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Job market bright for graduates

Graduating seniors should narrow down job choices; hiring expected to increase

By Yvette Yllana
Lantern staff writer

For seniors graduating next week, venturing into a slow economy may be daunting. But career advisers at the Ohio State Fisher College of Business offer comforting news.

Although the economy is at a low point, the future may be brighter,

said Jeff Rice, associate to the dean at the Office of Career Services in the business college.

Because the economy seems to have reached its absolute low point, companies do not plan on further workforce reductions, and college students, in particular, will be at an advantage, Rice said.

"A majority of hiring that will take

place now and into the near future will generally be focused on new and young talent. Translation — college graduates," Rice said. "Most college recruiters have indicated optimism for increased college graduate hiring into the coming new calendar year, with March to May 2003 being cited as the most hopeful period."

The construction, retail, transportation and logistics, food and lodging and health services industries are all expected to increase hiring practices.

Michigan State University released survey results last month on expected

hiring trends from small and large companies. Small companies reported an expected hiring increase at the bachelor's level from 12 to 17 percent, but larger companies reported a 5 percent decrease.

Roger Blackwell, an OSU marketing professor, said smaller firms don't usually recruit at OSU, so students need to take an active role in the job hunt.

"Half of the stocks in the New York Stock Exchange went up last year, but they were mostly firms most people know little about. It is

the little-known, but growing, firms that may have job openings this year, and many of those don't regularly recruit on campus," Blackwell said.

However, students should be prepared to accept lower salaries.

"Now is a good time to take jobs with smaller firms and non-profit organizations that previously had difficulty hiring top graduates," Blackwell said. "But students may need to lower their price in order to be competitive with these organizations."

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Couples rush to marry for bowl tickets

By Jamie Duffy
Lantern sports writer
and Brad Kane
Lantern sports editor

Some people will do anything for football tickets.

For the Michigan game, two tickets sold on eBay for more than \$2,000. On Monday, thousands of Ohio State students waited in line for up to two hours just to enter a lottery that might get them the chance to purchase a Fiesta Bowl ticket for \$155.

Now, couples are going as far as getting married to get extra national championship tickets.

Kelly Groeber, customer service manager for the Ohio State ticket office, said students who won the lottery are able to get an extra Fiesta Bowl ticket for their spouse if they show a marriage certificate when they pay for the tickets.

Joe, a veterinary medicine graduate student, and his girlfriend Rachel, an elementary education graduate student, got married Tuesday after Rachel won a ticket in the lottery and Joe did not. Both asked that their last names be withheld because they did not want to tell their parents yet.

"We were planning on getting married, but not for a few years," Joe said. The couple had been dating for 19 months.

Joe, Rachel and four friends all decided to go to Tempe and already bought their plane tickets before entering the lottery. Joe was the only one to not get a ticket.

"I cried. I was the biggest Ohio State fan out of all of them," he said. "I didn't want to go through other outlets to get tickets, so we just sped up the process of marriage a little."

Groeber said the marriage certificates had to be shown when one spouse paid for the tickets. The deadline for payment of Fiesta Bowl tickets was 5 p.m. on Tuesday.

"Enough people did not pay for the tickets from the lottery that enough was available to cover all of those who got extra tickets because of marriage," she said. "There were

also enough tickets left over for a second-chance lottery."

All the tickets for the students and their spouses come from the 1,600 the university allotted students for the Fiesta Bowl.

Marriage licenses have to be obtained at the Franklin County probate court. Each costs \$40 plus the cost of the ceremony.

Joe said the probate court recommended they get married at the Columbus Wedding Services Chapel on South High Street.

John Butler, minister and owner of the Columbus Wedding Chapel, said he normally does about 250 marriages per month and he did 14 on Tuesday.

He did not notice students coming in and talking about marrying for football tickets. The amount of marriages performed on Tuesday was about average.

The probate court has only issued 45 marriage licenses this week, which is low. That office usually handles about 45 marriage licenses per day.

On the "Wags and Elliot" radio show on QFM96 yesterday morning, an OSU couple who identified themselves at Jennifer and Shane said they planned to get married so Jennifer would be able to go to Tempe.

The couple was already engaged but would have missed the 5 p.m. deadline on Tuesday.

Joe Belskis, a judge in the probate court, said another judge called him yesterday morning about marrying two students so they could go to the Fiesta Bowl.

"He called back later to say the whole thing was called off," Belskis said. "The parents have cancelled the idea."

Joe and Rachel plan on telling their parents about their marriage but will wait until the holidays.

"I have no idea what our parents will think," Rachel said.

"I think one side will be shocked and one side will be OK. They knew we were trying to get tickets and that I didn't get one," Joe said.

Both are taken aback by the whole situation.

"It all went so fast. I am totally shocked, amazed and overwhelmed," he said.

"I can't believe we did this and,

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Smoking shown to be deadlier than ever

Research finds second-hand smokers more likely to develop lung cancer

By Erik Bussa
Lantern staff writer

Four more reasons to quit smoking have been brought to light with the help of an Ohio State researcher.

According to a recent study, smoking is now linked to liver, stomach and cervical cancer, as well as myeloid leukemia.

Even more surprising was the fact that second-hand smoke is now believed to put non-smokers at a 20 percent higher chance to develop lung cancer.

Gary Stoner, an expert in cancer prevention and control at Ohio State's Comprehensive Cancer Center, was part of a team of 29 scientists from around the globe, including Japan, Russia

and Argentina, that reviewed all significant studies and findings on tobacco and cancer from the past 16 years.

"Right now there are over 1 billion smokers in the world," Stoner said. "Over this century we'll have 1.2 billion tobacco-related deaths worldwide, and that's probably an understatement."

China has the highest number of smokers worldwide — 70 percent of all men smoke.

Each year, 30-40 million new smokers take their first puff. However, the United States has seen a dramatic decline in number of smokers.

In 1960 about 50 percent of the U.S. population were smokers, as compared with 22 percent who smoke today. Among U.S.

youths, the rate is 30 percent.

Aside from the new cancers, doctors and researchers also noticed a new trend in types of lung cancer.

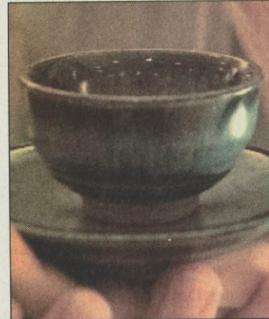
In the past, cancer of the trachea was the form of cancer most frequently diagnosed. Now adenocarcinoma, a form of cancer found deeper in the lungs, is being diagnosed more often.

Stoner believes this is primarily because of filters on cigarettes.

"Filters aren't very protective," Stoner said. "The whole point of smoking is to get nicotine, and when you smoke a cigarette with a filter, you're more likely to inhale longer and deeper. This is the reason we're seeing more cases of adenocarcinoma."

These findings are not sitting well with non-smokers, especially those who have to work in a place where smoke is prevalent.

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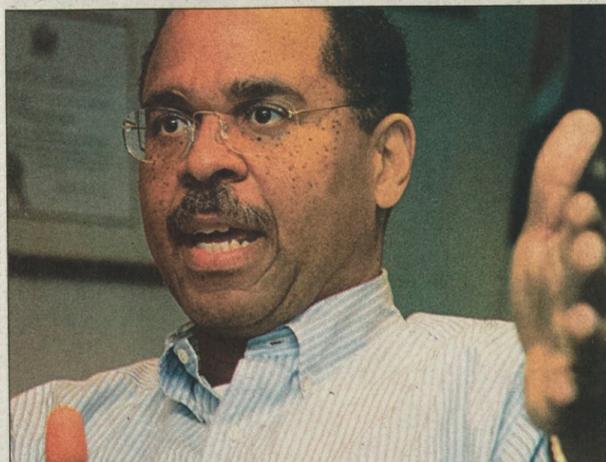
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Ohio Secretary of State J. Kenneth Blackwell is considered by many to be the most prominent black Republican in the United States.

Blackwell makes race matter

Secretary of State: Republican Party must reach out to minority voters

By Jordan Gentile
Lantern staff writer

In his professional life, J. Kenneth Blackwell has been an NFL player, a statesman, and in his spare time, a Republican ambassador to the black community.

"For 20 years now, I've been trying to reconstruct a competitive two-party system in the African-American community," Blackwell said. "It's very unhealthy to have a whole group

of voters written off by one party and taken for granted by another."

If recent events are any indication, Blackwell's importance in matters of race may be growing. With the impending retirement of Oklahoma Rep. J.C. Watts — the only black Republican in Congress — roughly coinciding with Blackwell's lopsided re-election victory on Nov. 5, some are now calling Ohio's secretary of state the most prominent black Republican elected to public office in the United States.

"He is somebody who the Republican Party in Washington respects a great deal," said John Fortier, a researcher at the American Enterprise Institute. "With Watts stepping down, they're going to need someone who can speak to African-Amer-

icans and others outside the base of the party."

If recent electoral patterns hold into the future, that could be an uphill battle. In the 2000 presidential contest, then-Gov. George W. Bush won just 9 percent of the black vote, reflecting a solid Democratic preference among minority voters which has remained steadfast for more than a generation. That has to change, Blackwell said, for the sake of blacks and Republicans alike.

"If the Republican Party wants to remain the majority party in this country, it must begin to get appreciable numbers of African-Americans, Latinos and new immigrants to vote for it," he said.

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Caroline Hickey, a senior in Spanish, is a bartender at Four Kegs Bar and Grill. Working in a bar forces her to be constantly subjected to cigarette smoke.

"I usually don't mind unless someone is smoking right in front of me," Hickey said. "As a non-smoker, it makes me mad that I choose not to smoke, but that I still get the same effects. It should be illegal to smoke in public places."

Stoner said he hopes these new findings can serve as the basis for some type of regulations to cigarette smoke exposure.

Only 13 percent of people with lung cancer survive, but about 50 percent of people who detect lung cancer early have a chance of surviving.

In the past, X-rays have been used as a tool of detecting lung cancer and have not been successful.

The future for lung cancer identification lies in the hands of a new device called a Spiral CT, a computerized way for detecting small lesions in the lungs.

Ryan Queen, a junior in engineering, said that he thinks people who smoke are criminals.

"I think that if someone is a non-smoker and they die of lung cancer, someone should take the blame for it," Queen said. "I'm not smoking, so why should I have to worry about the effects?"

Students get second chance

By Mike Shriner
Lantern staff writer

When opportunity knocks, it seldom does so twice.

However, for those students who did not win Fiesta Bowl tickets in Monday's lottery, a second chance did come calling.

Any tickets left over and not purchased as of Tuesday afternoon were placed back into another lottery that evening, giving some students another opportunity.

However, much like the first attempt at distributing tickets, the second still left some students empty handed.

David Weisbrot, a senior in pre-dentistry, said he was unsuccessful in obtaining a ticket, even after the second round. Like many, he waited in line for almost an hour and a half and had already made hotel arrangements weeks before the deciding game between Ohio State and Michigan.

"It was very frustrating not to get a ticket and now I'm probably going to have to buy one from a scalper and spend an arm and a leg," Weis-

brot said. "It will be worth it though. I've been saving my money the past couple of years because I had no desire to go to the Outback Bowl."

Unsuccessful students from the first lottery had their original number automatically placed back into another random assignment. Winning numbers were once again posted Tuesday evening at the Schottenstein Center and on www.ohiostatebuckeyes.com.

Students who were successful in the second round are to pick up and pay for the voucher today by 3 p.m. at the Schottenstein box office.

All students will be required to pick up their ticket in Tempe, Ariz. with their BuckID and their claim voucher. Only the original lottery number winner may receive the ticket there.

In order to qualify for the first round of the lottery, students had to show up to the Schottenstein box office on Monday where they received a lottery number. Winning numbers were placed online later that evening.

A computer randomly selected the students numbers without taking into account any personal information such as rank. Any successful student was to then pick up and pay for the voucher the following day.

Associate Athletics Director Richelle Simonson estimated that about 3,000 students picked up num-

bers during Monday's lottery, and then the computer pulled 1,500 from the amount of tickets allotted.

"We were assuming that a number of the students are married, so there were 1,750 tickets available," Simonson said.

She also said she was not surprised by the amount of students that entered into the lottery.

"We actually thought it would be around 3,000 students, so our estimate was right at where we originally thought it would be," Simonson said.

However, to obtain a lottery ticket, many students had to endure long lines Monday — up to a two-hour wait at one point.

Sarah Biltz, a freshman in human resources, said she was relieved when she got a ticket after the first day.

"I went later on in the day, and only waited about 45 minutes," she said. "It's kind of not fair for some older students, but its just chance. I never thought I would win, because I never seem to win anything."

Jay Taylor, a senior in family resource management, said he was pleased he got a ticket during the first lottery on Monday.

"I actually wasn't counting on getting a ticket because of the odds," Taylor said. "But everyone that I went with except one ended up getting tickets, so it all worked out good."

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Blackwell is living proof that such efforts may not be in vain. Though his parents were politically independent — "they held no knee-jerk positions," he said — his upbringing in segregated, low-income housing hardly anticipated his rapid rise through the ranks of the Republican establishment.

A football star at Xavier University who had a stint with the Dallas Cowboys, Blackwell didn't turn to politics until the 1970s, when he became a city council member and then mayor of Cincinnati on the city's independent Charter Party ticket. When his ambitions grew broader, he knew it was time to switch home teams.

"I decided I wanted to move beyond municipal politics, so I needed to choose a party that had an organization beyond the city," Blackwell said. "The emphasis on individual freedom manifest in the Republican Party platform — and the leaders that stood for it at the time, starting with Ronald Reagan — made it the right choice for me."

Contrary to conventional wisdom, Blackwell believes the Republican Party can use its traditional small-government message to appeal to minorities, pointing to Social Security reform and school vouchers as issues that transcend racial and socioeconomic barriers.

"I've gone into the barrios and the urban communities, and these are things people care about," Blackwell said. "(The message) may be labeled conservative, but it has a passion and a purpose that will make people's lives better."

Some Democratic legislators disagree with Blackwell about his credibility with black voters.

"If Ken Blackwell really wanted to help African-Americans, he wouldn't have supported plans implemented under Republican leadership that have pushed (black neighborhoods) into districts where their votes fall on deaf ears," said Shelley Cooper, executive director of the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus.

Blackwell's style of campaigning has also raised a huff. A 1998 Blackwell radio ad depicting a political conversation between black men in a barbershop came under fire for using allegedly stereotypical characterizations. Blackwell has dismissed such criticisms as politically motivated.

"Most folks who had a problem with it were those who did not necessarily expect a Republican candidate to depict a type of political discussion that captured the popular imagination of the African-American community," he said.

Such controversy doesn't seem to have faded Ohio voters. After serving as an undersecretary for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in former President George Bush's administration and ambassador to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights in the early 1990s, Blackwell was elected state treasurer in 1994 and secretary of state in 1998.

It is no secret Blackwell wants to be Ohio's next governor: in 1996, he made an exploratory run for the state's top executive post, but bowed out of the race for the GOP nomination when Bob Taft quickly amassed a four-to-one fund-raising advantage.

"He had a golden political name, and more of the party leadership felt obligated to support his candidacy," Blackwell said.

Blackwell has refocused efforts toward a run in 2006. However, even in the wake of last month's statewide Republican sweep Blackwell doesn't assume he'll be the favored candidate.

"I hope it will be my time," he said with a smile. "But only time will tell."

Whatever the case, time affords Blackwell a special opportunity to connect with black citizens who may have Democratic roots but who look at politics with an increasingly independent temperament.

"There will be a gradual change," Blackwell said. "But we've got to get out there and fight for it. That's what it takes."

Thanks for the memories

The Lantern wishes to thank the following graduating seniors for outstanding service to the newspaper.

- Jason Mann
- Mike Gehrig
- Jamie Mossberger
- Kamilah Terry
- Brooke Theis

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When companies are hiring they use one of two tactics: long-range strategic hiring and "just-in-time" hiring.

Companies that hire strategically recruit early because training usually begins in June or July, giving them ample time to interview spring graduates.

Pamela Park-Curry, director of undergraduate career services in the business college, said fall graduates are at a slight disadvantage if they're looking at a strategic hiring company. These companies want to make sure students don't continue searching for a job from the time of

graduation in autumn until training in spring.

If training doesn't start for six months, Park-Curry suggests traveling or applying at a temp service.

"Be persistent," she said. "Their career is going to last them decades. They should take their time looking for that first job and can do temp work in the meantime."

On the other hand, "just-in-time" hiring companies are looking for individuals to fill jobs now.

"If you're looking for a job in a just-in-time organization, you're in the job market and you're available for what's open," she said. "In

that way, fall graduates can very much be at an advantage because they can begin."

Park-Curry said a common mistake is to say, "I'll consider anything," because it's too overwhelming.

She also advises students who are feeling overwhelmed to seek help from their college's career services office.

Instead, graduates should "focus on an industry, then focus on the geographic location," she said.

First narrow down your choices, determine which hiring method suits you based on your graduation date, and then ask yourself if you're willing to move, Park-Curry said.

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RATING FACULTY

Teacher evaluations called ineffective

By Courtney Thraen
Lantern staff writer

As the quarter rolls to a close, it's time to distribute teacher evaluation sheets.

Students and teachers alike have questioned the effectiveness of Student Evaluation of Instruction forms, which give students an opportunity to critique their instructors.

"Most teachers pass them out at the end of class, so I just hurry and fill them out. I really don't take them seriously," said Matt Ferneze, a junior in accounting.

Across campus, both students and teachers reiterate the ineffectiveness of these forms, though many are unaware of how they are processed and interpreted.

"I don't think they make an impact on the way professors teach because I know students who do take the evaluations seriously, especially when evaluating bad professors," Ferneze said. "Nothing seems to change though, since those bad professors are still here, continuing to teach poorly."

According to the Student Evaluation of Instruction handbook, university rules require all students to be granted the opportunity to provide feedback concerning the quality of instruction they receive for every course.

"Ten general questions were created to capture characteristics of teaching common across every course, whether it be a chemistry lab or history recitation," said Terri

Childers, assistant registrar in the Office of Academic Affairs.

The SEI forms were standardized in 1994, only to be revised again in 2001 by the SEI oversight committee. Designed to assist personnel decisions, the forms primarily affect promotion, tenure and merit pay of instructors. Results from multiple instructors teaching a similar course may even be compared to determine award nominations.

"Many teaching awards have been based on results from SEI forms, even for TAs," Childers said.

Data from SEI studies conclude that class size, along with students' reasons for taking a course, bear the highest significance on SEI results. However, departments may replace the SEI with an evaluation method privy to the needs of a specific course, provided it remains consistent with SEI standards.

Once students complete the forms, they are sent to the Office of the University Registrar. After processing and evaluation, they are returned to the respective instructor or department, granted the department has fully adopted the SEI.

Evaluation committees monitor individual instructor's SEI results, not only from the previous quarter, but for the duration of the instructor's teaching service, hoping to notice progressively higher SEI scores.

"A lot of the results are either entirely good or really bad, so they are very hard to interpret. I have found though, that I get more applic-

able feedback from students' written comments," said Georgeta Mihai, a physics teaching assistant.

Besides SEI, instructors must undergo peer evaluation. Each department is responsible for administering peer evaluations, with varying methods employed throughout the university.

"Senior colleagues in my department sit in on classes to check an instructor's teaching style, but I know this method of evaluation isn't performed in all departments," said Becky Mansfield, associate professor of geography.

Jason Kraynak, a sophomore in business, said his high school principal inspected classes, but he has yet to witness teaching administrators attend his smaller Ohio State classes.

"They did it at public schools, so more administrators should visit my college courses. After all, I am paying plenty for my education," Kraynak said.

A more personal evaluation tool, Feedback for Your Instruction, has been offered online to provide more personalized feedback for educators. Instructors can create personalized evaluation forms at the FYI Web site and distribute them at any time during the quarter.

"The purpose of FYI is to narrow in on specific areas of teaching that need improvement. They are tailored more to the individual character of a particular course, delivering feedback instructors can use to hone their teaching skills," Childers said.

CSCC rejects solution to faculty contract dispute

By Kathryn Imes
Lantern staff writer

Faculty at Columbus State Community College set up informational picket lines this week in response to the CSCC Board of Trustees' rejection of a neutral fact finder's report that made recommendations on unresolved contract issues.

The Columbus State Education Association, which represents the college's 250 full-time faculty members, handed out fliers to inform students. The fliers also included contact information for the college's Board of Trustees and president so students could contact them about the issues raised by the flier.

"We want our students to know about this because these decisions affect them directly," said Steve Abbott, president of CSEA and professor of communications at Columbus State. "Our students are adults who can make informed decisions about what the college should be doing."

And student interest is prevalent.

"Students were asking what they can do to help," said Darrell Minor, associate professor of mathematics at Columbus State, who took part in the informational picket lines. "The best way is to contact the president and board and let them know that students are feeling the frustration of the situation."

The Board of Trustees unani-

mously rejected the fact finder's report, whereas CSEA accepted it last week. Negotiations between the two sides began in March.

Salary issues have been the sticking point in contract negotiations. Columbus State uses a system of salary ranges to determine pay raises, which the board wants to continue using. However, the fact finder's report recommended CSEA's suggestion to implement step increases as well as annual raises.

Many of the college's positions were recommended in the report, but under Ohio collective bargaining law the sides must either accept or reject the report as a whole. The report was rejected because the board did not agree with the salary recommendation, said Tim Wagner, executive director of human resources at Columbus State.

"The fact finder's report shows Columbus State is out of step with other colleges," Abbott said.

According to median salary data, Columbus State faculty is among the lowest paid of the large community colleges. In addition, CSEA's flier states although revenue has increased, the college "has offered faculty their smallest raise in CSCC history."

"We know there's money," Wagner said. "We want to keep the correct balance between salary and growth."

Wagner said the proposed salary increase would cost Columbus State at least \$7 million more than the college's proposal. The college does not want other aspects

of Columbus State to suffer because of the pay increase, he said.

"We don't want to risk mortgaging the growth of the college in tough economic times," he said.

Wagner said the college's findings on salaries run counter to CSEA findings. According to the college — which did not use the same method as CSEA — Columbus State faculty are among the top salary tier of community colleges in Ohio.

As for CSEA's informational picket lines, Wagner said the union was within its legal rights to set them up. However, there are some questions as to whether or not CSEA filed the appropriate paperwork to do so, he said.

CSEA's next course of action has not yet been determined.

Abbott anticipates the union will return to the bargaining table with the college. While a strike could be a possibility in the future, CSEA would like to avoid that route.

"We don't want to strike," Abbott said. "We hope that outstanding issues will be settled short of that."

Wagner said the college expects to continue negotiations and also wants to work toward clearing up some of the discrepancies between the two sides.

"We're optimistic and very willing to sit down with the union and work out a fair and marketable wage," Wagner said.

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yes, I am a little overwhelmed," she said. "It was definitely worth it."

Joe noted the significance of the day this happened.

"The ironic thing is we got married on Dec. 3, and when it's our one

month anniversary, it will be the day of the national championship in Tempe," he said.

Rachel does not have a ring because there was no time, but she said the couple is going to do this all

over again to make it right.

"We are going to re-do the whole thing. He is going to ask me to marry him and then we will re-do the ceremony," she said.

OHIO BRIEF

Cincy can't ban crosses, menorahs

A Cincinnati law banning private holiday displays in the city's main plaza was blocked by the U.S. Supreme Court last week, just in time for the holidays.

The law was challenged by The Chabad of Southern Ohio after the organization blocked from displaying a menorah in Fountain Square.

Organizations that applied for a display permit before the ruling can ask for reconsideration, said the city solicitor. The city plans to decide which groups can place dis-

plays on a case-by-case basis until a further ruling is made.

Many fear the Ku Klux Klan will once again be able to display a cross in Fountain Square because of the ruling. The cross has long been a source of controversy in Cincinnati.

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Blindness does not hinder student's vision

Graduating senior enjoys working on independent productions, critiquing films

By Sarah Lingo
Lantern staff writer

Jason Sharpless, a graduating senior, envisions himself directing movies, even though he is legally blind.

Sharpless, who was born legally blind, is able to see some colors and shapes. His interest in film has driven him to create a personal study program in multimedia production and management. When he isn't in class, he is working on an independent film, about which he refused to divulge details.

"I'm trying to shoot an independent film," he said. "I have all of the equipment and a sponsor. I would like to put a casting call up in the theater department."

Sharpless' love of film inspired him to choose the personal program route. Because he didn't feel a university provided a major program that encompassed all he wanted to learn, he created his own.

"I wanted to learn more than one thing," he said. "If I go blind, I'll still know how to write. If I only learn one thing and then can't see, I won't have much to work with. I felt like I shouldn't have to major in everything just to get a rounded education."

He also chose the personal program because he said hands-on experience is a better learning tool.

"One of the things I got out of Ohio State was experience," he said. "I have over 60 hours of independent study. I wasn't in a class watching someone say, 'This is how you hold a camera.' I believe you get a more rounded education by having hands-on experience."

When Sharpless is not studying for his classes or working on his independent film, his love of the entertainment industry remains strong.

"Jason has shown some of the counselors a short little film he did last year," said Leah Monaghan, Sharpless' counselor at the Office for Disability Services. "He likes to go see movies and then give me insight as to what he'd do differently."

While taking a theater class for an

elective requirement, Sharpless became involved as part of the stage crew in the recent OSU production of "Twelfth Night."

"At times it was really exciting," he said. "My degree has nothing to do with theater, but I just wanted to do it."

Sharpless found himself at Ohio State because it offered the best disabilities program he could find. He started his college career at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio and decided that it lacked the facilities he needed to complete his school work.

"I told myself when I was younger that I would rather die than come to Ohio State," Sharpless said. "I came here because of necessity. This is not what I really wanted."

But Sharpless discovered OSU isn't all bad.

"Other universities have put down OSU for everything, including their disabilities services, and it angers me," Sharpless said. "When I needed help, OSU was the only university who offered (what I needed)."

Sharpless stopped attending OU when his vision began to deteriorate further in 1995.

"I can't tell what anything is until I get up close," he said. "When I went to OU they didn't have any disability help. They didn't have any of the books on tape or other equipment."

But attending a large university hasn't been as opportunity-filled as Sharpless once thought.

"It varies from class to class. Because there are so many people here there is a lot of competition," he said. "But because I have a (seeing-eye) dog, Latin, I've been able to get into classes. I've gotten into classes by going in with an add-drop slip and Latin. The professor says, 'Can I pet your dog?' and I say, 'Can I get in your class?'"

Home life for Sharpless, however, is very different. Because he chose to live farther away from campus than most students, he pays his roommate to drive him to and from campus. He also has a 220-inch screen on which he projects television programs.

"In order to see anything I have

to concentrate my eyes," he said. "I can watch the games, but I can't see the score."

But Sharpless said his biggest achievement is having the independence to get through school without much help.

"When you have a disability, you have to fight for independence. My motivation for coming back to school is because I want to do it when I can see," Sharpless said. "I don't want to ever say, 'Someone did this for me.' I don't like to depend on anyone to help me. But people feel they need to help people with disabilities."

The strangest thing about him, he said, is his personal stance on the American Disabilities Act.

"I'm weird because I don't believe in the ADA, since it says you have to be able to get a job," he said. "But then again, I chose a career where I'm going to be discriminated against because I'm blind. I understand what the act was trying to do, but when you say equal opportunity mean equal opportunity, not equal-opportunity handouts."

Sharpless credits much of his success to the help of the ODS, his adviser, Jane Pletcher and his theater course adviser Mark Shanda. Without them Sharpless said he would have quit long ago.

But like any other graduating senior, Sharpless is counting down the days, hours and minutes until commencement.

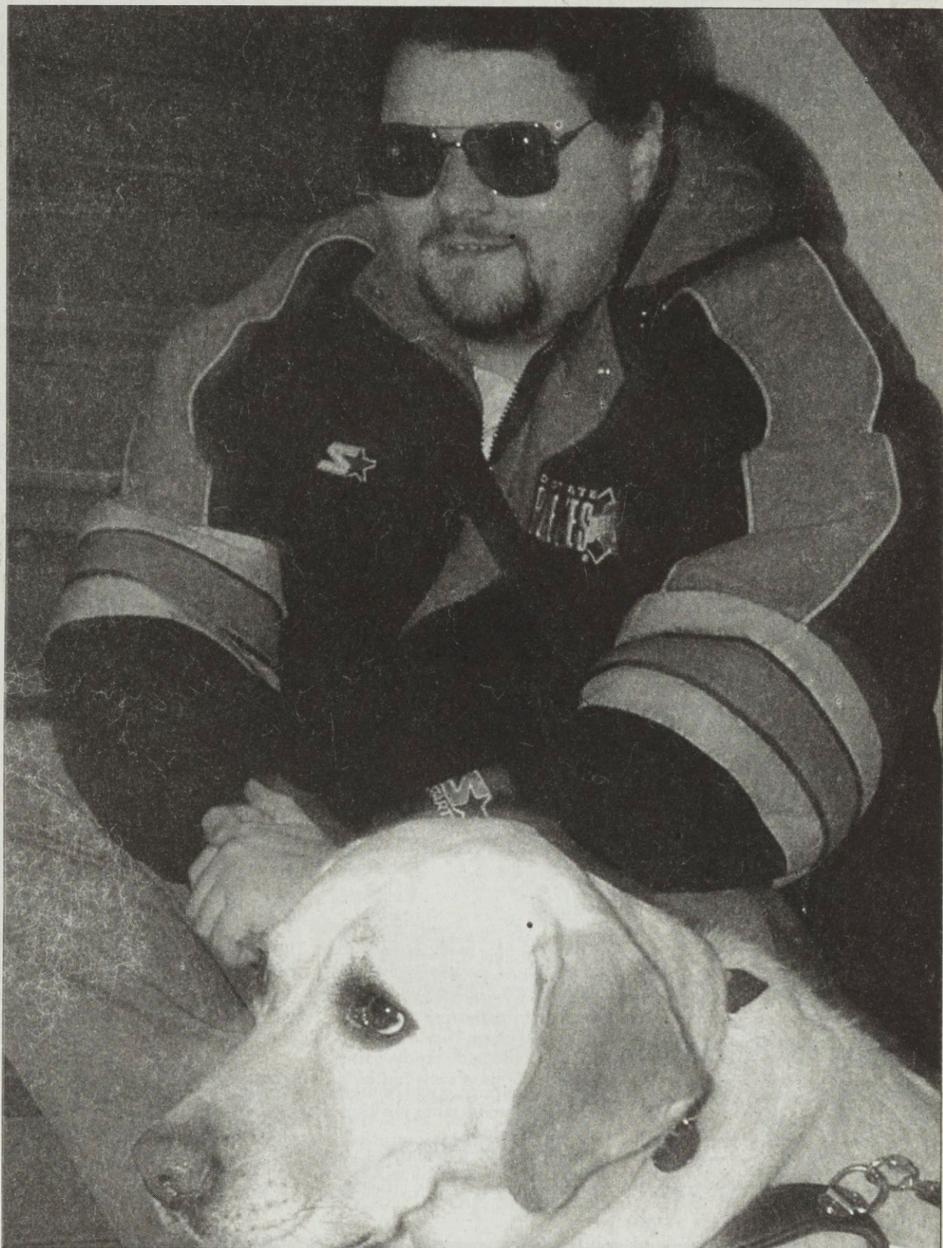
"People say your last quarter will be the easiest, but most people take GECs first and then take their major courses," Sharpless said. "But I did it backwards. Everything was really going fast, and this quarter hit me like a brick wall."

Those who know Sharpless say his future looks bright.

"Ever since I've known Jason, he's always had big dreams to go into film. Film is all he talks about. He's going to bring innovation into whatever career field he goes into," Alison Burns, senior in psychology, who has known Sharpless for three years.

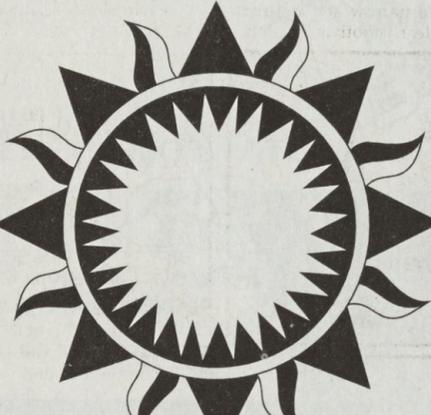
Monaghan has been a witness to the hardships and achievements during Sharpless' time at OSU.

"He's done a phenomenal job and deserves to graduate and go on to bigger and better things," Monaghan said. "We'll definitely miss both him and Latin."



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Jason Sharpless, a blind OSU student, hopes to do film editing after he graduates this quarter.

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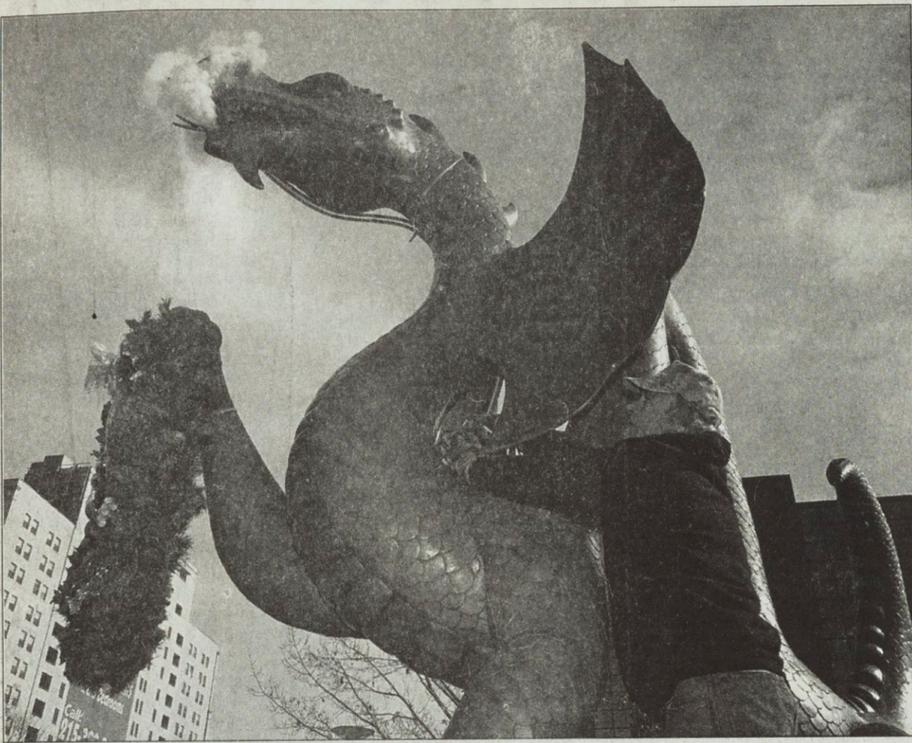
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General contractor Mike Landi adjusts the smoking apparatus of Drexel University mascot "Mario the Magnificent," at the sculpture's unveiling yesterday, in Philadelphia. The two-ton, 10-foot high, 14-foot long, bronze dragon was created by Philadelphia sculptor Eric Berg.

U.S. slow to aid with Afghan reconstruction

By Mike Lipka
The Daily Free Press (Boston U.)

(U-WIRE) BOSTON — The United States has yet to establish a clear policy of reconstructing Afghanistan more than a year after the Sept. 11 attacks, said Boston University anthropology department chairman Thomas Barfield, who recently traveled to the struggling country once ruled by the Taliban regime.

Barfield, along with several other professors from Boston-area colleges, spoke at Simmons College Tuesday at a forum entitled "Afghanistan: Reconstruction or Chaos?" moderated by Simmons College professor Charles Dunbar.

Barfield spoke about the state of reconstruction in Afghanistan, a nation that has been at war for nearly 20 years against the Soviet Union, the United States and international terrorist groups like al-Qaida. Unfortunately, according to Barfield, the United States has not given enough aid to this struggling country after dethroning the Taliban regime following the Sept.

11 attacks. "What we find is talk about doing stuff, but nothing actually happening," he said. "We've neglected the reconstruction of Afghanistan and that's a very dangerous policy. There are a lot of things that can be done in Afghanistan that wouldn't necessarily cost all that much money or take that much effort, but we have to decide we are really going to get down to work and do something there."

Since the war against the Taliban ended sooner than expected, the problem of reconstruction surfaced quickly, Barfield said. Afghanistan lacks efficient roads, agriculture and electricity, and its infrastructure and economy need to be brought back together for the country to be put back on its feet, he said.

Reconstruction is an important factor in warding off further terrorist activity, Barfield said. When there are internal problems, it is much easier for terrorists to be harbored or "fly under the radar," he explained. Right now, he cautioned, al-Qaida seems to be waiting in the wings for the country to fall

apart again, as a reconstruction policy has not arrived from Washington.

"If we don't (help to reconstruct), we already know what will happen," Barfield said. "It was Afghanistan under the Taliban where everything was falling apart. We want to try to make sure that it doesn't go back to that condition again."

Harvard Law and Fletcher School Fellow Hassan Abbas also spoke on Afghanistan's situation in relation to its neighbor, Pakistan. He said the countries have a great impact on each other, emphasizing the interactions that take place along their low-security border. He agreed that any chaos in these interactions would serve to benefit the extremist terrorist groups.

However, the future is not entirely bleak in Afghanistan, Barfield added.

"One of the most positive things was seeing how many refugees had come back from Iran and Pakistan and how they were rebuilding their lives," he concluded. "I found a very vibrant economy and people looking toward the future. That's the reason that you want to help them."

FBI reports 1,600 percent increase in anti-Islam crimes

By Aidian Holder
The Maneater (U. Missouri)

(U-WIRE) COLUMBIA, Mo. — Muslims and Arab-Americans have been the target of a rash of hate crimes in the months immediately following last year's terrorist attacks, according to a new FBI report.

The 2001 anti-Islamic hate crimes rose by 1,600 percent from 2000. While the total of 546 anti-Islamic hate crimes is still a small percentage of the 11,451 hate crimes reported to the FBI in 2001, the vast majority of the anti-Islamic crimes came in the quarter following Sept. 11.

The report also found that Muslims suffered more serious assaults than other religious groups, with more than twice as many aggravated assaults targeting them than any other religious group.

These numbers are probably understated because many hate crimes are never reported to police. The FBI report only includes a narrow set of offenses that are clearly motivated solely by

hatred of the victims' status.

"That might be a very conservative amount; the number may be much higher," said Hassan Mirza, legal and civil rights consultant for the Council on American-Islamic Relations and an associate professor at George Washington University.

Mirza said many Arab-Americans may be leery of contacting authorities when they've been victimized by a hate crime because of the extensive FBI investigations into many Muslim organizations after Sept. 11, 2001.

Despite the nationwide increase, Columbia, Mo., has seen few hate crimes, and none that rise to the level of serious violent crime.

Beyond one disturbed man's vandalism of the Columns this summer, University of Missouri Police Department Maj. Jack Watring said he can't remember the last reported hate crime in Columbia.

"I don't believe we've had any," Watring said. "Usually you get a pretty good feel for that kind of thing." Pablo Mendoza, director of MU's Multicultural Affairs office, echoed

Watring's sentiments and said Columbia is a tolerant town, but also warned that "there have been incidents that I don't think have been reported."

Most local incidents involve racial epitaphs, not violence, Mendoza said.

While everyone agrees the increase of hate crimes was sparked by last year's terrorist attacks, some observers have blamed Bush administration policies for contributing to an environment that allows anti-Muslim prejudice.

"When you hear an FBI agent say they detained someone for seven months (because he's an Arab) even though they don't have any cause, you start to think it's OK to act on your prejudice," Mirza said.

Mirza also faults certain evangelical Christians' attacks on Islam.

On Sunday's broadcast of ABC's "This Week," Christian leader Pat Robertson said Islam "is not evil to its core, it is violent to its core."

"What do you say, what can you say to that," Mirza said. "I could go off on the guy, but I'd rather not."

Miss. schools face budget crisis

By Laura Houston
Daily Mississippian (U. Mississippi)

(U-WIRE) OXFORD, Miss. — Mississippi public universities' scramble for money just got harder with the fourth annual higher education budget reduction recommended by the state's Joint Legislative Budget Committee.

Under the pressure of \$70 million in public teacher pay raises and the burden of Medicaid among other demands, legislators are anticipated to slash \$48.5 million from university budget funds, adding to the \$146.8 million already cut, or 25 percent of the budget four years ago when the slicing began.

"This has never happened before in Mississippi. We don't blame anyone, but it's important to know that we are going backwards in higher education," said Pam Smith, spokeswoman for the Institutions of Higher Learning.

While Mississippi sees steadily increasing enrollment rates class sizes and student-faculty ratios are expanding statewide, Smith said.

"It's not a good idea in general to be cutting universities because they provide so much in the way of experience and training in the work force," Smith said. "It's just not a good idea, but it's been going on for four years."

Across the United States, schools are tightening their belts with less

education money to work with and more students to teach. In the face of these conditions, Mississippi Senator Terry Burton said this year's budget poses the "biggest challenges in the 12 years that I've been in the legislature."

"We are not happy about it, but we don't know exactly how to avoid it at this point. All agencies are being faced with some decisions to be made, and this is a result of a downturn in the economy, stagnant economy in Mississippi and we feel this will probably be the worst year in many, many years as it pertains to the budget situation," Burton said.

Mississippi's eight public universities receive considerable legislative blows because the institutions do not only get state money but also foundation, research and tuition contributions, Burton said.

He and Smith said the cuts could not come at a more inopportune time because elections tend to promote conservative legislative spending by politicians not willing to test voters' patience with finances.

"The way to solve the problem is sufficient revenue and the trouble is that we are facing an election," Smith said.

Teacher pay raises for grades K-12 went to further lengths to bind the hands of legislators, Burton said.

"What we decided to do is try to make an investment in a few dollars that we can in our people," Bur-

ton said. "We don't need to lose teachers at the K-12 level or professors at the university level."

Tom Layzell, commissioner of the Mississippi IHL will field responses and presentations from university presidents, including a concerned UM Chancellor Robert Khayat, at a press conference this afternoon in Jackson. If legislators implement the proposed cuts, it will take \$9 million away from the Ole Miss Fiscal Year 2004 offer.

"We will explain to the legislature that we have taken greater percentage cuts than any other state agency. The result has been increased tuition each year," Khayat said.

Even if tuition becomes more expensive, it will not cover the \$9 million hole left in the wake of legislative budgeting tactics, Khayat said.

The universities' budget request process begins with a submission to the IHL, which presents a budget to the Legislative Budget Office, where it is weighed, adjusted and given a legislative budget recommendation.

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U.S. may invest in Turkish bases

By Louis Meixler
Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — U.S. officials are looking at investing hundreds of millions of dollars to upgrade Turkish military bases that could be used in case of war, U.S. Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said yesterday.

Wolfowitz cautioned that no formal agreement had been reached to position U.S. troops in Turkey, addressing conflicting comments Tuesday by Turkish officials on whether American forces could use the bases. Turkish officials also expressed reluctance to host large numbers of U.S. troops.

"We have an agreement to move forward with concrete measures of military planning and preparations," Wolfowitz told reporters in Ankara.

U.S. and Turkish officials were working out which bases could be used and which U.S. forces might be sent to Turkey if there were a conflict, he said.

Turkey, NATO's only Muslim member, borders Iraq and is already home to some 50 U.S. aircraft that patrol a no-fly zone over Iraq. Its support is seen as crucial to any U.S. move against Baghdad.

Wolfowitz said President Bush has invited Recep Tayyip Erdogan, the leader of Turkey's governing Justice and Development Party, which has Islamic roots, to Washington for talks on a possible U.S. military operation against Iraq.

Wolfowitz said he was "quite confident that we will in fact have a significant level of Turkish participation. Exactly how much is something that we are working on these days."

"We are talking potentially about tens of millions, probably several hundred million dollars of investment in several facilities that we might use," he said.

Wolfowitz's statement comes a day after Foreign Minister Yasar Yakis said his country would allow the United States to use military bases. But a few hours after Yakis spoke, the Foreign Ministry clarified that he was speaking of "possibilities," not promises.

"Let me make clear," Wolfowitz said when asked about the Turkish statements. "There isn't a firm American request."

He said discussions on which bases would be needed "will bring us hopefully fairly quickly to the next level of discussions and decisions. Until we are at that point we are still talking ... very theoretically."

"It was said at all levels of the government that we spoke to that Turkey has been with us always in

the past. They will be with us now," Wolfowitz said. "Turkish support is assured and I think that it is a very strong message to Saddam Hussein and the regime in Baghdad that Iraq is surrounded by the international community."

In addition to Incirlik air base, which U.S. aircraft now use to patrol a no-fly zone over Iraq, Turkey has helicopter bases near the Iraqi border and another main air force base in the center of the country, a little more than an hour's flying time from Iraq.

"We are close, but not yet exactly at the point of saying which bases we would use," Wolfowitz said.

Yakis said Tuesday that Turkey would have trouble supporting a large presence of U.S. ground troops in the country.

"It may be difficult to see tens of thousands of American forces being transported through Turkish territory into Iraq or being stationed or deployed somewhere in Turkey and their carrying out strikes inside Iraq," he said.

When asked about the use of ground troops based in Turkey, Wolfowitz said it would be in Turkey's interest if the United States had forces in northern Iraq during a conflict. Turkey fears Kurds in northern Iraq could declare independence if the Iraqi government collapses. That could encourage autonomy-seeking Turkish Kurds in Turkey's own southeast.

"It is strongly our position ... that Turkey will be better off if we are there to help manage what comes afterward," Wolfowitz said.

But he added that "I think we are quite comfortable with what we can do from the south."

Turks conditionally approve use of bases

Turkey, which already hosts 50 U.S. aircraft that patrol Iraq's northern no-fly zone, said it would allow use of its military bases only if the United Nations approved military action against Iraq.



SOURCES: GlobalSecurity.org; Associated Press

Haitians strike to protest government

By Michael Norton
Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Many businesses and most banks, supermarkets and schools were closed yesterday in a nationwide strike against the government, a day after police and mobs broke up protests by thousands of demonstrators.

Traffic in the capital was light, but public buses were running. There were fewer street vendors than usual.

Fifteen major business associations said they would participate in the strike. In a written statement, the associations accused President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's government of "contempt for the most basic democratic norms."

The business associations that joined the strike said they were concerned "the democratic process is in grave danger."

Pressures have been mounting on Aristide's government, which has been stymied by a lack of international aid and investment and growing poverty in Haiti, the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Although parliamentary elections are planned for next year, presidential elections aren't planned until 2005.

The opposition says it wants the government to guarantee a peaceful climate before a legislative

vote is held. The government blamed Tuesday's violence on the opposition.

Aristide won the presidency in 1990, but was overthrown in a coup after less than a year in office. He lived in exile in Washington until U.S. troops helped restore him to power in 1994, then ceded power to chosen successor Rene Preval in 1996. Aristide won a second five-year term in November 2000.

During Tuesday's clashes, Aristide's supporters wielded whips, hurled rocks and fired guns as they attacked government opponents, witnesses said. At least 16 people were injured in the Tuesday violence.

Police fired tear gas to break up marches by thousands of demonstrators in northern Cap-Haitien and southern Petit-Goave and wielded nightsticks to break up a 500-person protest in northwestern Gonaives. Protesters are demanding better living conditions and an end to Aristide's government.

"This government accepts no form of dissent. That's what is called a dictatorship," said opposition politician Rene Theodore, who urged Haitians to join yesterday's strike.

About 2,000 Aristide supporters broke up a demonstration in Port-au-Prince on Tuesday, using stones and small, rawhide whips to drive away pro-

testers. Witnesses said at least a dozen people were injured in the melee.

At least four others were injured elsewhere, though it was difficult to determine the total number since the protests spanned the country.

"We reject violent confrontations," government spokesman Mario Dupuy said. He accused the opposition for polarizing the country and said Aristide wants a "peaceful environment."

Demonstrators on Tuesday also demanded justice in the death of journalist Brignol Lindor, who was hacked to death a year ago by Aristide supporters. Lindor was slain after he allowed opposition politicians on his talk-show program.

Protesters hung photos of Lindor's mutilated body on storefront doors. Some set fire to shacks in Petit-Goave.

Opposition leaders in Port-au-Prince said their motorcade was attacked by hundreds of rock throwing Aristide supporters, damaging their cars.

Aristide supporters also threw stones at State University faculty buildings, angered by anti-government students who had lowered the Haitian flag and raised a black flag of mourning to honor Lindor, independent Radio Kiskeya reported.

At least three people have been killed and scores injured in three weeks of anti-government protests in Haiti.

Kurds lose many in Islamic army attack

By Borzou Daragahi
Associated Press

SHASHIK, Iraq — Kurdish militiamen battled Islamic militants believed to be linked to al-Qaida in northern Iraq early yesterday, and as many as 30 militiamen were killed or wounded, Kurdish military officials said.

Militants from the Ansar al-Islam seized two hilltop positions of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan near the city of Halabja, said Sheik Jaffar Mustafa of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, the Kurdish militia that is the de facto authority in the area.

Mustafa said he believed his force had suffered as many as 30 casualties, but he could not give an exact figure since some of his forces were on leave and his side had been unable to retrieve bodies from the battlefield.

He also said he did not know how many among the casualties were dead, nor how many Islamic militants had been killed or wounded. Some of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan fighters died while sleeping since the Ansar al-Islami launched its attack before daybreak.

The Patriotic Union of Kurdistan is the main authority in the Halabja area. The militia and its rival, the Kurdistan Democratic Party, control sectors of the Kurdish autonomous zone in Iraq.

Smoke could be seen rising from near the two hills at the base of the Suren Mountains along the Iraq-Iran border. The guerrillas from Ansar al-

Islam fired heavy artillery as they charged the Kurdish positions, Mustafa said.

While some of the Ansar al-Islam forces are Kurds, Mustafa said they also include Arabs who trained in Afghanistan and are believed to have ties to the al-Qaida terrorist movement of Osama bin Laden.

The Patriotic Union of Kurdistan rushed in reinforcements from its special forces as ambulances took wounded fighters to Halabja, six miles away. Officials at the Halabja hospital said they treated six victims of gunshots.

Mustafa said the Islamic militant fighters had succeeded because the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan had sent some of its forces home on leave for the Islamic holiday of Eid el-Fitr, which begins Thursday and marks the end of the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan.

"They took advantage of the situation," he said. "Everywhere in the Muslim world people usually stop fighting for Ramadan."

Halabja, the city near the battle, was the scene of a notorious poison gas attack by the Iraqi army on Kurds near the end of the Iran-Iraq war in March 1988. An estimated 5,000 people were killed in the attack, which U.S. officials have often cited as an example of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein using lethal weapons on his own people.

Battles between the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan and Ansar al-Islam intensified in November 2001 in the Kurdish autonomous region in northern Iraq, Mustafa said. Kurds arose against



VAHID SALEMI/AP
Two members of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan load cartridge belts at a command post near the city of Halabja, Iraq, yesterday.

Saddam after the 1990-91 Gulf war. The revolt was put down, but an autonomous Kurdish region was established, protected by overflights by U.S. and British aircraft.

The Patriotic Union of Kurdistan controls the eastern part of the autonomous zone, while the western sector is controlled by the Kurdistan Democratic Party.

The Ansar al-Islam militia held Halabja from 1998 to 2000, but was dri-

ven out by the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan fighters.

Mustafa said the Islamic militants had repeatedly attacked the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan in the last few months, most recently trying to seize one of his militia's checkpoints in November.

"Each time they've attacked they've been defeated," he said. "This time they took a chance and got lucky."

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White House bonuses reborn

By Ron Fournier
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House has reinstated a program which awards large cash bonuses to political appointees, a practice that had been stopped during the Clinton administration because of concerns about potential abuse.

The program was authorized early this year by White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card, but was not previously disclosed, according to White House officials.

The program, first reported by the *New York Times*, is taking place amid widespread frustration among career federal workers. Bush recently denied them the full raise sought by Congress, and gave the private sector more power to compete for federal jobs.

The bonus program allows political employees to be given bonuses for superior work alongside career federal workers, who are already eligible for merit bonuses. Critics, including former Clinton administration officials who helped end the practice, say the program could be used to reward

employees for their political activity.

In light of past concerns, Card's memo directs federal management to be sure all bonuses are reviewed by high-ranking agency officials.

"Federal workers deserve to be rewarded for good work and there should not be a distinction between those who do good work because they're civil, and those who do good work because they're appointed," said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer. "Good work is good work and good work by federal employees — all of whom are paid by the taxpayers — should be rewarded."

According to Fleischer, cabinet-level officials and agency chiefs are authorized for the first time in eight years to approve annual bonuses more than \$15,000 for the influential senior officials brought into the administration by Bush's team. Many of these employees already earned \$115,000 to \$140,000 annually.

No new spending will be required to finance the bonuses, he said. Currently, 1.8 million workers are eligible, he said. The new policy makes about 2,100 more eligible.

White House workers cannot receive them, he said. Asked why, he said, "I'd like to find that out myself, frankly."

"All awards must be based on substantial work achievements that go well beyond the performance of routine duties," said the March 29 memo from Card. "Political employees should be judged and rewarded in the same manner as career employees."

Leon Panetta, chief of staff in the Clinton White House, prohibited the bonuses after negative publicity about payments given out in the last days of the first Bush White House.

President Bush exempted employees of the new Department of Homeland Security from many worker protections and announced last week that scheduled pay raises would be smaller than anticipated by Congress. He also announced a program allowing the private sector to bid for jobs now held by federal employees.

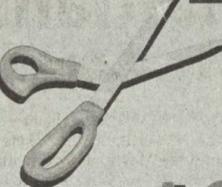
The program is having its strongest impact on the Justice Department where bonuses were paid to officials who played a key role in the Sept. 11 investigation.

SLAVES NOT FORGOTTEN



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Fernanda Meier of Key West, Fla., lays flowers late Tuesday, on the site of an 1860-originated African cemetery on Higgs Beach in Key West, Fla., following a veneration service, performed with African rituals, for the deceased. In all, 295 Africans were entombed on the beach. The dead were casualties of a trans-Atlantic trip aboard three slave ships in 1860. The memorial service coincided with the opening of an exhibition focusing on "The Last Slave Ships" at Key West's Mel Fisher Maritime Museum.



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Demonstrators from the National Organization for Women protest outside the Supreme Court in Washington yesterday. The justices hear arguments on whether a federal racketeering law intended to combat corruption can be used against the anti-abortion groups who try to disrupt access to clinics.

Oppositions unite in abortion case

By Gina Holland
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court is considering a case combining the contentious issues of abortion, free speech and violent protest, hearing arguments yesterday on whether federal laws intended to combat organized crime and corruption can be used to punish anti-abortion demonstrators.

Activists like actor Martin Sheen, animal rights groups and even some organizations that support abortion rights are siding with anti-abortion forces because of concerns they too could face harsher penalties for demonstrating.

The court must decide if abortion clinic protesters can be punished for interfering with businesses with large penalties under federal racketeering and extortion laws.

Those laws are intended to combat corruption, not punish demonstrators, the court was told by Roy Englert Jr., the lawyer for Operation Rescue and anti-abortion leaders. He said if the high court doesn't intervene, there could be severe punishment for leaders of any movements "whose followers get out of hand."

An attorney representing abortion clinics in Delaware and Wisconsin and the National Organization for Women said the laws protect businesses from violent protests that drive away clients.

The Supreme Court has dealt with few abortion cases in the decade since it reaffirmed the core holding of its landmark *Roe v. Wade*

ruling that women have a constitutional right to abortion. The last case was two years ago, when justices struck down state "partial-birth" abortion laws because they imposed an undue burden on women's right to end their pregnancies.

"As hard as people try to say this case isn't about abortion, it is about abortion," Joseph Scheidler, one of the protesters challenging the punishments, said after the case was argued.

He said abortion foes are afraid to protest at clinics because they fear being found guilty of racketeering, instead of something less serious like trespassing.

Scheidler and the others were sued in 1986 by the clinics and accused of blocking clinic entrances, menacing doctors, patients and clinic staff, and destroying equipment during a 15-year campaign to limit abortions. They were ordered to pay about \$258,000 in damages and barred from interfering with the clinics' business for 10 years.

The punishments were under the 32-year-old Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, known as RICO, and the Hobbs Act, a 1946 law aimed at crushing organized crime.

In its ruling, the high court must differentiate between protected political activity and that which is illegal.

Emotion from abortion rights supporters and foes spilled into court filings. Outside the court, both sides picketed yesterday.

The Bush administration upset

some conservatives by opposing the clinics in part of the case. Solicitor General Theodore Olson told the court that demonstrators could be sued for blocking business at clinics. He also tried to ease fears that the case would affect other types of protests.

"The First Amendment is not an issue in this case," Olson said.

Responded Justice Anthony M. Kennedy: "There's always a First Amendment implication in a protest case."

Justices questioned whether black civil rights leaders could have been punished for boycotting white businesses.

"Martin Luther King didn't tell the people to go into Woolworth and bash people," Fay Clayton of Chicago, the lawyer for NOW and the clinics, told the court.

Clayton said her clients could also be punished if they tore up the course at Augusta National Golf Club to protest the Georgia institution's refusal to let women join.

Justice Antonin Scalia, who has opposed abortion rights, said the punishment seemed unusual for the anti-abortion protests.

"It wasn't smacking people around. It was just not letting people in (to the clinics)," Scalia said.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, an abortion rights supporter, seemed to disagree.

"We're not talking about conduct that's lawful here," O'Connor said. "To paint the picture we're talking about just pure speech is not the case."

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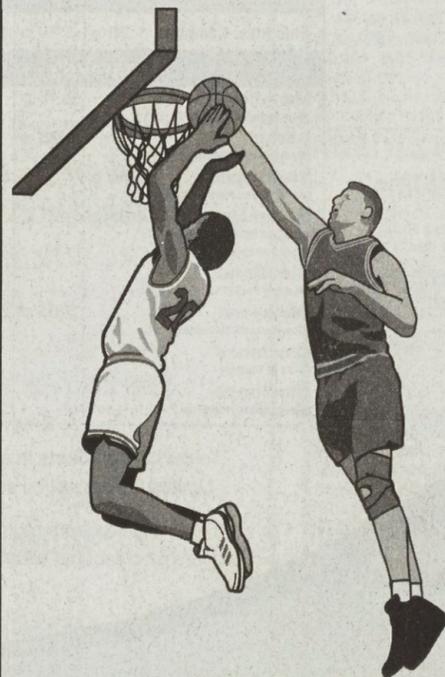
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Biologists trap mouse DNA

Near-complete mouse genome aids in human disease research

By Andrew Bridges
Associated Press

Scientists in six countries have published nearly the entire genetic make-up of the mouse — an accomplishment that demonstrates the lab animal's startling biological similarity to people and could yield new insights into human diseases.

The draft code of the mouse, 2.5 billion DNA letters long, is about 95 percent completed. Its release comes nearly two years after the human genetic make-up, or genome, was deciphered.

Scientists are already making side-by-side comparisons of the two genomes in hopes of better understanding human evolution and how genes function.

"We still need help interpreting this book of life," said Kerstin Lindblad-Toh of the Whitehead Institute/Massachusetts Institute of Technology Center for Genome Research. Lindblad-Toh is the senior program manager of the Mouse Genome Sequencing Consortium.

Among other things, scientists are already looking how human reproduction concentrated on long pregnancies and fewer offspring, and how the immune system constantly changes in a biological "arms race" against invading viruses and bacteria.

Details of the analysis appear in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature.

Celera Genomics, a Rockville, Md., biotechnology company, completed its own draft of the mouse genome more than a year ago but has made it available only to paying subscribers. In contrast, the international mouse genome project is being freely published on the Internet.

Scientists initially chose the mouse for sequencing because of its fundamental role in medical research over the past century. An estimated 25 million mice are used in research each year on such ills as cancer, diabetes, high blood pressure and obesity.

Initial comparison of the mouse and human genomes shows the species are closely related at a genetic level, but the two have not shared a common mammal ancestor since dinosaurs lived on Earth, 75 million years ago.

A full 99 percent of a mouse's genes have counterparts in humans, including genes that cause mice to have tails. In fact, researchers said they have identified only 300 genes that are unique to either creature.

The mouse genome is about 14 percent smaller in volume than its human counterpart, but each species has about 30,000 genes — far fewer than estimates of just two years ago.

Researchers said more than 90 percent of genes associated with disease are identical in humans and mice, underscoring the tremendous value of the mouse in laboratory experiments.

An additional 2.5 percent of each genome, previously discounted as junk, is shared between mouse and human but does not contain the codes for genes. These sections may somehow be important in regulating the function of genes, scientists said.

"There's a lot more that matters in the human genome than we realized," said MIT biologist Eric Lander, director of the Whitehead Institute.

Comparing the two genomes allows for the quick identification of important regions, because the important regions are the ones most likely to have been preserved in the millions of years since the species diverged.

"These things stand out in high relief. It's like a red flag to scientists that says, 'Look at me, come find out what I do,'" said Barbara Wold, a biologist at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, who was not connected with the sequencing effort.

The task of comparing and contrasting has led to the discovery of about 1,200 human genes and 9,000 mouse genes.

Scientists hope they will soon complete similar blueprints of the rat, cow, chimpanzee and dog, which will allow even more comparative genomic work.

Identification of a gene does not automatically spell out its function, however. Genetic manipulation of those genes in mice, already commonplace, allows scientists to evaluate their purpose.

Genomic comparisons are expected to shed more light on evolutionary history. Mice, for example, have more genes related to smell and mating than humans do.

"It opens up a whole new era of investigation into the molecular basis of evolution," said Rick Woychik, director of the Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, Maine.

A final version of the mouse genome will take two to three years to complete. The complete human version should be out in April.

Building collapses into Texas street

By T.A. Badger
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — A five-story building, being renovated as a downtown luxury hotel, collapsed yesterday, injuring at least two construction workers and raining debris onto a busy street.

Heavy equipment was being used to dig through the 10-foot high pile of rubble as workers searched for anyone else who could have been trapped when the building fell shortly before 9 a.m. CST.

About 20 workers were at the site at the time, said Sgt. Gabe Trevino of the San Antonio Police Department.

The two workers hurt in the col-

lapse were hospitalized but did not appear to have life-threatening injuries, said District Fire Chief Tommy Thompson. He said he believed they had accounted for all of the construction workers.

The facade of what was to become the Watermark Hotel fell down and out, pushing debris onto the street, which may explain why the injuries weren't more severe, Thompson said.

"When the building fell, it fell at a tilt and everything blew out into the street," said Darnell Wilkerson, who was waiting for a bus across the street.

Wilkerson said he helped pull both injured workers out of the debris. One man was covered in dust and appeared

dazed with minor injuries. The other worker appeared to have a minor head injury and a leg injury, Wilkerson said.

A city bus, driving by the site, was damaged by falling objects, Thompson said. No one on the bus was injured.

"We're very fortunate that this was not a worse-case scenario than it was," Thompson said. He said authorities hadn't determined why the wall collapsed.

The torn edifice was part of a historic building that was first erected in the 1880s. The front wall, sandwiched between two neighboring buildings, was propped up and was to be preserved while the rest of the building was being rebuilt, Trevino said.

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Sweet Sixteen. Elite Eight. Final Four. And now the Talented Twenty-Five. Will Kansas be at the center of this year's bracket? Will the girl in the mail room pick the NCAA champion? Read on for everything you ever wanted to know (but were afraid to ask) about college basketball.

1 WINTHROP

Okay, so they went 19-12 last year. And they are from the Big South Conference. But trust us, the Eagles can definitely hoop. Besides, these guys are made up of 4,500 polygons, just like any other team.

2 ARIZONA



What's the 411 on the 'Cats? Not only do they have all five of their starters returning, but they also have what most consider to be the best frontcourt in college basketball. Can you say Dynasty Mode?

3 KANSAS



Despite losing a key player to the NBA, look for the Jayhawks to return to the Final Four this year. We've seen what they have been doing in Practice Mode, and, trust us, we are thoroughly convinced.

4 OKLAHOMA

Another team we predict to be returning to the Final Four in 2003. Not only do they return with 70 new player models, they look good doing it, too.

5 TEXAS



They say everything is bigger in Texas, but what we notice on this team are the little guys. The backcourt is the cream of the crop. End of discussion. Obviously, somebody did their homework before this year's recruiting.

6 PITTSBURGH

Look for what could be the most exciting duo in college basketball to rate high in the on-screen player ratings.



7 DUKE

Add the slick job done in recruiting to the usual Blue Devil talent pool, and you get a team that is bound to make some noise. Get ready to hear Billy Packer and Eddie Doucette saying, "And the Blue Devils win again," a lot this season.

8 GEORGIA

The Dawgs' poll position could change in October, depending on their frontcourt production. If they produce, prepare for this team to move a little higher in the polls.

9 KENTUCKY

Should come down to the wire between them and Georgia for the SEC crown. Use the over 30 new dunks (including reverses, follow-ups and 360-degree jams) and this Wildcat team might overtake that other Wildcat team.

10 VIRGINIA

The Cavs are not happy with last season's late collapse that landed them out of the tournament. Don't let that fool you; they've got the talent. Not a pushover computer opponent. Not in the least.



11 UCLA

No, it's not the 1970s Bruins, but this team ain't bad, either. Besides, the digital cheerleaders are really easy on the eyes. Definitely easy on the eyes.

12 MICHIGAN STATE

This year their most famous alumnus will make it into the NBA Hall of Fame. That just might spark the Spartans to play at an elevated level.

13 XAVIER

"Who?" That's right, Xavier. Get used to seeing this school in the polls. The Musketeers are clearly the class of the A-10. How does a team go from unranked to number 13? Practice Mode, Practice Mode, Practice Mode.

14 ALABAMA



With the return of some key players, the Tide possesses one of the best inside-outside combos in the league. If you are attending a Tuscaloosa fish fry this year, expect to see some happy basketball fans.

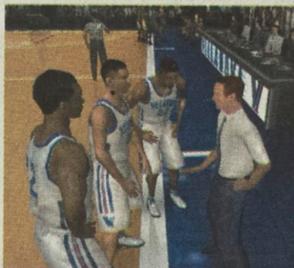
15 MISS. STATE

The Bulldogs, coming off a Southeastern Conference tournament championship, have a tough schedule, playing both Xavier and Oklahoma this year. Said one player, "Hey, I'm all for just selecting Tournament Mode, and just get right to the tourney."

16 OREGON

Enjoying its first league championship in 63 years and one of the last eight teams standing in last year's tourney, Oregon's picked second by us in the Pac-10, behind No. 1 Arizona. Expect a long stay in the NCAA tournament this year for the Ducks.

17 VILLANOVA



The pressure is really on to produce and get the Wildcats back into the tournament after a three-year absence. In addition to all the new faces on the team, there will also be new duds for the 'Cats as Villanova debuts a new digital uniform.

18 FLORIDA

How about that SEC? Yet another entry from a very tough conference. Tough conference or not, the Gators hold their own against some of the NCAA's best.

19 UCONN

Expect the Huskies again to be strong in the backcourt. Use the right analog stick control to perform spin moves and drop-steps out of the post to put the solid backcourt to good use.

20 MARQUETTE

The Golden Eagles open against Villanova, marking the first time the two teams have met since the 1980 NCAA tournament. Can this young team hold its own in an upcoming Conference USA? We think so.

21 INDIANA

Can they get the support they need inside? If not, the Hoosiers could be off-balance even with what should be an extremely productive perimeter.

22 GONZAGA

Can the Bulldogs get the top scorer they need to emerge? Time spent in recruiting will be time well spent. Everything else is in place for another banner season on the left coast.

23 MARYLAND



We're considering these champs an outside shot at defending the title after losing four starters. Terps get a new arena this year. Unfortunately, they are also getting a mostly new team, as well.

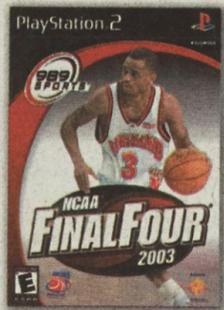
24 MISSOURI

Mizzou's run to the Elite Eight last year was the Tigers' longest stint in the tourney in eight years. And this should be another promising year.



25 USC

A long shot to win the title. Let's face it, they are no Winthrop. But don't count them totally out, either.



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New styling makeover for art center

The Wexner Center will undergo new renovations to repair damages

By Jessica Hoffman
Lantern arts writer

At the beginning of fall quarter, the Wexner Center closed portions of its high profile building to begin its long-anticipated renovations. The building, designed by architect Peter Eisenman, opened in 1989 and has since suffered from major structural problems.

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"The light level problem became apparent almost immediately," said Scott Conlon, Ohio State's project manager for Facilities Planning and Development.

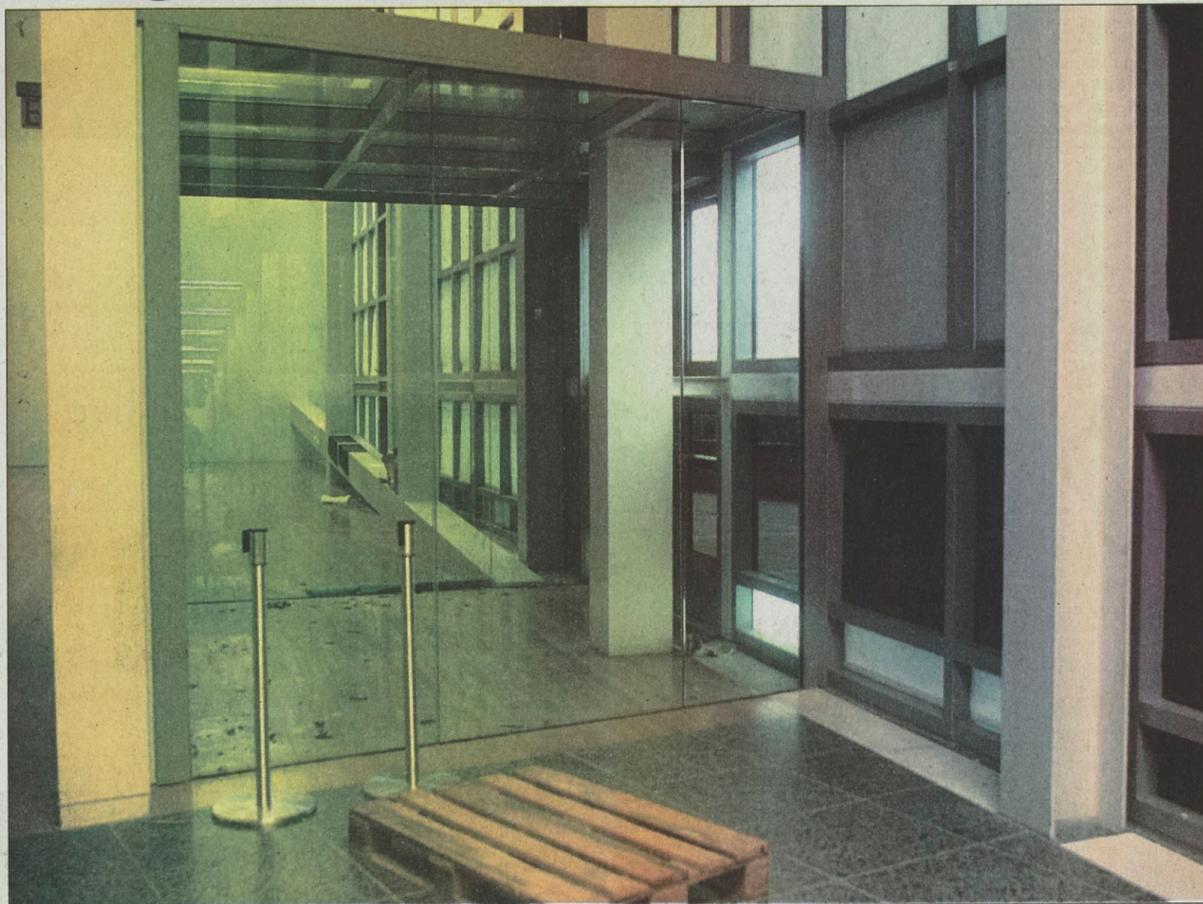
"When the building was designed there was no real perception of what type of art was going to go in there," he said. "They had envisioned a lot of sculpture, theatrical work and performing art, none of which have limitations on the amount of light they can be exposed to."

In reality, the Wexner Center borrows many pieces that are made with traditional media such as paper, paint and fabric, which can all be significantly damaged if exposed to high levels of light.

In an effort to reduce the light coming into the galleries, the center covered many of the windows with a thick, black rubber film. In addition to the lighting, the building was plagued by leaks and climate control problems.

The Wexner Center evaluated many local architects and chose Schooley Caldwell Associates to undertake the renovations. The firm is noted for its many historical renovations, including a continuing project with the statehouse.

"They are very careful about



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The Wexner Center for the Arts will remain vacant until an extensive construction project is finished near the end of next year. The exhibits have been relocated to galleries in the downtown area during the renovation project.

maintaining the original architects' vision," Conlon said.

"What we are looking to solve are problems that are largely of an engineering nature," said Sherri Geldin, director of the Wexner Center.

"Both the center and Peter Eisenman concurred that we would be better off working with a local firm who could coordinate all of the various consultants needed for the project," she said.

Eisenman, who also designed the Greater Columbus Convention Center, was brought in to head the ren-

ovation project. He has been contacted on several occasions to advise the Center and Schooley Caldwell Associates on the renovations.

"We have made sure that any aspect of the building's original design that would be changed by the renovations would be within an acceptable range of changes," Geldin said.

"Peter Eisenman is very comfortable that the work will not significantly alter the architectural identity of the building," she said.

Robert Loversidge, head architect for the project, said the prob-

lems are being addressed carefully.

"With leaks, it's not as simple as a hole in the roof," Loversidge said.

"It requires some detective work." Addressing the lighting problem was also a delicate issue.

"We're trying to restore the character," he said. "The light is just gone now. We're going to let that light back in without letting anything harmful in."

Loversidge said the project has three stages, only one of which has completed bidding for contractors. Three different groups of contractors will specialize in addressing a

different problem during each phase.

"We're at that frustrating period right now where we're working away, but we don't have all the workers on site yet," he said.

While the renovations are underway, the Wexner Center will continue to host various visual and performing arts exhibitions. The Sonnabend Collection, the center's first visual show away from home, is hosted at the Belmont Building.

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'Solaris' full of life thanks to Clooney

After a dozen years in the business, the most prolific filmmaker of our time has just made his first great film.

Steven Soderbergh's "Solaris," adapted from a Polish novel by Stanislaw Lem that director Andrei Tarkovski used as a source for his 1972 film of the same name, is the type of movie you watch, ponder, then watch again — to take in the visual bliss another time, but also to unravel the depth of meaning buried within the story.

Set in the distant future, the picture stars George Clooney as a psychiatrist commissioned to investigate the strange goings-on aboard a space station where a series of mental and physical breakdowns have afflicted the crew. By the time he arrives at Solaris, the fictional planet where the station has docked, a couple of crew members have died, and those who remain warn him in amused tones about the strange visions that await him as a passenger onboard the ship.

Sure enough, after a restless sleep, during which Clooney recalls the image of his dead wife (the stunning Natascha McElhone), he wakes to find her at his side, in the flesh. Over the course of the next several days, the psychiatrist and his reincarnated wife go through the romantic motions, nearly rekindling their love. Nearly.

Though it wasn't the director's finest work, the Tarkovski film preceding this version was hailed by many critics at the time of its release as the Soviet answer to Stanley Kubrick's "2001: A Space Odyssey." Actually, both that version and this one are a lot more like Hitchcock's "Vertigo," with their necrophilic overtones and slow, obsessive mood.

Eventually, the crew realizes the nearby planet is an intelligent entity and Clooney's wife is a merely a fabrication it has created from the memories provided by his dreams. That explains why she seems to remember parts of their courtship and marriage, but nothing from her own past; and why, despite his wish to love her again, she seems somehow ... not there. So much of what we love about other people, after all, stems from the parts kept hidden.

"Solaris" reaches its brilliant emotional peak as the character created by Clooney, whose performance is a beautifully rendered portrait of a man torn between realities, begins to doubt how well he ever knew his wife to begin with — and what that says about his marriage and his life. The film offers us no answers, but one doesn't mind. Its questions are nourishing enough.

If "Solaris" is a great film, the lion's share of credit must go to Soderbergh. While he's demonstrated his technical skill with a wide range of movies — particularly in the flashy yet overpraised "Traffic" — never have style and substance come together like this.

The film's electronic score is appropriately odd; its languid pace invites contemplation and its disjointed editing gives the flashbacks to Clooney's marriage an ephemeral poetry the movie requires to make its points about memory, reality and the elusive nature of the truth.

"Solaris" is an outer space movie through and through, but it's not a hearty actioner in the "Star Wars" mold. It's the type of sci-fi film that just about went extinct with "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" — thoughtful, evocative and curious about the possibilities of human experience.

It's one of the year's best films.

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Tea spills into Short North

By Christa Gable
Lantern arts writer

Those art connoisseurs planning to attend the Short North Holiday Hop Saturday can warm up with a cup of imported tea at the new ZenCha Tea Salon.

The ZenCha Tea Salon opened nearly a month ago for business in the Short North area and has since introduced Columbus citizens to a new cultural environment in which they can enjoy the ancient beverage.

The salon, located at 982 N. High Street, is the first specialty tea service shop in central Ohio. It has a menu of roughly 60 different hot and cold tea drinks, as well as a gourmet assortment of desserts ranging from Spanish flan to Japanese seaweed cookies.

The salon offers a museum-like, relaxing environment, which contrasts with the rushed atmosphere of coffee shops.

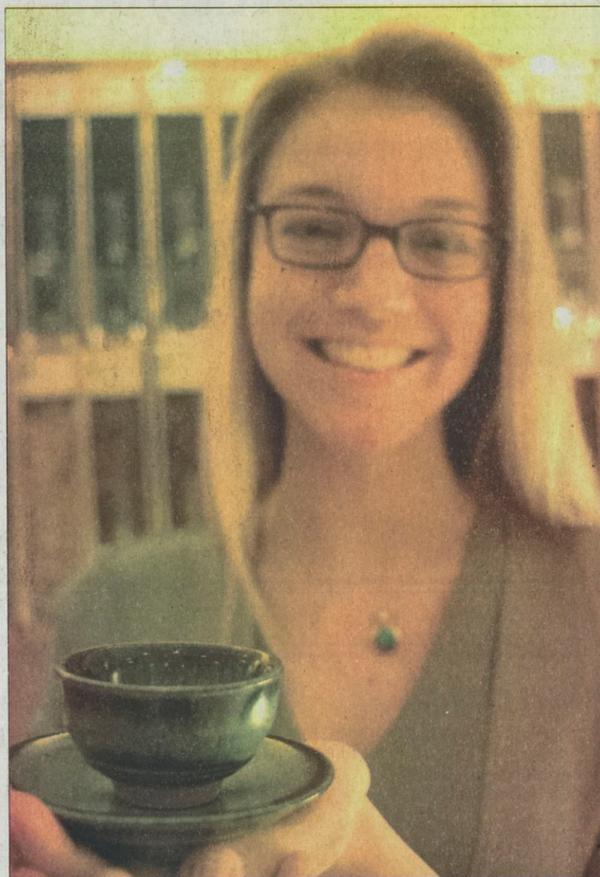
"Coffee is perceived as something people rush to get, usually on the way somewhere," said owner I-Cheng Huang. "Tea, on the other hand, has many health benefits and is more relaxing."

Huang said tea releases caffeine into the body at a rate much slower than coffee, so it energizes longer without the side effect of coming down. He also said tea can boost the immune system, is good for the digestive system, and has antioxidant properties, making it a healthier choice than coffee.

Aaron Diehr, an employee at the ZenCha Tea Salon, said although tea is different from coffee, the salon has not alienated coffee drinkers.

"We have plenty of products that could appeal to a coffee drinker," Diehr said. "We can offer something for every crowd."

The salon's menu has three categories. The "Taste of the East" line offers a wide variety of Asian teas. From Taiwan oolongs to Chinese herbal remedy teas and Japanese green teas, this line has many



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Meghan McVicker, a junior in journalism, holds up a tea cup at ZenCha Tea Salon. The shop opened last month at 982 N. High St.

authentic imported beverages.

This line also contains Indian chai teas, which Diehr said are not from concentrate. The Masala chai is a delicious creamy combination of black tea, milk and Indian spices.

The "Royalty" line brings prestigious teas from England, France and

Germany to Columbus. This line contains some of the most popular British teas such as the Buckingham Palace Garden tea — a blend of Earl Grey and jasmine.

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Christmas play is fishy enjoyment

By Maureen Coyan
Lantern arts writer

The Nutcracker and Ebenezer Scrooge are classic holiday characters, but Thurston Wheelis and Vera Carp hope to become comedy classics in "A Tuna Christmas."

The Contemporary American Theatre Company will bring "A Tuna Christmas" to Columbus for its fourth year.

This year is different because everything is brand new. CATCO has new sets, designers and costumes for the performance.

Chance Farago, spokesman for CATCO, said this production is the best selling comedy for the group.

He also said this is CATCO's first production in the Capitol Theatre, making its largest performance.

"A Tuna Christmas" is just one installment in the saga of Tuna, Texas, the third smallest town in Texas. "Greater Tuna" and "Red, White and Tuna" complete the series.

The basic plot of the show is that there are 24 hours until Christmas, and Tuna is having a Christmas pageant. Everyone in town comes out either to participate or to look at the decorations.

Every year the same person wins the contest — Vera Carp — and every year a Christmas Phantom attacks one of the entries. Questions arise about whether the phantom will return and if Vera will win or be overtaken by the "Aluminum Pie Pan Tree" or the "All I Want for Christmas" stocking filled with two male mannequins.

Farago said the play is a fictional depiction of a conservative and slightly redneck town.

"It's tongue-and-cheek, making fun of Texans, but it's not derogatory," Farago said.

The play hosts a cast of 22 characters, but there will not be 22 actors performing the roles. The acting will be divided between Jon Putnam and Jon Farris.

Putnam, a veteran performer of "A Tuna Christmas," seized the opportunity to re-invent some of his characters to coincide with the new elements brought to the production.

"My favorite character is Stanley Bumiller. He's the town iconoclast who wears his pants down around his knees, a 'Lick Bush in 2004' T-shirt and a mullet. But he also has a soft side. He loves his mother and his Aunt Pearl, but hates everyone else. I think we all know a Stanley," Putnam said.

He said the play is "broad, farcical, sometimes crass, sometimes sentimental and fast-paced."

Because the play has only two actors, costume changes are important and need to be done quickly. The job of keeping the actors and their costumes in order is held by William Childs.

Childs, a professor of American business history and modern American history, is the dresser for "A Tuna Christmas." He said the job consists of assisting the actor in removing one costume and putting on the next.

Childs said the quickest change of the production is 5 to 8 seconds, which is when the actor requires only a half costume change.

"A Tuna Christmas" has 40 costume changes, and the most difficult ones are for the women of Tuna, Childs said.

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Childs said a difficult part of being a dresser is not concerning costumes, but actually trying not to laugh.
"Sometimes a new joke appears out of nowhere, or the audience really gets a bit and the energy on stage rises to a point that a dresser has to work hard to focus on the next change," he said.
A special sneak preview of "A Tuna Christmas" will be performed at 2 p.m. Sunday. The show is free, though CATCO requests donations. All proceeds benefit Volunteers of America. Reservations are not necessary, but only 500 seats will be available for the performance.
"A Tuna Christmas" will run from Dec. 10-29 at the Capitol Theatre in the Riffe Center, 77 S. High St. Ticket prices vary. For more information, call the CATCO box office at (614) 461-0010.



COURTESY OF CATCO
Jon Putnam, left, and Jon Farris star in CATCO's "A Tuna Christmas." In the production, the pair play 24 roles, both male and female.

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It also offers a taste of Germany with the Black Forrest — a blend of black currant, apple, rose hip, rose petal and cherry and mint leaves.
"The Z Fresh Innovations," offers tea drinkers a trendy new selection with its bubble tea series. ZenCha is one of a few places that makes bubble tea in Columbus and brews it using high-quality ingredients instead of powders.
The Z special Pearl Milk Black Tea is a cold bubble tea with an original texture. This drink, as all of the other bubble teas, have honey tapioca pearls at the bottom which are sipped through the straw along with the tea.
"All of the tea lines are selling equally — none stands out more

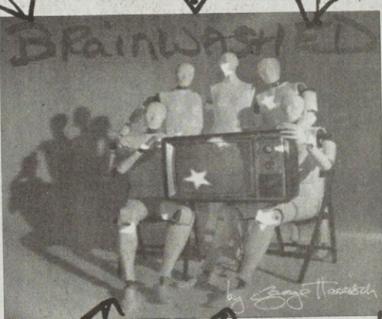
than the other," Huang said. "Some people are on a mission to try every tea on the menu."
Megan DeHaan, an Ohio State medical student, has been a regular customer since the first week of the salon's existence. She prefers the ambiance of ZenCha to Starbucks and has tried many teas on the menu.
"I've tried a wide range of the teas, and pretty much I like them all," she said. "I don't have a favorite — it depends on the mood I'm in."
The ZenCha Tea Salon offers a generous menu of teas. It also focuses on promoting art and tea culture in Columbus. Decorating the walls are authentic hand crafted tea sets from around the world, making the new salon fit perfectly into the Short North Area.
"We are trying to do more than just create a tea salon," Huang said. "It is diversity and culture that makes a city great. Our goal here is to promote tea culture and all the art forms associated with tea."
The salon promotes culture by showcasing local artists' works and by hosting a series of art and tea related seminars throughout the year. The salon is also planning to host an afternoon story tea reading.
The ZenCha Tea Salon will be open until 1 a.m. Sunday. It will showcase the dough creations of Chinese artist Chun-Kai Bao. Bao will be in the salon creating his porcelain-like art during the Hop.

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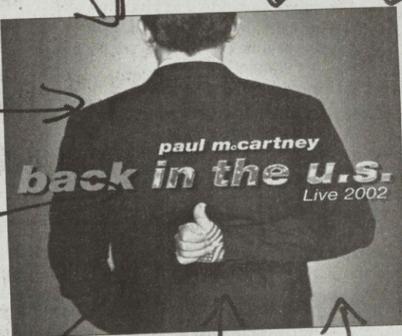
"The reception of the Sonnabend Collection has exceeded our expectations, we're getting upwards of 200 people a day on the weekends," said Karen Simonian, spokeswoman for the Wexner Center.
Two more exhibitions will open up over the next several months: one at COSI and one at the Canzani Center on the campus of Columbus College of Art and Design.
The places were chosen based not only on availability, but also on the way each building would be suited to the exhibition it is hosting.

"Supernova 3" will open at COSI May 3. Designed by Hiro Yamagata, it is a three-room installation that will use lasers, lights and mirrored cubes.
"It's a fusion of art and science, so obviously COSI is an ideal space for it," Simonian said.
The work to be displayed at the Canzani Center will also incorporate its location. The exhibition, titled "Away from Home," will feature the work of young artists from all over the country and the globe. Simonian said she felt CCAD students would relate to the exhibition, due to the artists' youth and relative anonymity.
The Wexner Center bookstore has also moved due to the renovations. The new bookstore opened at Easton about a month ago and Conlon said it has been doing well.
Throughout the renovations, performing arts and film events will continue at the Wexner Center and at Mershon Auditorium.
The renovations are set to be completed within the next nine to 15 months.

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Search on for missing prize trophy

By Brad Kane
Lantern sports editor

The 2001 men's gymnastics national championship trophy was stolen from a display case in St. John Arena the morning before the football game against Michigan.

"Friday it was there, and Saturday the glass was broken and the trophy was missing," said Miles Avery, OSU men's gymnastics coach.

Whoever took the trophy left all the other awards in the case. Among those are the last two Big Ten championship trophies and this year's runner-up national championship trophy.

"We worked very hard for that trophy, and somebody just went up and took it," Avery said.

Jamie Natalie, a captain on the 2001 championship team, said he couldn't believe someone would steal his team's title prize.

"It is really disappointing that somebody would stoop that low and take something that means so much to so many people," he said.

Raj Bhavsar, member of the 2001 team and 2002 OSU Male Athlete of the Year, said the Buckeyes do not need the trophy to know they are champions.

"The memory is still in everybody's heart that was on the team and that can't be stolen away," he said. "Still, it was a small token of our accomplishments, and I don't know why somebody would take it."

Even if the NCAA were to replace the trophy, it would not mean the same as the original trophy, Bhavsar said.

"It was the old style of trophy, and they have since switched to a new style," he said.

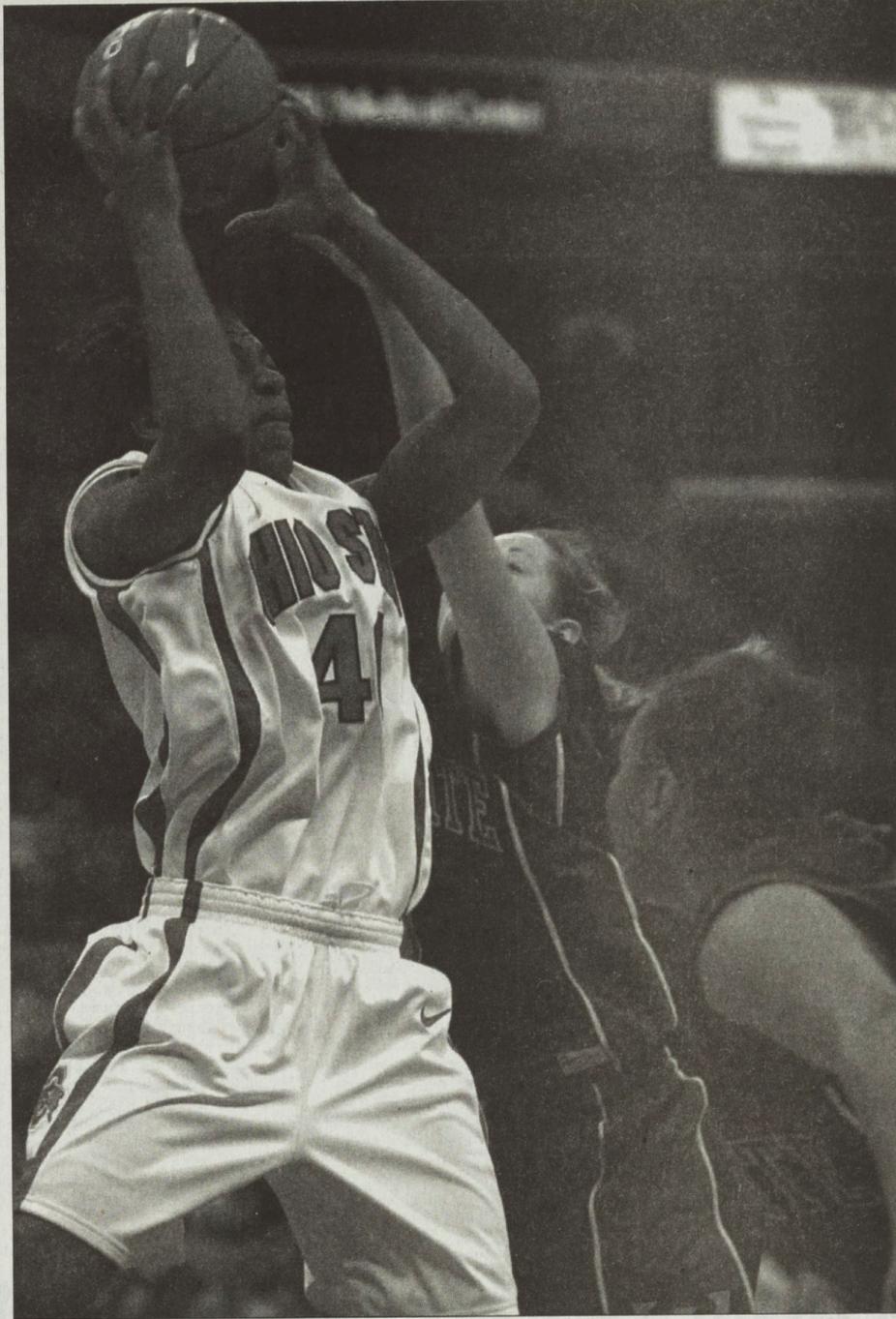
Avery still holds hope somebody took the prize as a prank and it will turn up somewhere. He said he thought it could be sitting in somebody's house or it could be a prank because now the football team is in the national championship.

"I hope it shows up at the Fiesta Bowl — like some fan is holding it up," Natalie said. "Then we get the trophy back and get some national exposure."

After the case was broken, police took the shards of glass and dusted them for fingerprints. Leann Parker, spokeswoman for OSU athletics, said the information about the trophy was withheld to give the police a chance to search for the perpetrator.

No one has been arrested for the theft, and the trophy is yet to be recovered.

"It is really crummy that somebody would do that," Bhavsar said. "Our team worked really hard that year and that was the symbol of our success."



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Forward Dwan Shackelford powers up a shot against Wayne State on Nov. 26. The Buckeyes went on to win that game, their home opener, 100-57.

Green Bay in team's sights

By Abby G. Hludzik
Lantern sports writer

The Ohio State women's basketball team heads to the Phoenix Sports Center Saturday for its next contest against the Wisconsin-Green Bay Phoenix.

The Phoenix just came off a 83-72 win against the University of Miami Saturday, setting a team record with 16 three-pointers.

Senior guard Elizabeth Dudley led the scoring with a career high of 21 points to earn the Most Valuable Player award of the Oneida Bingo and Casino Holiday Tournament.

Other Phoenix players to watch are senior guard Kristy Loiselle and senior center Chandra Johnson, who were both selected to the all-tournament team.

The triple threat of Dudley, Loiselle and Johnson will be tough competition for the Buckeyes.

OSU proved successful when they defeated Hartford University 77-49 in a consolation game of the Coors Classic Tournament, on Saturday in Boulder, Colo.

Senior forward Courtney Coleman led the scoring with 18 points. She was 16-18 from the field for the tournament and was named to the Coors Classic all-tournament team, finishing with 35 points for the two-day event.

The Buckeyes took advantage of Hartford's mistakes by scoring 24 points off turnovers compared to Hartford's 11 and outscored the Hawks 44-18 under the net. OSU also tallied 14 fast-break points against the Hawks' four.

The win against Hartford was a boost for the Buckeyes after losing 58-51 to Villanova University in the first game of the Coors Classic.

"I'm disappointed about

the loss," Coleman said. "We didn't come out ready to play. Villanova is a great shooting team. We didn't execute offensively until the last minute of the game."

Although OSU out-shot Villanova 44.7 to 40.4 percent from the field, Villanova was able to squeeze ahead and win.

"Games like this bring into focus all the things you must do to be successful," said OSU women's basketball coach Jim Foster. "Our spacing was poor and we were in a hurry to get places."

"We need to figure out who we are and how we want to compete," he said.

The Coors Classic was the first tournament the Buckeyes have played under Foster and his staff's coaching.

"We are all new this year," Foster said. "Right now everybody on this team is essentially a freshman and we are going to learn things along the way."

The Buckeyes seem to be good at bouncing back, whether after a loss or rallying in the second half for the win. After a few minor adjustments were made in the home opener against Wayne State University, OSU dominated 100-57.

"It feels good to be back," said junior forward LaToya Turner about the game. "We knew Wayne State was a good three-point shooting team, so we weren't surprised with their ability to hit the three. At halftime we talked about it, and we made the adjustments."

These adjustments are still being made, said Foster.

"We just don't have a frame of reference yet," Foster said. "We saw some things against Villanova that we didn't like, but this time (against Hartford) we came out and grew up a little bit."

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Plenty of time for overtime

By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Two simple reasons why the NFL is on the verge of breaking the single-season record for overtime games: the 2-point conversion and the salary cap.

Both took effect in 1994 — the 2-pointer to add more options for coaches, the salary cap to promote parity.

Is it a coincidence that there were seven overtime games in 1993, but 16 in 1994? And 21 in 1995? That's a record that's almost sure to be broken. There have been 20 overtimes already this season, with four weeks left.

In fact, in the 8 3/4 seasons since the changes, the NFL has averaged 15.1 overtimes. The average was 10 a season in the first 20 years of overtime, when there was no 2-point rule and no cap.

That fulfills the prophecy of the late George Young, chairman of the competition committee at the time the 2-pointer was adapted and later the NFL's vice president for football operations: "We put it in for eight and 11, to make it easier for teams to catch up," he said at the time.

Eight and 11? Before 1994, a team that trailed by eight points was two scores behind, and one that was 11 points down needed two TDs rather than a TD and a field goal.

That can lead to games like the one last Sunday, when Tennessee trailed the Giants by eight, scored a touchdown in the last 10 seconds, converted a 2-pointer, and went on to win in overtime. One reason the Titans were losing by eight was Giants coach Jim Fassel's decision to go for a 2-pointer — the play failed — at the start of the fourth quarter.

Then there's parity. "There's not a lot that separates the really good teams from the average teams. We need to find a way to win these games,"

says kicker Jason Elam, whose Broncos lost their last two games in overtime.

The Broncos (1-2 in overtime) are among five teams that have gone beyond four periods in three different games. The others are San Diego (3-0), Buffalo (2-1), Atlanta (1-1-1) and Chicago (1-2).

Even more telling, only 10 of the 32 teams haven't played extra time: Baltimore, Cincinnati, Houston, Jacksonville, Miami, Carolina, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Seattle and Washington.

The parity shows up in other stats, too.

Nearly half the games this season — 95 of 192 or 49.4 percent — have been decided by seven points or fewer.

The kings of parity are the Giants (6-6). Ten of their 12 games have been decided by seven points or fewer — and even the two that weren't (a 17-3 loss in Philadelphia and a 21-7 loss in Arizona) were tight until the very end.

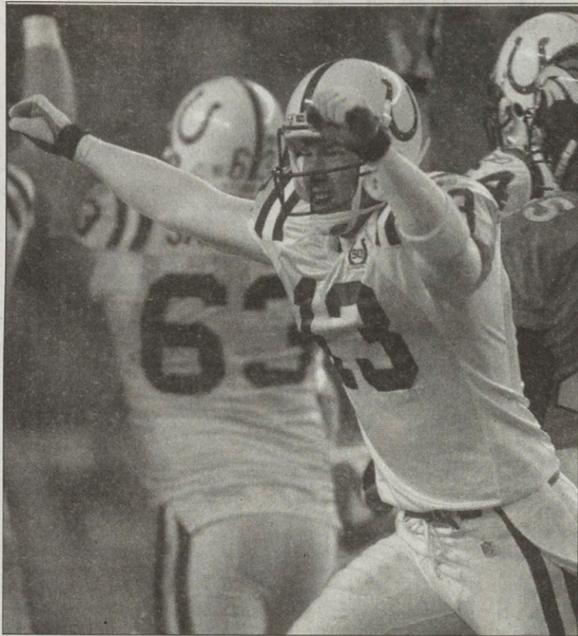
The early trend this season was for the team that won the toss at the start of overtime to win, prompting cries for changes in the system to give both teams a shot.

Two games were cited most. One was San Francisco's win over Oakland. The 49ers kept the ball for 30 straight plays and 15 minutes bridging the end of regulation and the start of overtime, finally wearing down an exhausted Raiders defense.

The other was the game in which Detroit coach Marty Mornhinweg chose to take the wind rather than the ball at the start of overtime, and the Bears scored on their first possession.

Then there is the first tie in five years, 34-all between Pittsburgh and Atlanta. It confused both teams even though it might ultimately help both — it keeps them out of playoff tiebreakers.

"I had to keep telling the players it wasn't a loss," Steelers



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Indianapolis Colts kicker Mike Vanderjagt (13) reacts after kicking a 51-yard field goal in overtime to beat the Denver Broncos 23-20 Sunday, Nov. 24, 2002, in Denver.

coach Bill Cowher said. "It doesn't feel as good as a win, but it doesn't feel as bad as a loss."

Among the suggestions for change:

— Giving each team at least one possession.

— Using the college system, in which each team gets to start at the opponents' 25, and the teams alternate possessions until one wins.

— Requiring six points to win in sudden death — a touchdown or two field goals — instead of a single field goal (the least likely).

Those changes, among others, will be discussed at the annual owners' meetings in March. But because 24 votes are needed to change, any new plan will have trouble passing.

And over the season, things have evened out.

Last week, for example, all three teams that won the toss at the start of overtime lost: the Giants to Tennessee, Denver to San Diego, and Minnesota to Atlanta.

That brings this year's count to 12-7-1: Twelve toss-winners have won, seven lost and the tie.

That's closer to the norm. Entering this season, 51 percent of overtime games were won by teams that won the toss, 43 percent by the team that lost the toss and 6 percent ended in ties.

The ties are becoming more rare — the one this year was the first since 1997.

But nothing indicates that the overtimes won't keep coming.

Ex-Indian's arrival raises excitement

By Michael Rubinkam
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Phillies manager Larry Bowa thought it felt like 1979 again.

After Jim Thome, the most coveted hitter in the free-agent market, agreed to an \$85 million, six-year contract, Bowa said fan reaction reminded him of when one of baseball's most exciting players came to Philadelphia and helped the Phillies win the World Series the following year.

"This is the most excitement I've seen since Pete Rose came here as a player," Bowa said.

He wasn't the only one seeing victories in the offering. Thome said only one thing would have persuaded him to leave Cleveland.

"It comes down to winning. It really does," the 32-year-old first baseman said at a news conference Tuesday.

Thome gets a \$10 million signing bonus, \$9.5 million next year, \$10.5 million in 2006 and \$14 million in each of the final two seasons. Philadelphia has a \$13 million option for 2009 with a \$3 million buyout.

The average annual value of \$14,166,667 is the 15th-highest in baseball.

The Phillies, unwilling to spend money in the past, are aggressively trying to improve as they prepare to move into their new ballpark in 2004. They agreed to a \$17 million, four-year contract with third baseman David Bell on Nov. 24. Philadelphia also has a \$30 million, three-year offer out to free agent left-hander Tom Glavine, a two-time NL Cy Young award winner.

Thome said Bell's signing had a big impact on his decision to come to Philadelphia.

"He's a tough player," Thome said. "He makes no excuses. The bottom line is those are the kind of guys you want to go to war with."

He also said he'd be willing to call Glavine himself, prompting Phillies general manager Ed Wade to jokingly place a cell phone on the podium in front of him.

Wade said his long pursuit of Thome was "excruciating," but well worth it.

"We've taken a huge step forward here, both on the field and in our clubhouse," Wade said.

Persuading Thome to leave Cleveland wasn't easy. He had spent his entire career there and intended to retire in an Indians uniform. But with Cleveland rebuilding after a near-decade of dominance in the AL Central, Thome decided his best chance to get back to the World Series was with Phillies.

"The Indians are going in a way they want to go and I respect that," he said. "I've loved that organization and I still will."

Thome fought back tears when asked about the role his wife, Andrea, played in their decision.

"My wife is my rock," he said, then left the stage to compose himself while Wade and manager Larry Bowa fielded questions. Several minutes later, Thome strode back to the podium and quipped: "I hate when my allergies kick in."

Thome, who hit a club-record 52 homers for the Indians last season, turned down a \$60-million, five-year offer from the Indians, who drafted him in the 13th round of the 1989 draft. The left-handed slugger has a .287 batting average, 334 homers and 927 RBIs in a 12-year major league career.

Cleveland Indians owner Larry Dolan said in a statement that he was "disappointed" that Thome had decided to leave. But "to go beyond what we offered in that package ... would have been inconsistent with our plans to bring back a championship-caliber team to Cleveland as soon as possible," Dolan said.

Thome said the players union didn't pressure him to take the best offer on the table.

"Not one minute did they say that to my agent and not one minute did they ever call me," he said.

Bowa hasn't decided where Thome will bat in the order. Young slugger Pat Burrell will probably bat between Thome and Bobby Abreu, giving the Phillies one of the NL's best power lineups.

Thome's new teammates were clearly excited by his arrival. Bowa fielded calls from Burrell, Abreu, shortstop Jimmy Rollins, catcher Mike Lieberthal and pitcher Randy Wolf, and "to a man they said they can hardly wait till spring training starts," Bowa said.

Letter to St. Nick: here is all I want for the holidays



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Dear Santa, I see that I'm already behind in getting you my wish list this year, and based on past experiences, the native Clevelander in me is getting smacked in the eye with a big piece of coal. So I figured I better FedEx this letter so I have the chance at getting the only thing that I really want this year.

But before I ask you for that big gift, I just wanted to let you know I passed on the basics usually found in this type of letter. But who am I kidding, they would have been overlooked for some other poor sap who's too busy raising their cholesterol levels with a nice, tall glass of egg nog.

Was it my interest in the Indians vanishing like a vapor trail during mid-season that led someone else to get the wish of Jim Thome leaving for Philadelphia?

I thought you'd be strong enough to lay off of the temptation of those cheesesteaks Santa, I mean come on, everyone knows you're a cookie guy.

Of course, the market will do the talk-

ing, and if Mr. Thome is worth \$87 million then I guess your not the one to blame. I know this takes away the sting of those local Philadelphians booing somebody besides you. But maybe I can get a gift certificate worth an owner who can afford to pay for my college education, let alone a major league club.

And I know I flooded the elves with phone calls, but after all, they do resemble the great Browns logo of years ago. Which is why I have to ask, couldn't us Cleveland folk have a chance to think about actually making the playoffs? And of all the teams to make Miracle on 34th Street a reality, you give a Carolina Panthers fan what they wanted, an end to an eight-game losing streak.

I know "The Pump" from Reebok was a popular request back in Christmas of '92, but the reincarnation of some other guy named Dee Brown and a career total of 122 rush yards wasn't worth the wick of a candle. I guess five turnovers will do anybody in for a bad day, so I'll let this one slide. I will thank you for the early

present of a running game as of late, but it would be nice if the gift set would include a consistently-balanced offense, kind of like that TECMO Super Bowl game I got for Nintendo years ago.

And please don't take offense to the orange jerseys and helmet combination because they offended the reindeer; the only thing that was being shot at was the Browns chance of a wild-card spot.

Before I make the big request, I wanted to make a quick little pitch for a stocking stuffer: a professional basketball team worth representing the state of Ohio. I know it will be a gift that I will appreciate down the road, kind of like those ornaments I get every year that mom keeps saying, "Now you'll have something to put on your own tree."

I like how DeJuan Wagner and Darius Miles have the looks to be stars, and I'll consider the switch back to the wine and gold uniforms next season an early Christmas bonus. But 15 straight losses? I'll just leave it at that so I can save you the trouble of reading about any Cincin-

nati Bengal references. All I ask, for the time being, is that Ricky Davis will become Jimmy Stewart and realize that he really has a wonderful life.

So here it is, the big request, right out in the open with no repercussions of monetary value or items that I will return the next day. And I know you'll like this request because I won't be the only one who will enjoy it. Here it is.

A national championship for the Ohio State Buckeyes. That's right, plain and simple. I want the scoreboard to show that the scarlet and gray have more points than whoever they play on Jan. 3, 2003 in Tempe, AZ. at Sun Devil Stadium. I don't have the address, but I'm sure you can find your way there.

Grant me this wish and I'll gladly give up all of my requests for the next 20 years. For the good of the university, the state and alumni everywhere I am willing to put it in writing at everyone's request.

It's only football, of course, and I know there are more important things, but

think of all the happy people who could pause for a moment and take a little stress away from their busy lives to enjoy such a momentous occasion.

Heck, come see for yourself how the excitement rings through the air in this city, and I promise you that nobody will tip over your sleigh and set it on fire. And I know you've had your part in advertising this over the last 14 weeks as a deal that Macy's shoppers couldn't refuse.

Furthermore, I know that the North Pole doesn't have access to ESPN "Game Plan," and that you've been watching us all season long. Don't deny it St. Nick, your jacket is red.

So that's it, plain and simple. I'll stop bothering you and let you get back to work.

Thanks for taking the time to read this, and I can promise you that the only thing that may shoot out of our eyes is some tears of joy, no not from a Red Rider BB-gun, but from saying "Ohio State Buckeyes, No.1."

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Across

- Scribble, as a note
- Move up the mountain
- eBay attempt
- Where the anvil and stirrup are
- The first pope
- Get ___ for effort (barely try)
- Jackie Chan movie of 2002
- Dem.'s rival
- Card game with a multicolored deck
- The N in TNT
- They come with hardback books
- Former Indy 500 champ Bobby
- Pennsylvania city, or its lake
- Buck Rogers portrayer ___ Gerard
- It may be benign
- Utterly pathetic
- Washington is on them
- "Politically Incorrect" comedian Bill
- Pioneering type
- Sixteenth of a pound
- Tex-Mex chain ___ Pablo's
- de France
- Brought a case to court

Down

- Sky transportation
- One of Hawaii's islands
- The way things are going
- Brain of a computer, for short
- First name of a Superman foe
- Suffix with Manhattan
- ___ school (where some go after college)
- Wild horse out West
- Does some swapping
- It keeps bodies moving
- Booted from power, as a dictator
- Prospective freshmen might get one of campus
- "South Park" character
- 1600 is perfect on it
- Hitchhiker's tool
- Actor Malcolm ___ Warner

25 Hello, on 2-down

28 Wasn't hung up on

29 Totally destroyed

30 Most healthy, as a cut of meat

32 Land retained for Native American use, casually

35 Command to a dog to attack

37 Best Picture nominee of 1981

39 Southpaw

40 A golfer may pitch from it

43 Kid, south of the border

46 You can contribute up to \$2,000 a year to it

47 ___-di-dah (pretentious)

48 Prefix with tourism

49 ___ volente (God willing)

50 Give a yank

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2452-2458 N. High St. - Beautiful 1920's townhouse 2 BDR, 1 bath, and basement. Hardwood floors, crown molding, updated kitchen & bathroom. Located in quiet, grassy courtyard off High St. Immediate availability. No pets. \$540/mo. \$540 deposit. 12 month lease required. 261-8201, M-F, 9-5.

3170 RIVERVIEW Circle - 2 bedroom flat located north of campus. A/C, on-site laundry, and off-street parking. Call Paul 284-7833 or Buckeye Real Estate 294-5511.

401 E. Oakland. New kitchen & bath, off-street parking, hardwood floors, lots of closet space. \$695/mo + utilities. Ask about our discount program. Check out the pictures and floorplan at this apartment at www.metro-rentals.com 464-4000.

4040 N. High St., nice 2 bedroom in Clintonville, across from Whetstone Park. On busline, off-street parking, laundry room, 1 cat okay. From \$495/mo. (614)262-9988. www.brixtonproperties.com

4917 FULLER, Morse & High, 2/bdr, 1/bath, hardwood floors, basement, newly renovated, \$575/month. 771-1111 7rent.com

606 RIVERVIEW Dr. - Awesome 2 bedroom flats located 1.5 miles north of campus. Units offer a/c, ceiling fans, coin-op laundry, dishwasher, and off-street parking. Buckeye Real Estate 294-5511.

79 E. 11th Ave. Spacious 2 BDR AC, parking, no pets. \$450/mo. Call 263-6301.

UNFURNISHED 2 BEDROOM
61 E. 8th Ave. - Townhouse, carpet, hardwood floors, appliances, w/d hook-up furnished, a/c, parking. \$370/month. 886-6357.

639 RIVERVIEW Dr. - 2 bedroom flat, a/c, on-site laundry, off-street parking, courtyard. Heat included! Buckeye Real Estate 294-5511 or Tina 262-5950

656 RIVERVIEW Dr. - Spacious 2 bedroom townhouse features central air, off-street parking, basement with w/d hook-up, some with new windows. Buckeye Real Estate 294-5511.

773 RIVERVIEW Dr. - 2 bedroom flats, some remodeled w/dishwasher and microwave, on-site laundry, new windows, off-street parking, a/c. Buckeye Real Estate 294-5511.

79 E. 11th Avenue. Spacious 2 bedroom, A/C, parking, no pets, \$475/month. Call 263-6301.

88 E. 11th Ave. - Available now and Fall! 2 bedroom w/d, new kitchen and bath, dishwasher, new windows, central air, den with washer/dryer and off-street parking. Buckeye Real Estate 294-5511.

ABSOLUTE BEST deal off campus! Attention undergrads & grad students. Now leasing 1, 2 & 3 bedroom garden & townhouse apartments. Washer/dryer hookups, fully appointed kitchen, mini-blinds included. Very nice! Ask about our student security deposit discount. Call Wake Robin Apartments, 846-0253.

AVAIL RIGHT NOW. South campus, near med buildings, 2 bd, 1 ba, upstairs, cozy apt. w/off-street parking, laundry, miniscule utility bill. \$395/mo + dep. No pets. 523-4075.

AVAILABLE CLOSE to campus, 2 bedroom with all appliances, front porch, off-street parking, and the gas heat is included in the rent. \$620. 88A Realty 614-273-0111.

AVAILABLE NOW - 80 E. Tompkins South of Clintonville/OSU area. Completely restored Victorian duplex, 2 large bdrs, full attic, ceiling fans throughout, carpeted, carpeted w/berber tile foyer & bath. Storm windows & screens w/mini-blinds, stove & refrigerator, central air, full basement w/W/D hook-up, security system. \$750/month. Call, 459-4244.

AVAILABLE NOW - Huge newly remodeled 2 & 3 bdr flats near corner of E. 12th & Summit. 1 1/2 & 2 full baths, DW, C/A, gas heat, off-street parking, on-site laundry, \$595-\$795/month + utilities. 291-5001.

BEAUTIFUL 2 bedroom, 2 full bath apartment with finished basement in Short North area. Comes equipped with all new appliances, plenty of parking, considered one of the best looking properties on King Ave. rents are reasonably priced, pets are negotiable call 646-4693 for details. Ideal for up to 3 people.

BEAUTIFUL - 3285 Reis Ave. Available now - Clintonville: Super clean 2 bdr townhouse w/d hkup, big kitchen, carpet, new paint, blinds, & appl. prk. ez 171 acc. Pets OK. \$550/mo, \$300 deposit. 614-296-7548.

BRAND NEW contemporary 2/bdr. Safe, HW floors, attic loft, \$760/month. 316-5989, www.GALLERYhop.com

CLINTONVILLE - 4271 Indianola 2 bedroom townhouse w/hardwood floors, c/a, basement, w/d hookup, garage. \$695. 262-5345.

CLINTONVILLE On High St. busline (Doddridge-High area), immaculate 2bdr + study room in quiet, security building. Non-smokers only. Appliances, carpet, mini-blinds, laundry. Absolutely no pets. \$595 includes gas heat. 262-1211.

CLINTONVILLE: 3181 Dorris. Large 2 bedroom apartment, a/c, parking. Next to bike path & Como Park. No basement, no w/d hookup. \$655, 262-5345. (Available late December or January).

CLINTONVILLE: 3810 N. High. Large 2 bedroom apartment w/dringing room, hardwood floors, central a/c, basement, w/d hookup, garage. \$695. No dogs. Available January. 262-5345.

EAST AVE/NORTH OSU free rent, townhouse, hardwood floors, \$575/mo. Future Realty, 488-2449.

EXCELLENT MODERN 2/bdr, A/C, new carpet, off-street parking, furnished/unfurnished, \$465/555, 267-7508.

FREE FT Sawmill Athletic Club membership. 10 minutes north of OSU off route 315. 2 bedroom townhouse, 1 1/2 baths, w/d hook-up. Starting \$699.00. Lease now & get \$500.00 off 1st month or new w/d. 889-1554.

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FREE RENT, dep discount, North OSU/Clintonville area, near Big Bear. \$495/month, Future R.E. 488-2449.

GRANDVIEW, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 2nd floor flat. Hardwood floors, c/a, basement, garage, dishwasher, washer/dryer, no dogs. Available December 1. \$675/mo. Call 614-599-0404.

HUGE 2 BDR in Victorian Village! Must see 2 BDR in historic structure with hardwood floors located in quiet neighborhood. Beautiful and only \$700! Call 299-4110. www.OhioStateRentals.com

JUST COMPLETED! Hunter @ W. 10th Ave! Extensively redone all brick townhouse. 25' living/dining room, all new kitchen w/stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave. All new deluxe bath, new windows, new a/c, very large bed rooms wired for internet, etc. Full basement w/washer & dryer included! Front porch, awesome decor, & more! Now nicer! Available now! \$750/month. John Kost RE/MAX Realtors 410-1826.

LARGE 2 Bedroom townhouse, north campus, dishwasher, carpet, \$550/mo. 2313 East Ave. RZ Realty, 486-7070.

MODERN TOWNHOUSE. 2 bedroom suite. Central heat & air, dishwasher, disposal, laundry, private floor & bath each resident. \$300/person. Dave, 989-3957.

NEAR CAMPUS - 2 bdrs, 1 bath, C/A, remodeled, some new row kitchen. 2 finished basement rooms. Only \$450/mo. 774-1853; 631-3543.

NEW LISTING! Hunter @ W. 10th Ave! Immaculate all brick townhouse. 25' living/ding room, nice kitchen w/stove & refrigerator, very large bedrooms, full basement w/washer & dryer included! Front porch, fresh neutral decor, & more! Available now! \$590/month. John Kost, RE/MAX Realtors 410-1826.

NEWLY REMODELED 2 bedroom garden apartments. \$499-\$539. Ga-hanna area. 614-478-4800.

NEWLY RENOVATED! 128-130 E. Duncan St. Great location. 2 bdr & 1 1/2 bath apartment for rent. w/d hookup, available for show 1st week of Dec. \$650/month + utilities. Call 740-657-3610.

NORTH CAMPUS, Tompkins St. 1BDR, discounted deposit, newer carpet, A/C, parking. \$445. 847-7553.

NORTH CAMPUS. 2 Bedroom. \$465/mo. Appliances, carpet, A/C. campusapartment.com, 527-9655.

NORTH CAMPUS: 2 BDR all new, very nice - must see! 130-132 E. Maynard. \$595/mo. 214-7526/263-7125.

NORTHWEST TOWNHOME, 2/bdr, 1 1/2 bath, modern furnished, ample parking. Less than 10 minutes to OSU. \$700/month, 451-7783.

NOW! 2 bdrm 15th & Summit, a/c, large, carpet, laundry. 273-7775.

ONLY 2 left! luka Park Commons located at 442 E. Northwood Ave. Totally remodeled 2 bedroom units with all the extras. Central air, off-street parking, on-site laundry, new carpet & more. Model open daily 12-6pm. Call 294-1684 for more information.

OSU NEAR Lane & High St. 2 BDR townhouse, redecorated, carpeted, appliances, good condition. 9 E. Norwich. \$575/mo. Robbins Realty 444-6871.

OSU NORTH of Campus. 3 BDR half-double home between 4th St. and deadend. Good condition. 527 E. Tompkins Ave. Robbins Realty 444-6871.

PATTERSON/HIGH, FREE RENT NORTH OSU, townhouse, central air. \$595/mo. Future Realty. 488-2449.

RENTING FOR fall. Some of campus best. Modern furnished & unfurnished two B/R apartments, about 8 minutes walking distance to OSU Union. Facing OSU bus stop. C/A, new carpeting, private parking. \$535-\$755/month. Call 267-7508.

SPACIOUS 1 & 2 bedroom apartments close campus. Owner pays water. 459-1417.

SPACIOUS HOUSE 2 bdr 1st floor apt. w/C.A. full basement, off-street parking, 1 door E. of Wendys @ 9th facing Gateway Project. \$550 plus deposit. No pets. Available late October. 523-4075.

TOWNHOUSE 2/BDR, lovely fireplace, quiet, all-natural wood-work, Off-street parking, W/D hook-up. No pets. \$610/month. 2400 Indiana. 459-4636.

TWO BEDROOM apartment in the grad student "Green House" in Victorian Village. Only \$510/month. In a quieter, safer neighborhood. Close to OSU Medical school and OSU Hospital & medical school. No smoking - no pets. 614-206-0967 (call daytime 9-5) e-mail: thallp@yahoo.com

VERY NICE 2 bdr townhouse, yard, porch, walk to OSU, off-street parking. \$450/month. 877-9819.

VICTORIAN VILLAGE 2 bedroom townhouse only \$510.00. No smoking or pets. Laundry hook-up in basement. Easy walk to the law school and OSU Medical school. Graduate students also welcomed. No smoking or pets. 206-9967 (call daytime 9-5).

VICTORIAN VILLAGE - Deluxe 2 bedrooms, close to Arena district. Some w/d, some w/water included. Floors, unique designs & more. Close to park, great location! Call Sonnenblichl Apts. 221-5921.

VICTORIAN VILLAGE. 2 bdrm \$650/month & large 2 bdrm \$700/month. Gas & water included. Laundry facilities, parking, safe & security. 777-4299 or 638-5353.

W. 8TH AVE. \$475/mo. AC, DW, cable/roadrunner, off-street parking, all new. Pets negotiable. NO SMOKING. 298-0239.

UNFURNISHED 3 BEDROOM
1359 N 4th - 3 bdr, 1 bath house w/appls. \$860/month. Advanced Realty Mgmt, Inc. 861-1441 ext 207.

1545 INDIANOLA Ave. - Available Now and Fall 3 bedroom flat offers, a/c, off-street parking, on-site laundry, front deck, dishwashers, and 1.5 baths. Buckeye Real Estate 294-5511.

1596 HIGHLAND - Spacious 3 bedroom flat offers A/C, carpeting, off-street parking and 2 baths. Call Buckeye Real Estate at 294-5511.

180 CHITTENDEN Ave. - Available now and Fall! Recently updated three bedroom flats offer a/c, dishwasher, and off-street parking. Located close to classes. Buckeye Real Estate 294-5511.

1879 N 4th St. Apt A. 3 BDR, 1 bath. First month free. \$495/mo. 861-1441.

2070 INDIANOLA - 3 bedroom, hardwood floors, \$775/month. 937-6898.

2083 N. 4TH. townhouse w/three large bedrooms, hardwood floors, separate dining-room. Located south of luka Ravine, \$725/month. 294-9464.

2320 SUMMIT - Nice 3 bedroom garden w/d, central air, north campus. W/D hookup. \$650, 226-5589.

2359 SUMMIT ST. 3 BDR 1/2 double, nicely updated, new furnace/A/C, dishwasher, W/D, ADT security system, private off-street parking. Hands on! full time landlord. Available now. \$750/mo. 440-6214.

2581 EAST Avenue. North campus. Hardwood floors, off-street parking, central air, W/D in full basement, front porch, attentive private owner. 263-8322.

275 E. 13th Ave. - Available now and Fall! 3 bedroom town home, hardwood floors, central air, W/D in full basement, front porch, attentive private owner. 263-8322.

293 E. 15th Avenue. Carpet, laundry, disposal, dishwasher, appliances, central air, gas heat, off-street parking. \$675/month. Steve, 297-9926 or 740-398-3472.

2966 INDIANOLA Ave. 3 Bedroom, garage, W/D, \$750/month. 430-9178

299 E. 19th Ave. \$995. Huge, four floor townhouse, beautiful hardwood floors, new AC, new kitchen, new bath, fans, blinds, don't wait! \$100 Security Deposit. NorthSteppe Realty, 299-4110. www.OhioStateRentals.com

3 BDR Home, bright & open, north campus, fenced yard, W/D, up/down, area, pets OK. \$900/mo + deposit. (704) 967-0730.

3 BEDROOM Apt. E. 15th & N. 4th. Gas, electric, & water paid by owner. Balcony, laundry room in building. Pets negotiable. Sunrise Properties, Inc. 846-5577.

3 BEDROOM half double, W. Maynard. W/D, off-street parking, walk to campus. \$695. 850-9473, 206-5855.

3 BEDROOM half house, 325 E. 13th. Carpet, nice, \$465. 475-5523.

3 BEDROOM town home, pets welcome, new hardwood floors, gas heat, owner pays gas. \$795/month. 1616(B) N. 4th St. 614-884-3324.

3 BEDROOM townhouse. First and last month free! Clean, modern, carpet, central air, W/D hook-ups, basement. \$675/mo. 784-0656.

3 BEDROOM, 1/2 double. Clintonville. \$650/month, call 519-2044.

3 BEDROOMS, south campus from \$565.00. 291-5416, 299-6840.

3 BR, 1/2 double, 139 W. 9th Ave. 2 LR, 1 K, full basement, washer, hookup, parking available. \$800/month. Short-term lease. 486-2095, 561-5058.

3 BRS for only \$499! OSU location! free w/d & dishwasher! www.OhioStateRentals.com 614-299-4110.

3-4 BEDROOM half-double. Very nice, refinished hardwood floors, dishwasher, AC, newer windows. \$77 W. Maynard. \$900/mo. RZ Realty, 486-7070.

3-4 BEDROOM remodeled half-double. AC, parking, W/D hook-up. \$880/mo. 266 E. 13th Ave. RZ Realty, 486-7070.

42 W. Blake Ave. - Huge 3 BDR, 1 bathroom half-double with office & unfinished 4th basement. Hardwood floors, updated kitchen & bathroom, built-in bar, W/D hook-ups, great front & rear porches. Available immediately for 12 month lease. No pets permitted. \$725/mo. \$725 deposit. Call 261-6882, M-F, 9-5pm.

\$100 SECURITY deposit. 181 Clinton St., 3/bdr half doubles. New kitchens & Dishwasher. Rent & deposit specials. Available now. 630-7988.

\$100 SECURITY deposit. 170 Clinton St. 3 to 4 person 1/2 double, hardwood floors, new kitchen, dishwasher, new furnace. Available now. 630-7988.

\$100 SECURITY deposit. 2598 Dayton Ave. Hardwood floors, new kitchen, new windows. Available now. 630-7988.

\$1200/MONTH. 3-4 bedroom half double across from OSU hospital, everything new, dishwasher, W/D, security system, C/A, basement, off-street parking, short term lease available. private owner. 267-7277.

*** 1524 A. B.** 1 bath, jacuzzi tub, decks, wood-burning fireplaces, ceiling fans, gas heat, AC, cathedral ceiling/skylights (unit B), off-street parking, pre-wired for security. \$870-900. 294-7057.

*** 195 E. 16th** St. Sublet. 2 full baths, jacuzzi tub, decks, FFs, covered parking, gas heat, ceiling fans, AC, courtyard, pre-wired for security. \$1125. 294-7067.

*** 34 PATTERSON.** 1 full bath, front porch & deck, hardwood floors, washer, off-street parking. Off-street parking. \$650. 294-7067.

AVAILABLE NOW - Huge newly remodeled 2 & 3 bdr flats near corner of E. 12th & Summit. 1 1/2 & 2 full hkup, big kitchen, carpet, new paint, vinyl, blinds, & appl. prk, ez 171 acc. Pets OK. \$625/mo, \$300 deposit. 614-296-7548.

CLINTONVILLE - 181 W. Pacefront half double, 3 bedroom hardwood floors, appliances, basement, w/d hookup, fenced yard, storm, water paid. \$665. 486-7779.

CLINTONVILLE - 3 bedroom townhouse. Available now. Hardwood floors, w/d hookup. Nic, safe, area. \$750/month. 267-1336.

CLINTONVILLE AREA 3 BDR half-double. Beautiful hardwood floors, garage, basement, W/D hook-ups, updated kitchen. 2462 Dering. Only \$695/mo. RZ Realty, 486-7070.

109 E. 11th Ave. - Recently remodeled 3 bedroom half double, dishwasher, off-street parking, front porch, A/C. Buckeye Real Estate 294-5511.

825 MAYNARD near N. High. 3 BDR, 2 bath house. Hardwood floors, no pets. \$825/mo. Call 263-6301.

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EAST MAYNARD near N. High, 3 bedroom, 2 bath house, hardwood floors, no pets, \$750/month. Call 263-6301.

GERMAN VILLAGE 3-bedroom, 2 car garage. Enormous living room with Cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors, w/d included. Steps to Park. Sort term lease available. \$1,150/month. \$1,500 source. Robert Bickis 445-9439.

GRANDVIEW HOME, 1156 Norton Ave. Carpeted, appliances, 1st floor laundry w/d. Grad students families preferred. Short-term lease available. \$1075/mo. 291-7480.

GREAT LOCATION! North Campus three bedroom apartment-off street parking, all amenities, security system. \$1,100. Norwich, 614-436-7845.

HOUSE For Rent in quiet neighborhood. Great for grad student or young family. \$975/month w/d deposit. No pets. 740-587-4582.

ITALIAN VILLAGE, renovated, hardwood floors, fireplace, W/D, A/C, off-street parking. \$850/month. 614-395-6171.

JUST COMPLETED! Hunter @ W. 10th Ave. Extensively redone & gorgeous brick building. Short-term living/renting room, all new kitchen w/stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave & more. All new deluxe bath, new carpet, new a/c, very large bedrooms wired for internet, etc. Full basement w/washer & dryer included! Front porch, awesome deck & more! Note: renter's insurance now \$1,050/month. John Kost RE/MAX Realtors 410-1826.

JUST REMODELED! 3 bedroom on 14th Ave. 206-1133.

N. HIGH near Patterson 3 bedroom half double, no pets, \$700/month. Call 263-6301.

NICE 3 bedroom full double located at 2212 N 4th St. fully carpeted, w/d hook up, off-street parking. call 614-939-1509.

NORTH - 427 E. Tompkins. Inside redone. Stove, refrigerator, central air. Garage optional. \$550 + deposit & credit check. 866-4687.

NORTH CAMPUS, 184 E. Patterson, 3 bedroom house, remodeled bath & kitchen, LR, DR, carpet, appliances, garage. Rent \$895/month. Realty Exec. Central, 614-823-9426.

NORTH CAMPUS, 3 BDR half-double, AC, hardwood floors, remodeled kitchen, W/d hook-ups, basement, new windows, parking. Only \$700/mo. 2434 Adams Ave. RZ Realty, 486-7070.

NORTH HIGH near Patterson, 3 BDR, half-double. No pets. \$700/mo. Call 263-6301.

NORTH OSU & Clintonville townhouse. Free rent. \$750-850/mo. Future Realty, 488-2449.

AVAILABLE NOW 4brd whole house, E. 14th, W/D, stove, refrigerator, a/c, central air, hardwood floors, 2.5 car garage w/remote, fenced in yard, 351-3077.

OFF CAMPUS. Available right now, Spacious 3brd, 1.5 bath house w/new kitchen and dishwasher. Private, fenced yard w/trees. Great neighbors. 1598 Aberdeen Ave. 2 bedrooms, S. of Weber, just off of Cleveland Ave. \$955/mo + deposit. No pets. 523-4006.

PATTERSON AVE, 3 BDR house duplex. Well-maintained with appliances, central air, W/D, hook-ups, oak woodwork, graduate students or mature undergrads. No pets. \$780/mo, \$780 security deposit. 614-571-6390.

SOUTH CAMPUS - near med bldg, 3 bedroom 1 bath house. Quiet street, 1 block north of King, near med buildings. Laundry, fenced yard, parking. No pets. \$955/mo plus deposit. 523-4075.

UPPER ARLINGTON home, 1485 College Hill, next to campus, 3 BDRM, 1 BA (new), garage, basement, yard, w/d hook up, pets ok, \$1200/month. 614-599-0404.

W. 1ST AVE. near Pennsylvania, 3 BDR house, hardwood floors, no pets. \$825/mo. Call 263-6301.

W. 1ST AVENUE near Pennsylvania, 3 bedroom house, hardwood floors, no pets, \$775/month. Call 263-6301.

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#111 WEBSITE SalesOneRealty.com 298-8080.

#82 CHITTENDEN remodeled, close, 2 bath, deck, grill, dishwasher, w/d, \$1,000 + utilities. 459-2734.

#1700/MO. 5 Bedroom single house, 190 E. Northwood Ave. Excellent northeast campus location, recently renovated, quiet neighborhood, 2 baths, free washer/dryer, dishwasher, front porch, basement, free off-street parking. Beautiful, must see! George Kanelopoulos, 299-9940. www.OSUproperties.com

\$1,900/MO. 5 bedroom single house, very spacious, 181 E. Oakland Ave. Historic neighborhood, A/C, blinds, 2 baths, free washer/dryer, dishwasher, rear deck, fenced-in yard, basement, 2 car garage with opener. Beautiful, must see! George Kanelopoulos, 299-9940. www.OSUproperties.com

\$1,600/MO. 4-5 bdr office + computer room, half double house, 113 Chittenden - Indianville, very close to classes, extensively renovated, large rooms, high ceilings, 2 baths, new beautiful huge eat-in kitchen, ceramic tile kitchen & bath floors, new insulated windows, blinds, new furnace & A/C, w/d utilities, dishwasher, washer/dryer, basement, front off-street parking. George Kanelopoulos, 299-9940. www.OSUproperties.com

\$1,200/MO. 4-5 bdr office + computer room, half double house, 113 Chittenden - Indianville, very close to classes, extensively renovated, large rooms, high ceilings, 2 baths, new beautiful huge eat-in kitchen, ceramic tile kitchen & bath floors, new insulated windows, blinds, new furnace & A/C, w/d utilities, dishwasher, washer/dryer, basement, front off-street parking. George Kanelopoulos, 299-9940. www.OSUproperties.com

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