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On April 2, the Penguin Productions committee will draw the names of two students who will receive the chance to meet Ludacris at his April 5 Chevrolet Centre concert. To be eligible for the drawing, students must have purchased a ticket for the event.

## SGA candidates left off ballot

Seven SGA potentials fail to accrue 150 valid signatures

Jeanette DiRubba  
REPORTER

One of Youngstown State University's two student trustees wants to run for president of the Student Government Association, but officials said her name won't appear on the ballots because she was two signatures short on her petitions.

Erienne Raib, who was appointed a student trustee in 2006 by former Ohio Gov. Bob Taft, said she is angry that she was not given an opportunity to collect two additional signatures.

"I am a little upset that they're not allowing any corrections," Raib said, "and now my only choice is to be a write-in candidate."

Raib, among six others, said she received an e-mail March 14 stating that her name and the name of her vice presidential running-mate, Keith Logan, will not appear on official ballots because some signatures on their petitions did not match the patron identifi-

cation numbers provided.

The SGA by-laws state that Raib and Logan would need to meet two main requirements. According to Section Two, "Candidacy Requirements," of Article VII: Elections, presidential and executive vice president candidates must:

"(a) File a petition of one-hundred fifty (150) names and Student ID numbers of full or part-time students.

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Erienne Raib and Keith Logan are upset that their names will not appear on this year's SGA election ballot.

week of spring semester to the Elections Commissioner or designee."

As Raib's running mate, Logan is equally frustrated. He said they had more than enough signatures turned in on time, but because the Student ID numbers are handwritten, any tiny errors can occur.

"A seven could be read as a nine, and something that trivial could take away our chances," he said.

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YSU SGA BY-LAWS

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## YSU

Faculty surveys weigh in on accreditation

Rudi Whitmore  
FEATURES REPORTER

Anonymous surveys were sent out to all full-time faculty and staff this week as part of the self-assessment Youngstown State University will compile before its visit from the Higher Learning Commission in February 2008 as part of its accreditation process.

Answers from the surveys will be compiled and analyzed as part of a "self-study" program that Bege Bowers, self-study coordinator and associate provost, hopes will "determine the university's strengths and challenges and improve the education process."

Bowers said there are many steps involved in the accreditation process, and the professor survey comes about midway through.

"Doing it midway through can help us identify strengths and challenges that the university needs to address by the time the accreditation team gets here," Bowers said.

Assistant Professor of Computer Sciences and Information Systems Robert Hogue thinks the self-survey comes at an opportune time, and any survey that allows frank responses is a good thing, whether or not it is done for accreditation.

"Especially now. For whatever reasons there are, morale on campus is pretty bad. There has to be a lot of reasons for that, and surveys can help get at that — [to] see what's going on, what things have gone wrong and what things have gone right, as well," Hogue said.

Hogue identified several reasons why he felt the surveys were important, and he feels that other professors will answer the surveys with honesty.

"I think they will be honest with answers and that they feel that it's ... well-timed. There are a number of things that have been happening in the past year [that] have caused concerns like personnel decisions and some other concerns about focus of the university," Hogue said.

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## YSU

## Forum introduces CLASS dean candidate

Adrienne Sabo &  
Ashley Tate  
THE JAMBAR

A dean candidate for Youngstown State University's new College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS) participated in an open forum Wednesday with students, faculty and staff in Tod Hall.

John Kijinski, professor and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Idaho State University, is one of four potential candidates vying for the new position at YSU.

During the forum, Kijinski addressed the similarities between YSU and ISU, noting that ISU has a number of first generation college students.

"I identify with them

and have experience with them," Kijinski said, explaining that he also has experience with students who work through college and make their jobs a priority.

"We're both committed to being influential in economic development in the region," Kijinski said of the two universities.

When it comes to YSU students' concerns, Kijinski said, "I can bring a willingness to listen and a desire to hear what students have to say."

At his current position, Kijinski meets with the student senate twice a semester to hear their views.

"It's important to meet with chairs and

faculties and designate a few seniors, to hear what their perspective is."

Kijinski said there are certain changes he will not stand for, such as, any action that would be detrimental to the foundations

of liberal education and the model that makes colleges look like businesses.

One of the challenges that Kijinski sees with the new position is the focus on developmental courses. He

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John Kijinski

### Vital Stats

#### Current job:

Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and English professor at Idaho State University

#### Education:

PhD, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
DA, Idaho State University  
MA, University of Chicago  
BA, Ohio State University

#### Employment history:

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Interim Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Idaho State University  
Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Idaho State University  
Chair, Department of English and Philosophy, Idaho State University  
Professor, Department of English and Philosophy, Idaho State University  
Teaching Assistant, Department of English, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Instructor and Assistant Professor, Department of English, Lewis University

## YSU administrator presents two models for possible community college

Jamie Fabian

JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

At a Tuesday afternoon meeting in Kilcawley Center, Youngstown State University administrators updated the campus and community about a possible community college in Youngstown.

Two basic models for a community college plan will be presented to the YSU Board of Trustees in June.

Interim Associate Provost Nathan Ritchey said at the presentation that Burges and Burges Strategists were hired for a feasibility study of the proposed community college. The study consists of a retail market study of demographic characteristics and educational attainment, leadership interviews and numerous surveys.

According to a phone survey of 700 people in Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull counties, 77 percent said they felt

a need for a local community college, 59 percent said they would support a small tax to start a community college, and 90 percent said they thought it would help the local economy.

"There is significant community support for a community college," Ritchey said.

He presented two basic models for the plan. The first model was a separate institution, which, according to Ritchey, has the best long-term opportunities for increasing access in the region.

Ritchey cited drawbacks to the first model, as well. They include duplicating financial aid and student services and turmoil for departments that have two and four-year programs.

The second model is a separate unit within the YSU structure. This would form a new academic unit to organize, market and develop new programs, Ritchey said.

He explained that with this model, the

use of partnerships with local businesses, high schools, and career and technical centers is very important.

"The idea of partnership has to be in any of these models," Ritchey said.

Distance learning and the assistance of other community colleges would also be necessary with this model, he said.

The second model would allow every course to apply to the students' major and would not require a construction initiative. Some of the risks outlined include a possible community perception that the university is trying to maintain status quo, or that the new college would not be thought of as a true community college.

According to Ritchey, "Cost is the main issue."

A proposed program called the Mahoning Valley Promise would guarantee that every student from the Mahoning Valley who attends YSU would pay no

more than \$150 per credit. The problem with this plan, according to Ritchey, is that YSU would lose an estimated \$5 million per year if full-time enrollment doesn't increase by 800 students.

Some others questioned the motives for the community college, like Rufus Hudson, the marketing coordinator for the YSU Metro College, who asked, "What is the problem we are trying to solve with this plan?"

Ritchey answered by saying, "We are trying to solve all problems with one solution."

Associate Provost Bege Bowers said that everyone wants to do what is in the best interests of the students.

She said the goal is to serve the students as well as the needs of the community. She said they don't want to develop a system that would compete with YSU enough that it might hurt enrollment.



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One of Logan's main concerns is the issue of campaigning. He said that because he and Raib are write-in candidates, they will not be given the equal opportunities of official ballot candidates to debate on issues and campaign for themselves.

David Spatholt, SGA vice president for financial affairs, said the tally process for the signatures this year was handled differently than in the past. Martin Manning, one of the SGA advisers, who normally handles the counting and verification of signatures, has a brain tumor and is not able to participate.

"The Office of Student Affairs handled the counting this year. The process was just too long, but it had to be done this way considering the circumstances. Because it took so long, and we had unfamiliar people dealing with this, the candidates weren't able to be handed back their signatures."

Former Elections Board Commissioner Christin Shullo said the signatures are nor-

mally given back to the candidates who turn their information in on time, but this year it was not possible.

"If there are any mistakes or any problems, I let the students know last year so they could still be in the running if they chose to be. This year the validation process was more complicated than it has been," she said.

Carol Ann Pitcairn, this year's election board commissioner, said it is not in the SGA by-laws to let students fix their applications. They offered that as a courtesy last year, she said.

"That is just something they did in the past," Pitcairn said.

Shullo also said the signature numbers haven't been reached before, even after she confronted the candidates about it.

"It's just a mix-up," she said. "Sometimes students don't know their ID number and don't have their card, so they put down whatever number. Sometimes the name they write is illegible so it's

impossible to match up the ID with the name. This requirement is basically a process designed so people can't cheat for signatures."

Shullo said people aren't being prevented to be on the ballot and instead are being assigned as write-ins. However, the directives of signature deadline and amount needed are clearly stated in the by-laws.

In reference to the amount of signatures, Shullo said "part of being an adult is to take responsibility. If you really want something, you just go above and beyond the minimum."

Raib said this whole ordeal is just making the candidacy process more difficult to achieve.

"It's tougher, but we're going to push ahead and try to make the best of this situation," she said.

If successful in her write-in candidacy, Raib said she would still be able to serve as a student trustee.

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said he had not realized before that YSU has as many students in developmental classes as it does, and that those courses should align with what students need to enter into a major.

Kijinski explained that the idea of a new challenge initially attracted him to apply for the dean position.

"I decided that I want a different administrative position," he said. Kijinski said he would also like to move to a different institution and YSU "holds great potential."

Kijinski further added that he admired the fact that YSU is taking an active part in the region and revitalizing it.

Other candidates participating in open forums are Tod Porter, Richard Rakos and Shearle Furnish. The forums continue Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the Board of Trustees Meeting Room in Tod Hall.

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He said that he was glad students were involved in the process, as he fears sometimes they feel like "paying customers" instead of students. They will be involved with the process by answering surveys. Focus groups were chosen by Sharon Stringer to help explore student issues and concerns.

Bowers said accreditation is important for many reasons. "It's an external validation of the quality of [the] university. It's one thing to say we're good, it's another for an outside body of education experts to say we're good. If a university isn't accredited, [it] cannot apply for financial aid. These are practical reasons for accreditation to matter. It validates the fact that we are offering quality educational programs."

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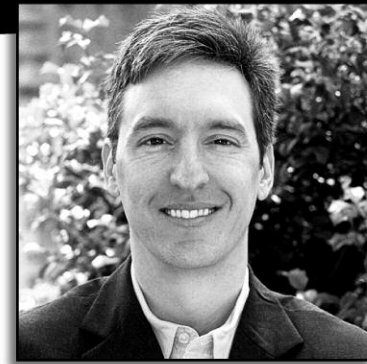

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Steven Levitt, author of the bestseller *Freakonomics*, is a much-heralded young scholar who studies the riddles of everyday life—from cheating and crime to sports and child-rearing. His conclusions regularly turn conventional wisdom on its head.

*Freakonomics*, co-authored by Stephen Dubner, sets out to explore the hidden side of the inner workings of a crack gang, the truth about real estate agents, the myths of campaign finance, the tell-tale marks of a cheating schoolteacher, the secrets of the Ku Klux Klan and more.

An uncomplicated man who uses simple questions to reach startling conclusions, Levitt set off a firestorm of controversy that had both liberals and conservatives up in arms with his published paper linking a rise in abortion to a drop in crime.

Levitt has an enormous curiosity and is set on course by personal experiences and the incongruities he sees in everyday life. He sifts through a pile of data to find a story that no one else has found and devises ways to measure an effect that veteran economists have declared immeasurable.

Levitt wants no less than to change the way we view the modern world. He says, "I'd like to put together a set of tools that lets us catch terrorists. I mean, that's the goal. I don't necessarily know yet how I'd go about it, but given the right data, I have little doubt that I could figure out the answer."

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### OUR SIDE

## Student leadership requires perseverance

Leadership positions should be taken very seriously.

We may not always agree with our leaders, but they are the ones in charge and have the final say. They need to take responsibility for their own actions.

The elections board for the Student Government Association denied seven applications for the upcoming year's elections due to invalid signatures. Presidential candidates must collect at least 150 student signatures with valid student ID numbers.

This year a few candidates are upset that they were denied a chance to accrue extra signatures. These candidates did get more than 150, but not enough valid signatures to apply.

We don't always agree with SGA or politics in general, but in this case we think the SGA election board is right. The candidates, especially the presidential candidates, should take that extra step to make sure all 150 of their signatures are valid.

SGA makes decisions that affect the lives of YSU students. It works to improve campus areas and speaks as the student voice to administration. The SGA president position is the most important of all and should not be pursued unless candidates are serious and detail-oriented.

Missing a detail such as verifying 150 signatures perhaps sets the stronger candidates apart from the weaker ones. It's a detail that's taxing to check. It's detail that shows which candidates demonstrate precision in work ethic.

Attempting to run for president should be met with eagerness and the idea of going above and beyond what is asked.

Filling out the application is the first step in any election process, and it should be checked to make sure all details are considered with accuracy. When applying for a job, it is strongly recommended to look over the application before handing it to the employer. Running for a paid position at SGA should be no different.

While the number of people running for SGA positions is small, those who choose to run should still want to put in the extra effort.

Even though seven candidates did not accrue enough valid signatures, they can still participate in the election as write-ins.

So now they will just have to work extra hard to get their names out there, even by doing something as easy as handing out flyers before and on election day.

What won't be easy for these write-in candidates is getting their ideas out to students, since they are not allowed to participate in the debates. Conducting their own debates would be a detail that shows perseverance for an SGA position and duty to fellow students.

The Jambar is moderating the SGA debates in April, and we would like to hear students' questions about candidates and their platforms. Send in your questions to thejambar@gmail.com with "SGA debate" in the subject, and The Jambar staff will present them at the debates.

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### COMMENTARY

## The two faces of Hillary

Michael Goodwin  
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS  
(MCT)

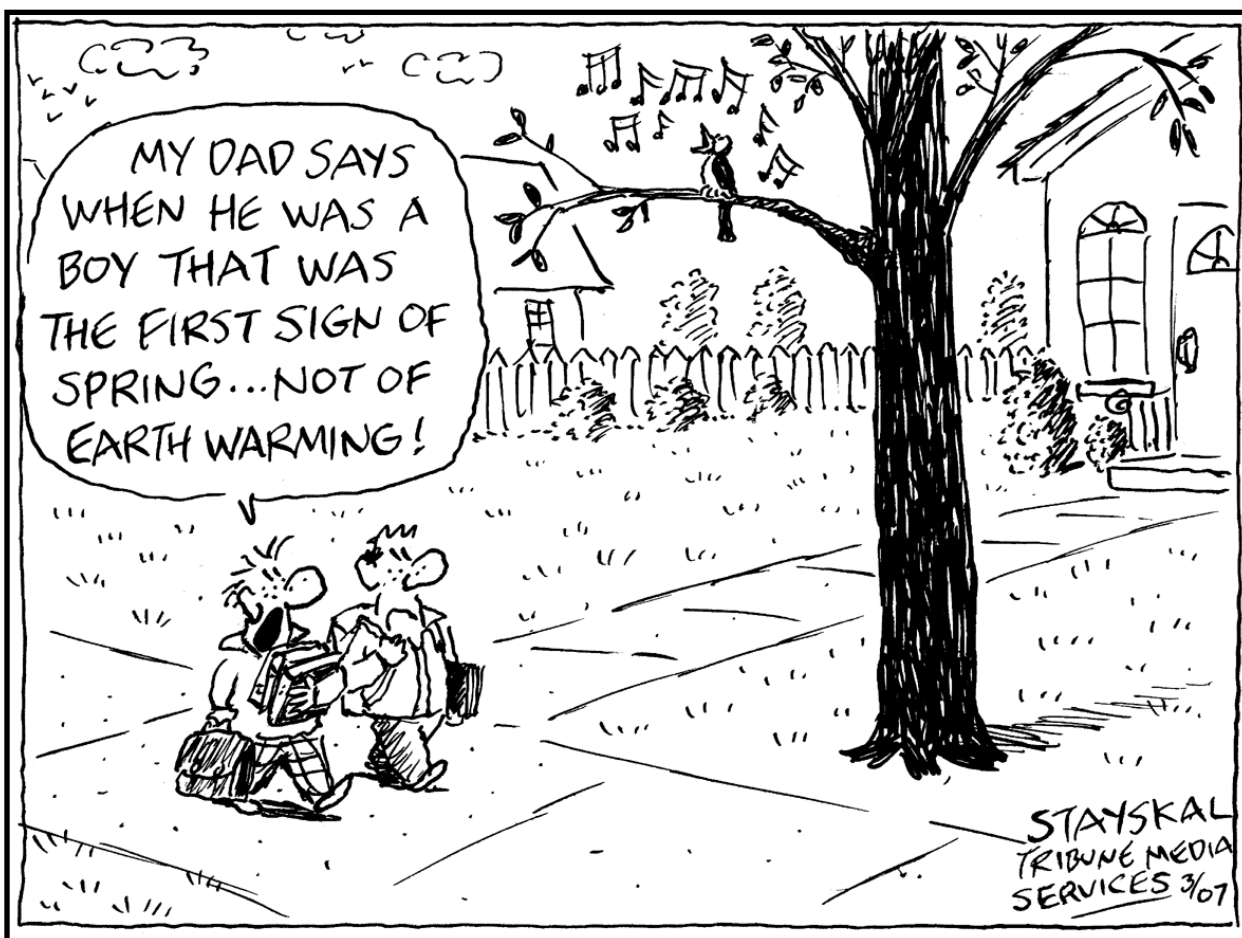
Surprise, surprise, a bold Democrat finally has told the truth about Iraq, a truth that goes like this: However chaotic it gets, we can't just pack our bags and come home. Even if a Democrat is president, we've got serious business there and "so I think that we will have troops" in Iraq.

Here's the second surprise: The truth-teller was Sen. Hillary Clinton.

It was the good Hillary, the adult who lived in the White House, is a serious student of foreign policy and knows we must project strength to friends and foes. The good Hillary wants to be president, but refuses to pander to a public disgusted with the war. We need to see more of her.

Lately, we've been seeing too much of the bad Hillary. Swept up in the fever of the campaign, that Hillary has been a little puppy, obediently following the irresponsible lefty lurch of rivals Barack Obama and John Edwards. In a game of "can you top this," bad Hillary even promised last month that "if we in Congress don't end this war before January 2009, as president, I will."

Fortunately, good Hillary was back last week and talked like a confident, responsible leader of the world's only superpower.



Making the case that America has vital interests in Iraq \_ from hunting al-Qaeda to blocking Iran \_ good Hillary struck the right balance in an interview with The New York Times. She painted a realistic scenario and response, one that repurposes our mission away from policing a civil war to using the military and diplomacy to make sure Iraq doesn't descend into a terror haven and ignite a regional conflict. In broad outline, that is the policy the next president will have to follow.

To make her points, Clinton sometimes sounded like President Bush. "It really does matter whether you have a failed province or a region that serves as a petri dish for insurgents and al-Qaeda," she said. "It is right in the heart of the oil

region. It is directly in opposition to our interests, to the interests of regimes, to Israel's interests. So I think we have a remaining military as well as political mission, trying to contain the extremists."

Wait, there's more good sense: "I think we have a vital national security interest and obligation to try to help the Kurds manage their various problems in the north so that one of our allies, Turkey, is not inflamed, and they are able to continue with their autonomy. I think we have a vital national security interest \_ if the Iraqis ever get their act together \_ to continue to provide logistical support, air support, training support. ... And I think we have a continuing vital national security interest in trying to prevent Iran from crossing the

border and having too much influence inside of Iraq."

She was careful to say she would rely on military commanders for honest advice. But she was definite that, while many combat troops would leave, an unspecified number would stay.

"It would be far fewer troops," she said. "We would not be kicking in doors. We would not be trying to insert ourselves in the middle between the various Shiite and Sunni factions. I do not think that is a smart or achievable mission for American forces. So I think that we will have troops."

Good ideas, good sense, good Hillary.

### COMMENTARY

## Basra is just wild about Harry

Salaam Radhi Oufi  
INSTITUTE FOR WAR & PEACE  
REPORTING  
(MCT)

BASRA, Iraq \_ The news that Britain's Prince Harry will be accompanying his unit when it deploys to Iraq later this spring has set this southern Iraqi city abuzz.

While there continues to be concerns that insurgents may attempt to target the third in line to the British throne, most Iraqis here appear delighted by the prospect of having royalty in their midst and intend to give him a warm welcome.

In fact, after having faced months of public hostility, the prince's imminent arrival is proving to be a major public relations coup for the British army.

Many residents here say they are impressed that the youngest son of Prince Charles and the late Princess Diana is willing to serve in Iraq, especially given that 10 British troops have been killed and 60 injured over the last three months. They also expressed surprise that the British government agreed to his deployment.

Accustomed to seeing the children of their own leaders enjoying lives of privilege and comfort, they are surprised and pleased at the egalitarian approach of a British prince serving in the army like any ordinary citizen.

Nadhim al-Jabri, media manager for Basra regional council, said Prince Harry's deployment to Iraq should be

"a lesson to the leaders of the Arab peoples."

Fuad al-Mazni, a member of Basra's city council, said he hopes Prince Harry's arrival will contribute to improving security in the region.

"The presence of a member of the royal family at such a level will (help to) create a secure and stable atmosphere," he said.

Even taxi driver Muhammed Jawad has high expectations of the prince.

"This man may tackle the rebuilding of Basra city, working together with us Iraqis," he said.

Not that Harry and his British comrades will have much time to improve the lot of Basra's beleaguered residents. Earlier this year, the British government announced plans to reduce its troop strength in Iraq from 7,100 to 5,500 within the next few months and to have all its troops out of the country by 2008.

Possibly the least impressed by the prince's impending arrival are the followers of radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr and members of his Mahdi Army.

"We don't care whether he's here or not," said Mahdi Army member Abu-Ali al-Biaj. "What matters is driving out the occupiers."

More common, however, is the reaction of Anam Tawfiq Abdul-Kareem, a 27-year-old student, who said she hopes the prince's arrival serves as "a transition point towards peace and security" for the city.

### COMMENTARY

## RIP Captain America: When heroes die

McClatchy  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE  
(MCT)

When a hero dies, do we all follow?

Even when he's imaginary?

Last Wednesday, Marvel Comics issued the final panels of the colorful career of Captain America. In the midst of a civil war, Steve Rogers, the little-guy alter ego of the Captain, is gunned down on the steps of the Manhattan courthouse by a sniper.

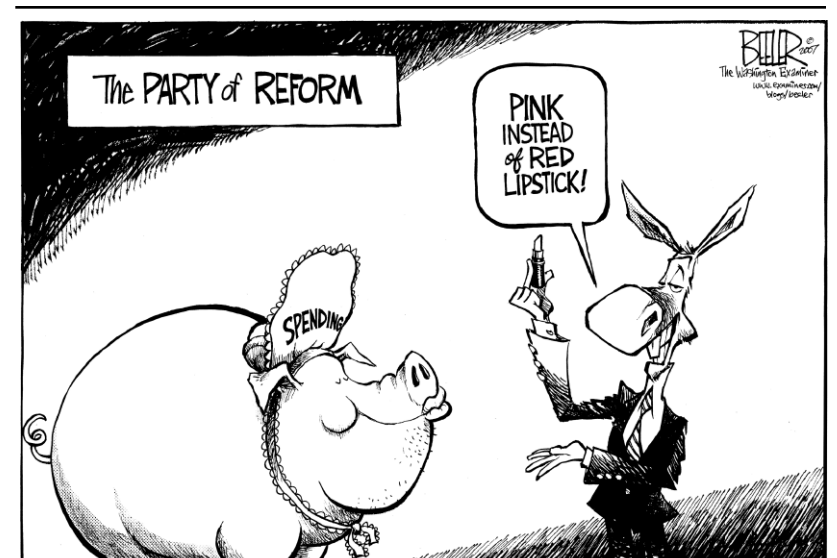
Captain America, like his country, has faded and come back before. A wartime creation, he first appeared in 1941, enjoyed popularity as a Cold War superhero, then dwindled. But he was resurrected "retconned," in industry parlance in the mid-1960s and held strong and steady since.

In his many incarnations, he mirrored the changes in

American life. He started out a defender remember his shield? of freedom against Nazism, then against communism, then against corrupt government, most lately against violence-for-violence's-sake.

Through some trick of art or wit, Captain America may well rise again and raise the shield on behalf of us all. Joe Quesada, editor in chief of Marvel, says it's possible. And comics forever kill and resuscitate heroes in "imaginary" issues about already-imaginary characters.

But anxiety nags. O Captain, our Captain if you're gone, what about us? So many people, both here and abroad, are wondering: Is America somehow past it? On the down side? Subheroes in a comic book that's not even funny? Does the end of Captain America portend the waning of his namesake land? Stay tuned.



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## YSU bracketologists weigh 'The Final Four of Everything'

**Aaron Blatch**  
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

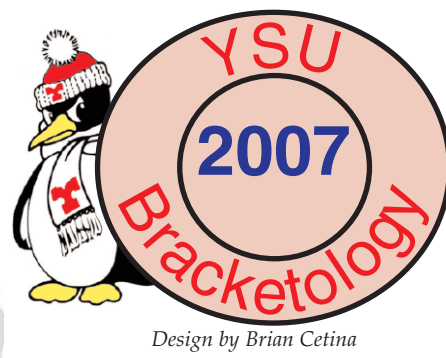
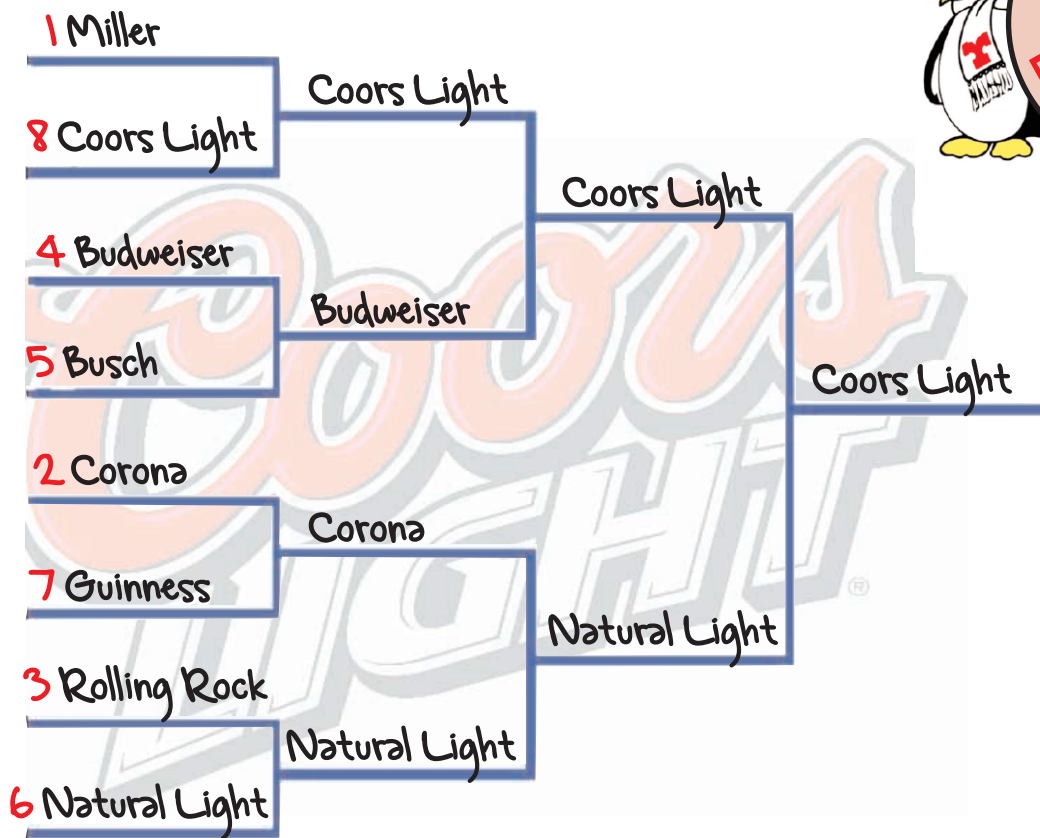
Youngstown State University junior Brad Gruszecki writes his answer down in his brackets in pencil first, in case he rethinks his decision. He thinks patiently on this March day to make sure he makes the best choice, knowing that his friends are likely to dispute his selection. His Final Four is complete. Finally, he makes his pick. The winner is ... "Wedding Crashers."

While the phenomenon known as "bracketology" is usually limited to March's NCAA basketball tournament, thanks to authors Mark Reiter and Richard Sandomir we can now use brackets to determine what is best in every area of life. Using Reiter and Sandomir's new book, "The Enlightened Bracketologist: The Final Four of Everything," Gruszecki was able to determine that "Wedding Crashers" is his favorite comedy, edging out other Final Four members "Anchorman," "Talladega Nights" and "Van Wilder."

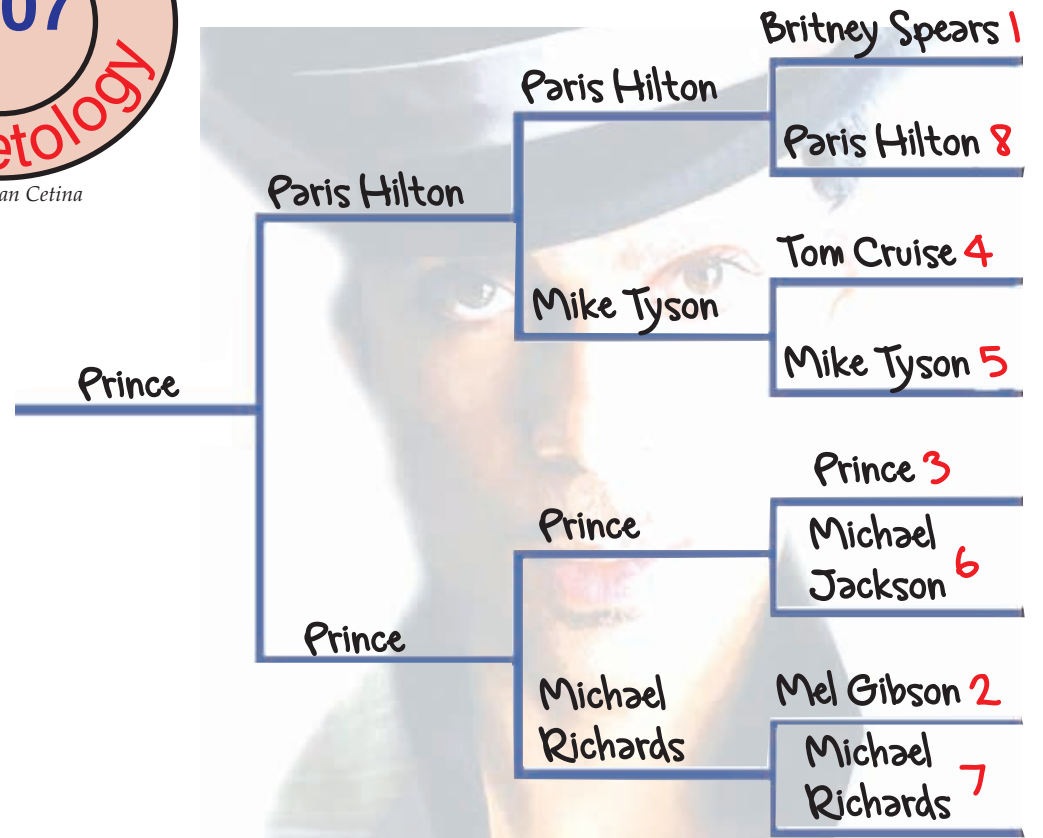
Reiter and Sandomir have used a simple concept, the idea that decisions can be made by weighing options against each other one-on-one, to help people understand their personal preferences. Where would Michael Jordan and Winston Churchill square off? In the book's Bald Guys bracket, of course. "The Enlightened Bracketologist" contains 101 sets of brackets on subjects ranging from talk show hosts to conspiracy theories, with suggestions given by experts in each field and a few by the editors themselves. A few YSU students tried out the bracket system by making choices on both functional topics and some not-so-useful ones.

Ryan Livingston decided that jewelry was the best choice for his girlfriend's birthday present, while Crystal Kenmuir deemed Prince the weirdest celebrity. Lauren Glenn chose Coors as her favorite beer in a heated battle over Natural Light. Finally, Anthony Yurcho decided that Alexander the Great would win a fistfight against other historical figures. Alexander defeated the likes of Caesar, Abraham Lincoln and Cleopatra on his way to victory. The tournament upset occurred when George W. Bush knocked off King Tut in the opening round, "but only because King Tut was, like, 13," Yurcho said.

### Best Beer Bracket



### Weirdest Celebrity Bracket



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## MUSIC

# YSU students to rock out at WestFest '07

**Britta Snowberger**  
FEATURES REPORTER

What began as a last-minute gig for The Champions of All Time turned into an annual event at Cedar Lounge in downtown Youngstown.

"It started when we were asked at the last minute to open up for Wesley Willis on my birthday a few years back," said Jason West, The Champions of All Time vocalist and guitarist. "We insisted that everyone at the show was there for 'WestFest '99,' and it just became an annual tradition."

The sixth installment of WestFest, scheduled for Saturday, features local bands Captain Braskey, Wesker and The Champions of All Time.

Kicking off the show is WestFest newcomer Captain Braskey, a three-piece band from Liberty. Influenced by artists such as Nirvana, Incubus, A Perfect Circle and 30 Seconds to Mars, the alternative rock band hopes to use its music to inspire thought in open-minded listeners.

"It's a very uncertain world, and we would like for people to think about that," said Andrew Bero, Captain Braskey vocalist and guitarist and Youngstown State University general studies major. "Question as much as you can, but most of all, just think for yourself."

Although the band, which includes YSU graduates David Bero and Charlie Warino, is new to the live music scene, its members are already addicted to the energy of an audience, and they are looking forward to Saturday's show.

"We love getting to play what we create and being able to share that with other people," Bero said. "We never know how the song is going to take shape on a certain night, and



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you never know, we might gain a fan or two in the process of having a hell of a time."

Once Captain Braskey's set is complete, Wesker, a high-energy rock band of Youngstown, will take the stage.

Returning to WestFest for a third time, Wesker members feel a special connection to the annual event. Three years ago, the band played its first show at WestFest. At last year's event, Wesker played its first public set after incorporating guitarist Rob Cronenwett into the mix.

"WestFest is one of those shows that we'll play whenever we're invited," said Wesker bassist Dave Biscella. "If we only played one show a year, it'd be this one."

This year's WestFest will be Wesker's last local show until

the band's summer release of its first full-length album, "Make it Last." Influenced by Alkaline Trio and Bayside, the four-piece band, which includes YSU graduates Eric Ensley and Chris Bacha, strives to remain humble and true to its roots.

"We're not trying to write songs to change the world. We're not out there to be the best band in the world," Biscella said. "We're just in it to have a good time and play some rock music."

As Wesker members pack up their gear, The Champions of All Time will storm the stage as the night's final act. Featuring two YSU graduate students, Josh Blackann and Tony Ghioldi, the Youngstown-based rock band hopes to connect with Saturday's audience at Cedar's.

"Playing live shows is how you can tell that people are connecting with your songs, which is a huge reason why we write [songs]," vocalist West said. "The best feeling in the world is to hear a room full of people singing the words you wrote in your bedroom back at you at the top of their lungs."

Also including guitarist Kevin Sturdevant, The Champions of All Time strives to not only relate to the crowd but also to entertain them.

"Through the years we've tried to maintain the element of fun in our band," West said. "When it's not fun, we'll quit."

Admission to Saturday's show is \$5. The first band of the evening, Captain Braskey, will kick off the show at 10 p.m. Of all the weekend's concert choices, representatives of the participating bands feel that WestFest is the top choice.

"If you only go to one local show this year, make it this one," Biscella said. "WestFest is always the best fest."

## WOMEN ON THE (EDUCATIONAL) MARCH WOMENS HISTORY MONTH AT YSU

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS: HER Search for Self through the Looking-Glass while HE Holds the Mirror Monday March 26, 3 p.m. DeBartolo Hall, Room 132.**

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Mike Jackson, vice president of marketing and advertising for GM North America, will be visiting YSU as part of the Williamson Symposium Series. Jackson is known for introducing a number of innovative programs, including the use of Web-based technologies, that helped boost GM car sales in the critical state of California. He also had GM a visible partner in numerous cause-related marketing programs that targeted ethnic markets.

Jackson joined GM in 2000 as executive director of sales and marketing support, following a series of leadership positions in sales and marketing at Coca-Cola, Pepsi-Co and Coors Brewing Co. He has a bachelor's degree in journalism from Kent State University and a master's degree in communications from the Annenberg School at the University of Southern California.

If you would like more information, please call Christine Shelton, Coordinator of External Affairs, at 330-941-3068 or email [cgshelton@ysu.edu](mailto:cgshelton@ysu.edu).



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### MEN'S TENNIS

## Consistency a must for tennis team's success on court

The Penguins' can even their record with a win against CSU but first they'll have to get their act together in singles play

**Jake Glavies**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Stability. It's what the Youngstown State University men's tennis team is lacking this year.

Through 13 matches the squad is 6-7.

But the real story of the 2007 men's team lays in exactly how they've won and lost.

In six wins the Penguins have outscored their opponents 33-2 and recorded three shutout victories.

Their losses have been another story though.

Some matches have been close, others have been blowouts, but after tallying all the points the men from Youngstown State have looked more like boys.

On the season they've been battered 38-4 in seven losses, not a flattering statistic but one that

Scott Kathary is looking to change.

"We seem to be kicking ass in doubles...Our doubles seem to be pretty rock solid but our singles is where we have to pick it up and get some of our

ple mistakes.

And to grow from boys into men the team will have to do just that.

The Penguins are poised to go only as far as their singles will take them and at this point in the season that's an unknown destination.

In six victories they've given up just two

singles points but a staggering 34 in their losses.

And as they get set to kick off Horizon League play against Cleveland State Friday at the YSU Tennis Courts the boys

from Youngstown will have to find some form of constancy fast.

"It's really important for us to beat Cleveland State. They've been our rivals for the past couple years...they're pretty nice guys but we just want to beat their ass," Kathary said.

A win would elevate Youngstown to .500 for the first time this year; a feat that senior Jason Trapp said has to begin with, of all things, a win in doubles competition.

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Registering a check in the win column may be easier said than done as the Vikings will enter the match boasting a 10-3 record, the best overall mark in the Horizon League.

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*Scott Kathary YSU Men's Tennis*

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Jason Trapp and the rest of the men's tennis team will look to clinch a win in their first Horizon League match of the season when they take on the Cleveland State Vikings at 6 p.m. Friday at the YSU Tennis Courts.

### 2007 Men's Tennis Schedule/Results

Fri.	Feb. 2	at IPFW	L, 0-7   Recap
Sat.	Feb. 3	vs. Eastern Illinois	L, 0-7   Recap
Sat.	Feb. 10	at Xavier	L, 0-7   Recap
Sat.	Feb. 17	at St. Francis	W, 6-1   Recap
Sat.	Feb. 24	DUQUESNE	L, 1-6   Recap
Sun.	Feb. 25	DAYTON	L, 3-4   Recap
Sun.	March 11	Wesleyan University	W, 6-1   Recap
Mon.	March 12	Colby-Sawyer	W, 7-0   Recap
Tues.	March 13	Fairfield	W, 7-0   Recap
Wed.	March 14	at No. 72 Stetson	L, 0-7   Recap
Sun.	March 18	ROBERT MORRIS	W, 7-0   Recap
Fri.	March 23	CLEVELAND STATE	6 p.m.
Sat.	March 24	at Toledo	1 p.m.
Sat.	March 31	at Wright State	2 p.m.
Sun.	April 15	vs. UW-Green Bay	11 a.m.
Sat.	April 21	UIC	Noon
Sun.	April 22	BUTLER	10 a.m.
Fri.	April 27	Horizon League Championship	TBA

### SOFTBALL

## Pitching and defense key for Penguin softball success

**Andrew Berry**  
SPORTS REPORTER

Despite harsh weather conditions causing four games to be cancelled and delaying the beginning of the season, the Youngstown State University softball team has put together a solid start to their Horizon League title defense.

Even with the good start to their season, head coach Christy Cameron believes the team can still play better and will continue to work toward reaching their full potential.

"It's early, but that's why you play these games to see where you're at," Cameron said. "The best thing about this team is they understand it and we're working harder to improve."

The team amassed a 3-1 record in the George Mason Invitational prior to spring break. The Penguins will look

to improve on that mark as they take on several big name schools in the Miami (Ohio) Invitational beginning Friday in Oxford, Ohio.

The team's first opponent of the weekend event will be Big Ten constituent Purdue University.

Following a rough start to the season, the Purdue softball team has recently caught fire. The Boilermakers are currently riding a six game winning streak in which they have outscored their opponents 47-7 and have scored 10 runs or more in three games.

Cameron said that while Purdue is a formidable opponent, the team will not change their approach against the Boilermakers.

"No matter who we're playing, whether it's Purdue or anyone, we just have to take care of what we can," Cameron said.

To counter the hot bats of the

Boilermaker offense, the Penguins will march out senior pitcher Karlie Burnell.

Burnell has put together a marvelous start to the 2007 campaign with a 2-0 record and a 2.00 ERA. Both of her wins were complete games as the opposition struggled to figure out the talented right-hander. Hitters have managed just a .220 batting average against Burnell.

What has allowed the Penguin pitching staff to thrive in the early goings of the season has been the solid play of the defense.

Through the first four games, the Penguins have posted a .961 fielding percentage with only five errors committed. With a solid defense behind them, the confidence of the pitching staff will only increase.

While Cameron admits the team has performed well in the

field, she believes the squad is still not where they would like to be defensively.

"The defense wasn't bad for their first time playing on a dirt surface, but it's still one area

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*Christy Cameron, YSU Women's Head Coach*

we need to shore up on," she said.

On offense, the Penguins have proven to be able to hit in the clutch.

Penguin hitters are a slugging a combined .444 with a runner on third and less than two outs. Driving in runs and taking advantage of RBI opportunities will be key for the

Penguins success as the Boilermakers have proven their ability to explode on offense.

Following their contest with Purdue, the Penguins will continue invitational play with games against Toledo University, Michigan State University, and host Miami (Ohio) University.

For Penguin fans impatiently waiting for the softball team's return to McCune Park for their first

home game of the season, the wait will soon be over. The Miami (Ohio) Invitational will be the last road test for the squad before they return home March 28 for a double-header with Robert Morris University.

"It's always so nice to play at McCune where you have the home fans," Cameron said.