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Thousands greet Republicans

McCain and Palin visit Youngstown, reach out to voters

Kelli Phillips
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

In an area generally dominated by democratic voters, students within Northeast Ohio characterized Republican presidential candidate John McCain's and vice presidential candidate Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin's visit to the valley as motivating and informative to the region.

Nearly 7,000 people filled the Winner Aviation hanger at the Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport Tuesday to support McCain and Palin during a Road to Victory Rally.

"This is a moment when principles and political independence need a lot more than party lines," Palin said.

Some attendees said they thought the rally would have a positive effect.

"I think his rally brought enthusiasm [to the area]. People are excited about coming here," said Ohio State University freshman John Kittle, a Cortland resident.

Similarly, Youngstown State University freshman Matt Varian said the rally might help inform more people about the different views of each party.

During the rally, McCain and Palin stressed the urgent need to "get the economy back on track," to reform Wall Street, and to secure energy independence. They also pledged to work for the interest of American people.

"We're not going to waste a moment. We're going to start where the need for reform is greatest. We will put an end to the reckless conduct and greed that has caused a crisis on Wall Street,"

McCain said, "This is not a time for



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political opportunities; this is a time for leadership."

Kent State University freshman Andrew Reed, who has been volunteering with McCain's campaign, said McCain's rally has motivated the area.

Since McCain announced Palin as his vice president, the amount of volunteering has been outstanding, Reed said. In the past several days, they made approximately 4,900 phone calls.

"I thought that most of what [McCain and

Palin] said is relevant. It's true to what I've seen in the media and the polls and the way it's portrayed," Reed continued. "I trust him more than I trust [Sen.] Obama."

Austintown trustee Lisa Oles, who is crossing party lines this fall to vote for McCain, credits the candidate's experience and national security policy, which "trumps all social issues in this election," for the switch. "John McCain will lead us and our country," she said.

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Campaigns move to modern era with technology

David Burrows
REPORTER

Presidential campaigns are utilizing technology to get attention and votes by moving into the modern era. Democratic nominee Barack Obama and Republican nominee John McCain have come up with creative ways to get votes, from joining social networking Web sites to up-to-the-minute cell phone updates.

One of the more innovative ways Obama is trying to get his voters into the booths is through the use of text messaging. If an Obama supporter texts "GO" to "OBAMA" — 62262 — from their cell phone, they get signed up for up-to-the-minute news updates about the campaign and reminders to vote come Election Day.

The McCain camp doesn't have anything planned with text messaging and they are sticking to more traditional ways of campaigning electronically, like through e-mails.

Jim Shaw, president of the Youngstown State University College Republicans, said the McCain campaign relies heavily upon Web sites and mass e-mails. They often send up to five e-mails per day to subscribers about events, opportunities and updates.

Another way the candidates are publicizing their messages is through social networking Web sites. Facebook and MySpace have become battlegrounds in the race for the presidency, each having thousands — in Barack Obama's case, over a million — of electronic supporters. The battle is not just being fought on these largely popular sites; each candidate has their own social networking site devoted to campaigning and bringing supporters together.

My.BarackObama.com is a Web site run by the Obama campaign to help users easily connect to one another. Users on the site are encouraged to make their own personalized profile, donate money to the campaign, discuss important issues this election year, and organize events in support of Senator Obama.

"The Internet is vital in this campaign. Plain and simple. Without the use of the Internet, the amount of young people that have been reached and affected by the Obama campaign would be drastically less," said Joni L. Koneval, president of the YSU College Democrats.

John McCain also has a social networking site of his own called "McCainSpace" located at johnmccain.com/Connecting. Members are treated to the same features as the Obama site, but here, members get awarded points for doing various tasks that help the McCain campaign, like recruiting friends and family, registering to vote, and starting events. The members with the most points get their names posted on a leader board.

"Technology is playing a huge role in this election and both candidates are using it heavily," Shaw said. "They're hitting a lot of younger voters, 18 to 25, who check their e-mail multiple times a day. The use of technology really exploded this election year. It's hard to find a college student who isn't on one of the social networking sites."

Hit the Deck!

Falling debris has professor concerned about student safety

J. Breen Mitchell
NEWS EDITOR

Some are concerned that the parking deck on Lincoln Avenue may be a threat to Youngstown State University students' lives.

Bruce Waller, chairman of the department of philosophy, said he recently found a large piece of concrete on the floor of the deck. He said it appeared to have been part of a larger block that had fallen from the ceiling and broken up when it hit the ground.

"Had someone been getting into the car at that point, there would have been serious injuries, perhaps a death," Waller said.

He said the piece of concrete he picked up would have been enough to do

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"I'm not an engineer, nor a safety specialist, but it is my uneducated opinion that when large, heavy, jagged chunks of concrete are falling from the ceiling of a building, then that building is unsafe for human habitation."

Bruce Waller, chairman, department of philosophy



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IN NEED OF REPAIR — Parts of the Lincoln deck are falling apart and rusting away, and pieces of the deck itself can be seen throughout the parking deck. Makeshift supports and eroded wire boxes are just some of the blemishes visible when walking or driving through the structure. Falling chunks of concrete have some worried about the safety of students and faculty who frequently use the deck.

News Briefs

YSU students earn Women of Achievement honors

Four YSU students will be recognized at the Women of Achievement in diversity recognition. Members of the YSU community and the Women's Achievement Diversity committee selected the students. Molly Barnes, Jennifer Edwards, and Maria Montanez all of Youngstown, are among the honorees.

YSU faculty, staff acknowledged for accomplishments

YSU's faculty is being noticed for their outstanding work. John Feldmeir, Jonelle Beatrice, Pat Shiveley, Cryshanna A. Jackson, Martin Abraham, Ray Beiersdorfer, W. Greg Sturms, Sherri Lovelace-Cameron, and Katie Cripe are among the acknowledged professors.

Police Briefs

Trespass warning issued

On Sept. 15, a YSU police officer observed a male subject, toting no books or bag, walking west on Lincoln Avenue. The subject said he was looking for a drinking fountain, and the officer asked him for identification; the male showed him an Ohio identification card. The subject said he was coming from the public library, which he said was closed, and said he was on his way to the Rescue Mission for dinner, but had stopped on campus to get a drink. The subject had no prior warrants, and was issued a trespass warning.

Student wallet reported missing

A YSU student reported her wallet stolen on the morning of Sept. 12 from a room in DeBartolo Hall. According to the student, she had removed her wallet from her purse to get her YSU identification card, but set the wallet on the desk next to the computer. Later that day, the student realized her wallet was missing and notified the YSU police. Although she and an officer searched the room, the wallet was not recovered. The student said she had cancelled her credit cards through their respective companies.

Students reported drinking in dorms

On Sept. 13, while on duty at Cafaro House, an officer received a phone call from a residential assistant who had suspicions about students drinking alcohol inside their dorm room. An officer arrived at the dorm in question and knocked on the door. The subject was identified, and the officer detected a strong smell of alcohol on his breath, a flushed complexion, bloodshot eyes and general unsteadiness. Two other YSU students were noticed, and a ¾ full bottle of spiced rum was found on the floor. The male subject admitted that the bottle was his and said he had been the only one drinking the rum. The officer took pictures of the room and bottle of spiced rum, as well as the three students and a report was filed.

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- The Wedge

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- Thursday, Sept. 18, 9 p.m.
- University Pizzeria

A day in the life: SGA president Mike McGiffin

Adam Planty
 REPORTER



"People that I've talked to say that it's better to go for the biggest and best objective you can instead of a bunch of smaller things. I don't want to be known as the president that didn't accomplish anything."

Mike McGiffin, SGA president

Former SGA President David Spatholt, who was appointed secretary of technology in Mondays' meeting said, "McGiffin's missed his one class a couple of times already. It's funny how he gets working and then loses track of time."

After a short break we meet

back in the office. McGiffin tells me about the meet and greet pizza party they have once a semester at University Pizzeria. "It's an opportunity for us to hang out with students, but we can only afford to do it once a semester," he said. "Also, the people who come to that usually aren't the ones with campus concerns for us to discuss."

"People that I've talked to say that it's better to go for the biggest and best objective you can instead of a bunch of smaller things. I don't want to be known as the president that didn't accomplish anything," he said.

The one major initiative that he's pursuing as president is the establishment of a one credit hour orientation course for first year students.

"I attended every orientation event this year that I could," said McGiffin. "Most of them didn't invite me. I said, put me on your agenda, I'm speaking!"

Even though he participated as an incoming student and SGA president, he said, "there's not nearly enough time to learn everything you need to know."

"It would be focused on every facet of campus life you need to hear. From transcripts and loans to night life and adapting to college," he said.

McGiffin said he wants the class to be taught by upper class students.

"Not only would it be great for students getting the information, but also for the students teaching. We've got some of the best student leaders on this campus," he said.

We head off to the KC Food Court for lunch. McGiffin introduces me to Dan Demailo, the

recent addition to the Board of Trustees.

We sat with Dan and his twin brother Derek, a junior who's majoring in arts and technology. Or at least he was. Derek told us that the arts and technology's animation program has received the unofficial axe, as no one has been hired to teach the program.

"They want us to either switch to graphic design or devise our own curriculum," said Demailo. "I have to get this ICP approved and hope I can stall for time."

Demailo said his main concern now is that he's running out of courses to take. "If I graduate on this curriculum I'll have some bastardized degree that won't be applicable in the field that I came to YSU for," he said. "YSU is still admitting students into the program even though they're aware it's a dead-end [for students]."

We head back to the office for some investigative calls. "This is the part of the job I love," said McGiffin. "I can hear a situation

like that and I'm actually able to act on it. I'm not powerless."

McGiffin leaves a message with Ikram Khawaja, the provost and vice president for academic affairs. He calls Bege Bowers, associate provost, and academic programs and planning, who said they hadn't heard anything about the situation at all.

Before we head off to a meeting, McGiffin introduces me to Greg Willis, the assistant director of student activities, a man McGiffin works closely with and learns from. "He's pretty much my mentor," he said.

"I've seen 13 presidents come and go and I think he's [McGiffin] the best one we've had," Willis said.

McGiffin said he enjoys his work overall.

"This campus has been nothing but good to me and I love this job. Most of it is just giving opinion where it's asked, and sometimes when it's not. That's how stuff gets done."

Sept. 15 General SGA Meeting

Bill SB F 2008-01 was passed giving the YSU dance club \$800 for a dance instructor for their fall and spring events, and Zeta Tau Alpha \$1,500 to cover the cost of parking and security as well as to offset the cost of apparel.

Curriculum sheets, designed to make it easier for students to plan their classes from their first semester all the way to graduation, were discussed briefly. The

sheets are in the testing phase to see if they would function as needed.

A resolution was added to SR F 2008-01 dictating the hours and number of events SGA representatives must participate in per semester.

David Spatholt was approved as secretary of technology. Paul Rauscher was elected chair of financial appropriations.

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Mike Chadsey, a 2003 graduate from Kent State University, supports McCain for similar reasons. "McCain is strong internationally and respected internationally. He and Palin have the solutions to solve problems at home, like lower taxes and limited government," said Chadsey. He hopes that if elected, McCain will focus more on energy and the problems we're facing.

While many in the audience were pleased with McCain's message, some YSU students gave different reasons as to why they weren't in attendance.

For freshmen Terrelle Tomlin, work was an obstacle, as was the fact that she didn't know where the rally was located.

"More than likely, I would have attended," Tomlin said. "I'm going for Obama, but I'd

like to hear McCain's opinions."

Freshmen Clint Friend said he also probably would have attended, since hasn't decided which nominee to vote for yet. Though he didn't know about the rally, he did watch it on TV, Friend added.

Vanessa Ventz, freshman, simply wasn't interested in McCain.

"I don't agree with most of his political views," Ventz said. "If someone asked me to go, then I would, but I wouldn't go on my own."

For senior Katie Webb, the reason has to do more with a general fatigue of politics.

"I'm sick of political campaigns," Webb said. "All they do is bash each other."

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serious harm to someone's car or health.

"I'm not an engineer, nor a safety specialist, but it is my uneducated opinion that when large, heavy, jagged chunks of concrete are falling from the ceiling of a building, then that building is unsafe for human habitation," said Waller.

Waller said he thinks attempts to renovate the deck will be insufficient, and that the deck should be torn down.

"If we have to make use of empty, unpaved areas for parking, that will be most unpleasant, but it will not pose these hazards," Waller said.

Neal McNally, director of budget planning and resource analysis, said fixing the deck is in the planning stages.

"We do have funds budgeted to cover the issuance of debt that will support the Centennial Master Plan, including the renovation or replace-

ment of this parking deck," McNally said.

He said it has not been decided whether to renovate the deck or tear it down, but that whichever option is chosen, the funding is available to pay for it.

Danny O'Connell, director of support services, said the deck was inspected over the summer by Walker Parking Consultants, a company that evaluates the decks and makes recommendations for renovations.

"I'm not doubting that the concrete fell down," O'Connell said, but added that Walker said the deck is safe.

O'Connell said he is putting together a proposal detailing two possible options to deal with the issue, but that building a new deck would cost around \$24 million, which would not be feasible.

"Right now, we're getting good, hard figures," he said.

The first option being considered is to demolish the deck and replace it with new flat lots to replace the 1,200 spaces the deck holds.

The other option would be to put the available money into major renovations to the existing deck, O'Connell said. He said these would be both structural and cosmetic.

Either way, O'Connell said the deck would need to be demolished in 15 years.

"I'm comfortable saying by spring semester, you'll have a good idea what we'll do," he said.

O'Connell said he doesn't think there is any danger in parking in the deck, and that minor structural damage is similar to potholes in roads.

"It's very unusual to have something like that happen this time of year... as far as the safety issue, I don't believe we have one," he said, adding that he plans on walking through the deck to further assess the situation.

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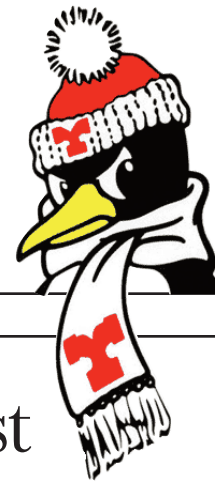
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Homecoming Question

In this election year, what is the worst thing your opponents could say about you?



Joseph Antinone, senior
“... I am so busy with school and work. I am never around campus other than to attend class.”



Zachary Brown, junior
“... I am friends with Phil Rauscher.”



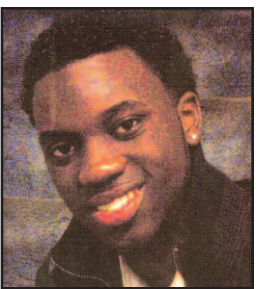
Patrick Fulton, junior
“... oh, he’s just too damn good looking.”



Jarrod Garcia, junior
“... I beat up old people while drinking and I take candy from babies.”



Josh Mashburn, junior
“... I don’t care about people enough.”



Wilson Okello, junior
“The worst thing an opponent could do is question my character.”



Joe Pietromonaco, senior
“... I open mouth kissed a horse once.”



Phil Rauscher, senior
“... I am friends with Zach Brown.”



Jesi Burkhart, senior
“... I’m mean.”



Joy Cutright, junior
“... she’s definitely to old to be running for homecoming.”



Julia Darling, senior
“... I’m a nerd.”



Lindsey Golubic, senior
“I would hope that none of my opponents would have anything bad to say about me!”



Adrienne Hudak, junior
“No one could have anything bad to say about me because I’m the sweetest person alive.”



Lindsey Kendra, senior
“... she’s in SAI? She must be a band geek!”



Chelsea Pflug, senior
“... I’m just some dumb sorority girl.”



Jessica Quinn, senior
“... I’m a typical sorority girl.”



Nicole Shimensky, junior
“... she’s too sensitive.”



Sarah Stafford, junior
“... I’m mediocre.”



Emily Wollet, senior
“... I can’t cook.”



Past queen remembers her big day

Jeanette DiRubba
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

The only reason Paula Moss-Sander ran for homecoming queen at Youngstown State University in 1980 was because she wanted to see how far she could get.

Moss-Sander found she could get as far as any homecoming candidate could by being crowned the 1980 homecoming queen. When being interviewed for queen nearly 28 years ago, Moss-Sander said she never thought she would win the title.

“It was so intimidating to be interviewed by seven faculty members. I thought, ‘if this interview is tough, I can’t imagine what a professional job interview will be like,’” she said.

Looking back at her homecoming memories, Moss-Sander said her college years were better than any memories she has of high school.

“Some say the best years of your life are the ones you spend in high school. I disagree. In college, you gain an independence and live in a whole different world and get to grow with diversity. You just get to grow up,” she said.

“Some say the best years of your life are the ones you spend in high school. I disagree.”

Paula Moss-Sandler

Moss-Sander said she was and still is “gung ho” for YSU. “I’m a positive Youngstown person,” she said.

While attending YSU, Moss-Sander was busy and involved with the university events and organizations. She was active on campus, most notably as chairman on the homecoming committee for four years, titled president of Alpha Mu marketing club and member of the Chamber of Commerce Mahoning Valley Leadership Academy. She graduated in 1982 as a member of the academy’s inaugural class.

With her busy college schedule and highlighted assignment notebook, classmates would jokingly ask if she had any free time.

“They would ask, ‘How old are you? You’re living by an appointment book already?’ I would just smile and say, ‘Yep! I love it!’” she said.

Moss-Sander became involved in athletics administration at Kent State University upon graduation with a bachelor of science in business administration and concentration area in marketing and advertising public relations from YSU.

She became an assistant in the sports administrator program, coached cheerleading, worked as an athletics advisor for student organizations, and was an assistant in the athletic marketing department.

Eventually though, she returned home to work at the Youngstown Letter Shop. She now works for her father at C & V Wholesalers in Youngstown.

She is just as active as she was in college, Moss-Sander said, adding that she keeps busy because she “likes to see the positive” and is “tired of dealing with the negative.”

Still involved at YSU, Moss-Sander is a lifetime alumni member, football season ticket holder, a penguin club member, and a “proud mother of a YSU junior premed student.”

“We sort of live and breathe YSU,” Moss-Sander said, gesturing around her office with walls filled of YSU memorabilia.

Homecoming Crowns: Where are they now?

Natalie Scala
REPORTER

Christopher Sammarone, Homecoming King 1994

For Christopher Sammarone, 1994 was a big year.

It was his senior year at Youngstown State University and he was wrapping up his studies to eventually graduate the following year with a bachelor’s degree in biology and a minor in chemistry. He was the football captain for the famed, Jim Tressel led team that became national champions. That same year, Sammarone was also named first team All-American by the Associated Press. However, the victories

for Sammarone didn’t end there.

“The icing on the cake was winning homecoming king,” said Sammarone.

Due to football duties, Sammarone said he could not participate in most of the homecoming affairs.

“I don’t even know what I missed because the homecoming game was such a big game,” he said.

Despite the homecoming game being a tense situation for the team, Tressel, who Sammarone describes as a very understanding coach, did allow him to go on the field during halftime to be a part of the coronation.

Sammarone grew up in Youngstown and graduated

from Chaney High School. After graduating from YSU in 1995, Sammarone returned to YSU to take graduate level classes. In 1996, he was accepted into the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law at Cleveland State University and graduated with his law degree in 1999.

Sammarone still has close ties with YSU and describes his days at the university as “a great experience.”

He is a member of YSU’s Athletic Department’s Penguin Club and the Football Alumni Club, a branch of the Penguin Club. Sammarone also holds season tickets for YSU football.

Sammarone is married with three children and two stepchildren.

Alyssa Armeni (formally Pignatelli), Homecoming Queen 1990

Alyssa Armeni, formally Alyssa Pignatelli, didn’t think she had a chance to win homecoming queen in 1990. She was a YSU cheerleader and believes it was her squad that nominated her for queen.

“It was so great,” says Armeni. “Normally, a sorority girl wins homecoming queen. It was very memorable.”

Armeni was a 1987 Chaney High School graduate and she graduated from YSU in 1991 with a bachelor’s degree in social work. She went on to receive a master’s degree in social work from Case Western

Reserve University in 1994.

Armeni credits the good jobs and low cost of living that made her and her husband, Rob Armeni, also a YSU graduate, plant their roots in the Youngstown area. Armeni now works part time at St. Elizabeth’s so she can have more time to raise her children Nicholas, 11 and Vincent, 6.

Her family attends YSU events such as football, basketball and baseball games, and Armeni highly rates her experience at YSU.

“I loved it. I participated in college,” says Armeni, “I met one of my best friends at YSU. Those were fun times and I received a good education.”

Government redefines its limits with AIG

William Neikirk
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

In its plan to take 80 percent control of the faltering insurer American International Group with an \$85 billion loan, the Federal Reserve showed how far it is willing to go to prevent a full-blown financial meltdown.

It also showed a new boldness by Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke, a former economics professor with a calm demeanor, to move swiftly and dramatically to deal with a crisis that he had been accused of soft-pedaling last spring.

While government intervention in the economy is nothing new in America, taking such a huge stake in a large, international company has few precedents.

The central bank, along with Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, came to the conclusion that AIG was too big to fail, chiefly because the firm had insured billions of dollars of the poor housing debt held by many financial institutions.

The decision to take control of

New York-based AIG is a huge departure from conservative principles of the Bush administration and many Republicans in Washington. There has been a growing political aversion to such bailouts in both parties, beginning with the rescue and sale of Bear Stearns, an investment bank, earlier this year.

But Lyle Gramley, a former Fed governor, cited one possible reason for going this far. He said credit had been much tighter since March, and that many banks had obtained insurance from AIG against some of their bad housing loans.

A bankruptcy by the insurance firm would curtail credit even more sharply, he said, "and the noose around the economy's neck would continue to tighten. It would be very damaging to the real economy."

Government intervention in the economy is nothing new in America, but taking such a huge stake in a large, international company appears to be without precedent.

The financial crisis is a big test of leadership for Bernanke and Paulson, a former Wall Street

executive, who helped engineer the bailouts of Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, government-sponsored mortgage giants, and federal assistance to now-defunct Bear Stearns earlier in the year.

Both were accused of being asleep at the switch when the housing bubble ballooned into a problem threatening the entire economy, forcing the hasty rescue and sale of Bear Stearns. Now, said several analysts, both appear to be on top of the situation.

Diane Swonk, chief economist at Mesirow Financial, praised Bernanke's previous academic research on the Great Depression and financial market stability.

"That is reassuring," she said. But Michael Drury, economist at McVean Trading and Investments LLC in Memphis, cited one problem: "In this nebulous gray area, AIG has substantial foreign components. Is the United States going to have to save the entire world?"

In a crisis, noted Drury, those involved in transactions like this one are impatient with those who raise questions.

"You just want somebody to do something. They don't care if it's not the absolute right thing to do," he said.

Experts said there's more work to be done. The Fed must continue to provide financial liquidity to the economy so that loans don't dry up and the economy can continue to grow.

The central bank can do that without lowering interest rates, said Nigel Gault, economist at Boston-based Global Insight, a consulting firm.

Meanwhile, the financial crisis has given rise to calls for a new government agency that would buy troubled housing debt and seek to sell it back to the markets at a discounted price.

This would be an entity similar to the Resolution Trust Corp., which Congress created in the late 1980s to unwind the savings and loan debacle. The idea is to enable the government to dispose of much of the bad private debt, but obviously at a loss, which means that taxpayers would make up the difference.

Advancing technologies offers new ways to dial into radio stations

Eric Benderoff
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

There have been some subtle shifts in digital music this year, trends that will accelerate over the next few months as the holidays near.

I'm not talking about MP3 players and the new models to tempt you (reviews to come). Rather, there is an increasing amount of music available that does not require the downloading of songs to a portable device.

It's Internet radio on the go, and the trend is emerging as a potentially disruptive market force, putting into question the need for a satellite radio service or even the purchase of music. The reason: The music _ and sometimes news, sports talk or a favorite out-of-town radio station _ is free, and such Web-based feeds are starting to spread across the device landscape like weeds after a storm.

Consider these recent developments:

Apple's App store. One might find this ironic, but there are several apps for the iPhone and iPod Touch that stream music. Some people may argue that this makes the iPod aspect of the iPhone irrel-

evant to a point (and I have), since you can get fresh music or radio feeds on these powerful hand-held devices

Great examples of this trend include apps from Pandora, Last.fm and AOL Radio.

With Pandora and Last.fm, the music that streams onto the iPhone is tailored to your preferences. If you like John Coltrane, you'll hear his sax play plus music from other jazz luminaries. If you like Elvis Costello, you'll hear an eclectic mix of rock from the '80s through today.

A new entrant is the app from FlyCast (formerly FlyTunes), a service that delivers customized music feeds, sports talk, the BBC and other content one might expect from satellite radio. AOL Radio's content also offers such a mix. The choices are vast, consequential and, most important, free if you own an iPhone or a Touch.

Slacker and Research in Motion. Slacker, another Internet radio provider, is putting its Internet-based music stream on BlackBerries. This is part of RIM's aggressive approach to add outside applications to help recapture attention in the smart phone market.

It's Slacker's first outside application (expect more) and comes in the

wake of a successful launch of its own portable Internet radio player this year. With the Slacker Portable, users can store music on the player based on the music channels they create. The tunes are cached for listening at any time and can be refreshed when you like.

Google phones. Based on Google's Android software platform for mobile phones, these gadgets almost will certainly offer a number of interesting choices in how to access music. A few such phones are expected soon.

This trend is about personal choice _ be it Top 40, classic jazz or indie rock _ being streamed to your device. The discovery that lies within that stream keeps you coming back, as you like the new stuff mixed with the familiar.

"The concept of a celestial jukebox in the sky is really cool," said Mike McGuire, a Gartner analyst who follows the music business. "But there are a few problems."

One, somebody has to pay: Internet radio providers need to pay the artists and labels to license songs. Many agreements have been reached, but unless these services create reliable revenue streams, they won't survive. Revenue likely revolves around advertising, but McGuire wonders

whether listeners will flee if voice ads are inserted.

Two, connection issues: On the iPhone, unless you're in range of the higher-speed 3G network or Wi-Fi, audio streams don't work well.

"The iPod is still important to the iPhone when you're out of network range," McGuire said. That can happen in the middle of Chicago, Iowa farmland or flying across the country.

Slacker's approach with its portable player, where you can cache music streamed over the Internet, addresses the connection issues. It starts at \$200 and is on sale at Slacker.com.

Jonathan Sasse, Slacker's marketing vice president, said the BlackBerry application (available soon) works the same way. You'll have music even when you're not connected to a wireless network. Whether Apple allows Slacker to cache songs on its devices remains to be seen, he admitted.

Will streaming music to a portable device replace downloaded tunes? That's a long way from happening, but the technology is in place.

If nothing else, you'll have more choices to find music that suits you. And if it's free, who is going to complain?

Video games teenagers play may be beneficial, study finds

Tim Barker

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

High-powered, ultra-violent games like Grand Theft Auto get all the attention. But for video-game playing teens, including a growing number of girls, it's about more than explosions and car chases.

They use video games to stay in touch with friends. They play a wide range of titles featuring puzzles, music, sports and role playing. And the right games may even encourage teens to be more involved in their communities, according to a study released Tuesday by the Pew Internet & American Life Project.

"Gaming isn't taking kids out of the social mix. It is a part of their social lives," said Amanda Lenhart, senior research specialist with Pew. Teens liking video games is not surprising _ though the fact that 97 percent of them said they played one kind or another did surprise the survey takers.

And while shoot-'em-up games like Call of Duty and Halo are popular, there's a lot of diversity in gaming.

The top three genres named by survey participants were of the non-violent flavor: racing, puzzles and sports. Action games, including the controversial Grand Theft Auto series, came in at number four.

To some degree, this reflects the impact of gamers like Stacy Ross, 17, of Columbia, Ill., who shies away from rougher games in favor of titles like Super Mario Brothers.

"I'm not really into sword fighting and killing things," Ross said.

There was a time not too long ago when video game discussions centered around male gamers in their teens and early 20s, and their preference for action and adventure. But the ranks of gamers have been swelled by females, who often go for puzzles the classics Solitaire and Tetris, for example and simulations like The Sims.

The survey found that 94 percent of girls play video games, on computers, portable players, gaming consoles or cell phones. Males still play more often, with nearly twice as many boys as girls considering themselves daily gamers.

The Pew study, "Teens, Video Games, and Civics," is based on a national telephone survey of 1,102 teens, ages 12 to 17, and their par-

ents, conducted from November 2007 to February 2008.

While there is no historical data with which to compare the Pew numbers, some experts see the high percentage of female players as a sign that gaming has evolved into a widely accepted form of entertainment.

Gary Rudman, a California-based teen market researcher, credits the 2006 launch of Nintendo's Wii with making games more accessible.

"It's opened up a world of gaming to non-gamers," said Rudman, who tells the story of a frustrated teen, unable to play his Wii because his grandmother won't stop playing. "The Wii sort of main-streamed it. You don't have to have any particular video game skills."

Another piece of that evolution is the way an increasing number of game systems allow users to play with others _ something three out of four gamers in the survey said they do at least part of the time, either in person or online.

In today's world, where parents tend to keep kids on a shorter leash, it makes sense that kids use technology to connect with one another, said Larry Rosen, a psychology professor at California State University and author of "Me, MySpace and I: Parenting the Net Generation."

"Parents are happier when their kids are at home so they don't have to worry so much," Rosen said. "We're looking at a generation of kids who are growing up groping for ways to socialize."

Games provide several ways to do that, whether it's getting together with a group of friends, playing online or joining in discussions about game play.

There is an entire subset of gaming, generally referred to as massive multi-player online games, built around the idea of socialization. Players are often forced to work together to accomplish specific feats, putting them in position to form quick, if not terribly deep, friendships.

"It's superficial, but in a good way," said Bonnie Nardi, a professor of computer science at the University of California, Irvine, who has done extensive research on the popular World of Warcraft. "People feel engaged and connected."

There is another aspect of game play that's harder to quantify.

Researchers wanted to know whether active teen players were more or less inclined to be involved in civic activities _ things like voting, raising money for charity or volunteering. The survey shows no real difference between active and less active players.

"If people are concerned that their kids might be anti-civic or anti-social, we didn't see that in this data," said Joseph Kahne, dean of the school of education at Mills College and one of the study's researchers.

But the study did find that teens who take part in social activities related to their games _ online forums, for example _ said they are more likely to vote in elections, keep up with current events and raise money for charity.

It's unclear, however, whether game-related social activities encourage teens to be more civic-minded, or whether civic-minded teens are more likely to take part in game-related social activities.

Still, the results do illustrate a factor of game play often disregarded or ignored by parents. There are many video games that offer a measure of educational opportunities. There are also those in which players deal with moral and ethical decisions, learn to work with large groups of players, and get to make decisions about how virtual cities and worlds should be run.

That suggests parents need to worry less about the time spent on games, and more about the types of games being played, Kahne said.

The idea that games could be beneficial is not an easy one for parents like Loretta Schnurbusch, of west St. Louis County, to wrap their minds around.

Schnurbusch, who stopped by Slacker's CDs and Games in the South County Center on Monday night, keeps close watch over the gaming of her twin 12-year-old boys.

She forbids them from playing games like Grand Theft Auto. And she tries to limit their daily video game intake by keeping them busy with other activities.

She just shakes her head when asked if she sees anything positive coming out of those little Nintendo DS units.

"I don't," said Schnurbusch, 46. "But I think that's just me and my age."

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Every four years, there are two elections held. One is the obvious one, where candidates vie for the presidency of the United States. The other one is the contest to gain the favor of the state of Ohio. During this election cycle, we have been visited by Barack Obama, John McCain, Hillary Clinton, Ted Kennedy, Caroline Kennedy, Chelsea Clinton, Sarah Palin, Cindy McCain, and Joe Biden.

Ohio has emerged in the past three election cycles as the most coveted state in the nation. We are bombarded with visits from the candidates, their running mates, their spouses, their running mates spouses, and various elected officials from the candidates' parties.

They tell elderly crowds about their plans for social security and Medicare. They tell college crowds about their plans to make education free and attainable. They tell blue collar crowds they'll bring their jobs back, and white collar crowds they'll protect their stock portfolios.

Then they leave. Election year promises may be common, and are often unattainable for a variety of reasons. Sometimes this is because of political realities, other times it's because they were never intended to be kept.

But the state we live in seems to deal with this on a much grander scale than others. They all have some promises broken. We have every promise broken.

The blame for this is not solely on the candidates. Some of it is on us.

We can't continue to wait for some political savior to solve all of our problems. We can't keep falling for the same old lines, from both parties.

A year from now, when noone mentions Youngstown on prime time television and we haven't seen any of the people we've helped elect since before we cast our votes, we should remember that this is nothing new.

We didn't see them in 2001 or 2002, either.

They were conspicuously absent in 2005 and 2006, as well.

Candidates hang on our every word, but elected officials on the national level, for the most part, couldn't care less.



Nate Beeler is a syndicated cartoonist. His views do not necessarily agree with those of The Jambar.

JAMBAR Question

When presidential candidates visit northeast Ohio, does it change your opinion of them?



Ben Lane, senior

"Not really. They should be coming to this part of the state."



Eric Swickard, junior

"No. Their stance should already be there whether they are here or any other part of the country."



Joe Gintert, senior

"No. It doesnt change what they're about."

COMMENTARY

Let's hope Congress can focus on health care after the election

Steve Jacob
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS (MCT)

Prior to each national party convention, I examined health plans of presidential candidates Barack Obama and John McCain. Both appear to be long on wishful thinking in terms of cost savings and vague on the ultimate price tag. And both appear to be a collection of goals, rather than rising to the level of coherent plans.

Obama counts on dubious savings from electronic medical records, prevention programs and chronic-disease management to pay for universal coverage for children and subsidies sufficient to make premiums affordable for all.

McCain counts on market forces to lower costs by providing tax incentives for individuals to buy their own health insurance rather than rely on their employers. He woefully underestimates the cost of subsidizing the coverage of those with chronic conditions who inevitably would be turned down by insurance companies.

Each candidate's supporters challenged me to come up with something better.

Actually, that's not necessary. Several interesting health-care plans have been introduced

in Congress. Most lack publicity because their co-sponsors are not running for president. And there are bound to be several more after the election.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., apparently plans to offer his own plan. He has long been a champion of universal health care and feels a sense of urgency and perhaps seeks a legacy, given his uncertain future in the wake of brain-cancer surgery.

After the election, the plan championed by the new president will just be one more in the legislative hopper.

The will of the American people seems pretty clear. According to a 2007 CBS News/New York Times poll, 90 percent say the health-care system needs fundamental change and more than one-third favor a complete overhaul. Two-thirds said the federal government should guarantee health insurance for everyone, and that it was even more important than controlling health-care costs. The trick is doing so without breaking the bank.

One plan in Congress appears particularly promising, although others may emerge next year.

The Healthy Americans Act (HAA), introduced in early 2007 by Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., and Sen. Robert Bennett, R-Utah, is co-sponsored by eight Republicans and eight

Democrats.

HAA would achieve McCain's goal of replacing employer-based health insurance — as well as Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

All Americans would be required to buy coverage through state or regional purchasing pools. Instead of paying the insurance companies directly, the premiums would be collected along with federal income taxes, minus a fixed deduction. Low-income households' premiums would be subsidized. Businesses and state governments would no longer be funding coverage directly, but they would be making much more modest annual contributions to the system.

The HAA appears to achieve many important goals:

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A joint analysis by the Congressional Budget Office and Joint Tax Committee called the plan "budget neutral" when fully implemented and said it may actually produce future surpluses.

SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Everyone has skin in the game — individuals, employers, state and federal government.

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The individually mandated health insurance ensures there would be no freeloaders. And the nation would be stronger economically. The Institute of Medicine estimates the uninsured lose \$65 billion to \$130 billion annually because of poorer health and shorter life span.

COST EFFICIENCY

Broad insurance risk pooling and large-scale negotiation of pharmaceutical prices would reap significant administrative savings.

EQUITABLE RISK POOLING

The distribution of health risks among large populations would protect those with chronic disease.

ENHANCED COMPETITIVENESS FOR U.S. BUSINESSES

According to a New America Foundation study, U.S. companies paid \$2.38 per hour for health insurance for workers earning \$18 an hour in 2005. Companies in Canada, Japan, the United Kingdom, France and Germany spent \$0.96 an hour for workers earning \$20 an hour. Health-care costs have been an albatross to American businesses. The HAA would virtually eliminate that.

I also find the plan personally attractive. Under the HAA, I am more likely to get a bigger raise. One of the key reasons for stagnant

wages in recent years is that health-care hyper-inflation is crowding out potential increases. Employers have much more discretion over employee salaries than the cost of insurance premiums.

I am 56. If I lost my job, I would pay a handsome sum for comparable health insurance if I could not find work with similar benefits or decide to work for myself. Under the HAA, health insurance is portable and costs the same regardless of employment status.

HAA strongly resembles the health-care system in the Netherlands.

Mentioning of Europe and universal coverage often causes eyes to roll and minds to snap shut. But the Dutch model is government-facilitated, rather than government-run, as in Canada and Great Britain. Individual responsibility and private insurance are deeply rooted in both the U.S. and Dutch cultures.

The AmeriCare Health Act of 2006, introduced by Rep. Pete Stark, D-Calif., is similar to HAA in most respects. But it would use Medicare as the primary coverage vehicle rather than private insurance.

Health care deserves center-stage congressional examination in 2009. Let's hope partisan gridlock and self-serving lobbyists don't derail debate on what appear to be promising solutions.

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Tips for fall fashion trends

Elizabeth Boon
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT
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For a fashionable look this fall, layering with careful balance and use of accessories is key.

Layering is one of the biggest and easiest trends to wear this season, said Liz Lohr, manager of Lush Boutique in Cleveland.

The trend works well with pieces like T-shirts and wrap sweaters.

The look can also be

incorporated with accessories. Lohr suggests wearing multiple long necklaces at one time.

While wearing a layered look can create a chic and versatile image, it can also appear jumbled. To create balance, Lohr suggests wearing the layers on top and keeping the bottom simple with a skinny jean.

"Be careful of not having everything the same length. You don't want to have it too heavy in one area," Lohr warned.

Although Lohr suggests skinny jeans for fall, she admits that they may not be for every body type. They can look slimming when paired with heels, she said, but for those who are still hesitant about the trend, she recommends another type of pants.

"Skinny jeans don't look great on everyone," she said.

"A straight leg is a good transition. Just find a pair that fits well."

Narrow-legged jeans are only one part of the pant spectrum for fall. Lohr said trousers with big, flared legs are also being sought after by shoppers.

"They bring you back to the 70's. It's very retro," she said.

Chunky heels are a must when wearing wider legged pants.

"The stiletto high heel is out," she said while referencing a heavier shoe.

If high heels seem too dressy for a trek to class or the mall, Lohr said that boots and flats are still popular this season, especially when paired with dresses and colorful tights.

You can use boots to create an easy and sleek look by tuck-

ing skinny jeans into them. Lohr said that knee high and flat riding boots are stylish right now.

UGG boots are also a great look for this fall and winter. Although Lohr said some think the trend is over, it's not.

"They really are key. They're comfy and warm. The trend is definitely not over," she said.

To pull off a less complicated look like a jeans and boots combination, Lohr suggests wearing scarves, which she said are not just for winter. Scarves add interest and color to outfits that may otherwise be plain.

"Scarves are ideal for people who have a simple wardrobe," said Lohr. "Just let it hang or tie it around a couple times. It's a casual, messy look."



Simple fall trends are worn by the model. Sweaters, tank tops, and long necklaces are worn to create a layered look.

Photos courtesy Victoria Greenhouse



Layering with different length sweaters and shirts creates a balanced and clean look.

"Skinny jeans don't look great on everyone. A straight leg is a good transition. Just find a pair that fits well."

— Liz Lohr, manager of Lush Boutique —

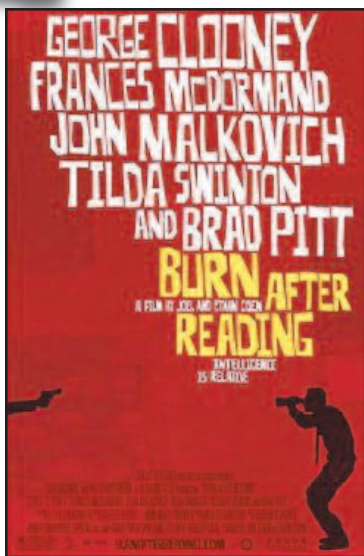
"Burn After Reading" Another Coen brothers' Achievement

Tyler Landis
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

Hot off of the Oscar success of No Country for Old Men, brothers Joel and Ethan Coen have directed their latest dark comedy. Burn After Reading is a spy-based comedy that mocks the follies of National Security with amazingly stupid characters played by amazingly good actors.

George Clooney who has starred in other Coen films, plays Harry Pfarrer, a smooth talking womanizer who is having an affair with the wife of a recently terminated CIA member. The analyst is Osbourne Cox played by the underrated John Malkovich. Cox has been with the CIA for decades and is blindsided at his forced resignation. His wife played by recent Oscar winner Tilda Swinton wants to know what he will do for money. Cox dreams of writing a memoir, hoping to sell it for big bucks.

Throw in two dim-witted gym employees played by Brad Pitt and Frances McDormand and soon everyone is intertwined. Pitt plays Chad Feldheimier, a gum chewing, water guzzling fitness freak that only Pitt has the unseen humor to play. McDormand, a Coens regular, plays Linda



Litke, an aging woman looking to get plastic surgery in all the right places.

The narrative and tone has the feel of a thriller, but its truly a black comedy for those unsure of it. Only the Coens can create such characters and worlds where there are truly no rules. If you're a fan of films like The Big Lebowski and other Coen farces, Burn After Reading will please you. If you go in expecting No Country for Old Men or an award caliber film, you will leave disappointed.

The film is fun and breezy at about 95 minutes. J.K Simmons who plays the father in Juno, has an excruciatingly funny role as the head of CIA branch trying to make sense of all of the characters actions. He sums up the entire movie in two scenes. Only the Coens can create a character that has 2 minutes of screen time, and make him memorable.

Tyler Landis contributes to The Jambar. His article previously appeared on his blog, <http://tlands.blogspot.com>, on Tuesday, September 16, 2008.

Starring: George Clooney, Frances McDormand, John Malkovich, Tilda Swinton, Brad Pitt, J.K Simmons

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Butler Museum brings new exhibits

Kaely Hawkins
REPORTER

The Butler Art Museum is bringing may exhibits this fall to intrigue Youngstown State University students.

Kathie Earnhart, who works in public relations for the Butler, said that the Doris Vila exhibit would be most interesting to students

The Doris Vila exhibit includes very brightly colored holograms that would catch anyone's eye. The Doris Vila exhibit runs from Aug. 24 to Oct. 19.

Earnhart also mentioned the Pastel show as being a point of interest. Within the pastel exhibit "Things I See," there are many nationally reknown artists who have contributed their works, such as: Jonathan Wallace, Marty Greenbaum and James Pernotto. The exhibit is currently running through Oct. 19.

Not all exhibits are being shown at the Butler in Youngstown this fall. There is one exhibit being shown at the Trumbull branch in Howland. "Being There" is a collection of photographs by Harry Benson. Benson has photographed many things including U.S presidents, The Beatles and 9/11. The exhibit will only be shown until Sept. 28.

The Butler also occasionally puts together concerts. This year, the Butler is bringing in the popular Beatles tribute band Abbey Road. The concert is being held in Beecher Court on Nov. 8. Tickets go on sale in October and are \$15.

"American Holiday" will end the fall season for the Butler. "American Holiday" is an annual arts and crafts show that the Butler holds the first week of December. All proceeds go to the Butler's education programs and it's free admission policy. "American Holiday" begins

Dec. 5 and will go until Dec. 7.

There are many other exhibits that are interesting and worth viewing this fall at the Butler.

For more information on the exhibits and the artists, go to <http://www.butlerart.com>.

EXHIBITS

Jonathan Wallace - Borne Away on Lifted Wings

Bill Gordon: Photographs of The Street
Aug. 17-Sept 28.

Doris Vila: A Survey (Bermant Gallery)
Aug. 24-Oct. 19.

Wallace, Greenbaum, Mislove, Vellutino, Pernotto: Things I See (Giffuni Gallery)
Aug. 31-Oct. 19.

Clyde Singer: A Retrospective
Sept. 7-Jan 4, 2009.

Harry Benson: Being There (Trumbull branch)
Sept. 7-Sept. 28.

Cathie Bleck: Becoming Human (Davis Gallery)
Sept. 14-Oct. 26.

Redhand: Mahoning, Witness Project #3
Sept. 14-Nov. 6.

2008 Free Family Days: Imagine with Us: Stories and Art
Sept. 20-Sept. 21.

Anna Richards Brewster (1870-1952): Her Versatile Talent, Beyond Impressionism
Sept. 28-Dec. 28.

Reginald Case: Assemblage (Mesaros Gallery)
Oct. 12-Dec. 31.

AbbeyRoad: Beatles Tribute Band (Beecher Court)
Nov. 8.

Holiday Arts & Crafts Show: American Holiday
Dec. 5-Dec. 7.



ABOVE: Clyde Singer's America exhibition at the Butler will be accompanied by a showing of a documentary about his life and work.



LEFT: Photographer Harry Benson's work, including this photo, will be shown in the exhibit "Being There" at the Butler Institute of American Art. Benson is a photojournalist who has photographed every U.S. President since Dwight Eisenhower.

YSU professor and students explore China, write book of experiences

Melissa Mary Smith
FEATURES REPORTER

From May 27 to June 18, Youngstown State University professor George McCloud, vice president of university advancement, teamed up with professor Cong Zhiyuan of William Patterson to take students from both colleges on a trip to China.

The trip involved 10 YSU students and 18 Patterson University students and, as McCloud said, Chinese art was used as a lens to focus the culture.

The book, "Summer Art in China 2008," was a collaborative piece that the students worked on with the assistance of both professors. McCloud decided that writing the book would be a good idea for the students so that it would serve as a basis for integrating their experiences.

YSU students Arica Angelo and Courtney Peterson were extremely excited when given the opportunity to go to China.

At first, Angelo thought the idea of going to China was not something she'd be able to do. But after hearing George McCloud's enthusiasm for the trip and hearing about the possibility of being awarded a scholarship, she couldn't turn away.

Angelo said she went to some places that wouldn't normally appear in a travel brochure such as artists' home studios and apartments. Zhiyuan made interesting and educational excursions like this possible.

Going into the trip, both Angelo and Peterson learned a lot of things about Chinese culture that they were previously unfamiliar with.

"We take a lot of things for granted and they appreciate everything," said Peterson.

Peterson also said the elderly are treated much differently in China than America.

"The older you are, the more respect you have," Peterson said.

Angelo said that while she didn't know much about the culture going into the trip, she did learn that they are very gracious and respectable people.

McCloud explained that art in China differs from art in America because the Chinese see the world in a different way and that it represented in the appearance of their visual arts.

McCloud also said their character system of writing is and of itself visual art, while in America we simply use an alphabet system.

Angelo said Chinese artwork and architecture is very repetitive with this repetition.

A 22-year veteran of traveling to China, McCloud still has poignant experiences.

"Usually there's a moment when I travel that is a moment to dwell on that has reaffirmed something," said McCloud.

This moment in McCloud's recent trip was when he was standing on the breakwater of the Nantong River reaching into the Yangzi River and saw the busy traffic of huge container ships and said he had never seen anything like that before.

McCloud said his favorite part of the entire trip was being with the students. He explained that when he went with the students, it was as if he was experiencing China for the first time.

Peterson's favorite part of the trip was the Temple of Heaven, which she described as "refreshing and peaceful." Peterson wrote the article on the Temple of Heaven for the book.

Angelo loved Xi' An, which houses the famous terra cotta warriors. She explained that visiting Xi' An was when she got the true essence of China's history.

After his years of traveling to China, McCloud said he disagrees with analysts who say that America can only be enemies with China and not competitors, but believes that we cannot afford our competitive relationship with China to go south.

Angelo said the trip opened her mind about China's culture and feels that it is important for undergraduates to study abroad for this reason.

When asked whether or not she would return to China, Peterson replied "In a heartbeat."

In promotion of the book release and publishing, a book signing and reception is scheduled Friday, Sept. 26 at the McDonough Museum of Art. Special guest will be professor Cong Zhiyuan for William Patterson University.

The Yo* Magazine will be meeting Thursday, September 18 at 4 p.m. in the basement of Fedor Hall.





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HANDS TO THE FACE — Sophomore running back Kamryn Keys lays a stiff arm out to pick up against yards during the Penguins game against the Central State Marauders. Keys ran for 89 yards on 15 carries against the Marauders in relief of junior Jabari Scott in the 38-0 home-opening win.

Stage set for showdown at Stambaugh

The Penguins are looking to make a statement and upset No. 2 North Dakota State University as the teams are set to square off for the first time since 1973.

Andrew Berry
SPORTS EDITOR

The Youngstown State University football team's victory over Central State University got the Penguins in the win column and some much needed confidence after a shaky first two weeks.

Even with the feel-good victory, the Penguins now have a huge reality check staring them in the face as the squad is slated to host the No. 2 ranked North Dakota State University Bison in a major Missouri Valley Football Conference game Saturday.

The Penguins haven't started a season 0-2 in conference play since 2004, a year in which the team finished 4-7 on the year and won just two conference games.

Avoiding the 0-2 start in 2008 may be easier said than done as the Bison have 18 starters back from last year's team and have already dominated their way to a 2-1 record. The only blemish was the Bison's close loss to FBS constituent Wyoming. North Dakota nearly pulled out its second victory

over an FBS team in two years but fell 16-13 to the Cowboys.

Last season, the Bison upset the Minnesota Golden Gophers of the Big Ten Conference and were picked to win the Missouri Valley title this season.

Head coach Jon Heacock said he spoke with his players after the Central State game and feels they have a good idea what challenges lie ahead, beginning with North Dakota State.

"I think all of our guys are aware that the opponents we play from here on out, with no disrespect, will be better than the opponent we played Saturday," Heacock said.

Getting on the board with the 38-0 win over the Central State Marauders is proving to be a confidence booster for the Penguins. Heacock said that winning makes the effort put forth in practice during the week worth it.

Against the Marauders, the work to correct most of the early season headaches appeared to pay off as the offense looked sharp and the defense pitched a shutout.

Led by junior running back Jabari Scott, the running game took

off for the Penguins after being stifled in the team's first two games. Heacock feels that sticking with the run attack to set up the pass is a key for the Penguins heading into Saturday.

"We've tried to stay with it," Heacock said. "We've always believed that we're a running team. We line up in some different formations but we're going to continue to run the ball."

Maintaining a successful rushing attack will also help alleviate some of the pressure junior quarterback Brandon Summers is sure to face in his second start of his young Penguin career.

The Bison defense has eight sacks in three games this season and has recorded 24 tackles behind the line of scrimmage. Sophomore guard Bobby Coates knows the Penguins have to protect Summers and believes the offensive line is up to the challenge.

"Everything they do we have the tools to handle, it just depends on us executing," Coates said.

After a solid outing in his first career start at Youngstown State, Summers is establishing himself as

a leader. Following the Central State game, Coates said the team is moving forward with Summers as the leader and feels the junior quarterback is growing up quickly.

"He did really well," Coates said. "He led the drives and made good decisions. He's leading us and that's what we need."

While the odds may be stacked against the Penguins playing the No. 2 ranked team in the nation, the Penguins carry the advantage of the playing in front of the home crowd Saturday.

Youngstown State has won 20 of its last 22 games at Stambaugh Stadium and hasn't lost a September home contest since 2004 when the Penguins dropped a 22-16 overtime decision to Florida International University.

"The key is us playing as well as we can play," Heacock said. "Playing here at home has to become a huge advantage. We have to play well here at YSU. We've done that in the past and I would expect nothing less than our best Saturday."



Jabari Scott

Joe Lardinois

Penguin Offense vs Bison Defense

The North Dakota defense is one of the best in the nation but can be manipulated as team's have racked up points against the Bison in the past. The disadvantage the Penguins have Saturday will be going up against an extremely more talented defense than they faced against the Central State Marauders. Junior running back Jabari Scott helped get the offense on track with 111 yards last week and will look to keep the rushing production up to help the passing game. Don't expect Scott to be pulled in the fourth quarter due to a lopsided score this week.



Pat Paschall

Jordan Edwards

Bison Offense vs Penguin Defense

The Bison have dangerous offense that can score points at will on some of the tougher defenses in the nation. What makes the Bison offense deadly is the immense rushing attack North Dakota has at its disposal. Led by junior Pat Paschall and senior Tyler Roehl, the Bison have a loaded backfield with runners that can break away for long gains if the defense is not on its toes. Head coach Jon Heacock said that the Bison running game is strong regardless of who is getting the majority of the carries.

Volleyball squad opens league play on new court

Andrew Berry
SPORTS EDITOR

The road trip to start the season is finally over and the Youngstown State University volleyball squad will open Horizon League play with its first pair of home matches this weekend.

The Penguins will play on the newly installed Dom Rosselli Court as the team looks to gain an early lead against in the Horizon League against Loyola University and the University of Illinois Chicago.

Compared to last season, the Penguins fared better in their long

road trip to open the 2008 campaign. A year ago, the team was entering its first home contest with a 6-7 record while the Penguins will hit their home court Friday with an impressive 7-3 mark.

The Penguins have found the formula for success after having won six of their last seven matches. Sophomore middle hitter Haley Kapferer believes keeping the same formula will help the team carry over prior success.

"We need to play every game one at a time, keep the momentum and focus on what we need to get done," Kapferer said.

Maintaining focus and clear communication has led the Penguins in posting wins and impressive statistics. Youngstown State is ranked second in hitting percentage at .240 and blocking with 2.46 blocks per game heading into Friday's match.

Senior setter Karla Everhart attributes those numbers to the team being able to communicate during games.

"We're a lot more organized and we have a lot more confidence this year and that always helps and it keeps us going," Everhart said.

Everhart is coming off a solid week that earned her Horizon League offensive player of the week accolades.

Everhart's strong play was major key to the Penguins 3-1 record at the Robert Morris Tournament and the team's Sunday win against West Virginia University.

Everhart averaged 10 assists per set over the team's previous four matches to bring her career total to 2,730. Everhart also added 15 kills five aces, and 36 digs.

"We don't get much recognition, but I couldn't have done it without my team. They make me look good," Everhart said.

Everhart hopes that competing at home will further energize the team as it faces stiff competition from two of the Horizon League's top squads this weekend.

"We're very excited to play in front of our home crowd," Everhart said. "It'll bring a lot more excitement and energy to us."



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THE SET UP — Senior Karla Everhart sets a pass for a spike. The Penguins begin a short two-game homestand with UIC Friday at 7 p.m.

Team captures victory at YSU Invitational

Keith Langford
SPORTS REPORTER

The Youngstown State University women's golf team placed first at the YSU Invitational at Pine Lakes Golf Course in Hubbard.

The tournament was scheduled for two rounds, but due to the remnants of Hurricane Ike, the tournament was shortened to only one round. The Penguins shot a first round and ultimately final score of 313. Youngstown State finished 14 shots ahead of the second place team, the University of Dayton Flyers.

The Penguins were led by sophomore Katie Rogner who shot a round of 73. Her round included three birdies and was good enough to earn her medalist honors for the tournament. In YSU's first two tournaments, the team has had two different golfers, freshman Samantha Formeck and now Rogner, finish as the tournaments' medalist recipient.

Rogner, the 2007-2008 Horizon League Women's Newcomer and Golfer of the Year, said it was extra special to get a victory with her high school team and family present watching Rogner perform.

"All of my family and my high school team were there, so it was nice to shoot a good score for them," Rogner said.

Rogner had a successful summer away from college golf at YSU. She qualified for the United States Women's Amateur Championship in Eugene, Oregon.



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OVERDRIVE — Sophomore Katie Rogner scorches a drive during the YSU Invitational which was shortened a day due to inclement weather.

Rogner made it through the first round of the tournament but could not post a score high enough to qualify past the first round.

Youngstown State sent all players on their roster for the home match. Last week's Horizon League Player of the Week, freshman Samantha Formeck, followed up her impressive debut with a solid round of 79. Junior Ann Ciavarella fired an 80 as well as teammate senior Amanda Brindley. Senior Mollie Boney carded an 81 while junior Brittany Stillwagon shot 83. Junior Reagan O'Brien finished at 93, freshman Amanda Spitzer shot 94, and freshman Jaime Berndt shot a 97 to round out the Penguins scor-

ing. Of the nine scores posted by Youngstown State, the lowest accounted for the Penguin's winning score of 313.

Rogner felt that with all of the hard work and high goals the team set for themselves, it was a joy for the Youngstown State women's golf team to come out of their host tournament with a victory.

"It was exciting to make such an improvement as a team in one week going from second place to first place. We all work really hard to do well as a team and we set our goal and expectations high. It's nice to come out with a victory after all of our hard work," Rogner said.