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## Teen wins school board seat

OSU sophomore to begin term in January, beginning to work now

By Justin Bankston  
Lantern staff writer

Dublin-area voters decided Tuesday that it was time for a new, young face on their school board.

With 4,567 votes, Chris Valentine, a 19-year-old sophomore at Ohio State, beat incumbent Joseph Chlapaty for a spot on the Dublin School Board.

By 11:45 p.m., the vote was official and Valentine was celebrating his victory. Despite the late elec-

tion night, Valentine said he was up early the next morning to begin working on his transition into office.

"I was up at 7:30 in the morning to talk to our treasurer, and next week I am attending a school board association meeting," he said.

Valentine, who received 30 percent of the 15,290 votes cast in Dublin, said, "It's humbling to know that that many people put their support behind me."

His successful campaign centered on fiscal responsibility, student-centered policies and teacher retention.

Dublin City Schools Superintendent Sharon Zimmers said Valentine will do well if he works hard.

"Doing your homework is key, regardless of your age. He may have to do more because he doesn't have as much experience (as the other board members)," Zimmers said.

Although some Dublin residents have expressed concern about Valentine's age, Zimmers said everyone must remember that it takes the entire board to

make a decision.

"I kept thinking that we send 18 and 19-year-olds to war, and they make decisions. I think we have to take that into consideration," Zimmers said.

Valentine is also an intern at Strategic Public Partners in downtown Columbus. Manager Nick Halliwell said he volunteered to help Valentine with his campaign and is proud of the teen's accomplishments.

"I learned a lot from him — he had all of his bases covered," Halliwell said. "I think it's the beginning of a career in public service."

Valentine will begin his four-year term on Jan. 1, 2004.



ADAM GODFREY/THE LANTERN  
Chris Valentine won a seat on the City of Dublin School Board, at 19.



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The Gabilan Conservation Camp's fire crew, from Soledad, Calif., put out a smoldering fire along the firelines near Lake Arrowhead, Calif.

## Ohio not immune to serious wildfires

Thousands of acres burnt every year by fires

By Joshua Keeran  
Lantern staff writer

With wildfires seemingly burning every year in the Western states, some might be surprised to know Ohio receives its fair share.

The recent wildfires in San Bernardino County, Calif., have created a lot of discussion about a natural disaster usually not associated with the eastern United States.

Those who study and deal with wildfires know too well that this is a problem affecting many states, including Ohio.

"Each year an average of 1,000 wildfires burn 4,000 to 6,000 acres of forest and grassland within Ohio's forest fire protection district, which corresponds mostly to the state's non-glaciated hill country," said Roger Williams, assistant professor at the School of Natural Resources. "In a typical year, it is estimated that more than 15,000 wildfire and natural fuel fire occurrences are encountered statewide."

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## Analysts find holes in Issue 1 ad campaign

By John McCarthy  
Associated Press

A high-tech development issue's claim of no new taxes raised questions among voters about how its \$500 million cost would be paid for, and that contributed to its narrow defeat, political analysts said yesterday.

The perception that it lacked widespread support also doomed state Issue 1, said Paul Tippetts, a former Ohio Democratic Party chairman. Voters turned down the issue 51 percent to 49 percent, a loss of 50,000 votes out of more than 2.3 million cast.

Issue 1, part of Gov. Bob Taft's Third Frontier program, would have authorized the state to borrow \$500 million over 10 years for high-tech research and job development, then given it 20 years to pay the money back to bondholders.

A central theme of the \$2.8 million ad campaign was that it would not increase taxes. That got voters thinking that the campaign was holding back information about how the bonds would be repaid and turned them against the issue, said Tippetts, who ran the party from 1974-82. He is now a Statehouse lobbyist.

"We've historically underestimated the

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## 2 dead, 3 injured in trucker shooting



CARRIE COCHRAN/AP

Two unidentified people react to the shooting yesterday morning at Watkins Motor Lines, Inc. in West Chester, Ohio. A trucker opened fire with two handguns at the business killing two men and wounding three before fleeing, authorities said. Police arrested Tom West, 50, at a truck stop in Indiana.

### Gunman arrested hours later in Indiana

By James Hannah  
Associated Press

WEST CHESTER, Ohio — A trucker opened fire with two handguns at a company that once employed him, killing two men and wounding three before fleeing, authorities said. Police arrested him 50 miles away at an Indiana truck stop more than two hours later.

West Chester police identified the suspect as Tom West, 50, who had worked for Watkins Motor Lines in Atlanta until 2001. Police Chief John Bruce said the West Chester employees didn't know West and that investigators didn't think the suspect had a particular target.

"We believe that the suspect shot at anyone and everyone he saw," Bruce said.

Watkins Motor Lines, based in Lakeland, Fla., issued a statement saying

West had worked out of the company's Atlanta office as a trucker from 1998 until he resigned in 2001. The company did not say why he left, and West Chester police didn't know.

West, also known as Joseph John Eschenbrenner III, was charged with two counts of aggravated murder and three counts of attempted murder, Bruce said.

West waived extradition and was returned to Ohio yesterday from the Decatur County Jail in Indiana, Bruce said.

He arrived at the West Chester police station about 7:30 p.m. wearing an orange jumpsuit and handcuffs. West did not respond to reporters who shouted questions while he was being escorted inside by officers.

West was to be held in the Butler

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### Man arrested in workplace shooting

Tom West, a former employee at Watkins Motor Lines, was arrested at a truck stop along Interstate 74 and named a suspect in the killing of two employees in the shootings.



SOURCES: ESRI; Associated Press AP

## Construction continues to annoy

By Mandy Zatynski  
For the Lantern



MORGAN WONORSKI/THE LANTERN  
Construction continues outside apartments along Lane Avenue, causing area residents to find alternate places to study or relax.

Students residing on Ohio State's north campus need not set an alarm, courtesy of the jackhammers, dump trucks, forklifts and construction vehicle reverse alarms that faithfully wake them up at 7:00 a.m. every morning — even on Saturdays.

"I have a headache like a mad person," said Kimberly Archie, a sophomore in pre-med and a resident of Harrison Apartments. "I understand that they want to fix up campus, but it's so loud and clunky

— it's horrible."

The city of Columbus, which owns the roadways, has been working on Lane Avenue up to the Neil Avenue intersection to accommodate the opening of the six-lane bridge, which is owned by Franklin County, on Nov. 14.

Residents, especially those of Harrison Apartments, are agitated and annoyed.

"It's hectic with midterms," said Shannon Carter, a freshman in biology. "I go to the library because I don't want to be bothered."

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# OSU and Michigan in a battle of blood

By Dallas Scrip  
Lantern staff writer

Not only do Ohio State and Michigan compete in football, they challenge each other to see which campus can donate more blood.

Yesterday OSU and Michigan started their annual blood battle. This is the 20th year of the event with OSU leading 10-9.

"It gets people in the spirit of the game and enjoy the rivalry between the two schools," said Amy Elliott, coordinator of student involvement at OSU.

There are blood mobiles set up in different locations across both campuses. Because the locations and times will change daily, there are signs posted throughout the university informing students where they can donate.

"OSU's goal is 1,800 pints, but we are hoping to get close to 2,000," said Patti Kenenah, territory manager for the Red Cross.

The Alpha Phi Omega fraternity is putting on the event for Michigan.

"We are a community service fraternity that gets tons of students involved in this event," said Ariel Palanca, pledge programming director for Alpha Phi Omega.

All the members of the fraternity work the blood drive.

"This is the biggest event that we hold every year. We don't sleep much," Palanca said.

Every morning, members of the fraternity cover campus with posters informing students where and when they can donate blood, Palanca said.

The winner of the blood battle has lost the football game all 19 years.

"We want to be first to win both," Kenenah said.

The real winners in this event are the patients, Kenenah said. There is a continuing need for blood, and while each campus supplies its own area with blood,

## Where to give

OSU will have blood mobiles at: Mack Hall, Baker Hall, Bradley Hall, Morrill Tower, Lincoln Tower, Ohio Stadium, The Schottenstein Center, Moritz College of Law, OSU Medical Center, the Union and the Main Library.

the Red Cross is always available to help another region if needed.

When a student decides to donate blood, the first thing they have to do is register. The student has to fill out a form called, "Let The Blood Battle Begin." Each person has to pick which team he or she has an allegiance with on the form.

Kenenah said Michigan fans sometimes give blood on the OSU campus, so the forms provide an opportunity to pick which team to support.

Next, the donor steps behind a screen for his or her health history. The Red Cross asks 40 questions to make sure the donor is in good health and not involved in any high risk behavior, such as drug-related activities. They then check to see if the donor has enough iron to donate, Kenenah said.

Alpha Phi Omega is hosting "Beet" Ohio State Barbecues to get ready for the event because vegetables are high in iron, Palanca said.

The Red Cross uses a one-time-use sterile kit. Each donor donates one pint of blood, and then the kit is discarded, Kenenah said.

The Nov. 21 event lasts until 7 p.m. where the final numbers will be released during the third quarter of the OSU-Michigan game. Last year, the two schools donated 3,050 pints of blood. The Red Cross expects over 4,000 pints, Kenenah said.

# Global festival celebrates 48 years

By Chris Galoski  
Lantern staff writer

Cultures from across the globe will be on display this weekend at the Columbus International Festival.

More than 60 ethnicities will be represented as the festival celebrates its 48th anniversary. The United Nations Association of the United States of America Columbus Chapter is organizing the event.

"Our main goal is to have 60 countries under one roof, for two days, peacefully accepting each other's culture," said Sandy Keiderling, chairwoman of the CIF.

The festival will feature 170 exhibits including ethnic food, entertainment and cultural displays. Folk dance lessons and a health fair, featuring free health screenings, will also take place.

"We're living in such a global society. People are so close to each other and they need to understand each other," Keiderling said. "It's wonderful to have this opportunity right here in Ohio."

The festival began with just five display tables and now features more than 15,000 participants a year.

"People will get to see what we're all about," said Carla De Pozzio, UNA-USA intern and sophomore in international studies and French. "I'm excited because Argentinians and Bolivians will be there and my family is from South America."

The event is the UNA-USA's biggest festival of the year, De Pozzio said.

The event's theme is "We all smile in the same language." It is important for everyone to attend in order for people to understand each other, said Barbara Thompson, exhibitor

chairwoman of the CIF.

"It helps to understand the people we live and work with," Thompson said. "Diversity is beautiful and so is the peace. I basically think people want peace no matter where they live."

The OSU Turkish Students Association and Turkish American Association of Ohio will ensure that Turkey is represented for the 32nd consecutive year.

"People that come to the festival will enjoy the tastes of different countries and cultures in terms of their food, crafts, music, dance, heritage and identity," said Cem Guner, TSA president and a senior in industrial and systems engineering.

The festival will be held tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Veteran's Memorial Hall located at 300 W. Broad St. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$7 for adults.

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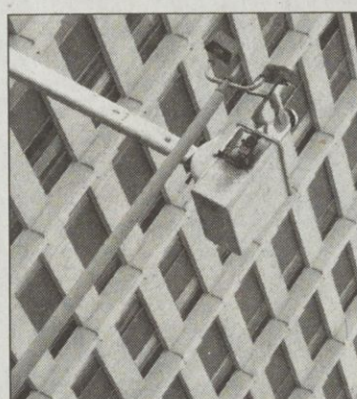
"When they're breaking up concrete, it sounds like they're right at your window," said Mark Nielsen, a junior in information systems who lives on the ninth floor. "During rush hour, it's a mess. The front entrances (to Harrison Apartments) aren't open, so people with cars have to go to Norwich."

Although Norwich Avenue residents noticed an increase in traffic along the residential street, most believe other areas of north campus suffer more congestion.

"There was more traffic on Norwich for about a week. It never really got too bad, but it's caused a lot of traffic on Woody Hayes," said Jake Elder, a junior in crop science who lives on West Norwich Avenue. "It's a big pain right now to get to the agriculture campus with my vehicle."

Since Lane Avenue remains closed, Woody Hayes Drive provides the only on-campus connection across the Olentangy River. The increased congestion, most notable during the week, frustrates the OSU community.

"It's difficult to get to work — to the other side of the river," said Deb Gallagher, the graduate program coordinator in animal sciences and a 22-year resident in the University area. "But the concern is tearing down the buildings and trees. (The University District Organization) is trying to get the



MORGAN WONORSKI/THE LANTERN  
A worker installs new lighting along Lane Avenue east of the new bridge.

place to look more like a neighborhood, and they're tearing it up."

In addition to removing some trees and buildings along Lane Avenue, widening the roadway will only further destroy the neighborhood feel of the area, Gallagher said.

"What's the first thing you think of when you see six lanes? You're going to speed. Lane will be more like state Route 161 than a neighborhood," she said.

Mark Richard, a resident of the University area, sympathizes with the community, but as the project manager for the city of Columbus, emphasizes the city's need to prepare for the increased traffic flow coming from the new bridge.

"Lane Avenue has always been

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classified as a through-artery to High Street — it's not zoned as a residential street. We're dealing with Lane as it has been defined — a key east to west connector," Richard said.

Some residents remain worried about pedestrian safety, after the completion of Lane Avenue's construction.

"The widening will handle the volume of traffic into and out of the University, but it's counter to pedestrians," said Ron Hupman, president of the University Area Commission and a university area resident for 22 years. "Lane will be wider and there will be a great volume of traffic — and at high speeds."

The current speed limit on

Lane Avenue is 35 mph.

The city plans to add a signal light in front of Riverwatch Tower, 364 W. Lane Ave., to inhibit speeders, Richard said.

"Widening is certainly going to encourage people to speed," he said. "The residents raise valid concerns, but the city has decided this is the better way to go. We have to leave it to police."

After the bridge opens in November, the construction crews will continue to work on Lane Avenue east of Neil, installing underground materials such as storm and sewer lines.

Paving crews will begin laying concrete on Lane Avenue from Neil to Tuller next spring. Construction workers will continue off-road projects, such as replacement trees, decorative lighting, brick-layered sidewalks and trash receptacles next summer, after the roadway has opened.

"There's no precise schedule, but we will be done to Tuller Street by spring," Richard said.

The city will demolish Alcatraz and the former UniversiTees buildings on the corner of Lane and High during the winter. Expanding the intersection will allow drivers to turn left in every direction.

"We don't have detailed plans about the traffic (during the construction), but it won't be pretty," he said. "But you can't make an omelet without breaking the eggs."

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## FIRES FROM PAGE 1

What makes wildfires so dangerous is that once a fire begins, it spreads uncontrollably throughout the land.

Those fighting the fires in Southern California used years of experience and the newest equipment available to finally get them fully contained.

"The resource managers in California are responding with all of the latest technologies at hand and following all the proper procedures," said Gary Mullins, director of the School of Natural Resources.

Wildfires do not have the same catastrophic effect in Ohio as they do in the western states for several reasons.

"Ohio has a different type of environment. We have more moisture and the debris on the forest floor is more broken down than the debris found in the West," said Jacob Hahn, a member of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry. "The more dry debris that is found on the forest floor, the more fuel for the fire and thus a larger, faster spreading fire."

Another reason for less damaging wildfires in Ohio is that trees in the Midwest tend to differ from those seen out in the western United States.

"The forest environment in Ohio is different from the pines in the West. The hardwood, broadleaf trees do not catch fire as easy as pines," Hahn said.

Wildfires not only destroy the environment, but they also affect the lives of many Ohioans. Most fires could be avoided since the majority of them are caused by the public's own recklessness.

"Wildfires are attributed primarily to the careless burning of debris, household litter and arson. The result is untold damage to the landscape, water quality, and it places people as well as their homes at significant risk," Williams said.

The School of Natural Resources offers students several classes in which the course material addresses the topic of wildfires.

"In Natural Resources 734 (Forest Ecosystem Management), I teach sections on the use of fire in forest management, management techniques, methods for reducing wildfire probabilities and wildfire fighting methods," Williams said.

Most of the wildfires that occur in Ohio are preventable with the help of the public.

"When open burning is permitted, adherence to safe burning practices will reduce the danger of a fire becoming out of control," Williams said. "Being careful with fire when camping and visiting state forests, parks and other areas will ensure that natural resources will remain."

Paying attention to the weather can also reduce the chances of a fire potentially spreading out of control.

"One needs to pay attention to the fire danger rating system, which is an indicator of the probability of fire starting on a particular day," Williams said. "Typically, periods of hot and dry weather with low humidity bring the onset of high fire danger ratings."

## Doctor's research strides merit award



COURTESY OF CLARA BLOOMFIELD

## Cancer doctor honored for work with leukemia, abnormalities

By Adam Behne  
Lantern staff writer

Ohio State is known for its significant strides in cancer research through its nationally-renowned James Cancer Hospital, and one OSU doctor is being honored for her contributions.

On Oct. 25, the American Cancer Society's Ohio Division presented the John P. Minton Hero of Hope Research Champion Award to Dr. Clara Bloomfield, the William G. Pace III Professor of Cancer Research, and senior advisor to the Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute.

"I was thrilled to win the award for two reasons. One is that I knew it was good for Ohio State, and that

is important to me. It's not an individual award, it's for the institute. Secondly, I realize how prestigious this award is; it's an incredible honor," Bloomfield said.

The annual award acknowledges individuals who have made significant contributions to the advancement of cancer research in Ohio. It is presented in memory of Dr. John Peter Minton, a former Ohio State physician, professor and world-renowned cancer researcher.

"Research has always been an essential element in the American Cancer Society's mission. This award recognizes individuals whose studies have made a real difference in the way cancer is treated and controlled in Ohio and beyond. They are truly heroes,"

said Don McClure, chief executive officer of the American Cancer Society's Ohio Division.

Bloomfield's most important scientific contributions have been in the field of adult acute leukemia and chromosomal abnormalities. The abnormalities are used to predict outcome and select treatment in adults with acute leukemia and lymphoma.

Bloomfield has also made many significant contributions to cancer research since she came to OSU in 1997. She has increased annual cancer-relevant, peer-reviewed external funding from \$22 million to more than \$74 million. She has also recruited more than 80 new faculty to OSU.

One of Bloomfield's biggest contributions is launching the Human Cancer Genetics Program in 1997. Earlier this year, the center was named one of the most successful cancer genetic programs in the world. "We had a lot of opportunities

from some of the biggest institutions in the world. We felt that Ohio State had a real chance to make a difference in cancer research and could be the best. Here I could make my vision a reality," Bloomfield said.

Bloomfield is also working on a number of research projects.

"My personal research is on the biology, more specifically the genetics, of leukemia and lymphoma in adults. By understanding the genetics of the cell we can choose the best solution for each individual patient," Bloomfield said.

Her research at OSU includes human cancer genetics, experimental therapies and cancer prevention and control.

"Before I retire I would like to see that the majority of adults with adult leukemia can be cured. When I started there was no cure," Bloomfield said. "Now 70 percent of some types can be cured."

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electorate. They do understand issues and they are not emotional beings that show up and if the economy is bad, they vote no, and if the economy is good, they vote yes," Tipples said. "Common sense told them someone had to pay the debt service."

Voters also were suspicious because the campaign's No. 1 cheerleader was Taft, who in June signed a two-year, \$2.5 billion sales tax increase as part of the budget, said Robert Adams, an associate professor of political science at Wright State University.

"It is a complex issue and I think that was part of the problem," Adams said. "In this state, there is a general suspicion that involves the state spending money because people assume this means more taxes."

But insisting that taxes would not be raised was critical to the issue, argued Brian Hicks, Taft's former chief of staff and the direc-

tor of the Issue 1 campaign.

"I think it was absolutely important to point out that it was not a tax increase," Hicks said, adding that it would have been impossible to explain how bonds are repaid in a 30-second ad.

Ohio's current economic struggles also contributed to the issue's demise, said Curt Steiner, a Republican who helped defeat a drug treatment-over-prison issue last year and was at the losing end of a 4-1 defeat on a 1998 sales tax issue.

"In this adverse economic climate, people were inclined to vote no on something they really didn't understand," Steiner said. "There was a lack of specificity in people's minds about what the money would be used for. It's easier to sell an issue for school construction or environmental cleanup...because people understood the result."

Some voters saw Issue 1 as a pet project of Taft's, who appeared in



JAY LAPRETE/AP

Gov. Bob Taft answers questions about the failure of State Issue 1 which would have authorized the state to issue bonds to provide funding for technology projects.

some of the ads but not in others. Although dozens of groups endorsed Issue 1, few actively campaigned for its passage.

## SHOOTING FROM PAGE 1

County Jail overnight and had an arraignment scheduled this morning, Bruce said.

Gunfire erupted around 10 a.m. in the dispatching room of the company in an industrial park in this Cincinnati suburb. Two facilities — a smaller office building and a large warehouse, both with white metal exterior walls — sit among dozens of semi trailers parked in rows.

When the shooting occurred, most employees were in the separate warehouse.

The gunman drove past a security booth, then walked into an office lined with desks and opened fire on five men, police Capt. David Kelly said. About a dozen shell casings littered the floor.

Donald Haury, 50, of Bellbrook, died at the company, and Bob Lines, 65, of Cincinnati, was pronounced dead later at a hospital, Bruce said.

About 2 1/2 hours after the attack, Indiana State police arrested West along Interstate 74 near New Point, Ind., after receiving a tip that a man in a truck stop was saying police were looking for him, Indiana State Police Lt. Marty McKinney said. West was eating a meal when officers arrived and responded "yes" when police asked if he should be handcuffed, authorities said.

West wasn't armed, and police were waiting for a search warrant yesterday evening to go through the van he was driving, McKinney said. West's appearance matched the descriptions given by witnesses, McKinney said.

Two of the men injured in the shooting were hospitalized in serious condition with chest wounds, Bethesda Hospital North spokesman Joe Kelley said. They both underwent surgery Thursday afternoon.

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# Man who shipped himself could face a year in prison

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A former shipping clerk pleaded guilty in federal court yesterday to shipping himself from New York to Dallas in a wooden cargo crate.

Charles D. McKinley, 25, pleaded guilty to stowing away on a cargo jet, a misdemeanor. Possible punishment ranges from probation to a year in prison and up to a \$100,000 fine when he is sentenced Feb. 4.

McKinley declined to comment after the 20-minute hearing. His attorney Bill Glaspy said he advised McKinley to plead guilty because "he told what he did to every newspaper and television station in the country, I think."

The plea was not part of a plea

bargain, said U.S. Attorney Fred Schattman.

McKinley's trial had been set for Monday. He had previously agreed to have U.S. Magistrate Charles Bleil hear the case rather than a jury or a federal district judge.

McKinley, who worked at a New York warehouse, journeyed overnight about 1,500 miles by truck, plane and delivery van before popping out of the box Sept. 6 at his startled parents' home in DeSoto, a Dallas suburb.

The shaken delivery company employee left the house and called police.

McKinley has said he made the 15-hour trip — eluding security at

five airports — because he was homesick and thought he could save money by flying cargo.

McKinley said he took a cell phone, which didn't work, but no food or water. He told some reporters he occasionally got out of the 42-by-36-by-15-inch crate.

He also said an accomplice closed the box and shipped him. But in his signed statement to the FBI, McKinley claimed no one else was involved.

The incident renewed debate over the air cargo system's vulnerability to terrorists. Unlike the tight federal security for airline passengers, air cargo receives little federal scrutiny and is the responsibility of the shipper.

# Church council boycotts Taco Bell

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — The National Council of Churches voted yesterday to join two consumer boycotts over conditions for farm workers, one against Taco Bell and the other targeting Mt. Olive Pickle.

The council, an ecumenical group of 36 Orthodox, Anglican and Protestant denominations, had not signed on to a consumer boycott since taking a stand against apartheid 15 years ago. It approved the resolutions at its annual general assembly, held this year in Jackson, Miss.

"The hard work is getting out to the local churches throughout the country to say 'no' to Taco Bell ... to say, 'As long as the exploitation continues, we're not going to go to your fast food restaurant,'" said the Rev. Robert Edgar, the NCC's general secretary.

In the case of Mt. Olive pickles, Edgar said church members should say: "We're not going to accept your discounts at the local grocery store."

The NCC's resolution against Taco Bell accused the franchise of purchasing tomatoes from suppliers who paid substandard wages to farm workers. The group said Department of Labor data shows

that the average wage is 40 cents per 32-pound bucket and has not changed in more than 20 years.

"We think that it's unfortunate that they have directed their efforts toward Taco Bell," said Laurie Schallow, a company spokeswoman based in Irvine, Calif. She disputed the wage data.

The NCC says the Farm Labor Organizing Committee, a farm workers' union, began the boycott of Mt. Olive in March 1999. The Mt. Olive resolution claims the company has shown "insufficient progress" in improving conditions for farm workers employed by the companies that supply its cucumbers.

Lynn Williams, spokeswoman for North Carolina-based Mt. Olive, said the demands were inappropriate and unrealistic.

"FLOC wants us to bring farmers to the bargaining table, and then for Mt. Olive to participate in the collective bargaining negotiations on behalf of farmworkers," Williams said. "We just don't believe that's an appropriate role for us to play."

Both boycotts are effective immediately.

The Florida-based Coalition of Immokalee Workers called for the

*"We think it's unfortunate that they have directed their efforts toward Taco Bell."*

**Laurie Schallow**  
Taco Bell spokeswoman

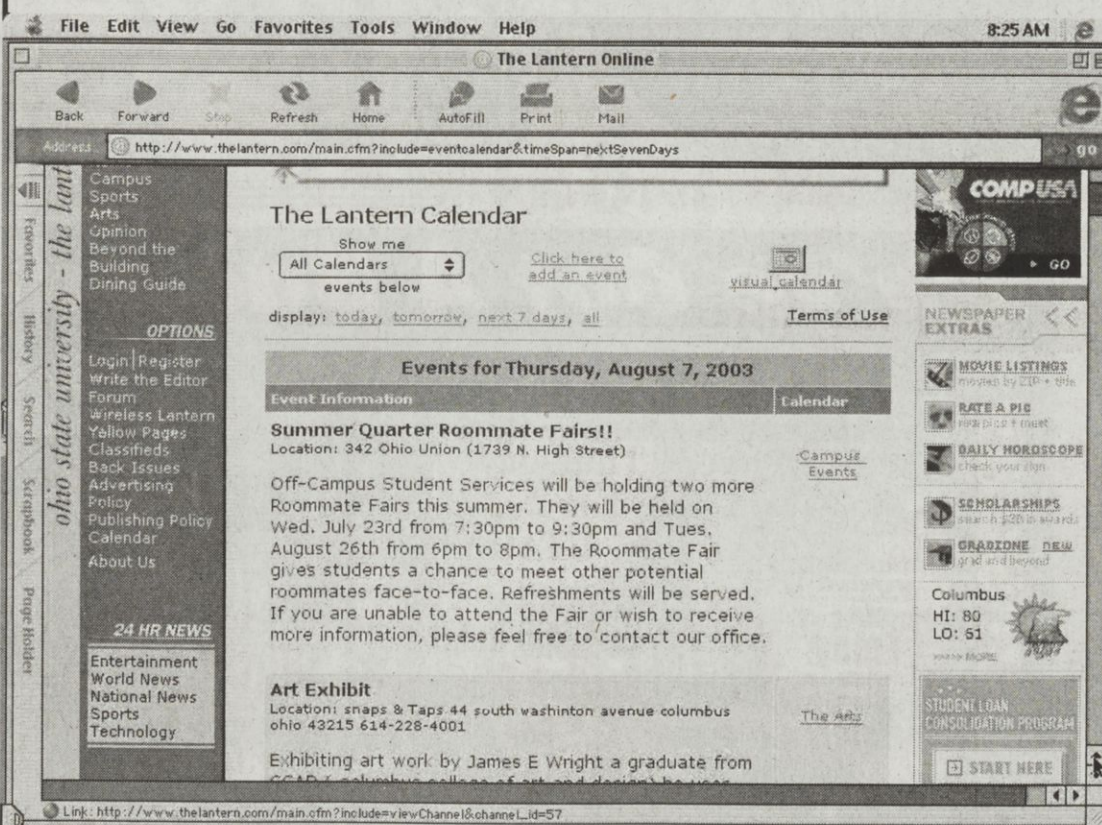
Taco Bell boycott in March 2001, saying the chain had refused to address complaints workers made against Six L's Packing Co., one of the nation's largest tomato growers and a supplier to Taco Bell.

Schallow said Taco Bell representatives had met several times with the workers and the grower over the last few years. "We've talked to the supplier of tomatoes, who has assured us that their workers make an average (of) \$9 an hour," Schallow said.

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## Kerry attacks Dean for inconsistent views

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Democratic presidential hopeful John Kerry intensified his criticism of Howard Dean yesterday, accusing his top rival of flip-flopping on a range of issues, including gun control.

"It's not enough to just switch your position in the presidential race," Kerry said. "By falling in line with the most extreme elements of the National Rifle Association, Howard Dean didn't offer straight talk, he offered a straight-up pander to one of the most powerful interest groups in America."

Kerry, flanked by several police officials, said that Dean used NRA questionnaires in 1992 and 1994 to get the backing of the powerful interest group by opposing a ban on assault weapons.

Dean now says he supports the ban as well as closing the gun-show loophole that allows purchases of weapons without background checks. Beyond that, Dean has said states should be allowed to go their own way.

"Howard Dean said he's against the ban on assault weapons, a background check for criminal records, and even a short waiting period for buying a gun," Kerry said, adding that Dean has shifted his positions over the years on Medicare, Social Security, trade and public financing of elections.

Dean's spokeswoman, Tricia Enright, said Kerry had a lot of nerve to accuse Dean of flip-flopping. "This is a guy who can't figure out his position on Iraq," Enright said.

Kerry's criticisms came a day after Dean apologized for urging Democrats to court Southern whites who display Confederate flags on their pickup trucks. The Massachusetts senator hopes the controversy erodes Dean's double-digit lead in polls in New Hampshire, a state both New Englanders

believe they must win. Dean held a 14-point lead over Kerry in a survey by the American Research Group released yesterday.

Dean made the controversial statement about the Confederate flag while defending his record on guns.

"Many people in the African-American community have supported what I said in the past few days because they understand what this is about," the former Vermont governor said. "But some have not and to those, I deeply regret the pain that I may have caused."

Speaking at New York's Cooper Union, Dean seemed to stop short of an outright apology and vowed not to shirk from "difficult and painful" discussions about race relations. "Feelings will be hurt," Dean said.

But later, he said he did not mean to be splitting hairs.

"That was an apology," Dean told The Associated Press. "You heard it from me. It was a remark that inflicted a lot of pain on people for whom the flag of the Confederacy is a painful symbol of racism and slavery."

Dean had already expressed similar sentiments in a call to presidential rival Al Sharpton, a black activist from New York. He also had talked to several party leaders, including former President Carter, during one of the most tumultuous days of his front-running campaign.

Dean hoped to put an end to a controversy that grew since last week, when he told a newspaper that he wanted to be "the candidate for guys with Confederate flags in their pickup trucks." Defending his moderate gun control policies, the former Vermont governor said, "We can't beat George Bush unless we appeal to a broad cross-section of Democrats."

## Short school week adopted in 11 states

By Kimberly Hefling  
Associated Press

DIXON, Ky. — Webster County High senior Zach Cato spends his Mondays mowing lawns and watching football game films. He is not cutting class — he is taking advantage of his school district's move to a four-day week.

"The only ones who are complaining are the ones who don't want to be here at all," 17-year-old Cato says.

By using the shortened schedule, the district of 1,900 students in this western Kentucky farming and coal mining region hopes to save about 2 percent of its annual spending—or \$200,000—on bus service, substitute teachers and utilities. It is the first district in Kentucky to adopt the new, four-day plan.

According to a 2002 survey by the National School Boards Association, mostly rural school systems in at least 10 other states have made the switch to save money: Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Arkansas, New Mexico, Oregon, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

"It's the easiest way to cut to get a quick result fast, to get more money," said Linda Embrey, a spokeswoman for the association.

The verdict is still out on whether students perform as well, and whether schools save enough money to justify the switch. But Webster County Assistant Superintendent Rachel Yarbrough said it appears to be a success here so far in its first year.

Students are encouraged to make dentist's and doctor's appointments on their Mondays off, so that they miss fewer classes. Another benefit to having no school on Monday is that teachers

have more time for planning and faculty meetings, said Webster County High Principal Carolyn Sholar.

And the students "really feel like they're not as burned out," Sholar said.

To meet state guidelines, the school day was extended by 30 minutes. In addition, schools will be in session on Mondays for eight weeks of the year — the last four weeks of each semester — to help student prepare for Kentucky's end-of-the-year assessment exams.

Tabitha Daniel, an education professor at Western Kentucky University, said many parents might not be able to afford additional child care if their children are off on Mondays. She questioned whether the money saved is worth the additional stress to families.

"I just think there are going to be a lot of children that are unfortunately going to be alone on Monday," Daniel said. "I just think that's very, very sad."

To help parents find day care on Mondays, the Webster school system put together a pool of baby sitters who could be called — some of them high school students. The sitters were given training in first aid and CPR. Churches are also offering programs to watch youngsters.

Around the country, school systems are being squeezed simultaneously by budget cuts and by more stringent federal education standards.

"Right now, you can't afford to do anything that will slow the progress of student achievement, but you also can't operate at a deficit or print your own money," said Brad Hughes, spokesman for the Kentucky School Boards Association.

The Webster school system

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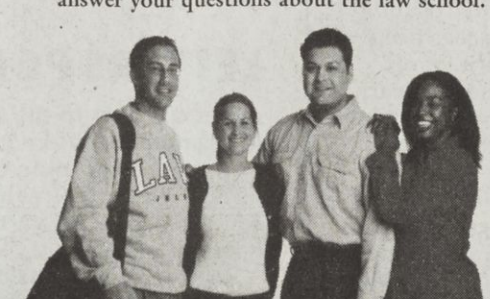
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The Judeo Christian Bible, Muslim Koran and even outspoken Muslim clerics teach that the Jews alone have historic rights to the whole of Israel. The fact is that the Jewish people have been the indigenous population of the Holy Land for over 3,600 years. (Genesis 15:18) They had lived in their land for 1700 years, virtually uninterrupted, until the Roman destruction of Israel's polity in AD 70. Then, slaughter and expulsion decimated the 3 million Jewish inhabitants. Christian, Persian, Arab, Crusader, Mameluke and Turkish armies devastated the Holy Land, and each ruled but a short time. Still the Jews clung to their land. The Arab historian Khaldun observed that as late as AD 1400 the land was permeated with Jewish culture.

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### OUR VIEWS

## Big free problem

### Concert needs diverse acts

The first of three Big Free Concerts last Monday was attended by a total of just 6,000 people—both OSU students and others—at the Jerome Schottenstein Center—far below the arena's total capacity. The concert put on by the Ohio Union Activities Board featured bands 311 and Alien Ant Farm.

Alien Ant Farm and 311 are alternative rock bands, and the past two years OUAB has featured alternative rock bands Vertical Horizon and Rusted Root. If free concerts are going to be offered, there needs to be diversity in the type of music featured.

Other schools have attracted hip hop acts for their free concerts. Miami University brought the Roots, a well-known hip hop act, to Oxford for a free concert this fall. A couple years ago, Clemson brought them to its campus for a free concert.

A big reason for the concert venue being far below capacity for a free concert is when the concert took place. The concert was held on a Monday during the sixth week of the quarter, one of the most busiest times of the quarter. The sixth week of the quarter is a popular time for midterms to be scheduled and for papers to be due.

Holding the concert on a Monday was another bad decision by OUAB. Many students either have Monday evening commitments or classes early on Tuesday mornings and could not attend a Monday evening concert.

311 is a popular enough band that if the free concert would have been held on the right night it would have drawn a much larger crowd. The concert should have been held on the weekend to attract a large student population—when they are more inclined to go out.

Students want to attend campus activities, but they will not attend them if they have other commitments that prevent them from attending. A free concert is a great idea on how to spend some of the student activity fee money, but more planning needs to be done. Other types of bands need to be looked at for the concert, and planners need to think more about the day of the week and time of the quarter the concert takes place.

Putting a free concert on a Monday evening the sixth week of the quarter with the same type of bands that have been featured at free concerts the last two years is a waste of students' money.

## Combat stress

### Soldier's actions not cowardly

Shortly after he arrived in the Iraqi warzone six weeks ago, Staff Sgt. Georg-Andreas Pogany was faced with the reality of war when he saw the body of an Iraqi man torn in half by American fire. Now, Pogany is back in the United States facing charges of cowardice.

After seeing the body, Pogany said he began shaking, vomiting and couldn't sleep. He also reported he was suffering from panic attacks. In a very reasonable request, Pogany asked to get counseling while in Iraq so he could deal with the carnage, yet remain on active duty. Army psychologist Capt. Marc Houck concluded Pogany was suffering from normal combat stress reaction, and it was recommended Pogany be given a short time away from the action.

But shortly after, Pogany was shipped back to Colorado—his station—to be charged with cowardice.

According to a document on the army's Web site, combat stress reactions "are the result of exposure to the same conditions during military actions that cause physical injury and disease in battle or its immediate aftermath..."

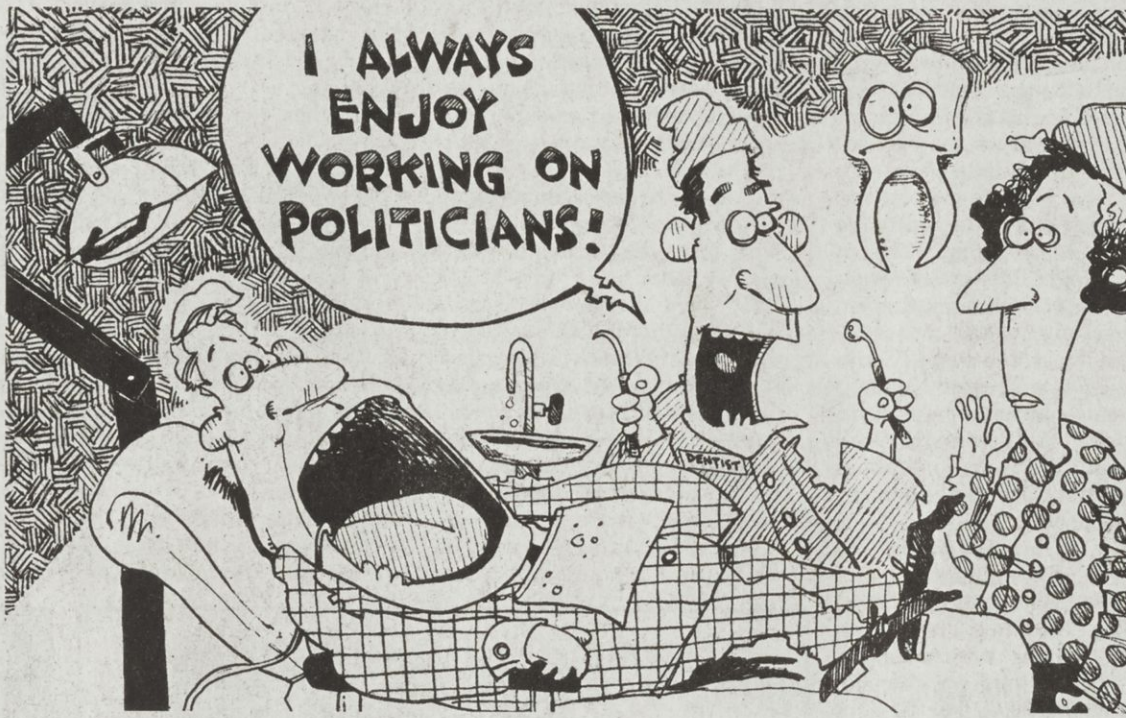
If these reactions are similar to those faced in military combat, the army's charge against Pogany seems a bit extreme. When faced with a difficult situation, Pogany couldn't alter his reaction. He would not have control over his response. In fact, Pogany should be commended for seeking help with his problems. There is no way Pogany's training would have prepared him for dealing with real death.

Because the Iraqi man's body was brought into an American headquarters, Pogany was not faced in an actual combat situation when he was overcome with combat stress. If Pogany couldn't stop shaking and vomiting while he was in an actual combat situation, the situation could have gotten messy, and Pogany may have joined the growing list of soldiers killed in Iraq.

But Pogany could join the growing list of deceased soldiers anyway. The charge of cowardice has no minimum penalty, but the charge could be punishable by death. Reasonable thinking says Pogany will not be facing anything that extreme, but just having the option available seems ludicrous.

Pogany said, "What is tragic about this is the message being sent to other soldiers. It's not about me." He meant the army is sending a message to the other soldiers that they should "suck it up" and deal with being in combat. But the army also is sending a message to the American people saying the military is an uncaring, unstoppable machine that deals only in death and destruction. This is not the message the army should be sending—after all, the troops are fighting for American values. But unless the army drops this ridiculous charge, the military are the only ones looking bad.

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## Breaking stereotypes

"You're Egyptian?," one of my classmates asked me during a gym class when I was in high school. She was dumbfounded.

Apparently, she had never seen a real life Egyptian before. She had always thought Egyptians were fictional characters... the kind Agatha Christie wrote about in "Death on the Nile" or the kind Steve Martin always characterized during his King Tut skit. Besides, Egyptians didn't live in the states. They belong out in the hot, sandy desert building pyramids.

"Yah," I replied as a fake smile appeared across my face. "Both of my parents were born and raised in Egypt, and after they were married, they immigrated to the states."

Then, for a bit, I relaxed. At least after discovering my last name was "Aly," she didn't ask me if I was related to Mohammed Ali as many people have asked me before. Perhaps she knew a little more about the culture and region than the other people I have talked to... or so I thought.

I have to admit the next words which came out of her mouth formed the worst question I had ever heard in my life. Anybody who believes the phrase "the stupidest question is the question not asked" should find another motto to live by.

"Do Egyptians really walk like that?," she said referring to the 1985 Bangles song "Walk Like an Egyptian." Once again, I had to roll my eyes. I couldn't understand how people had these stereotypes of Arabs.

At least 20 years ago, however, many Americans thought Egyptians and perhaps other Arabs, were Bedouins who spent their time riding camels, writing hieroglyphics and building natural wonders. Since then the stereotypes have become worse. Now, people imagine men with scarves wrapped around their heads, while crouching behind shrubs and bushes with a rifle in hand ready to take out the

next soldier they see.

Those stereotypes, however, are far from the truth. Arabs could be the typical white, blond-haired, blue-eyed person walking down the street. Others could have darker skin, eyes and hair. In fact, there are many famous Arab-American celebrities walking down America's streets.

Every Sunday morning many wake up to this radio announcer's famous countdown show. Casey Kasem, who was born as Kamel Amen Kasem and is of Lebanese descent, is one of the most famous radio hosts across the nation. Not to mention his voice has invaded many living rooms across America as the voice of Shaggy on "Scooby Doo, Where are you."

When viewers tuned to "Must See Thursdays" last year, they would watch one famous Arab-American, Wendy Malik, make a total ditz of herself as an aged supermodel on the popular show "Just Shoot Me." This year's Emmy-winning actor for Best Actor in a Comedy Series originally came from Arab descent. Tony Shalhoub, who is best known for his character Monk on the show of the same name, was also an actor on another '90s television series, "Wings."

Arabs are not only infiltrating the entertainment business. They are everywhere. Spencer Abraham, who is U.S. Secretary of Energy, and Mitchell Daniels, the director of the Office of Management and Budget under the Bush administration are Arab-Americans. The first Arab American ever appointed to a Cabinet secretary post was Donna Shalala. Now, she is the president of the University of Miami. Not to mention, Ralph Nader, the former presidential candidate for the green party, is also of Arab descent.

Arabs are not only found in the continents of Africa and Asia. An Arab could be your next door neighbor.



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## A world beyond Ohio

Last year, in the middle of my semester in Brisbane, Australia, an American friend of mine decided to use a popcorn vending machine for the first time.

Popcorn machines in Australia work the way American coffee machines do: a cup comes down and then is filled with popcorn and the topping of your choice. After my friend put her money in the machine, the popcorn began to flow, but no paper cup had appeared.

She put her hands under the dispenser to salvage as much popcorn as she could. Everything was going relatively well until the hot buttery substitute began to flow, burning her hands with grease that was tedious to wash off.

Yes, experiencing new cultures can be painful. But she left the vending machine having experienced something truly Australian, and now she has a great story to tell.

As an out-of-state student, I am often confounded by the excuses people come up with to never leave Ohio; it's a great place to raise kids, it's safe, they don't have the money... the list goes on. People find many more excuses never to leave the country. But just think of the adventures to be had beyond the state line.

In Australia, I had at least one adventure a day, usually having something to do with being able to understand only half of what the Australians said, or an encounter with campus wildlife (some of which had been imported directly from Jurassic Park). Every university-sponsored event included free beer and our dorm had champagne lunches on special occasions. Free alcohol alone should be enough to inspire most Buckeyes to investigate study abroad opportunities.

Leaving one's comfort zone is an important experience for anyone who

expects to have an understanding of what lies beyond the cornfields. Lora Cope, who also spent a semester in Brisbane, said that the experience opened her eyes to the way other countries view the United States.

"We were there for the one-year anniversary of Sept. 11 and people were writing editorials about how America needs to get over it, how we deserved it and how it's not a big deal. That was the last thing we needed," Cope said.

She is, however, quick to encourage everyone she meets to take advantage of the study abroad opportunities Ohio State offers.

"Studying abroad was the most amazing experience of my life. It's totally worth any sacrifice you have to make financially or in the classroom," she said.

The Office of International Education offers more than 100 study abroad programs in 40 countries, ranging from a few weeks to a year. There are programs for every major, or students can use the time to knock off a few GEC requirements.

As for financial concerns, all federal and state grants can be used for studying abroad, as can most OSU—based scholarships and grants. The cost of most programs is about the same as out-of-state tuition (plus the cost of a plane ticket), so yes, it is a sacrifice, and the endeavor involves a lot of financial planning. But students learn much more by leaving what they know than they would in even the most rigorous courses at OSU.

If you are dead set against leaving the country, then get in a car and go to Cincinnati or Cleveland. Take a long weekend and explore Chicago. Don't have a car? Get on the bus and go to German Village. German Village isn't Europe, but it has the best schnitzel this side of the Atlantic.

### YOUR VIEWS

## Religious stamp on abortion bill wrong

A few thoughts about the abortion issues being raised by Federal Legislation before Congress that would criminalize the abortion procedure in question: I make no bones about the fact that abortion violently ends the life of an unborn human being.

I do not impose religious moral reasons on why I personally am against it. I am also anti-war. I believe we all have a right to be here. I once rubbed shoulders with some radically anti-abortion activists in Central Ohio. Although I was impressed by their dedication, there was a certain sense of "I'm right, therefore the rest of you are wrong" self-righteous, self-congratulatory attitude common among many of them.

These folks are outraged and whenever anger takes control I believe good intentions, in the very least, are sullied and the onlooker is turned off in a major way, no matter how altruistic the issue.

Partially because of the negative self-righteousness attitude cited above, I became Buddhist a number of years ago. This was and is not because I am against anyone's religion. I am very grateful that we live in a country where there are so many freedoms. Unfortunately, that does not make the U.S. a good country.

The problem with the religious right is they do not look deeply into their own hearts before they point the finger at others' "wrongs." Biblically and according to the Dharma (Buddhist teachings), "Compassion is the highest form of wisdom." We cannot truly be compassionate until we live it ourselves. Yes, killing unborn babies is a violent, uncaring act in many cases. But what about bombing innocent civilians in Iraq with bombs impregnated with depleted uranium?

What about a President who openly lies to the American public in order to build a culture of fear to justify a "war on terrorism" (that's more a war on the poor to steal their oil reserves)? What about polluting the ozone layer by not enforcing emission standards on SUVs? The list could go on infinitely.

There are too many contradictions. Although I do not support partial birth abortions, I distrust the President that may signed the bill banning it into law. We are the most violent nation on the face of the Earth. We steal from other countries like another Roman Empire.

Then the self-servers in power have the audacity to put Christ's name on it all. This is total hypocrisy and I oppose it. Jesus and Buddha were not supporters of violence and greed. Many more Americans are angry about the loss of jobs, for example, than the abortion tragedy.

The same power brokers that gave us NAFTA and Desert Storm I and II are backing the court appointed U.S. President that claims to be a "Christian" and "Pro-Life." Perhaps the anti-abortionists should look at the broader picture. Their one issue support for Bush Jr. will erode their own freedoms of religion and speech eventually.

**Michael Henry**  
Parent of an OSU Student

## Potential fraud in online voting

I just read the article by Chris Juhl ("Ohio to elect 1 of 6 to be new voting machines.") While I commend Chris on his concise summary of the selection process going on in Ohio, I would encourage him and others on *The Lantern* staff to do a little investigative reporting.

Electronic voting machines present an unprecedented opportunity for fraud, hacking and manipulation of votes. I suggest starting with a review of the Web site [blackboxvoting.org](http://blackboxvoting.org) or Bev Harris' new book of the same name. The public must be informed and demand that each machine provide the voter with printed evidence of their vote.

Until such requirements are enacted, I will only vote "absentee," in written form.

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## YOUR VIEWS

## Student apathy disappoints, angers

As I opened *The Lantern* yesterday, I read the headline, "Students failed to show for concert." Why? Was it not free? Because I sure thought it was.

Also, I know for a fact that the Ohio State Athletic Department would like to have sold many more student tickets for basketball season. That is why we see an ad every day in *The Lantern*.

My question, though, is why? Why is it that students are not taking advantage of the outstanding entertainment the university is providing?

"Whose line is it anyway?" will be here on Sunday, James Earl Jones was at the Ohio Union earlier this week and there are concerts from Thursday through Saturday—there are events constantly taking place all over campus. Students have to learn to appreciate what is around them.

Before the student activity fee was enacted, students complained that there was nothing to do on campus—that is the reason for the new fee. Then, when Ohio State finally has the capability to provide its students with what they have asked for, people do not show.

In order for this university to be one of the best in the country, we have to take some responsibility for making that happen. I will make it easy—for events going on all over campus, check out [www.ouab.net](http://www.ouab.net). Trust me, you'll find something to tickle your fancy.

Jarrod Weiss  
Senior in communications

## 'Human capital' is offensive, wrong

The university administration's focus on academics and research is undergirded by a material pinning of "human capital."

This telling, two-word phrase used by Karen Holbrook, as well as others in lead economic positions, reveals a benchmarked paradigm of domestic and global economy, a managerial impulse, a corporate standard to which people may have

become numb.

Human beings as property, long-branded slavery, stands in modern culture as the wages system. Common folk scramble—or achieve—as they will under the structural form. It includes the role worker. It includes the role owner or administrator. Rhetoric flies. Flags wave. Graveside monuments set the tasks of property and this structurally based inequity in marked time. Workers are at the back of the bus as a cost, an asset or capital.

Diversity protected, smoking prohibited—people may together scale the walls technology might span. Self-scanning drones and automatic tellers, giddy from workplace favoritism and oppression doled out by minion, middle managers, hope their resumes suit. Workers might have birthday holidays woven into contractual agreements, the latest flat-screened computer to operate, safe carts to push, but people are not property.

No matter how lofty the academic goal, administrators are not educators. Employers are not moral guides, although they might wield capital or tax revenue and embrace peace, diversity and health initiatives.

Must the market structure govern our war on terror? Tolerance for injustice supplants individual and social freedom. As our hands move from our hearts to our eyes, journalists look the other way. Human capital—the phrase and the practice—passes... a walk across campus, past pretty flowers.

David Leshner  
OSU staff

## Legalities of Jed's case wrong in story

I am a little disappointed in the article about the possible "ban" of Brother Jed from the Oval. Laura Borchers seems to off-handedly quote legal principles without actually doing any research into the matter. Granted, I have the advantage of being a law student and studying this exact question for the last nine

months. I'll spare *The Lantern* the string of Supreme Court citations, but I will provide a brief legal lesson.

First of all, separation of church and state is not being enforced and this is not a "time of extreme distinction between church and state." Supreme Court case law over the last forty years has worked to effectively knock down the "wall of separation" between the institutions. The Supreme Court has moved to the principle of "viewpoint neutrality."

The Supreme Court has consistently held that when a state institution (i.e. a State University) provides a public forum, they must allow people to use the forum on a "viewpoint neutral" basis. In other words, Brother Jed cannot be banned on the basis of his religious speech.

Now, to the argument that the University might be funding Brother Jed. In one particular case from the University of Virginia, the Supreme Court held that the University could not deny funding to a group simply because of their religious viewpoint. So, arguably, even if Brother Jed was receiving university funding, there's nothing to be done about it.

The University no doubt allows organizations that they fund to use the Oval for expression of their views that are not religiously based. Therefore, the University must afford the same opportunity to Brother Jed, despite his religious views and regardless of whether he receives funds from the University itself.

In short, the Supreme Court has held that viewpoint discrimination is a violation of the First Amendment, end of story. I would hope that future stories regarding complex social and legal issues will actually be researched by staff writers. At the very least, interviews should be conducted with people that are knowledgeable on the issues, not members of Student Affairs and business students.

Matt Rambo  
Second year law student  
The Moritz College of Law

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## A Pro-Terrorist Rally at Ohio State?

On November 9-11, Ohio State University is planning to host the Third National Student Conference On Palestine Solidarity.

The second conference held at the University of Michigan last year featured Sami al-Arian as its honored keynote speaker. Al-Arian is one of three founding heads of Palestine Islamic Jihad—a terrorist organization that is responsible for the suicide bombings of 99 innocent, men women and children, including several Americans. Al-Arian, who is a hero to the organizers of the Ohio State conference, cannot attend this year because he has been indicted and arrested for his crimes and is in federal lockdown.

Fadi Kiblawi, head of Students Allied for Freedom and Equality (SAFE), the sponsor of the Michigan Conference declared in a Michigan student publication his desire "to strap a bomb to one's chest and kill .... The enemy is not just overseas, the enemy is also amongst us."<sup>1</sup>

The organizer of this year's Ohio State event is the Palestine Solidarity Movement, which is a shadowy organization allied with the International Solidarity Movement, an active collaborator with terrorists in the Middle East (an Islamic *jihad* terrorist militant was even arrested hiding in ISM offices in Jenin). The ISM supports the terrorists' political agendas, including their opposition to the peace process and their call for the destruction of the state of Israel. One of the three founders of ISM is Ghassan Andoni, whose tour company made the travel arrangements for two London-based Islamic suicide bombers who killed three innocent civilians at a music bar in Tel Aviv on April 30, 2003.

The conference is scheduled to open with a panel called "Towards A Global Intifada," in other words a global terrorist war.

## Questions for Members of the Academic Community at Ohio State

Is a recruiting rally for terrorists and their solidarity supporters an appropriate event for sponsorship by an institution dedicated to higher learning?

Would members of the Ohio State community, for example, consider it appropriate for the university to host a Ku Klux Klan conference on race relations?

Does Ohio State University have a responsibility to its students, which would preclude the hosting of events that support terrorism and hate?

## Academic Freedom

One of the prime tenets of academic freedom is respect for the uncertainty of human knowledge and human truth. Civility and respect for all people and a dispassionate examination of all ideas should be the hallmark of an academic institution. Therefore it is a vital task of institutions of higher learning to make sure that all propositions in an academic setting be subject to examination and questioning, and that diverse intellectual viewpoints be present, especially in matters that are inherently controversial.

The Third National Student Conference On Palestine Solidarity does not meet these criteria. It is not an academic conference. The charade in which the university participates by hosting the event is destructive to the academic atmosphere at Ohio State and a disservice to its student community.

A university is not a political party, and an education should not be an indoctrination. A university should be a place for examining ideas not hectoring students into submitting to them. Universities like Ohio State need to defend the integrity of their educational mission by drawing a sharp distinction between the university as a place of questioning dialogue, and the political arena with its sound-bite mentality, vitriolic address and (as in the present case) often violent agendas.

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## SUV driver charged in Reds' death

By Bob Baum  
Associated Press

PHOENIX — Dernel Stenson wasn't even supposed to be playing in the Arizona Fall League.

The promising young Cincinnati Reds outfielder was a late addition when Wily Mo Pena was granted his wish to play winter ball in the Dominican Republic.

Early Wednesday, Stenson's body was found in a street in a residential neighborhood in the Phoenix suburb of Chandler. The 25-year-old prospect had been shot, then run over and apparently dragged some distance by his own SUV, police said.

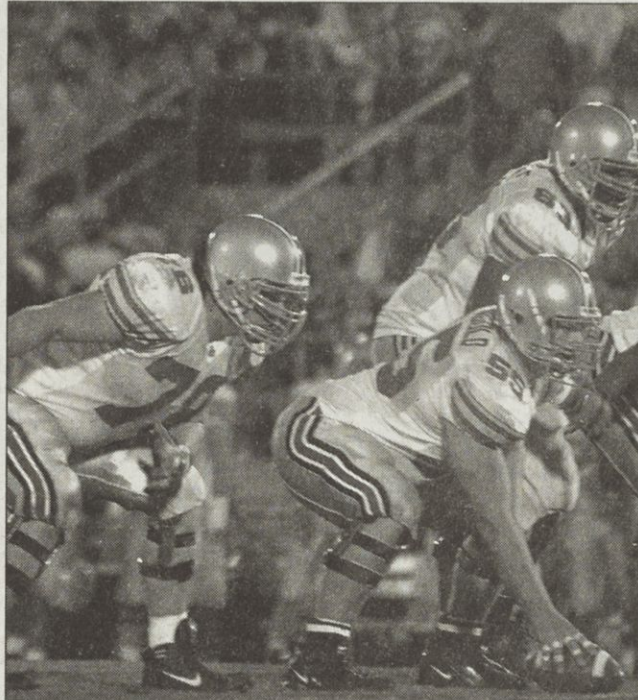
A man found driving Stenson's SUV two hours later, 10 miles away in Mesa, was arrested and booked on a charge of possession of stolen property.

Chandler police called the man, Kevin Riddle,

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## OSU ready to battle Spartans

By Nick Houser  
Lantern sports writer



IAN M. JAMES/THE LANTERN

The Buckeye offensive line gets ready for the snap against the Penn State Nittany Lions.

After shacking up on the road for the last two weeks, the Ohio State football team returns home in the middle of the Big Ten title chase. The biggest advantage the road warriors have is that two of the other Big Ten contenders will be forced to come to Columbus.

The Buckeyes return for some home cooking, and as an added bonus, have a quarterback controversy on their hands. Even though back-up quarterback Scott McMullen may see some time under center against Michigan State tomorrow, the rest of the team is ready to go no matter who is in the huddle.

"Quarterback controversy?" running back Lydell Ross said. "None that I know of. I just know they want to make plays, and we can benefit from either of them being in the game."

Coach Jim Tressel said he sees McMullen as a player that can enter the game and help the team win. The coach said he substitutes players in and out of the game at every other position. It just so happens that the quarterback is the highest-profile position on the field.

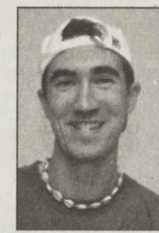
Don't look for any part of the offense to be limited because of the change-up against the league's worst pass defense. With either quarterback, starter Craig Krenzel, who should be medically cleared to play, or McMullen, the coach said he can run the full offense.

Whoever has the ball in his hands for the Buckeyes tomorrow will need to take care of it. The Spartans are first in the conference and

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### PICK THE WINNER

The Underground's Anthony Lima stayed on top as he went three-for-three again last week. His 6-0 record beats that of *The Lantern's* Ted Williams, Matt Duval, Melanie Watkins and Nick Houser. Duval and Houser are coming in second with a 5-1 record while Williams and Watkins bring up the rear with a 3-3 record.



TED WILLIAMS

Ohio State	28
Michigan State	21
■ The Buckeyes extinguish Smoker's flame at the 1-yard line as time expires.	
Minnesota	35
Wisconsin	13
■ Cheeseheads can't contain the Gophers — eh!	
Oklahoma	54
Texas A&M	7
■ The Sooners' chance of losing is about as much of a chance as I would cheer for that team up North.	



MATT DUVAL

Ohio State	30
Michigan State	28
■ Another QB controversy is brewing and a close win will complicate things.	
Minnesota	21
Wisconsin	18
■ Playing at home is the only thing that will save the Gophers.	
UL-Lafayette	34
Fla. International	12
■ Ragin' Cajuns run over bad Div. 1-AA defense.	



MELANIE WATKINS

Ohio State	17
Michigan State	14
■ Location East Lansing — different story completely.	
Minnesota	20
Wisconsin	17
■ Same story as OSU vs. MSU — location Madison — different outcome.	
Virginia Tech	35
Pittsburgh	14
■ Things at the top of the BCS continue to stay fired up.	



NICK HOUSER

Ohio State	24
Michigan State	21
■ Krenzel or McMullen, it will still be another squeaker.	
Wisconsin	17
Minnesota	10
■ Badgers rock the Homerdome. D'oh!	
Purdue	27
Iowa	14
■ This sets up another battle for first place next week.	



ANTHONY LIMA

Ohio State	24
Michigan State	10
■ What's better — D.H. from Playmakers playing on crack or Jeff Smoker playing off crack?	
Minnesota	24
Wisconsin	21
■ I enjoy watching these teams as much as watching Maurice Hall run the ball.	
Florida State	42
Clemson	10
■ There's a better chance of OSU rec centers changing the workout music than the Tigers pulling this out.	



## Extreme athletes wow Columbus audience with stunts

By Melanie Watkins  
Lantern sports editor

Amid the classic punk vibrations coming from the Anarchy Orchestra's cover remixes came the sound of men, women and children screaming "Boom Boom HuckJam."

The response of the crowd was a result of Rick Thorne pumping up the atmosphere as he edged the extreme sport performers on. Thorne is a BMX rider and part of the 2003 Tony Hawk Boom Boom HuckJam tour that shocked Columbus Tuesday.

Nationwide Arena is thought of as home to an ice rink or concert venue. On Tuesday, though, it was transformed into an action-sport extravaganza. Five skateboarders, five BMX riders and four Motocross riders jumped, flipped and spun everyone present into an adrenaline rush.



The arena went dark and the fun began. Hawk was joined by Andy MacDonald, Bucky Lasek, Sergi Ventura, Lincoln Ueda and first-time tour member Bob Burnquist on skateboard.

A massive half pipe sat in the middle of the arena with a channel separating the two sides. Around the outskirts of the course was a track set for the Motocross riders. It ran over the half pipe on either side providing a gap for Clifford Adoptante, Dustin Miller, Brian Deegan and Ronnie Faisst to fly over as they threw their legs to the front, side and back of themselves in a variety of ways.

In its second year moving across the country, the Boom Boom HuckJam provided an exhibition style of performance where the riders laid everything out on the line.

Everyone in the vicinity was left awestruck as Hawk, 35, landed a 900-degree spin. It took him five tries to stick the two-and-a-half full spin routine. As he fell on his first four attempts,

Hawk gathered himself and his board and climbed back to the top of the half pipe.

His determination to show Columbus the stunt he created in 1999 kept everyone cheering.

"That was only my third one on tour," Hawk announced after landing the trick.

With Columbus being the 22nd of 31 stops across the nation, witnessing the 900 was definitely a rarity and wrapped up the feelings of the

entire show. Hawk used the display to finish off the evening in the freestyle portion. It proved a point that announcer Thorne had brought up earlier in the show.

"Every night the show just keeps getting better and better," he told the crowd.

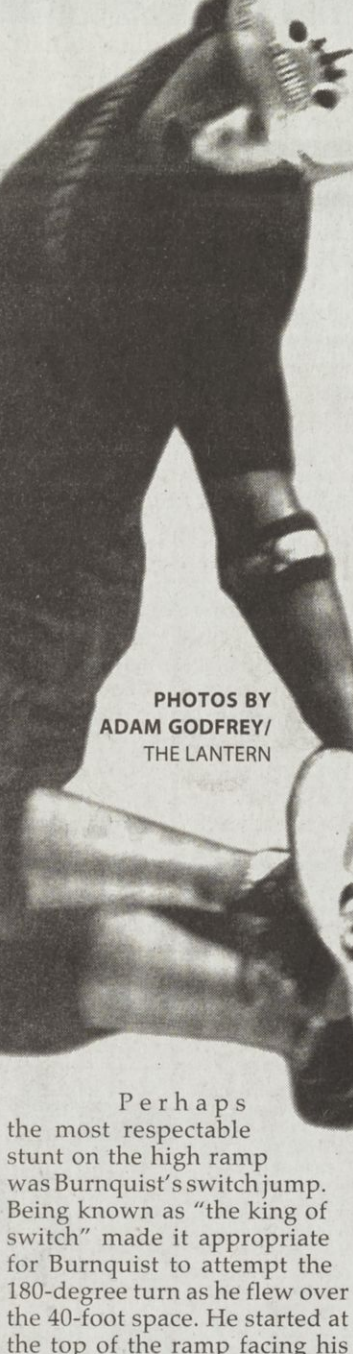
"Go big or go home — and we ain't leaving until we go big!"

The skateboarders, BMXers and Motocrossers went big all night. Attractions included the "30 foot fall" and "Loop of Death."

Skateboarders and bikers gathered up an immense amount of speed as they dropped down the 30-foot ramp set up at an almost 90-degree angle. When they reached the bottom, they leaped across a 40-foot gap and landed a wide variety of aerials and flips.

Ventura donned a fluorescent orange cape as he shot down the ramp on his board. After falling his first trip down, he was able to stick the second landing.

"I'm having a great time ... I was going fast," Ventura said after reaching the ground.



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THE LANTERN

Perhaps the most respectable stunt on the high ramp was Burnquist's switch jump. Being known as "the king of switch" made it appropriate for Burnquist to attempt the 180-degree turn as he flew over the 40-foot space. He started at the top of the ramp facing his

left side while it is typical to face the right side on the skateboard. As he jumped in the air he turned himself around to face the proper direction.

Burnquist followed this trip down the 30-foot drop with another in which he pulled off his first 360-degree aerial so far on tour.

The "Loop of Death" was a 14-foot full loop with 7-foot transition areas. There are only a number of people that can complete the loop standing at the end. Skateboarders and BMXers started at the top and zoomed through the lit-up cylinder. Thorne referred to them as the "loop troop."

Hawk, MacDonald, Lasek and Burnquist completed the stunt with ease. Lasek had not known how to do the loop before the tour but learned it when he found out it would be a part of the show.

Kevin Robinson, John Parker and Mat Hoffman took the full loop on bikes. With the difficulty of completing the stunt, everyone did it only once.

"This intimidates me every run so right now I'm celebrating," Hoffman said after completing the "Loop of

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## Field hockey heads for Big Ten

By Craig Sweeney  
Lantern sports writer

Seven Big Ten field hockey teams will gather at Penn State this weekend to play for the Big Ten Tournament championship and an automatic berth in the NCAA Tournament.

The No. 3 seeded Ohio State Buckeyes (12-6 overall, 4-2 Big Ten) begin the 2003 Big Ten Field Hockey Tournament by taking on the No. 6 seeded Northwestern Wildcats in the final game of the day at 3 p.m. today.

"When you get into the tournament, it's like a completely different atmosphere and a completely different game," defenseman Cammie Trainer said. "It's a three-game season. That's how

we look at it."

The opening round of the tournament has seeds 2-7 matching up and No. 1 seed Michigan receiving a bye. For the Buckeyes to win the single-elimination tournament, they will have to win three games in three days. Coach Anne Wilkinson is confident her team can handle the schedule.

"Our team, I think, is one of the more fit teams in the league," Wilkinson said. "It's just a matter of our ability to stay on task and be able to make adjustments in each game."

In the first round, the Buckeyes take on a Northwestern team they defeated 1-0 earlier this season on a penalty stroke goal in overtime by forward

Vanessa Immordino. Immordino said she is expecting a physical contest based on her previous experiences going up against the Wildcats.

"I personally think Northwestern is one of the most physical teams I've played in my four years," she said.

Trainer agrees the action could get rough when the teams meet.

"I think it will be a gritty game," Trainer said. "The last time we played it was a tough game. I'm expecting the same thing again."

Executing on the offensive opportunities off of penalty corners is a key ingredient to victory for the team, Wilkinson said. The

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Freshman forward Curlyne Wynne (6) sweeps the ball from a Michigan defender.



FBI's chief to discuss Olympic safety

By Patrick Quinn Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — FBI Director Robert Mueller arrived in Athens yesterday to review Olympic security plans and is expected to discuss Greece's refusal to allow the U.S. team's security force to carry weapons.

Mueller also will likely discuss concerns about terrorist snipers and preparedness for a biological or chemical attack during this week's meetings with Olympic security officials.

The decision on the weapons, confirmed by the head of an U.S. Olympic Committee delegation, came as American involvement in Olympic security expanded to involve the U.S. military — a sign of the growing concern over safety at the world's premier sporting event following the Sept. 11 attacks.

Greece's law enforcement minister, accompanied by senior intelligence, police and military officials, have just completed a two-day planning exercise organized by the United States at its European command headquarters in Germany.

"We have close cooperation and there are a group of officers from the FBI here. We are cooperating closely in the framework of preparing Olympic security," Greek police spokesman Col. Eleftherios Economou told The Associated Press.

He said Mueller will be briefed "on the course of Olympic security planning" during his visit. On Friday, Mueller will honor Greek law enforcement officials for their role in the breakup of Nov. 17, Greece's deadliest domestic terror group.

Besides concerns about snipers and chemical and biological attacks, Mueller's agenda also is expected to include talks about the danger posed by the constant flow of illegal immigrants into Greece through its porous northern bor-

ders and by sea from the Turkish coast to the east.

There are fears terrorists could use immigrant smuggling networks and routes to enter Greece ahead of the Olympics.

Athens is spending an unprecedented \$775 million to protect the Aug. 13-29 games. It is also working with a seven-nation advisory task force that includes the United States and Israel.

Security planning grew this week to include the U.S. military, which ran a simulated exercise at its headquarters in Stuttgart, Germany, to help identify any gaps in Greece's preparations.

"The aim of the exercise was crisis management, on a political, strategic and operational level," according to the Public Order Ministry.

Although the United States has been working closely with Greece, the State Department plans to send at least 100 agents to help protect the 650 U.S. athletes who will take part in the Olympics.

Greece has demanded, however, that only its forces carry weapons during the Olympics.

At least two other nations, Australia and Israel, also reportedly plan to send security details, and the issue of whether foreign agents can carry weapons during the games has caused friction.

Herman Frazier, who is leading a five-day inspection visit by the U.S. Olympic Committee, said the U.S. "supplemental" security forces would have no firearms. He said it was the first time such a force was being sent to the Olympics.

"These people will not be armed," Frazier told the AP.

He said the U.S. delegation discussed security issues with Olympic organizers and U.S. officials based in Athens. He declined to give specifics.

"We feel people are on top of the (security) issues at hand," he said. "We have all the confidence in the world that these will be secure games."

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MORGAN WONORSKI/THE LANTERN  
Lydell Ross busts a move last Saturday against Penn State.

second in the nation in the turnover margin by forcing 25 miscues.

Forgotten in all of the Buckeyes' quarterback talk this week is that Michigan State brings a pretty good one into the match-up. The Spartans' quarterback Jeff Smoker has put last season's bad performances and off-the-field problems past him to have a sensational senior year.

"The offense is based around him, and it's just the Jeff Smoker show," OSU defensive end Will Smith said. "So we know the key is to get after Jeff Smoker, to put some pressure on him, and to help out the DBs at the defensive line and just play an all-around good attack against them."

Smoker has been on fire and leads the conference in passing (258.2 yards per game) and total offense (253.3 yards per game), and he is second in pass efficiency. On the other end, he has plenty of speed in the receiving corp.

OSU has faced its share of spread offenses earlier in the season, but it has not faced a wide attack in almost two months since the team squared off with North-

western. The brand of attack the Spartans will bring to the Horse-shoe will be different from any of the others the Buckeyes have seen.

"No matter how you line up, you still feature what your guys can do," Tressel said. "And a lot of it will be based upon how we line up because that's what you do in offense and defense."

To take the pressure off of whoever the Buckeyes have in at quarterback, Ross will need to run the ball effectively. He has reached the 100-yard mark in the last two games, but Saturday will provide a much tougher challenge than Indiana or Penn State.

The Spartans' run defense is only allowing 101 total yards per game, despite giving up 219 yards to Michigan tailback Chris Perry last week. With Ross now the featured back, he may be able to establish a run threat.

"Their defense has a tremendous amount of speed and quickness and toughness, and I really like the way they played," Tressel said. "The Michigan tailback got 200 yards, but it took 50-some carries to do that."

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Death."

On the motor side of things, stunts included lazy boys, corkscrews and switch kicks. After flying solo, the four paired off and displayed double action. Each Motocrosser started on the opposite side and jumped the opposite ramp. The timing had to be dead-on in order to create unison as each performed the same trick. After that, Faist started a game of follow the leader around the track.

Boarders and bikers added in their own portion of doubles. They paired off in a variety of ways — two skateboarders, two BMX riders, or one of each. Hawk and MacDonald did a 540-degree aerial with MacDonald riding over top of Hawk. Together the skateboarders and bikers did a series of figure eights across the half pipe and channel. The BMXers started on one side with the skaters on the other. During this display, Hawk threw down 540-degree spins as if they were nothing.

Children in Nationwide Arena outnumbered everyone else in the audience to watch the high-flying, death-defying displays on the different vehicles on wheels. The extreme sport performers used falls on the half pipe as a way to connect with the crowd majority.

Skaters would walk to the edge of the stands and slap the hands of every out-reached arm. As performers gracefully went to their knees after unsuccessfully completing an aerial or burial, youngsters rushed from their seats to the wall. Their idols strutted past and the children began squealing in excitement. It proved the amount of growth extreme sports have experienced and will continue to experience.

"I remember back in the day when we were doing shows at the county fair for the petting zoo ... we've gotten a lot bigger," Thorne said as he thanked the audience for its support.

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DAVID KOHL/AP  
Cincinnati Reds' Darnell Stenson is congratulated after hitting a home run Sept. 28 against the Montreal Expos in Cincinnati.

43, an "investigative lead." Police said Riddle was a transient.

"People are stunned," said Donnie Branch, Stenson's high school coach in LaGrange, Ga. "In baseball, we've never had a better player. People in the country hadn't seen that yet, and he was fixing to prove what he really could do."

Stenson's body was found about 1:45 a.m. Wednesday after police responded to a report of shots fired. Witnesses told police that a black sports utility vehicle was involved and was seen leaving the area.

Mike Gallo, a Houston Astros pitcher and Stenson's teammate on the Arizona league's Scottsdale Scorpions, said the two had become good friends in the short time they had been together. He said Stenson had a 14-month-old child.

"He's just one of the most soft-spoken, athletic guys," Gallo said. "You just wouldn't imagine it could happen to someone like that."

Gallo said that after a day game on Tuesday, Stenson had gone out with some teammates "for a few drinks, to relax and just hang out." Stenson called him, apparently to ask him to come along, Gallo said, but he didn't answer the phone.

Gallo said it was a mystery how Stenson wound up in Chandler, which is several miles from the Scottsdale clubs the players frequent.

"There's nothing out there," Gallo said. "He had to be forced into doing it."

Stenson was claimed by the Reds off waivers from the Boston Red Sox on Feb. 25. After seven seasons in the Red Sox minor league organization, he made his major league debut with the Reds, batting .247 with three home runs and 13 RBIs in 37 games. His last home run accounted for Cincinnati's final run of the season.

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team's ability to play solid defense on its opponents' penalty corners and limiting the opponents' number of shots is also important. The early minutes of the game are crucial to the Buckeyes' success.

"You need to come out early no matter who we're playing," Wilkinson said. "You can't assume someone's going to back down from us."

The road to the championship will not be an easy one for any team. In the tournament, five teams including OSU are ranked nationally in the Top 15. Wilkinson could not name a favorite for this weekend and is looking forward to a competitive tournament.

"At anytime any of these teams can win," Wilkinson said. "If you look at the conference, it's just top to bottom strong."

The Buckeyes are coming off a 5-0 loss on Oct. 31 to Michigan State where a share of the Big

Ten regular season title was on the line. The team now looks to rebound and learn from the loss.

"It's definitely frustrating because we've been doing so well," Immordino said. "I think now we can't really hold back anymore. We just need to play and put it all out there."

Even with the loss to Michigan State, OSU has won five of its last seven games and is feeling confident about its chances this weekend.

"I think we peaked at the right moment and we're going to come through," Trainer said.

Winning the Big Ten Tournament is the only way the Buckeyes can guarantee themselves a bid to the NCAA Tournament, so the Buckeyes know what is at stake.

"You're there for one reason, it's to win," Immordino said. "If you don't win you're leaving, you're going home."

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ACROSS

1 Put to rest  
6 Vaudeville playlet  
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15 "Karenina"  
16 Hamster's pad  
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20 Transmitted  
21 Crow's cry  
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24 Expressions of satisfaction  
26 Leafy shelter  
27 Shoemaker or Arcaro, e.g.  
30 Handyman's space  
33 Seater  
34 Rational  
35 Donated  
36 "Norma"  
37 Built in  
40 Immediately owed  
41 Validate  
43 Fellows  
44 Silvery food fish  
46 Swiftiness  
48 Major suit  
49 Parisian river  
50 Death in Venice' author  
51 Leg ornament  
53 Auditory organ  
54 Diva's song  
58 Insert ammo  
59 Slaying  
62 Sneaky guy?  
63 Brink  
64 Bizarre  
65 Idiomatic ride  
66 Get smart with  
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DOWN

1 Small snakes  
2 Enticement  
3 Legal claim  
4 On the line  
5 Nodding response  
6 Heroic tales  
7 Had down pat  
8 "The \_\_\_ of the Sixth Happiness"  
9 Covered with skin art  
10 Titanic undoing  
11 Convicted unfairly  
12 Scary monster  
13 Requirement  
18 Hurtin'  
23 Cobbler's tool  
25 Space opener?  
26 Unexpected sum  
27 Panel member  
28 Honshu port  
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30 Late  
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All utilities & cable paid High speed internet available

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By Lindsey Nock  
Lantern arts writer

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The award-winning troupe has been featured at the Wexner Center several times throughout its 17-year history, the first time being in 1996 with the internationally-acclaimed play "Here Lies Henry."

"They've developed an avid following since they first came here," said Chuck Helm, performing arts director at the Wexner. "People will call when they hear Da Da Kamera are coming and want to know the dates of the show in advance so they can plan their vacation around it," Helm said.

Da Da Kamera is a fairly small for a theater company, made up of

only five people. The founder and artistic director of the company, Daniel MacIvor, said that minimalism and intimacy are pillars of the troupe's philosophy. Even the name "Da Da Kamera" is a mix of Russian and Latin which means "Yes, yes to the small room."

"One of our main interests is to create intimacy, whether in a large space or small," MacIvor said.

The group is in Columbus to perform its original play "In on It," which is written and directed by MacIvor.

The play contains only two actors who play eight characters between them.

"It's a dark comedy about loss," MacIvor said. "It's about grief. You walk away with the feeling that every moment counts," he said.

Staying true to form, the stage remains without scenery or decoration throughout the performance. The only props in the production are a blazer, two metal chairs and white light.

"The bare stage is perfect. Anything you add to it takes away from that perfection. We strip down to the bare minimum," MacIvor said.

MacIvor won a Village Voice OBIE Award in 2002 for "In on It" as well as The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation award for Outstanding New Theater.

The theater company also has produced short films which have been featured at film festivals internationally, including Sundance Film Festival in 2002.

The Toronto-based company prides itself not only on simplicity, but on routine as well.

"People that like the work remain loyal to it. We're very consistent," MacIvor said.

Da Da Kamera opened its stay yesterday and continue performances in the Wexner Center's Performance Space tonight through Sunday evening. Show schedules are available at the Wexner Center's Web site at [www.wexarts.org](http://www.wexarts.org). Tickets are \$10 for students and \$16 for the general public.



COURTESY OF DA DA KAMERA

## CD REVIEW New Ja CD doesn't rule

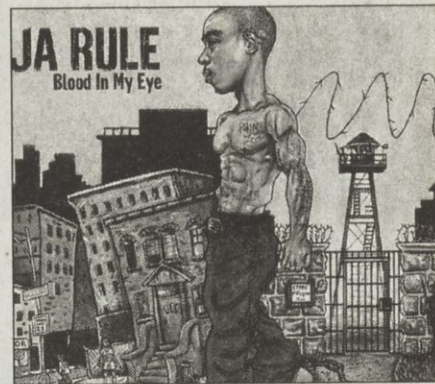
By B.C. Baker  
Lantern staff writer

For most of the year since the release of his lackluster album, "The Last Temptation," Ja Rule has found himself at an artistic crossroad. After his chart-topping rivals Eminem, 50 Cent and Busta Rhymes launched numerous, verbal attacks about his sing-song brand of hip-hop, fans worldwide also began to ridicule the rapper for abandoning his hardcore sounds of the past.

While his two latest street anthems, "The Crown" and "Clap Back" are receiving worthy video and radio airplay, it appears that Rule's fifth album, "Blood In My Eye," will prove he is capable of dominating the mainstream while maintaining credibility.

Listeners do not feel fooled. Although the lead singles show promise, this album does not come close to the thugged-out, heartfelt music found on his 1999 debut, "Venni Vetti Vici." Despite keeping the potential pop singles to a minimum, Ja fails miserably at regaining the lyrical and musical energy he had early in his career.

The attempts are often a painful listen. "Race Against Time II" is a sorry excuse of



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a sequel to a classic from "Vici." Songs like "The Life," "Things Gon' Change" and the title track have Rule focusing entirely too much on firing back at 50 Cent instead of actually pleasing his fans.

But the blame can't entirely be placed on Ja. Aside from "Crown" and "Clap," producers Irv Gotti, Rebel and Jimi Kendrix don't match the beats on Ja's previous albums.

Even more annoying is the fact that Ja's lyrically challenged Murder Inc. camp appears on all but three songs. "The Inc. is Back" not only steals a beat and chorus from The Lox's Sheek Louch, but also doesn't feature a verse from Ja until well past the four-minute mark. It only gets worse when he is finally heard spitting the downright pitiful lyrics: "Like 'Pac said 'Keep Ya Head Up' man, like Biggie, Biggie, gimme 'One More Chance'..." I can just picture the fallen legends frowning down.

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# Matrix Revolutions brings nothing new

Trilogy's end lacks initial film's punch

By Christy Lemire  
Associated Press

Think back to 1999, when you first saw "The Matrix."

Remember the exhilarating sense of awe and wonder you experienced, the feeling that you were watching something truly revolutionary? The clothes, the choreography, the combination of brain-twisting philosophy and thunderous techno music—it was just a ceaselessly cool film. It almost allowed you to take Keanu Reeves seriously.

Now think back to six months ago, when you saw "The Matrix Reloaded."

By then, the original had been so endlessly copied and parodied, a sequel seemed redundant. It was too talky, too bloated with psychobabble and self-importance. And it had an infuriating cliffhanger ending: Neo (Reeves) lies in a coma, and since he's The One, he's the only dude who can save Zion from imminent destruction by the machines.

You'll be happy to learn that in "The Matrix Revolutions," the third (and supposedly final) installment in the trilogy, the tedious, cryptic speeches about the nature of the Matrix are gone. In their place, however, is a different kind of noise.

"The Matrix Revolutions" is an onslaught — a clamorous, soulless barrage. For what feels like half the film's two hours. During the epic battle between man and machine — giant chunks of grinding, twisting metal attack each other. While the original "Matrix" thrilled, this one numbs.

There is no "wow" sequence here, no signature "Bullet Time" image. It's as if brothers Larry and Andy Wachowski, as writers and directors, had more fun obsessing over the minutiae of their universe than any moviegoer (aside from fetishists and fanboys) will ever enjoy watching.

The production notes proudly declare, "There were probably over 1,000 pieces that went into the creation of the APU and its var-



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Trinity (Carrie-Anne Moss) and Neo (Keanu Reeves) in "Matrix Revolutions."

ious elements," referring to Armored Personal Units — the contraptions that the grungy Zionites climb inside to shoot down the invading sentinels, which resemble giant metallic calamari.

Well that's impressive and all, but the APUs are 14-foot-tall robotic monstrosities that completely encase the people inside them, which makes it hard to connect with the people inside them, and harder to care that they're in danger.

Even "The Matrix Reloaded" had some sporadic flashes of brilliance: the 14-minute car chase, those ethereal albino twins and the occasional smarmy speech from the menacing Agent Smith (Hugo Weaving). By the time part three rolls around, however, Smith has been reduced to a snarling, gnashing megalomaniac, and the future of humanity — inside and outside the Matrix — comes down to a fist fight between him and Neo. Equally disappointing is the film's main shootout,

which takes place upside down on the ceiling of a nightclub.

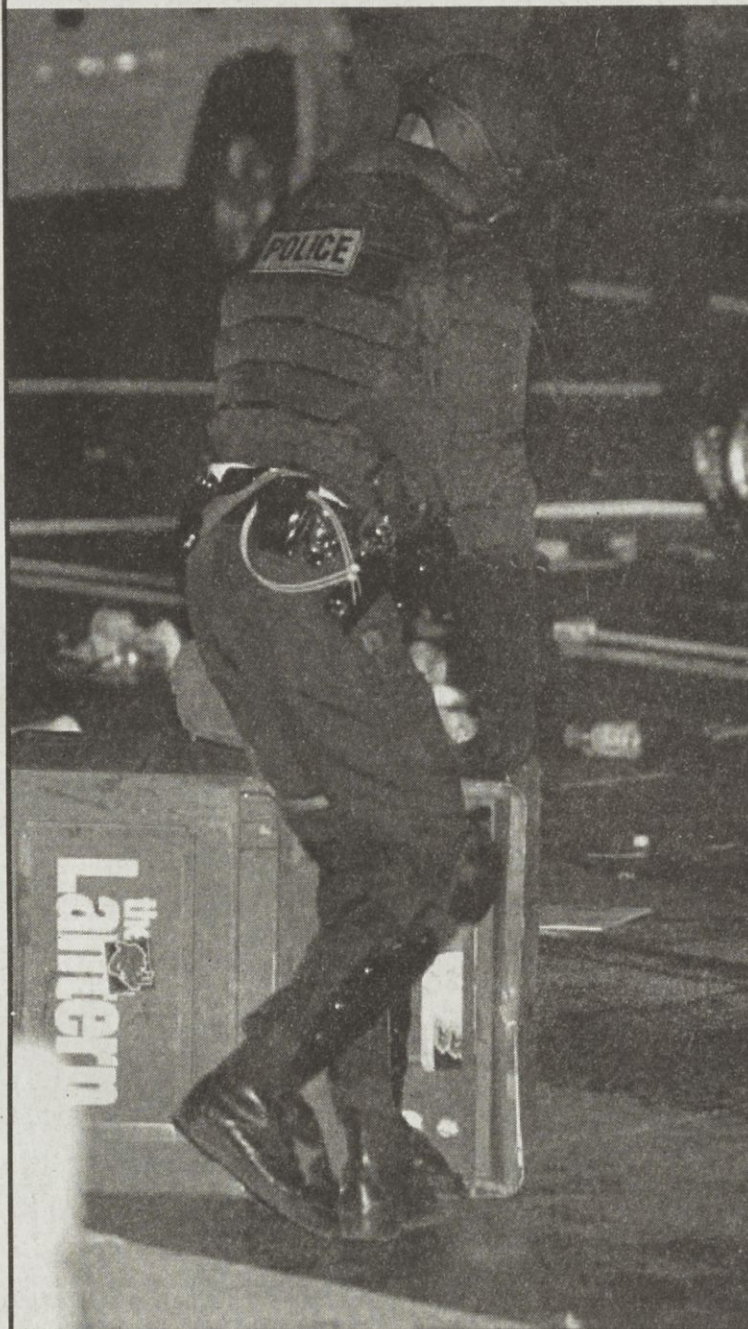
"Revolutions" only comes close to inspiring when it takes time to focus on people: the doomed love between Neo and Trinity (Carrie-Anne Moss), the renewed affection between Morpheus (Laurence Fishburne, almost an afterthought here) and Niobe (Jada Pinkett Smith), the tender friendship between a young Indian girl (Tanveer Atwal) and the Oracle (Mary Alice, filling in for Gloria Foster, who died after shooting her scenes for part two).

As always, the fight sequences are choreographed spectacularly by Yuen Wo Ping, whose stylized moves have given the "Matrix" movies, "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" and more recently "Kill Bill" a balletic grace.

By now, though, they have a pervading seen-that-before feeling, even when the Wachowskis literally turn the fighting on its head.

"The Matrix Revolutions" is rated R for violence and sexual content.

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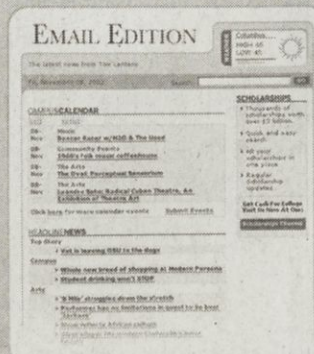
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