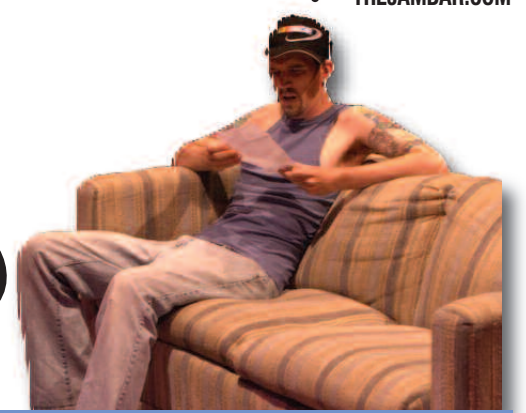




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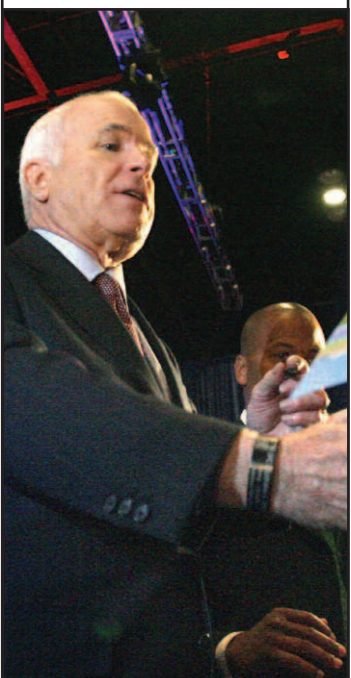


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STUDENT LIFE

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Debating the drinking age

Petition signed by college presidents aims to address college drinking

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."

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 idea.

"If I was allowed to drink right now, I would just be going

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 petition.

"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

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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/Under21>.

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.

TEXTBOOKS

Grads plan book exchange Web site

Emmalee C. Torisk
REPORTER

Two Youngstown State University graduates think they have a solution to the high cost of text books.

Their Web site Ugotbooked.com hopes to create a continually expanding online community of student book sellers and consumers. It's scheduled to launch this month.

According to founders Jason Bret Ehrenberg and Giovanni Tocco, the site aims to solve the many problems associated with buying and selling back textbooks, especially books purchased at the campus bookstore.

Ehrenberg and Tocco saw a 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 of a semester.

A 2008 College Store Industry Financial Report by the National Association of College Stores found that a college 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

percent.

The gross margin is the difference 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] industry."

Even so, a 2003 study by the NACS reported that the wholesale price for college textbooks has risen almost 35 percent since 1998. Various sources have found that students pay close to \$900 per year for textbooks; According to Marketwatch.com, this amount adds almost \$4,000 to college costs over four years.

However, with Ugotbooked.com, already two years in the making, the middle man is eliminated entirely, leaving this arena open for students to work together and benefit from each other. This completely frees students from conventional methods of book

buying, allowing students the liberty of making their own informed decisions in regards to purchasing textbooks, Tocco said.

"[Ugotbooked] puts students 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 spend]."

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 conducted by Campusbooks.com.

Simplicity in buying textbooks online is important to the founders of Ugotbooked. According to Ehrenberg and Tocco, functionality, accessibility and user friendliness were their major objectives when planning the service.

"We wanted to make it easy for students," Ehrenberg said.

At its simplest, Ugotbooked.com is a networking site where students from the same school can buy and sell books to one another at a

TEXTBOOKS page 2

Conduct code applies to students on and off campus

J. 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.

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

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 dorms.

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.

"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 added.

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

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Kevin Abramski, senior

registration process was complete, 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-

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.

"It's just going to take some time for everyone to adjust and get familiar with banner," Herman said.

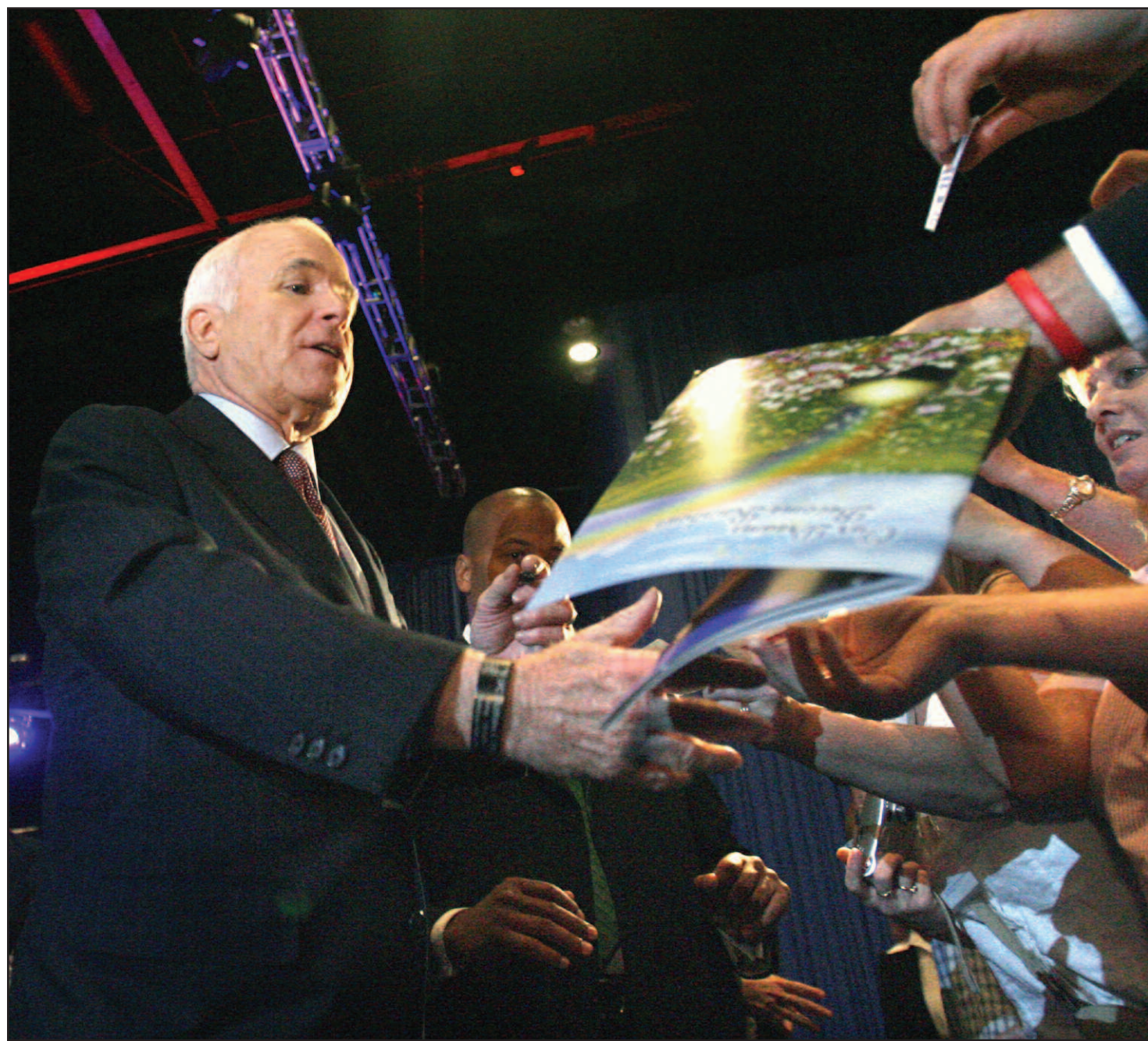
The parking service was designed by a third party software and was not originally included in the Banner system, which primarily is used for registration only, said Herman.

"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 their needs."

Herman said the university used

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POLITICS



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
MCLATCHY 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.

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Marsha Marotta, Westfield State College political science professor

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OUR SIDE EDITORIAL

Campus presidents need a shot of reality

RELATED STORY

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.

They could voice such concerns — and hear others — in an open debate.

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.

We hope that all those presidents who have not agreed to this discussion, no matter what their reasons may be, will rethink their position.

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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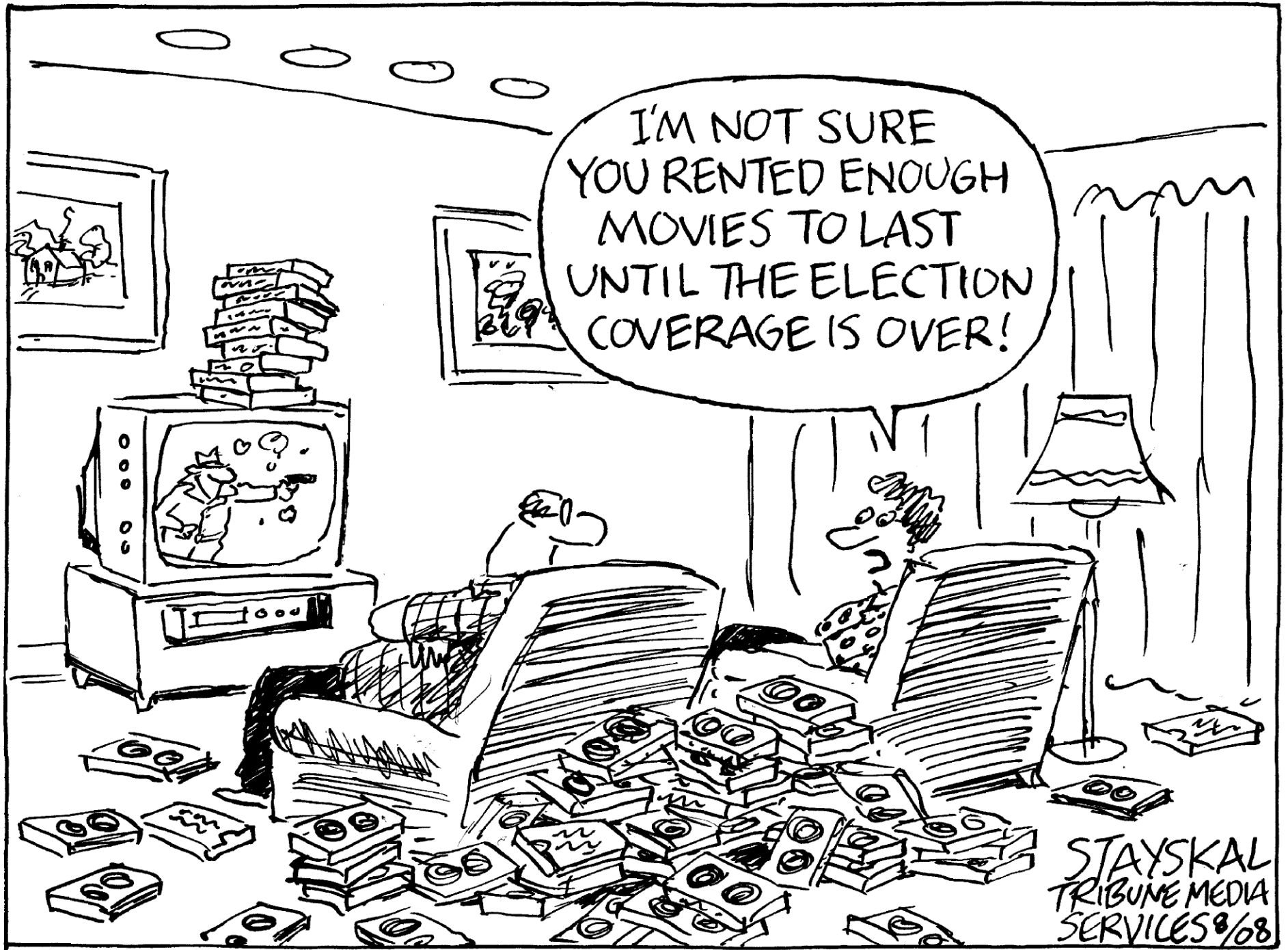
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JAMBAR Question

At what age should people be allowed to drink legally?



Tony Darkadakakis, junior

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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,

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

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

"Miss, I must say that although I am desperate for your support and all those gathered here—simply because I do not stand a snowball's chance in hell of winning—however, just now, I must demonstrate more spine and courage than when a tortured prisoner in Vietnam by simply telling that your b----y comment is way out of line.

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

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 b----, 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 votes.

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

Editor,

The recent article, "Battling the Book Barons," (August 25) does not fully explore all of the cost-saving options available to students. Your article only mentions renting textbooks as a solution to cutting costs, ignoring the fact that e-textbooks offer the same benefits without the downsides. E-textbooks, like rental programs, help students avoid concerns about end of the semester buy-back and are available in a vast number of titles, and save the environment. Yet, e-textbooks go one step further. They address student needs such as mobility, in-text searching and note taking. And, unlike rental texts, e-books are available to students for their use immediately. Students should consider visiting CourseSmart™, the largest online digital marketplace that offers several thousand e-textbooks and

course materials in a common format at one Web site, to realize savings of nearly 50 percent off the traditional textbook price. Publishers understand that college costs are a concern and that digital texts aren't right for every student, so they also offer a variety of lower-cost, print options from which faculty can choose, including split editions, no-frills editions, custom books and abbreviated editions. These alternatives and a new and expanding range of technologies are helping more students pass their courses, stay in school and graduate sooner, saving students time and money while improving their success rates. As the cost of higher education continues to escalate, today's college textbooks may be among the best investments a student can make.

Stacy S. Skelly
Director of Higher Education
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COMMENTARY

Targeting overweight people is wrong approach

McClatchy-Tribune (MCT)

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 free to other workers.

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 mouth-watering 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 buy-in of the concept. A n y Florida officials thinking of following Alabama's example should take note: Don't confuse good health with excess pounds.

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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. PHOTO BY ANDREW BERRY / THE JAMBAR

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 minuscule 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 rearview 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 ago.

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 State.

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 season-opener 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 brutal.

"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 season 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-definition.

During basketball season, the network broadcasts every home Big Ten men's basketball game. 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.

SOCCER

Penguins hunting for elusive first road win

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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 Duquesne.

The team traveled to Robert Morris to face off against the Crusaders on August 28. 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 themselves.

"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. PHOTO COURTESY OF RON STEVENS

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