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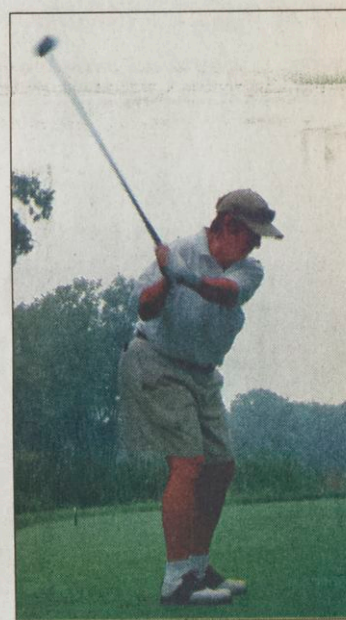
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Springer: Senate, show do not mix

Springer said he can't deliver his political message with his talk show's reputation

By John May
Lantern wire editor

Jerry Springer, the host of his popular self-titled talk show on dysfunctional relationships, has announced he will not run for a seat in the U.S. Senate.

Springer, a former mayor of Cincinnati, had flirted with the idea of running against Sen. George Voinovich, R-Ohio, in the 2004 election.

Springer said he cannot be talk show host Jerry Springer running for Senate; he has to be political candidate Jerry Springer running for Senate. He said he will look for other outlets to get his mes-

sage to the people.

"I honestly believe I have a good message to deliver to the people but I can't get my message out while doing the show," Springer said. "My basic argument is that our government is elitist," he said.

Springer recognizes with the national reputation of his risqué talk show, it would be difficult to deliver his political message to the people.

"No matter how strong my message, I will not be able to draw separation from my show," Springer said.

Everyone who contributed money to the Jerry Springer Senate campaign will

get a full refund.

Springer said he has no plans of changing the format of his show, despite his recent political aspirations being highly publicized nationwide.

"I was hired to do a show about dysfunctional relationships, and that's what I will continue to do," he said.

Springer's current contract for his show runs through the summer season of 2004. Springer said it would not be possible for him to run a national Senate campaign and conduct his show in Chicago at the same time.

Springer did not rule out the possibility of running for political office at a later date.

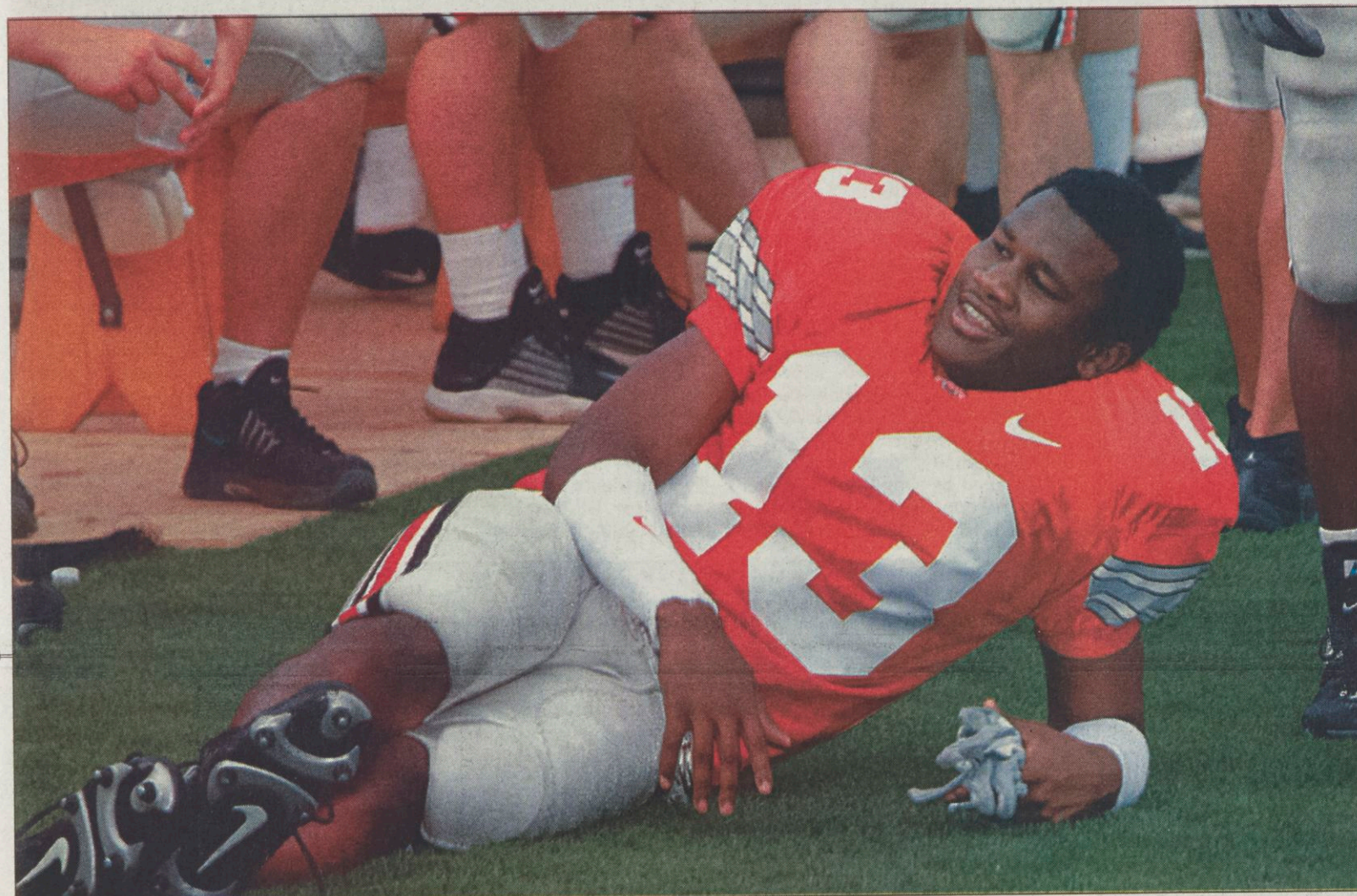
"If I ever want to be a future political candidate, it must be when I am not doing the show," Springer said.



TERRY GILLIAM/AP

Talk show host Jerry Springer announced he will not seek the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate seat held by Republican George Voinovich, during a news conference yesterday in Columbus.

HEY BABY, COME SEE THE BUCKYES!



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Buckeye senior cornerback Harlen Jacobs between team shots for the media and team photographers. The Buckeye football team began their fall practice schedule yesterday. **SPORTS, PAGE 4**

Journalism program to get new makeover

By Jason Brown
Lantern staff writer

The prestigious Kiplinger Program, a part of the public affairs journalism curriculum, is looking to relocate to a finished John Glenn Institute for Public Service and Public Policy before the start of the autumn 2004 quarter.

The length of the new program will be shortened from a year down to six months, and will compete will comparable programs at Stanford, the University of Michigan and Harvard, all of which run for nine months.

In its current state, which has been in existence for more than 30 years, the Kiplinger fellows receive master's degrees from the School of Journalism and Communication upon completion of the year-long program.

Kiplinger professor Tom Schwartz has had the difficult task of running a program in limbo with talk of change and relocation, all while instructing and pushing his students towards their degrees.

"I'm a big supporter of the pro-

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Elephant man mystery unsolved

By Mandy Heth
Lantern staff writer

It would take more than the "Mystery Van" and a lovable dog sidekick for one Ohio State researcher to solve a 112-year-old mystery.

Dr. Charis Eng, Director of the Division of Human Genetics, was sought out by Dr. Paul Trotman, a producer for New Zealand Natural History TV, to help him with a documentary. Trotman wanted Eng to test his theory about what caused the deformities of Joseph Merrick.

Merrick, commonly referred to as "the elephant man," was once believed to have suffered from elephantiasis. That diagnosis changed in later years to neurofibromatosis, a very common neurological disorder that causes an enlarged head, optic nerve tumors, spots of discoloration, as well as bumps and nerve tumors.

"These tumors can be very significant, even life threatening, and grow anywhere in the body," said Kevin Sweet, genetic counselor at the James Cancer Center. "These tumors form on nerves throughout the body,

thus the name neurofibromatosis, and can affect the development of bones and skin, resulting in disfigurement."

New research reveals that Merrick might have actually suffered from a rare affliction known as Proteus Syndrome. Proteus Syndrome was first discovered in 1979 and named after the Greek god Proteus, who was a shape-changer. Only 100 to 200 people worldwide have ever suffered from Proteus Syndrome.

Signs of Proteus Syndrome include tumor growth, atypical bone growth, an extremely enlarged head, oversized organs, raised, rough skin and an overgrowth of skin and soft tissue, which develop into flaps and folds on the body.

Merrick had all of these symptoms. In fact, he had the worst case of any of these symptoms ever discovered. His head became so large that he was unable to sleep lying down. The only time he tried to caused his death. By lying down, the weight of his head crushed his windpipe, and Merrick died at the age of 27.

It is the uncertainty of Merrick's true condition that Trotman hoped to clear up in his documentary.

Trotman's theory was that Merrick suffered from both neurofibromatosis and Proteus Syndrome, giving him the unique deformities that slowly killed him.

The research for the documentary took place in three different locations: the University of Oslo in Norway, the Kolling Institute of Medical Research in Australia and OSU, where the DNA was analyzed to discover if Merrick suffered from Proteus Syndrome.

Eng was selected because of her expertise with PTEN, a gene

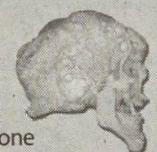
Proteus Syndrome vs. Neurofibromatosis

Proteus Syndrome

- Abnormally large head
- Unsymmetrical bone growth
- Oversized organs
- Large tumors
- Raised, tough skin
- Folds of soft tissue and skin
- Enlarged hands and feet

Neurofibromatosis

- Enlarged head
- Optic tumors
- Freckling of armpits and groin
- Nerve tumors
- Bumps
- Curve in the spine



that suppresses overgrowth in cells. PTEN acts like a brake by controlling how fast a cell replicates. If there is a mutation in the PTEN gene, cells will divide uncontrollably and lead to the growth of tumors and cancer.

"Two years ago, my lab discovered that PTEN mutation causes 20 percent of Proteus Syndrome cases," Eng said. "It was because of this research that Trotman contacted me."

Trotman wanted Eng to test Merrick's DNA to see if she could determine if he suffered from a germline mutation of the PTEN gene.

"Germline describes mutations that occur in every type of cell in the body and can be passed along to children," Eng said. "There is a 50/50 chance that a per-

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Lane construction is right on schedule

By Chris Juhl
Lantern staff writer

This summer's many thunderstorms have put a damper on the Ohio State community, with one exception — the Lane Avenue construction project.

Despite all the heavy rainfall, the project is on schedule for completion by the end of 2004.

City officials are pleased at the progress being made.

"The weather is trouble," said Martin Savko, vice president of Savko and Sons, Inc., the company overseeing the construction of Lane Avenue.

There have been no surprises except for the weather, Savko said. They have come to expect everything, but did not expect it to be the wettest year in history, he said.

"We should be looking at brown yards," Savko said.

Mark Richard, project manager for Columbus' Transportation Division, said the rain has been a difficult obstacle to overcome.

"The rain softens the ground and weakens the foundation," Richard said. The excessive rain over the last few weeks caused the Lane Avenue Cooker restaurant's sign to tip over, he said.

Other than the rain, there have been no other surprises, he said.

"It's progressing well," Savko said. The Lane Avenue bridge is expected to be completed by Nov. 14, he said.

Right now, the major focus is around the Varsity Club area, Savko said.

"It's very messy and very torn up," Richard said. The south side of Lane Avenue is where most of the work is taking place, he said.

Installing storm sewers and sanitary sewers while coping with traffic are what workers are dealing with now, Richard said.

Savko said the vacant building, situated next to UniversiTees' previous location, won't be demolished until late fall or early winter.

Construction began mid-July but it would have been nicer to start earlier, said Savko. "But we weren't able to do it," he said.

"The city of Columbus, the university and the county have been wonderful to work with," Savko said.

The goal for the finished project is set for the end of 2004, Richard said.

"We have to stick to the dates and we know that," Savko said. "Everyone will be happy when they see curbs; curbs show you where the streets will be."

By the start of the 2004 Ohio State football season, the majority of the work should be complete, Richard said. All that should remain is constructing retaining walls and planting trees, he said.

Shane Wirth, store manager of UniversiTees, now located on High Street, said the store would not consider going back to Lane Avenue for at least five years.

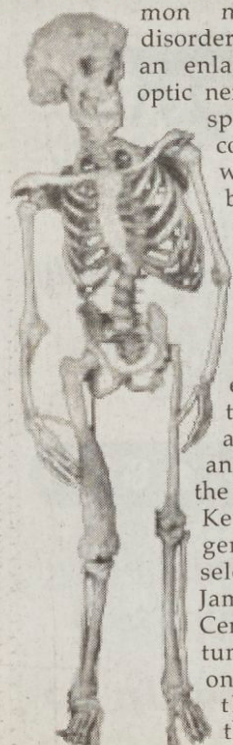
"There isn't any immediate development," Wirth said.

UniversiTees' lease, along with other Lane Avenue businesses, was bought out by the city.

"We were out in May," Wirth said, two months before the construction began.

Savko said he expects everyone to be satisfied with the finished product.

"We're down there everyday swinging away," Savko said.



BEYOND THE BUILDING
Plumb Hall

By Adam Crawford
Lantern staff writer

The sound and smell of cows, sheep, pigs and array of other farm animals can be found just west of campus in a single historic building. The building is Plumb Hall, named after the former head of the animal husbandry department, Charles Sumner Plumb.

Plumb Hall became the official name of the Animal Husbandry Building following his death. The Ohio State Board of Trustees approved University Architect Joseph N. Bradford's plans and began construction.

The building was erected in 1925 by D.W. McGrath and Sons Construction Company.

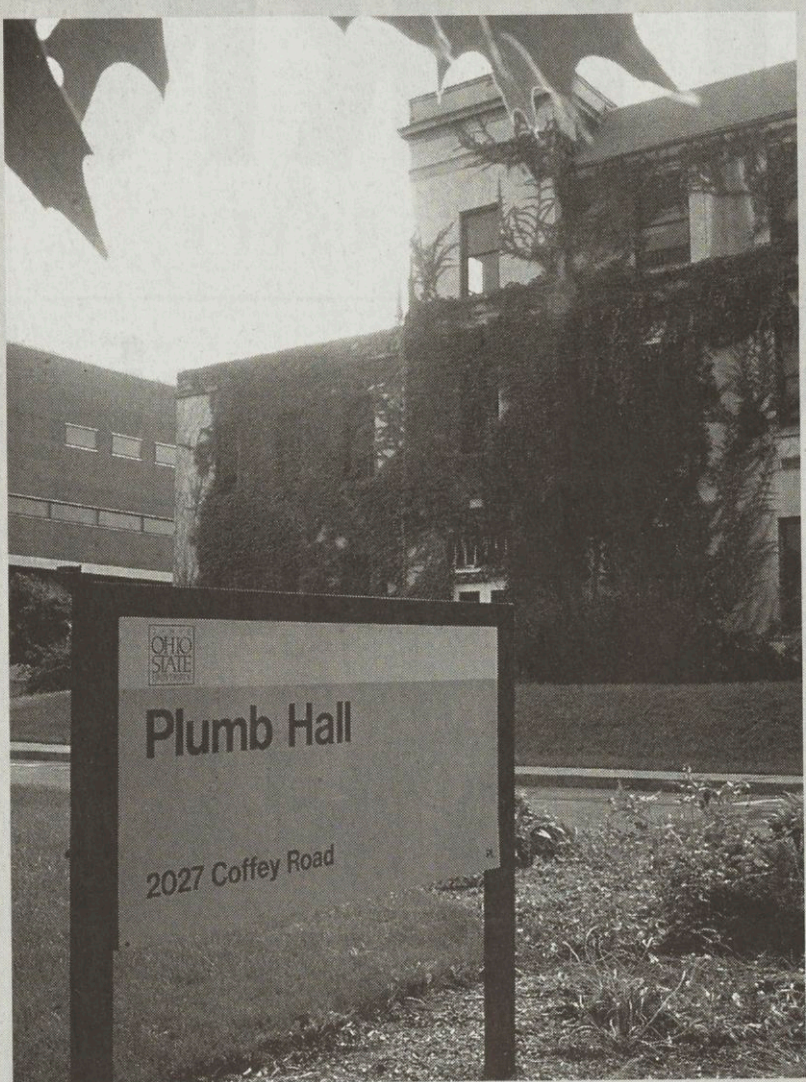
Plumb Hall is used today by the department of animal sciences, and is located across the Olentangy River. The building is a combined administration building and teaching laboratory equipped with a meat cutting lab, judging arena that seats 750 people, livestock classrooms, nutrition lab and a small animal lab.

The three-story building has a reinforced concrete frame with a stucco interior. The roof is made of steel, laytite asphalt and shingles, and covers approximately 27,563 square feet.

The cost of the building in 1926 was \$191,910.40. In 1959, an extensive renovation of Plumb Hall cost the university \$509,927.89, which included the construction the Animal Science Building.

Plumb, a faculty member for 35 years, was a well respected writer in his field.

He resigned from his position at the university to do research in the



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field of animal husbandry. He wrote multiple studies on farm animals that are still considered essential texts within animal husbandry, the practice of cultivating crops, and breeding and raising livestock.

He went on to get honorary degrees from Purdue University, Massachusetts Agricultural College and OSU.

Plumb was a victim of a hit and

run accident in which he suffered internal injuries, a broken leg and serious damage to the head. After his accident he wrote about his recovery and traveled to both England and Scotland to study the sheep industry.

Plumb died in 1939 and bequeathed the Library of Animal Husbandry to OSU and also a permanent traveling fellowship for the department.

Plastic can be more than just household convenience

By Damien Petranek
Lantern staff writer

Their practical uses range from hightech foams for insulation, all the way to delivering medicines in cancer patients.

They are polymers, or more simply named, plastics, and they are revolutionizing both the industrial and medical worlds.

Researchers of Ohio State's vast engineering and biomedical facilities have teamed up to improve existing microscale technologies, like styrofoam and prescription drugs, as well as developing new technologies, like artificial tissue engineering for burn patients or bypass surgery. Ohio ranks second in the nation for polymer industries and research.

With materials such as foams or plastic automotive and aerospace parts, "We want to use nanoscale technology to improve traditional microscale products," said L. James Lee, professor in the department of chemical engineering. "We are improving a product's efficiency by using less material - it is stronger and lighter and cheaper."

This seeming paradox is achieved through the ability of sci-

entists to manipulate these materials at the atomic, or nano level. The ability to create increasingly smaller devices with precision has enabled researchers at OSU to develop "not necessarily unique but much better final products," Lee said.

Other applications for nano-technology and polymers are in the biomedical field. Nano-technology was originally discovered 20 years ago by Andreas Von Recum, now associate dean of the veterinary school of medicine at OSU.

"Living tissue cells in culture respond to nano-sized polymer structures," said Derek Hansford, assistant professor of biomedical engineering.

"We're trying to develop new ways to treat burn patients and patients undergoing bypass surgery," Hansford said. "Diseases can be treated by replacing damaged tissue with manufactured cells. Still, there needs to be more research for this to become a viable medical technique."

Hansford and his associates are also involved in new medicines. Traditionally, medicine has been on a microscale, as in the contents of an ingestible pill such as Aspirin. With the advent of nanoscale technology,

medicine can now be delivered at the site of the problem: such as a cancer growth, with the development of polymer scaffoldings.

"Lots of drugs have been developed that work well but have to be at the site of the cells in order to work effectively. Microscopic medicines only flow through the bloodstream. Nanolevel medicines can enter the tissue itself and attach to the cell that needs repairing," Hansford said.

Polymers can also be used for diagnosing patients faster and more efficiently.

"It's a 15-minute procedure that uses less testing materials, like blood or urine, to get a very cheap, accurate and disposable reading," said Kurt Koelling, associate professor of chemical engineering.

"Normally, microscopic diagnosis tests are shipped out of a hospital and the results are delayed for a couple of days," he said. "This is a nanoscopic technology that is available at the point of care using a device very similar in shape and function to that of an ordinary compact disc," Koelling said.

Koelling said the prominence of polymers may lead the state to become a "polymer valley."

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gram as it stands now. I feel the students' receiving their master's degree is a great attribute of the program, but I also see the merits of the proposed new system and will support it as well," Schwartz said.

The new program will not include the structured master's requirements, but will allow the fellows to take advantage of a wide variety of academic fields at Ohio State. Students will be allowed to audit courses throughout the university in fields relevant to their proposed research projects.

Originally, the program was designed as a mid-career master's degree opportunity for professional journalists, who were looking to

broaden their scope of writing while taking a break from the rigors of the corporate world.

Kiplinger fellow Julie Titone said Knight Kiplinger, editor-in-chief of the Kiplinger Personal Finance magazine, didn't feel the current state of the program was going the direction he originally envisioned for the program.

"He wants a more flexible program which can take advantage of the Columbus campus as well as the Washington-based Kiplinger Foundation," Titone said.

Titone said she was happy with her experience the past year and felt professor Schwartz did an outstanding job in running a program

that was being pulled in many directions.

According to the press release, the institute will maintain connections with all of Ohio State's academic departments and with policy makers throughout the nation.

Director of the institute, Deborah Merritt, will have many questions to ponder concerning the direction and logistics of the new program. Under consideration are how many students will be allowed to participate in the restructured program, what the requirements will be, when and how long the program will run and how much the students will be paid. Merritt was unavailable for comment.

The university will consult with former Kiplinger fellows and the Kiplinger Foundation in determining the details of the program.

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son with a germline mutation will pass it on to their offspring."

The task set before Eng and her team of scientists was daunting. First DNA had to be obtained from sources that were more than 100 years old.

"Merricks body was boiled in acid and hung to dry to preserve the skeleton, so we had to try to extract the DNA from a few hairs that had been handled by many people and what we could get from the skeleton," Eng said.

Up until this study the oldest DNA Eng had worked with was 50 years old.

After six weeks of testing Eng and her staff discovered that Merrick did not have a mutation of the PTEN gene.

"Eighty percent of people who have Proteus Syndrome don't have the germline mutation," Eng said.

Eng's discovery still does not disprove whether Merrick suffered from Proteus Syndrome. In fact, all of the scientists involved still believe that he did have it; there just is not any solid medical proof yet.

The next step in the study would be to test Merrick's DNA to see if he had neurofibromatosis.

"Because the DNA is so degraded, we're not sure where to start looking," Eng said. "Plus the gene for neurofibromatosis is extremely large, over 60 exons. It would have been impossible for us to analyze."

So the mystery remains unsolved. Even the miracles of modern science cannot explain the deformities of the "elephant man."

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Entertainers not qualified for politics

By Eric Christ
Lantern arts editor

What is it that draws washed up entertainers into the political arena? Is it the thrill of the limelight? The chance to stand upon the bully pulpit and wield the power so many crave? Perhaps, politics and the world of popular entertainment aren't all that different. In both realms, image is what matters and content is becoming less important with each passing day. The public can't be given us entertaining facts and figures; give us entertainment. We must have distraction, and the media has complied.

As I write this, the world awaits Arnold Schwarzenegger's announcement regarding whether he will seek to dethrone Gray Davis in the California gubernatorial recall election. Today, Jerry Springer — the man who has given a stage to human perversity of nearly every type — announced he will not run for an Ohio Senate seat.

This trend is nothing new, though. Ronald Reagan was a Hollywood success story turned president. And who can forget Jesse Ventura?

While Charlton Heston is not elected to an actual government position, his role is still of great political significance as the figurehead of the National Rifle Association.

But as more and more entertainers vie for a position in politics, a disturbing trend is slowly coming to light. The line separating reality and fiction is blurring. News of Jennifer Lopez and Ben Affleck shares the stage with the day's news of Iraq and Liberia. The public is more concerned with the sex lives of their elected officials than their voting records. The dreaded reality television trend is further proof of this melding of fact and fiction.

But I don't mean to lecture. I will step off of my soap box for a moment and make a plea to the public. If we are going to use our right to representative democracy to elect entertainers to office, then could we please choose some more interesting personalities to fill these positions in government. America is the most powerful country in the world. It seems like we could draw better talent than Jerry Springer and Arnold Schwarzenegger. Below are my top three celebrity picks for

public office.

Pick one: Corey Haim and Corey Feldman for President and Vice President. It doesn't really matter who runs for what as most of America was a little foggy on telling these two apart in the '80s. But if they can bring the excitement of "License to Drive" to the Oval Office, America is in for a thrilling ride. Buckle Up!

Pick two: Mike Tyson vs. George Voinovich in the Ohio Senate race. This would truly be the battle of the century. Tyson is probably going to be searching for work after declaring bankruptcy, and he has a face tattoo.

Pick three: Stevie Griffin from "The Family Guy" for Governor of Ohio. This would really be a case of a starting point for a lifelong career in politics. Stevie is young, and the Presidency could be a possibility. His thirst for world domination would be a great fit in the White House.

Does this sound ridiculous? Electing famous half-wits to public office is not only absurd, but it is also dangerous. Let's focus on what's important and leave politics to those who are qualified.

Zany comedy revived in park

By Cyndy Witz
Lantern arts writer

Nearly 387 years after his death, William Shakespeare's legacy remains in the spotlight. His complete works — some 45 comedies, histories, tragedies and poems — are performed in cities all over the world, including Columbus.

In its 22nd season, Columbus' own Shakespearean-based Actor's Theatre Company will perform the play "The Merry Wives of Windsor" for the first time since 1989.

The five-act comedy is the most "English" of all Shakespeare's plays and is one of the most marvelously slapstick comedies ever written, brimming with zany characters and crazy situations from beginning to end, said Noel Koran, former director of the ATC and former Ohio State professor.

Considered to be one of Shakespeare's best-loved comedies, "The

Merry Wives of Windsor" contains the highest proportion of prose of any of Shakespeare's plays.

Throughout the course of the comedy, Sir John Falstaff is repeatedly humiliated as he flirts with two married women (Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Page), in an attempt for financial gain, said Sara Pardo, a senior in vocal performance.

"The situations Falstaff gets himself into are what make the play so funny," Pardo said. "He's trying to be Rico Suave but nobody's fooled by him."

Pardo performed in Giuseppe Verdi's opera "Falstaff," based on the text of "The Merry Wives of Windsor" last year in New York City.

"For example, in the play, he sends identical love letters to Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Page, and as a result, ends up thrown into a dirty ditch and beaten while in disguise as a fat woman," Pardo said.

"'Merry Wives' is truly the fore-

runner of the 'Monty Python' school of humor," Koran said.

The play, performed in Elizabethan style costumes, will be performed in the Schiller Park Theatre.

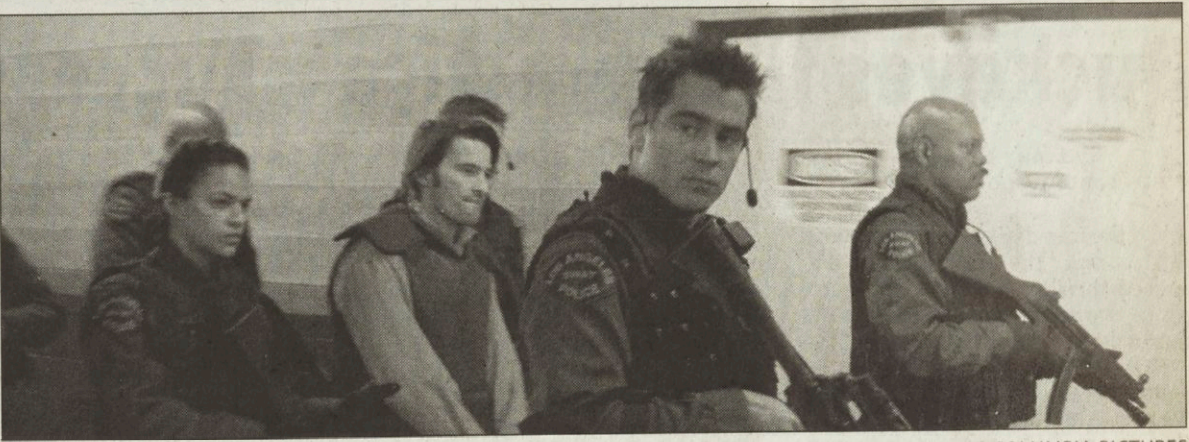
The aged theatre, an outdoor facility in German Village's Schiller Park, is home to the ATC summer Shakespeare season.

"Schiller Park is a perfect theatre for Shakespeare," said Ohio State senior and music education major Jeff Rone.

Rone and his friends recently attended the theatre for the ATC's performance of "As You Like It," the first production of the 2003 summer season.

"If you catch the show on a good day, weather-wise, the atmosphere couldn't be better," said Rone.

Performances begin at 8 p.m. and run Thursdays through Sundays "The Merry Wives of Windsor" runs through Aug. 24. Admission is free and donations are encouraged.



The S.W.A.T. team transports a dangerous criminal under the leadership of Samuel L. Jackson, far right.

FILM REVIEW

Action movie gets deep, but it works

By Colin Perkins
For the Lantern

The problem with most action films is that they give you nothing but action. They blow up buildings, crash cars non-stop and never allow anything deeper to develop. Thankfully, this is not the case with "S.W.A.T.," a film that is surprisingly dynamic and deep.

The film follows Jim Street (Colin Farrell), a young Los Angeles S.W.A.T. officer, who finds himself kicked off of the specialized force when his partner disobeys an order during an attempted bank heist and injures a civilian. Reduced to manning an equipment room at the police station, Jim is determined to work his way back onto the force. He gets his opportunity when Lt. Dan "Hondo" Harrelson, a hard-nosed S.W.A.T. legend played by Samuel L. Jackson, takes a liking to him and invites him to join the new team he's been assigned to assemble.

As the team goes into training, the film also follows the story of Alex Montel (Olivier Martinez), a fugitive who is wanted all over the world. When he is accidentally apprehended by a Los Angeles officer during a routine traffic stop, the two story lines converge and the film really kicks into gear. The new S.W.A.T. team, fresh out of training, is assigned the task of transporting Alex into federal custody.

Complicating the matter greatly is

an offer Alex extends to the nation. While being taken back into prison shortly after an attempted jailbreak, he turns to a group of media news cameras and proclaims he will give \$100 million to whomever frees him. What follows is the most shrewd portion of the film — a full-on indictment of American exploitation media and the public's obsession with wealth. Television stations everywhere broadcast the videotaped offer, repeatedly declaring how rich and powerful Alex is, and, in the process, turn him into a superstar. The scenes work because they seem so plausible in today's society. Typically, an action film does not make room for social commentary. That's precisely why I like it — it's new and different. It fits right into the story, but is also subtle, so it does not detract from the film.

Director Clark Johnson does a great job of making "S.W.A.T." work on different levels. The film could easily be divided into three different parts, each with a very distinct feel and tone. The training sequences are

light, fun to watch and creatively staged. The middle of the film portrays the sociological study that really drives the film. And the end provides great action sequences with unexpected plot turns and fast paced changes of scenery. Johnson manages to keep it all together very well, and somehow it all just sort of works.

Jackson is strong as the team leader, and Michelle Rodriguez provides an interesting touch as the team's only female member. Farrell — one of the brightest and most charismatic young stars in film today — is very good as the young S.W.A.T. officer out for redemption. People forget that he is not only a heart throb, but a talented actor. He plays the action hero well, and successfully delivers sketchy dialogue that in another actor's hands might sound silly. Without him, the film would not work as well as it does, which as it turns out is much better than expected.

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Buckeyes first practice a success

By Emily Haynam
Lantern sports writer

On the first day of preseason football camp, the Buckeyes have pitched their tents and are ready to go to work to defend their 2002 national championship.

The Buckeyes started camp at 6:30 yesterday morning with conditioning drills in the Woody Hayes Athletics Center.

"Running went good this morning," defensive end Jay Richardson said. "We did 20 half gassers with 30 seconds rest between the first 10, and 45 seconds rest between the last 10."

Half gassers are sprints that go from one sideline to the other and back to the original sideline. The players are broken up into different speed level groups based on the amount of time to complete the sprints. There are a speedy group, a

big speedy group, an offensive line group and a defensive line group. If players don't make the designated time allotted for the gasser in their group, they must do extra sprints early Sunday morning.

"It was a pretty long day," said offensive tackle Shane Olivea. "We started early this morning with pretty crucial conditioning, and then we practiced for a couple hours."

Because of a new NCAA proposal passed last spring, the Buckeyes were forced to change the structure of the first few days of practice. The proposal changes the way college football is allowed to conduct their first few practices in the fall in hopes to make a safer environment for the student-athletes.

"Normally, the first day, we do all the compliance stuff, the second day we do the fitness test and then the third day we have our first practice," coach Jim Tressel said. "We had to

consolidate both fitness testing and the first practice to the same day."

Tressel was pleased with the leadership he got from his upper-classman, who showed the ropes to the freshmen. The NCAA proposal changed the start date for incoming freshmen. They used to be allowed to come in three days prior to the start of preseason practice, but now they must start camp with the rest of the returning student-athletes.

"I'm in favor of bringing freshmen in early for a couple of days to have some time with them by themselves to help them get oriented, but with the new rule in place we have asked the older guys to accept some of that responsibility," Tressel said.

Tressel said he thought his players came in yesterday morning in great shape and enthused with the start of camp. He was especially pleased with the effort of his offensive line doing sprints.

"The thing a lineman likes least is to run, and I am proud of the way they ran today," Tressel said. "They are veterans and they ran the tests well."

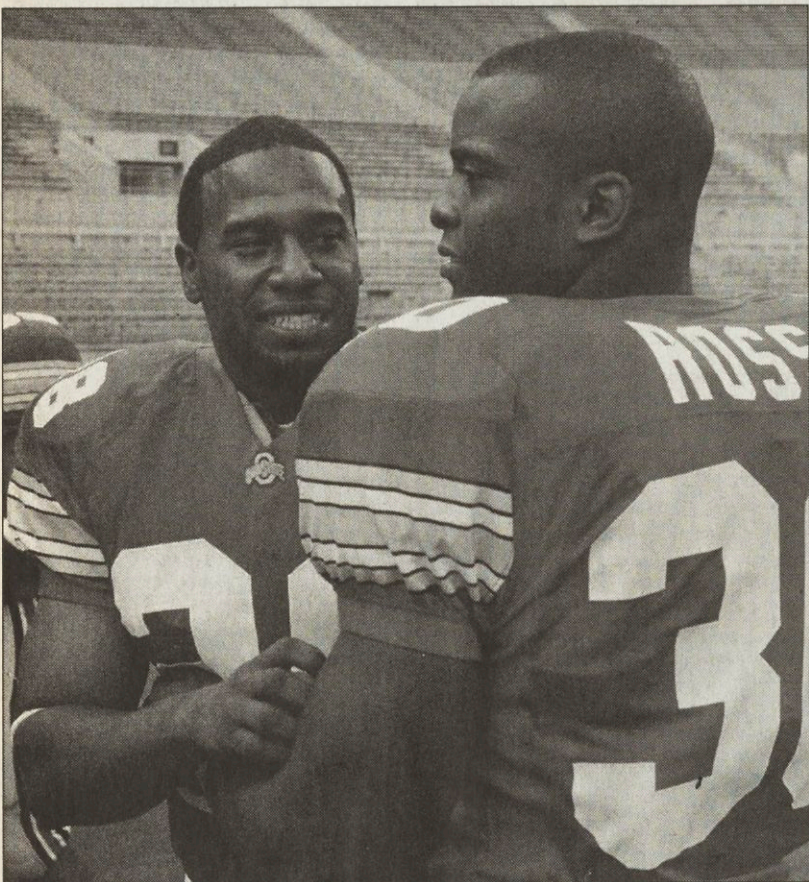
Following the fitness tests, the Buckeyes had a two-hour practice to shake off some of the rust that comes from not playing together for eight months. They broke up by positions and worked on mental aspects of the game. After practice, the players got a break from about 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. before they had to be back to watch film and lift. After a quick shower, the players got padded up and ready to smile for photo day.

Photo day was a media frenzy with all questions surrounding the starting tailback Maurice Clarett situation. Clarett is not allowed to participate in practices, pending an NCAA investigation.

"We're trying to focus on where we stand as a team and where we want to go as a team," defensive end Simon Frasier said. "We know Maurice wants to be out here, but we just have to focus on what we have to do."

Friends and family of the players also got the chance to come down on the field and take pictures of their own.

"Friends and family get to see us before we are locked up for good," Frasier said. "This is our time off, we joke around and enjoy ourselves. Practice starts again at 8 a.m."



Maurice Hall, left, and Lydell Ross share a laugh at photo day. Both are candidates for the starting tailback position.

Clarett void no problem

By Zachary Lint
Lantern staff writer

Everyone expected showed up for Ohio State's football camp Tuesday. Everyone excluded preseason Heisman Trophy candidate Maurice Clarett. In the wake of NCAA and OSU investigations, it was announced last week that Clarett is not going to be participating until his name is cleared or a decision is made regarding his eligibility.

"It's hard on anyone to not be a part of a group," coach Jim Tressel said. "Maurice planned on being here and that's his goal."

The Buckeyes were without Clarett for three games last season and had him in several other games where his injury hampered his playing time. The team hopes Clarett, who was chosen as the Sporting News's top running back in the nation, will be able to return and carry on with his career at OSU.

"I can't say that he's not going to be a little bit off in timing. If he didn't need to be here, none of us would need to be here so it is an issue," tight end Ben Hartsock said. "I'm sure he's not just sitting around and that he's preparing himself so he's ready if he gets the call. If Clarett is not here then we need to keep going where we need to be going as a team."

The depth of the OSU backfield is almost unheard of at any level. The Buckeyes return two veterans at the tailback position with Lydell Ross and Maurice Hall. Ross has seen action in every game since he came to OSU. He has 12 touchdowns and two 100-yard games to his credit, along with three starts.

Aside from his duties in the backfield, Hall returned kicks and is known for his speed. His four touchdowns last year came from his position at tailback. As a running back, he started one game, and like Ross, has seen action in nearly every game during his first two years at OSU.

"It really didn't matter who we had in there last year," Hall said. "We were just going to run the game, and it is the same this season."

Clarett became well known as a true freshman last season. His work ethic and enthusiasm carried over to the field where he became the first true freshman to start a season opener at tailback in 59 years. Clarett compiled a number of OSU records, along with netting 1,237 yards.

"I'm confident that Maurice Hall and Lydell Ross will go out and show they can do the same things Maurice Clarett would have done for us and, if that is the case, then I look forward to them rising to the occasion," quarterback Craig Krenzel said. "My focus is going to be on what I can do better everyday and what I can do to help this team win. What can I do with guys that are at practice with me tomorrow? What can I say? What can I do to make them better?"

The Buckeyes are ready to work without distractions, regardless of the Clarett situation. Still, Clarett will be forced to wait to take a hand-off until a decision is handed down.



Marianne Morris and Maggie Will practice putting on the 10th green of Tartan Fields golf course in Dublin Tuesday. The woman are part of the LPGA tour playing for the Wendy's Championship for Children. The championship begins this weekend.

LPGA to tee off for children's benefit

By Tom Symonds
Lantern sports writer

Thirteen competitors finished the Wendy's Championship for Children last year under par. With a mild, rain-filled summer, this year's conditions could translate into lower scores.

The conditions have given competitors a sigh of relief as the LPGA Tour returns to Ohio for the 2003 Wendy's Championship for Children. Competitors took part in the

Tuesday afternoon practice round at Tartan Fields Golf Club.

"Last year, the course was very dry and hard," Columbus native Kristal Parker-Manzo said. "There has been a lot of rain over the last couple of days, but when it does rain out here, the course plays

much longer. I think the course will favor the long hitters. In the end, the person who is putting well will be the one who be successful."

The tournament is a homecoming of sorts for six different golfers as they return to the Buckeye State for the second time in the last four weeks.

"It's always nice to play at home," Parker-Manzo said. "I have a lot of friends and family who are coming out to watch me play. It's a good feeling to have your friends and family come out, but at the same time it can be a real challenge. I think the hardest thing for a player is not to put too much pressure on yourself when your playing at home."

Returning to Tartan Fields will be defending champion Mi-Hyun Kim. Kim has struggled this year as she failed to make the cut at last week's British Open.

Last year, Kim built a three-

stroke lead going into the final round and held off Hee-Won Han to capture the 2002 Wendy's Championship by one stroke.

Leading the challengers this year will be seasoned veteran Juli Inkster. At 43, the LPGA hall of fame inductee has shown no signs of slowing down. Inkster has placed in the Top 10 seven different times, while capturing two tour titles at the LPGA Corning Classic and at the Evan Masters this season.

"I feel as if I'm playing well," Inkster said. "I think that if I play well, I'll have as good a chance as anybody out there. The course is playing a lot longer from last year and the greens are holding. I think players are going to be able to hit some long irons and go for the green."

Former Georgia Bulldog and top LPGA rookie

Angela Jerman also will be teeing off. Jerman placed in the Top 15 twice this season. She returns to the states after competing in the Weetabix Women's British Open where she tied for 50th.

"I feel good about my game coming into this week," Jerman said. "I felt good about the way I played at the British Open. I just want to come into this tournament with a good attitude, and hopefully, I will make some things happen."

Jerman's highest finish this season came at the McDonald's LPGA championship where she tied for 11th.

"Staying patient has been one of the toughest things to deal with while on tour," Jerman said. "When you don't play well, the previous week it's tough to just erase that tournament from your memory."

The 54-hole tournament is set to begin at 7:30 a.m. tomorrow and will conclude Sunday afternoon.

"I think that if I play well, I'll have as good a chance as anybody."

Juli Inkster
LPGA tour member

Full contact pushed pack by new NCAA legislation

By Emily Haynam
Lantern sports writer

The Buckeyes are back on the gridiron for the start of preseason practice, but because of new NCAA legislation, things will run a little differently this year.

NCAA Proposal 02-84 was approved last spring and will apply to the 2003 college football season. The proposal was made in response to safety concerns about preseason practice conditions after Rashidi Wheeler, a former starting safety for Northwestern, died during preseason drills in 2001.

"After the Northwestern student-athlete died, there were concerns about the welfare of student-athletes during preseason practice, and the NCAA was looking to make preseason practices safer," said OSU Assistant Compliance Director Steven Waterfield.

The proposal has four main changes affecting the way fall practices

will be run. The biggest change concerns full contact practice — it will not be allowed until Sunday, five days after the Buckeyes' first practice.

"I think it will be good for us actually," quarterback Craig Krenzel said. "As upperclassman, it will give us a few more days to get our heads into the game and think football; sometimes when you start hitting you forget about what you are actually supposed to be thinking."

Another change is first-time participants and returning student-athletes will begin preseason together, instead of first-time players coming in three days prior to preseason practice. This includes the elimination of a designated academic day during the three-day orientation period. Also, the team picture must occur during preseason practice, instead of the day prior.

"I don't think it really affects things too much, but things will be a little bit different because we are

used to coming in and the freshman already being here," kicker Mike Nugent said. "The coaches do a pretty good job of adapting everyone to things like that."

Preseason practices will be structured differently because of the new rules, allowing two practices a day to occur only every other day, instead of consecutive days. Days with two practices must have a three-hour break between practices where players cannot be required to do anything football related. The two practices combined can add up to a maximum of five hours.

"We are still going to have the same amount of practices, the same amount of film time, same amount of lifting time, so I don't think things will really be too different besides the structure," Krenzel said.

The Buckeyes will have 29 practice opportunities before they square off in their first game against Washington on Aug. 30 in Ohio Stadium.

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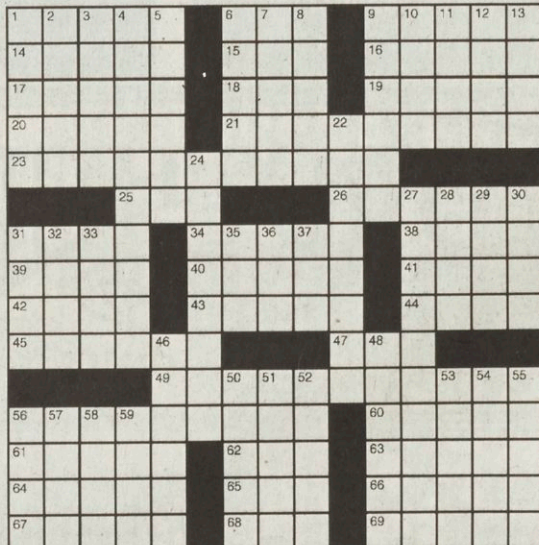
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