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Police say heroin affects YSU

By WILLIAM A. LEHN
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On a cold, blustery January day in 2001, a call for medical help came from Ward Beecher Hall. A student had passed out, and lying next to her was a syringe and a packet of what police called a "suspicious substance."

It was clear to police that she had suffered a drug overdose, but it wasn't until lab tests came back that officials knew that the drug she had injected was heroin.

The student has since recovered, and campus police say the revelation that heroin was on the campus of Youngstown State University had a lasting effect on

them. "Drugs are everywhere," says Youngstown State University police Sergeant Randy Williams.

But police say the 2000 arrest of one man has done a great deal to address the heroin situation in the Youngstown area.

Williams, a member of the narcotics unit of the Mahoning Valley

Enforcement Task Force, said the arrest of Sixto "Sisco" Melendez should help dry up the local supply of heroin.

Melendez, identified by police as a prominent member of the major drug cartel of Miguel Velazquez, was arrested in

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SGA to hold silent protest in meeting

By CHRISTINA POE
The Jambar

Student Government Association officials hope their silence at today's Board of Trustees meeting will make a loud statement as the YSU Bookstore controversy continues.

Since the university announced the possible outsourcing of the YSU Bookstore this summer, SGA has been a part of the ongoing analysis.

At Monday's SGA meeting, representatives discussed their plans for a silent protest at the trustees meeting.

President Emily Eckman said the sit-in was needed to demonstrate SGA's convictions about the bookstore to university officials.



ECKMAN

"We can pass resolutions and make petitions, but if we don't show them we're committed, then the cause will die," Eckman said. "They'll think we're not interested anymore."

Ideas for the silent protest, such as painting "The Rock" and making S.O.B. (Save Our Bookstore) T-shirts, buttons and picket signs, were tossed around during the heated discussion.

Sophomore Bob McGovern, financial appropriations chair, agreed with Eckman.

He said the sit-in was a necessary step to guarantee the voices of the student body were represented.

"A decision could be made at any time," McGovern said. "The time to act is now in order to make sure we're heard."

In addition to the sit-in, McGovern said SGA has been gathering signatures for a petition protesting the tentative outsourcing of the YSU Bookstore.

McGovern said SGA officers presented President David Sweet and other university officials with 1,656 signatures in a meeting Oct. 24.

McGovern said since then, more signatures have been collected.

He said SGA is prepared for the probability that the bookstore may be outsourced.

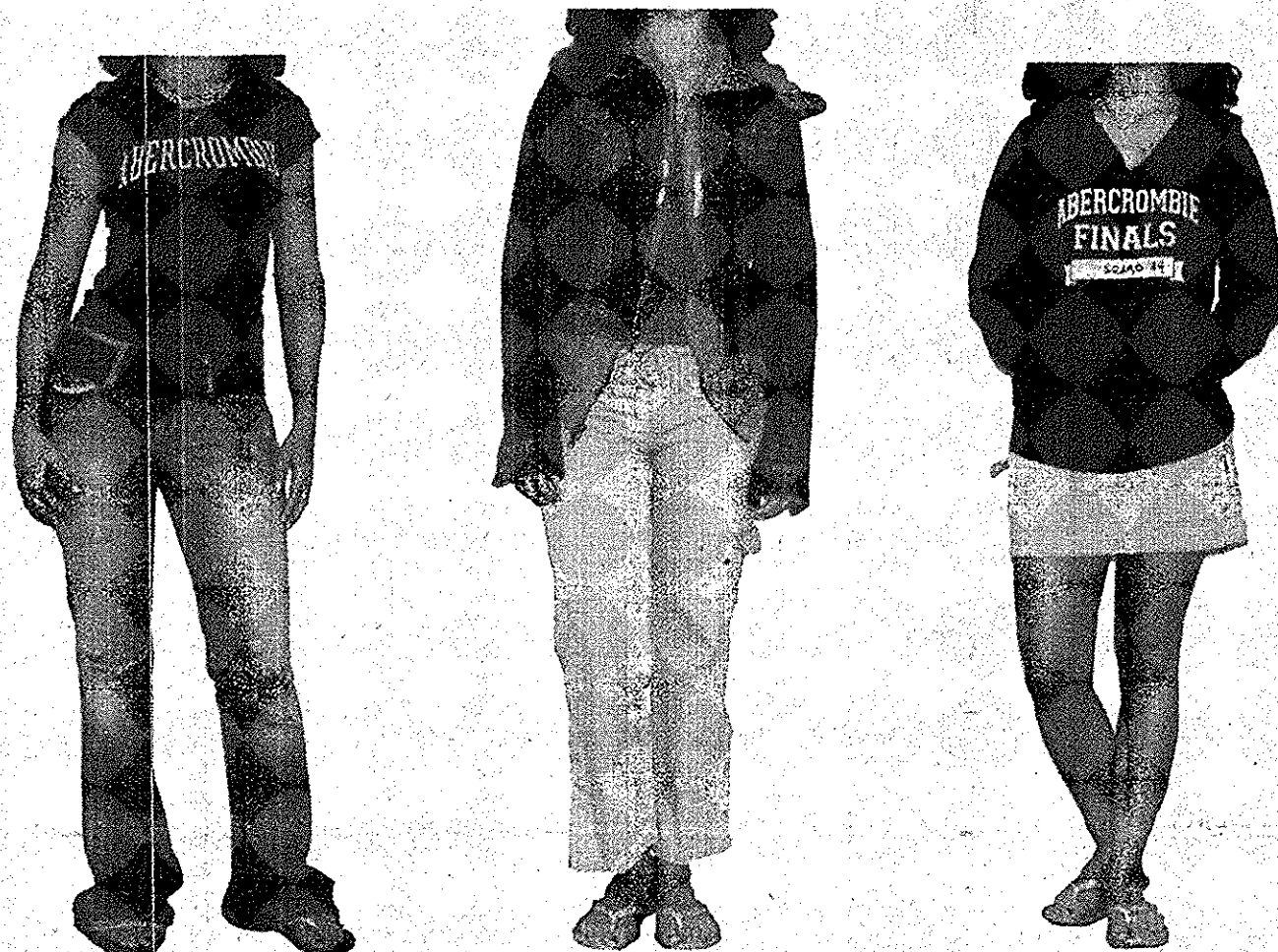
He said SGA is also proposing to Campus Book & Supply to keep book prices the same if the YSU Bookstore store does not stay directly affiliated with the university.

Other matters addressed during the meeting were a proposal to survey students about classes of interest, a new yearbook class and CUE-mail registration.

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Abercrombie keeps tight watch

A Youngstown attorney hopes to recover lost wages for the store's employees.



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DRESS CODE: According to Abercrombie and Fitch employees, they must wear in-season clothing while also maintaining a natural look. Employees said they receive three 50 percent discounts every season change and a 30 percent discount on all other purchases.

By ELIZABETH TABAK
The Jambar

Hooded sweatshirts with the company logo, tiny T-shirts with clever sayings and comfortable cargo pants all lend to the laid-back style of Abercrombie and Fitch.

However, a local attorney says that they are anything but laid-back — forcing their employees, he said, to buy and wear their

latest season's clothing and adhere to a rigid appearance.

Clair Carlin is the Ohio director of a national lawsuit against Abercrombie and Fitch. The Poland attorney says that the popular clothing store is violating federal hourly wage laws by making employees purchase their clothing. Carlin said the cost of the clothing, even at discounted rates, reduces the employees' paycheck to less than minimum wage.

"This is a big deal," Carlin said. "There is a lot of money lost when you look at it."

Carlin has placed advertisements in college newspapers all throughout Ohio looking for students like Jessica Sponseller, an employee who has spent hundreds of dollars on clothing in the two years she has worked there.

The Jameson School of Nursing student said that employees are given three 50 percent dis-

counts every different season. Otherwise, the discount is 30 percent for all employees. She said, however, that she has found most of her paychecks are still going directly back to the store because of her purchases, a process she calls "irritating."

"My mom and I saved all of the receipts and everything, and every month I spent about \$300,"

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YSU hosts DNA discoverer

By ELIZABETH TABAK
The Jambar

Wednesday afternoon an otherwise quiet science classroom was filled to capacity with explosions of student laughter and applause.

James D. Watson, co-discoverer of DNA, answered questions from YSU biology students in room 3022 of Ward Beecher Hall.

During the hour-long question and

"If they told me they would patent it, I would say 'f--- you.'"

— JAMES D. WATSON
On patenting DNA to avoid cloning

answer period, Watson comically discussed his interest in becoming a researcher, the place of religion in science and current issues facing science researchers.

Chuck Cooper, assistant professor of biology, moderated the hour-long question and answer period, and introduced Watson as a "living legend in molecular biology."

The Nobel Prize Laureate explained

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Biology labs receive 700K grant

By ZETTA DUMKRIEGER
The Jambar

On Tuesday, YSU's biology labs became the only site in the nation to receive a grant for \$700,000 to research fungus in AIDS patients.

The National Science Foundation has awarded a team of YSU professors to conduct research in the field of proteomics, which examines the role proteins play in disease.

Chet Cooper, Thomas Kim and Gary Walker will do the research,

focusing on a fungus that infects up to 30 percent of AIDS patients in parts of south east Asia. The grant, which has been in the making for nearly two years, is one of the largest YSU has ever received.



ATWATER

On Tuesday, YSU Provost Tony Atwater addressed the grant at a press conference. Atwater described the work the professors will be doing as "cutting-edge research."

The grant symbolizes "the

strength and quality of sciences at YSU and the commitment to undergraduate research," he said.

The grant, which will be dispersed over a three-year period, includes funding for equipment used to study the fungus. YSU is currently the only place in the nation with a lab studying the fungus and one of only five in the entire world. The lab that will be used to study the fungus will extend beyond this project.

By researching the fungus and

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September 2000 with 2.3 grams of heroin. Melendez was accused of running drugs along the Interstate 80 corridor from New York to Chicago.

"By taking down Sisco, you remove drugs from campus," Williams said. In fact, the only documented case of heroin on campus in the last three years, the female student at Ward Beecher Hall, was directly connected to product pushed by Sisco.

While law enforcement officials say the bust of Melendez and Velasquez has narrowed a major heroin channel into YSU, it will not keep

the dangerously addictive drug from the campus altogether. Additionally, the university's police chief said other drugs like OxyContin and Ecstasy are more of a concern as they become more easily accessible to students.

But be it heroin, marijuana, Oxy or ecstasy, "X," the officials all agree that though illegal drugs have remained under the local media's radar screen, they are very much available near YSU.

The Mahoning Valley Enforcement Task Force — made up of officers from area police departments and the FBI

— has had its eyes on YSU.

Last Spring, the task force arrested two alleged drug dealers who were working on campus. In Kilcawley House, Freshman Ebony Davis was arrested and charged with three counts of trafficking in marijuana.

Michael Jones, who was not a student at the time, but who told police he was, was arrested and charged with four counts of trafficking in marijuana at his home in the 800 block of Ohio Avenue. Police allege he commonly dealt out of a backpack in Kilcawley Center.

According to Assistant

Mahoning County Prosecutor Dennis Sarisky, Jones pleaded guilty to three counts and is awaiting sentencing. He could face up to three years in prison.

Davis' case is pending before Mahoning Common Pleas Judge Maureen Cronin. YSU has had several other incidents of drug use in the recent past and police officials say they work hard to stay on top of all cases or suspicious incidents.

Crime is the problem
"Whenever there is crime, it is sure to have drugs as the root of the problem," says Williams.

Williams said a rash of break-ins in a particular neighborhood usually means an addict needs money to fund his or her habit. "Whether it be cocaine or heroin or marijuana, if we [the task force] can deter drug dealing, it will have a positive effect on the crime rate."

YSU police Chief John Gocala says, "probably the

biggest concern in the immediate area is Oxy and Ecstasy."

Williams said, "marijuana is still the most prevalent on campus."

"When an addict gets used to the high of heroin, they switch to Oxy and vice versa," said Williams.

Too much exposure to one drug dilutes the effectiveness of the high, so a switch to the other is necessary to get the maximum high, a vicious cycle, police said.

"Addicts are addicts and they can get what they can to feed their habit," Williams said.

One reason why they flip flop between heroin and Oxy is that Oxy is synthetic heroin and gives you a very similar high to heroin.

Counseling

Jim Esperon, a counselor at the University Counseling Center / Community Counseling Center, says the university offers many services for drug/alcohol problems.

They perform individual assessments and for the severe cases requiring detoxification and make referrals to specialized drug/alcohol treatment facilities in the community.

When asked if he sees an abundance of students coming in for counseling at the center for drug and alcohol problems, Esperon said, "Most people come with issues of depression, anxiety, test anxiety, family and relationship problems ... it's just one of the issues we see on a common basis."

Even though you can be referred to the UCC/CCC for two cans of beer in your dorm, detecting drug problems is difficult because Esperon said many addicts deny their problems.

"Denial by the addict is a chief obstacle to overcome by any drug treatment facility," Esperon said.

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Sponseller said. "A couple times it was a lot more than that."

Keith Welton, a 2001 graduate of YSU and a former employee of Abercrombie and Fitch, said the discount gave employees no reason to stay. Welton also worked at the Southern Park Mall store when it first opened, and said he decided to quit after spending upwards of \$150 every month on an "updated" look.

"It got too expensive to work there only part-time because my whole income went back to them," Welton said.

Though the employees say it is policy to purchase the clothing from the latest season and wear it on the floor, Hampton Carney of Abercrombie and Fitch's marketing division said that it is not.

Carney declined comment on any further company policy. A manager of the Southern Park Mall location also said he "can't answer any questions" regarding company policy.

In addition to spending the majority of their paychecks on clothing, Welton and Sponseller said they had to maintain a certain look that Abercrombie wanted for their employees.

Welton said that when he

first began working at the store, there was an instructional manual on employee appearance called the "look book." There were also posters in the supply room and office to instruct employees on how to dress and groom themselves. Both the posters and the book gave a list of specific non-Abercrombie accessories to get the "best look."

Though he does not remember the specifics of the "look book," he does recall the detail of the posters and the reaction of managers if the rules were not followed.

"If you wore anything other than Abercrombie, they would freak," Welton said.

Welton recalled a specific instance when an employee came in wearing an American Eagle belt with his jeans, and the managers gave him an ultimatum.

"They basically gave him the options of leaving or taking off the belt and buying one of theirs."

Sponseller said that she was also given a booklet of regulations. Inside were specifications on clothing, accessories and shoes that were acceptable. Sponseller said that employees are required to wear shoes from Journey's shoe store.

"They must be either

Diesel or Steve Madden, but no Doc Martens because they are also sold at Gadzook's which is our competition," Sponseller said.

Junior Jaime Fedorissin worked at Abercrombie and Fitch for little over a year. She said that while she worked there, there was a strong emphasis on having a "natural look."

"If there was a girl who came in for a job and she had purple eye shadow or something like that, it was a definite no-no," Fedorissin said.

"They wanted to keep the look simple, not flashy and definitely wanted to limit makeup."

While both Welton and Fedorissin spent time and money on their Abercrombie looks, neither was interested in pursuing the lawsuit.

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Today's Editorial

Stolen food a travesty to YSU

It was more than just missing items of food; it was immoral.

Last week, a Youngstown State University student social work organization called the YSU police department because food items from their Rescue Mission drive were stolen.

Student organizations that collect food for those who are less fortunate should not arrive to campus and find their work blemished by others.

Pillaging through the Rescue Mission's two barrels — stealing the rations other individuals were kind enough to donate — is a stain on goodwill.

At the Rescue Mission on Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., there are entire families that depend on the meals served.

If the person(s) who stole the food items were actually in need of food, the Rescue Mission is only a few blocks away from campus.

Rationale is lost when those in need steal from others like themselves.

If this was a random student(s) who thought stealing from those in need was nothing more than an "ultimate joke" — it was not.

It was a twisted act that has caused the student social work organization to ask for more donations in hopes of regaining the amount of food that was stolen.

It is a moral outrage to think anyone would contemplate and then act on the impulse to steal from those who cannot provide for themselves.

Anyone who thinks organizations such as the Rescue Mission do not need every ounce of sugar, every bag of beans, every box of rice, needs to call the mission, and listen to how many they feed every day, every night and every week.

The donations are in high demand.

With Christmas and Thanksgiving drawing near, there will be many families pouring into the Rescue Mission, and it is good to know that YSU organizations have taken it upon themselves to give a helping hand.

On Nov. 14, the drive for the Rescue Mission will end and it would be a telling tale to see all seven barrels in Cushman's overflowing with acts of kindness.

SGA needs to be voice of students

Student Government Association is planning a sit-in at an upcoming Board of Trustees meeting in protest of the possible outsourcing of the YSU Bookstore.

While we agree that SGA needs to do something to ensure that its collective voice be heard, we urge them to avoid silence in favor of an actual voice.

Moments of silence should be saved for remembering lost loved ones or victims of tragedy.

Silence is counted merely as a vote of 'yes.'

We recognize SGA's efforts in collecting signatures for petitions on this matter, and we feel that efforts should be focused along that vein.

Protests should be heard, not just seen. SGA's collective attendance at the meeting while choosing to just 'sit' does not sit well with us.

The effectiveness of a sit-in has been grossly overrated by SGA. Shouts of protest, signs of denouncement, these are the things that SGA needs to get its point across.

By all means, defend what is necessary for SGA to defend on behalf of the students the organization represents. But do not be satisfied with just showing up.

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Letters to the Editor

Tailgating: 'If it's not broken, don't fix it'

Dear Editor:

I recently read an editorial in The Jambar that I, as a YSU Alumnus, feel the need to respond to. The writer of this editorial has denounced drinking in the tailgate lots and has inferred that YSU fans are unable to make "logical, ethical, and legal" decisions.

In all my years of supporting YSU athletics, I have never seen any fans fail to make "logical, ethical, and legal" decisions. YSU fans have consistently proven that they are capable, responsible, law-abiding citizens. I can promise that if they are punished for being so, game attendance will further slip, causing revenues across the board to spiral downward. If people are penalized for celebrating their team responsibly, it will take years to rebuild an already crumbling fan base.

It is a credit to the YSU football program, and to its fans, that so many of them have continued to support a team that is a far cry from the YSU football teams fans are accustomed to. These people in question are not fair-weather fans — and until the football program has time to rebuild, they're all we've got. It is my

hope that a certain editorial will not influence YSU administration to further alienate fans.

The editorial also inferred that there are not proper controls in place to curb excessive behavior in the tailgate lots. Campus police, city police, and sheriff officers patrol each lot to ensure order. They also check identification when they feel it's necessary—I have seen it happen. This system is not foolproof. But, nothing is.

Even the NCAA has been reluctant to set forth regulations on this issue. They have prohibited the sale of alcohol at NCAA championship events, but have said little about fans' consumption of alcohol. In a report from the Sportsmanship and Fan Behavioral Summit, the NCAA merely made suggestions, and has said that it is the responsibility of the colleges and their surrounding communities to regulate alcohol consumption during college sporting events. Clearly, YSU's administration believes that its fans are capable of making responsible choices, as reflected in the current university policy that allows drinking in tailgate lots.

It can be argued that while the tail-

gate lots are public property, YSU, through the sale of tailgate passes, has made each space the private property of its purchaser. On private property, the consumption of alcohol is legal.

As YSU fans, we have seen both the sweetness of victory and the bitterness of defeat. Through it all, we have continued to support our team with pride and have always acted in a manner that YSU and the community could be proud of.

There have been no riots, our athletes have always been safe, and celebrations have always been conducted responsibly. We should be pleased that YSU fans have always been a source of pride in this community. If they are treated with the respect they deserve, I am confident that they will continue to be.

The bottom line: If it's not broken, don't fix it.

Sincerely,
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Tailgating and football are YSU tradition

Editor:

The YSU campus is one of the best assets of Youngstown. We know that this town does not possess many assets, so why must people disrupt a good thing. Tailgate parties and YSU football games are tradition. They are the only reason that anyone would step foot into Youngstown on the weekend.

I know, let's get all upset and make our selves feel good by

busting a few casual drinkers on a Saturday afternoon. Never mind the REAL problems of Youngstown. Homelessness, drug usage, prostitution, total lack of an economy, instead, we better watch out for those tailgaters breaking the law. People need to get a life.

Kevin Gnipp
Graduate Student

Prof says help others rather than criticizing

Editor:

This is a short response to Lisa Torrence's rebuttal printed on Oct. 30. Lisa, if you get onto the Shavo Web site, you can read about the suspicious circumstances of her "unexplained oxygen deprivation"—it is still a mystery.

I encourage you, as well as all others, to sign-up with Catholic Charities and

Meals on Wheels (my children and I have, for years now) or any other organization to help others rather than criticize those that are trying. This is what Bush intended to do when he tried to empower charities.

Groups such as Catholic Charities try to place older children and sibling groups that have already lived a tough life, and for these kids there isn't a multiyear wait-

ing list (there is a long wait for a healthy newborn). FYI: one of Catholic Charities most rapidly growing services is the counseling of post-abortion women, sometimes even years after the event.

Jeanette Garr
Associate Professor
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Woman says being a 'MILF' is a good thing

Editor:

In response to Richard DeLuca's letter to the editor on 'MILF': what rock has he been hiding under? I'm sure almost every university student (with the obvious exception of Mr. DeLuca) knows the term MILF from the American Pie movies.

I am a 32-year-old woman who is married to a man younger than I am, although not significantly younger. I think that any woman would be flattered to be considered a MILF, especially when someone like Demi Moore is the leading MILF in this country.

I have always said that when I get older, I want to be a

MILF. What are women supposed to look like? Barbara Bush? Mr. DeLuca, all women don't look old over forty. Women still want to be thought of as sexually desirable, no matter what the age, especially if it is by a younger man.

I think that you need to come out of your chauvinistic, old-fashioned thinking and remember that it is our turn to have the May-December relationship rather than it always being the men.

Kerrie Wilson
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Student Bodies



Her Side:

In keeping with the theme of the title "Student Bodies," I think it is time to talk about an issue that definitely has something to do with the body.

Let me start by saying that there are (obviously) a million differences between males and females. One of them is clothing. Now, with the exception of our 'metrosexual' friends, guys don't seem to pay much attention to how they dress. I mean, take Fat Head for example, he enjoys t-shirts and jeans. You just can't always see them because of the pizza stains down the front.

For some reason, though, there are some girls who seem to pay a little too much, shall we say misguided, attention to their choice of clothing for school.

Almost every day that I am on this campus, I get to see — at the risk of sounding juvenile — at least one or two hoochie mamas that think they just walked into a bar. Excuse me, honey, but this is school, not Pogo's.

I just have one question: Why?

And further, why do they have a problem understanding the catcalls and lewd comments when they show up wearing painted-on low-rise jeans and tank tops that might as well not even be considered clothing. Glitter and rhinestones are not needed to walk from class to class. Last time I checked this was higher education, not arts and crafts.

Of course, I'm not sure which is worse: wearing the wrong outfit for school, or going completely overboard when you are actually going out.

It's called a mirror, they run about \$4.99 at Target. Buy one, and get back to me when you find the rest of your skirt, and the bottom half of your skirt.

Oh yeah, and Halloween costumes consist of a little more than white lace underwear and bunny ears.

Not that I am siding with the guys here, but I can almost understand why they make the comments. It's eye candy everywhere. You can't expect guys to not treat and speak to women like sexual objects when they parade around half-naked. It's like expecting Fat Head to read a book instead of a menu.

You know what, though? I don't especially want to hear the comments either, and this is the point where we get to a heartfelt, meaningful statement about self-esteem.

It is not a secret that looks and attraction are the first two elements when it comes to meeting someone and establishing a relationship. Make sure there is something to back it up, and I'm not just talking about your booty. There are a lot of people out there (males and females

alike) that think just because you dress a little on the easy side, that's all there is to you.

I think that if you've got it you should flaunt it, but I think that in some cases, it requires a little more clothing.

His Side:

Apparently Beth brought her whole Jambar stipend to 'Dollar Shot Night.'

I never really know what to expect when I open up the emails with "Student Bodies" in the subject line.

Well I guess that's not entirely true. I can always expect the following things:

Questions. Beth always asks 'why?' And she always says she's going to ask why before she does.

Fat jokes. This is a new theme. Beth copied it from Balale. Hey, Fat Head is chubby. Really? Could've never guessed.

Talk about 'the club' or 'the bar.' Hey, speak on what you know, I guess.

Finally, hating. See below. Beth is a straight up hater. But this time she's mighty 'confused. Did she or did she not end her space with "if you've got it, flaunt it?" Then what the hell were the first 24 paragraphs about?

Since Beth can't seem to make a solid stance on this issue, I will.

Wear whatever the hell you want to wear. All the ladies are probably divided into two camps about that statement.

Half of them are collectively saying, "That's right boy!"

The other half, the haters, are collectively whining. "He's just saying that 'cause he wants to look at those [garden tools]."

Hey, maybe the second group is right. I appreciate the wondrous beauty of the female form as much as the next guy.

And that's my point. Women are beautiful. Tall or short. Thin or curvy. Blondes, brunettes, redheads — it doesn't matter.

If it makes a woman feel more beautiful or sexier to show off her body — which she obviously appreciates — then I am first in line suggesting that she do so. And it's not just because I want to stare at them.

I don't stare; my girl wouldn't appreciate that. And I respect her.

But I notice. And I know that women appreciate being noticed.

Ladies, if you like to wear tight jeans or short skirts and low-cut, tight shirts and that makes you happy, do it and be proud to be who you are and what you've got.

Don't let jealousy or haters stop you from being who you are.

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Movie Review

'Matrix Revolution' concludes trilogy



END OF AN ERA: The 'Matrix' trilogy's concluding installment hit theaters this week. What will be the outcome of Zion? Go to theaters to find out if Neo and Morpheus can win again.

BY DUANE DUDEK
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (KRT)

"The Matrix Revolutions," which opened Wednesday, begins where the previous film in the series ended. Neo, played by Keanu Reeves, is lying unconscious in one of the remaining few ships of a human fleet battered by a machine-like enemy, tended to by his true love Trinity, played by Carrie-Anne Moss.

If you can't remember how he got there, you must not have seen "The Matrix Reloaded," the convoluted second film in the trilogy, more than once, or gotten around to watching the DVD.

Join the club. The second film in a trilogy is the hardest to pull off, director Peter Jackson said, talking about the second chapter in his "Lord of the Rings" trilogy. There is new information and new characters, and what was familiar becomes expendable in service of the finale.

And so it was with "Reloaded," which was like a philosophy seminar disguised as an action film.

In "The Matrix," the first in the series, Reeves was a computer hacker who learned that life is an elaborate digital illusion. He joined Moss and Laurence Fishburne in the human rebellion against the machines that run that illusion and found that he had special powers to liberate humankind.

"Reloaded," released in May, four years later, was a pretentious strategy game in which the trio snaked their way

through the illusory corridors in the heart of the machine. At every turn, they found the snarling Agent Smith, played by Hugo Weaving, trying to stop them — presumably on behalf of his machine overlords. Meanwhile, an army of new characters prepared for an attack on the human home of Zion.

"Revolutions" is being released just six months after "Reloaded" and brings the story to a convulsive conclusion — without entirely revealing the answers

spiritual and animal, free will and pre-termination, in a thunderstorm where raindrops fall like shards of glass.

More of the old — and the new

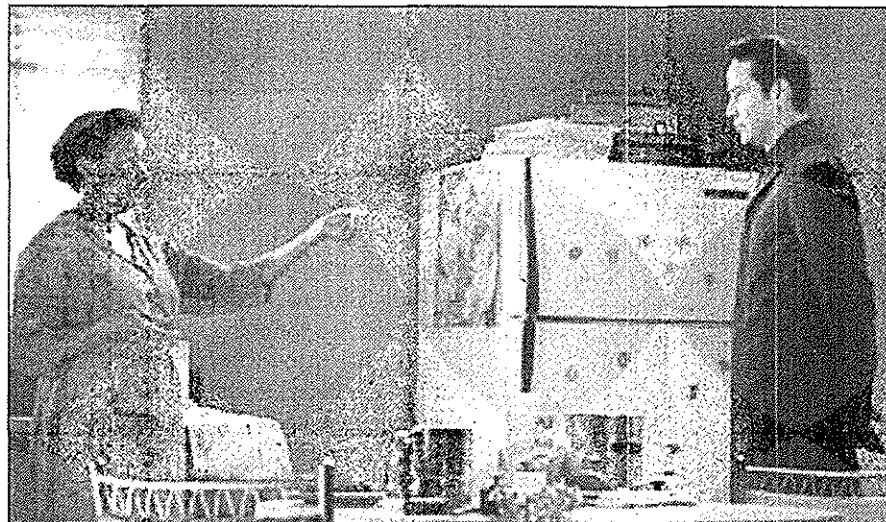
There is more to it than that. Neo, Smith and the chain-smoking, cookie-baking Oracle — played by Mary Alice, who replaced the late Gloria Foster — are a teetering trio of checks and balances that could tip either way. And a buff, determined Jada Pinkett Smith and a fleshy Fishburne race against the clock to bring Zion the help it needs to survive.

The Frenchman and the Architect are back, joined by the shaggy Trainman, who stymies Neo's attempts to ride his train back into the matrix. And a mysterious little girl arrives on the scene, bringing with her little more than a childlike innocence, optimism and a smile.

"Everything that has a beginning has an end," several characters note, but "Revolutions" has a resolution that is ambiguous at best.

A more significant comment comes from a rebel leader played by Harry Lennix, who, when confounded by the enemy's strategy, says, "It doesn't make sense." His words sound like an ironic paraphrase of the general reaction to the philosophically dense "Reloaded." The more linear "Revolutions" brings the mythology to a satisfying if not totally comprehensible conclusion.

In the end, only one thing seems clear: The reason the characters wear dark glasses is to protect their eyes from the sunrise of a brand new day.



YSU-ACE awards student scholarship

BY MELISSA MOSCHELLA
The Jambar

The first Youngstown State University Association of Classified Employees student employee scholarship has been awarded to a student who says that the money is arriving just in time.

On Oct. 20, sophomore Julie Moser was awarded with the honor. She says the money will help her education expenses.

"My parents set aside a fund for me for college, but it is running out," Moser said.

Moser, a student employee of the Computer Services Department in Meshel Hall, said she took the job on campus to help pay her college tuition.

Moser said she appreciates YSU-ACE recognizing student employees through this scholarship. "It's really nice since

"We believe in the course of education and this is just one way we can give back to students on campus."

REID SCHMUTZ, YSU Foundation President

we don't get that great of a wage," she said.

"It's hard working one job with school," Moser said, a full-time food and nutrition major.

Moser works a second job during the summer and on holiday breaks to help pay for school.

The annual award of \$500 will be granted to a student employee based on financial need, academic standing, an essay and recommendations from two current YSU-ACE employees.

YSU-ACE President Christine Domhoff and former president Roman Swerdan presented the scholarship to

Moser at a brief ceremony in Tod Hall.

Domhoff and Swerdan both said it was important to grant this scholarship to a student employee. Domhoff said the main reason the committee felt a student employee was worthy of the scholarship is that despite the continuing rise of college tuition, student employees have not seen a raise in pay.

"We felt that was an area no one else was addressing. We feel we have a very strong working relationship with student employees and want to maintain and strengthen it," Domhoff said.

"A lot of the reasons stu-

dents work on campus is to help pay their tuition," Swerdan said. "We believe in the course of education and this is just one way we can give back to students on campus."

Reid Schmutz, YSU Foundation President, also participated in the ceremony. Schmutz said the YSU-ACE scholarship is unique because it comes from a group of university employees. Of the 245 scholarships available at the University, he said only about 3 come from a group of individuals on campus.

"It makes people aware that the contributions to students are really important," Schmutz said.

Contributions to the YSU-ACE Student Employee Scholarship will be accepted at any associated school.

Call Melissa Moschella at (330) 941-3523.

News in brief

Screening set for Saturday

"Brothers & Others," a documentary about the post 9-11 effects on Americans of Arab, Muslim and Mideast descent will be shown on Saturday, Nov. 8th.

The event will be at 6 p.m. in the McKay Auditorium. After the documentary, there will be a discussion of the Patriot Act.

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identifying the proteins in it, the professors hope to develop methods of treating and preventing the disease.

Robert Bolla, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said the "significantly large grant" puts YSU in a position to partner with the biomedical field. He said the research at YSU is a "new and forward step in the sciences."

"The project will set a new standard for research at YSU," Bolla said. Not only will the research benefit the science programs and students, but it

could also spur economic growth in the Youngstown area, he added.

The grant will allow undergraduate students an opportunity to participate in research. During the summer, eight positions will be offered to students at YSU and other universities to take part in the basic research. A highly competitive application and interview process will screen candidates. Several positions will be reserved for underrepresented minority students, and recruiting will take place at historical-

ly black universities.

The project will help reform undergraduate research at YSU, said Walker, an associate professor of biology. This is a "once-in-a-lifetime experience that students can use to make themselves more marketable in the workplace," he said.

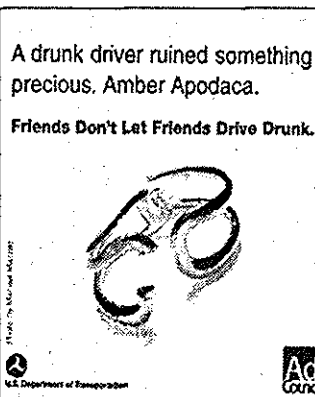
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First Meeting of the A.M.P.A. Film Club will be held November 6th, 4-6 pm in the Ohio Room in Kilcawley.

YSUnity meets every Wednesday at 4 pm in Kilcawley. Contact Joel Masters omegaportent12@aol.com

International Student Association is holding a general meeting open to all YSU students on November 7 at 3 pm in Cushman 3112-3113. Contact Alberto Grassi at (330) 941-6181

The Youngstown State University Dental Hygiene Program will host an Open House on Tuesday, November 18, 2003, from 4:30-6:00 pm in Cushman Hall, room 8031. Prospective students will have the opportunity to tour the Dental Hygiene Clinic and meet with faculty, academic advisors and current students.

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that he began researching DNA because the question of what life is "intrigued" him. Passion to understand the science of how genetic information was stored, he said, was the driving force in working with Francis Crick.

"The greatest advantage of living under god is that there is no question," Watson said.

"The basis of wanting to be a scientist is that you are curious. You want to know how it's done."

When a student questioned Watson on the morality of cloning, he explained that his upbringing in a household where neither parents actively practiced religion has much influence his view on morality and its relevance to science.

"I don't see who is harmed," Watson replied. "Of course, I'm not religious. I don't believe in a soul, there is a stem cell."

Sophomore Sara Post, a biology major, questioned Watson on the wisdom of using stem cells to predetermine an unborn child's genetic and physical traits. Watson, leaning against the podium, replied that the benefits of predetermining traits should be used in benefit to physical and mental health, not appearance.

"I think for a woman to choose any trait she wants is just stupid," Watson said. "However, all genetic decisions should be left to the woman; leave state and religion out of it, and she can ask the father, too, if she knows who he

is."

Watson also answered whether he would agree to keeping replicated DNA patented to avoid cloning. He answered that he didn't think patenting DNA was an intelligent response to the question of cloning, and does not support it.

"If they told me they would patent it, I would say 'f--- you.'"

In closing, Watson discussed what he considered his biggest achievement. He said that he was very proud of his writing, but admitted that there was nothing more important than the research that he had done.

"It would be unrealistic to say I've done anything better than help discover the structure of DNA."

A few students said that their interest in the topic brought them to the discussion, and agreed that the presentation was more entertaining than expected.

Senior Emmy McKnight, a biology student, said that she was impressed by the discussion and the fact that someone of Watson's "caliber" spoke at YSU.

"I think it's cool that he came here, he could have gone anywhere," McKnight said. "And I liked his honesty, he didn't hold anything back."

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SPORTS & RECREATION

Freshman cross country star leads the way

By JOSH BOGGS
The Jambor

Standing a little more than five feet tall, Lisa Davies may not appear intimidating.

Davies, a freshman cross country runner at Youngstown State University, is breaking records, turning heads and surprising coaches, fans and teammates.

With her latest achievement, Lisa smashed the school record in the 6K-race by more than 11 seconds with a time of 21:46:90. The rough cross country course in University Park, Pa. did not slow Davies down.

"The course conditions were horrible, but I felt smooth and relaxed," Davies said. She also posted the fastest 5K cross country time as a freshman in school history, making her arguably the best freshman athlete on campus.

Davies' life of excelling in athletics began when she was a six-year-old soccer player in her hometown of Homeworth, Ohio.

She played soccer until her freshman year in high school. After that, her love of running took over.

As a track and cross country

"I'd like to make (running) a life-long activity. It's just a part of who I am."



— LISA DAVIES
YSU Cross Country runner

athlete at West Branch High School, Davies holds four individual school records including the half-mile, mile, two-mile and 5K.

During her four years in high school, she also finished second and sixth at the Ohio State Championships.

She wrapped up her illustrious career in high school by winning the Division II State Championship in the two-mile run with a time of 10:52:46 during her senior year.

But Davies also made time to do well in the classroom. She was an Academic All-Ohioan, and was also the valedictorian of her graduating

class. When asked what sets her apart from others Lisa said, "I have a really good work ethic and I'm very self motivated and well prepared."

Davies makes sure that she is ready for competitions by running more than 50 miles each and every week.

Once time for competition rolls around, it is all business.

"I just go out and race," Davies said. "I sort of get into a zone. My races are just my time to let it all out."

Davies said she enjoys challenging herself by trying to run with the front runners for the entire race.

"Even if I had a bad race, as long as I put my full effort into it, I'm not disappointed."

After she finishes her career with the Penguins, she plans on pursuing a career in the field of exercise science.

"I'd like to make [running] a life-long activity," Davies said. "It's just a part of who I am."

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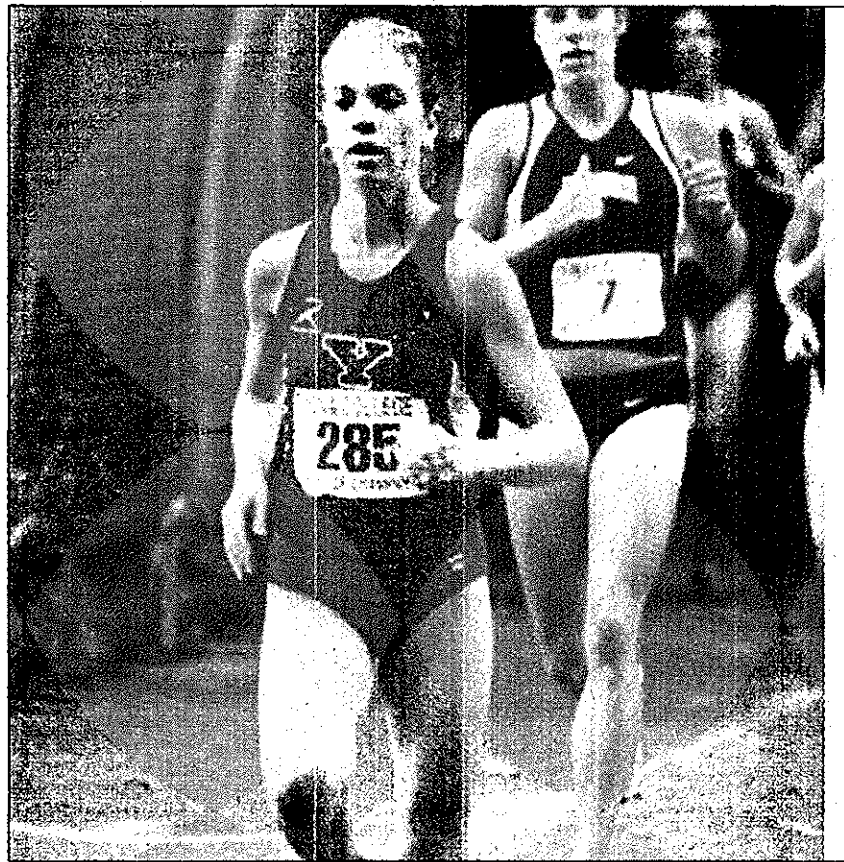


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RECORD BREAKING: Freshman Lisa Davies has already broken numerous cross-country records.

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GAME	MARK STEVENS "FAT HEAD" RECORD STRAIGHT UP: 29-20 AGAINST THE SPREAD: 22-19	B.J. LISKO "THE COMMISH" RECORD STRAIGHT UP: 34-15 AGAINST THE SPREAD: 22-19	MICHAEL BALALE "THE NOMAD" RECORD STRAIGHT UP: 29-20 AGAINST THE SPREAD: 13-28
OHIO STATE (-7) VS. MICHIGAN STATE	Michigan State had a chance last week against Michigan, but in the end, the Wolves moved the ball too well on the ground and ate up too much of the clock. This week, look for the Spartans to get more chances on offense. They certainly won't have trouble stopping an anemic OSU running game. The MSU defense is nothing if not opportunistic and they'll come up with the plays in this one. OSU has struggled against solid quarterbacks, and they'll really struggle this week against Jeff Smoker. MSU pulls the upset 24-21.	Michigan State heads into the 'shoe' for their second straight road game against the Buckeyes. Apparently Craig Krenzler is expected to return for OSU, but I don't think that's a good thing. Backup Scott McMullen looked good last week and guided the Bucks to a come-from-behind victory over Penn State. While OSU has a big home field advantage here, I look for a low scoring contest and love MSU with the points. But somehow the Buckeyes will pull it out, much like they always do, 14-13.	An angry Michigan State team travels to the Horseshoe to take on the defending Big Ten Champs as the struggling Buckeyes look to stay in the conference title race. Ohio State continues to squeeze out wins week after week, but this week Jeff Smoker and the Spartans hand the Buckeyes their first home loss in many weeks. Michigan State has pent up anger after its loss against Michigan and won't lose another Big Ten game. Michigan State doesn't need the points and wins straight up. Michigan State 17-14.
PURDUE (-2) VS. IOWA	Iowa has had a pretty solid running attack all season, and they haven't missed quarterback Brad Banks as much as people predicted. Purdue has been one of those teams that has done a little better than most of their opponents have expected. We all knew the offense would be fine with Kyle Orton around, but the defense has been surprisingly good. That said, they won't be able to surprise Iowa, and I think Iowa has just enough in every phase of the game to win this one. Iowa wins 28-17.	This may be the most evenly matched contest of the Big 10 that we've seen all year. I really don't know who's going to win this one, but I like Purdue more than Iowa so what the hell, I'll take the Boilermakers at home, 28-24.	The Iowa Hawkeyes have looked impressive most of the year, but this week they WILL go down to Kyle Orton and the Boilermakers. With something to prove after getting demolished last week, Purdue will come out smoking and balls will fly as this Big Ten shootout will go down to the wire. Again, going with my instincts and the underdog, Orton and Co. will get back on track with a monumental victory. Purdue wins this one, but Iowa keeps it close. Purdue 34-30.
TEXAS (-3) VS. OKLAHOMA STATE	Oklahoma State has been tough all year, but let's face it: we all knew they would lose last week. Last week doesn't count. And if you watch been paying attention the last couple of years, you know Texas as the team that disappoints every year around this point in the season. True, Vince Young is a pretty promising prospect at QB for the Longhorns, but promises don't mean a whole lot when it comes right down to it. Oklahoma State has a proven QB, a great receiver and one big ass chip on their shoulders. The Cowboys win a close one, 34-28.	Texas came back from the dead last week and destroyed Nebraska. Oklahoma State got shellacked by the Sooners much like I thought they would. I expect the same scenario to play out for both teams this week. The Longhorns are in full stride, and Vince Young is going to light up a weak Oklahoma State defense. Josh Fields and the Cowboys will put up some points, but not enough to win or cover. Longhorns 38-30.	Fresh off of a 52-9 shellacking by Oklahoma, The Oklahoma State Cowboys look to rebound against the favored Longhorns at home. The Horns are fun to watch, and freshman sensation Vince Young will most likely have 1,000 yards rushing by year's end. He's averaging almost nine yards per carry, which leads the team, and most of the Big 12. The Horns only defeats came to the soon to be National Champion Sooners and the Razorbacks of Arkansas. Texas wins big this week, and covers the spread 41-31.
VIRGINIA TECH (-4.5) VS. PITTSBURGH	This game decides on which Va. Tech team shows up. Pitt is really immaterial in this game. If it's the team that got spanked by West Virginia, Pitt will use its passing game in a walk. If it's the team that made all of the plays against the Hurricanes last week, then Pitt might as well not even show up. I'll take door number two, thanks. Va. Tech is too deep and runs the ball too well for the Panthers. Va. Tech rolls, 35-18.	Letdowns have seemingly been inevitable this college football season. Virginia Tech got a gift in their win last week, as Miami played about as good as the Robert Bycroft School and Workshop's second string. Virginia Tech lost to the Panthers last year, and coming off the big win, they're going to lose again Saturday. Fitzgerald and Rutherford smoke the Hokie defense, Beamer goes insane and strangles Vick. Panthers win 28-27.	The Pitt Panthers host the Hokies this week, fresh off of their Hurricane bash last weekend. Pat Fitzgerald will most likely win the Heisman Trophy, but his supporting cast is quite sub-par and don't have enough fire power to overtake Virginia Tech. The Hokies did drop one to West Virginia, but those days are over, and their recent resurgence has led me to believe they are the real deal. The only thing Frank Beamer will be choking this Saturday is the Pitt defense as the Hokies show that you need more than a first round receiver to be a top-notch team. Virginia Tech and Bryan Randall beat up on the Panthers and the spread, Virginia Tech 38-24.
AUBURN (-8) VS. MISSISSIPPI	Auburn has been giving me the business week after week. I've completely lost faith in the Tigers. I'm picking Ole Miss, just because they're playing Auburn and I don't want to pick Auburn. I'm just hoping Eli Manning brings it. If he passes for 400+, I'll be right. Hmm...Ole Miss wins (I guess) 54-42.	Eli Manning has been money all year. The Rebels defense looked good for a couple games, but once again looked feeble as they squandered a major lead to the Gamecocks and barely pulled out the win. Look for a high scoring contest. I've picked Auburn a lot this year and every time they've screwed me over. I think they're going to give up 500 yards through the air to Manning, but the Rebel defense will fold early. Auburn wins but doesn't cover, 55-48.	Ole Miss and Eli Manning go on the road this week to take on the Auburn Tigers. Manning has impressed critics all season with his gun-slinging attitude and leadership on the field. Although the Tigers are plagued by a schedule that consists of five top 10 teams, they've come through with a few big wins, and now, Jason Campbell and the Tigers have looked good lately, but last weeks win over LA Monroe want exactly a good test. This week though, they'll be prepared, and they'll beat up on the heavily favored Rebels. Auburn wins straight up Auburn 27-21.
YSU VS. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	I've picked the exact opposite of every single one of the Commish's picks because that's the only chance I have of winning. Fat Head doesn't play for second place. I just can't pick the Penguins while I'm still sober. 'Guins lose 44-21.	YSU is on the skids. Their skid will continue this week as they get stomped on the road by Southern Illinois. Sorry, but YSU loses 54-6.	The downward spiral for the Penguins continues this week as they travel to Southern Illinois where they'll get destroyed for another week. All hope is gone, let's face reality and accept the fact that their dismal season might as well be over now. They've given up 100 yards rushing to two different players in the last three games. Yes, six players in the last three games somehow found a way to embarrass the YSU defense. The most exciting thing on the Penguin sideline this week will be counting how many schemes they've ripped off of a Sony Playstation game, as the complex assignment of, "please keep the score under 50" will be in full effect.
THE FAT, THE BALDING & THE METROSEXUAL	Seriously, thank God someone finally mentioned the Commish's addiction to Rogaine substitutes. I mean, they don't work or anything, obviously, but it's high time we got this out there. We all chipped in and got him some cans of that spray paint stuff for male pattern baldness, but the cans burst whenever he grabbed them. Something about the fiery Lake of Gehenna running through his veins or something. The Nomad's goatee is growing in nice. I can't tell whether he looks like a poser at the X-Games or Ben Stiller's gay stunt double. Speaking of stunt doubles, did you ever pick up that book the guy at the Eagles' concert offered you? Or did you suffer him a light? I can't remember who was hitting on who.	Here's how this weeks scenario will play out for my good friends Nomad and Fat Head. The Buckeyes live, but a box of Krispy Kremes dies. Purdue wins a physical battle, and Fat Head loses his battle with physical fitness. The Panthers pull off the upset, and The Nomad gets upset when "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" doesn't respond to his resumé. Eli Manning is on fire, and the Nomad is as well. I win many games and stay at the top. I can then afford six more months of Avacor to keep my top covered.	The Commish has been in the lead longer than his sideburns, which by the way, start at the ear, and end at his nipple. His lead will last as long as his career in the church, enough said. Fat Head decided to go against everything The Commish went with, just to make a late season run, unfortunately that meant picking the Penguins; once again enough said. I would sooner believe that Fat Head would walk in The Jambor eating a piece of fruit before he bet on YSU, to beat a top ranked Gateway Conference leader. Then again, I did see Fat Head shakin' his tail-feather last weekend, hoping that the Wade Robson project may give him a try. I'm not hating though; big man got rhythm, drop it like it's hot, quick feet.