunkel's "Bridge Over Troubled Water," Depeche Mode's "Personal Jesus" and The Beatles' "In My Life," to name a few.

Ironically, as is often the case with the demise of famous musicians, their album sales are escalating. Zevon is enjoying the most commercial success of his career, though he isn't around to enjoy it. Cash had seen his album sales double after the VMA's and I'm sure there will be another generous spike this week as news of his death spreads.

The sales surges are justifiable though, because both "The Wind" and "American IV: The Man Comes Around" are superlative albums that deserve to be heard so that we can all fully comprehend the magnitude of this loss.

Call Ryan McCabe at (330) 941-3758.

Campus Calendar

Every Wednesday through December Circle K meets at 5:00 pm in Kilcawley Center Room 2036 to discuss leadership, service and fellowship in the community. Contact Starr at ysucirclek@hotmail.com

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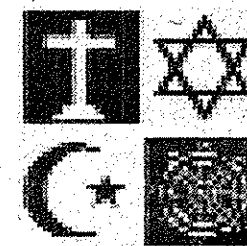
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Cash walks the line for the final time

Musical icons Johnny Cash and Warren Zevon pass away.

By RYAN MCCABE
The Jambar

The music industry lost two of its most revered and respected musicians last week. Warren Zevon lost his yearlong fight with terminal lung cancer on September 7 and Johnny Cash died of complications from diabetes on September 11.

While neither man had had much commercial success of late, it was their dedication to their craft and their own unique talents that made them idols amongst their musical peers.

Released just weeks before his death, Zevon's final album, "The Wind," featured a star-studded guest list of admirers that included Bruce Springsteen, Tom Petty, Jackson Browne, Emmylou Harris, Dwight Yoakam, Eagles alumni Don Henley and Joe Walsh, Billy Bob Thornton, T-Bone Burnett and Ry Cooder.

Cash's "American IV: The Man Comes Around," was released about 10 months ago. Produced by Rick Rubin (previous credits include Tom Petty and the Red Hot Chili Peppers). It featured a smaller, yet equally diverse group of guest musicians, including Fiona Apple, Nick Cave and Don Henley.

The respect didn't stop with musicians. David Letterman was a longtime friend and fan of Zevon's and often opened the door for him to sit in with Paul Schaeffer and the CBS Orchestra during tapings of "The Late Show with David Letterman." Last October, after Zevon publicly disclosed he had been diagnosed with terminal lung cancer, Letterman dedicated an entire hour-long episode of his show to Zevon and his music.

Cash found similar if somewhat more fabricated respect this year from MTV when he became the oldest nominee in the show's 20 year history of the Video Music Awards, netting 6 nominations for his unfeigned rendition of the Nine Inch Nails' "Hurt," and its equally haunting video. However, MTV wasn't totally prepared to

"There is a spiritual side to me that goes real deep, but I confess right up front that I'm the biggest sinner of them all."

— JOHNNY CASH
In a Rolling Stone interview, 2000

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Johnny Cash

The rough, off-pitch growl of "The Man in Black" was instantly recognizable, and his long career touched generations of fans.

Member of Country Music Hall of Fame (1980), Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, 11 Grammy awards

Life's path

- Feb. 26, 1932 Born in Kingsland, Ark., son of cotton sharecroppers.
- 1950-54 U.S. Air Force in Germany; forms country band, the Landsberg Barbarians
- 1954 Signs with Sun Records
- 1955 "Hey, Porter," his first single
- 1958 Now a star, signs with Columbia Records
- 1965 Drug arrest
- 1967 Begins recovery from drug use; religious conversion
- 1968 Marries June Carter
- 1969-71 "The Johnny Cash Show" on ABC
- 1965 Forms group The Highwaymen with Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, Kris Kristofferson
- 1986 Signs with Mercury Nashville
- 1993 Signs with American Recordings, founds new, young audience
- 1997 Develops serious health problems
- May 15, 2003 Wife June dies
- Sept. 12, 2003 Dies in Nashville, Tenn.

Notable songs, albums

- 1956 "Folsom Prison Blues"
- 1956 "I Walk the Line"
- 1959 Fabulous Johnny Cash (album)
- 1963 "Ring of Fire"
- 1968 Johnny Cash at Folsom Prison (album)
- 1969 "A Boy Named Sue"
- 1972 "A Thing Called Love"
- 1976 "One Piece at a Time"
- 1992 The Essential Johnny Cash
- 1965-1983 (triple album)
- 1994 American Recordings (album)
- 1994 "Delta's Gone"
- 2000 Love God Murder (album)
- 2002 American IV: The Man Comes Around (album)

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<p>...I wear the black for the poor and the beaten down, Livin' in the hopeless, hungry side of town, I wear it for the prisoner who has long paid for his crime. But is there because he's a victim of the times.</p>	<p>I wear the black for those who never read, Or listened to the words that Jesus said, About the road to happiness through love and charity. Why, you'd think He's talking straight to you and me...</p>
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Source: Rolling Stone, "Johnny Cash: The Autobiography," "Ring of Fire: The Johnny Cash Record," Country Music Television, KRT, All Music Guide, History of Cash

Movie Review

Kutcher stars in another movie flop

By MICHAEL J. BALALE
The Jambar

The results are in; Dimension Films may have single handedly just solidified itself as the winner for releasing the worst movie of the year.

Deep in the vaults of Miramax, "My Boss' Daughter" had been sitting there, patiently waiting for a good time to be released. It appears that the timing of the release was the only thing they got right.

As the Ashton Kutcher phase continues to haunt our TV sets and magazine covers, his popularity alone may be the only thing that will make anyone want to see this utter embarrassment of a movie. Unfortunately, I have to admit that I was 'Punk'd' into thinking the movie had any potential at all.

Kutcher plays Tom Stansfield, a shy young executive trying to prove to his neurotic maniacal boss Terence Stamp [Jack Taylor] that he is worthy of a promotion. To add to the annoying and unimpressive plot, Tom finds himself quite interested in Stamp's daughter Lisa, played by Tara Reid.

Lisa tricks Tom into house sitting, and before leaving, the boss explains the eating and medicinal habits of his pet owl O.J., who we later find out has a liking to drugs.

In a depressingly predictable fashion, the film then transformed itself into what seemed like a resurrection of "Meet the Parents". Tom soon finds himself in a bad situation as a plethora of unfortunate events transpire, mostly contributed by others. Although Stamp warned Tom of the consequences of any mishaps pertaining to the house, you just knew it was inevitable.

Tom starts noticing that the house is beginning to get demolished and overtaken by drug dealers and degenerate neighbors with their heads bandaged and secreting blood, and just as we saw in Meet the Parents, the pet goes MIA and the hunt to retrieve it begins.

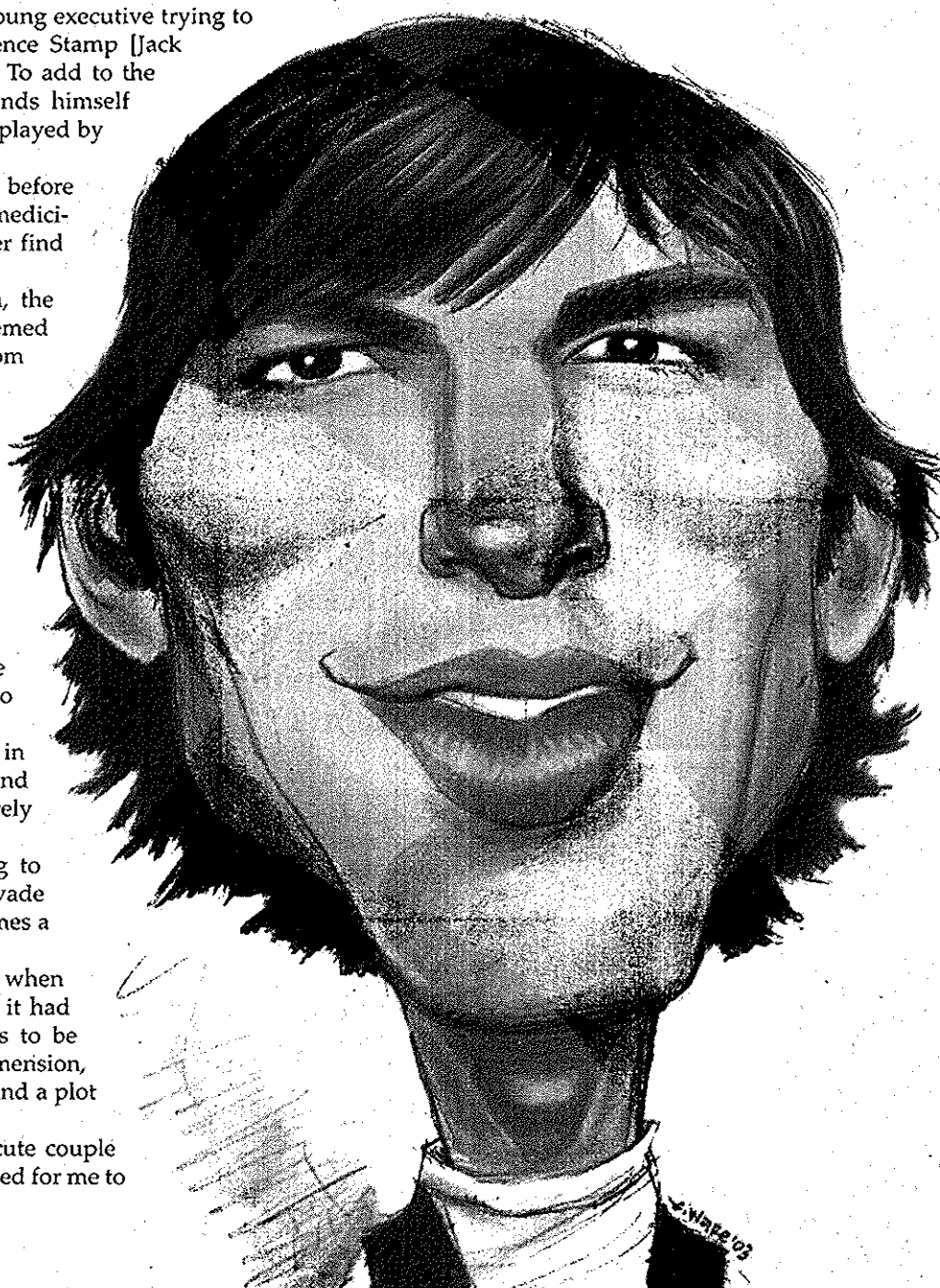
Just when the film can get no worse, in struts Carmen Electra, meaningless part and all, to ensure that the movie itself barely makes enough money to stay afloat.

The climax of the movie did nothing to help the cause as an array of buttocks invade the screen and urinating on the floor becomes a new standard.

I liked the movie the first time I saw it, when it was then called "Meet the Parents" and it had never been done before. If the finger has to be pointed, let it fall on Ben Stiller and Dimension, who gave us a sequel we never asked for and a plot we've already seen.

Although Kutcher and Reid made a cute couple on screen, this film left too much to be desired for me to recommend it to anyone.

Call Michael J. Balale at (330) 941-1807.



Hi-Tech Buzz

AOL upgrades to 9.0, gets it right

By JASON KELLY
The Jambar

After several years of disappointing upgrades, the world's leading interactive services provider has finally gotten their last version of client software right.

With 35 million members worldwide, America Online (AOL) has gone from the ugly duckling to the proverbial white swan. There is no doubt that AOL has become a central component of the Internet culture. Furthermore, it is possible that AOL's influence has extended beyond the world of circuits and program coding. In fact, its large core of users is capable of spreading AOL's innovations into mainstream culture.

Over the years, AOL has relied on that concept: building a relationship between the service's features and its users. However, AOL's recently released version 9.0 inverts that reasoning. Instead of simply offering online services, AOL 9.0 successfully brings a touch of humanity and practical solutions into its community.

Between the nightmares of trying to connect through dial-up access and only receiving the nerve-racking sound of a busy signal, unstable software and client upgrades that merely offered what appeared to be cosmetic alterations, AOL seemed to be almost lifeless in the late 1990s. With the release of AOL 9.0, the makers of AOL have proven that their darkest days are behind them.

Perhaps the most exciting feature of the new program is something that will work

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Select AOL 9.0 features:

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