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The student voice of Youngstown State University



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78° 63° Saturday 76° 55° Sunday

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#### Petition signed by college presidents aims to address college drinking

**TEXTBOOKS** 

Joseph Robertshaw REPORTER

Over 130 university presidents are asking for a discussion of the legal drinking age in a petition called the Amethyst Initiative which has collected signatures since July 2008.

The Amethyst Initiative's Web site describes the petition as "a public statement that the problem of irresponsible drinking by young people continues despite the minimum legal drinking age of 21."

BIG UNIVERSITY BOOK STORE 330-941-3000 WWW.BIGUNIBOOKSTORE.COM

It continues, "There is a culture of dangerous binge drinking on many campuses."

Students at Youngstown State University have mixed reactions about the petition.

Senior Stephanie Gilida said,

"I think I like the argument that if you can die for your country and vote, you should be allowed to buy a beer." Freshman Meysha Jones said

lowering the drinking age is a bad

"If I was allowed to drink

right now, I would just be going

REPORTER

of text books.

Their

month.

Emmalee C. Torisk

Two Youngstown State

University graduates think they

have a solution to the high cost

Ugotbooked.com hopes to cre-

ate a continually expanding

online community of student

book sellers and consumers.

It's scheduled to launch this

Jason Bret Ehrenberg and

Giovanni Tocco, the site aims

to solve the many problems

associated with buying and

selling back textbooks, espe-

cially books purchased at the

rip off in the difference

between the retail price of

books and amount of money

book stores offer to buy texts

back from students at the end

Industry Financial Report by

the National Association of

College Stores found that a col-

lege bookstore's average gross

margin on a new textbook was

about 22.7 percent, while for a

used book, it was closer to 35.9

A 2008 College Store

Ehrenberg and Tocco saw a

campus bookstore.

of a semester.

According to founders

crazy out there. I think it should be like 25."

Freshman Levi Kenney said, "I really don't think it should be lowered ... kids are crazy enough as it is."

Cynthia Anderson, vice president of Student Affairs at Youngstown State University, said there is a misconception about the

"Folks now believe that the petition is proposing that the drinking age be lowered to 18 right now, when what they are saying is they **DRINKING** page 2

The gross margin is the dif-

ference between the retail

price, or what a consumer pays

for the textbook, and what the

store paid for the book when it

purchased the title directly

from the publisher. It is used to

cover personnel costs, the cost

of transportation, and various

store expenses, according to

the National Association of

College Stores. According to

its Web site, the association is

the "leading resource and

advocate for the [textbook]

the NACS reported that the

wholesale price for college

textbooks has risen almost 35

percent since 1998. Various

sources have found that stu-

dents pay close to \$900 per

year for textbooks; According

to Marketwatch.com, this

amount adds almost \$4,000 to

Ugotbooked.com, already two

years in the making, the middle

man is eliminated entirely,

leaving this arena open for stu-

dents to work together and ben-

efit from each other. This com-

pletely frees students from con-

ventional methods of book

college costs over four years.

However,

Even so, a 2003 study by

industry.

Grads plan book exchange

#### MADD about the age change?

Mother's Against Drunk Driving is asking students who support the 21 age limitations to log on and speak out at their own Web site, http://madd.org/Under-21.

#### **Amethyst Initiative:**

People who want to become active in this campaign of awareness are encouraged by the Amethyst Initiative to visit

http://www.chooseresponsibility.org/get\_involved.

buying, allowing students the

liberty of making their own

informed decisions in regards

to purchasing textbooks,

dents in control," Tocco said.

"It's their money; let them

choose how they spend it.

Students now are questioning

everything. They're spending

smarter, how and where [they

Online textbook sales have

increased from 3.5 percent of

all textbook sales in 2002,

according to Student Watch

Vol. 10, to nearly 45 percent in

2008, according to a survey

Simplicity in buying text-

books online is important to the

founders of Ugotbooked.

According to Ehrenberg and

Tocco, functionality, accessi-

bility and user friendliness

were their major objectives

for students," Ehrenberg said.

Ugotbooked.com is a network-

ing site where students from

the same school can buy and

sell books to one another at a

**TEXTBOOKS** page 2

"We wanted to make it easy

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conducted

Campusbooks.com.

'[Ugotbooked] puts stu-

#### Conduct code applies to students on and off campus

I. Breen Mitchell NEWS EDITOR

The codes of conduct that colleges and universities expect their students to follow are increasingly being extended beyond the boundaries of campuses, including Youngstown State University.

"Higher education has a significant interest in the impact that an individual's behavior may have on the campus as well as reflecting a student's character," said Martin Manning, associate director of Student Life at YSU. Manning said YSU's Code of

Student Rights and Responsibilities applies to all students enrolled at the university, not limited to when they are on campus.

"Once a student is connected with a particular college/university, the connection stays with them both on and off campus," Manning said.

He said off campus infractions are evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the university to determine if any disciplinary action will be taken.

According to YSU's code, 'Students shall be responsible for his/her conduct from the time of application for admission through the actual awarding of the degree, even though conduct may occur before classes begin or after classes end." This applies even if misconduct is discovered after a degree has been awarded.

Other universities that extend their codes of conduct beyond the campus include the University of Washington, Pennsylvania State, and the University of Colorado-Boulder.

Students say they were not aware of YSU's policy and had mixed reactions to it.

"I don't really have too much of an opinion on it," said sophomore Joe Mezinger.

Sophomore Mark Hall said he understands that the university needs to protect its reputation, but thinks the policy goes too far.

see if you're in a club or a fraternity, but not just if you're in a bar somewhere," he said. The conduct policies in the

"I think it's kind of weird. I can

dorms are more stringent than the overall code.

For example, alcohol is prohibited in the dorms even if the student is of legal drinking age.

Hall said he can understand the university policing conduct in the

There is also a Roommate Bill of Rights for students living on campus that differs somewhat from the Student Code of Rights and

Responsibilities. The rights listed in this bill cover aspects of student life that are specific to living in the

#### = TECHNOLOGY =

#### Banner registration system receives mixed reviews from faculty, students

Lamar Salter REPORTER

Though MyYSU Banner, the registration system that replaced SOLAR after spring 2008, has a lot of support from staff, the banner system is receiving mixed opinions from students.

LAST DAY FOR REFUNDS ON FALL SEMESTER TEXT BOOKS! IF YOU DROP THE CLASS PLEASE KEEP THIS RECEIPT!

SCHEDULE AND/OR PROOF OF DR

MUST BE SHOWN FOR REFUNDS WITHIN THE DEADLINE PERIOD

"It's too complicated and it moves too slow.", stated sophomore, Erik Thompson. "I liked the old one better".

Others agreed. Senior Kevin Abramski described his experience with the

new system. "I signed up last summer for a

financial accounting class, and decided to drop the class before the semester started. But when I started the semester I still got charged for the whole class. I thought I had dropped the class, so I didn't know why I was still getting charged," Abramski said.

Abramski eventually had to file an appeal with the student account department before being refunded for the class, he said. Abramski said the new system was OK, but all SOLAR needed was an.

"If it isn't broke, don't fix it," he

Parking permits also were a problem. Using SOLAR, before the

"It's too complicated and it moves too slow. I liked the old one better."

Kevin Abramski, senior -

students would automatically be asked to purchase a permit. The new system requires students to purchase the parking permit separately, which caused some students to receive their permit late.

The problems concerning park-

registration process was complete, ing and registration charges had been present in SOLAR, said Jeanne Herman, YSU's associate registrar.

Herman said she expected juniors and seniors to be more critical of the system after using SOLAR for so many years.

for everyone to adjust and get familiar with banner," Herman said. The parking service was

"It's just going to take some time

designed by a third party software and was not originally included in the Banner system, which primarily is used for registration only, said

'We kind of expected that there could be a parking permit problem," Herman said. "We designed SOLAR on our own to meet our needs. Banner was designed to meet many different schools and

Herman said the university used

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#### **News Briefs**

YSU Board of Trustees Meeting hold meeting

The Youngstown State University Board of Trustees will Thursday, Sept. 4 in the Presidential Suites of Kilcawley Center. The following committees will meet: Audit Subcommittee at 8 a.m., Internal Affairs Committee at 9 a.m., and Finance and Facilities Committee at 10 a.m.

#### University Theater tickets on sale

Season tickets are on sale for 2008-2009 university theater season at YSU. The season begins Sept. 4 with all performances residing in YSU's Bliss Hall. Theater performances are free for YSU students with a student ID.

#### **Police Briefs**

YSU band items found by Bliss Hall

On Aug. 31, an on-duty YSU police officer noticed a toolbox, red coat, and snare drum holder on the sidewalk near Bliss Hall. After taking the objects into his possession, he transported them to the YSU Police Station where they await their owner. According to the officer, it is apparent that the items belong to the YSU band; the toolbox is marked accordingly, while the jacket is numbered "330."

#### Noisy residents of Kilcawley House cause complaints

YSU police responded to the complaints of a Kilcawley House resident on Sept. 1. The subject reported that the occupants directly across the hall consistently yell out her name at night, as well as shout profanity, which causes her irritation and fear. The officer spoke with housing shortly after the resident's report, but will also attempt to reveal the occupants' identities and determine what actions to take against them.

#### Vehicle stolen from F-3 lot

On Aug. 29, a YSU police officer responded to a report of a stolen vehicle from the F-3 lot. The owner of the vehicle said he had parked in the lot around 6:50 a.m. on Aug. 28, but returned at approximately 5:10 p.m. to discover his vehicle missing. The subject noted that he has the keys. Further investigation found that the vehicle was parked near the north end of the lot, facing south. Additionally, officers discovered broken glass on the ground; this might indicate that a driver's side window was broken out.

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#### **University Theater presents** "Dearly Departed"

- "Dearly Departed"
   Thursday, Sept. 4 through Sunday, Sept. 7.
- Ihursday, Sept. 4 through Sunday, Sept.
   Spotlight Arena Theatre in Bliss Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 3:00 p.m. on Sunday

#### YSU sponsored workshop for entrepreneurs

- Tuesday Sept. 9 through Tuesday Sept. 30
  YSU Metro College at Southwood Commons
- YSU Metro College at Southwood Common in Boardman
- Cost is \$25 for each workshop or \$80 for all workshops
- Reservation required: call 330-941-2140
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- Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. each Tuesday before workshop begins.

plan yo\* night

#### Via Sahara -Saturday Sept. 6, 9:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. -The Cellar -S5 to \$8

**Open mic night**-Thursday, Sept. 4 at 9:00 p.m.
-University Pizzeria
-Half off all shots

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2008

# Digital age trashes paper resumes

Nicole Delsignore REPORTER

As the world becomes more technologically advanced, so has the way that one searches for jobs.

Before, mailing out paper resumes and making calls to the companies was the norm. Now, the digital age enables searchers to contact employers directly, instead of starting at the bottom of

Samantha Pysher

To help students experience cul-

tures outside of their own,

Youngstown State University

signed a Memorandum of

Understanding with Aligarh

President David Sweet and vice

chancellor P.K. Abdul Azis, of

AMU. Though no programs are in

effect yet, Jef Davis, of the Center

for International Studies and

Programs said the MoU offers a

framework for faculty and student

exchange, study abroad options,

and an opportunity allowing for

graduate students to potentially earn

a joint degree with AMU and YSU.

MoUs that have been signed:

Lunghwa University of Science

and Technology in Taiwan, Yeditete

University in Turkey and Beijing

Technical University of China. The

AMU MoU is the first to be signed

faculty members look over the

MoU and see which and what kind

of program would benefit YSU the

civil and environmental engineer-

ing department was instrumental in

arranging the MoU agreement.

Davis said Shakir Husain of the

Husain said the idea of signing

The next step is to have some

with a college in India.

best," Davis said.

Davis said YSU has three other

The MoU was signed by

Muslim University of India.

REPORTER

#### **Career week**

Career and Counseling services will have their annual Career Week celebration Sept. 15th through Sept. 19th. There will be tips for career exploration as well as job fairs and prizes available.

the company's chain.

Web sites such as Monster and even social networking sites such as MySpace or Facebook allow those who are looking for jobs an oppor-

**ACADEMICS** 

Memo of understanding to help YSU

students expand cultural experiences

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Elisabeth Miller, senior

the MoU came to mind when a

friend of his told him Azis of AMU

would be visiting the University o

When Azis was in the states, he

was also scheduled to sign three

more MoUs, including George

Washington College, a Boston col-

contract with AMU seemed right,"

The opportunity to sign the

lege and a college in Georgia.

said Husain.

Wisconsin to attend a meeting.

other people."

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all learn

tunity that no other generation has had.

Director of Youngstown State University's Career and Counseling Services Gary Boley advises an "offensive" approach to the job search, especially when utilizing a social networking site.

Because of online hazards, he suggested using data forms or summary statements that don't provide vital information about the job seeker. However, applicants should

Students and faculty from YSU

and AMU will become more mar-

ketable in their career fields if they

partake in using MoU programs,

Husain said, adding that the MoU

will help YSU gain positive global

excellent opportunity for YSU; it

gives the prospective offer for

the AMU MoU will last for five

years and if there is no benefit, it

is a good idea," said freshan Brad

Jriffith. "It's interesting to learn

about their culture and for them to

we graduate our jobs may require

us to deal with international

and faculty to make the MoU work.

efit of both colleges, it will not be

dropped after the five-year term,

pus and exposing students and fac-

ulty to other cultures is a positive

move said senior Elisabeth Miller.

"When things are made more acces-

sible to students they'll be more will-

ing to try new things. We can all learn

something from other people."

Jriffiths said it is up to students

If the MoU will work to the ben-

Being able to diversify our cam-

"I think it will work," said Miller

"The diversity will help, when

exchange of faculty and students.

Said Husain the MoU is an

According to Davis and Husain

"I think YSU signing the MoU

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affairs." added Jriffiths.

according to Davis

still provide enough information to give the employer an "appetizer", or taste of their capabilities and personalities.

Many believe that it could be unacceptable or inappropriate to contact employers through social networking sites, Boley said, but as long as students approach the employer both carefully and professionally, then it is beneficial to use

those sites to get noticed.

He also advises that the student

should not put anything on their profiles or in the email regarding personal experiences that may cost them a shot at the job.

..thejambar@gmail.com

"18 percent of the people that utilize online job listing secure employment," Boley said.

Boley also encouraged students to meet with someone at Career and Counseling Services. "Students that know more about themselves write better resumes and interview better," Boley said.

#### NATIONAL -

New Orleans may have been too successful in dealing with Hurricane Gustav

Howard Witt
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

By universal consensus, this time New Orleans got it right.

Officials successfully emptied the city ahead of Hurricane Gustav, in stark contrast to the nearly 100,000 residents they left behind when Hurricane Katrina struck three years ago. And the newly-fortified levees protecting the city held fast against the onrushing storm surge, unlike during Katrina when the floodwalls failed and 80 percent of the city was inundated.

That's the good news.
But it could also be the bad news.

That's because many of the city's 300,000 evacuees, spurred to leave by Mayor Ray Nagin's dire prediction that Gustav would be "the mother of all storms," are distressed at being stranded hundreds of miles from home for what turned out to be pretty much a false alarm.

Even though few New Orleans homes and businesses were damaged by Monday's storm, which landed as a Category 2 hurricane far weaker than had been anticipated, Nagin said the city would not be open for evacuated residents to return until at least Thursday because of widespread utility outages, downed power lines and top-

Police posted roadblocks around the city's perimeter to underscore the message \_ even as the estimated 10,000 New Orleans residents who ignored orders to evacuate and stayed home were free to start cleaning up their yards and resume their lives.

As a result, some evacuees said Tuesday they will be much less likely to heed evacuation warnings the next time a hurricane looms.

"Not allowing us to return to our homes is not only outrageous, it is an action that deliberately rewards those who disobeyed the mandatory evacuation order by allowing them to return," wrote one city resident on the New Orleans Times-Picayune Web site message board. "This decision ... will jeopardize lives in the future because people

will be reluctant to evacuate if they know they will be discriminated against after the storm simply for following the rules."

Meanwhile, experts predicted that for some who endured the expense and discomfort of what they felt was an unnecessary evacuation, Gustav might prove to be the last straw that drives them from New Orleans for good.

"You don't have to have your house blown away to decide that you don't want to go through this year after year," said Susan Howell, a retired University of New Orleans political science professor who moved away from New Orleans last year out of post-Katrina exhaustion. "Particularly people who sat on the highway in a traffic jam for 14 hours only to come back to find everything is OK \_ Gustav could definitely push them over the edge."

The successful performance of the levees could prove a two-edged sword as well.

Certainly it was encouraging that the 350 miles of levees and floodwalls, still only partially repaired after suffering numerous ruptures and breaches during Katrina, withstood a Category 2 hurricane packing 110 mile-perhour winds.

But if New Orleanians draw from Gustav a lesson that they can depend on the levees to protect them from the next hurricane and therefore stay home, they could make a fatal mistake.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has conceded that its \$15 billion levee-rebuilding program is falling far behind schedule and won't be complete until at least 2011. What's more, even when the repairs are finished, the floodwalls will only be restored to the level where they were supposed to have been when Katrina struck: protection against a medium-sized Category 3 hurricane.

Congress has repeatedly refused to appropriate the additional billions it would cost to raise and fortify New Orleans levees against a killer Category 4 or 5 hurricane.

#### TEXTBOOKS page 1 fraction of the cost of bookstores

or even other online vendors.

With an extensive search database and several tabs for listing textbooks or putting desired books in a queue, the "sleek, sophisticated, and trendy" red and orange-toned website is merely the starting point for the entire service's potential, to Ehrenberg. according Essentially, each registered school has its own page or online community where students can list books, buy books, and even find out about school events. This way, the site is personal and local to each school.

"This is a whole market you guys are making yourselves," Ugotbooked's founders said.

When Ugotbooks.com opens for business after some minimal fine-tuning, YSU will be the only school listed, as well as the site's main focus, but just at first. Students can add their own schools, and both Ehrenberg and Tocco hope to expand their Web site nationally, mainly by word of mouth in a grassroots effort.

According to its founders, one of the many interesting features of the Web site is that when selling books, students only have to enter the book's ISBN or title. That minimal amount of information will automatically create a sales page for the textbook; However, if desired, students can be a bit more creative and design their own book sale pages by uploading pictures and writing detailed descriptions.

"We allow the student to apply whatever they see fit to sell their book," Ehrenberg said.

Also, students can choose to sell their book to classmates at whatever price they deem fair and can also be notified, by e-mail or text message, when previously-requested books have been listed for sale.

Perhaps one of the most convenient features of the Web site, though, is that there is no shipping

cost or time spent waiting for a textbook to arrive. In accordance with the service's motto, "List today. Meet tonight. Read tomorrow," immediacy and ease of both use

and access are key, Ehrenberg said.

Since the service is local to each school, buying a book from Ugotbooked can be as simple as calling the seller and arranging to meet at a campus location at a specified time to exchange the textbook, Ehrenberg said, adding that he and his business partners worked hard to make the site and its services flow seamlessly for students. This included incorporating a payment service similar to PayPal into the actual Web site.

actual Web site.

In order to buy or sell textbooks, students must be members of the Web site. However, membership is free. According to director of marketing Khaled Tabbara, "this is the golden part" of the service, adding that Ugotbooked.com is a "win, win, win" situation for student consumers. Ugotbooked, with environmentally conscious founders, even plants a tree for every new member in a venture known as "Project: Green Book."

Built from the ground up, Ugotbooked has many unique features designed expressly for students. Although its foremost purpose is textbook sales, it is also intended to be used as a social Web site, along the lines of Facebook, Myspace, or even Craigslist.

Utilized this way, students can post school events on a calendar that is unique to their particular school. Additionally, site advertisements are all local and geared toward a college audience; Many also offer coupons and special discounts for their services or products. Marketing, design and advertising internships are also available through Ugotbooked.com.

"We wanted to do what was best for students," Ugotbooked.com's founders said. "After all, we were all students once."

Keeping consumers' best interests in mind while planning the service seems to have worked, at least according to some students. Freshman Steve Prindle said the concept was "sweet," but said he would make sure the website was reliable first.

reliable first.

Additionally, sophomore Sarah
Bauman, who purchases most of
her textbooks online from retailers
like Amazon and eBay, said she
would try out the website for its
cost-friendly approach to textbook
buying

Senior Bethany Matthews typically obtains her books from online vendors and the bookstore, mainly for convenience. Although she isn't too worried about textbook prices, she is concerned with finding the correct titles for her upper-division courses. Even so, Matthews said she would probably "scope out" Ugotbooked.com, but noted that she can be a tough critic.

"Some of the books I need are so specific. I think that for something like that to be successful, there needs to be a large collective," Matthews said. "It has to have immediate success or it will never catch on."

Campus Book and Supply textbook manager John Thomas is also slightly skeptical of the website.

"It's not going to work," he said, stating that if students buy a required textbook for fall semester, 50 percent of the time, it changes by spring semester, leaving students "stuck with the book."

However, Thomas also acknowledged that students sometimes need to turn to alternative methods of textbook buying.

"With the price of textbooks so expensive, I guess students have to do what they can to save money," Thomas said. "They can give it a tru"

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want to open up debate," she said.

Anderson added that while the university administration is open to discussing alcoholism and binge drinking on college campuses, she said that dialogue should not "start

at a proposed solution."

President David Sweet did not comment on the issue, although Anderson said she believes his position would be the same.

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a student implementation team to focus on each category of the banner system, which included student registration, billing and financial information.

Banner has some key advancements over SOLAR, Herman said.

"With SOLAR, students were only able to register between 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Banner now allows students to access the registration system at any time," she said.

Banner also allows students to view open and closed courses, financial history such as student loans and scholarships, and to handle billing at any time online.

Despite the problems some students had, others were a bit more optimistic.

"I work crazy shifts some times

at my job, so it was nice to know that I could register 24/7," said junior Sally Butcher. Others, particularly transfers and

tive comments.

Mike Deutschlander, freshman, said he had no problems with his

freshman students, also gave posi-

"The system was pretty organized, and I had no trouble with it," Deutschlander said.

Some faculty members are also showing support for the new system.

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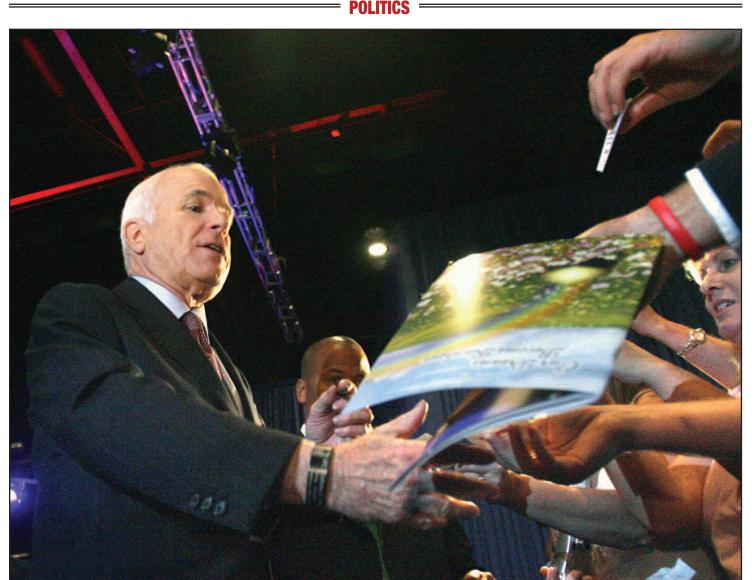
System Professor Cory E.

Andrews said he believes it will be

a process before every student is fully comfortable with the new registration system. "I think it's convenient and very

user-friendly." he said.





GOP presidential nominee Sen. John McCain greets supporters at the Veterans of Foreign Wars 109th National Convention. Photo from MCT Campus

### McCain has young supporters, too

Shawn Boonstra, Lindsay Lanzendorfer and Natasha Ludwig MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Although public opinion polls find Barack Obama leading John McCain by 2-1 among young voters, the 72-year-old Arizona Republican senator has youthful supporters who are looking to him for change.

"Not all of America's youth are liberal-minded; there are young conservatives, which makes it obvious that they would be supportive of McCain's policy platform," said Marsha Marotta, a political science professor at Westfield State College in Massachusetts.

At the Republican National Convention in St. Paul this week, young Republicans said they supported McCain because of his experience, proven leadership ability, willingness to find common ground with Democrats and moderate social policies.

"When I see McCain, I see experience," said Joel Fisher, a 22-year-old Texas alternate.

Riley Barnes, a 21-year-old Texas delegate, agreed, saying: "He is a proven leader."

Some young supporters pointed to McCain's practicality. "Nothing against Obama \_ he has a good vision. But McCain's vision is more practical," said Thomas Bowling, an 18-year-old delegate from Massachusetts.

Talking about Obama, Fisher said, "He says everything people want to hear. But the problem is that he does not talk about reality."

Many young Republican delegates said that the Illinois Democratic senator had ideas but no plan to implement them.

On national security issues, McCain is more willing than President Bush has been to use diplomacy and "soft power," but less willing than Obama would be, said Dr. Robert Groven, a communications professor at Augsburg College in Minneapolis.

McCain's moderate image also is attracting some Republican youth.

"I like what he brings to the party," Barnes said. "A lot of the time we as Republicans focus more on the issues on the farther right, and it is better to have a candidate who is more moderate. He is not afraid to speak his mind and stand up for what he believes in. He can definitely be considered a role model for young voters."

"Young McCain voters are still looking for change, but McCain favors a more institutional type of change rather than overall social change," Groven said.

Kimberly Dena, a 19-year-old Texas alternate delegate to the convention, agreed.

"I think it is substance. I'm looking for a substantive change. I look for balance in the economy. Tomorrow's jobs are our future," she said.

Many young delegates expressed enthusiasm for Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin's ability to influence younger voters. "She will attract young women who want to have both a career and a family," Dena said.

That's less certain, however, according to political science professor Dr. Andrew Aoki of Augsburg College. "Palin is unlikely to have any impact on the youth vote. The evidence seems pretty clear that VP choices do not have much effect on vote choices."

"I think younger people see McCain as not relating to them, but they should look into detail," said Meghan Wadsworth, a 17-year-old delegate from Ohio.

"Not all of America's youth are liberal-minded; there are young conservatives, which makes it obvious that they would be supportive of McCain's policy

Marsha Marotta, Westfield State College political science professor

platform."

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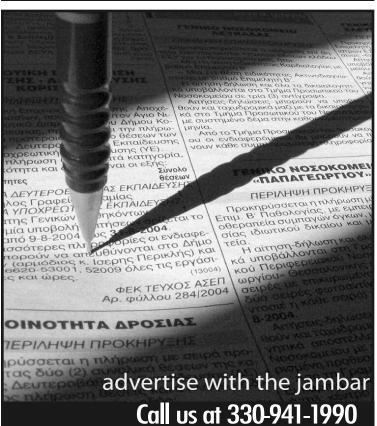
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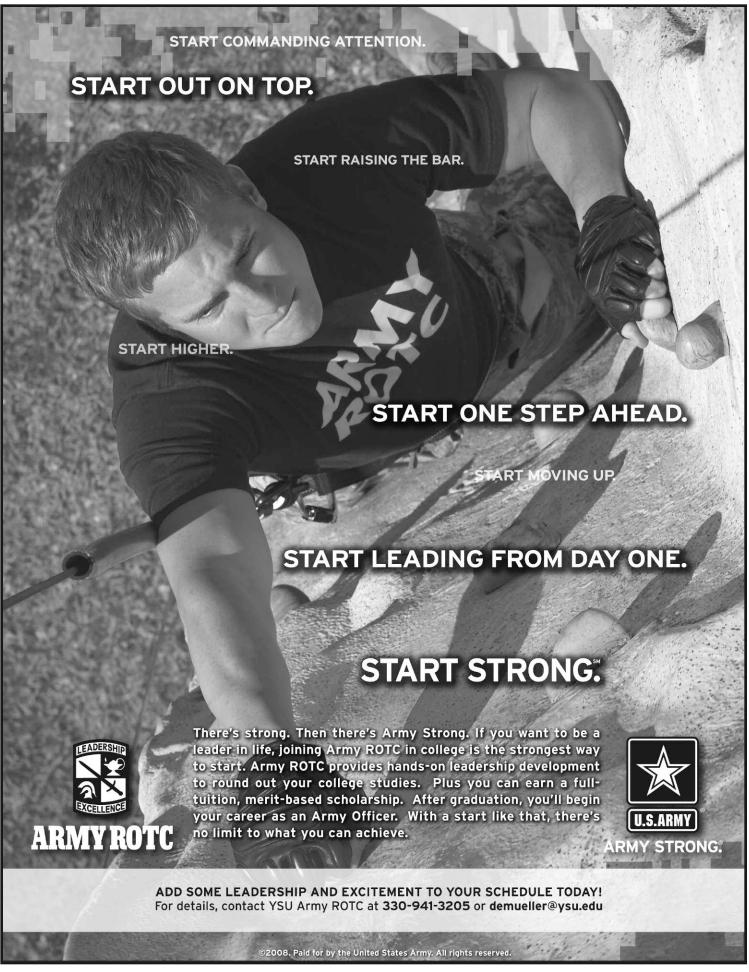
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**OUR SIDE EDITORIAL** 

#### Campus presidents need a shot of reality

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DRINKING, page 1

If alcohol is flowing freely on college campuses, then so should a debate about the drinking age.

Colleges are meant to be wellsprings of ideas. Those in charge of these intellectual strongholds should welcome free discussion. That's why it's troubling that some university presidents have refused to sign a petition being circulated by the Amethyst Initiative that encourages a discussion changing the drinking age. They argue that 21 is not working.

Youngstown State University president David Sweet has not signed the petition as of yet, although his vice president for student affairs, Cynthia Anderson, said she thinks he would be willing to. We do not know Sweet's opinion for sure, though, because he did not speak to us personally on the subject.

Some who have refused to sign it have cited their concerns over drunk driving. While this is a reasonable concern, it misses the point. This petition is not an endorsement of a position, but rather a call for open discussion. If these presidents have concerns over drunk driving, that's all the more reason for them to want to take part in such a debate.

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University presidents should not be the gatekeepers of ideas. Their positions of power afford them the ability to voice their opinions if they are so inclined, and their positions within academia require them to afford this ability to others.

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College presidents should not set an example of suppressing viewpoints with which they may disagree. This is not how students learn and this is not how societies flourish.

This is not just about slowing the flow of alcohol to underage drinkers. It's about the free movement of ideas.

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At what age should people be allowed to drink legally?



Tony Darkadakis, junior

"Sixteen. You can drive, so you can drink and drive."



Erin Reese, freshman

"Eighteen, because if you can fight and die for your country, you can have a beer."



Melissa Dubaj, sophomore

"Eighteen, because 18 is a legal adult."



Leanna McLain, senior

"I was 13 when I started. Two months of rehab and 14 months of sobriety later, I realized it didn't matter."

#### **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

Editor,

should

Finally, McCain nullifies the issue of "lack of experience" both internationally and one's time served in office. However, that his VP choice is a woman, doesn't this beg the question just how respectful is he towards all women? To Wit:

If John McCain were an Officer and a Gentleman who became a national war hero by displaying courageous defiance in the face of certain peril (possibly death), shouldn't we then seriously question his moral integrity when at a town hall gathering during the Primaries, recognized an elderly lady who lashed out: "How do we stop the b---?" [Referring to Hillary.]

If John McCain were truly an

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officer and a gentleman who became a national war hero, of course, then, there was only one clear response to the vitriolic comment:

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Furthermore, if that loses your support, then so be it. Better that than my indelible mark as an officer and a gentleman conferred by an act of congress whereupon it is ethically imperative that I do not laugh

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along with you and all who are gathered that are loathing of Hillary. She is a senate colleague and a woman who has weathered a great personal storm—while still maintaining her dignity—if not her sanity. And, frankly, you should only be such a

-, madam.'' But, in fact, out of fear of losing any supporters, this officer and a gentleman who became a national war hero just giggled and laughed along with the impish brood rather than showing true honor and courage, flip-flop John opted for a few more

We can only imagine had a democratic supporter referred to Cindy McCain as a former drug addict (recovered) at just how laughable that would have been.

More importantly, why "wasn't" McCain's hero status far more important when he ran against Bush in the 2000 Primaries? Bush, whose AWOL status still is a mystery and comparable only to that of what "did" Lee Harvey Oswald actually do? You'd think that Republicans would have trusted the tortured Hero, whose then foreign experience greatly exceeded that of Bush's dealing with Mexico's President over buying sugar cane and some Goya Beans.

Eureka! General Westly Clark was correct when he said of McCain, "Being a war hero is no qualification for being President!"

Ted Williams

#### Targeting overweight people is

**COMMENTARY** 

It is none of our business but ... we can't resist. Alabama is getting tough with state workers who are too fat. Beginning in 2010, state employees who are obese and don't work on getting fit will have to pay \$25 a month for insurance that is

The State Employees Insurance Board approved the plan last week. Maybe it is following the example of airline companies that recently began charging passengers for overweight luggage. But this is a bad approach to an admittedly worrisome problem. Yes, it is a good idea to encourage employees to improve their health, get in shape, be fit.

In Alabama, fried food is endemic to the culture. Everything is fried there, from grits to okra to mouthwatering chicken - and tea comes presweetened. This kind of food is fat-inducing, and it takes an iron will just to resist.

However, being overweight even obese - is not necessarily linked to one's diet. For many overweight people, weight gain is more about genes than diet. On the other side of the coin, many people who are of "average" weight are afflicted with the kind of medical issues - diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol levels, etc. - that are typically associated with obesity. If the concern is about poor health, why not focus on health issues instead of weight?

This is a situation where the carrot is better than the stick. Offering a plaque, a reward, bonus, cash or recognition for improvement creates positive incentive and good karma. Assessing a cash penalty for lack of improvement is a negative incentive. It can work, but there may not be full Florida officials thinking of following Alabama's example should take note: Don't confuse good health with excess pounds.

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#### wrong approach

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# Ciched Southerners, real arama University theater show depicts a family that laughs at itself

Sarah Sole, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Whether the belching, bellowing, Bible Verse-spouting Turpin clan resembles your family or not, their dysfunction is universal.

The university theater production of "Dearly Departed," opening Thursday night at Bliss Hall's Spotlight Arena Theater, mixes death, lowbrow humor and genuine wit. The results are sometimes heartfelt and hilarious.



played by senior Alyssa Connelly, loudly casket; yet both work. The actors utilize reads a monotonous letter, it becomes clear that there is no easing into the madness that describes the Family Turpin.

Directed by senior Juleah Buttermore, the show opens with Southern accents and rapid scene transitions that assault the audience with unidentified characters. It isn't until the second act that the ridiculous antics induce a full-fledged, backcountry guffaw.

Eventually, a pattern emerges from the short, repetitive scenes as enraged, Godfearing women strike an altogether different sort of fear into their disappointing husbands

In keeping with Southern stereotypes, food is the best-utilized prop.

The nonverbal aspects of the show are also believable — though perhaps not all of us can relate to Dad holding Mom at gunpoint during an intense argument in the car. Without ever speaking more than an occasional grunt, sophomore Bobby Brooks takes his female character Delightful's constant eating to a perverse art form. A funeral service doesn't put a dent in her appetite.

Other props by Aaron Franck are simple:

movement and lines until the audience can almost, and somewhat painfully, see those screaming kids sitting in the backseat.

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In another role, Brooks proves his talent with speech. As a very pregnant, barefoot and bouncing mother, Brooks' voice climbs from a ditzy Southern drawl to a monstrous roar when corralling her children.

As son Junior's outrageous wife Suzanne, who is given to chaotic, tableclimbing furies, senior Molly Makselan more than made up for Delightful's muteness. In speaking, singing, crying and yelling her head off at a philandering husband, Makselan successfully becomes her character, down to posture and expression.

In believably portraying Raynelle, Alyssa Connelly gets the award for best Southern accent. While some actors came precariously close to losing the accent now and then, Connelly's definitive drawl was as steadfast as her character's doting smile for Delightful.

To portray a surprisingly realistic and believable scene, senior Chris Anderson and sophomore Brett Light didn't even need scenery. Brothers Ray-Bud and Junior stepped off the set, sat in the aisle and talked over a bottle of Jack Daniel's.

Throughout the show, seriousness is replaced with humor in an instant. A stumbling and heartfelt confession by Light's Junior, for example, is deflated by a toilet flush.

Some characters don't cross the perilous bridge from humor to drama.

Senior Dana Chauvin's loud-mouthed, God-fearing Marguerite, stays comfortably in comedic mode with her skinny good-fornothing son Royce, played by Ric Panning. Sophomore Jeanette Iskander's peace-

maker Lucille also stays decidedly away from believable drama, though the script made attempts at having Lucille's pregnancy with husband Ray-Bud tug at heartstrings. Where the show may have lapsed in

drama or laughs that fell flat, it made up for it in other comedic high points that were decidedly lowbrow humor.

Junior Nathan Beagle's role as the

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> Beagle performed some bathroom calisthenics in a race to relieve Hooker's upset These characters could be real-life peo-

> pompous Reverend Hooker, for example,

went from ho-hum to hysterical when

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ple, and that realization makes their struggles all the more relatable. We're just glad they're not our family.

*Left — Sophomore Bobby Brooks as* daughter Delightful.

*Above – Ric Panning as country music* loving, underachieving Royce.

-CAMPUS LIVING —

#### a wheel for a car, a rectangle of light for the ----GAMING = Wii Fit' games can separate the player from the couch

Heather Newman **DETROIT FREE PRESS** (MCT)

Nintendo's \$90 "Wii Fit" promises to use your Wii video game console to make you sweat.

That may be a stretch, but there's no denying that this fun collection of mini-games, most of which use the Balance Board, makes getting some light exercise pretty darned pleasant.

The Balance Board is about the size of a folded newspaper, and wirelessly talks to your Wii console. It acts as a scale - ouch -and more important, measures tiny shifts in your weight and balance.

On screen, those shifts translate into everything from your balance in yoga poses to how you do crossing a tightrope between skyscrapers. The technology works well, in general, and is customized for the

individual player.

Mini-games are divided into categories: yoga, strength, aerobics and balance. Each contains a few games that are open initially and more that open up as you spend time with the game or improve on existing mini-games.

The balance games include things like slaloming down a ski slope, using your body weight to steer between flag gates, or playing soccer goalie, shifting your weight to head off incoming soccer balls (and ducking to avoid thrown shoes and other objects).

Strength training includes things like pikes, push-ups and leg extensions; yoga includes poses like tree, warrior, half-moon and forward

Aerobics includes basic and advanced step aerobics; one and two-player running, which creatively uses your Wiimotes as pedome-

ters; and hula hooping, a hilarious mini-game in which you have to swivel your hips to keep hoops going and periodically lean in the correct direction to catch more.

(Ladies: You MUST talk the man in your life into trying hula hooping. It's hilarious. Sorry, honey.)

The aerobics and balance games are a lot more fun (and less serious) than the strength and yoga poses, but you have to acknowledge the smart use of technology in every section.

The Balance Board is sensitive and responsive, and there were not many cases where it felt out of sync with the player's movement. If anything, it's a little on the small side, but its size makes some of the mini games (like the "Wii Fit" version of

tep aerobics) possible. You'll have to work to break a sweat, but in the same vein as other fitness video games, you always get out of it a workout in direct proportion to the enthusiasm and exaggerated movements you put into it.

The biggest handicap "Wii Fit" has is that it's relatively shallow. While there are dozens of games altogether when you unlock everything, no one game is likely to command your attention for more than a few minutes.

That's OK, if you plan to shuffle through everything that catches your eye in a single workout; even a selection of basic games with nothing unlocked can quickly add up to a half-hour workout.

But it shows how much potential the Balance Board has for future titles that take one idea and expand

Instead of the campy synthesizer tones in the basic step aerobics, for example, imagine a title focused just on that, including modern pop and rock tunes with more complex choreography, a la "Dance Dance Revolution."

"We Ski" has already done that for the skiing balance game, for example.

In many ways, "Wii Fit" feels a lot like the "Eye Toy: Play" game that Sony released with the camera for its PlayStation systems. It's partly a demonstration of the capabilities of the hardware (in this case, the Balance Board instead of a camera), but slightly disappointing as a freestanding title.

That shouldn't stop you from giving it a try, however. It'd be a fun alternative to a walk outside on a rainy day, and it might just entice your kids off the couch \_ and that's never a bad thing.

Finding "Wii Fit" can be a bit of a challenge, and you must already have a Nintendo Wii console to use it.

#### Ways to make college dorm

rooms more eco-friendly Liza N. Burby **NEWSDAY** 

Though today's college students are more aware of the environment than their parents were at that age, creating an eco-friendly dorm may be a challenge given the space limitations of the average room. That's why shopping for green alternatives to the extensive list of accessories and supplies they will need can be a practical way to protect the Earth and their home away from home at

the same time. Before you shop, check with the school to see if it has recommendations and suggestions for green options, says Amy Provenzano, executive director of environmental stewardship at Stony Brook University. "Then look for items made out of recycled content, like cotton, hemp, bamboo and cork, and try to stay away from plastics. You can get substitutes for all kinds of items, like hangers and rugs," she says. "Go more organic for bedding and towels, like 100 percent cotton. They cost more and don't always come in the extra long twin for dorm rooms, but you can opt for an organic pillow, at least."

#### REUSE, RECYCLE

Don't assume you can only buy new, says Jessica Jensen, chief executive of Low Impact Living, a green home improvement site. "Students can decorate their dorms with items purchased from Goodwill, vintage shops and (the online classified site) Craigslist.

And many schools have recycling programs whereby items kids didn't take home with them last year are available to students for this school year, like chairs and appli-

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Keep energy saving in mind when you buy products that use electricity. For instance, while most rooms have overhead lighting, if you get a desk lamp, provide your child with compact fluorescent light bulbs. Brian Kenny, resident hall director for Adelphi University in Garden City, N.J., recommends shopping for appliances with the Energy Star label, including the student's computer, monitor, TV and refrigerator.

But students also can opt for communal appliances, says Michael LaFemina, 23, a representative of Students for a Greener Hofstra, an organization at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y. "You don't have to bring a microwave and refrigerator, as these are usually available in the common area. So are TVs and DVD players," he says. "It's all about using less energy. And if you do have your own appliances, keep them on power save mode."

#### BEHAVIORAL CHANGES

In fact, in a dorm setting - as well as at home - being green is as much about behavior as it is about purchasing decisions, as Michelle Pizer, 20, a senior at Stony Brook University, learned.

"It's not always easy for a college student to afford eco-friendly items and it's hard to find them even if they are affordable, so I do what I can," says Pizer, president of the university's environmental club. Though she has a nearby apartment, she says she lived green even when she was in a dorm. "It's really a matter of changing habits in ways that don't cost much. For instance, I use as little water as possible when taking a shower or washing dishes. I never buy plastic water bottles and instead have a reusable aluminum bottle and fill it with tap water. I have reusable canvas bags for shopping and I try to rely on my bike for transportation."

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

Other green alternatives for students include reduced packaging for laundry detergent as well as all products, like snacks. "The less packaging the better, so we reduce the amount of plastics being used and trash," says Amy Urquhart, assistant provost for student affairs at the C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University in Brookville, N.Y. Students also can use eco-

friendly cleaning products and a clothes rack for air drying. Another idea is double-sided printing on recycled paper. A power strip that can be unplugged when appliances are not in use saves electricity.

"It's really about a student lifestyle change and habits that can be a challenge at first but ultimately aren't difficult to adopt," says Urquhart.

#### **ROOMIES**

Of course, unless they're in a single, most students have to contend with roommates' habits as well. Lauren Roulette, 21, of Patchogue, N.Y., a senior at Binghamton University, says she's made lifestyle changes at home and in school and encouraged her roommates to do the same. "It's not always easy to convince your roommates to go green, too," she says. "But it's good to educate them anyway about actions like recycling and turning off the computer when not in use. Over time they see it's the right thing to do."



Joanna Lee, 17, left, and Patricia Lin, 18, settle into their dorm room at UC Berkeley on August 24, 2008. UC Berkeley is trying a new pilot program using profiling software to match up compatible roommates. (Gary Reves/San Jose Mercury News/MCT)

#### CAMPUS LIVING = Changes in store for returning Fall shows

Maureen Ryan CHICAGO TRIBUNE (MCT)

Several freshman shows from last season are being remodeled and relaunched this fall, and some longserving veterans are getting a tuneup as well. Here's a rundown of the changes that will be made to notable veteran shows and to members of last year's freshman class:

"Chuck" (returns Sept. 29 on NBC): One of my main quibbles with this otherwise charmingly goofy adventure show was that I couldn't see a way around this problem: What if the spy secrets that had been accidentally downloaded into the hapless Chuck Bartowski's

brain became outdated? That issue will be addressed head-on, as it were, in Season 2, creator Josh Schwartz said in July at the Television Critic Association's

press tour. "We actually play with this going right into the first episode this season ... this idea of when the government rebuilds the 1/8espionagerelated3/8 Intersect computer, Chuck will become expendable and it will be left to Casey, Adam Baldwin's 1/8secret agent3/8 character, to 'disappear' him, as they say in the NSA.

That are will play out all season, as will a romantic story line featuring the charmingly nerdy Chuck

and his CIA handler, Sarah Walker being a prophet. (Yvonne Strahovski).

"CSI" (returns Oct. 9 on CBS): In the ninth episode of the season, Laurence Fishburne will make his first appearance. Fishburne is the new lead on the show, replacing William Petersen, who's leaving after episode 10. Fishburne will play a criminologist who is consulted by the "CSI" techs and eventually joins their team.

The new character, who is as yet unnamed, thinks he may have criminal tendencies himself. He is "trying to use the world of solving murders and violent killers to understand his own soul," executive producer Naren Shankar said in a July

Housewives" "Desperate (returns Sept. 28 on ABC): The show's fourth-season finale ended with a jump five years into the future, a move that creator Marc Cherry said was driven by the show's overly Byzantine plots. Soap-opera entanglements tend "to build up and ... I wanted to get back to where we were that very first season, where it's just the problems of some ordinary women and they were small and relatable," Cherry said in July at a TCA panel.

"Eli Stone" (returns Oct. 14 on ABC): Last season, lawyer Eli Stone (Jonny Lee Miller), was having mysterious visions, but he didn't know if they were the result of an aneurysm or the consequence of

This season, "The first episode addresses head-on the big questions at the end of last year: Is Eli alive or dead? Is the aneurysm in or out? Is he having visions or not?

You're going to get answers to all those questions. ... The visions in the premiere are completely unlike any of the visions that we had last year \_ even the musical numbers are completely different and it sets the tone of 'expect the unexpected,' "executive producer Marc Guggenheim said in a July

Finally, the show has had a couple of casting coups: Katie Holmes guest stars in the second episode of the season \_ she'll play an attorney and Sigourney Weaver guest stars as a therapist treating Eli.

"Heroes" (returns Sept. 22 on NBC): Reeling from a poorly received second season, which was shortened by the writers strike, "Heroes" creator Tim Kring attempted to make amends by screening the first episode of Season 3 at July's Comic-Con. To read my long (and spoilery) review of the season premiere, go here: featuresblogs.chicagotribune.com/ entertainment.tv/heroes/index.html.

The short (and non-spoilery) version: The episode is a reasonable re-introduction to where the show left off; Hiro and Ando meet a speedy new character, and Sylar seems suitably creepy again.

"Pushing Daisies" (returns Oct. 1 on ABC): ABC wanted this fanciful fantasy to be more grounded in its second season, while creator Bryan Fuller didn't want to change "the fundamental DNA of the show" too much, Fuller told USA Today.

To address production woes, which had the show running behind schedule and over budget, the number of scenes per episode have been trimmed, but Fuller told USA Today that the show's blend of whimsy and crime-solving remains

Here's a quick list of scripted shows that have moved to new

"Boston Legal" (returns Sept. 22 on ABC for its final season) now airs on Mondays.

"Without a Trace" (returns Sept. 23 on CBS) now airs on

"The New Adventures of Old Christine" (returns Sept. 24 on CBS) now airs on Wednesdays.

"Lipstick Jungle" (returns Sept. 24 on NBC) now airs on Wednesdays.

"Bones" (returns Wednesday with a 2-hour episode on Fox) now airs on Wednesdays. "The Unit" (returns Sept. 28 on

CBS) now airs on Sundays. "24" will return on Mondays on Fox, but not until January.

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#### **FOOTBALL**



HOT PURSUIT — The Penguin defense chases down Ohio State running back Chris Wells during the Penguins home-opener against the Buckeyes at Ohio State. Youngstown State will face a more balanced attack when they take on South Dakota State's offense on the road Saturday.

#### Conference chase starts in South Dakota

#### The Penguins will attempt to avoid starting 0-2 against the Jackrabbits

Andrew Berry SPORTS EDITOR

It has been 34 years since the Youngstown State University football team traveled to South Dakota for a football game.

Saturday when the No. 14 Penguins battle the No. 21 Jackrabbits at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium, the race for the Missouri Valley Football Conference title officially begins, making the Penguins' first return to South Dakota State since 1974 much more critical.

The conference game will be the earliest the Penguins have ever opened conference play in school history. Senior running back Jabari Scott believes this weekend is where the team has to begin paving its way to the playoffs.

"This is where it all starts," Scott said. "We have the goal to win the conference and we would be on the right track to get to that goal if we win the first game.'

While the Penguins did not excel in their first game at No. 3 Ohio State, the team has had time to look at the film and find the silver linings to take from the 43-0 loss. Head coach Jon Heacock said the

defensive effort was a big improvement from what he saw last year at the Horseshoe.

The Buckeyes' first four trips to the red zone resulted in three field goals and a turnover, a performance that has earned the defense well deserved praise.

"They were put in some tough situations." Heacock said. "Our effort in that game was much improved over a year ago."

With the Penguins offense not being able to move the chains with any consistency, the defense was forced to stay on the field longer and was eventually worn down. By surrendering 43 points, linebackers coach Jerry Olsavsky wants to see immense improvement despite shutting down the Buckeyes' red zone offense.

"We're satisfied with that, but we need to get better," Olsavsky said. "We expect to go out and do our job and if we do our job we'll stop people. We don't want to give up big plays and 40 points."

Offensively, the Penguins were stifled by one of the top defensive units in the nation. The team managed just 74 yards of total offense and finished with negative 11 yards rushing. It was the first time the team ran in the red since a minusnine yard total in 2000.

The frustration of the players was visible during the course of the game, but Scott said the team is ready to put that performance in the review mirror.

"A lot of guys on offense feel that we didn't contribute like we should have," Scott said. "As a team we need to put that behind us and move on to this game and execute like we know we can.'

Finding out what worked against Ohio State and correcting the faults will greatly benefit the Penguins against a team that gave them a massive headache one year

Last season, the Penguins played South Dakota State following a loss to Ohio State. The Jackrabbits nearly spoiled the home-opener for the Penguins by overcoming a 17 point deficit and hanging on all the way to the end before the Penguins sealed the 23-17 win with an interception.

This time around the Penguins will be in enemy territory and South Dakota State will be a conference opponent. The Jackrabbits are in their first season with the Missouri Valley Conference and opened their season with a 44-17 loss at Iowa

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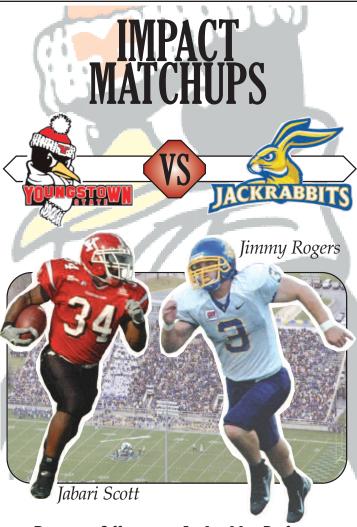
Senior quarterback Ryan Berry went 23-34 for 170 yards against the Cyclones but threw five interceptions. Despite the five picks, Heacock said Berry is a "great, veteran quarterback and looked good against Iowa State.'

Disrupting Berry will be a crucial key to the game, but the Penguins could be without senior defensive lineman Mychal Savage. Heacock wouldn't discuss the extent of Savage's injury, but the honorable mention All-American is not listed on the depth chart as Heacock said he would be a game time decision.

Other notable injuries are quarterback Brandon Summers who left the Ohio State game with a minor muscle tear and kicker Brian Palmer who sat out the seasonopener with a herniated disk. Heacock believes both Summers and Palmer should be ready to go this week.

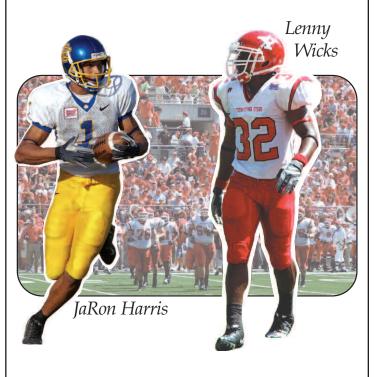
But Heacock is playing it safe with the injured players as the schedule ahead of the team remains

"We're airing on the side of caution," Heacock said.



#### Penguin Offense vs Jackrabbit Defense

The Penguins were unable to produce any kind of running game against Ohio State with negative 11 yards on the ground. To get the offense going and to open up the passing game, senior running back Jabari Scott will be the key to the team's offensive game plan for the second straight week. The Jackrabbits have a talented defense with playmakers in the front seven and the secondary. Most notable of the defensive studs for South Dakota State is senior linebacker Jimmy Rogers who came away with five tackles in the team's opening loss to Iowa State.



#### **Jackrabbit Offense vs Penguin Defense**

Guarding against Brian Hartline and Brian Robiski last Saturday at Ohio State was a tough chore, but senior cornerback Lenny Wicks will have his hands full against JaRon Harris, a senior wide receiver that has so much speed that he deserves a speeding ticket every time he touches the ball. Gaining experience against the Buckeyes top receivers helps, but Harris is the favorite target of senior quarterback Ryan Berry. Blanketing Harris will force Berry to look elsewhere down the field.

#### **NCAA**

#### Time Warner picks up Big Ten Network and conference games

Eric Barone REPORTER

If you watched Youngstown State University play Ohio State on Saturday, you watched the debut of the Big Ten Network on basic cable.

Early last week, Time Warner Cable reached an agreement with the Big Ten Network to allow viewers to receive the network with a basic cable package. Last year was the inaugural sea-

son for the Big Ten Network, however the only way viewers were able to receive it was on DirecTV or Dish Network.

This forced many people, restaurants and bars to buy a dish to view Big Ten games last season. The new deal gives the Big Ten Network about three million more homes mostly in Ohio and Wisconsin, but also in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Pennsylvania.

Through the creation of the Big Ten Network, every home football game in the Big Ten Conference is produced.

Each team is guaranteed to make a minimum of two appearances on the network per year with one being a conference game. The network televises approximately 35 to 40 football games each fall and nearly all are available in high-defi-

During basketball season, the network broadcasts every home Big Ten men's basketball games. Big Ten women's basketball teams are guaranteed eight to 10 appearances on the network.

The Big Ten Network televises more than 170 NCAA-sponsored events in both men's and women's sports such as hockey, baseball, softball, soccer, volleyball, track and field, and swimming and diving. Also, the network produces other shows covering Big Ten sports throughout the week such as Big Ten Tonight, Friday Night Tailgate and The Journey.



#### Penguins hunting for elusive first road win

Keith Langford SPORTS REPORTER

Youngstown State University's women's soccer team faces a tough block in their schedule as they partake in three straight road games against Albany, Siena, and Duquense.

The team traveled to Robert Morris to face off against the Crusaders on August Youngstown State outshot Robert Morris 15 to 13 shots but still came short of their first victory of the season losing 2-0.

Junior Jodi Bowlen and freshman Kelly Storkel both led the team with two shots on goal. Goalkeeper Mariah Snyder, junior, anchored the

defense with nine saves on goal. Starting the season at 0-2, the Penguins are still searching for victory number one. The team will have to win a game on the road to

get it within the next three games. Winning on the road will prove to be difficult, but Coach Anthony James thinks his team will perform

on the road. James doesn't seem concerned about having four straight road games. "It is what it is," James said about the early season schedule. "Winning on the road is different but I feel we have the players to get it done," James said.

James feels the need for his soccer team to finish off scoring opportunities in order to put goals on the scoreboard.

"I think we have to finish opportunities. Last game we had about 20 shots on goal, but we could not finish," James said. "If we can finish our opportunities it would definitely put us in a position to win games.'

Coach James' assertion for finishing scoring opportunities resonates with his team. Goalkeeper Mariah Snyder feels the same as her coach. "I think we need to finish. We need to put the ball into the net,"

Snyder said. "Goals win games." Road games are a testament to how a team handles adversity. Snyder thinks road games are also a chance for a team to prove them-

"We can't just represent YSU at home. We have to represent YSU on the road," she said.



SHOT ON GOAL – Junior Jodi Bowlen finds a seam in the defense and goes for a shot on goal. The Penguins are still looking for their first win and their next chance comes Friday against the Albany Great Danes.

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