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Music at Noon performed

"New Music," directed by Robert Rollin, will perform at noon on Wednesday Feb. 22 in the Butler Institute of American Art as part of the Music at Noon concert series.

'Seussical' performed at YSU

YSU Theater will present "Seussical: The Musical." It is a performance based on the stories of Dr. Seuss. Performances are 8 p.m. Thursday Feb. 23 - 25 and 3 p.m. Sunday Feb. 26 in Bliss Hall.

International Students' bake sale

The International Student Association is sponsoring a bake sale on Feb. 21 in the front lobby of DeBartolo Hall.

Men's choir celebrates founder

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity men's choir is performing a Mills Music Mission on Feb. 26 at the Park Vista Retirement Home on Fifth Avenue at 3:45 p.m. They are celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of their founder, Ossian Everett Mills.

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## TUITION Tuition increase decision delayed

By: Bill Rodgers  
NEWS EDITOR

The game's not over yet for students hoping next year's tuition increase would be under the 6 percent mark. A \$30 million higher education appropriation in Ohio is now the X-factor in deciding what students pay for classes at Youngstown State University next year.

A final decision on tuition will wait a few

months longer now, according to Youngstown State University President David Sweet. Sweet said he would make no recommendation to the Board of Trustees during their March meeting, when the final vote on next year's tuition was originally going to be made. Sweet said he expects to make a recommendation leading to a final vote in June.

Sweet's decision was based on a new appropriations bill in the state budget,

which would divide \$30 million among Ohio's public universities. He said the way that money would be allocated was not yet decided. That uncertainty is the major reason behind the decision to wait on setting tuition for next year.

"We will not be bringing any formal action to the board relating to tuition. We want to see if the picture will be any clearer when we get to June," Sweet said.

The vote on tuition was

originally going to take place in December at a meeting of YSU's Board of Trustees. Sweet proposed a 6 percent increase, the maximum tuition increase allowed in Ohio. In a 6-5 vote following a heated debate, the trustees voted to table discussion on tuition until March when the university would have a better enrollment projection for the following year.

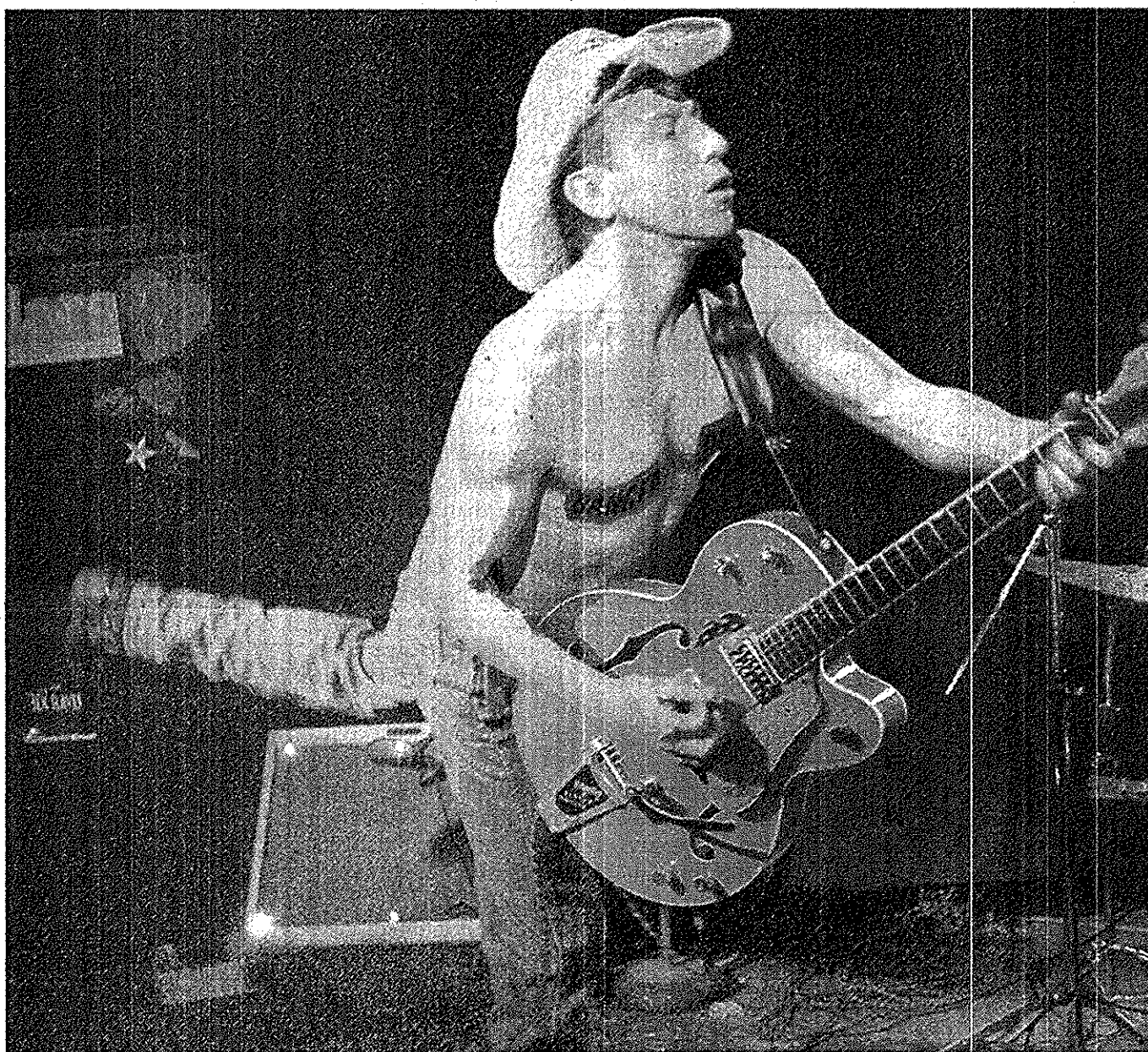
Sweet said it would be "highly unlikely" that the

trustees would vote on a tuition increase without the recommendation of the president. The president said the decision to wait longer had been discussed since the December meeting.

"One of the big unknowns is this second year biennium appropriation," Sweet said. "The legislation will play a part in the recommendation."

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## Rockabilly Revue



Dennis Bell, Lords of the Highway guitarist, rocks out during Friday night's Rock n Roll Purgatory rockabilly concert at Cedar's Lounge. The evening featured rockabilly acts from Cleveland to Eastern Pennsylvania, including locals Bob's Country Bunker. SEE MORE PHOTOS FROM THIS WEEKEND ON PAGE 8

## BUDGET Deans asked to cut costs

By: Bill Rodgers  
NEWS EDITOR

As Youngstown State University tries to close the gap on a \$1.2 million budget shortfall, several departments and all college deans have been asked to seek out ways to make up for the deficit through budget cuts.

Most deans said that at this time, the amount and kind of cuts are purely speculation, but some colleges are already planning their response.

The request for budget cuts came last week as a measure to reduce the budget deficit, which university administrators said is due to reduced enrollment and increased utility costs. YSU was 242 full-time equivalent students short of its enrollment goal this year, draining \$900,000 from the university's expected revenue. Rising utility costs accounted for a \$300,000 loss in the budget.

YSU officials said they would make up for the shortfall by requesting colleges cut costs and by

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## YSU Shipka reflects on years at YSU

By: Cheryl Thompson  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

A plethora of books, videos and journals expounding on every philosophical and religious matter imaginable line the wall of the conference room where Thomas Shipka, chair of the Philosophy and Religious Studies Department, sat down for an interview with a reporter from The Jambar.

The 63-year-old Shipka, who motorcycles with his wife Katie in his spare time and used to challenge student athletes to rounds of Indian wrestling, has taught at YSU for 37 years and has been the department chair for 20.

In addition to teaching and running the department, Shipka has served as chair of the Academic Senate since 2002.

As a part of his role, Shipka served on a seven-

member Labor Management Review Panel commissioned in response to the August 2005 faculty and staff strikes. The panel, headed up by Provost Robert Herbert, released a 12-page report containing suggestions to make YSU a more labor-friendly environment.

Shipka was instrumental in the creation of the Labor Management Review Panel. He presented his idea to YSU President David Sweet via an e-mail dated Aug. 30, 2005, proposing that Sweet appoint Irfam Khawaja and himself to conduct interviews with administration, union negotiators, executive committee members and board members in order to create a report based on the interviews.

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## EDUCATION MAJORS Popular majors have different job prospects

By: Laura Neely  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A coordinator at Youngstown State University's Career and Counseling Services has a message for the 704 students who are majoring in early childhood education: Finding a teaching job in the area is going to be tough.

Joanne Gallagher said there are too many teachers and not enough jobs.

While Gallagher has little hope that the job market for elementary teachers will improve in this region, statistics show that more students are choosing this major than any other at YSU. Nursing is one of the next most popular majors, and unlike early childhood education, the demand for professionals is strong.

Some of YSU's least pop-

ular majors include advertising art, German, earth science and financial economics. Only one student is enrolled in each of those majors and marketing management has just four students.

Director of Career and Counseling Services Bernie Cummins said students choose a major based on what they are interested in and what they enjoy.

"They also take supply and demand issues into consideration, as well as the competitive job market in their field," Cummins says.

Cummins acknowledged that early education majors might not be factoring in the job market.

Instead, the decision to become an elementary school teacher is one motivated by pure interest without much regard for the job market.

"There are too many teachers and not enough jobs."

Joanne Gallagher, YSU Career and Counseling Services Coordinator

Gallagher said YSU's early education graduates would love to teach in Ohio.

"But the job market pushes them out of the area," she said.

According to the 2006 Job Search Handbook for Educators, the elementary teacher supply and demand shows that there are already too many teachers for the region. Nationally, the job market is somewhat more promising, but there is no real demand for early childhood educators, the handbook said.

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"My strong intuition is that the most helpful insights into how to improve the situation will come from the players themselves," Shipka wrote.

The panel's report most notably recommended firing Hugh Chatman, YSU's executive director of human resources and John Habat, YSU's vice president for administration. The report stated that neither Chatman nor Habat could effectively serve the university in any capacity.

It is Shipka's vocal insistence that all of the report's recommendations be carried out by YSU President David Sweet, that put him in the news lately. He recently sent a letter to Ron Strollo, YSU's athletic director, stating that he will resign from emceeing campus events to protest Sweet's less-than-immediate implementation of the panel's recommendations.

The report has raised concerns among employees, including Eileen Greaif, the Executive Director of Financial Services. Greaif sent a letter to each member of the Labor Management Review Panel stating that there are individuals who don't agree with the report's suggestions, particularly the suggestion to fire Habat and Chatman, but fear the panel will launch similar attacks against them.

"My overall perception of the report is that it is one-sided and unnecessarily vindictive in its wording. This is unfortunate because it overshadows the good recommendations, of which there are many," Greaif wrote.

Greaif wrote that by naming names, the panel went outside the original intentions of evaluating labor relations and said she would have testified to the panel if she knew the scope was being widened.

"I would certainly have communicated with the panel if I had known the panel expanded its charge to evaluate the employment worth of individuals and expanded its charge to evaluate institution-

wide organization," Greaif wrote.

Shipka defended the singling out of Habat and Chatman, saying that it is impossible to separate structure and process from the individuals involved.

Shipka wrote that none of the panel members had a vendetta against Chatman or Habat and that the evidence overwhelmingly pointed to Habat as a main cause of deterioration in labor relations.

"One could no more fail to mention this person (Habat) in a discussion of labor relations at YSU than one could fail to mention George W. Bush in a discussion of the war in Iraq," Shipka wrote.

President Sweet has yet to implement all of the recommendations in the Panel's report, citing the need for time to investigate.

"Frankly, at this point, I'm rather disappointed. My hope that there will be changes is still alive, but barely," Shipka said.

Over the years, Shipka has been a major force behind YSU's faculty union, the Ohio Education Association, which was the first college-level chapter with bargaining rights. He has served as president twice since the union's inception in 1971, once from 1971 to 1974 and again from 1979 to 1984.

From 1974 to 1986, Shipka served as a private labor relations consultant for 17 organizations, including the American Council on Education, the Ohio Education Association and Fraternal Order of Police in both Ashtabula and Youngstown.

"I don't recall a breakdown as serious as we've had in this campus. There has been arrogance in the administration and defiance in the unions," Shipka said, comparing his past experiences with the present situation at YSU.

In 1999, Shipka made an unsuccessful run for university president, losing to Sweet. Shipka said it's impossible to tell what the situation would have been like on

campus if he were appointed, but said he lost because of his lack of administrative experience.

"I've had very limited administrative experience, serving only as the chair of my department," Shipka said.

A recent Vindicator editorial implied that Shipka may run for university president again when Sweet's term ends in 2010.

However, Shipka squashed the rumors, citing plans to retire after 40 years in the field.

"In about six months my career at YSU will be coming to an end. I have no intentions of running for president," Shipka said.

Despite plans to retire at the end of the semester, Shipka said he will still be involved with the university, serving as an extended service professor.

Shipka said his replacement hasn't yet been selected, but he is confident that the most qualified candidate will get the job.

"There are a number of qualified candidates, but it remains to be seen as to who will get the job," Shipka said.

A lot of things have changed since Shipka started his career at YSU, but he said the most noticeable change at YSU has been the physical growth of the campus.

"When I first started here, the old timers used to say the nickname for YSU was UCLA - The University on the Corner of Lincoln Avenue," Shipka said.

Shipka said he doesn't recall a year on campus where a building wasn't either under construction or being renovated.

By teaching auditorium sections of Introduction to Philosophy, Shipka estimates teaching more than 10,000 students.

"Over the 37 years of

teaching at YSU, I've had generations of students in my classes," Shipka said.

One of the challenges of being in the field so long is that after awhile, some people only read what confirms their existing beliefs. Shipka said he tries to read a variety of books and articles, not all of which he agrees with.

"The danger is that you become so convinced in your own position that you start to view others as fools," Shipka said.

After graduating Cum Laude from John Carroll University, Shipka said his original plan was to become a lawyer, but decided on philosophy because it was more economical.

"My goal was to save my parents as much money as possible, and I got a better job offer in the philosophy field," Shipka said.

Shipka said he feels privileged to be able work at YSU since 1969 and says he wants nothing but what's best for the university.

"I fought with everyone on campus at least once, but I feel I'm viewed as good university citizen," Shipka said.

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freezing hires for non-faculty positions until the new fiscal year in July.

Peter Kasvinsky, dean of graduate studies and research at YSU said that his department would cut \$12,000 from its budget. The money would have gone toward travel expenses for students to present research papers and to advertising YSU's graduate program.

Kasvinsky said the cuts were "fluid" at this point in time, but that across the board cuts in his department could do more harm than good. He said the cuts could have a negative effect on recruiting and enrollment.

"We don't want to get trapped in a vicious cycle where we make cuts because of low enrollment,

then have lower enrollment because of the cuts," Kasvinsky said.

Ikram Khawaja, interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said his college was in the process of determining where the cuts should be. Khawaja said he was awaiting a response from the college's 15 departments.

Cynthia Hirtzel, dean of the College of Engineering, said she had served at other schools with similar budget shortfalls. She said the cuts weren't set in stone, but that she doesn't expect the quality of education at YSU to be affected.

"We're doing the best to maintain and provide a high quality undergrad experience," Hirtzel said. YSU's Student

Government Association President Bob McGovern said his budget would be taking a cut as well, albeit a small one. Student trustees voted to reduce their budget by \$1,500, which will be transferred to another area of campus to be determined later.

"We're going to transfer it to another area of campus where it will help our students. We're trying to do whatever we can," McGovern said.

As far as energy costs, John Hyden, YSU's facilities director, said the university could save a little through energy-saving upgrades. The first of the upgrades is more efficient lighting. Hyden said that electricity was the biggest utility cost at YSU.

"We're mobilizing the lighting improvements now," Hyden said.

Hyden said the improvements would most likely offset the rising cost of utilities rather than put money back into YSU's budget.

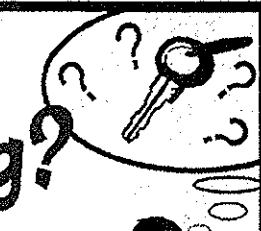
"It's tough to put cash back in our pockets. We're working toward having less of an increase that we have to deal with later," Hyden said.

YSU President David Sweet said the budget shortfall wouldn't affect tuition for next year, because the budget will be balanced before the beginning of the next fiscal year in July.

"All of our tuition discussion is related to next year," Sweet said.

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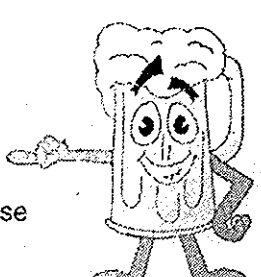


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### OUR SIDE

## Students benefit from 4-year incentive plan

Hot on the heels of Gov. Bob Taft's plan to remove remedial education from state funded colleges and be placed in community colleges, Ohio Republicans are creating more plans to change the state's higher education system.

Republican Sens. Joy Padgett of Coshocton and Randall Gardner of Bowling Green have announced their involvement in creating a plan, titled "Invest in Success," that financially rewards colleges that increase the number of graduates who earn their degrees in four years. Padgett and Gardner are both members of the Higher Education Funding Study Council, which was created last year.

The full plan isn't expected to be in writing until May, but the lawmakers have said that no campus would receive less money than it currently receives because of the incentive program. The additional funding would serve as a reward for institutions that can show increased performance in graduation rates.

The Performance Report for Ohio's Colleges and Universities created by the Board of Regents, analyzed the time-to-degree in state-funded colleges and universities in 2003. It is the most recent figure available for comparable graduation rates.

According to the report, the baccalaureate 6-year graduation rate for YSU was 37 percent, compared to 27 percent at Cleveland State University, 40 percent at the University of Akron, and 80 percent at Miami University. Ohio State University was at 52 percent and the University of Cincinnati was at 48 percent.

The idea of the Invest in Success reform package is to reward colleges where students earn degrees in four years or less. While the plan lacks details, such as where the funding would come from for the incentives and how a school would be determined as deserving of the additional funding, some changes could be expected as a result of the announcement.

If the plan is approved, it could mean additional curriculum changes, on top of those recommended by Taft in his State of the State speech. He called for remedial classes to be taught at community colleges, instead of four-year, state-funded schools.

With a financial lure, colleges in Ohio could begin offering fast-track programs and additional classes to encourage shorter stays at the school. Students would also benefit by having to pay less overall for their degrees, which is important, as financial aid funding is continually reduced and tuition continuously increases.

Additionally, the loss in revenue from students spending fewer semesters in YSU programs would be offset by additional state funding through the program.

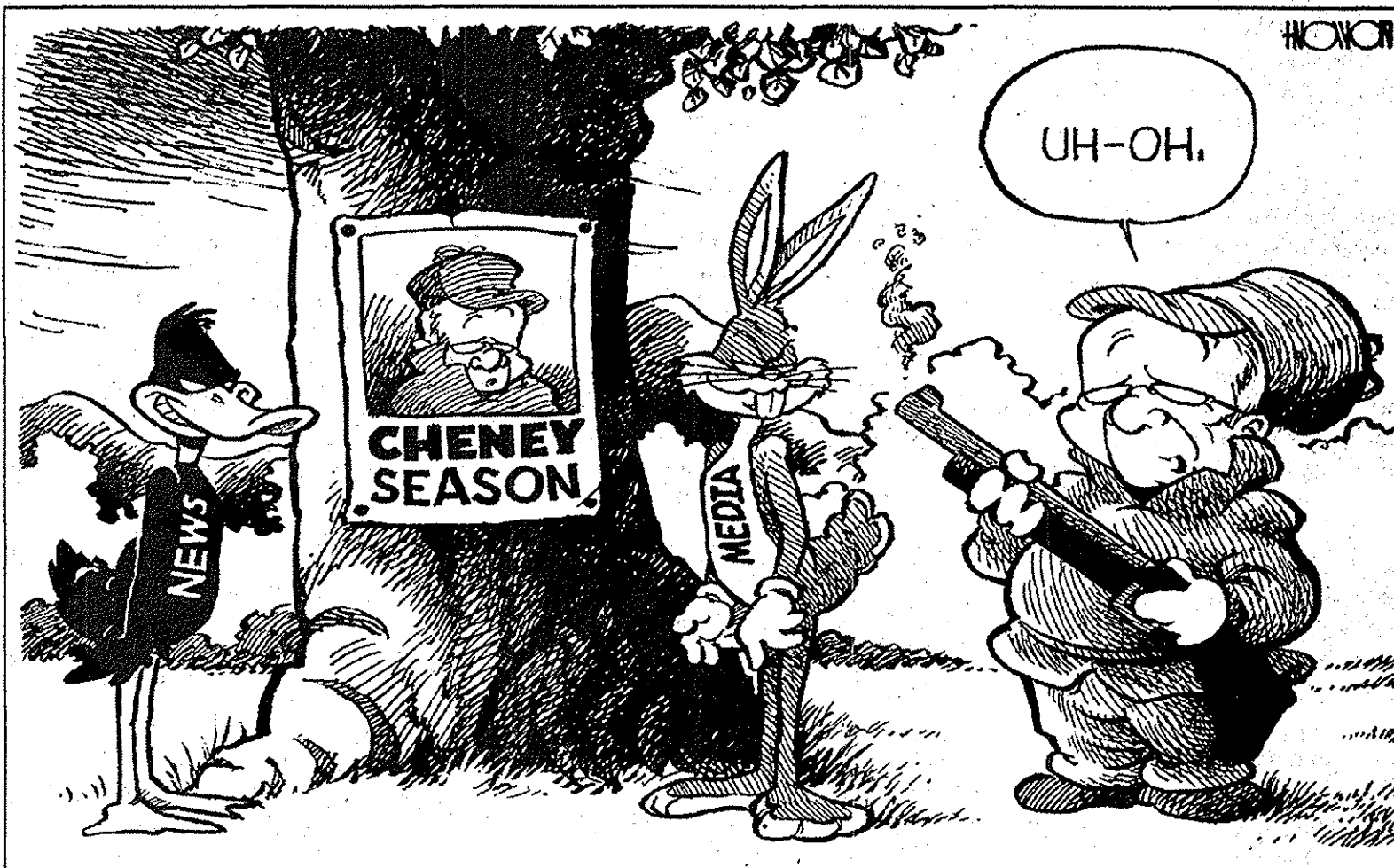
While Taft's changes to college curriculums appeared to be inconvenient, YSU students could only benefit from programs that encourage efficient education and early graduation.

## Correction

In Thursday's editorial titled "Budget shortfall: Cost cutting steps sorely needed," The Jambar incorrectly included YSU's chemical engineering program among a list of degree programs offered by the university that only have one student enrolled. According to Doug Price, a professor of civil, environmental and chemical engineering, the program has more than 40 students. The Jambar Editorial Board wishes to stress that it does not endorse eliminating the chemical engineering program or reducing its funding.

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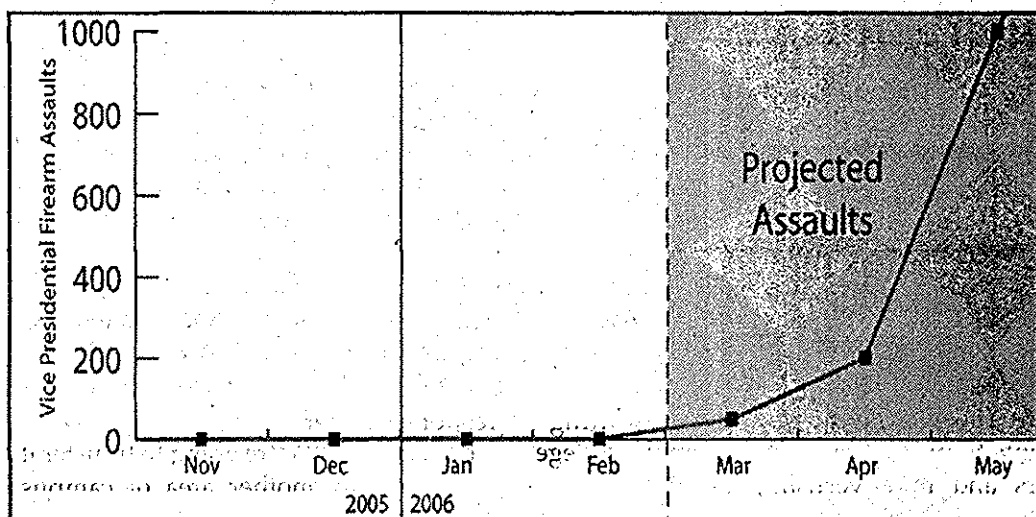
## Dick Cheney: Vice President Evil

By: Bob Mackey  
COLUMNIST

It's dark. You're in Washington D.C., taking in a bit of the nightlife, and seeing sights such as the world-famous Lincoln Memorial, provoking questions in you such as, "Will there ever be a greater man?" and, "I wonder how late the bars are open?" Before you can buy another Lincoln-dog and get your picture taken in the giant President's lap, you hear a rustling off in the distance. "Hello?" Your question goes unanswered. Before you can relocate your tour group, you hear a distinct wheezing and feel warm, whiskey-tainted breath on the back of your neck. You spin around on weak ankles, making eye contact with the monster; for a brief second, it seems almost human. Then the bone-chilling truth hits you just as the lead rips through your torso. You've been shot by the Vice President.

This scenario may have been a work of "comedy" in the past, but an armed assault by the Vice President has recently become a very plausible scenario. After all, Dick Cheney is technically a cyborg, and all cyborgs eventually turn on their human masters; it's just that none have reached the status of Vice President up until this point. And because of this, Dick Cheney's abuse of power has gone unchecked, causing him to "accidentally" shoot an old man in the face. In my opinion, this infraction could easily slipperily slope its way to Mr. Cheney wandering the streets of D.C., armed to the teeth, smelling of various spiced rums, and murdering everyone in his path. Women, children, short men; it matters not to Cheney. All will be destroyed unless we, the people of America (a subsidiary of Kraft Foods) take matters into our own hands.

What Harry Whittington, Cheney's most recent victim, didn't realize is that, despite his rather Ruben-esque physique, the Vice President is actually a creaky old man. Harry Whittington seems to be creakier, though, so if you are 78-years-old, you may want to consult your caretaker before defending yourself against the Vice President. But, if you are a young college student, prone to violence and not afraid to commit what many judges would label as "treason," I have a few words for you.



Cheney attacks from afar, but his weakness is that he is transported to all of his assault sites by way of limo. If you see any limos in your general area, the Vice President may be around and out for the taste of your sweet, sweet, blood. Don't panic; drop to the ground and immediately search the area for a plump man brandishing some sort of firearm. If you hear the mutterings of what sounds like a feral goose coming from a nearby area, try to locate Cheney and get behind him. Once you give the standard Cheney attraction call of, "Go fuck yourself," you will no doubt have the Vice President's attention.

You're in luck, because, as he was not enrolled in any kind of formal army training, and only possesses the fighting skills of a rich white businessman, the Vice President is as weak as a pile of kittens stuck together with some sort of adhesive. There's no need for you to overexert yourself; disarming the president can be as humiliating as sissy-slapping whatever rifle or pistol he happens to be jamming in your gut at the time. If he happens to be carrying a musket, allow him a free shot; it will probably go many feet to the left or the right of you — given the serious design flaws of muskets — and while he's busy packing gunpowder back into the barrel with a steel rod, you can take the time to kick it out of his hands, or perhaps have a light lunch at an outdoor bistro. Treat yourself to some kind of festive drink; you deserve it!

Once you've disarmed Mr. Cheney, your

first instinct may be to perform a citizen's arrest, or possibly alert a local policeman of the attack. Sadly, as with most villains in political thrillers, the Vice President is above the law. Your only chance to create a peaceful future for humanity is to use illogical statements to confuse or explode his robot brain into submission, a fine tactic to use against machines seen in realistic depictions of the future such as "Star Trek" and "Homeboys from Outer Space." Some useful illogical statements include, "There is a link between Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden," "The Iraqis will greet us as liberators," and "My Humps" is actually a popular song that has yet to cause brain disease in humans.

It may seem extreme to prepare for something that may have such a small chance of happening, but history will prove that only militias armed with our second amendment right will be able to take the Vice President down once the new "giant robots for Vice Presidents" bill passes through the Senate. We're lucky that such technology didn't exist in 1910 when Vice President James S. Sherman attacked President William Howard Taft with a crossbow. Thankfully, the President was too fat to sustain any serious injuries from the attack, but modern fat levels are no match for the weaponry of today. My advice? Be prepared.

Bob Mackey's newest book, "Suplexing Powerful Political Figures," will be in stores this spring. Call him at (330) 941-1913.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Psychic abilities a sham

Editor:  
I honestly believe that the psychic who performs at Winslow's is talking to the dead. However, the dead are not talking back. She is simply using a parlor trick called "cold reading." I perform it in class whenever we review for an exam. Jambar reporter Katie Libecco encourages us to see for ourselves and implies that it's worth your readers' time and money for a private session. I do not see how giving money to a rip-off artist is worth it. I also do not see how made up stories from a quack are better than my memories of my father, who died in 2004. My father is dead and all I have are my memories. That some charlatan or self-deluded psychic would try to steal those memories by replacing them with made up stories is despicable. The James Randi Educational Foundation (www.randi.org) offers \$1 million to any psychic that can prove their paranormal abilities under testable conditions. If it wasn't just cold-reading, why hasn't some psychic taken Randi's money?

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#### Many people enjoy curling

Editor:  
I often feel The Jambar staff needs replaced before the end of this semester after each publication with the quality or lack of quality articles and the growth of borrowed articles from KRT. I also feel the paper has lost touch with the students they are suppose to be "the voice of" and are only reciting what the administration spouts out like a broken record on issues year in and year out. Despite these feelings, twice a week, I look at a Jambar and usually toss it out in disgust. However, one article ("Curling?! Still an Olympic sport?") in Thursday's paper inspired me to defend a sport that your reporter seemingly failed to research extensively enough to understand the sport or the Olympics before bashing it.

Did he possibly know that "Curling debuted as a medal sport in the 1998 Winter Olympic Games in Japan. About 1.5 million people from ages eight to 80 in over 33 countries curl" (www.goodcurling.net). In Canada, Scotland, and yes even here in the states there are leagues of curlers who compete year long in tournaments. Curling was brought to the Olympics because there is enough of us who understand the sport and wanted to see it played on a world stage. Denmark, for instance, only sent one group of athletes to the games, their women's curling team. Snowboarding, this year, was introduced into the games greatly because of the efforts from the likes of America's Sean White, who with Tony Hawk is trying to get skateboarding into the summer games. On the note of the summer games, did it ever dawn on Justin that the Olympics maybe dropping Softball and Baseball as a back lash towards Bud Selig and his World Baseball classic which begins March 3? Now maybe he was just upset that the summer games are dropping a sport he enjoyed? If so then

he should enjoy the world classic, which will be similar to the summer games, and should leave curling alone.  
It's a great deal more than just throwing stones and sweeping the ice. You probably failed to look up that the ice they use in curling actually has little beads of water on it, to produce the "curling" of the stones and that is why they brush the ice as the stones are put into play? Or that there is an ongoing chess match going on between the teams who switch "fast rock" or last throw for each "end" or inning to pick up as many points as possible while "guarding" or blocking the opponent from not only knocking your stones out of play or position for points but from getting their stones into scoring positions. Much like pool, angles are very important in curling, as is the speed of the stones, and placement of guard stones. I think if you understood what goes into each throw, end, and game, you may find it more interesting to watch and I'm disappointed in the research done prior to writing an article bashing an Olympic sport.

Steve Malysa

## BASKETBALL, continued from page 7

varsity girls basketball coach at Sandburg High School in Orland Park, Ill., said complying with the ban on males could be a little tricky — her assistant coach, for instance, is a man — but she thought the girls from both schools could benefit from the experience.

"The diversity would be good," Bochnak said. "I think it's always good when there's exposure to other cultures and ideas. It's a life lesson and that's what we're supposed to be teaching when we're coaching basketball — teaching about life."

The girls at Universal say they won't be upset if the other schools turn them down.

"If other schools have a problem with this, it's okay," Duaa Hamoud said. But they look forward to the possibility.

"We just get sick of playing the same schools," said Rana Othman, 14, a ninth-grader in braces who plays on the junior varsity team. "It would be more challenging to play the public schools."



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## EDUCATION, continued from page 1

Lauren Cummins, an early childhood education assistant professor, said in her four years of teaching at YSU, she has learned that students decide to become education majors based on their experiences in their early years of schooling and do not worry too much about demand.

When Cummins asked some of her students why they wanted to major in early childhood education, she said many reported that they

love kids.

Early education Senior Angeline Theis said she wanted to become a teacher because she isn't happy with Ohio schools.

"I feel old teachers use the 'skill and drill method.' I want to bring education to the new generation and reach students where they are in this day and age," Theis said.

Theis also said early childhood education majors get a bad reputa-

tion from others because they think education programs are easy.

Pre-nursing is the next popular major with 669 students. Dean John Yemma of the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services said he thinks nursing is a popular major because of professional demand.

"It's a replacement process, the new nurses are replacing the retired ones," Yemma said.

He said nursing is a stable pro-

fession where professionals can expect to receive a steady paycheck. He said he felt nursing will continue to grow because of the need and available positions.

According to the fall 2005 National Association of College and Employers, as of Sept. 2005 the average salary for male nurses was \$44,000 and \$26,000 for women.

## PRIVATE MONEY

## Private money flows freely to nation's universities

By: Matt Krupnick  
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS  
(KRT)

Colleges and universities in the United States received more private money than ever last year, bringing in \$25.6 billion in donations.

The figure, reported Thursday by the Council for Aid to Education, was boosted by corporate and foundation contributions that amounted to tens of millions of dollars in some cases. The total was more than double the amount given a decade earlier.

Alumni also contributed a large chunk, but the report noted the latest drop in a 15-year-long decline in the percentage of alumni who gave to their alma maters. An all-time low 12.4 percent of alumni donated money last year, down from the high of 18.6 percent in 1990.

"We've only really hit the tip of the iceberg, as far as alumni giving," said Ann Kaplan, who directs the annual donation survey. "The potential for support is larger than what's there now."

Kaplan and some college fund-raisers say the reason for the decline could be as simple as better record-keeping systems that have dramatically expanded the number of alumni counted by institutions. In that case, even a steady increase in the number of alumni gifts wouldn't be able to keep pace with the growing pool of potential donors.

But others say the decline could signal a more troubling trend.

"Undergraduate education is not as special as it once was," said Brad Barber, assistant vice president for institutional advancement for the 10-campus University of California system. "It's more of a commodity now."

At UC Berkeley, fund-raisers say they're happy they have been able to attract donations from a steady 9 percent of their alumni per year, even as that group has increased by several thousand each year. About half of all alumni have made at least one donation to the university, said Lishelle Blakemore, director of annual giving at the Berkeley campus.

Many alumni don't real-

ize only about one third of the university's budget is paid by the state, she said.

"We have a huge educational hurdle because many of our alumni still believe the state pays for everything," Blakemore said.

Several public universities, including UC Berkeley, have conducted \$1 billion fund-raising campaigns as state support has dwindled. Alumni gifts comprised the largest percentage of total donations last year, even as schools have struggled to reach alumni.

At Mills College in Oakland, Calif., administrators watched as 27 percent fewer alumni donated money in 2005 than in 2004, but they said they expect the number to increase significantly this year.

Like many schools, Mills has spent much of its efforts recruiting major donations to fund campus construction, said Adam Blum, associate vice president of institutional advancement.

"The five-, six- and seven-figure gifts have really taken off, but the \$25 gifts have declined," he said.

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## POLICE Possible identity theft scam targeted student

By: Steve Lettau  
REPORTER

A Youngstown State University freshman, Alberto Miranda, was nearly the victim of an apparent case of identity theft.

YSU police reports stated that Miranda received a call from an unknown organization asking for his Social Security and bank account number to send him grant money on Feb. 15.

Miranda called Angela Kearns, coordinator of the Center for Student Progress, who helped him with his FAFSA. According to Kearns, she cautioned him to not give out that the information to anyone because it sounded suspicious.

"FASFA should have already had that information," Kearns said. "If it sounds that good, it might be too good to be true."

Soon afterwards, the foundation called Kearns to find out the information from her, but she was unwilling to comply with their requests and began questioning their process.

"I asked them to send something in writing," Kearns said.

Kearns added that they had strong accents and were very convincing.

"They seemed to do research on YSU, offering no-risk health care. The more I resisted, the more aggressive they got with me," Kearns said.

Eventually Kearns hung up on the caller and reported the event to the YSU police.

YSU police do not have an investigation into the matter but Sergeant Mike Cretella

said personal information should not be discussed over the phone.

"He (Miranda) could have been a victim, but he wasn't since he didn't give the information," Cretella said.

Sergeant Cretella said this kind of information should be carefully guarded.

"Keep your Social Security card at home. Why would you carry that? Protect that information; and by protecting that information, you protect yourself," Cretella said.

Kearns said peer assistants at the Center for Student Progress can show students how to pull up their own credit records.

"I can't emphasize checking free credit reports. Everyone's entitled to one per year," Kearns said.

Another suggestion by Kearns is to say a simple thing to callers who want information over the phone.

"I don't do business over the phone," Kearns said. "If it's that important, they will get back to you."

Earlier this month Cynthia Hirtzel, Dean of Engineering and Technology, lost \$500 after forwarding PIN numbers through an e-mail sent to someone pretending to be a part of Home Savings and Loan Company's Service Department.

Sergeant Cretella said YSU police have not seen a lot of scams taking place, but people should be aware that it could happen.

"Just basically guard your information," Cretella said.

Call Steve Lettau at (330) 941-1913.

## Blacks debate need for labels

By: Eun Kyung Kim  
ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH  
(KRT)

Black Americans have been called a lot of names. Within the last century alone, the ever-changing nomenclature has gone from Negro to colored, to black, Afro American and, now, African-American.

But as the number of African immigrants and other foreign-born blacks increase, a quiet debate has ensued: Just who is African-American these days?

Current racial labels are too broad to reflect the diversity of a group of people that includes U.S.-born blacks, as well as immigrants from African nations, the Caribbean islands, and Central and South America, said Benjamin Ola Akande, the Nigerian-born dean of Webster University's School of Business and Technology.

"Labeling is an American phenomenon," Akande said. "It's danger-

ous, because what it does is it takes out the uniqueness of each of the individuals or groups that fall into this label. It's sort of a blank description that you try to use to define people."

Finding a common description has been an issue since African slaves were brought to the United States and known simply as Africans. By the 17th century, "Negro," which means "black" in many Latin-based languages, became widely used. "Colored" gained popularity by the early 1900s because it was seen as more inclusive.

The civil rights era shifted the word choice to "black," as it became associated with political movements and groups such as the Black Panthers, and then Afro American, as more blacks began to reclaim their African heritage.

Today's common use of the description "African-American" is often credited to the Rev. Jesse Jackson, or rather, to the publicity he received after using that

term. "Just as we were called colored, but were not that, and then Negro, but not that, to be called black is just as baseless," he said in a 1988 speech. "Every ethnic group in this country has reference to some cultural base. African-Americans have hit that level of maturity."

Today, black and African-American often are used interchangeably. The debate, however, is over to whom it should apply.

Teresa Heinz Kerry, the Mozambique-born-and-raised wife of Sen. John Kerry, raised eyebrows during her husband's 2004 presidential bid when she called herself an African-American. Oscar-winning actress Charlize Theron, who grew up in South Africa, elicited laughter by doing the same in a "Saturday Night Live" skit.

Two years ago, during their Illinois race for the U.S. senate, Republican Alan Keyes said he did not consider Democratic opponent Barack Obama an African-American. His reasoning was that Obama, the child of a Kenyan father and a white Kansas mom, did not descend from slaves.

Sheilah Clarke-Ekong, associate professor of cultural anthropology at the University of Missouri at St. Louis, said for the most part, the choices that black people use to describe themselves reflect their age and stage of life.

For Joe Cole, that means never feeling comfortable with the term African-American.

"We've been Negroes for so long, why change?" said Cole, who prefers American Negro.

Corinthia Loveless, 24, said she would love to see an open discussion on a national level. She doesn't have a preference for any particular label, she said.

"I don't think that defines who I am as a person at all," said Loveless, an education student at Harris-Stowe State University.

One thing she does have an opinion about: Who may use the term African-American. It shouldn't be an immigrant, she said, even if that person is a U.S. citizen.

Ethiopian native Gedlu Metaferia, 53, agreed, to a certain extent.

"This hyphenated America is too much. Everywhere we say Japanese-American or black-American, why don't we call every one of us Americans," said Metaferia, executive director of the African Mutual Assistance Association of Missouri, a refugee assistance group. Asked how he describes himself, Metaferia said he doesn't have a choice. Because of his heavy accent, "I cannot say, 'I am an American,' because they won't be satisfied."

"So if you see somebody, if there's a little bit of Asian, a little bit of black, and a little bit of Hispanic, what are you going to call him? Just call him Mike."

### POLICE BLOTTER

On Feb. 16, a YSU police officer was dispatched to the Candy Counter in reference to an assault. According to the police report, Alexis Perry told the officer that she was walking towards Kilcawley Center from Maag Library when a male approached her, asking for a cigarette. She replied "no" then the subject grabbed her shoulder and pulled her back, reports said. Then the victim punched the suspect in the face and ran towards Kilcawley Center and the suspect ran in an unknown direction according to the police report.

A YSU police officer in Lyden Residence Hall requested to check a canvas bag of a person entering the building on Feb. 16, according to police reports. The officer found alcoholic beverages in bag of the subject, Michael Cardwell, who was issued a citation for underage possession, reports indicated.

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# African American HISTORY MONTH 2006

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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4**  
6:00 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center

**The African Marketplace**  
The Marketplace is one of the popular traditions of African American History Month at YSU in the local tradition of the African weekly market, vendors from nearby living states and beyond bring goods, artistic creations, clothing, books, jewelry and musical instruments from Africa and the African Diaspora. The festival atmosphere is enhanced by music and dance provided by the diverse Caribbean Youth Group and other visiting quartets.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6 - FEBRUARY 28, ART DISPLAY**  
Art Gallery, Bliss Hall, College of Fine and Performing Arts  
Monday, February 6, 6:30 p.m. McDonough Museum Auditorium, Panel Discussion

**Three Black Women, Three Pan-Africanist Visions**  
A month-long display of newly acquired black women artists. The art display will feature Gertrude Jackson-McCarr from Bremer Falls, who has used her art in a variety of adult and youth educational programs and is a faculty member at the YSU Center for Fine and Performing Arts. Other artists include a painter from Cleveland and a fine arts graduate of the College of Fine and Performing Arts.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8**  
6:30 p.m., Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center

**Forum: South Africa After Apartheid**  
The event is a sequel to South Africa's major milestone in world history: the release of Nelson Mandela from prison after serving 27 years for disrupting the liberation struggle of the majority African people and the establishment of a new constitutional democratic republic. The event will feature a panel discussion with several internationally elected presidents. Mr. Mandela reversed the custom in African politics and succeeded power to his successor, Thabo Mbeki.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16**  
7:30 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center

**Faculty Discussion on the Works of Paul Laurence Dunbar**  
Faculty and staff members at YSU will discuss the multidisciplinary aspects of Paul Dunbar's work. Forum participants representing different disciplines include: Dr. Robert V. Smith, director of English, who is Dunbar's former chairman for literary studies at YSU; Dr. Robert H. Brown, who is president of academic affairs; Dr. Victor V. Smith, professor of philosophy and religious studies and director of African studies program; Dr. Stephanie Taylor, professor of English; and Dr. Diane Baines, assistant professor of history. The forum is open to the public.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18**  
7:30 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center

**Lecture: Christianity and the African Consciousness**  
by Dr. Ray Higgins  
Dr. Ray Higgins is a senior pastor and director of "The African Village" in Columbus, Missouri. He is a frequent speaker at national, international, and national TV shows. He attended Morehouse College and holds a doctorate in counseling and a PhD in cognitive psychology. Dr. Higgins was recognized as "Master Teacher" in a special ceremony in 2004 at Morehouse College when he was named to conduct study tours in his studies and research. He has also been named to the "Top 100" list of the most influential African American men and women in the world.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23**  
3:00 p.m., Mackey Auditorium, College of Education

**Lecture: Paul Laurence Dunbar, One Hundred Years Later**  
by La Tanya Sui  
La Tanya Sui is the manager for the Dunbar museum in Dayton, Ohio. She studied at the Hampton Institute, the University of Puerto Rico, and has been a high school teacher. Ms. Sui was a participant in the World Traveler Program in Tokyo and received numerous awards for community service in Dayton, Ohio.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24**  
7:00 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center

**Drama by The Archaic Theater: "For The Love Of Life"**  
by African American playwright Karen Clark Green  
Youngstown native Karen Clark Green has directed her remarkable professional talent in the production of another moving and award-winning musical drama, focusing on the lives and loves of African American women and African women dealing with breast cancer. Ms. Clark Green has written five plays, including "The High," "Nikki," "Color of Love," and "Curse of the Strong Woman." She was a winner in the national film contest competition at the National Black Leadership Initiative.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11**  
7:30 p.m., Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center

**Documentary Film: James' Journey to Jerusalem**  
James' Journey to Jerusalem is a film about the adventures of James, the first Christian missionary to the Holy Land. He became a member of the mission while pursuing his religious quest. He goes through a radical change by turning to Jesus. The film explores the economic, social, and cultural aspects of Jerusalem as a multicultural mosaic in its own right and generational issues. The lead filmmaker, Robert Alexander, is a film producer and director from South Africa.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14**  
7:30 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center

**Music Performance by the Kalimba King**  
The kalimba is a common musical instrument in parts of West, Central and Southern Africa. It is a thumb piano. It is made from a wooden frame or gourd, with metal or wooden keys attached to the top. The keys are plucked with the thumbs or with a combination of fingers. For many in the Diaspora, the kalimba has become a symbol of cultural preservation and a means of connecting with their African roots. The kalimba is a common musical instrument in parts of West, Central and Southern Africa. It is a thumb piano. It is made from a wooden frame or gourd, with metal or wooden keys attached to the top. The keys are plucked with the thumbs or with a combination of fingers. For many in the Diaspora, the kalimba has become a symbol of cultural preservation and a means of connecting with their African roots.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21**  
7:00 p.m., The SMARTS Center, Powers Auditorium

**Paul Dunbar Centennial Poetry Reading**  
The 100th anniversary of the death of Paul Dunbar is being celebrated with a poetry reading. The event will be held at the SMARTS Center, Powers Auditorium. Sponsored by YSU Diversity Council, Partners for Workplace Inclusion, and YSU's Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity.

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YSU's Student Government Association President Bob McGovern said the decision to delay the vote would give SGA more time to search for cost-saving measures the university could use to keep tuition lower. McGovern said SGA was pushing for the payroll to adopt online direct deposits to save money. "I think students would like to know how much tuition will be next year," McGovern said of the decision to wait on a final vote. "But we know it can't be more than 6 percent, so that's good." The trustees usually decide in December on the coming year's tuition so the office of financial aid can prepare financial aid packages for incoming stu-

dents. Elaine Ruse, the financial aid director, said the decision to wait wouldn't harm her office's work, because they were already using tuition estimates for the coming year. Sweet said he was hopeful, but realistic, about the future of state funding in Ohio. "Hopefully there's a growing awareness that the state needs to take higher education seriously," Sweet said, adding that a healthy higher education system helps the state economy.

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# Through the LOOKING GLASS

By: Mike Pingree (KRT)

## COME ON, IT WILL BE FUN BOR THE BOTH OF US

Prosecutors have charged a Council Bluffs, Iowa, man with kidnapping his own wife, and are accusing him of writing up a "Contract of Wifely Expectations" to reinforce his dominion over her. In it, he afforded her an opportunity to win "Good Behavior Days" for obeying his wishes. One of the provisions stated, "You will be naked within 20 minutes of the kids being in bed."

## I KNOW IT WAS AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE

Poachers bulldozed tons of dirt into a lake in Elk, Poland, leaving thousands of fish floundering in just a few inches of water. They then gathered up the fish and fled. Police were alerted when fishermen reported the lake missing.

## NOTHING CAN POSSIBLY GO WRONG ... KA-BOOOOOOM!

A Colorado couple filled a balloon with acetylene, a highly explosive gas used in welding, and put it on the back seat of their car to bring it home and blow it up at a Super Bowl celebra-

tion. Unfortunately, it exploded prematurely in their car. Police said it was "amazing that these people weren't killed."

## YOU BOYS ARE COMING WITH ME!

The wife of the police chief of Lonoke, Ark., is accused of checking two prisoners out of the jail and taking them to a hotel to have sex.

## MIND IF I JOIN YOU GUYS? HEY, COME BACK!

A 6-mile swimming race in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Australia had to be cancelled when a 9-foot-long shark started swim-

ming along with the contestants. Boats picked up the frightened swimmers and chased the shark away.

## OH DARLING, I DON'T CARE WHERE WE ARE! TAKE ME!

A couple in their 30s stripped naked and began having sex in broad daylight on a bench across from the office of the mayor of Bariloche, Argentina. A crowd was cheering them on when the police showed up. One official said they were "otherwise two respectable citizens" who were overcome with an uncontrollable urge to have sex in public.

## More news in brief

### Black poet honored

In celebration of African American History Month, YSU will host the Paul Dunbar Centennial Poetry Reading 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21 at the SMARTS Center downtown. Dunbar, who died 100 years ago, was the first professional African American poet.

In addition, the "Paul Lawrence Dunbar: One Hundred Years Later," lecture by La Verne Sci, site manager for the Dunbar Museum in Dayton, will take place 3 p.m. Thursday Feb. 23 in the McKay Auditorium in the Beeghly College of Education. The lecture is part of YSU's celebration of African American History Month.

### Professor honored for community service

YSU professor Jane Reid will be awarded the 2006 Ohio Association for Community Leadership Outstanding Award on Feb. 28. The Leadership Mahoning Valley's 2006 Annual Awards Dinner will be held at the DeBartolo Stadium Club at 6:45 p.m.

### New associate general counsel named

Greg Morgione was named the new YSU associate general counsel. Morgione was previously Youngstown's deputy law director and assistant law director.

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YSU BASEBALL

# Baseball season looks promising

By: Justin Smolkovich  
SPORTS REPORTER

For seventh year head coach Mike Florak, 2006 could prove to be the best and most exciting chapter in the saga that is Youngstown State University baseball.

Any coach will list experience at the top of the success ladder, and the Penguins are ripe with talented upperclassmen, leaving Florak at ease when his team takes the diamond. The Penguins have 11 seniors on the roster and Florak only sees that as a positive.

"I feel like we have 11 other coaches on the field," Florak said. "They are a very close knit group, and they all have a large amount of pride."

The Penguins will rely heavily on the leadership of their veterans as they look to improve on last season's 29-27 overall record and 10-6 Horizon League mark.

The Penguins will have to achieve this task without two star players from last year's roster. Junior pitcher Justin Thomas left the team last season when he was drafted in the fourth round by the Seattle Mariners. Joining the minor exodus was outfielder Jim Phillips, who was lost to graduation and left as 2005 YSU Male Athlete of the Year.

Florak said this year's edition of the Penguins' baseball team would rely heavily on attitude in replacing Thomas and Phillips.

"You can't replace a Justin Thomas or a Jim Phillips, but collectively the 11 seniors have a very high degree of character," Florak said Monday afternoon following practice.

Headlining the 19 returning letterwinners are infielders Justin Banks and Brandon Caipen. Banks has started 162 games during his tenure at YSU and was named First Team All-Horizon following his exploits last season. Banks boasted a batting average of .356, and he led the team in hits with 67 and in runs scored with 37.

Caipen paced Banks by earning first team all conference awards highlighted by a .370 average against league foes.

While Thomas left for greener, more professional pastures, Florak said his pitching staff is still in good condition. "We've got five or six guys we think can be weekend starters for us," he said.

The Penguins will need both the power of the bats and the collective will for the early part of the season as they begin a road trip that covers 12 games before finally coming home on March 21.

The Penguins were slated to start the season this past weekend with three games against Oklahoma State but the games were cancelled due to bad weather. Florak said the road trips can be taxing, even if the games are cancelled.

"Even though we didn't play, it was still very mentally challenging," Florak said.

The Penguins will once again hit the road this weekend when they play East Tennessee State on Saturday.

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## 2006 YSU Penguins Baseball Home Game Schedule

Tues.	March 21	Bowling Green	Cene Park	3 p.m.
Wed.	March 22	West Liberty	Cene Park	3 p.m.
Fri.	April 7	Wright State	Eastwood Field	7 p.m.
Sat.	April 8	Wright State (DH)	Eastwood Field	1 p.m.
Tues.	April 11	Cleveland State (DH)	Eastwood Field	3 p.m.
Tues.	April 18	Cleveland State	Eastwood Field	3 p.m.
Wed.	April 19	Malone	Cene Park	7 p.m.
Tues.	April 25	Akron	Cene Park	7 p.m.
Sat.	April 29	Butler (DH)	Eastwood Field	1 p.m.
Sun.	April 30	Butler	Eastwood Field	1 p.m.
Tues.	May 2	OHIO	Eastwood Field	6 p.m.
Wed.	May 3	KENT STATE	Eastwood Field	7 p.m.
Fri.	May 5	UIC	Eastwood Field	7 p.m.
Sat.	May 6	UIC (DH)	Eastwood Field	1 p.m.
Fri.	May 12	UW-Milwaukee	Eastwood Field	7 p.m.
Sat.	May 13	UW-Milwaukee	Eastwood Field	7 p.m.

## SPORTS AND RELIGION

# Girls team won't play in front of men

By: Deborah Horan  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE (KRT)

Duaa Hamoud holds a basketball to her hip. She is standing in a long blue gown in a gym at Bridgeview's Universala School. Her head is covered in a white scarf pulled tightly around her neck. Not a wisp of hair is showing.

Around her, other high school girls dressed in similar flowing robes shoot a few casual baskets while they wait for practice to begin. There are no men in the gym — no male coaches, no boys from school, no dads or brothers in the bleachers.

So when the coach arrives and the real training starts, they can peel off their Islamic dress, exposing their sweat pants and short-sleeved T-shirts underneath.

"We'd run if we noticed a man peeking in the window," Hamoud, 16, explains. "We're not allowed to be seen by guys without (Islamic dress). We've all learned to accept that."

But the girls can't accept that they have only been allowed to compete against girls basketball teams from other Muslims schools. There are only four in the Chicago area, they complain, and their competition isn't exactly tough.

Since last year they've been beseeching Coach Farida Abusafa, a 26-year-



courtesy of KRT Campus

Junior Muna Ali, 16, shoots baskets during basketball practice, February 14, 2006. The Muslim girls basketball team at the Universal School in Bridgeview, Illinois, wants to play against public schools, but would have to bar men and boys from attending

old English teacher who also coaches sports, to ask public schools and non-Muslim private schools if their girls teams would be willing to compete against girls from the Universal School.

The problem is that the schools would have to agree to bar men and boys above the age of puberty from watching the games.

"It's not like it's a sin to play a public school," Abusafa said. "The problem is the males coming to the game."

The dilemma underscores the balancing act many Muslims perform as they toggle between American and Middle Eastern culture. Many of these young girls straddle

the divide with ease, yapping on their cell phones at the mall one minute, observing the school's strict gender segregation the next. But the girls are also mindful of the challenges they face.

"It's something you have to decide you want to do," said Shaylin Najeeullah, 16, a member of the varsity basketball team. "You can stay true to what you believe in or you can conform to everybody else and get lost."

The Universal School's principal, Farhat Siddiqi, said there was no reason the girls wouldn't be allowed to play teams from public schools or other private schools as long as the prohibition barring men was

strictly observed. But she worried that parents from other schools might object, she said.

"I don't want to have to impose our religious requirements on anyone else," Siddiqi said.

The Universal School, a co-ed private school located next to the Mosque Foundation near 93rd Street and Harlem Avenue, is already a member of the Illinois High School Association. So nothing would prevent the girls from playing other public or private schools, said Beth Sauser, assistant executive director of the association responsible for girls basketball.

"They would have to contact whatever schools they want to play and work it out through the athletic directors," Sauser said.

Rich Piathek, athletic director at Andrew High School in Tinley Park, Ill., said he wouldn't outright rule against a chance for his girls teams to play against Universal, but acknowledged that setting up games that excluded men might prove difficult.

"That could be an issue," Piathek said. "I can't imagine that the parents aren't going to want to come and watch their children play. Most schools would probably have the same problem."

Christine Bochnak, the

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## YSU Sports in brief



### Men's basketball falls to 7-18 after Canisius loss

The Penguins held an 11-point lead over Canisius during Saturday's Bracket-Buster event, but were unable to hold on, dropping the contest 75-68. The loss dropped the Penguins record to 7-18 on the season. Leading the Penguins offensively was junior guard Keston Roberts who scored 19 points, including 5-8 from behind the three-point line. Derrick Harris recorded a double-double, scoring 10 points — including a career-high 12 assists. Quin Humphrey added 10 points as well. The Penguins return to action Thursday night when they travel to Butler to face the second ranked Bulldogs, who stand at 17-10.

### Women's basketball team drops to 7-19

Twenty-two turnovers spelled doom for the women hoopsters, who dropped Saturday's contest to UW-Milwaukee 67-44. The Penguins (7-19) were stifled in the second half behind a 12-1 run to start the period and could never make ground. The Panthers (17-8) shot 57 percent from the floor in the second half. The Penguins were led offensively by sophomore Jessica Schloemp, who scored 14 on 6 of 12 shooting from the field. Megan Snorf paced Schloemp with seven points. The Penguins round out the regular season at home against Loyola on Thursday night. Tip off is set for 7:05.

### Soccer adds four recruits to team

Women's soccer's 2006 season could go a lot better than the 1-17-1 2005 season with the

addition of four freshman recruits.

Forwards Jodi Bowlen and Jordan Gapczynski, with defender Kate Bonn and goal keeper Caitlin Bodzioney, have signed National Letters of Intent to play soccer at Youngstown State University, third-year Head Coach Anthony James announced on Thursday.

Bonn is a two-time captain from Bethel Park High School, who played varsity all four years. Bowlen, from Austintown Fitch High School, was a four-year starter and captain. She holds school records for career goals scored and assists. Gapczynski, a two-time team captain and North Allegheny High School in Wexford, Pa., led her team in goals and assists. Bodzioney, a four-year starter from Avon Lake High School, was a goalkeeper for the Ohio North Olympic Development State Team since 2002.

### Dayton sweeps YSU men's tennis

The 0-3 Youngstown State men's tennis team lost another non-conference match, this time to Dayton, on Saturday afternoon.

Tom Murphy beat Scott Kathary, James O'Connell defeated Tom Barth, Rex Cabrera beat Brian Meek, David Peyton defeated Jason Trapp, Brad Roby beat Ryan Trapp and at No. 6 Antonio Rodriguez downed Sarantis Karousis in singles. In doubles, Barth/Kathary beat Murphy/Downs, O'Connell/Cabrera beat Trapp/Trapp and Peyton/Roby beat Meek/Karousis in doubles.

They'll look to improve their record Friday when they take on Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne at 5 p.m. at the Boardman Tennis Center. The women will also play this weekend, pitted against Horizon League opponent Wright State on Saturday at 5 p.m. at the Boardman Tennis Center.

REC CENTER

# Aikido: more than just self defense

By: Maysoun Abdelrasul  
FEATURES REPORTER

The room was quiet, with gentle stomps of feet on the wooden floor with about 20 people either showing or learning various stretching techniques. It began with bowing, then some basic wrist warm-ups before Aikido training began in the Andrews Wellness and Recreation Center on Saturday morning.

The 45-minute drive from New Castle, Pa., through snow did not stop Andy Demko, instructor of Aikido, or any of his students from coming to Youngstown State University to train students as part of the Aikido clinic.

Julie Thomas, an associate professor of psychology, along with several graduate students, are running the Aikido clinic in hopes of creating student interest in starting an organization or having an Aikido class for credit. The only session remaining is March 2 from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. in the rec center.

Aikido embraces a non-fighting philosophy that encompasses the mind, body and spirit as a self-defense mechanism, Demko said.

"Part of Aikido is to take the situation, neutralize it and respond appropriately," Demko said.

Aikido teaches students how to become a positive person with confidence, he said. There is not much reliance on physical strength but rather on knowing how to handle a negative situation in a non-harmful manner, Demko

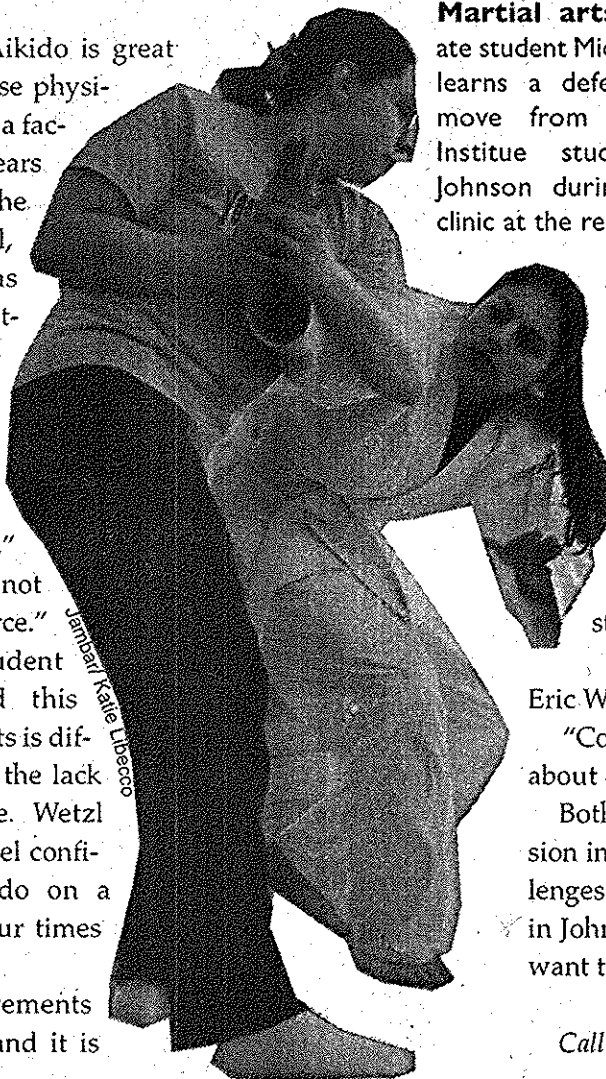
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Thomas said Aikido is great for women because physical strength is not a factor. After five years of Aikido in the New Castle school, she said she has learned how to outsmart her opponent.

"Aikido, among the martial arts, has grace and beauty," she said. "It is not about physical force."

Graduate student Ana Wetzl said this form of martial arts is different because of the lack of physical force. Wetzl said she would feel confident using Aikido on a person who is four times bigger than she.

"All the movements are very subtle, and it is



**Martial arts:** YSU graduate student Michelle Masters learns a defensive Aikido move from Martial Arts Institute student Kristin Johnson during Saturday's clinic at the rec center.

not trying to hurt anyone, just getting out of the way," Wetzl said.

The misconception about many forms of martial arts is that they are all physical, Thomas said. According to the Martial Arts Institute, Aikido is one of the most spiritual forms of

martial arts; it's a way of achieving full potential without causing harm.

Some YSU students are taking other forms of martial arts like Tai Chi at the university and were interested in Aikido. They wanted to see how Aikido was different from Tai-Chi.

Freshman Kristin Johnson said she is in the Tai Chi class the rec center offers and wanted to check out Aikido. She said Tai Chi consists of more stretching and is calmer than Aikido.

Applying Aikido can be practical in real life. Senior Eric Wistum said Aikido can be useful in daily life.

"Considering living in Youngstown and the concerns about crime, it is practical," he said.

Both Johnson and Wistum plan on attending the last session in March. Whether it would be to respond to the challenges of life in Wistum's case, or to just strive for perfection in Johnson's case, Aikido is a form of martial art that they want to obtain.

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POETRY

## Poet Diane Gilliam speaks of miner's tragedy

By: Jenny Boyce  
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Hours after the news of yet another coal mining accident Thursday, poet Diane Gilliam Fisher came to the campus of YSU, reading selections from her book "Kettle Bottom."

The collection of poems is based on the coal camp-era of 1920s West Virginia and told stories of tragedy and personal strength in a time of crisis among miners and their families.

"She really speaks with the voice of the working class, because she is from the working class," the co-director of the Center for Working Class Studies, Sherry Linkon, said of the poet.

Each poem held a poignant meaning all its own, providing an overwhelming feel-

ing of not only the hardships faced by coal miners back in those days, but of the continual danger and uncertainty they face even now. Fisher's gentle tone and calming appearance made the depth of her poetry all the more powerful as she read to a full audience in the Presidential Suite of Kilcawley Center.

Having roots that trace back to the heart of West Virginia's Appalachian region, Fisher let her listeners experience a glimpse of what coal miners and their families faced in their pressing day-to-day lives. The following comes from Fisher's poem "Violet's Wash:"

*"I thought I'd die that first week  
When I seen him walk off to the mine  
Black, burnt-looking marks  
On his shirt over his shoulders, right  
Where wings would of folded."*

Haunting verses told of miners being "sealed in" the mountains, or being taken by a "black damp," which refers to a lethal collection of gases, are still apparent risks to many miners of today.

"We are living in a very dangerous time," Fisher said. "A lot of us have felt safe for a really long time, and we stopped being careful. We need models again to help us be really careful."

The number of miners killed in accidents was actually at an all-time low in the U.S. before recently. While 22 workers died from work-related accidents in 2005, 20 have already died this year.

With this year's mining-related incidents, safety has become a national concern. But for writers like Fisher, such dangers as carbon monoxide poisoning, collapsing roofs, flammable coal dust and

explosions have been known for quite some time.

The low number of casualties last year could be attributed to the safety regulations enforced by unionized miners of the past, according to civil liberties author and attorney Noah Leavitt.

John Bennett, the son of one miner killed at the Sago, WV mine, said miners "can't speak out about (safety problems) because the United Mine Workers is not protecting the workers anymore."

Non-union miners, like those in Sago, do not have the safeguard of the UMWA, Leavitt said. Without this support, safety changes are not pushed into effect as they used to be.

"There's still the same disregard for the worker," Fisher said.

## POSTURE AND PURGATORY



Jambar/Katie Libecco



Jambar/Katie Libecco

**ABOVE LEFT:** Posture Coach bassist and YSU student Kris Mills played during Saturday night's Rock Nouveau show at Cedar's Lounge. You Are The War That I Want, Love Circuit, Third Class, Lady Fantastic, Sam Goodwill and The Zou also played. DJ Norm Rockwell also mixed live beats.

**ABOVE RIGHT:** The Zou's lead singer and YSU telecommunications graduate Khaled Tabbara sings the opening song of The Zou's, "Honey Girl." Tabbara has coordinated all four semi-annual Nouveau Rock shows at Cedar's Lounge.



Jambar/Katie Libecco

**ABOVE:** Cleveland's Uncle Scratch's Gospel Revival's Brother Ant stops the ceiling fan, and with a boost off drummer Brother Ed's head, breaks down a piece of the ceiling during Friday's Rock n Roll Purgatory Show at Cedar's Lounge, with Lords of the Highway and Bob's Country Bunker.