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YSU debates coma patient

By La'el Hughes
The Jambar

A Youngstown State University professor of bioethics said he does not believe it is fair to keep a comatose Florida woman alive.

Bruce Waller, professor of bioethics in the Philosophy and Religious Studies department, has joined the national debate swirling around Terri Schiavo, who has been in a vegetative state for the last 13 years.


SCHIAVO

Waller, others on campus and those in the larger community discussed Tuesday's developments in the Schiavo case as well as a new abortion law that will prohibit women from obtaining abortions in the third trimester of their pregnancies.

Late Tuesday, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush ordered that a feeding tube be reinserted into Schiavo. The feeding tube had been removed last week at her husband's request. Also Tuesday, the U.S. Senate passed a bill

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Issues of Life and Death

On Tuesday, two major events triggered a national and local debate about the role of the government in issues of life.

The case of the comatose woman:
- Terri Schiavo, 39, has been in a coma for 13 years and on life support.
- Schiavo's husband won a court fight to have her life support removed.
- Schiavo's parents convinced the Florida legislature and Florida Gov. Jeb Bush to reinstate that life support.
- Schiavo had a feeding tube reinserted in her body.

Source: Staff / Wire reports

Groups float cash for annual parade

By Elizabeth Tabak
The Jambar

With the Homecoming parade only two days away, many organizations that will be entering floats say they have just begun construction.

The parade, which will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday, will feature more than eight floats from different groups and organizations. Though the creation of the floats is a time consuming process, the majority of the groups have left most of their work until this week.


CRITSER

Heidi Critser, a member of Alpha Zeta Delta sorority, said that beginning the floats the week of homecoming is not uncommon.

"It's hard getting everybody together because of classes and work," Critser said. "Plus we need the flatbed, and that usually doesn't come until Saturday. So even if you get the float constructed, you still have to put it on the flatbed."

Critser said that her sorority began working on ideas this week with the fraternity they are making the float with, and bought some basic supplies for building. She said actual construction began Wednesday evening.

Paul May, a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity, agreed that it is too difficult to get everyone together early to work on their entries.

"It's easier to do it on Friday night because no one has classes the next morning," May said. "We started working Tuesday night, but it will still take awhile.

"We will be working on it Friday night into Saturday morning."

Housing Services is another group that will be leaving the majority of the work to Friday night, said housing graduate assistant Justin Ream.

"We'll try to finish it Friday with finishing touches done on Saturday morning."

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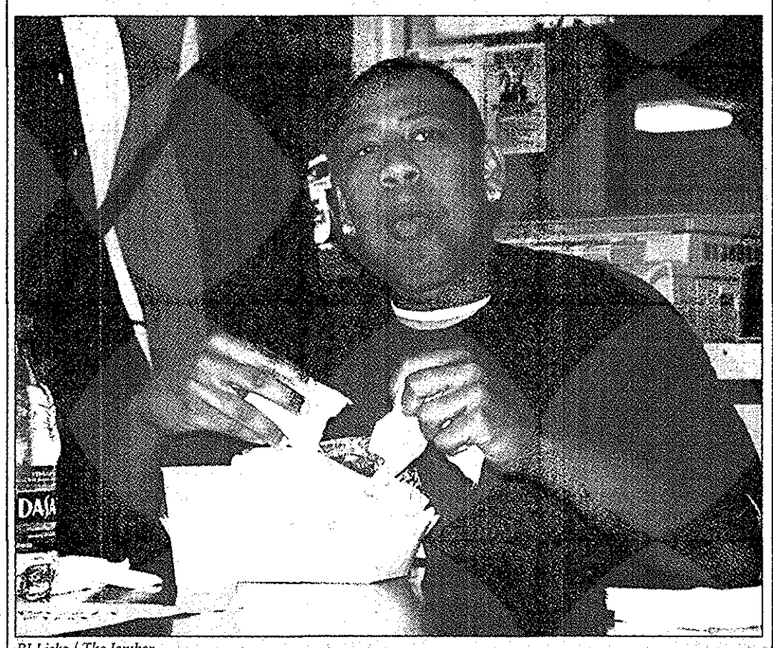
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MOUTHFUL: Students participated in the Soft Taco Eating Contest in Kilcawley Center Wednesday as part of Homecoming Week. The rest of this year's events are listed below.

TODAY

5: 30 a.m. – 10 a.m.
HOT –FM 101
A.C. and Kelly come to campus with giveaways and games.

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Kilcawley Center/Lower Arcade/Stationary Table
Dennis Duez – the Expert in Handwriting Analysis

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
95.9/Kiss-FM
Sean Stevens does a live show on campus

11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Here Comes the Great Pumpkin, YSU
Pumpkin decorating contest

NOON
BW3 Presents
Wing-Ding Eating Contest
12 contestants, first to eat 25 wings.

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Zach Rock
2002 Greek God winner returns to sing new and old selections.

6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Art Opening for Turning Toward Yellow Mountain
Celebrate the first U.S. retrospective of paintings and watercolors.

8:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.
Wick Murder Mystery
Join the fun with the Housing Services staff as they try to solve the "Wick Murder Mystery"

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
WBBG-FM/106.1
Jeff Kelly and Carol King join us as they take part in the Homecoming Festivities.

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Spirit Flower Sale
Red and white carnations available for $1.00 each to support the football team.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Wax Hands
Make your own hand trophy.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
95.9/KISS-FM
Sean Stevens is the mid-day host

9 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
BW3 Party

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

2 p.m.
Homecoming Parade
All participants report to the Williamson Hall parking lot.

4 p.m.
Beat Illinois State
Get your tickets at the Athletics Ticket Office

Halftime
King and Queen Crowning

SGA argues ruling

By Trina Quarles
The Jambar

Student Government Association leaders, members and their adviser clashed Monday over the university's recent request that teachers oust from their classes those who have not paid their tuition bills.

SGA President Emily Eckman said she supports the decision to ask faculty members to notify their students about unpaid bills, but several SGA representatives and the organization's adviser called the practice wrong.


ECKMAN

"Professors are in direct contact with students," Eckman said. "They can approach students in a tactful way about their debts."

Eckman said that it is

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Taft announces state grant for internships

By Christina Poe
The Jambar

Youngstown State University student Anthony Koulianos walked up and down the hallways of Materials Research Laboratories in Struthers Wednesday afternoon.

He knew the building well. For the last year, Koulianos has worked as an intern at the high-tech company that analyzes products for composition and defects.


TAFT

Koulianos is one of several YSU students

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Author 'honored to be back at YSU' for book signing

By Elizabeth Tabak
The Jambar

As the sounds of laughter and conversation filled the first floor of Kilcawley Center Tuesday afternoon, the bookstore on the second floor had a much quieter crowd.


MORGAN

Pushed away from the entrance was an intimate set up of couches and chairs surrounding a table piled with books covered in glossy jackets. Behind the stack of books sat a smiling David Lee Morgan, author of the book "LeBron James: The Rise of a Star."

Despite the fact that only a small handful of students and faculty gathered to meet Morgan for his book signing, he remained enthusiastic and animated.

"If I was a student and had $15, I would be down at the pub," Morgan joked.

In between photographs and signing his book, Morgan discussed his career as a sports writer and his days at YSU.

A sports reporter for the Akron Beacon-Journal, he has covered James' basketball career since he was a freshman at Akron St.-Vincent-St. Mary. He said that it was his early interaction with the basketball star that eased the process of writing the book. Morgan added that the "Sports Illustrated" cover of James made it more difficult for other members of the media to come in contact with James and his family.

"His mother became guarded with the media because she didn't want people digging into the past...that's what makes this book so special — they trusted me."

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Was Florida governor Jeb Bush right in asking for the re-insertion of Terry Schiavo's feeding tube?
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Speaker says America must overcome fears

By Elizabeth Tabak
The Jambar

The man whose book is being read by Youngstown State University freshmen Wednesday told a small group of students and faculty that America's greatest challenge will be to overcome its own fears.

Benjamin Barber, professor of civil science at the University of Maryland and author of the Freshman Readers' Dialogue book, met with about nine people in DeBartolo Hall and answered questions concerning his writing about terrorism.

"What fear does is to re-embody us and emphasize our stereotypes...It's not treating you as a human being, but as a body," Barber told the small group.

About 20 students, who had gathered to hear Barber, left when he was more than 20 minutes late. Barber explained that he had to eat and change his clothes.

Later Wednesday, Barber was scheduled to deliver an address in Kilcawley Center.

Barber's book, "Fear's Empire: Terrorism, War and Democracy," is now being read by students in composition classes.

He has also written "Jihad vs. McWorld" and the title of that book prompted a question from the small group.

"I don't think anybody is a terrorist simply because they don't like McDonald's," Barber joked. "I just think that secularization and the fear of Western culture is a danger to what people from these nations believe."

Barber and the group discussed fears of Americans after Sept. 11, 2001, and the fears that eastern nations and conservative Muslim nations have of Americans.

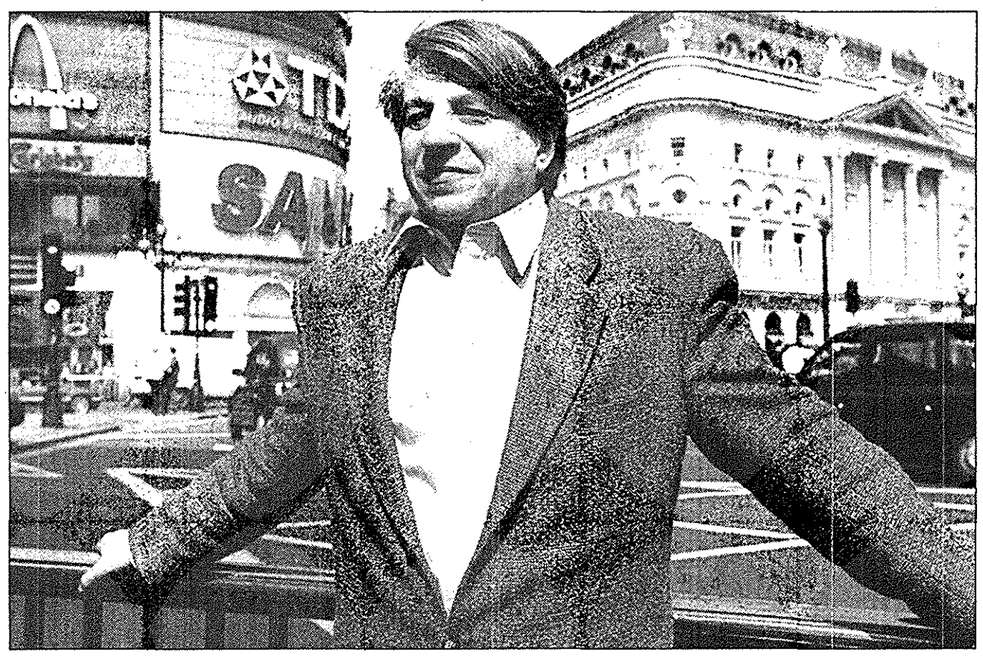

Photo courtesy of benjaminbarber.com

AMERICAN ADVICE: Benjamin Barber, professor of civil science at the University of Maryland, spoke to YSU students Wednesday and said that America's greatest challenge will be overcoming its own fears.

Barber explained that the people of Muslim nations are skeptical of American Democracy and how Americans are portrayed in film and media.

One member of the small group asked Barber if terrorism has reached its desired goal.

"People's fear is created by these events so much more ... I think the terrorists were successful by making Americans ridiculously paranoid."

Barber said there is more paranoia and that officials are going to great extremes to try to safeguard the country. He said profiling is dangerous and a violation of the principles of America.

"It bends the basic sense of what it is to be American," Barber said.

Turning to student Ishmael Adhami, Barber asked, "Would you like to be profiled?"

Adhami, an American citizen who is from Israel, responded quickly. "Yes, for my protection and for everyone else's."

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unfair for professors to allow students to participate in classes when these students have not paid their bills.

"If you don't pay your cell phone bill, your phone gets turned off. This is the same thing," Eckman said.

Daniel Griesemer, SGA parliamentarian agreed.

" Professors are the 'point-of-sale.' It is their job to require that resources are only utilized by paying students," Grisemer said.

SGA Faculty Adviser Chester Cooper said professors' contracts do not require them to enforce such requests.

"Nowhere in my contract does it say I have to enforce the request," Cooper said. "In fact, I may be subject to litigation if I were to enforce it."

Cooper, also an assistant professor of biological sciences, said he has no problem with any student attending his classes, whether they have paid for them or not.

"If you want to sit and learn something, that's fine with me," Cooper said.

Abdou Ayoub, SGA engineering representative, sided with Cooper.

"Professors shouldn't be exposed to possible backlash," Ayoub said.

Ayoub suggested that students who are delinquent on their tuition be required to take an incomplete in their classes.

"Taking an incomplete would give students a year to take care of their bills as well as make up the classes," Ayoub said.

Anthony Candel, SGA representative of Health and Human Services, said that the discussion on the proposal should be tabled until SGA members could come to an agreement.

Also during Monday's meeting, SGA members announced that they are drafting a petition in support of the YSU bookstore remaining inside of Kilcawley Center.

Josh Sturges, SGA representative of Arts and Sciences, said that SGA members are hoping to generate between 1,500 to 2,000 signatures to present to top university leaders who will make the decision of who is awarded the contract.

"We need as much support from the student body as possible," Sturges said. "We will present the petition to the administration."

Other issues addressed in the meeting included bringing back the campus yearbook.

SGA Vice President Adam Vukovic said the English department is looking into offering a class next semester to students interested in working on the yearbook.

SGA representatives also approved a proposal requesting better communication between faculty and the student body.

Griesemer said that professors should notify students via CUE-mail of permit class closings.

"Closed classes cause conflicts in scheduling other classes," Griesemer said. "Students can be notified easily in advance through CUE mail."

SGA meetings are held every other Monday in the Ohio Room inside of Kilcawley Center.The meetings begin at 4 p.m. and are open to the public.

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banning third-trimester abortions.

Terri Schiavo's parents had wanted their daughter to remain on life support and opposed her husband's efforts to end her life.

This case, along with legislation prohibiting partial birth abortions, are two issues being debated in courts and in the YSU and Youngstown communities.

"The husband testified that she did not want to live like this," Waller said.

"It seems indignant and unkind when there is no longer a person there."

Waller said if the family would have made a decision about what to do earlier in the process, maybe the mother and father would not have such a difficult time letting go.

"The family has built their life around this. It will be terribly traumatic. But, I don't think it is the way someone would want their final chapter," Waller said.

Mark Womble, director of Biological Graduate Studies, said there is essentially no chance of recovery in cases like Terri Schiavo's.

"At this time, I suspect that regions of her brain are permanently damaged," Womble said. "Right now, this is just a fight mainly for a lawyer-type driven process."

Officials at the YSU Newman Center referred all questions about these issues to the Diocese of Youngstown.

Melinda Knight of the Diocese of Youngstown, said the Catholic Church is clear on this issue. "We must always uphold the sanctity of every life," Knight said. "Even if the person is no longer able to contribute anything. God has to make the ultimate decision."

Knight said Terri Schiavo is profoundly disabled and cannot walk or talk. "But we are obliged to provide the basics. She deserves the very basics," Knight said.

Knight said the decision to reinsert the feeding tube "is a wonderful testimony to people."

Sophomore Kathleen Glenn agreed. "Even though she is not able to make her own decisions, it's like taking her life. I strongly believe in the Bible and 'thou shall not kill,'" Glenn said.

Another student, Senior Brandi Stewart, referred to herself as a "flaming liberal." "This lady has been a vegetable for 13 years. The husband had a court-appointed doctor say there is no way she is going to make a recovery. There is no need for the state to step in. Maybe if she was homeless and didn't have a family, but she does," Stewart said.

Czarina Charters, a freshman, shared similar feelings, focusing her comments on Gov. Bush and President Bush. "How could Barbara Bush be so awesome and have two idiots for sons?" Charters asked.

Waller said there is a simple way to prevent situations like the Schiavo controversy. Waller said he recommends that people create living wills and document powers of attorney.

Tuesday's legislation concerning abortion triggered an equal amount of debate on campus.

L.J Tessier, director of Women's Studies, said she questions the decision to prevent women, even in the advent of a medical emergency, to have a partial-birth abortion.

"I believe the bottom line is not just about partial birth abortions. It is a stepping stone to get rid of all abortions," Tessier said.

Karen Hackenberry, chief executive officer of Mahoning Valley Planned Parenthood, said Planned Parenthood would be filing suit if President Bush signs the partial birth bill.

Hackenberry said if this bill passes, "it is endangering the lives of women."

Hackenberry said she is concerned that the legislation will not leave room for women who are having complications with their pregnancy and are at risk of dying if they are forced to give birth.

"There are women who have strokes during pregnancy," Hackenberry said, "This is limiting the physicians' choices for pregnancies that are not compatible with life."

Hackenberry said 80 percent of Ohio does not have abortion procedures for women.

Hackenberry added that though Planned Parenthood will be filing a law suit, she believes Planned Parenthood does more than anyone for birth control.

Glenn, who is also six months pregnant, addressed the abortion legislation. She said third term abortions should be allowed if a fetus or mother are in poor health.

However, senior Jon Jackson said he sees no reasons for partial birth abortions.

"Abortion is wrong regardless... Who gives an individual the right to decide that one life is more important than another," Jackson said.

Knight said the pending abortion legislation is the first that there's been since 1973 regarding the "unborn."

Knight said she does not believe the new legislation will affect doctors' choices on what to do in complicated pregnancies.

"The procedure of partial birth is absurd and barbaric," Knight said, "I don't think people really know what goes on."

"Again, it is reassuring that people felt the need to protect the unborn persons."

Waller, however, shared Tessier's sentiments, saying he believes the new bill is a "back door effort" to get rid of all abortions.

"It is a grotesque infringement," Waller said.

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Morgan's wife Tricia agreed that the writing that her husband had done on James was a special experience.

"I think it's great, and I'm so proud of him ... if anybody should have written this book its him because he covered Lebron [James], and he had a good relationship with Lebron."

Both Morgan and his wife agreed that YSU's bookstore was the ideal place to have a book signing because YSU was where Morgan started his career.

A 1993 graduate of YSU, he began his career in journalism as a Jambar sports reporter in1988. After graduation he wrote for The Vindicator, and then moved to upstate New York to work at the Binghamton Press and Sun Bulletin. However, his wife had just had their third child and he did not want to be away from his growing family.

"I only worked there for two weeks," Morgan said. "It was right at the time of the Oklahoma bombing and I kept seeing the pictures of all the hurt children ... I just wanted to be with my kids."

He returned to the area doing a brief stint as a reporter for WYTV- Channel 33. However, he wanted to return to writing, and found an "amazing" job at the Akron Beacon -Journal.

The father of four, however, attributes his successes in life to his early days at YSU.

"My experiences here helped me get where I am, they helped prepare me ... I feel proud and honored to be back."

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News in brief

Discussion set for Oct. 24

A panel discussion entitled "Images of Africa: Myths or Reality" will be presented Oct. 24 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Kilcawley Center's Ohio Room.

The program features a film called "Africa: A New Look" and will include a variety of panelists, ranging from art and history professors to research economists.

Moderators will be Director of Africana Studies Victor Wan-Tatah and Diversity Initiatives Coordinator Leon Stennis.

Reception will honor artist

An opening reception for Chinese artist Feng Jianqin will be held at the McDonough Museum of Art this evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. A catalog of his works will be available at the opening, with a limited edition of signed copies.

Jianqin's first major U.S. exhibit will be on display at the McDonough through Nov. 21. The artist will be on campus Oct. 20 through Oct. 24.

Jianqin, whose art depicts China's social, political and cultural life, serves as the second College of Fine and Performing Arts Cliffe Visiting Artist. The Chinese government has awarded the artist the Jiangsu and National Excellence Award for two textbooks he wrote on the study of basic fine arts teaching methods.

Jianqin has been the president of China's Nanjing Arts Institute since 1991.

Reed to play at The Cellar

Acoustic guitar virtuoso Preston Reed will appear in concert at The Cellar Oct. 28 at 8 p.m. Reed, who has played alongside Bonnie Raitt and Linda Ronstadt and composed numbers for film soundtracks, has received rave reviews from Playboy magazine and guitar luminary Al Dimeola.

Advance tickets cost $13 for general admission and $10 for students, seniors and Peace Action members. The price increases to $15 at the door.

A percentage of the proceeds will benefit Peace Action Youngstown.

Table reservations are available. Contact Therese and Michael Powell at ravendreams@cboss.com or (330) 747-5404.

For more information, visit www.thecellarrocks.com or www.prestonreed.com

Clarification

Dr. L.J. Tessier will finish the end of her term as director of Women's Studies. An article in Tuesday's edition of The Jambar incorrectly described her plans.

Tessier has already served more than six years as director of the program and has applied for a sabbatical from teaching during the 2004-05 academic year.

Tessier also said she believes she may be the only one "dumb enough" to have worked as a director in a program with no funding.

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This is called an "Editorial"

Leave loved ones living will plans

A 39-year-old woman who has been in a coma for the last 13 years has touched off a national debate and brought badly needed attention to the importance of having a living will.

Terri Schiavo suffered a heart attack when she was 26. Since then, she has existed in a vegetative state with extensive brain damage.

On Tuesday, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush ordered that a feeding tube that had been removed last week be reinserted.

Bush got involved in the case after years of court battles between Schiavo's husband and parents. The husband has argued that his wife would want to die and that there is no hope for her to recover. The parents and the thousands of demonstrators who have set up vigils outside of her hospital room argue that all life is sacred.

The parents say she is alert and active and they presented Bush with videotapes that many say moved him to take the controversial action of prolonging her life.

We do not know whether Terri Schiavo should live or die.

We do believe that there are areas of black and white in this intensely gray case:

• A governor can't and should not be involved in decisions that are reserved for doctors, family members and courts. In ordering that her feeding tube be reinserted, Gov. Bush ignored court orders that said the tube should be removed.

Gov. Bush does not belong in this legal feud. His beliefs about what constitutes life have no business being inserted in this case.

• If Terri Schiavo would have had a living will, her wishes would have been followed. A living will addresses a person's desires for how they want to live and when they want to die.

Schiavo was only 26 when stricken with the heart attack that pushed her into a coma. She, like other young people, did not have such a will.

It is impossible to survive the death of a loved one without feeling regret, guilt, or even anger.

Questions always linger: Could more have been done? Should more have been done? Was too much done?

These questions could be avoided. Anyone over 18 should have a living will. It can be a simple letter that you write and give to trusted family members or friends. In this letter, talk about whether you would ever want to be placed on life support and if you do, how long you would want to remain on it. For instance, you might state that you want to be removed from life support if your brain shows no activity for one year.

Lawyers for Terri Schiavo's husband say she was well on her way to death after the feeding tube was removed last week. She may not survive the attempts to bring her back to life with the reinserted feeding tube.

If she does survive, it is clear that she has suffered far too much.

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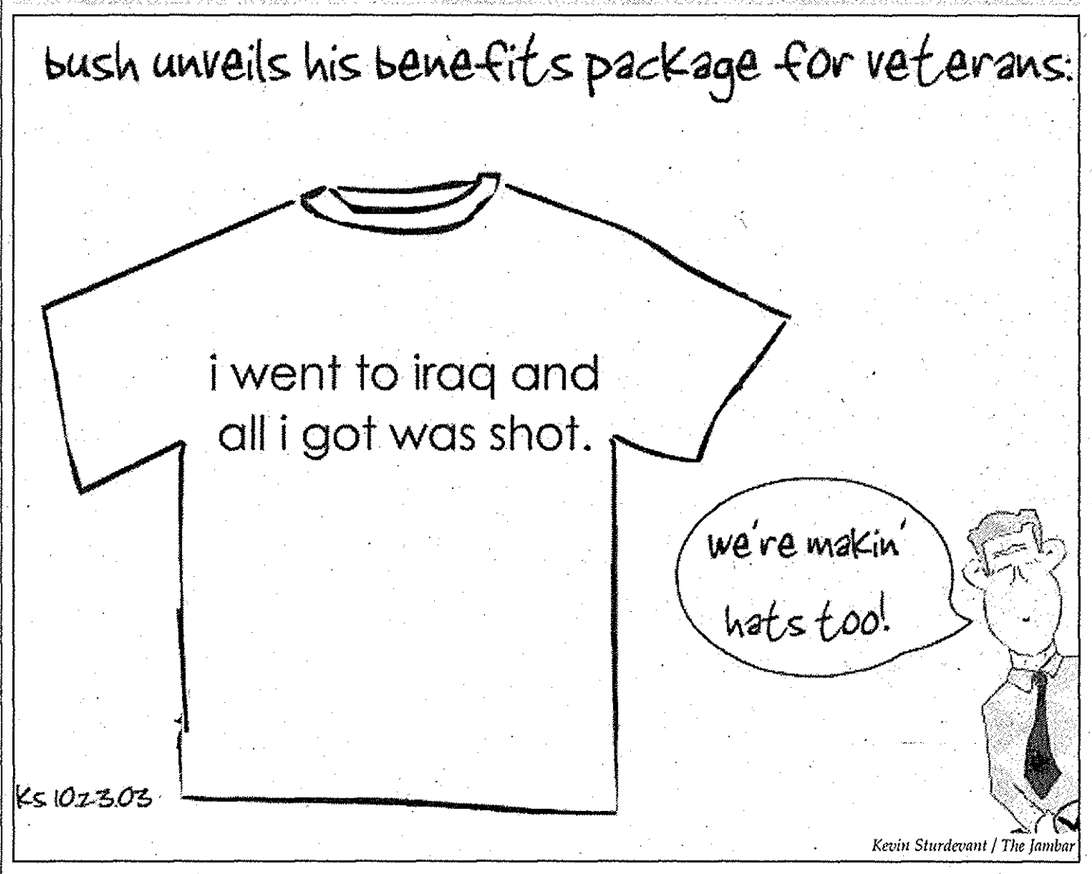

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This is called a "Commentary"

Fat Head explains the editorial page

By Mark Stevens
The Jambar

(For best results, look up words in CAPS in a dictionary or another reference book.)

Seems to me that education is best when it is an ongoing process. See, the best lessons learned are not those given to us in a classroom, rather they are the ones that we gather from other sources.

It is to an even greater advantage to us when those lessons come from sources we freely seek out.

One source that you, as a reader of this newspaper, seek out is this EDITORIAL AND OPINION PAGE. Whether you come here to read OPINION pieces, look at the funny CARTOONS or compare your own ideas with those of our CONTRIBUTING writers, you come away each time having read something that may have been new to you or an idea that you were already familiar with being presented in a new way with new arguments.

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Thus, as an EDITOR of this newspaper, I feel it is my duty to help you to more fully understand this page with the hope that you will be able to benefit even more from reading it.

First things first. Let's talk CARTOONS. I have overheard office conversations that hint to the fact that we may have just hired an editorial cartoon artist to fill a spot that has been empty this school year. That means we get the cartoons from somewhere else.

Seriously, the selection is limited. We really only get a couple to pick from, and those offered fall under the category of mainstream. Arnold and G.W. Bush are popular topics of conversation, which is why they are featured.

Now let us play the definition game.

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Now if you've read today's letters to the editor or some in the past, you'll notice a common mistake. That is the confusion of COMMENTARIES with editorials. Commentaries are opinion pieces written by Jambar staffers. They explicitly express the opinion only of the writer. Now, we as an editorial staff may or may not individually agree with their ideas, but that does not make the commentary an editorial.

Finally, I'd like to discuss your contributions to The Jambar in the form of LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

That's what they are. We love to get them. We love to read them. Even if they are critical of our paper, it lets us know that you're reading and you care about what you're reading and what we are covering. But they are not editorials.

Keep sending them, by all means. But try to apply the lessons learned here today.

Call Mark Stevens at (330) 941-1811.

This is called a "Letter to the Editor"

Women's Studies director clarifies position

Editor:

Though I applaud The Jambar's concern about the fate of Women's Studies, along with its concern about other budget cuts, I am upset about the "slant" of the article and other inaccuracies.

I was contacted by a Jambar staff reporter asking about the impact of the budget cuts, and that is what I believed I was discussing. My concern is with the lack of budget and insufficient release time (1 course per year). I wish to make the following corrections:

1) At no time did I state that I am "resigning" from my position as Director of Women's Studies. I very specifically made it clear that the governance documents of the Center stipulate that a Director not serve more than six years, and I have already served more than my term. It is my intention to finish out the year in this position but not to assume the position in the future. That is not a resignation. That is the completion of a non-renewable term.

2) I have applied for a sabbatical next year to work on a book project. The article implies that my sabbatical request is connected to my experience of "burnout" in Women's Studies. This is very upsetting to me. I don't view a sabbatical as a "rest" from responsibilities but an opportunity to focus a great deal of work in a different area of my profession—making a contribution to research in my field.

3) There was one important omission in my comment at the end of the article. What I stated to the Jambar reporter is that I can't imagine anyone **except me** dumb enough to take on the directorship of both Women's Studies and the Women's Center with so little support.

I am very grateful to the Jambar for bringing this situation to the attention of the university community, but I also formally request that these corrections be published.

Thank you.

Prof. L.J. "Tess" Tessier
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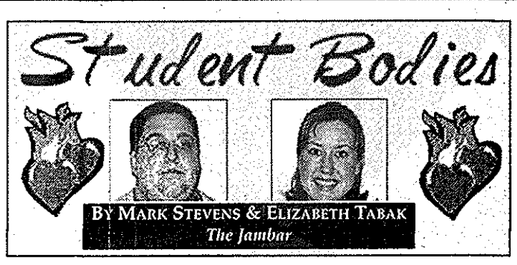

BY MARK STEVENS & ELIZABETH TABAK
The Jambar

Her Side:

If I have heard it once, I have heard it twice.

Actually, I have probably heard it at least a million times: "Age ain't nothin' but a number."

So cliché, yet so true, and still people wonder if it can be properly applied to the rules of dating. Well, I say 'why the hell not?' Why should it matter if there are a few years in between you?

It shouldn't unless, of course, there are legal implications and the possibility of jail time for professing your undying love. This is when you have to step back and ask yourself if you would rather hold out for someone your own age, or answer to a big, hairy guy named "Bubba" that lives in your cell block and thinks that you are pretty, but I digress.

Age shouldn't be a big issue when it comes to dating. I hate hearing people complain and moan because they are mad that their friend is dating someone who is a different age. Females are the worst at this. All I have to say is just because it isn't working for you, sister, doesn't mean it isn't working for them. Even worse is when someone they are interested in is dating someone who is older or younger than they are. It's jealousy talking. Believe me, I am only 20 and have already been traded in for the younger model more times than I care to admit. It sucks, you get over it, and you find someone else.

Personally, I like dating guys older than I am. This is for a number of reasons, and I will guarantee that it is not because they can buy me beer. I am really not trying to sound stuck up, but from a female perspective there are not many guys out there that are my age and at my maturity level. Then again, there aren't that many that are older than me and on my level, but that is another topic for another time.

Age gaps usually do revolve around maturity levels. Odd as it may sound, it usually evens out the maturity playing field.

Granted, it sometimes can be weird when you have the realization that when you had just gotten your braces, they were just applying to college. But who cares? That's the past, this is now, and if it works for you then go for it.

If it doesn't, at least, you still have the beer, right?

His Side:

That's Beth for you. She'll always find solace in alcohol.

Trust me; we've tried an intervention, but she's in love with longnecks.

And she snorts a lot when she laughs.

Oh well. What are we talking about here?

Let's see, Beth was whining and using clichés, so this must be Student Bodies. Hold on, I have to go back up and see what the topic is.

Okay. I'm back. I guess we're talking about age differences. What's that I heard in the back? Yeah, you. You want to know why. I understand.

Me too. By the way, we're running out of topics, so call my number at the bottom of this story and hit me up with some ideas. Please.

Back to the here and now. Well, I guess it's more accurate to say the now and then. I guess age differences aren't really that controversial. Unless of course we're talking about a high school senior pre-chewing their date's food.

How's that timeless saying go? Something like "if there's grass on the field, play ball," I think.

But hold on right there, Mr. Slappy Pants. Women are usually the devil, and it only gets worse the younger they are. See, the more experience a female has in associating with guys, the more she sees what it is that they like.

Say you're 20. That's cool, good for you. Say you meet this girl that's 17. Aww. How sweet.

Anyways, her parents are cool with you guys hooking up because they think it's great that their daughter is interested in 'cultured' college guys. So you don't have to worry about getting stuck with the statutory thing.

But that doesn't mean you're going to get away cleaner than a virgin's headboard.

I know a guy who's dating a girl with about that age difference, and she's cool as hell. And she doesn't act like she just got out of high school. But her friends, that's a different story.

To hear him drop it, they pretty much make his life miserable.

Seriously, they're just immature. So make sure you're ready to deal with those possibilities if you're thinking of dipping your rod into the high-school pond.

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Ream said. "We're probably not going to get much sleep."

The float, which is designed to look like a medieval castle with a caged cardinal in the back, will take about 16 people to finish it, Ream said. Working with mostly recycled materials, the finished product will end up costing about $75.

Another group that used recycled materials to finish their float, Adesina, is the only organization that began their float before this week.

Using recycled cardboard and old shopping carts, they began constructing a subway train that seats four people and is about 17 feet in length.

"It's huge and it took so much time," Andy Fabian, a member of Adesina, said.

Following the parade, at 4 p.m., the YSU football team will play Illinois State. Homecoming king and queen will be crowned at half-time.

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legally abided by the amended constitution by giving its notice to leave the Big East by this past June 30 and by paying its $1 million exit fee.

"There was no commitment to stay in the conference for any period of time," Isicoff said. "It was a revised and amended out-clause that was very clear and unequivocal: 'You give your notice by June 30 and you pay your money within a year _ $1 million _ and you're free to go.

"In the past 25 years, 39 other schools have changed conferences, and there has never been a lawsuit. It's nothing extraordinary."

UM athletic director Paul Dee said Monday in a written statement, "We took this action very reluctantly, because we think litigation in this matter is neither productive nor desirable.

"However, the barrage of lawsuits emanating out of Big East member schools, have forced us to take steps to protect our rights and reputation."

Most recently, the four Big East schools filed a second lawsuit last Tuesday over the ACC expansion, adding Boston College, its athletic director and four ACC officers to the list of defendants.

The Big East acknowledged Monday's lawsuit, but spokesman Rob Carolla said there would be no public comment.

Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, the most vocally aggressive plaintiff on behalf of his side's lawsuits, told The Associated Press that UM's lawsuits are unfounded and show Miami is acting out of "fear and anger."

"Any harm claimed by the University of Miami plainly is self-inflicted or nonexistent, and pales in comparison to the damage it has done to its Big East partners," Blumenthal said.

The defendants have 20 days to respond to the complaint.

Movie Review

'Chainsaw Massacre' cuts out original's best parts

Photo courtesy texaschainsawmovie.com

YEAH, YOU'RE PRETTY MUCH A LL GONNA DIE: Hollywood's latest remake, of "Texas Chainsaw Massacre" proved to be much different than the original, and not in a good way.

BY MEGAN MCNAMES
The News Record (U. Cincinnati)

(U-WIRE) CINCINNATI - For anyone expecting a remake of the classic "Texas Chainsaw Massacre" of 1974, prepare to be sorely disappointed. While Leatherface reappears in all of his glory with trusty chainsaw at hand the new version breaks greatly from the original.

The remake massacred the original: Classic scenes have been cut out, characters changed radically and, at the end, nobody throws a wrench at Leatherface.

To those confused by the wrench-throwing allusion because they haven't seen the original, the new "Texas Chainsaw Massacre" is a suitable step just above mediocre and, therefore, enjoyable.

The film follows five college-aged students as they take a trip through hell after picking up a hitchhiker who blows her brains out in their van.

The first 30 minutes of the film are actually very interesting, and the scenes are creative. The one right after the girl kills herself has the camera panning out from the barrel of the gun, through her head, and out the back window, making for creative camera work.

Unfortunately, the next 30 minutes are a Texas Chainsaw torture for viewers.

Instead of the help that they need, the kids only find the scary and quite annoying Sheriff Hoyt (R. Lee Ermey), whose main job is to annoy the audience with his incessant yelling. His second and third jobs are to aid in the demise of the college kids and make the audience want to throw popcorn at the screen.

The large cast of other scary characters, however, somewhat makes up for the incredibly unscary sheriff.

The massacre that ensues is OK as massacres go, but it certainly isn't the bloodbath and screaming of the 1974 version.

The mass-murdering Leatherface, however, is entirely Ed Gein. Ed Gein was the people-killing, skin-wearing, human lampshade-making inspiration behind the Leatherface character.

In this version, Leatherface gets a sewing machine to sew human flesh, and he changes his skin facemask several times. He even eerily hoists a body up by its heels, pig-butchering style, much like in the horror movie "Ed Gein."

Vegetarians and the faint at heart beware.

Even with this added Leatherface character development, the new version simply does not live up to the original, for many reasons. First of all, it isn't campy. At all. There aren't any scenes that cause laughter and then make viewers wonder, "Was that supposed to be funny?"

For example, nobody gets shoved in a sack and hit with a broom, and apparently Grandpa died because he wasn't in this film.

Second, some of the truly scary parts have been cut out. Leatherface does not have that super-creepy room filled with sculptures made of bones. There's something very scary about that room in the original film. Also, Leatherface only slams his freaky sliding door once, and then it isn't really used again.

The original had viewers screaming at the cast not to go near the door. Those same viewers now are screaming, "Don't go near the theater!"

Lastly, the filmmakers apparently couldn't decide what movie they were making. Is this film a remake, or is it another episode of a massacre in Texas? It is difficult to tell.

Moviegoers who haven't seen the original will be able to understand the plot, but might not be able to sleep at night, because it is scary. However, if viewers are expecting a remake of the classic, this isn't it.

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performing internships at area companies and campus officials say they believe these experiences are an important component of education.

At a press conference Wednesday, Ohio Gov. Bob Taft announced that the Ohio Department of Development has awarded a $228,400 grant to YSU to support such internship programs.

Koulianos attended Wednesday's ceremony, held in the lobby of Materials Research Laboratories and said he is thrilled that more students will be able to have similar work experiences.

"You can only take what you have in the classroom until you come into the work place and put it to use," Koulianos said.

With help from the grant, 36 YSU students will work at local companies earning between $8 and $15 per hour.

Materials Research Laboratories is one of 19 local companies participating in the internship program.

The internships are being offered through six YSU departments: computer science information systems, biology, physics, chemistry, math and engineering technology.

Students will be able to complete internships in networking, web site development, information technology support, information technology documentation, PC maintenance and troubleshooting, database administration and health information technology security and privacy issues, according to a written statement issued by the university.

Department chairs will recommend sophomores and juniors for the internships based on their academic standing, according to the statement.

The Ohio Department of Development grant was given to the Industrial Information Institute Inc. located on campus.

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Percent of Women Expected to Become Pregnant in the First Year of Continuous Use

Method	Lowest Expected	Typical
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Oral contraceptives (OC)	-	5
Combined	0.1	-
Progestin only	0.5	-
IUD	-	2
Progestasert	2.0	-
Copper T 380A	0.6	-
Cervical cap (with spermicide)	9	18
Diaphragm (with spermicide)	6	16
Condom alone	3	14
Vaginal sponge	9	18
Cervical cap (with spermicide)	9	26
Vaginal spermicides	3	21
Rhythm methods	1.5	24
Periodic abstinence	3	25
Withdrawal	4	19
Cervical cap (without spermicide)	9	26
Vaginal sponge (without spermicide)	9	26
No method	85	85

Source: Trussell et al, Contraceptive Technology, 17th ed. 1998.

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- If you have had a stroke
- If you have or have had blood clots (phlebitis) in your legs
- If you have problems with your liver or liver disease
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What other things should I consider before using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
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- abnormal vaginal bleeding (breakthrough, irregular or heavier than usual bleeding from your vagina)
- liver disease
- irregular or nearly no menstrual periods
- high blood pressure
- diabetes
- asthma
- epilepsy (convulsions or seizures)
- a family history of diabetes
- a history of depression
- if you are taking any prescription or over-the-counter medicines

This product is intended to prevent pregnancy. It does not protect against transmission of HIV (AIDS) and other sexually transmitted diseases such as chlamydia, genital herpes, genital warts, gonorrhea, hepatitis B, and syphilis.

What if I want to become pregnant after using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
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What are the risks of using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
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The most often reported side effect by women who use DEPO-PROVERA for contraception is a change in their normal menstrual cycle. During the first year of using DEPO-PROVERA, you might have one or more of the following changes: irregular or more frequent bleeding or spotting, or a lessening of menstrual bleeding, or no bleeding at all. Unusual bleeding or continuous bleeding is one most common side effect of DEPO-PROVERA; and if this happens, you should see your health-care provider right away. With continued use of DEPO-PROVERA, bleeding usually decreases or in many women stops bleeding period completely. A clinical study of DEPO-PROVERA, 35% of the women who had reported no menstrual bleeding (amenorrhea) after 1 year of use, an extra 15% of the women who had reported no menstrual bleeding after 2 years of use. The reason that your period may stop is because DEPO-PROVERA causes a reduction in the amount of hormones produced by your ovaries. When your ovaries do not produce enough of these hormones, the lining of your uterus does not develop as it would if you were not using DEPO-PROVERA. This lining is what your body sheds during your menstrual period. Once you stop using DEPO-PROVERA, your menstrual period will usually return to its normal cycle.

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Wednesday	October 29	2:00 pm	Healthy Eating	Jones Room, KC

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SPORTS & RECREATION

Miami Hurricanes strike back, sue Big East

BY SUSAN MILLER DEGNAN
Knight Ridder Newspapers

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — The impending divorce just got uglier.

After months of being called conspirators in "a deliberate scheme . . . to destroy the Big East," the University of Miami struck back Monday in Miami-Dade County Circuit Court.

The University of Miami filed suit against the Big East Conference, University of Connecticut, Pittsburgh, Rutgers and West Virginia, alleging breach of contract and a conspiracy to defraud on the part of the conference and individual schools.

Miami also sued the University of Connecticut for defamation.

"Enough of all these lawyer-concocted claims and all the defamation and name-calling and daily press releases and press conferences," Miami attorney Eric Isicoff told The Herald by telephone. "What we want to do is bring the real issue to the court here and have the court declare, 'Hey, there was a contract. You have the absolute right to leave the Big East conference and you've done nothing wrong.'

"That's the bottom line."

Isicoff, co-counsel Roberto Martinez and Aaron Podhurst filed the lawsuit on behalf of UM.

Isicoff said Miami is "looking for substantial damages against the Big East and the other schools ... and we would estimate those damages are going to range into the millions of dollars."

Miami also filed an appeal Monday with the Supreme Court of Connecticut to immediately review trial judge Samuel Sferrazza's recent order denying UM's motion to dismiss for lack of personal jurisdiction.

UM was sued in June by the four schools, but not by the Big East Conference, for, according to the original lawsuit, conspiring in a scheme to destroy the league by choosing to defect to the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Miami claims in Monday's lawsuit that in 1999 it expressed to Big East commissioner Mike Tranghese that it had 16 concerns with the Big East _ including scheduling, marketing, TV rights and the ability of members to leave the conference. It claims those concerns were not addressed and that it signed an amended Big East Constitution in 2001 under false pretenses that the issues would be resolved.

Either way, Isicoff said UM

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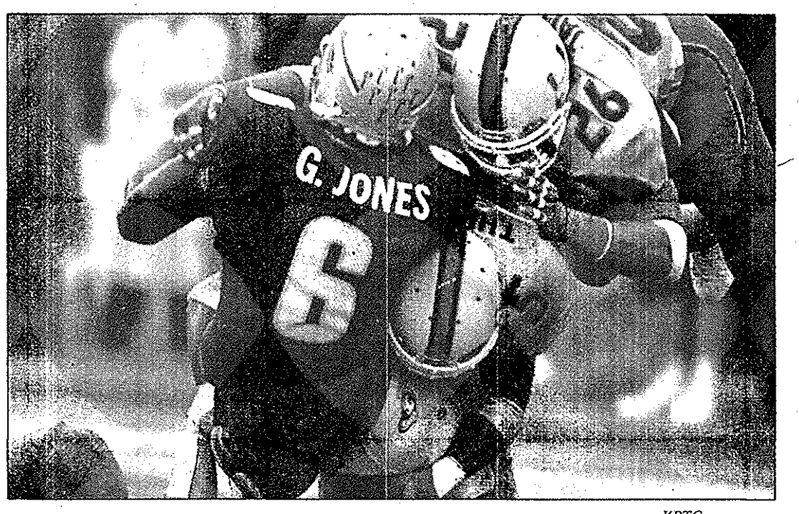

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STUFFED: Miami defenders Sean Taylor (26), Greg Threat (5) and Jonathan Vilma (51) keep Florida State running back Greg Jones out of the endzone as Miami beat Florida State 22-14 earlier this season. Miami is currently suing the Big East conference for an alleged breach of contract and conspiracy to defraud.

Pardon 'The Jambar' Interruption

GAME	MARK STEVENS "FAT HEAD" *RECORD STRAIGHT UP: 20-17* *AGAINST THE SPREAD: 16-15* 	B.J. LISKO "THE COMMISH" *RECORD STRAIGHT UP: 26-11* *AGAINST THE SPREAD: 17-14* 	MICHAEL BALALE "THE NOMAD" *RECORD STRAIGHT UP: 20-17* *AGAINST THE SPREAD: 11-20* 
PURDUE (+4.5) VS. MICHIGAN	I'll say one thing for sure about this game, Michigan better not wait until the fourth quarter to wake up like they did against Minnesota, or this one will be way to far out of reach. I don't think that's going to happen. I'll give credit to Purdue and coach Joe Tiller. They have a quality team, and Tiller always puts his team in a position to win. But I think the Wolverines have a little bit too much on the offensive side of the football. John Navarre takes a lot of criticism, but he's as good a quarterback as there is in the Big Ten. Chris Perry has the ability to be dominant if Michigan commits to the running game. Michigan will win, 34-24.	Purdue heads into the Big House this week to face Michigan in a decisive battle in the Big 10. The Boilermakers are coming off a win against Wisconsin in which they dominated both sides of the ball, but only managed to win by three. Michigan has looked pretty bad against formidable opponents this year, and while I look for them to play a bit better this week, I still like Purdue straight up and against the spread, 31-28.	Kyle Orton and the impressive passing attack of Purdue travel to Ann Arbor, where the rejuvenated Wolverines host their Big Ten foes. As good as the Boilermaker offense is, Michigan is playing with tons of confidence after big wins against Minnesota and a bad Illinois team. John Navarre may be hated by Michigan fans all throughout the country but Perry will have 20 carries, and the Wolves win their biggest game of the year and climb closer to the top 10. Michigan wins a close one but doesn't cover. Michigan 34-30.
AUBURN (+3.5) VS. LSU	This is probably the toughest game on this week's slate. Auburn got off to a horrid start, but they seem to have turned things around. The turnaround hinges completely on 'Cadillac' Williams and the success of the running game. LSU has a couple of pretty good young tailbacks and Matt Mauck is a decent quarterback, but Auburn has the hot hand right now. Momentum is always key in SEC battles. Auburn pulls off a pseudo-upset, 28-21.	Auburn has finally arrived. Much to the dismay of their opponents in the SEC—LSU included. While the Tigers may finally be firing on all cylinders LSU looked impressive even though they were banged up during their contest with South Carolina. Still, South Carolina's defense ain't no Aubum. The Tigers (Auburn that is) continue their hot streak with a big conference win over LSU, 27-24.	The Auburn Tigers go on the road this week against no. 9 LSU. OLB Karlos Dansby may be the best defensive player in the country, but his 10 associates on defense can't hold down LSU for four quarters. Matt Mauck, and his blistering quarterback rating of 142.5 will gut the Tigers like a surgeon. LSU's only loss came to the hands of the Gators, and they've looked impressive all year long. Auburn may have come alive the past few weeks, but were the most overrated team in the country coming into the season. LSU wins 38-35.
NORTHERN ILL. (+3.5) VS. BOWLING GREEN	I've been rooting for Northern Illinois all year. Michael "Burner" Turner is a back in the mold of LaDanian Tomlinson. Tomlinson also played for a smaller school and Turner has NFL potential. BGSU did play Ohio State pretty tough, but in case you haven't been paying attention, I'm not exactly high on the Buckeyes this year. BGSU has some talent on offense though, and I've got a feeling that NIU's cinderella season is going to come to an end this week. All good things must end. BGSU wins a tight one 19-17.	Is Northern Illinois for real? That seems to be the question on many sports writers' minds. Well let me answer this question for you: ABSOLUTELY NOT. While being one of only four undefeated teams left in the NCAA, the Huskies have struggled with the majority of their weak opponents including Iowa State and Western Michigan. While they managed victories against Maryland and Alabama, the Crimson Tide is pathetic this year, and Maryland loses their first two games every season. Remember Bowling Green's only loss was to Ohio State, and they almost pulled that one out. BGSU's offense is entirely too much for Northern Illinois. Fields and Co. win big, 42-17.	The MAC has been the biggest surprise in the country this year, and Bowling Green is a sterling example as to why. Josh Harris has almost thrown for 2,000 yards this season, and BG's only loss came by a touchdown to the Buckeyes. Northern Illinois on the other hand, is still undefeated, as they continue to shock the world every weekend. This match-up has been very highly anticipated and the Huskies will be ready to defend their unblemished season. NIU's running attack of Michael Turner will be too much for BG to stop, and NIU has only lost by more than a touchdown once in the last 24 games. NIU wins in overtime and covers 37-34.
WASHINGTON (+10) VS. USC	I've been a fan of USC all year mostly because of the way they play defense. I love 11 hats on the ball swarming defenses. They get after people. Every week they put a bulls-eye on the opposing quarterback's helmet and go for the kill. The offense is good enough with game breaker Mike Williams at receiver. He's pretty much as solid as it gets, and he's young, too. Washington is just another one of those PAC-10 schools that everyone gets excited about because they have a decent quarterback. But those teams always seem to disappoint. See UCLA in the 90's for examples. USC rolls 43-24.	Washington is so inconsistent. Every year they're touted to be one of the best teams in the country and every year they blow it. Aside from their slipup against California, USC has looked very good. If Cody Pickett and his team decide to show up they'll make this a game. But that's a big if. I'm going with USC straight up and against the spread, 35-16.	USC quarterback Matt Leinart has been lighting up defenses all year long, and if not for a let down against Cal early in the year, they'd be the number two team in the country. Washington may be the most inconsistent team in the PAC-10, and have only beat one top 25 team all year. Huskie quarterback Cody Pickett may one day play on Sundays but his team doesn't have the tenacity to stop a potent Trojan offense. USC wins on the road but Pickett keeps it close and covers the spread, USC 34-27
SYRACUSE (+7) VS. PITT	To be honest, I'm afraid of this game. Pitt looks tough, then they lose to a pitiful Notre Dame team. Syracuse looks solid, then they get obliterated by Va. Tech. I played against Syracuse tailback Walter Reyes in high school. He's a pretty impressive athlete, but from what I heard he wasn't much of a teammate. And a lot of people I knew then questioned his heart when he was at Struthers. But he's not going to have to worry about getting hit against Pitt; they don't hit anyone. But their offense is tough, and I don't think Syracuse has enough to hang with them. Pitt wins a shootout, 45-35.	Pittsburgh just can't get it together. After losing to Toledo, they've struggled with weak teams, and even lost to the Fighting Irish at home. Syracuse on the other hand has played pretty well this year, and with the exception of Virginia Tech, no one has been able to contain running back Walter Reyes. The big problem for Pitt all year has been their defense. Look for Reyes to run all over the Panthers in a shootout. Orangemen win 41-40.	Syracuse and Youngstown native Walter Reyes travel to Pittsburgh to take on the explosive passing game of the Panthers. Pitt has the best receiver in the country and my pick for the Heisman Trophy in Pat Fitzgerald, who 'Cuse can't stop. For 'Cuse to win, Reyes will need to break the two game slump he's in, as he's averaged 2.45 yards per carry in those contests. He may break out, but Fitzgerald is too much for anyone to stop, as the Panther already has 13 TDs. Pitt wins but doesn't cover the points, Pitt 42-38.
YSU VS. ILLINOIS STATE	YSU doesn't lose homecoming games. It just doesn't happen. But I hope the Penguins aren't looking past Illinois State to some of the tougher games that follow this week. I think the Penguins will take care of this game at home. Penguins win, 28-24.	This may be the last game YSU has a good shot of winning all year. It's homecoming and they host Illinois State, who is on a four-game skid and coming off a heartbreaking loss to #9 Western Kentucky. This is a big game for ISU, where they can step it up and salvage their season, or let the wheels fall off at the hands of the Penguins. I predict they'll bounce back and beat a YSU team that struggled with Gateway basement dwellers Indiana State. YSU loses homecoming, in a close one 35-31.	YSU plays Illinois State this week, as Homecoming soon approaches. The Penguins will enjoy winning this one, as they may not win another all year. Look for the Penguins to win, and look for the Illinois State right guard, center, and long snapper to rush for 100 yards respectively, YSU 30-17
GENERAL COMMENTS	The Nomad strangely went 6-0 straight up last week, doubling his win total from the previous two weeks combined. Maybe he has some new hair gel or something. Or maybe that melon blouse he was wearing helped him out. All I'm saying is my boy looked like a whole big bowl of fruit salad. The Commish is getting pretty damn cocky. I guess he has the right, since he's winning and all. But don't expect it to last my friend, Satan's spawn or not, Fat Head is poised for a run. And you know what happens when all of that weight gets moving; it just doesn't stop.	The Nomad certainly bounced back last week—but that was of course cause he picked EVERY SINGLE GAME EXACTLY THE SAME AS ME! It's easy to go 6-0 when you follow the leader. His picks are as original as his clothes. We'll see how good he does this week on his own. Fat Head bit one last week. A steak hoagie I'm sure, but he took a big dive in PTJI and now is tied with The Nomad. We'll have to see if he can bounce back. But I'm not so sure Fat Head is going to be doing bouncing of any kind, anytime soon. I'm gonna wrap up this competition here real quick.	The Commish can't, and won't give credit where it's due as I swept the floor last week with a barrage of victories going 6-0 straight up. He's still a little bitter that his band got passed up to open for 3 Doors Down. Fear not Commish, I hear that St. Mary's church needs a new opener for bingo night on Thursdays. Fat Head had a rough outing last week in PTJI, and his luck got worse when they wouldn't let him in the concert due to him having one ticket and three a**es.