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# Washing out the flu



## Washing regime may single-handedly prevent flu

Darlene Wagner and Matt Lattanzi  
THE JAMBAR

With the onset of flu season, health is a major concern for many Youngstown State University faculty and students. To combat illness and cross contamination, experts agree the best course of action is proper and frequent hand washing.

Ferrier said thorough hand washing is important, especially when in close contact with people who are ill. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, when done correctly, hand washing is the single most effective way to prevent the spread of communicable disease.

The Jambar conducted an informal survey of people in campus restrooms. Below are the findings from 137 people monitored: Twenty-one people washed their hands for 30 seconds or more with soap. Forty-seven people washed their hands for 15-20 seconds with soap. Thirty-three people washed their hands for less than 15 seconds with soap. Fifteen people washed their hands for less than 15 seconds without soap. Twenty-one people didn't wash their hands at all.

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## Rule change requires students to pay back aid for attendance failure

J. Breen Mitchell  
NEWS EDITOR

Students who fail classes for nonattendance will be required to pay back any financial aid they received for their beginning in the spring semester. Youngstown State University's Academic Senate approved a new, nonattendance F rule at their meeting on Nov. 12.

"It has to do with the rules and requirements for refunding student aid," said Robert Hogue, secretary of the Academic Senate.

Hogue said instructors will be able to keep track of the last day a student attended a class or turned in coursework and use that date to determine if the student had unofficially withdrawn from the class. Hogue said students who unofficially withdraw have always gotten an F in the class.

"From the standpoint of the student grade, nothing will change," he said, adding that the new grade will allow the university to reduce the number of full refunds that it has to return.

"At the end of the day, both of the grades are failing grades," Hogue said.

Hogue said students receiving aid during class-withdraw has been a problem for several years, but now it can be tracked with the Banner system.

According to a Powerpoint presentation shown to the Senate, the change is designed to allow YSU to be in compliance with federal title IV regulations which govern financial aid. It said only students who stopped attending classes would be required to repay funds.

Jeanne Herman, associate registrar, said the change would distinguish between students who earned failing grades and those who received them for not attending class.

"The federal government says if you can't determine that, then you have to send money back for everyone," Herman said.

Herman said the federal government is trying to determine that everyone who receives funds uses them for academic purposes, and this will reduce the amount of money the university has to return.

"This will absolutely reduce that," she said.

YSU students said they agreed with the new policy.

"I agree with that if you don't pass that class, then you should have to repay it so that someone could use the money more appropriately," said freshman Chris Snyder.

Sophomore Darreea Caldwell agreed, adding that it could serve as an incentive for students to take their classes seriously.

"I think it's fair. It'll motivate people to stay in class," Caldwell said.

## Community rolls up sleeves to revitalize Wick Park

Samantha Pysher  
REPORTER

A \$2 million budget was proposed at a meeting of the Wick Park revitalization project on Saturday. The budget will include the price of a proposed amphitheater, a state-of-the-art playground, lighting, a dog park, gateway entries into the park, trail restoration, a water feature where kids could play and a new streetscape are a few items, said Jim McKnight, one of the landscape architects for the project.

absorbs moisture is a choice that can be used, McKnight said. He also said during his presentation that the amphitheater, which would be back dropped by Stambaugh Auditorium, could be built as an earthen basin amphitheater or an amphitheater with seating built into the grounds.

There will also be a trellis and natural paths, McKnight said.

"We want to provide activities for all seasons of the year," he said. "The next step is to find sources of funding."

At the meeting, two alternative landscape designs were also presented. The main difference is vehicle parking location.

Some short-term goals that

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### Smoke stack

The Student Government Association collected 32 gallons worth of cigarette butts over the course of five hours last week to promote the campus smoking ban.

SGA President Mike McGiffin was clear that the campaign is not against smokers.

"We're not trying to get anyone in trouble," McGiffin said. "We made maps to show where you can smoke so when they do start enforcing the ban, people know where they can smoke safely. The bulk of the budget for this campaign will go to permanent signage around campus informing students where it will be safe to smoke."

Pictured from left to right: Cassie Doinoff, Katy Wells, and Mike McGiffin.

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## Law violations could soon affect choice of major for YSU students

Courtney Denen  
REPORTER

If you're caught on campus drinking, a hangover might not be the only thing you have to deal with in the morning.

Senate Bill 38 and House Bill 160 state if any student has partaken in a specific list of violations, they cannot study in certain areas. Some of these violations include domestic violence, endangering children, passing bad checks, misuse of credit checks, receiving stolen property, unauthorized use of a vehicle, and

drug abuse. If students have been arrested or ticketed for any of these they cannot choose social work, education, nursing or pre-med as their major.

Certain disqualifiers exist that will prevent a student from studying what he or she chooses, said Sergeant Bryan Remias of

the Youngstown State University Police Department.

Drinking, which falls under drug abuse, may not be a significant issue at YSU, however.

"There is not an overly large amount of drinking on campus," Remias said. "Even if there is a student caught drinking on cam-

pus it does not necessarily constitute the student being kicked out."

Remias said he doesn't recall a time when a student was expelled for drinking or possessing alcohol.

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## News Briefs

*YSU Centennial celebration concert set for Nov. 24*

The YSU Wind Ensemble and Concert Band will be hosting a special concert Monday, Nov. 24 at 8 p.m. in Powers Auditorium in the DeYor Performing Arts Complex in downtown Youngstown. Tickets will cost \$6.50 and \$4.00, and they will be free for anyone with a valid YSU ID. Call the DeYor Box Office at 330-744-0264.

*Special Agent explores careers in the FBI*

One of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's special agents will be attending YSU this week to inform students about careers in the FBI. For more information, contact Christina Hardy, at 330-941-3514.

*Nominations accepted for YSU Heritage Award*

Dec. 31 is the last day to be nominated for the YSU Heritage Award. It's the most prestigious honor leading former YSU faculty and administrative. Nomination forms are available at the human resources Web site and at the office of alumni relations. For more information, contact Linda Moore at 330-744-0264.

## Police Briefs

*Student has reaction to prescription medicine*

On Friday at 10:52 a.m., an officer was dispatched to Cushwa Hall in response to a student having a reaction to prescription medicine. Upon arrival the student was found to be conscious and alert, but was transported to St. Elizabeth's for further evaluation.

*Disturbance at dining hall*

An officer was called to the Christman Dining Commons at 9:19 p.m. on Friday in regard to a disturbance. Upon arrival, the Christman night manager claimed that a student had been filling a gallon jug at the soda fountain. When asked to stop, the student said he "will do what he wants" and sat down with his food. The officer on the scene asked the student to leave.

*Suspect chased near Liberty Street*

On Friday at 1:38 a.m. the Youngstown Police Department responded to a situation on Liberty Street where multiple units were needed to apprehend a suspect wanted for numerous charges. The suspect was chased through a large area of woods and eventually taken into custody on Forest View Avenue.

### CORRECTION

In last Thursday's print edition, we ran an article entitled "Student government reinforces non-smoking policy on YSU campus" in which it was incorrectly reported that smoking is permitted on the campus core. We regret the error.

### CLARIFICATION

The article entitled "New program jumpstarts early college credit hours" reported that a program offering college credit to Liberty High School students would begin in December. The timetable for this has since changed, and the program will be delayed until further guidelines can be determined.

# Banner back on track

Lamar Salter  
REPORTER

More students are now able to check an unofficial academic transcript at Youngstown State University with the Banner system as registration for the spring semester gets under way.

The university put a hold on the transcripts for students who wanted to check their grades and status at YSU, but now many students are able to access unofficial information regarding grade report and progress.

"It's an ongoing process," said associate registrar Jeanne Herman. "There are over 70,000 records we are working on right now."

Herman said the hold helped the university make sure that every student from freshman to graduate would be available to view an accurate transcript with the new registration system.

"The only way to ensure a double check of the system, to make sure each record was correct, was to place a hold on the reports," Herman said.

While there was no specific date of when student records be-

came available on Banner, Herman said work was being done since August in the records office and grade reports were being processed individually.

About 95 percent of student records are now available and that every grade report should be available before spring semester starts, she said.

Students who are still unable to check grade reports with Banner can submit a form to receive a transcript in the registration office.

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# Bicycles are everyday transportation for many on University of South Carolina campus

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MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Bikes litter the landscape outside the Capstone dormitory at the University of South Carolina. Mountain bikes, racing bikes, cruisers, even a couple of BMX-style.

On a recent Monday afternoon, there were 48 bikes and hardly any empty slots in the five metal racks. Seven more were locked to trees. One bike frame with no wheels was plopped down next to the bushes.

Capstone's side yard offers evidence USC's effort to encourage students to ride bikes is a roaring success. Despite adding 80 new bike racks on campus in the past three years, the university can't keep up with the demand.

"It's hard to find a spot over on Main Street (at the physical science complex)," said Wayne Corbett, a junior from Wagener, S.C. "It seems like all of (the racks) are always full."

For the core group of bike enthusiasts who started USCycle in 2000, that's a wonderful problem. They wanted to improve cycling infrastructure on campus and encourage more students and staffers to ride bikes.

Their effort got a boost in 2002 when Andrew Sorensen, an avid cyclist, took over as school president. He insisted the univer-

sity include bike infrastructure in its master plan.

The renovation of the Wheat Street corridor through campus now includes bike lanes. Anyone with a school ID can check out a bike at the parking services office from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for free. Showers are available for commuting bike riders at the school's West Quad dorm.

But the changes that seem to have the most impact are the increased availability of bike racks and the rise in gas prices.

"I ride my bike on campus," said Ben Conrod, a landscape architect for the school and one of the early USCycle members. "I used to never see many others. Now I'm running into people (on bikes) when I stop at street lights."

The school hasn't done a student survey to gauge bike use, but one telling statistic is the number of students registering their bikes with parking services. The numbers have risen from about 250 a year during 2004-2006 to more than 500 this year.

"A lot of the people on my floor (at Capstone) didn't bring cars (to campus) because of the price of gas," said Will Reade, a freshman from Gallatin, Tenn. "My classes are all over campus. If I didn't have a bike, I don't know how I'd get to class on time."

Reade appreciates that the school installed a security camera over the bike racks outside

Capstone, where bike thefts have been a problem. Like Corbett, he would like more racks both at his dorm and near classrooms.

Derrick Huggins, USC's director of parking services, said staffers walk the campus every couple of weeks to see which bike racks are being used and where bikes are locked to trees or light poles because racks aren't available.

One of the challenges is making bike racks aesthetically acceptable, especially in the historic core of the campus. You won't find racks on the interior part of the historic "Horseshoe," but there are racks behind some of the Horseshoe buildings.

The other challenge is financial. It costs \$500 (or more, depending on the style) to buy and install permanent racks, Huggins said.

Students can find a detailed map of existing bike racks — and other bike-related information — online at [sc.edu/vmps/cycle.html](http://sc.edu/vmps/cycle.html).

Geology professor Alicia Wilson, another member of the early USCycle group, is delighted to run into other cyclists on her daily commute to her office.

"This fall I've seen just a huge increase," Wilson said. "I think it has something to do with gas prices."

"But once you get people on a bike a few times, they say, 'Hey, I can do that.'"

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Ferrier said the results did not surprise her, and that they do imply proper hand washing behavior for the majority of students.

Christine Newman, junior, is one of the students that washed her hands. She said she sings happy birthday twice to herself to count the time.

Newman said she likes washing her hands. "I prefer to wash my hands instead of using those gels," said Newman. "I only use them when I'm out and my hands feel sticky. It's not really for hand washing," she said.

Employees at Arby's in Kil-

cawley Center share the public restrooms, but they don't share the same casual hand washing habits.

According to manager Christine Heston, it is mandatory for employees to wash their hands every time they enter the premises.

"Proper hand washing signs are posted at all primary hand washing sinks," said Heston.

Heston said the signs tell the employees how and when to wash their hands. "Employees also have to wash their hands when they come in contact with any non-food item," she said.

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were discussed at the meeting are an increased amount of signs, clustering of picnic areas and multipurpose walkways. Long-term goals include gateway entries and accessible playground equipment.

"We're building on the beautiful assets of this park," said Sharon Letson, executive director of Youngstown CityScape.

"The important part of the process is that the community is involved and they're not sitting back waiting for someone to do something about the park," said Letson. "They're willing to roll up their sleeves to help."

Letson said the Wick Park revitalization project has been in the works for six months and that money has already been invested with some trees.

Both designs that were presented included an amphithe-

ater in the southwest corner with crosswalks. In the southeast corner, there would be a path from Youngstown State University to Wick Park and a path connecting Park Vista Senior Housing and Wick Park in the northwest corner.

"We'd like to be able to merge the two designs into one," said Terry Schwarz of Urban Design Center of Northeast Ohio.

Schwarz said the overall plan should be in place by the beginning of 2009 and more implementation of the project by spring.

"It's a great opportunity for students to get involved and use the park," said junior Jack Daughter.

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Remias said the NEOUCOM program is the strictest program on campus when it comes to past and current violations.

"Every time a NEOUCOM student is caught drinking or doing something they know they aren't supposed to be doing, they immediately ask, 'Am I going to get kicked out?'"

If a student is caught drinking, there are disciplinary actions that must be taken. The only place where students usually drink is in the dorms, Remias said. If police discover a container or any form of liquor, they most likely will not be kicked out.

Students who are caught drinking are sent to Student Conduct Board and could possibly be kicked out of the dorms because it's a housing violation.

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# A hot property: U.S. colleges set up elaborate networks to recruit globally

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When Yuting Wang first walked into an agent's office in Chongqing, a bustling city in central China, she had never heard of St. Louis University. But she knew she wanted to go to college in the United States.

Like many young people in Asia, she turned to an agency to help her navigate the U.S. college admissions system. She paid the agent about \$7,000 and, in return, the agent suggested SLU and a couple other schools, helped her fill out the application forms, and walked her through the confusing bureaucracy of applying for a visa.

Wang knew the agency had a relationship with SLU, but she didn't know the extent of it or of the lengths to which U.S. universities like SLU had gone to find students like her.

She did not know, for example, that the agency was one of about 25 in China — and 15 more in other parts of the world — that SLU had signed contracts with in the hope of recruiting more international students. And she did not know that SLU will reward that agent with a roughly \$1,500 commission — similar to a finder's fee — if she finishes her first year in St. Louis.

Still, she was glad she used the agency, because the process would have been too overwhelming if she had done it on her own. "Maybe it costs money," she said, "but it's much easier this way."

International students have become such hot commodities to

American universities that many schools have set up elaborate networks to recruit them. While the use of agents is becoming more widespread among U.S. universities, some critics still worry that agents are more focused on their commission than giving the best advice to students.

Other schools, wary of using agents, rely on more conventional recruiting tactics such as sending their own admissions officials abroad to visit college fairs and high schools.

Whatever the method, the guiding philosophy behind international recruitment is the same: Diverse campuses better prepare U.S. students to succeed in a globalized world.

"Our students are not competing against Missouri students or Illinois students — or students from Arkansas or Kentucky," said Ken Dobbins, the president of Southeast Missouri State University who has made it one of the school's strategic goals to increase its number of international students. "They are really competing internationally. So if our students don't have a global perspective, it's hard for them to compete."

Some university officials in Missouri and Illinois note that this is especially important because many of their students come from high schools with little to no diversity.

"These students pay more than double of what the Missouri domestic student pays, so they make a very important financial contribution to the university's bottom line," said Jean Hofer, director of the international office at the Missouri University of Sci-

ence and Technology in Rolla.

Like other schools, SLU has been rebuilding its international student population since Sept. 11, 2001, when visa regulations were tightened. At one point in the late 1990s, SLU had up to 1,200 international students.

This fall, SLU has about 150 more international students than last year, for a total of 600. Boyd Bradshaw, SLU's vice provost of enrollment, said that bump helped cushion the blow of a slight drop in U.S.-based undergraduates this year.

SLU has two St. Louis-based recruiters who travel abroad several weeks out of the year — mostly in China and India, the two countries that send the most students to the U.S. They operate in much the same way that domestic recruiters do, visiting high schools and college fairs, but without charging fees to applicants.

On top of that, SLU contracts with commission-based agents who represent the school — and usually several other universities.

The agents seek out students, help them fill out applications and visa paperwork, prepare for interviews, and sometimes even make flight arrangements for them to the U.S.

Using such agents has been an accepted way for students in many parts of the world to pair up with a university. U.S. universities that use the agents say they are merely tapping into a common way of doing business overseas.

The National Association of College Admission Counseling is currently reviewing the ethics

of using agents. David Hawkins, the group's director of public policy, noted that his organization's long-standing ethical code says that colleges should not "provide remuneration" to recruiters based on the number of students they recruit.

"What we are concerned about is how these agents are compensated and how that affects the advice given to students," Hawkins said.

Other college admissions officials are troubled that agents usually charge students.

"We don't like having the students pay for a service we feel we can give them for free," said Barbara Rupp, admissions director at the University of Missouri-Columbia. "We certainly have agents contact us every year wanting to represent us, and I think some of those agents are very successful. But we've decided not to go that route."

SLU officials have tried to avoid the potential pitfalls by requiring agents to be certified by the countries where they work and to check on their references.

"We don't just sign anybody up," Bradshaw said. "You've really got to make sure you evaluate every agency, because there are hundreds of them."

SLU also only pays an agent the commission if the student doesn't flunk out the first year and enrolls for a second year. "That kind of holds the agents accountable," Bradshaw said, adding that only two international students have dropped out or transferred this year.

Other schools have sidestepped some of the ethical concerns by working with agents at

arm's length.

For example, Lindenwood University and SEMO will give information to agents but will not pay them or enter into an official relationship.

Hiroko Furuhashi, a junior from Japan, ended up at Lindenwood that way. She told an agent that she wanted to go to college in Missouri and that she needed a good scholarship. They suggested Lindenwood and three other schools.

Furuhashi was happy overall with the process, aside from the fact she had to pay the agent an \$8,000 fee.

But there was one unsettling surprise. She didn't realize that as a condition of her scholarship, she would have to work on campus — in the cafeteria and doing housekeeping in the residence halls.

"They didn't explain that to me well enough," she said.

In the eyes of some college administrators, international recruitment works best without using agents at all.

Debbie Dey, Webster University's vice president of enrollment, said the university used to use agents in Thailand but cut off relationships with them last year after it determined that in-house recruiting is the best way to make sure students are the right fit for a school half a world away.

"We want our own employees to do this, because we know them better and they know the university better," she said. "You're in control of the message and where you are sending people."

Zahir Ahmed offers that kind of direct approach for SEMO, where he is executive director of

the Office of International Education. This year, he has spent about two months traveling through India, the United Arab Emirates, China and South Korea.

He noted that the market is getting more competitive with universities from England, Australia and Canada also trying to lure students. So one of Ahmed's main selling points to families is the lower tuition of a public university and cheaper cost of living in a smaller town.

"We advertise ourselves as a place that doesn't have a lot of big-city distractions," he said.

Then there's the interesting case study of Lindenwood, which claims to do little to nothing in the realm of recruiting abroad in the past decade, and yet today has 735 international students.

While the school has an agreement with Panama's Ministry of Education that sent it 30 students this year, Lindenwood President Jim Evans said international students come to the school mostly through word of mouth.

"We still have a small-college atmosphere here," Evans said. "They talk to their friends in their homelands about the way in which we treat them here."

Southern Illinois University Carbondale had more than 2,000 international students in the mid-1980s. But after years of a slow and steady decline in international enrollment, SIUC is now contemplating a more aggressive approach.

In a competitive market, Carla Coppi, SIUC's interim director of international students, wonders if SIUC might explore using agents down the road, even though she is wary of the practice.

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He returned to Northeast Ohio in 1991 where he became a partner and President of Creative Communications Corporation, which became one of the earliest pioneers in developing student response systems — a technology intended for use during classroom lecture. In that role, it became obvious to Mike that the student response technology had a much broader application as not only a student response/learning assessment tool but as a group response technology with the potential of truly helping students learn, instructors become more effective, and meeting environments to be much more productive. This truly was a tool that could change the way teachers and presenters connect with their audiences and confirm their ability to understand their comprehension of ideas and course curriculum.

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### OUR SIDE EDITORIAL

## Taking aid for granted

### THE EDITORIAL BOARD

Regardless of what major a student chooses, the purpose of going to college is to prepare them for their professional lives. A major component of this, and one that is often overlooked, is personal responsibility. Youngstown State University's move to require students to repay financial aid if they unofficially withdraw from class is a step in the right direction.

Financial aid is offered generously to students, and often there are no strings attached. It is not unreasonable to expect that government money be used efficiently, and that those receiving it be responsible enough not to defraud the taxpayers whose money is intended to fund their education.

A lack of responsibility with other people's money has been at the root of larger economic problems faced in the United States and internationally, particularly with regard to credit.

In the age of financial bailouts, it is important that the generation that will be graduating college in the next several years learn the lessons that their predecessors did not.

Namely, that responsibility for oneself is a requirement for future security, and that there are consequences to irresponsibility.

The new rule will only require a student to pay back their financial aid if they receive an F specifically due to not attending class. It might not be a bad idea to go a step further and require that financial aid be repaid for failing a class for any reason. This would create an incentive to work hard in school. Not only would this serve as insurance that taxpayer money isn't being wasted, it would also benefit the student. In trying to get passing grades, the student would have to do the coursework, ensuring that they learn the material.

Education should be available to everyone who wants a chance to advance in society. Financial aid should be thought of as a vote of confidence in the student. It's only fair that they hold up their end of the bargain.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor,

Thank you for posting the video online of YSEARC [Youngstown State Environmental and Animal Rights Coalition.] We are trying very hard to get Kentucky Fried Chicken off of the YSU campus for good!

Petitions have been going around and we need more support for the food court managers to take us seriously. This is why we are boycotting Kentucky Fried Cruelty: the roughly 1 billion chickens killed each year for KFC's buckets are crammed by the tens of thousands into excrement-filled sheds that stink of ammonia fumes.

The birds' legs and wings often break because they're bred to be too top-heavy, and workers carelessly shove them into transport crates and shackles.

Chickens' throats are slit and the animals are dropped into tanks of scalding hot water to remove their feathers, often while they are still conscious and able to feel pain. KFC lets frustrated factory-farm and slaughterhouse workers handle live birds, so

many of the animals end up being sadistically abused.

At a KFC "Supplier of the Year" slaughterhouse in West Virginia, workers were documented tearing the heads off live birds, spitting tobacco into their eyes, spray painting their faces and violently stomping on them. This was discovered more than two years after KFC promised that it was taking animal welfare seriously.

KFC hides behind its Animal Welfare Advisory Council, even though five members of the council have resigned in frustration. One of them, Adele Douglass, told the Chicago Tribune that KFC "never had any meetings."

They never asked any advice, and then they touted to the press that they had this animal welfare advisory committee. I felt like I was being used."

Please join Pamela Anderson, Sir Paul McCartney, His Holiness the Dalai Lama, The Rev. Al Sharpton and countless other kind people worldwide by not eating at KFC. Thank you!

Jessica Evik

### COMMENTARY

## Lift the bailout fog

McClatchy-Tribune  
MCT

No financial rescue cash will be handed out behind closed doors, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke promised Congress just a few weeks ago.

Apparently, we're supposed to forget all that.

The Treasury already has spent all but \$60 billion of the first \$350 billion installment that Congress provided in its \$700 billion financial rescue plan, according to published reports.

And the Fed has provided an additional \$1 trillion from other rescue coffers. Many of these transactions didn't require congressional approval or disclosure, so Americans are basically in the dark about how troubled firms are using federal dollars.

Financial experts speculate that firms are hoarding the funds for acquisitions or perhaps using the assistance to compensate executives.

If true, these are inexcusable breaches of public trust and failures of the government to follow

through on its promises of transparency.

Taxpayers have a right to know how these dollars are being spent, especially as more firms line up for government help:

American International Group, whose executives were admonished for planning a posh retreat during this crisis, received a new \$150 billion government package, its third financial infusion since mid-September.

Fannie Mae warned that it might need more federal dollars by Christmas.

American Express is converting into a bank holding company, raising speculation that the credit card issuer will join the queue at the federal window.

A massive federal rescue of American automakers is on the horizon.

Credit markets remain in turmoil because investors don't know enough to make clear, informed decisions about where to put financial resources. They must have assurances that federal dollars will be used fairly and wisely.

This fog of secrecy must end. Otherwise, credit will not flow, and the crisis will only worsen.

## THE JAMBAR ASKS What's on your mind?



"How much I hate school."

Craig Dolan, junior



"I'm thinking Arby's."

Melissa Ricciardulli, freshman



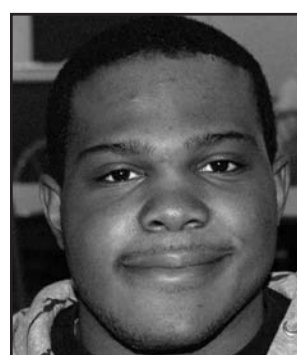
"Going home to Egypt for the holidays."

Hannah Patten, sophomore



"I don't want to go to Spanish."

Andrew Coetkovich, sophomore



"Homework and group projects right now."

Kordy Spivey, freshman

### COLUMN

## Dierkes deliberated



It's not over till Jimmy Stewart gets a buttload of cash

Doug Dierkes  
COLUMNIST

Halloween is over, so it's officially the start of the holiday shopping season. That means we can expect that annual tradition of soccer moms camping outside Wal-Marts in the snow waiting for the chance to slit another soccer mom's throat over the latest version of the talking Elmo doll. That's not the scariest part of the year.

The scary part is that prices are dropping before we've had a chance to eat turkey.

We've known for quite some time now that the American economy wasn't doing too well. The clearest signs are the ones pointing you toward savings up to 70 percent on electronic gear, furniture, and the latest talking Elmo dolls. Retailers are desperate to drum up some form of spike in their sales to inspire confidence in their stockholders, even if that means cutting their profits down to the barest of minimums. What sounds like a great deal for today's consumers could possibly end in a bad deal for the country as a whole.

It's a shame that a large portion of our nation's profit is focused around the two big months of retail spending that is the holiday season. There was a time when our country used to sell stuff to the rest of the world, rather than just to ourselves. We've become the Republic of the Infomercial, convinced that the only path to success is inventing the latest Chinese-made fitness equipment or "time-saving" kitchen appliance. Our economic strength lies not in our energy reserves or research labs, but in our consumers' innate ability to buy pedal-powered toaster ovens. And the latest talking Elmo dolls.

Yet I still feel an inherent optimism about America's financial future. Sure, we might not have available jobs, much less jobs worth working. We also might never be able to pay off the massive debts we owe the rest of the world. But gosh darn it, we're the most optimistic civilization that ever walked the Earth. As long as we have hope and sappy Walt Disney movies to keep us going through the tough times, we think we can make it through anything. We'll test whether or not this is true over the next couple of months.

Until then, I declare that the Blu-ray version of "It's a Wonderful Life" is the new fruitcake. Give it to those friends and relatives on your shopping list, and they'll never ask you for presents ever again.

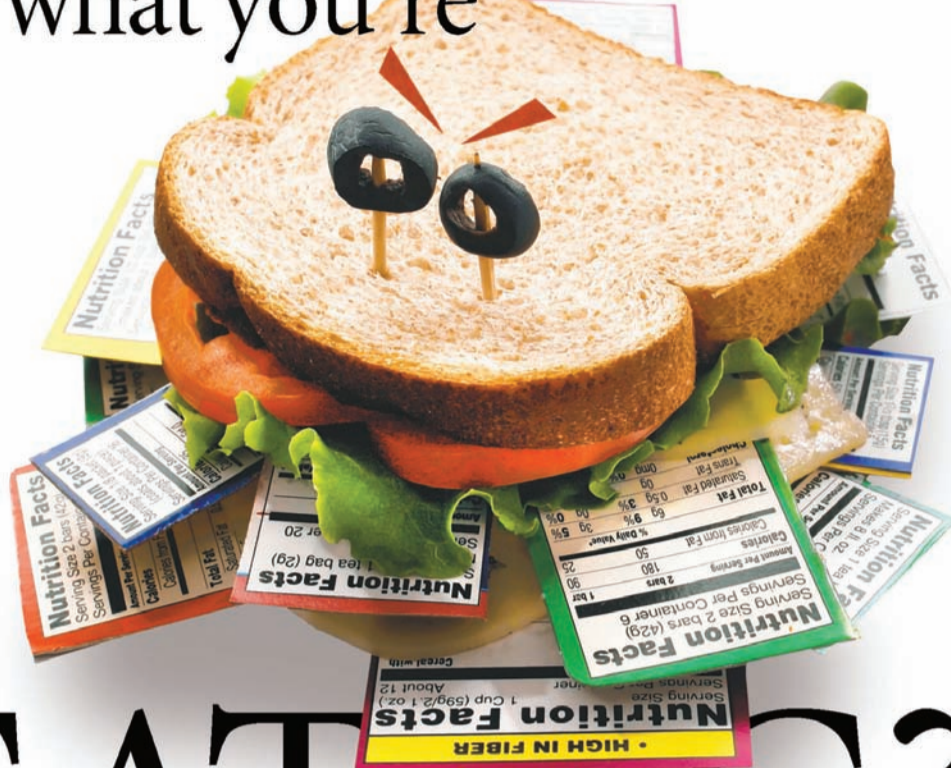
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## Do you know what you're



# EATING?

## Nutrient rich with confusion

Melissa Mary Smith  
REPORTER

If the goal is eating healthy, reading food labels might just complicate the process.

According to a study conducted by The Nutrient Rich Foods Coalition, most Americans are confused about healthy eating. Of those surveyed, 54 percent "are overwhelmed by the information and advice they receive on what to eat and what to avoid."

Also, 61 percent are interested in learning about the beneficial nutrients found in foods and beverages, not just the amount of fat, sugar and salt a food contains.

The nutritional labeling system can be confusing to the consumer as it presents too much information, said Zara Rowlands, director of didactics and dietetics at Youngstown State University.

Rowlands said while the information on nutritional labels might make sense to nutritionists in the amounts that they present [i.e., grams, ounces], the same information might not translate well to the consumer.

To some, the labeling system, which Rowlands rated at less than 50 percent in its efficacy, is

easy to understand.

Post-grad Melissa Aufman feels as though the nutrition content is understandable in its approach.

"It tells you exactly what's in it and how much," Aufman said. Junior AJ Allen thinks otherwise. Allen said he feels as though the amounts the labels present can be better communicated to consumers who he feels can be confused by the nutritional content and what it exactly means.

"They don't know what a lot of the stuff actually is on the labels," Allen said.

As far as healthy eating is concerned, Rowlands explained that the reason why consumers make such poor eating decisions is because of their busy schedules.

"Food is a huge part of culture and sometimes in trying to hold on to cultural traditions, we ignore the health issues," Rowlands said.

While the outcome of the survey presents a way in which

consumers can make healthier eating choices, Rowlands said there needs to be a lot more in our society that will encourage people to make better food decisions and approach healthy eating with a grass roots understanding, such as learning better grocery shopping methods.

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# Obama to take new media to White House

Frank Greve  
MCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

President-elect Barack Obama will add a new media wrinkle Saturday to his weekly radio address: the first YouTube video version, to be posted on his transition site.

It's the first visible result of a major transition-team effort to make Obama's conversations with the electorate more direct. In addition, members and supporters of the White House media upgrade want more input opportunities for the public.

Many of the changes, if adopted, also would curb the power of a traditional but often unpopular middleman between presidents and the populace: the mainstream media.

Spokesman Nick Shapiro said the Obama transition team wasn't ready to discuss innovations in White House communications just yet. But the community that thinks about ways the Internet can advance politics and democracy is small, talkative and in close touch with Obama's analysts.

Alan Rosenblatt, who directs Internet activism efforts at the Center for American Progress Action Fund, predicts that Obama's future videos will break through radio's five-minute limit to become a communications form of their own.

Indeed, in a 2007 YouTube

interview, Obama said he intended to use the medium for "fireside chats."

Whatever their length, said Rosenblatt, whose center was headed by John Podesta until Obama picked him as the head of his transition team, the videos will evade the editing of Obama's remarks by TV and print reporters and enable him to talk to the citizenry directly.

YouTube, which wasn't a factor in politics until 2006, proved a cheap, powerful and effective tool for Obama. It drew more than 110 million viewers for his 1,800 campaign-related videos.

Another proposal before the transition team is to give Obama's Internet audience a chance to question him directly, either as part of a traditional news conference or separately.

Andrew Rasiej, the founder of the Personal Democracy Forum, and others envision an online voting system that enables Internet respondents to decide together what the most important questions are to ask the president.

A prototype of sorts went live this week at www.Obamacto.org. It's enabled thousands of respondents to vote on what the top priorities should be for a new position that Obama has created, chief technology officer.

(The leader late Friday, with more than 10,000 votes, was



"ensure the Internet is widely accessible & network neutral," which Obama backs. Not so the second-ranked priority, repealing the USA PATRIOT Act.)

"If 10,000 people say they want Obama to answer a question, he's probably going to respond," said Rasiej, whose group seeks to use the Internet to enhance participation in government, promote its transparency and produce grass-roots political effects.

Whether Obama responds at a news conference or in a separate message to his Internet questioners, Rasiej said, they'd make news. And they'd usurp the power of traditional journalists to ask questions.

Also getting under way is a new team of official White House bloggers.

One, prominent liberal blogger Michael Lux, joined the transition team this week.

He's expected to be joined by bloggers assigned to specific Obama initiatives, such as overhauling health care and conserving energy.



# HAIR STATEMENTS

Emmalee C. Torisk  
REPORTER

With a mane of slightly wavy, unruly dark brown hair cascading halfway down his back, junior Chris Meeker admits that his hair is a major part of his image — and his stereotypical persona — as an old school metal band drummer.

With musical tastes ranging from Slayer to Neil Young, Meeker said he grew his hair nearly four years ago to further identify with his music, which is fairly common among Youngstown State University students.

"My music is the entire basis of my identity. Without it, I'd probably just go 'poof' and be gone," Meeker said. "My hair fits the image of the music I listen to and play. Actually, my bandmates are also growing their hair long. It's an image, and musicians need it."

Although Meeker confessed that in the past he used to claim nonchalance about the opinions of others, most of which concerned his appearance, he said he — along with pretty much everyone else — does care. Hair is a part of a person's image, as well as the image they're stereotyped as, Meeker said.

For instance, in Meeker's case, middle-aged and elderly people tend to view him as "a menace to society" and give him "dirty looks in the mall," while simultaneously pulling their children closer. Additionally, girls tend to find Meeker's hair "pretty," while guys are either commending or condescending.

"I find it humorous and depressing how quickly we shun people for how they look," Meeker said. "If you have your hair in your face, you're a scene or emo kid. Shaved head, you're a tough guy. Long hair, you're metal or a hippie."

Meeker said hair can express a person and his or her personality, although he acknowledged one downfall of unique hairstyles — although they're aimed at distinguishing one person from the rest of the crowd, sometimes their purpose is slightly contradictory.

"[People say] 'I do it like this to show that I'm different.' Really, they're just like all the others with the same hairstyle, myself included," Meeker said.

And as for Meeker's hair future? He's always wanted to try a "skullet," which is long hair in the back and bald in the front.

"It's my dream to one day hold the power of the skullet," Meeker said.

Likewise, freshman Nelson Reep also seeks hair inspiration from the bands and music he listens to. At the moment, Reep's hair is brightened-up and low-lighted blond, shaggy and slightly messy, with a strip of flat-ironed bangs in front. Interestingly enough, Reep decided to adopt this hairstyle as his own after a little kid approached him at a concert, mistaking him for Zacky Vengeance of the hard rock band Avenged Sevenfold. Soon after, he Googled Vengeance, decided he liked his look and got the haircut a few days later.

Thus far, this haircut has been one of the most successful of all he has tried in the past. Many compliment him on his hairdos and some even take pictures of the current style. Among his many fans are both girls and middle-aged women who find

change so often. picking up girls is pretty much the main reason he experiments so much with his hair. The other reason? His mom wouldn't let him choose his own hairstyles until a few years ago.

As for styling his hair, Reep said he has the process "down to a science." Although he finds it slightly embarrassing to describe his approximately eight-minute morning ritual, Reep said he begins with a flat iron and finishes with some hairspray and styling product.

Reep has kept this hairstyle for about three months. However, he doesn't know how long it'll last; both his mom and girlfriend are cosmetologists, so he gets a free haircut about every three weeks. Understandably, Reep described himself as "the hairstyle jackpot," and named a plethora of different hairdos he has tried over the years. Among these are a mullet, spikes, a pumpkin bowl cut, a Farrah do and a "Velma" from "Scooby Doo" haircut.

Similarly, ever since the age of 13, sophomore Molly Toth has played around with both color and cut, usually changing up her look every month. Currently, her hairstyle is short, choppy and reddish with blond highlights, and extremely low maintenance, especially when compared to Toth's other hair experiments. According to Toth, the inspiration for change mostly strikes when boredom hits. Otherwise, Toth just likes the idea of constant evolution and the potential for something different.

"I like the idea of being a chameleon, of being ever-changing. I like to try on new identities," Toth said. "I never stick with one for very long before my imagination starts to wander and I come up with something new."

Although her hair may stand out, Toth said she doesn't think about her hair very often; it's just a part of her, with no real rhyme or reason. Even so, Toth does recognize the tremendous role that hair plays in the idea of self expression, fads and image.

"Hair is an interesting reflection of trends in pop culture. I think it exists in fashion as a transitory thing because it's so flexible. It's not hard to adapt to changing styles," Toth said. "I also think of hair as a safer version of body art. It's self expression that's not as permanent as getting a tattoo. It's making this, 'Look at me!' statement that can be easily rendered into something different come tomorrow when you change your mind."

Sophomore Tiffany Kosten, who currently sports wavy, medium-length dyed natural red hair with blond streaks, side-swept bangs and long layers, also cited a feeling of restlessness as one of the reasons her hairstyles

"Whenever I feel stagnant, I need a change and my hair is usually the most convenient outlet for that," Kosten said. "A lot of the time, I'll just go to my favorite hairstylist and tell her I'm bored and have at it. She knows me well enough now that she never disappoints."

Kosten's hairstyles have ranged from what she has now, which is the tamest it has been in quite a while, to shorter and asymmetrical cuts, to various dye jobs of typically reddish tones. Describing herself as a lover of new things, especially hairstyles, Kosten said she has found that people usually think she is more extroverted than she actually is, because of her hairstyle.

"I'm sort of an introvert, but I think my hair may suggest I'm not," Kosten said. "Also, a lot of strangers walk up to me and ask me who does my hair or they'll ask what I would call my cut or color. Once, people were calling out to me from across campus to tell me they liked my hair. It was odd to be in that situation."

Nina Leonelli, sophomore, also acknowledges the transformative powers of a new and different hairstyle. Leonelli, a business major, graduated from cosmetology school in 2006, and has been in the hairstyling field for nearly three years. Currently, she is working part time at a hair salon, but her ultimate goal is to open her own salon one day. Additionally, Leonelli, who has always been talented with art, said she wanted to be a stylist to use her abilities in a different way: by doing hair and makeup.

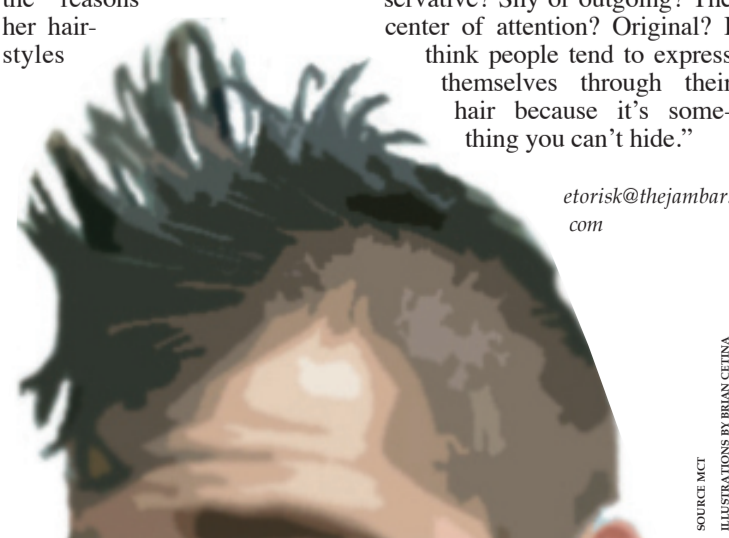
"I love everything about it," Leonelli said. "To me, it's fun and unique, it allows you to be creative and you feel great by making others feel great. The gratification I get after making someone feel better about themselves is priceless."

While Leonelli's hairstyle at the moment is modeled after Victoria Beckham's, she has also tried a lot of different hairstyles, and has frequently experimented with different cuts, colors, accessories and extensions.

Like many others, music is Leonelli's inspiration in everything she does, but she also finds hair ideas in magazines and on shows like "America's Next Top Model." Although she has kept the same haircut for the past six months [which is actually a pretty long time for her], Leonelli encourages change in hairstyles, both for herself and her clients.

"Because I'm in this field, I like to keep a change going to inspire my clients to not be afraid of change and so that I don't get bored with it myself," Leonelli said. "I think a hairstyle can say a lot. Is a person risky or more conservative? Shy or outgoing? The center of attention? Original? I think people tend to express themselves through their hair because it's something you can't hide."

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# More people opt to stay put for the holidays

Linda Loyd  
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

College students Natalie and Robert Kelly are forgoing their annual Christmas trip home to Utah this year because of the shaky economy and higher airfares.

Natalie, 22, and husband Robert, 27, a graphic design student at the Art Institute of Philadelphia, in previous years flew to Salt Lake City for \$300 or less each. The same round-trip ticket this Christmas costs \$400 and up.

"It's just too much money and too much stress associated with the money," said Natalie Kelly, a history major at the University of Pennsylvania. "We're going to get our own Christmas tree and hang out in Philadelphia. We're not upset about it. We've made our decision."

The Kellys are not alone. People are waiting longer to book vacations in hopes of finding deals — and some won't be traveling at all.

"Christmas and almost all holidays are times of rather extreme peaks and valleys in demand," said American Airlines spokesman Tim Smith.

While airplanes are still expected to be near full on peak travel days, fewer people overall will travel this Thanksgiving and Christmas, said David Castelvetter, spokesman for the Air Transport Association, an airline industry trade group.

The reason: Rising unemployment, an erratic stock market and higher fares have made consumers uneasy about spending money.

Add to that a 10 percent cut in airline capacity from a year ago — a decision the industry made during the summer, when crude oil cost nearly \$150 a barrel and gasoline cost \$4 a gallon.

Even so, the airlines express optimism and say their advance bookings are in line with last year.

"There's no softening around Christmas," US Airways spokesman Morgan Dur-

rant said.

JetBlue Airways said its Christmas-New Year's bookings are "still looking favorable." But "we see a bit of softening for Thanksgiving, and I think other carriers do as well," said JetBlue director of revenue management, Roger Johnson.

But some travelers are deciding whether they can afford to travel at both Thanksgiving and Christmas. "There are certainly people priced out of taking two trips," Johnson said. "To the extent that is occurring, I think more people are choosing Christmas."

To entice passengers who are on the fence, Northwest Airlines became the first major carrier last month to offer holiday airfare sales. Other airlines matched the lower fares.

"The bargains aren't going to be on the peak travel days, but on the periphery days you'll see some pretty good deals," said Peter C. Yesawich, chairman and chief executive officer of Ypartnership, a marketing services firm specializing in the travel industry.

"Consumers in my view will continue to travel roughly in the same numbers, but they will be far more value conscious than we have seen," Yesawich said. They will spend less on hotels, gifts and retail buying.

"What people will save by not shopping will go to fund those almost obligatory trips to grandma's house," Yesawich said.

Rick Seaney, chief executive officer of the airfare-research site [www.FareCompare.com](http://www.FareCompare.com), said there are "awesome" airfare sales now because airlines have empty seats, although the cheapest tickets are not available on the busiest holiday travel days.

"Airlines have traded the oil crisis for an economic crisis," Seaney said. "A lot of people were shopping a month and a half ago and seeing very high prices. They said, 'This is out of my budget this year.'"

International travel is down during the Christmas period, said Jennifer Urbaniak, spokes-

woman for Lufthansa German Airlines. "We are remaining hopeful that things will turn around, but right now, unfortunately, it is a decline for us in December."

Potential travelers are waiting to see the effect of Sen. Barack Obama's election as president — "how the stock markets respond, and if there is going to be a rally towards the end of the year," Urbaniak said.

Airlines are worried that demand will drop off in 2009 as the realities of a recession set in.

Delta Air Lines chief financial officer Edward Bastian told investors last month that "while near-term demand remains solid, we are keeping a very close eye on booking trends. Internationally, we are starting to see a little bit of demand softening." He said passenger bookings are down 2 to 4 percent for November and December from a year ago.

Industry revenue growth is likely to diminish in coming months, said JP Morgan Chase analyst Jamie Baker in a recent research note.

The holiday airfare sales are "neither unusual nor remarkable," he wrote. "In fact, holiday price points appear broadly higher than last year — not to mention you'll be paying for that suitcase."

That's why people are looking for better deals.

Waiting for bags at Philadelphia International Airport, Mark and Patty Edelstein of Princeton, N.J., said they hope to take advantage of the sagging economy to find bargains for a ski vacation in Vail, Colo.

"We are actively looking for hotels, specials and good fares to go away at Christmas," Mark Edelstein said. "I think people are going to be hurting."

The family of four, which includes Megan, 10, and Josh, 5, usually go skiing in February. With the teetering economy, the parents are scouring the Internet for bargains — even in prime-time.

"Now I'm saying we might as well go Christmas week," said Patty Edelstein.

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# Hockey squad snaps Blue Streak

Penguins improve record to 11-4, maintain lead in College Hockey Mid America conference

Josh Stipanovich  
REPORTER

The Youngstown State University men's hockey squad defeated John Carroll University for the second time this season to stay in first place in the Conference Hockey Mid-America conference.

The Penguins, who have not played at home since Nov. 1, continued what has been their best season since they began three years ago with another conference win in a shootout against the Blue Streaks at The Chevrolet Centre.

YSU scored the first goal of the game, but it did not come un-

til 8:07 in the first period when freshman forward James Fougne received passes from freshman defenseman David Moore and junior defenseman Jeremy Ragone to take an early 1-0 lead.

The Penguins then executed on another opportunity late in the first period when sophomore forward Michael Stolkar managed to deflect a quick slap shot into the goal to put the Penguins up 2-0 at the end of the first period.

YSU was able to keep the puck out of the hands of John Carroll after putting 11 shots on goal compared to five for the Blue Streaks.

The Penguins' defense continued to play well throughout the first seven minutes of the second period as both teams were unable to score despite numerous power play opportunities.

It wasn't until late in the second period when John Carroll found themselves on a breakaway, and YSU gave up an unassisted goal to the Blue Streaks which cut the Penguins lead in half.

Less than a minute later, another breakdown in the Penguins' defense led to another goal for John Carroll, which tied the game at two heading into the third period. "We lost our composure a little bit. We let our emotions get the better of us, and gave away a power play and evened up the odds there, and unfortunately they took advantage of their opportunities," head coach Rocky Russo said.

Despite giving up the lead late in the second period, Russo knew that there was plenty of hockey left to play. "It's a 20-minute hockey game, and that's what we preach every game ... to get to the third period with an opportunity to win. Right now we have that opportunity, so we're going to do everything we can to capitalize on it," Russo said.

The Penguins came into the third period shooting, as freshman forward Robert Emig scored with 17 minutes left in the game to put YSU in the lead 3-2. John



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**BEFORE THE STORM** — Sophomore forward Naaman Moorman battles for the faceoff to get the puck to his teammates. The Penguins return to action Nov. 22 against Washington & Jefferson.

Carroll came firing right back and tied the game back at three with 15:47 left.

The Penguins had many opportunities on the power play throughout the third period, but were unable to execute and the game remained tied heading into overtime.

Neither team was able to score in the overtime period, so the Penguins found themselves in yet another shootout.

John Carroll was unable to score on their first shot. Sophomore forward Naaman Moorman and freshman defenseman Alex Arnold both took advantage

of their opportunities and each scored for YSU. John Carroll was only able to score one more time, as sophomore goalie John Snyder denied the game tying shot to lead the Penguins to the 4-3 win.

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## PENGUIN SPORTS TO THE POINT

Women's basketball burned by Golden Flashes in opener

Kent State University shot 54.7 percent and had five players score in double figures as it defeated the Youngstown State University women's basketball team 95-58 Saturday in the season opener for both squads.

Freshman Macey Nortey and junior Kaitlyn March scored 13 apiece to lead YSU. Freshman Camisha Alexander added 11 for the Penguins, who were held to 33.3 percent from the floor.

Senior center Anna Kowalska scored a game-high 19 points in 19 minutes for Kent State while Rachel Bennett scored 18.

The Golden Flashes held a 44-18 edge in points in the paint and outscored the Penguins 14-0 on the fast break. YSU's bench scored 36 of its 58 points thanks to the 24 combined from March and Alexander.

Kent State hit its first two 3-pointers and took a 9-4 lead 2 1/2-minutes in. YSU got back within three and trailed 16-11 with 11:09 remaining on Nikita LaFleur's lay-in. Kent State went on a 10-1 run to go up 14 at 26-12, but back-to-back 3's by March helped the Penguins trim the margin to seven with just over six minutes to play. The Golden Flashes hit 3's on back-to-back possessions to go up 13 and never led by less than 10 the rest of the way.

Penguins draw Flames for volleyball tournament opener

The Penguins are scheduled to take on the University of Illinois-Chicago Flames in the first round of the Horizon League tournament Thursday.

YSU is the No. 9 seed while UIC matches up with the Penguins at the No. 8 spot.

Source: Sports Information

## 2008 CHMA Standings

Team	Record
Youngstown St.	11-4
Duquesne	9-4
West Virginia	7-4
Washington J.	7-6
Pittsburgh	7-4
IUPUI	6-6
Slippery Rock	4-7
John Carroll	2-9

Team	Points
Youngstown St.	24
Duquesne	18
West Virginia	16
Washington J.	16
Pittsburgh	14
IUPUI	12
Slippery Rock	9
John Carroll	6

**Upcoming contest:**  
Youngstown State vs  
Washington & Jefferson  
11/22 at The Iceoplex at  
Washington & Jefferson

## Bulls ram through Penguins in season opener

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In their 2008-2009 season debut, the Youngstown State University men's basketball team fell short of victory against the University of Buffalo 70-62 on Saturday.

In the first half, the Penguins were down early 14-7, but came back with eight unanswered points to grab a 15-14 lead. Buffalo got into early foul trouble as the Bulls reached the penalty with 11:04 left in the first half. The Penguins could not cash in on their trips to the free throw line, as the Penguins shot just 7-13 in the first half. The game got knotted up at 24-24 when the Bulls went on a 6-0 run to close out the first half with a 30-24 advantage.

The Penguins were fortunate only to be down six as they shot 23 percent from the field, 54 percent from the free throw line, and 1-10 from 3-point range. The Bulls outrebounded the Penguins 30-22 as well in the first half. The game's leading scorer at the half was Buffalo's Greg Gamble who had 12 points.

The second half of the game was intense to say the least. The scoring picked up from the first half and both teams came out of the break with urgency. The Bulls began a full-court press the Penguins had a tough time adjusting to. The press by the Bulls led to a couple of bunny layups for the Bulls. The game was back and forth with neither team gaining a distinct advantage until much later in the half.

A thundering jam by junior newcomer Kelvin Bright electrified the Beeghly Center crowd as his dunk tied the game at 49. The Penguins would gain a 54-53 lead when senior Jack Liles went to work with a nice post move. The Bulls responded quickly when



PHOTO COURTESY OF RON STEVENS

**MEMORY LANE** — Senior Jack Liles, a native of Maryland, returns home today as the Penguins battle the Terrapins at 8 p.m.

Greg Gamble sank a smooth 16-footer to regain a 55-54 lead they would never relinquish. The Bulls Rodney Pierce took over the game with seven consecutive points fueled by a huge 3-point basket that sank the chance of a Penguins victory.

In the second half, the Penguins shot 50 percent from the field and 7-10 from the free throw line. The Bulls outrebounded the Penguins 51-39, outscored the Penguins 14-5 in second chance points, and outscored the Penguins 32-

22 in the paint. The Penguins had four players in double figures as junior newcomer Sirlester Martin led the Penguins' attack with 14 points and 11 rebounds for the double-double. The game's leading scorer was Rodney Pierce of Buffalo who scored 21 points.

"We had momentum on our side but we could not finish ... that is very disappointing," head coach Jerry Slocum said following the loss.

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## Men's basketball travels to Maryland for first road test

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The Penguins have not played a member of the Atlantic Coastal Conference since 1992.

Today will snap the 18 year streak as the Youngstown State University men's basketball team hits the road to face the University of Maryland Terrapins.

The contest will be the first-ever meeting between the two teams. YSU last played a member of the ACC when Georgia Tech rolled the Penguins 105-85. YSU is 0-2 against ACC teams with the other loss coming to Clemson in 1989.

Maryland is coming off a 19-15 season that saw the team advance to just the second round of the National Invitational Tournament. The teams features 10 returning letter winners and three starters from last year's squad.

The Terrapins were impressive in their season opener as they soundly defeated Bucknell 81-52 with four Maryland players scoring in double figures.

Looking to make some noise against the Terps, the Penguins will want to see another strong game from junior forward Sirlester Martin.

Martin posted a double-double with 14 points and 11 boards to lead the Penguins in both categories. The Penguins will have to play better off the boards as they were out rebounded 51-39 in the season opener with Buffalo.

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**STRONG PUSH** — No. 3 Pat Vanhorn scoops a ground ball while Calvin Neckel and Seth Marana aid on the play for YSU.

## Lacrosse team closes out fall season with win over Panthers in brutal conditions

Andrew Berry  
SPORTS EDITOR

It was an onslaught of heavy hits and hard rain Saturday, but the Youngstown State University lacrosse team shined bright in the team's 5-4 win over the Ohio Dominican Panthers at Stambaugh Stadium.

The low scoring contest was affected by the constant fall of rain during the game as YSU was forced to battle down to the wire after falling behind 3-1 early.

With 10 seconds to play in the first half YSU forced a goal to even the contest at 3-3. Two more goals coming in the early portions of the third and fourth stanzas sealed the game for the Penguins as the stout defense held the Panthers in check for the remainder of the contest.

Nate Persin led the squad with three goals while Brock Christie and Zachary Rodgers accounted for the other two Penguin scores.

With the fall season now concluded, the Penguins will spend the next two weeks finalizing their schedule for the upcoming spring semester portion of the season.

Last spring in the team's inaugural season, the Penguins were unable to crack the win column with an 0-6 record. The Ohio State University topped the Midwest North division a year ago with a perfect 5-0 mark in conference play and a 9-2 record overall. YSU was also unable to win a match outside the conference going 0-8 on the year.

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