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TEARIN' DOWN THE HOUSE

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Dan Pompili
ASSIST. NEWS EDITOR

Dilapidated housing on Pennsylvania Avenue will soon be a mere memory. The first three of nine defunct homes on the street have been cleared for demolition, with one razing complete, the other in progress and the third to begin by the end of this week.

At least three houses on the street have burned in suspected arson fires within the last

month. The abandoned buildings have been a concern for area residents, including two Youngstown State University fraternities.

Bill D'Avignon, community development director for the city of Youngstown, said the houses have been slated for demolition since the city received \$2.7 million in funding from the Neighborhood Stabilization Project in March.

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Students use Facebook to voice opposition to SGA student tax

Josh Stipanovich
NEWS EDITOR

Facebook, the popular social networking Web site, has proven to be a method for students to express their opinions on the recent Student Government Appropriations Budget Restructuring Project, and within the week it was announced, junior education major Addie Balzic created a group to voice her opinion.

Balzic said she created the group because it was an easy and convenient way in which she could get her opinion across to fellow students.

"I figured that would be the most widespread way to spread the word that I don't like the tax," Balzic said. "I'm not in any organizations, I don't have time to be and I don't think that I should have to pay for other people."

The group, which was created Tuesday night, currently has 60 members and is open for any Facebook user to join. Balzic said she hopes she can get as many students as possible to join.

The recent proposal, which was discussed by SGA President Zach Brown, called for students to pay a \$1 per credit

"SGA, where do you get off taxing us after all we pay for? It's bad enough we have to pay student loans and go to class."
- William Beard

hour charge to help increase their recent appropriations budget of \$31,050 to \$306,862 beginning next fall.

Although it hasn't been approved, Balzic said she has done everything in her power to have the proposal revoked.

"I did send an e-mail voicing my opinion and saying what's on the group [homepage]," Balzic said, but added she has yet to hear back from SGA.

Other students agree the "tax" is out of the question and should have never been brought up.

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Class promotes message of diversity

Jennifer Tomerlin
REPORTER

Members of Dr. Anne McMahon's managing diversity class at Youngstown State University are using the airwaves to send their message about the importance of workplace diversity.

As part of the managing diversity class, offered by the Williamson College of Business Administration, students from the afternoon and night classes had to come up with an event to spread the message of diversity. Each class had to nominate one communicator between the two groups.

The two classes decided to bring in a local radio station to promote their ideas; JAMZ 101.9 and Lucky Penny Radio helped broadcast some stories students wrote about diversity.

The classes also came up with a slogan: People Respecting Other's Minds, Ideas and Strengths Every day, or PROMISE. The goals of PROMISE are to learn how diversity positively affects the workplace, to advance the community, to recognize the community's cultural needs and to tell the stories of diverse individuals who influence the community.

"The project is a method to communicate to individuals in business in creating a bright future all over the place. Recognizing diversity is a key factor for a bright future," McMahon said. "It is more than a business if you do the business well."

Craig Wellman, a senior in the class, said, "Communication is a huge part of it. The advantage is to pay attention to diversity and go further with the diversity. We used the radio so we can reach a broader audience."

The stories can be viewed at <http://www.yсу.edu/workplacdiversity>. Ritu Eunni, a junior and one of the communicators for the event, shared her story on the Web site. Eunni was born in India and traveled to the United States when she was in fourth grade. It wasn't until she got older that she realized how to balance being an American and retaining elements of her culture.

"It's important to embrace your culture. I still hold the beliefs of values from my culture even though I do not practice them," Eunni said.

Other sponsors for the event include BSHM Architects, Sigma Chi Fraternity and Partners for Workplace Diversity.

Political observers discuss Traficant options

Leonard Crist
CONTRIBUTOR

Imagine this scenario: James A. Traficant, the Mahoning Valley's former Democratic congressman, affiliates himself with a Republican Party starved for viable candidates and challenges U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan for his 17th District seat in 2010, giving Ryan the political fight of his career. Donovan O'Neil, the executive director of the Youngstown State University College Republicans, says it could happen.

Here's another possibility: Traficant runs in the 6th District Democratic primary against U.S. Rep. Charlie Wilson because of Wilson's perceived vulnerability. Bill Binning, a YSU political science professor, won't rule out the possibility.

Or maybe Traficant will challenge Wilson as an independent in a bid for Democratic and Republican votes. Ken Oyler, president of the YSU College

Democrats, and Jim Shaw, president of the YSU College Republicans, can both envision that happening.

Perhaps he won't run at all.

But what if Traficant once again runs for Congress. Political observers O'Neil, Binning, Shaw and Oyler weighed in recently on some of the possible scenarios.

Regardless of party affiliation or challenger, if Traficant runs, Shaw predicted "really bloody races. It might get nasty." Shaw added, "He's going to make the very definition of a wild card if he decides to run."

Binning said, "I would never bet on Jim Traficant to do anything because he's just very unpredictable. But he is brilliant politically."

The first step for Traficant, who was released in September after serving seven years in federal prison for bribery and racketeering, would be to decide in which district to run, Binning said.

Traficant served from 1985 to 2002 as the 17th



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News Briefs

Fraternity presents fall music recital

Members of the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia fraternity will present their fall music recital, Let Music Live, on Thursday at 6 p.m. at Bliss Recital Hall. Featured works will include "The Awakening" and "Sing Me To Heaven." The fraternity will raffle off a metronome donated by Motter's Music.

Club hosts cultural night

The Arabic and Culture Club, in conjunction with the Arabic culture class, will host an evening of song, dance and discussion about Arabic folklore. The event will be held in Kilcawley Center's Presidential Suites on Friday at 4 p.m. Admission is free.

Indian cultural event features music, food

The Indian International Student Organization will host Indian Cultural Night at the First Presbyterian Church on Friday from 6 to 10 p.m. The night will include Indian cuisine, songs and dancing. Tickets are \$8 for students and \$15 for others. Reservations must be made at the church.

H1N1 clinic to be held today

An H1N1 vaccine clinic will be held at the YSU Student Health Clinic on Thursday from noon to 4 p.m., or while the supply of vaccine lasts. This clinic is open to YSU students between 18 and 24 years of age. Students must complete a pre-registration form online. In addition to this completed form, students must also provide a valid YSU ID. Approximately 200 doses for the first clinic will be administered, although additional H1N1 clinics may be offered on campus in the coming weeks.

Police Briefs

Officer finds man resting in campus grass

On Saturday afternoon, a YSU police officer discovered a man laying in the grass at the corner of Lincoln and Fifth Avenues. Although the officer asked the man if he needed medical attention, the suspect said he was simply resting. The officer advised the suspect he was not permitted to loiter on YSU property since he was not affiliated with the university, and issued him a written trespass warning.

Students selling plasma in desperate times

Chelsea Miller
SPORTS REPORTER

Desperate times call for desperate measures and with the shrinking economy, students are looking for creative ways to make extra cash. A recent trend is the donation of body parts for money, popularly plasma.

Junior sociology major Adrienne Viano is a big advocate for plasma donation. Viano, who recently presented a speech for a class on the benefits of donating, said she frequents Biotest Pharmaceuticals Corporation's plasma donation site twice a week. Biotest is located on Martin Luther King Boulevard in Youngstown and seems to be a popular donation site for other students as well.

"I do actually see a lot of students there," Viano said

and recommended others go if they're strapped for cash. "[Biotest] has a really nice, friendly staff... I love going."

Dustin Roberts, sophomore music education major, also donates frequently to make a little extra money.

"The Army and school pay for my housing," he said. "[The money from plasma donation] is fun money."

Roberts said that he can make up to \$55 a week and that it is not a painful process.

"It's just like giving blood," he said.

Although donating plasma is very similar to donating blood, the process takes much longer, usually 45 minutes to an hour. A needle is inserted into the donor's vein that will extract the blood and pump it back in when the plasma is separated from the blood. Donors have to go through a strict screening procedure before

first donating.

Dan Gamache, director of marketing and advertising for Biotest Pharmaceuticals, detailed some of the requirements needed to donate plasma. He stated that donors must be in general good health to donate and that they will go through an extensive medical screening and have to answer a medical history questionnaire. They must present proof of address and be at least 18 years of age and 110 pounds.

Talecris Plasma Resources in Akron's automated message system also says donors must bring a social security card and recommends donors eat two hours prior to donating and drink plenty of non-alcoholic, non-caffeinated beverages.

Gamache stated that while a lot of donors are students, many others donate as well.

"What most people don't know is the donor bank is very

diverse... we get a variety of people donating," he said.

According to www.donatingplasma.org, the plasma that is donated is used to treat patients that have chronic, often genetic diseases such as hemophilia, primary immunodeficiency, alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, and serious, rare neurological and autoimmune disorders. In addition, it is used in life-saving therapies in situations involving burn victims and those bitten by animals.

Although donating plasma seems to be the method of choice for students, there are a variety of other options as well, such as sperm and egg donation. These procedures pay more to the donor, but are longer, lengthier processes often involving extensive medical and genetic testing.

Students get lesson in 'dnt txt & drv'

Meghan Cooke
MCT

CHARLOTTE, N.C. Orange cones were the victims in the texting-and-driving program at Mount Pleasant, N.C., High School.

Brianna Jordan got behind the wheel Oct. 21, glancing back and forth between the road and her cell phone as she texted a friend.

Then she wrecked. Fortunately, the golf cart she was driving while sitting beside a North Carolina state trooper simply wrecked into orange cones. But she learned a lesson on the danger of texting while driving.

The "dnt txt & drv" program - that's "don't text and drive" in text lingo - led by a group of state highway patrol troopers, recently went to several area high schools to warn students about texting while driving.

Jordan hit about 15 cones on her way through the course set up by the troopers.

"I thought I was going to be able to do it," said Jordan, a Mount Pleasant High School senior. "It was really hard."

About half of adolescents text-message while driving, which increases the risk of car accidents by up to 23 times, according to recent research by the National Center for Children in Poverty.

Lt. Doug Hayes of Mocksville, N.C., began the program at the beginning of the school year. Motivated by concern for his 14-year-old daughter, who just started high school and driver's education, he created the program to reach out to young drivers.

"We can tell teenagers all

day not to do something," Hayes said. "They really need to see for themselves."

Students took turns driving a golf cart through a winding obstacle course lined with traffic cones. Each student drove through once without texting, and then troopers rode alongside them as they drove the course again while attempting to read a text message with a question sent by a classmate and reply without knocking over the cones.

"I don't think I could ever trust myself to text and drive," Jenna Siffringer, a junior at Cox Mill High School, said after she finished the course on a recent Thursday. "It was definitely hard to focus."

Students laughed as they watched classmates drive erratically, crushing cones and running a stop sign placed in the course.

"Now, if they're on the highway doing that, it could be fatal," said Sgt. Henry King.

Mount Pleasant High School Principal Edie Sayewich said many teenagers don't take their responsibility as drivers as seriously as they should.

"I have buried too many students," she told students.

It's illegal for drivers ages 16-18 to use cell phones while driving in North Carolina, and texting while driving will be illegal for all North Carolinians beginning Dec. 1.

Hayes admitted the new law will be difficult to enforce. That's why he hopes troopers can persuade teenagers that texting isn't worth risking a car accident.

State troopers have traveled to about 20 North Carolina high schools. They brought the program to Northwest Cabarrus High School and Central

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Cabarrus High in October.

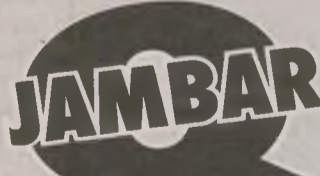
The patrolmen also show students a short, emotional video that shows a re-enactment of a fatal car accident caused by a girl who texted while she drove in England. The video showed the bloodied girl screaming for help after she got distracted by a text message and ran into an oncoming car, killing her two passengers and members of a family in the other car.

"We're not up here preaching just to be preaching," said Trooper Glenn Smith. "It's going to happen."


Troopers told students the scenario isn't as uncommon as they might think. They pointed to a wreck in September that killed 16-year-old East Gaston High School junior Brittany Johnson of Stanley, N.C. Her cell phone was found with an unfinished text message to her mother.

"No text is so important they can't wait five or 10 minutes to read it," Hayes said.







Do you plan on supporting YSU basketball this season, why or why not?




"Yes, to support my school."
Jim Kennehan



"Yes, because it's fun to go to the games."
Diamonique Johnson



"Yes, to watch all the hot guys."
Nikki Ruiz



BRACING FOR BLACK FRIDAY



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Alicia Pattillo
REPORTER

While most sleep, there will be some on Nov. 27 who rise to the occasion of the shopping holiday Black Friday.

Traditionally, on the day after Thanksgiving, a segment of the population rises at absurd hours of the morning to catch the best deals of the year at their favorite stores.

Black Friday begins with stores opening their doors at times far earlier than normal business hours. These bargains typically last a few hours, which explains the frantic customers who wait in long lines outside stores.

Youngstown State University senior A.L. Lyons said she doesn't anticipate accomplishing any Black Friday shopping until she gets off work. Lyons, a Wal-Mart employee, said Black Friday will be beyond hectic, but that she plans on sneaking in some time at work for her shopping.

Senior Steve Lemley, who has retail experience from working in stores like Value City and Gabriel Brothers, said retail is "crazy on Black Friday."

Lemley, who works at Walgreens, said his superiors have prepped their employees for the chaotic day ahead.

"As long as employees keep a good composure with customers, everything will work out good," Lemley said.

Though Lemley doesn't usually shop on Black Friday, he may try to

catch a few deals after work.

In the past, stories of record-breaking lines and ill-mannered customers have hit the news, but this year's Black Friday sales may be affected by the recession.

For instance, junior Josephine Daniel is refraining from shopping this year.

"Money is low this year and there is nothing I need, want or desire," Daniel said.

Senior Eric Thompson said he wants to save money for next year, but also doesn't need anything.

However, for sophomore Ashley Palmer, this is the best time of the year.

"I go shopping [on Black Friday] every year," Palmer said.

Palmer plans to make stops at all her favorite stores, including Aeropostale, Abercrombie & Fitch and Victoria's Secret. Still, she isn't in a rush to wake up before sunrise.

"I'll wake up whenever I feel like it, maybe around 10 or 11 a.m.," Palmer said.

Freshman Janee Cotton can't wait to hit the malls, and said she looks forward to going to Wal-Mart first for the best deals.

Junior Alyssa Conner hates the idea of people fighting over merchandise on Black Friday. Although Conner wants to do some Black Friday shopping, she said she will go "whenever she gets up," and that she's not in any rush to shop.



Seasonal jobs may be hard to get, easier to keep

Jennifer Tomerlin
REPORTER

The Christmas shopping season is right around the corner, and that means retail stores will be hiring seasonal help to assist the holiday rush. Being hired this season, however, may not be as easy as it used to be.

CNN reported that according to a survey by Hay Group, a consulting firm based in Philadelphia, while 62 percent of retailers are seeing more applicants for seasonal jobs, 40 percent are hiring fewer seasonal workers. The openings at stores will be few and far between.

You can search and apply for these jobs through online appli-

cations or stop into the stores. On <http://www.simplyhired.com> are applications for Radio Shack, T-Mobile, Michaels craft store, and Picture People. Other stores included are The Limited, Bath and Body Works, Express and Victoria's Secret. Applications for the Coach store in the Southern Park Mall can be filled out in the store.

Macy's department store is hiring at Boardman, Niles and Shenango locations. The job at Macy's includes a 20 percent employee discount, flexible schedules, and industry competitive pay. Applications can also be found online.

Ashley Hines, a student at Youngstown State University, was hired as a seasonal sales associate and was hired as regular employee when the holiday

season ended. She was hired in November 2008 at the Bath and Body Works store in the Eastwood Mall.

She worked about 6-8 hours a week starting at minimum wage with no commission.

Her hours were bumped up to 12 when the week before Christmas. Malls are open until 10 p.m. the week leading up to Christmas.

"I only worked 4 hours on Christmas Eve," Hines said. This year the mall will only be open until 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

In early January 2009, she called back to see if she was on the scheduled and they asked if she would like a permanent position at the store.

"I'm extremely grateful to still have that job. Definitely grateful," Hines explained.

From the seasonal help of Bath and Body Works, three workers were asked back to fill permanent positions on staff in the store.

When asked what is the best advice for seasonal help to possibly be hired permanently Hines answered, "Be congenial, be yourself and always work as much as you can. Good availability shows that you want to work."

Although openings are fewer than last year, seasonal help is an opportunity that can lead to a possible permanent position that is so coveted in today's economy.



YouTube



TOP 5 Distractions of the week

1 Charlie bit me Auto-Tuned
Popular video Charlie Bit Me is made into a catchy little tune.

2 Single Ladies Gone Wrong
Nice dance clown. Fail.

3 MWC Women's Soccer: New Mexico's Elizabeth Lambert vs BYU
Elizabeth Lambert is a one-woman wrecking ball as she bullies her way through BYU. Who said soccer wasn't a physical sport?

4 Eric Cartman Poker Face FULL SONG
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D'Avignon said \$1.3 million of that money was budgeted for demolition. He said Pennsylvania Avenue was one of the target areas for "blight removal."

The houses first had to be tested for asbestos, so the toxic material could be removed before the homes were razed.

The city contracts for asbestos removal, which D'Avignon said can be a lengthy process as the most agreeable bid is sought. He said testing for the first three houses was completed one week before the fires in early November.

The houses are owned by three separate parties. One is owned by a former community development corporation, while the others are owned by two inde-

pendent parties.

D'Avignon said the owners of target properties are served notice, giving them 30 days to bring the property to acceptable standards. If the owner does not comply, then the property is demolished at the owner's expense.

D'Avignon said the city is in the process of bidding for asbestos removal on the next three homes scheduled for demolition, and expects that process will be completed within the month, after which demolition will commence. He said he expects all nine houses to be razed by the end of the year.

"By the end of this year, I expect there will be no blight on Pennsylvania Av-

enue," he said. "Just two frat houses and a funeral home."

Hunter Morrison, director for campus planning and community partnerships at YSU, said the houses have been a very real safety concern for those who live on the street.

"It's very unnerving to wake up and see those burning," Morrison said.

D'Avignon said YSU has been "instrumental in keeping the issue to the forefront."

Morrison said there are no plans to develop the land, but hopes it would be used for urban gardening or recreation.

"Right now we're more focused on the safety aspect," Morrison said.

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District's congressman. But redistricting that went into effect in 2002 changed the political map. The 17th District now covers parts of Mahoning and Trumbull counties, and extends west to Akron. Meanwhile, the 6th District includes parts of Mahoning and all of Columbiana counties—areas formerly part of Traficant's old 17th District—and 10 other counties stretching south along the Ohio River. In essence, Traficant's traditional constituency has been divided.

"A lot of people think that he would run in the 6th against Charlie Wilson," Binning said. Wilson is less popular than Ryan, O'Neil said, which would perhaps give Traficant a better chance of winning in the 6th District than in the 17th District. Oyler believes Traficant would have no choice but to challenge Wilson because of Ryan's "very strong following."

But Traficant has never before run south of Columbiana County. Name recognition would be low and media exposure would be difficult because there is no centralized media market in the 6th District, Binning said.

O'Neil said, "The farther south you get, the less familiar they are with him, the more they know him by the sideshow comic aspect, compared to what he's actually done for us up here in Mahoning and Columbiana counties." Shaw added, "All they know about Jim Traficant is he has crazy hair and likes to say, 'Beam me up, Scotty.'"

If Traficant ignores the conventional wisdom and challenges the seemingly

unbeatable Ryan in the 17th District, he would have some advantages not available to him in the 6th District. For one, said Binning, the 17th District is more urban, more blue collar and more industrial than the 6th District. Traficant's protectionist economic views play well in these de-industrialized areas hit hard by globalization, Binning said. Also, since his release from prison, Traficant has taken up as his key issue the plight of the Delphi retirees, which is an issue primarily in Trumbull County. The 17th District is also more centralized, and Traficant would have an easier job getting his message out, Binning said.

For Traficant to have any chance in the solidly Democratic 17th District, he would have to run as a Democrat, Binning said. But Shaw and O'Neil, both Republicans, think Traficant could gain traction in the 17th District as a Republican or a conservative-leaning independent. Republicans in the 17th District "would rally their support behind almost anything against Tim Ryan," O'Neil said.

Though he's not considered socially conservative, Traficant's views on immigration reform, crime, and to a lesser extent, international trade, appeal to Republican voters, O'Neil said. And since his release from prison, Traficant has spoken at conservative "TEA Party" rallies and at a Republican Party breakfast in Trumbull County.

As a Republican in the 17th District, O'Neil said Traficant could raise about \$2 million. "I think he has the ability to raise that money. He's got support nationwide,"

O'Neil said. Oyler added, "If he wants to raise some money, he just has to go on a few radio shows."

Binning, on the other hand, doesn't think Traficant will be able to raise much campaign money. Traficant acknowledged this reality in a recent interview with American Free Press.

"I'm not going to get any [campaign contributions] if I do run," Traficant told the right-wing publication in late October. "People are afraid to give me money, because if you give me money, you have the IRS come and audit you if your name appeared on any of my campaign finance reports."

His ability to raise funds may be even more limited if he challenges Wilson in the 6th District. O'Neil and Shaw do not expect Traficant would be as welcomed by 6th District Republicans, who will likely run their own candidate against Wilson. Traficant's best option, Shaw said, would be to run as an independent, making it a "hardcore three-way race." He probably wouldn't win, but he might draw enough votes away from Wilson to allow a true Republican to squeeze out a win with 40 percent of the vote or less, O'Neil said. "He makes the odds of a Republican winning the 6th a little better," O'Neil said.

In the American Free Press article, Traficant said he still hadn't decided whether he was going to run.

"He could just be baiting everybody," Binning said. "Why would we be talking about him if he said he wasn't going to run? He knows that."

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"If we let [SGA] tax us now, then they can tax us in the future. Whose ever heard of a student government association taxing their students?" junior Patrick Bascom said.

Freshman William Beard also agreed and said he has enough financial accountability.

"SGA, where do you get off taxing us after all we pay for? It's bad enough we have to pay student loans and go to class," Beard said.

Despite Balzic's effort to eliminate the idea, other students are for the proposal and think it is something that could benefit the campus community.

"I think it's a good idea ... it's only a dollar. It's for stuff for the students. I would like to see it governed and a possible proposed plan," sophomore Scott DeNicholas said. "Make it an open budget."

Former Vice President of Finance and past President of SGA David Spatholt is also for the proposed plan and said in 2005 he came across a similar plan proposed by Joshua Hiznay.

"While we saw a temporary increase in our budget, added funding as a small supplement to what we were funding at the

time, we lacked the capability to expand the budget to a point that would accommodate greater goals and more complete funding for organization events," Spatholt said.

Although Spatholt is for the proposed plan, he said he joined the Facebook group hoping to give his advice to the students who opposed the plan and added that it's "unfair" for the proposal to be called a tax.

"It implies that this must be an addition to the fees that students already pay," Spatholt said. "Instead, the proposal, and therefore the resolution that SGA should be passing, will more than likely advocate for the fee to be included in the 3 percent tuition hike that will occur no matter what."

Spatholt, who graduated this spring, said he understands that the extra money may become a burden for students who are already experiencing problems with paying for tuition, but they must remember how the money would be financed.

"This has been an issue SGA has tried to address for several years; it's not going to go away until the funding problem is solved," Spatholt said.

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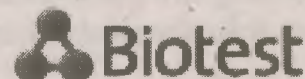
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OUR SIDE EDITORIAL

Exercising the right

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We applaud everyone who exercises their First Amendment rights, and there is no exception for the Facebook groups based on the student opinions of the SGA proposed student tax.

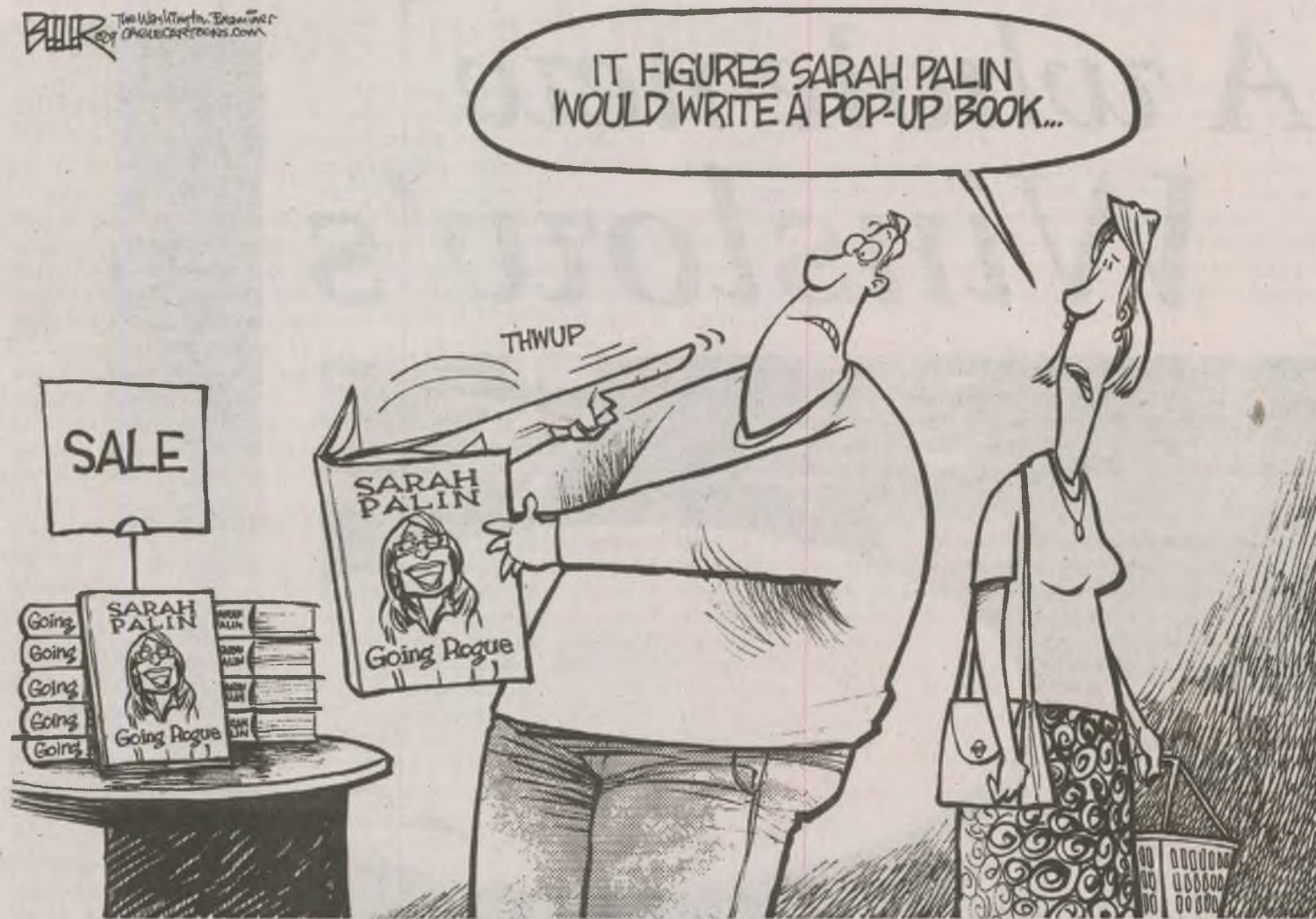
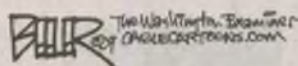
As of Wednesday, there are two Facebook groups: "Students Against Student Tax Proposed by the SGA" and its opposite, "How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the SGA Student Fee," with 61 members and 55 members respectively. The only problem with the numbers, though, is that a majority of students are in both groups, and those who overlap are some members of SGA or SGA President Zach Brown's fraternity brothers coming to his rescue when he is the topic of discussion.

To say that the membership of either group adequately represents the group initiative is certainly a stretch of the truth. Regardless, the creators of the group have at least started a forum for discussion on something that students need to be aware of.

The posts or comments in the Facebook group might be the only time the SGA would be able to receive feedback about how students not involved in SGA really feel about the proposal, especially if it passes at the next SGA meeting. The proposal would then move to the board of trustees for approval.

In an interview with The Vindicator, Scott Schullick, chairman of the YSU Board of Trustees, said if the students are in favor of the tax, then the board of trustees would not likely stand in the students' way to allow it to happen. He also said, though, that it's up to SGA to sell the idea to the students.

It's up to the students to stand in SGA's way of passing a tax without first considering the student opinion.



The views of this syndicated artist do not necessarily agree with those of The Jambar.

Life, Liberty, and...Health Care?

Ross Holcombe
MCT

Throughout the health care debate, Republicans and Democrats have argued over many points, such as which kinds of reforms would most effectively give all Americans access to health care and how much we should be willing to spend on such programs. Very few, however, are actually stopping to ask if the government ought to be in the business of providing health coverage at all. There seems to be an unstated agreement that people have a right to health care. Barack Obama certainly thinks so, as do many of our other elected leaders. Obama himself said during his campaign for the presidency, "I think (health care) should be a right for every American." The rest of the world seems to agree, given that the United Nations states in its Universal Declaration of Human Rights that, "everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of oneself and one's family, including food, clothing, housing, and medical care."

Do we have a right to health care? What is a right, and what do we have a right to? These questions deserve honest consideration given the far reaching implications of their answers. We might start by asking: Do we have a right to food? Do we have a right to a home, a big screen TV, or a decent car? How about a per-

sonal jet?

A clue to answering these questions lies in the Declaration of Independence, in which the founders of our country identified "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" (emphasis added) as the rights which a proper government is supposed to protect. They did not assert a right to happiness itself, which would imply that the government should provide its citizens with whatever material items would make them most happy. Instead, they framed these rights as guarantees of freedom. Specifically, these rights guarantee freedom from things rather than a right to something. That is, we have a right to be free from interference by others, not a right to be provided the things we seek. Our rights to things like property, free speech, and association involve the freedom to pursue property ownership, to express our opinions, and to form relationships with others. They do not entail the government providing us a home, a radio station, or a friend.

A right to private property doesn't mean that someone must provide you with things like homes or TV sets. It merely acknowledges your right to act to acquire and keep private property in a way that does not violate another person's rights in the process. Similarly, a right to life does not imply that people must provide you with things to keep you alive, such as food, shelter, or health care. It means that each person can live according to his own decisions free from coercion,

and that he may act to improve his own life as long as doing so does not interfere with anyone else.

Any alleged entitlement to a material good requires the violation of the rights of others. As Ayn Rand wrote in her essay Man's Rights:

Jobs, food, clothing, recreation(!), homes, medical care, education, etc., do not grow in nature. These are man-made values — goods and services produced by men. Who is to provide them? If some are entitled by right to the products of the work of others, it means that those others are deprived of rights and condemned to slave labor.

Similarly, a "right" to health care implies that a person's need of health care dictates that a doctor must provide it to him, regardless of whether the patient can pay him. Or if the doctor is to be compensated for his services, then someone else must be forced to pay.

This wrong against doctors or the people footing the medical bills is only the first of many transgressions that would have to be committed by a government upholding a "right" to health care. Hospital administrators would be denied the right to set the terms of their services, such as which procedures could be performed and on whom. Those in the insurance industry, forced to offer coverage to everyone at the same price regardless of their preexisting conditions, would be denied the right to run their businesses according to their judgment. Shareholders

would be robbed of wealth as the health care industry would struggle to maintain profitability. Consumers would begin to lose their freedom of choice as options disappear under government mandates to control costs. As taxpayers, we would be forced to further bankroll our neighbors' doctor bills, violating our right to spend the fruits of our labor, i.e. our private property, as we see fit. No one, not even the intended recipients of the nation's collective sacrifice, would be able to escape the gradual but inevitable destruction of rights and freedom under such a system.

Rather than injecting more government force into the health care industry, we should adopt more freedom into our system through measures such as removing tax incentives for employer provided health care over individual plans, allowing interstate competition for health insurance, and repealing laws mandating certain levels of coverage from health insurers. Only by offering people the freedom to pursue health care on their own terms, while respecting everyone's rights in the process, will our ailing system become healthy once more.

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The helpless French mind

Rituparna Basu
MCT

A recent news article describes a new law in France which, if passed, will make it illegal to promote "extreme thinness." This ban outlaws images of excessively skinny models in the media and on Web sites that incite people to severely restrict the amount they eat. The purpose of this law is to protect individuals, particularly children, from the saturation of unhealthy dietary habits in the culture. Such regulation will purportedly reduce the prevalence of anorexia in France.

The underlying premise of this law is people cannot help being influenced by these images and Web sites and so need the government to protect them. If someone reads that "eat(ing only) an apple a day" is the key to looking thin and beautiful, he or she will helplessly eat only an apple a day. Using this logic, if

I demanded that everyone who reads this blog give me all their money, people would have no choice but to empty their wallets.

This is obviously absurd. People are not mindless robots; they hold the capacity to think, reason, and make conscientious decisions. Seeing an excessively thin model in a magazine does not force anyone to change their dietary habits, just as reading that I want all your money does not force you to give it to me. Human beings have the capacity and the responsibility to think for themselves and to decide which course of action best furthers their lives.

Regulating the content in magazines and websites is an insult to human nature and will not reduce the prevalence of anorexia precisely because people have minds of their own. If not, then the next logical step is to ban excessively thin individuals from walking the streets.



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A whole new Winslow's



Winslow's Cafe re-opened Monday morning after about a three-month hiatus. The cafe now offers Italian dishes, free delivery and student discounts. Photos by Lamar Salter/The Jambar

Winslow's Cafe adds some Italian flavor

Lamar Salter
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
EDITOR

After months of construction, renovations and delays, Winslow's Cafe has reopened under new management by the Antone's Restaurant Group.

After closing before the fall

semester began, the cafe – located inside the Butler Museum of American Art – was scheduled to reopen at different times in September and October.

Instead, the cafe opened its doors to the public Monday morning, completely overhauled. The cafe now contains two television sets, which air

sports and news. Pictures of famous Italian dishes decorate the cafe's walls, while the banister that once held an assortment of coffees now displays a variety of unique sauces.

The menu has been changed dramatically, with new meal additions such as cavatelli and eggplant fires, an all-day breakfast option. Drinks offered include fountain bev-

erages, coffee, tea and fruit juices. Other additions include a kids' menu and free delivery around the city.

Ross Scianna, a co-owner of the cafe, said the Antone's franchise has "always wanted to be at YSU."

"So when we saw the opportunity, we took it," Scianna said.

Student discounts and free Wi-Fi will be available. Additionally, while the cafe's hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Scianna said extended times may be available in the future.

"We're going to see how it goes first," Scianna said.

Chivalry: An old concept in a new society

Rick Pollo
REPORTER

Many of the traditional dating habits displayed as commonplace on reruns of "Leave it to Beaver" or "Happy Days" are just as dated as the programs themselves. Guys opening doors for their dates, entirely paying for excursions and walking girls to their doorsteps are likely things of the past for many college students today. Fading with these once typical dating basics is, perhaps, chivalry.

Youngstown State University freshman Sarah Bowen,

who is single, said she has not gone on a traditional date.

"I was talking to a guy once and we both drove separately and met up at a movie. Although he did pay for both of us, it was considered more of a hangout than a date," Bowen said.

Although tradition may be yielding to the times, or simply just changing, chivalry appears to remain intact. Although dating has become more casual, many men still consider it their place to dominate the date by paying or ensuring the woman's comfort.

Freshman Josh Westfall, who has been in a relationship for two years, said chivalry is

key in order to make a good impression.

"On the first date with my girlfriend, I picked her up along with her friend and her friend's boyfriend. We just would hang out as a group. After I got to know my girlfriend a little better, I began to take her out on dates. I paid for everything, and was always courteous by holding doors for her and making her feel comfortable," Westfall said.

Junior Erica Patrick said whenever she and her boyfriend of nearly four years go out, her boyfriend holds doors open and pulls out chairs for her.

YSU psychology profes-

sor Dr. Steve Ellyson said determining whether or not chivalry is dead depends on the individual's definition of chivalry.

Ellyson said chivalry may appear demeaning to women, who may feel fragile or as though "they require child-like care."

"Society has more respect for women today. Chivalry has kind of outlived its youthfulness, as women are no longer seen as second-class citizens. They may see an act of chivalry as more of a putdown, a stay-in-your-place kind of gesture," Ellyson said.

Common courtesy comes into play in such situations.

"Today chivalry leads more toward common courtesy, whether it's a man or a woman," Ellyson said.

For example, if a person notices someone on campus who might need help, regardless of gender, he or she is likely to aid that person.

Junior Jared Buker agreed with this idea.

"I think about 50 percent of the time a person is going to hold a door for someone else just for the sake of doing so. It really just depends on a person's mood. If they're having a bad day, they may just barge through the door without any regard to whoever is by them," Buker said.



Alex Hribko, of West Lake, browses through the Holiday Sale at The Ward Bakery Building. Photo Courtesy of Lynn Cardwell.

Artists of the Mahoning Commons host sale for paintings, jewelry

Gary S. Angelo
FEATURES REPORTER

Since 2003, the Artists of the Mahoning Commons have held their Holiday Open Studio and Art Sale. The event will take place inside the Ward Bakery Building on 1024 Mahoning Ave. on Saturday and Sunday, as well as Nov. 28, from noon to 5 p.m. The event features handmade art from local artists.

Lynn Cardwell, local pottery maker and Mahoning Valley Commons event coordinator, said the sale has been a success ever since its incarnation.

"Local artist Marcie Applegate of Flybird Designs thought it would be a good idea to open up the Ward Bakery Building for an artist studio and art sale," Cardwell said, explaining that she thought it would be the perfect venue because of its vintage gallery atmosphere.

Cardwell said this year's sale will feature sculptures by Tony

Armeni, jewelry by Applegate, fiber art and prints by Tracy Segreti, pottery by Maryann Limmer and paintings by Jason Van Hoose.

Cardwell said she is confident this year's event will be a success and the event will keep growing.

"We keep people entertained, and we invite new artists every year who keep the event vibrant," she said.

More people discover and attend the event every year, especially to do their holiday shopping, Cardwell said. She added that there is a "great movement in the arts in Youngstown."

"A lot of people are making connections with each other, like the West Side artists from the Garden District, the artists of the Lemon Grove and Art Youngstown, Inc. These groups are bringing artists together," Cardwell said. "People support each other here and there is no jealousy. There is a lot of freedom and opportunity in Youngstown."

Marcie Applegate, local artist and owner of Flybird Designs,

will showcase her metal, clay and fused glass jewelry.

"In my space, I also have a chance auction where all artists will donate their pieces and local businesses will donate gift certificates," Applegate said.

Applegate said funds earned from the holiday sale would be contributed toward the next art sale in the spring.

"Having this art sale is our way of letting the public know we are having sales of what we make," Applegate said. Artists from the surrounding neighborhoods and the Mahoning Valley Commons are involved in the event.

Applegate said she is pleased with this year's event.

"We have the most artists at the event this year working in the building. We do invite other local artists outside of the Mahoning Valley Commons to bring a wide variety of artwork to the show," she said.

Jason Van Hoose, a local artist, has a frame shop in the Ward Bakery Building, which he trans-

formed into an art gallery called the Starling Gallery. The Starling Gallery is only open for special events like the holiday sale. Van Hoose will be selling his oil canvas paintings and smaller acrylic pieces at the holiday show. Van Hoose will also showcase his custom framing.

"I will be doing custom tiger maple frames of my own paintings and I will also sell prints that I made of the legendary Idora Park ride the Wildcat, which was my first roller coaster ride," Van Hoose said.

He will frame these prints with frames constructed out of wood from the ride. During the 1990s, Van Hoose shot many photos of the Wildcat before demolition crews tore down the ride and other Idora Park remnants.

In the future, Applegate hopes the art sale will continue to prosper.

"With the economy, we still had record numbers. We'll grow as a community and more people will find out about us," Applegate said.

Not enough goats: Clooney film 'unfocused'

Tyler Landis
CONTRIBUTOR

With all of the talent surrounding this political satire, one would think a moderately good, if not great, final product could be produced. This is not the case with *Goats*, which runs at 90 minutes, and feels too long by 10-15 minutes. One could question that the script and ideas portrayed on the film are too shallow, or even not executed right to

warrant a good film. But why not, the talented actors alone should be enough to make a solid comedy, something doesn't add up here.

Ewan McGregor plays Bob, a divorced journalist who wants to cover something important and groundbreaking to gain back the respect of his wife, who has left him for a less than suitable man. Bob stumbles upon a secret military uniform that was based out of Fort Bragg in the 60s in which soldiers were trained and taught to

become "Jedi Warriors." Not only did McGregor himself play a Jedi in *Star Wars*, but the lame inside joke between the filmmakers and the audience serves no one.

While in Kuwait looking for a story, Bob stumbles upon Lyn Cassidy, played by a world weary George Clooney, in what looks to be a role Clooney could have played in 2 weeks. Lyn lets Bob in on all of the secrets and traits of the soldiers that were trained under Bill Django, played by Jeff Bridges in the film's

most playful and humorous role. Django is a pony-tailed hippie who Bridges plays like a version of his former self from *The Big Lebowski*.

Lyn and Bob eventually end up in Iraq where the story loses all momentum and any credibility, especially in the final act. Most of the little humor comes from flashbacks told by Lyn, showing his past training, and the ways in which the Jedi Warriors were taught and trained. Kevin Spacey shows up mid-film as a straight-laced soldier, who

despises Lyn and Django. They're paths meet again in the muddled and sloppy final act.

The film directed by Grant Heslov, a close friend of Clooney, is uneven and unfocused throughout. The film's tone is one note the whole way through, and it takes zero risks. The satire proves to be less than credible, with the actors looking bored at every turn. The film looked liked it could have been fun to make, but in this case that doesn't translate into a good film.

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YSU volleyball coaches fired after disappointing '09 season

Chelsea Miller
SPORTS REPORTER

Any hope of the Youngstown State University women's volleyball team having a championship run this year has vanished as it lost the last seven matches of the season. To add to the heartbreak, head coach of five years, Joe Bonner, along with assistant coach Darcy Thompson, were fired following the season finale Saturday.

Assistant sports information director John Vogel said this season provided enough evidence that a change had to be made.

"[Bonner] has been here for five years. It was evident that the program needed to head in a different direction," he said.

Vogel added although Thompson was terminated along with Bonner, it is possible she may be back in the future. For now, the athletic department is moving ahead.

"We put the job description up on the Web site that there's a vacancy ... the deadline's Dec. 4 for applications. We'll have a search committee after that," Vogel said.

Bonner said he and the team members were just beginning to figure out their identities, but it proved to be too late.

"It's sad. We were just figuring things out," he said. "I think the administration here is wonderful, and they know what they need to do to move forward ... I want [the team] to move forward and start a new journey."

Bonner said he hopes to coach in the future, and that he is going to miss coaching at YSU.

"I'm going to miss all aspects of [coaching here]. I'm gonna miss the experiences and the relationships with the players I've made," Bonner said.

Despite recent events, the Penguins wrapped up their season with something to show heading into the future.

Ruth Boscaljon, a senior and team

leader this year, ended her career with 1,340 kills and 490 total blocks, leaving as the school record holder in career-hitting percentage. She also ranks second in career blocks and third in career kills.

Angela Roidt, a strong newcomer this year, finished sixth this season in assists in the Horizon League standings and made all-newcomer team in the conference.

The team ended its season at 5-11 in the Horizon League and 7-21 overall. The Penguins were seeded seventh in the tournament. Their finish was the highest since joining the Horizon League in 2001.

Kent State spoils home opener for Penguin women

Keith Langford Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

A fast start for the Penguins quickly vanished as the Kent State Golden Flashes took control of the game toward the end of the first half and did not back down as the Penguins lost their home opener 70-55.

Head coach Cindy Martin was pleased with the effort of her Penguins, but not with the result.

"We're not going to be satisfied until we're cutting the nets here at YSU," Martin said.

Sophomore guard Macey Nortey led the Penguins in scoring with 20 points. Nortey, like Martin, was happy the Penguins performance, but not with the outcome.

"I'm satisfied that we were in the game but I am not satisfied with the result," Nortey said.

The Penguins jumped out to a 10-2 lead in the early part of the game, but could not sustain it.

KSU slowly built up momentum in the first half, as the Golden Flashes would go on runs of 10-0 and 9-0. The last lead the Penguins enjoyed was 13-12 in the first half.

The Penguins were up 13-8

before the 10-0 run by the Golden Flashes, which put them up 18-13. The 9-0 run came when the Golden Flashes were up only two points at 20-18. The Golden Flashes ran off the next nine points and eventually went into halftime with a 31-22 lead.

In the second half, the Penguins cut the lead to seven at 38-31. Unfortunately, this was the closest the Penguins would get to the Golden Flashes in the second half.

A key reason the Golden Flashes won was because of their ability to crash the boards. The Golden Flashes outrebounded the Penguins 50-32. The Golden Flashes had multiple opportunities to put back their misses as they accumulated 19 offensive rebounds in the game. Neither team shot particularly well, as the Golden Flashes shot 40 percent from the field and the Penguins shot just 32 percent.

Jamilah Humes lead the Golden Flashes with 14 points and six rebounds. The Penguins had two players besides Nortey to have a double-digit point total. Bojana Dimitrov scored 15 points and Kenya Middlebrooks chipped in 12 points for the Penguins. The loss dropped the Penguins to 0-3 on the season.



Sophomore Macey Nortey looks for a teammate to dish the ball off to. Nortey finished the game with a game-high 20 points.



Senior running back Kevin Smith pushes through an onslaught of Illinois State tacklers. The Penguins went on to defeat the Redbirds 30-18.

Penguin football looks to cap off season with road victory

Keith Langford Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

On Saturday, the Youngstown State University Penguins will play their last game of the season on the road against the North Dakota State University Bison. The Penguins will try to get to .500 in the Missouri Valley Conference standings where they currently stand at 3-4.

This season has been one of ups and downs. The Penguins won three straight games earlier this season after their opening game loss and jumped out to a 3-1 record. The Penguins split their next two games and went into the bye week at 4-2. Three straight losses put the Penguins out of playoff contention and put their record at 4-5. A win on Senior Day evened their record at 5-5.

A win against the Bison may take a little sting out of a season, which has been disappointing by YSU standards.

The Bison haven't had the best season in 2009 either, as their record stands at 3-7 overall and 2-5 in the Missouri Valley Conference. Two straight wins for the Bison, including a 56-17 demolition at Indiana State last Saturday, have the Bison rolling into their showdown with the Penguins.

It will be Senior Day for the Bison, so the Penguins will undoubtedly face a team wanting to end their season on a high note and send their seniors out with a victory much like the Penguins did with their seniors against the Illinois State Redbirds.

Some key players to watch from the Bison are senior running back Pat Paschall on offense and sophomore defensive end Coulter Boyer on the defense.

Paschall has rushed for 100 yards in nine games this season for the Bison. He has 180 carries for 1,257 yards and 13 touchdowns, while averaging close to 140 yards. The Penguins will need to slow him down a bit if they want to get their third win on the road and their first road victory since Sept. 26 when they shutout the Indiana State Sycamores 28-0.

Sophomore Coulter Boyer experienced no sophomore slump as he has had a strong 2009 season also. Boyer has 45 tackles, 10.5 tackles for loss, 6.5 sacks and four forced fumbles.

For the Penguins to get the win, a repeat performance from their last game against the Redbirds, where the only miscues were a blocked punt they recovered in the end zone and a blocked field goal, would go far in the Penguins attempt to get their sixth win of the season.