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## Plan for downtown hub could foster growth

Sarah Sole  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Implementing hubs of innovation and opportunity by using Youngstown State University, St. Elizabeth Hospital, The Youngstown Business Incubator and local arts institutions could possibly foster new business growth downtown, said Hunter Morrison, director of campus planning and community development.

"They draw people into your community; they keep people in your community," Morrison said.

The hubs were one facet of the State Economic Development Plan that Lt. Gov. Lee Fisher proposed in a meeting held Friday with officials from Mahoning, Trumbull and Ashtabula counties.

Morrison said he expects the plan, which will implement 12 hubs around the state, to be fully developed by the end

of the year. It will center on the idea that along with possible financial incentives, institutions with a concentrated educated population, like community colleges, hospitals, state universities and research centers can be used as anchors to encourage housing and other development.

Urban universities like YSU are major players in cities, Morrison said. YSU would work with the state to advance the hubs.

The hub could possibly foster additional housing, retail, and nursing or technical programs at St. Elizabeth.

Morrison gave Bethlehem, Pa. as one strong example of similar work. As part of the Keystone Innovation Zone, which provides state tax incentives for high tech businesses located near universities, high tech businesses have replaced Bethlehem Steel in an industrial park supported by Lehigh University and the city and state.

## Student soldiers juggle commitment to country with education

Maeghan McNamara  
REPORTER

For some students at Youngstown State University, service in the military provides obligation and opportunity.

The students of YSU who currently serve in the U.S. Armed Forces use the discipline supplied to them in their training and apply it in the classroom. Yet these students know that they may be forced to put their studies on hold should they be called to serve.

Paul Hageman, of the Ohio Army National Guard and a civil engineering technology major is currently deployed in the Middle East in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, which means he will have to miss the next few semesters. Despite this temporary absence from the classroom setting, he still intends to start a career as an engineer and have a family one day, "... or so the dream goes."

Hageman said his dreams do not make him forget his obligations to his country.

"Anyone in the military could possibly be deployed and thus should be ready and willing to do so when they raise their right hand," he says. "The military is very supportive of higher education and if all goes well I will be achieving my goal of graduating without a single student loan. Thank you, Uncle Sam."

Signed into law on June 30, the overhauling of the GI Bill means that higher education will essentially be free to veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan as of August 2009. It is the biggest overhaul since it was enacted in 1944 when it made college a right for those who serve. Soldiers will now have a four-year ride at their in-state college, as well as housing and education benefits.

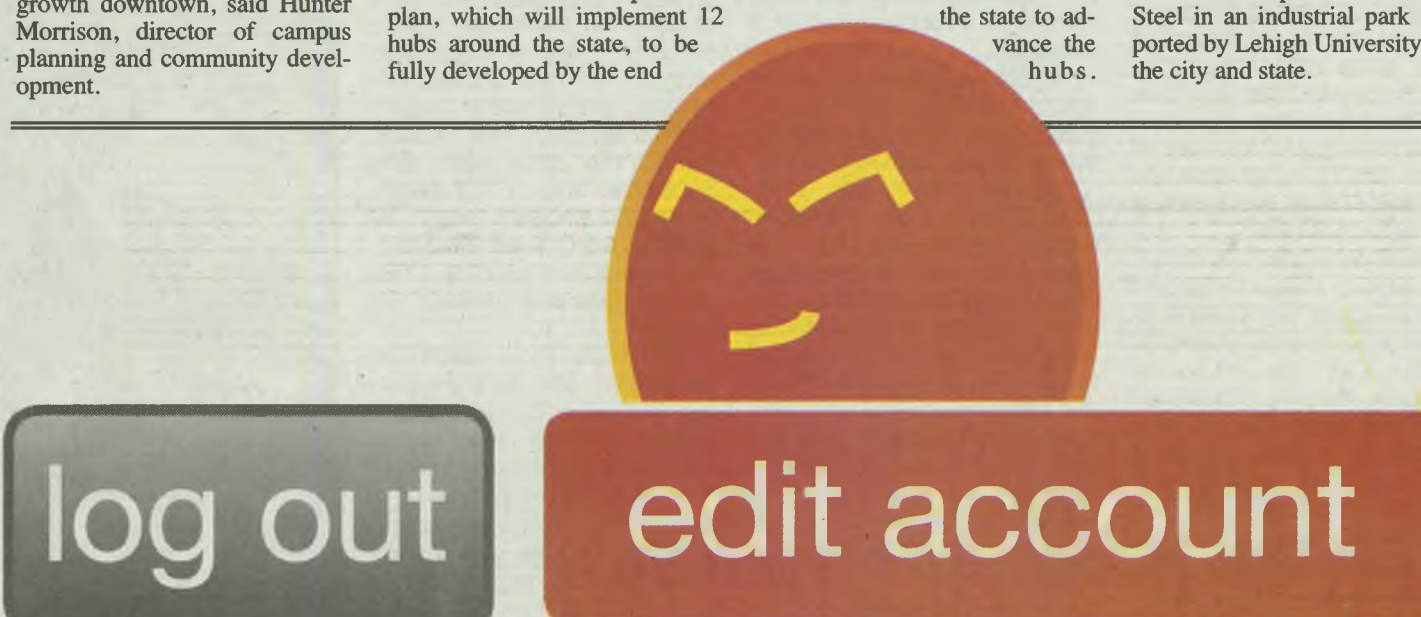
"The biggest thing I have gained from this deployment is a new-found appreciation for the things I already have. I have also been able to become closer with my loved ones," said Hageman.

Jason Marchini, of the United States Army Reserve (Intelligence) and an international business major was a soldier on active duty with the U.S. Army from 2003-2007, deployed in Kuwait and Iraq. He also spent 14 months in Korea. He is currently non-deployable until mid-2010, after which he could be deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan.

"This could definitely put a damper in my plans to finish my B.A. here at YSU without interruption but, if I work hard and pick up a large workload I should be able to graduate prior to any deployment," he said. "It is definitely hard trying to manage your commitment to your country and your personal goals. At times being a member of the military can definitely feel like a burden because so often you are asked to sacrifice your own wants and needs for the perceived greater good but, it's a sacrifice I'm willing to make every day to ensure the freedoms of my fellow soldiers, students and Americans alike."

After graduation, Marchini said he hopes to move back to his hometown of Boston, where he would like to attend law school. However, he cherishes his time spent now at YSU. He feels that the students and faculty are an important part of his life.

Marchini said the transition from full-time soldier to full-time student wasn't easy at first. However, this is something he said helped to prepare for in his training as a soldier.



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# Hack Attack?

### Students unconcerned about security of personal internet accounts.

Sarah Sole  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Junior Tracy Gudaitis makes sure that she logs out of online accounts based on past experience.

"I have had people change my Facebook to say some pretty nasty stuff about me and it was kind of embarrassing."

Gudaitis is not alone. Though someone hacked into Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin's e-mail last week, Erin Naome, associate network security analyst at Youngstown State University, said she has not heard any reports of students who had been victims of hacking after staying logged on to public computers. YSU has no precedent in place for this, and would address situations on a case-by-case basis.

Though she said there are no

reported hacks, Naome said students could also be embarrassed to report the incidents.

"It would be foolish to say that it didn't happen," Naome said.

Naome said safeguards on computers in labs will automatically log off students after a certain amount of inactivity.

Still, she said, it's possible that students could hack into a forgotten account before the automated log off, especially in busy labs.

"Chances are, someone's going to sit down before it logs you out," she said.

Some students say they aren't concerned about the prospect of someone hacking into their own personal accounts.

Justin Craven, senior, said he doesn't worry about someone hacking into his accounts.

"What will they do, change my headline on my Myspace page? If someone really wants to take the time to figure out my

password so they can log on to a YSU computer in my name then they can knock themselves out. I have bigger things to worry about."

Julie Watson, junior, agreed. "Honestly, I never really thought about it. I mean I guess if I was logged into My Portal someone could mess with my account or something. I don't think it would matter though if it was just me logged onto a computer because what could anyone really do with that?"

Freshman Andrew Wolfe said he thinks it is the responsibility of the student to make sure they log off.

"It's pretty secure as long as you're not an idiot and forget to log off," Wolfe said.

Ryan Mooney, junior, said he never uses his accounts for anything sensitive.

"I've never entered my student account into anything online, but

I can't imagine any risks. I feel very secure with it," he said.

Bruce Waller, professor in the philosophy and religious studies department, compared hacking into a personal account that has been left open to reading someone's diary or other personal notes.

Outside of any legal ramifications, hacking into a forgotten personal account is ethically problematic, Waller said.

"People should have a right to their privacy," he said.

Though there are rare occasions that justify government investigation of a private account, those are serious national security issues that must have a judge's permission, Waller said.

"It ought to be very carefully screened," he said.

Additional reporting Matt Lattanzi, Adam Planty, Adam Bickel, J. Breen Mitchell



## Some colleges checking students' social-networking sites

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CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Lauren Pfeiffer said she doesn't have to worry about what's on her Facebook profile, but she can't say the same about her fellow students.

"Some of my friends could get in trouble with their photos," said the junior at Andrew High School in Tinley Park, Ill. "I wouldn't want it to be a deciding factor in their future."

The idea that a lapse in cyber-judgment could alter a life trajectory might once have been dis-

missed as paranoia.

But with some admissions officers confirming in a new survey that they visit social-networking sites, high schoolers say getting into college is no longer only about sky-high test scores and impressive extracurricular activities. Now it means being smart about their online personas as well.

In a new survey, 10 percent of admissions officers from prestigious schools said they had peeked at sites like Facebook and MySpace to evaluate college-bound seniors. Of those using the profiles, 38 percent said it had a "negative impact" on the applicant, according to Kaplan Inc., the education services company that polled the officers.

At least one admissions officer had rescinded an offer because of an applicant's postings, the survey results showed. The survey went out to 500 schools — of which 320 responded — in July and August and promised anonymity.

The finding highlights a technological world moving so fast that neither the students nor the schools have had time to factor in all the implications. What's clear is that students have yet another potential obstacle to navigate in an increasingly fierce competition for slots in the country's top universities.

The networking sites were virtually nonexistent five years ago but now are approaching cell phone use in popularity. With few

schools having formal guidelines in place, "we're in a period of figuring out this technology ... and exactly where the boundaries are going to be," said Jeff Olson, who heads research for Kaplan's test preparation division.

At the University of Notre Dame, which received 14,000 applications for 1,985 slots last year, assistant provost for enrollment Dan Saracino said he and his staff "don't go out of our way" to scrutinize students online, but sometimes they come across a candidate portraying himself or herself in a less-than-flattering light.

"It's typically inappropriate photos — like holding up a can of beer at a party," Saracino said.

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"The Army trains you to excel and never settle for less than greatness in anything endeavor you take on and I have applied that to every aspect of my life. I actually believe because of my U.S. Army background I was far more prepared to tackle the challenges of academia than I was directly out of high school," said Marchini.

Being in contact with some students who are opposed to the

war efforts is something that these soldiers said they experience on campus as well as off.

However, Marchini said, "I think that it is a healthy display of the freedoms we as Americans are endowed with ... it fosters intellectual exchange. It isn't my job or place to change the minds of Americans, it's my duty to protect their right to freely express those opinions."

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In those instances, he will reach out and ask that age-old parental query: "What were you thinking?"

"We try to turn it into a teaching moment," he said. "It's an opportunity to let students know that what they put on these sites is not just between you and your friends, but you and the world."

On the other hand, using the Internet to vet someone's character seems overly intrusive to Northwestern University's Christopher Watson.

"We consider Facebook and MySpace their personal space," said the dean of undergraduate admissions. "It would feel somewhat like an invasion of privacy."

That sentiment was seconded by Ted O'Neill, dean of admissions at the University of Chicago, who was surprised by the survey's results.

"We don't have a policy not to look; we just don't look," he said. "Despite the fact that these things are semi-public ... I don't think we should be spying on things that aren't intended for us."

Even so, the findings give adults a bit of extra ammunition in urging discretion — not always the first impulse for adolescents.

Gloria Mueller, college counseling coordinator at Glenbrook South High School in Glenview, Ill., said she has been telling kids to be careful with their postings ever since she first heard that colleges, as well as employers, were checking out Web sites. "You never know when this will come back to bite you," she said.

Sharyn Reiff of Skokie, Ill., already had "the talk" a couple of years ago with her son, Jordan, a senior at Niles North High School, that resulted in his deleting some inappropriate content.

"He loves his Facebook and he makes it funny, but he knows it has to be good, clean fun," said Reiff, whose son has his hopes pinned on Brown University or Reed College. "He also knows that there are a lot talented kids out there and he needs every advantage he can get."

Ethan Goldsmith, a senior, said he, too, already was exercising caution because New Trier Township High School has suspended students from sports teams for brandishing a beer in photos online.

Kaplan's Olson stressed that schools weren't routinely checking the sites as part of the evaluation process but were visiting only if there is something troublesome in the application or information that needs needed to be confirmed.

With colleges expecting a record number of applications this year, the survey results should serve as a wake-up call for both students and parents, he said.

"Today's application is not just what you send ... but whatever they can Google about you," Olson said.

For Pfeiffer, thinking about her friends' photos and profanity-laden "bumper stickers" — and how easily it all could be misinterpreted — led her to this conclusion: "I will definitely be changing my privacy settings now."

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## YSU police offer escort services for nighttime walking

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REPORTER

It was a warm breezy night full of reunions and laughter for 20 year old special education major Ashley Jones of Wilmington, Delaware. She had returned to Youngstown State University to begin her resident assistant duties in Lyden House after a summer hiatus back home.

After a long week of training, Jones and a friend attended a party at Inner Circle Pizza on Lincoln Avenue. As they left the establishment, Jones noticed a couple she recognized speaking with an unknown man and she waved to them in passing.

As Jones and her friend began the walk back to the friend's car, they noticed the unknown man following them. They walked faster; the man quickened his pace. The girls reached the car, got in, locked the doors, and pulled away in a hurry, the man watching all the while.

A situation like the one Jones was in could lead to a more serious outcome.

The U.S. Department of Justice's National Crime Victimization Survey said college age women are four times more likely to be sexually assaulted than others.

But for Jones, she said this was an isolated occurrence of her feeling insecure on campus.

"It depends on the time. At night I feel safe at the dorms, but not walking on campus by myself," said Jones.

Jones is not the only female resident expressing mixed sentiments of security.

"I've been here so long. It's home. I can't be stupid and walk around at night by myself," said Erin Sayre, a fourth year math education major and off-campus resident of Pennsylvania Avenue.

Walking alone at night can be a cause for worry in Youngstown. Statistics gathered by FBI crime reports said there were 48 rapes reported in Youngstown in 2006 and that one in seven women in Ohio will be raped in their lifetime.

Although statistics show assaults are happening, some students still feel relatively safe.

Melanie Diorio, a junior majoring in Italian education and integrated language arts and a resident of Cafaro House said,

"For the most part, I feel pretty safe. I know there's a lot of security especially around the residence halls. I avoid walking around the parking lots at night and if I have to go out, my boyfriend comes with me."

Megan Cartwright, a 19 year-old sophomore majoring in special education and a resident assistant in Lyden House is more critical of campus safety.

"I feel safe, but only when I can visibly see a cop. I don't feel safe just having cameras around. I've heard a lot of stuff on the news and even though it's not on campus, it's really close," said Cartwright.

Tara Mallis, a resident in the Courtyard Apartments disagreed with her counterparts. Mallis said, "I feel safe enough to walk around at night if I'm on the phone with somebody. I'm very naive, so that might be why."

Part-time Lyden House police officer Louis Averhart said, "The majority of victims [of crimes] are women. Females aren't aware of their surroundings. Their minds are preoccupied. They see things but don't pay attention

You pull on it and it makes a really loud noise," she said.

The National Violence Against Women Survey in 2006 stated that 13.4 percent of women in the U.S. have been raped.

Like Mallis, Sayre said she is careful when she is out and about.

"I have mace and I always know where my keys and phone are. I don't wear headphones, so I can hear and I am aware of my surroundings," Sayre rationalized.

Jones has taken self-defense classes but said she still may not feel safe alone at night.

"I feel like I don't know enough to defend myself. I don't know if I would be brave enough to use it," she said.

Officer Averhart cited self defense courses as the best method of protection.

"A lot of people may be bigger and could overpower a girl and take the mace off of her," he said.

Of the seven female residents polled, five of them carry mace with them as a precautionary measure and at their families' urging

but only one had any experience in self-defense.

Not all female residents believe that precautions are necessary. Diorio said for her, campus is not where the problems lie, but rather in the parking areas.

"I don't park in the parking decks if I can avoid it. Whenever I walk in the parking lots, I have my keys in my hand," said Diorio.

She cited last year's purse snatchings in the Wick parking deck as a contributing factor to her unease in the parking decks and lots.

Other safety measures female residents may employ include keeping a pen or pencil between their fingers while walking as a self defense weapon and Averhart recommends walking near the street, in the light and away from shrubs and bushes where people may hide.

He also suggests changing regular routines, explaining it is wise to take different walking routes and try to arrive

at and leave regularly visited buildings at different

times. "Man is a creature of habit and routine and someone could be watching," said Averhart.

But above all, Averhart said the campus police and escort services are the best resources to ensure safety.

"Use the service. You pay for it," said Averhart.

Jones said she has made use of the services on several occasions.

"If it's late at night and if it's more than a block walk," are the guidelines she uses for calling for a campus escort.

But not all female residents are informed about the availability of these campus safety services. Mallis said she was not aware they existed but would consider using them in the future.

With few precautionary measures in place, these residents expressed the concerns of their families.

Diorio said her family is concerned about her well-being.

"They worry a lot about me going out at night by myself. My grandma worries a lot too, so I just

**"I feel safe, but only when I can visibly see a cop."**

Megan Cartwright,  
sophomore

are taken at night."

Freshman Lyden resident Eryn Langenkamp said her family was very concerned when school started.

"At first they were [worried] but now that they visited and learned more about the security, I think they feel better."

Mallis said that her parents still harbor concern.

"I'll tell them I'm walking and they'll be like, 'are you crazy?'" Mallis said.

Jasmine Hardy, a freshman criminal justice major and Kilwley House resident, said her mom still worries about her.

Hardy laughed, "She's always calling me, like every five minutes!"

Both of Jones' parents are law enforcement. She said, they looked into [the security] depth and feel very confident that YSU has mutual aid with the Youngstown Police."

Despite Youngstown's high crime rate, the university maintains few incidents of campus crime and the majority of residents have not heard of any campus crimes recently.

Mallis cited a recent burglary in her apartment complex. "My neighbor in the courtyards just got robbed on Saturday," she said.

Last year, Diorio witnessed a burglary in action.

"Last semester a car got broken into in the Cafaro lot; I heard [the perpetrator] break the window. It was broad daylight, so you never know what's going to happen."

Additional reporting by Melinda Gray.



## Generation Y heavily dependent on technology, promotes laziness

Emmalee C. Torisk  
REPORTER

It's been 43 years since The Who stuttered and sneered about their generation, claiming that they'd rather die before getting old. However, in those last four decades, the approximately 78 million baby boomers born in the United States between 1946 and 1964 have created a new generation that is coming of age: Generation Y.

Describing themselves as lazy, apathetic, materialistic, idealistic and fast-paced with a love for instant gratification, Generation Y students have many thoughts about what has shaped their generation and ultimately how they will be remembered.

American Demographics defines Generation Y as being born between the years of 1977 and 1994 with a number around 71 million. This makes Generation Y three times larger than Generation X, as well as more than 25 percent of today's population. Generation Y is the largest generation since the baby boomers. They are known as "the bridge-gers," since they were born in the 20th century, but will reach maturity during the 21st century.

The members of this generation are a direct reflection on the numerous and profound changes in daily American life within the past couple decades. The first to grow up with computers at home and school, Generation Y has also experienced events like 9/11 and 1999's Columbine massacre. They were also introduced to reality television and cell phones and exposed to various celebrity scandals, such

as the Clinton impeachment and the O.J. Simpson trial.

As the first generation with easy access to the Internet, members of Generation Y have grown up in a socially and politically turbulent era full of media bombardment. Some Youngstown State University students said this exposure to such a plethora of information has led to an intelligent and technologically savvy generation with many ideas and more opportunities than previous age groups.

In an almost unanimous response from students, technology is what has most affected Generation Y. Also known as the "Net Generation," Generation Y has grown up surrounded by technology in a digitally-driven world.

In a survey of 7,705 U.S. college students conducted for the 2007 book "Connecting to the Net Generation," 97 percent of students own a computer, 94 percent own a cell phone, 76 percent use Instant Messaging, 75 percent have a Facebook account and 60 percent own some type of portable media device like an iPod. Because of this, Generation Y has the access and ability to communicate in many ways.

Junior Nick Serra also cited the Internet, free mass media and the "world at our fingertips" as some of the greatest influences on this generation, and noted that this technological inclination could perhaps have a positive effect on the future.

"Seeing as how our opinions can be made public worldwide in a matter of seconds, I'd hope that our thoughts and actions can make a difference faster than

other generations. I don't know if we've had any effect yet, but there's a good possibility."

YSU history professor David Simonelli said although it is too early to tell about the impact Generation Y will have on the world, technology and communication will likely play a large role.

"Previous generations' tastes, ideas, politics and choices had an increasing impact on Western culture with radio, TV and movies. Today, due to the reaches of communications technology and the Internet, Generation Y reaches out across world culture," Simonelli said, adding that this generation is particularly obsessed with pop culture and the media.

Senior Stephen Flask said this generation has more potential than those previous, but said, "We may be known as the generation who trusted the media more than each other."

Students said this attitude relates closely to Generation Y's presumed apathy and laziness. Junior Ricky Robbins said this generation is lazier than past generations.

"We rely on microwaves, Google, computers, SparkNotes and so many other things we use as crutches," Robbins said.

Darryl Alexander, junior, said Generation Y is a "standstill generation," while freshman Carolyn Baer agreed, adding that she is not sure that this generation will actually accomplish much in its members' lifetimes. There is a lot of laziness in the current generation, Baer said, adding that she also sees it in herself.

"There are many things that should have made us more moti-

vated, such as the war, gas prices and the current election, but it seems as though these things have made us more apathetic," Baer said. "I feel that we are all looking for stability in this changing world as many other generations have been before us, but we are less proactive about solutions."

Although students named alternative energy sources, medical progress, technological advances and a better economy as objectives for their lifetime, some are hesitant to tout the effectiveness of Generation Y.

"We don't have a clear purpose for ourselves," said freshman Chelsea Sinchak. "We make short term goals to solve the problems now."

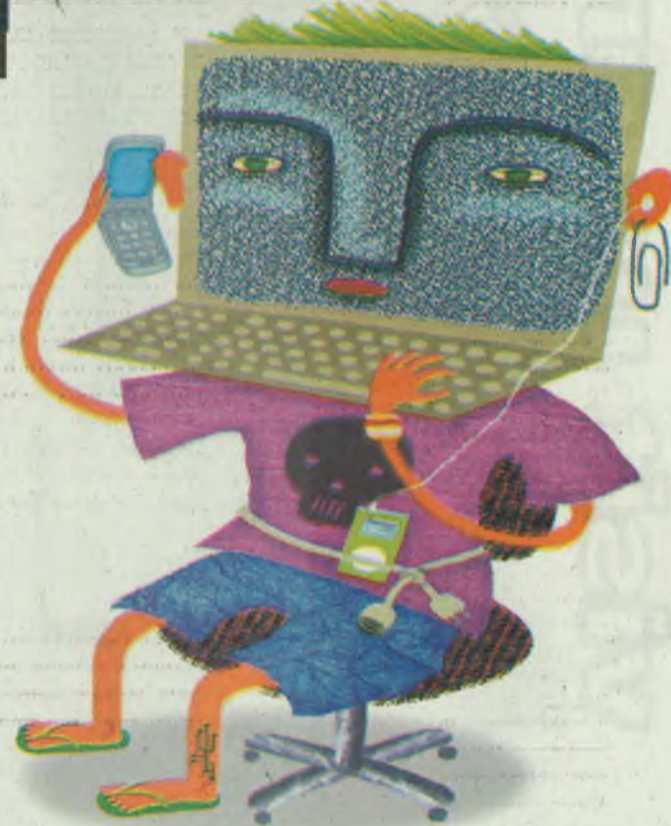
Flask also said this generation has ideas, but no true direction.

"This is from a lack of responsible leadership from parents, teachers and politicians, both Democrats and Republicans," Flask said. "They have made us unsure and too willing to accept anything different, regardless of consequences."

However, junior Tina Emanuel said she believes in this generation and said in the future, members of Generation Y will "work to improve the conditions of society."

"We are a generation of change and progressive movement," Emanuel said. "In these days, a lot is falling apart in the world and our generation will initiate the improvements. I am a firm believer of this."

Simonelli also said this generation is "politically aware, though no more or less involved than previous generations, whatever



previous generations might say." However, he said Generation Y is "no different from any other" and noted that events matter in history, not generations.

"A generation is finished as a major motivating cultural force after the age of 25; just look at the baby boomers who vote conservative Republican now after marching in the streets in the '60s," Simonelli said. "Adult and family responsibility dulls the sharpest edges of generational divisions."

Facts, Figures and the Future, an e-publication about consumer data, states 25 percent of Generation Y is non-white, making it the most diverse generation ever. Several students said their generation will be the first to elect a female or African-American president, but also that they were more accepting of other races and sexual preferences.

Senior Kara Smith said Generation Y will be remembered for being open-minded to various sexual orientations, mainly because "there is a wider acceptance of it now and more people are openly admitting to it."

Kyle Everett, sophomore, added that Generation Y has made much more progress than any other generation in the past "in terms of tolerance."

Freshman Kathleen Fleming said this acceptance and equality is perhaps due in part to wanting something better for the next generation. She called Generation Y responsible for either saving the world or destroying it.

Tina Fennell, baby boomer and mother of a YSU student, said she has high hopes for Generation Y.

"This is the generation of my children," Fennell said. "They're just the same as my generation in wanting to find their own way in life that is different from their parents."

OUR SIDE EDITORIAL

**It's 9 p.m., do you know what your Facebook status says?**

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*Privacy, page 1*

Privacy is a sticky issue. We all expect a certain degree of respect for our personal information and we feel indignant and violated when these boundaries are not respected. We must take steps to ensure this privacy, though.

Youngstown State University offers public computer labs, which can be extremely convenient. They can also be extremely dangerous for those who are careless.

It's extremely easy to forget to log out of a computer. Doing this on a public computer, though, could be the equivalent of handing a stranger a key to your privacy. Through your e-mail account, someone could potentially gain access to financial information, make purchases in your name, or learn personal information about you.

This would be highly unethical, but it is also easily avoidable.

Rather than concerning ourselves with what the legal ramifications may be for those who would steal our information, we should take responsibility for ourselves. This would take the opportunity out of the hands of those who may seek to use it for less than honorable purposes.

Ultimately, our privacy is not a well-defined right. It is something we must look after and preserve for ourselves.

We would like to believe that our fellow students are basically good, and would never use our mistakes against us. We would hope that they would simply log out of our e-mail accounts if they stumbled upon them. Indeed, most people would probably do just that. But we can't assume benevolence.

Our privacy is our responsibility. If we don't want to worry about what others may do with our information, we need to make sure they don't gain access to it. The only way to ensure this is to act as responsible adults and make sure that we don't leave ourselves vulnerable.

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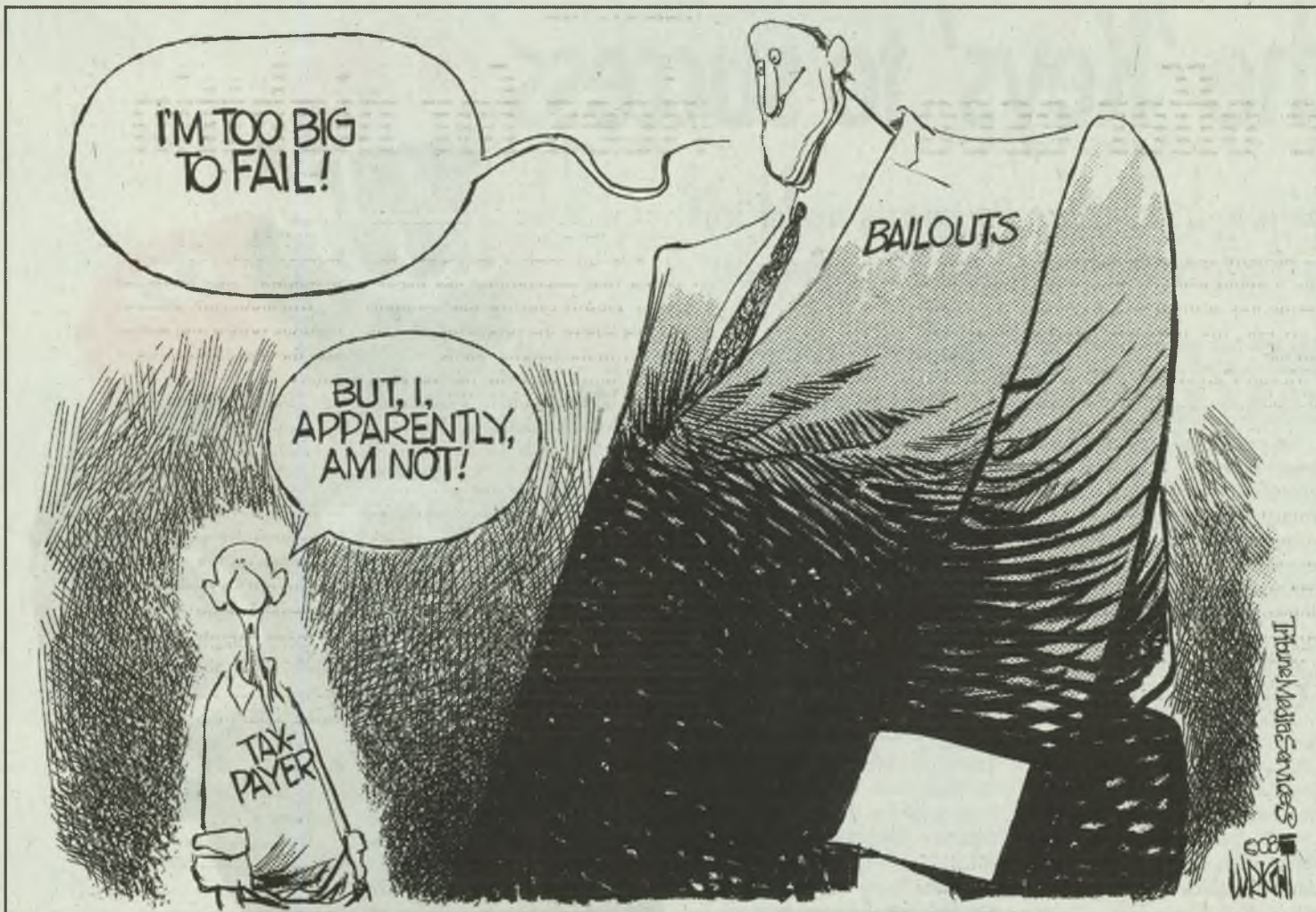
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What I Learned in Grade School

As I sit here, studying for a test in world religions and trying to come up with a paper for feature writing, I came to a brilliant yet obvious conclusion. Grade school was a hell of a lot easier than college. I'm not expecting to win any Dave Barry Memorial Awards for that sort of observation, but I did notice that few of the lessons learned in fifth grade are applicable to my current life. Sure, I wouldn't be here if I was still struggling with reading and arithmetic, but I have yet to find any use for my best attributes in my college lifestyle. Here are some examples.

Detention had benefits

Some of my current professors are none too pleased with how talkative I am in lecture-based classes. This is an unfortunate holdover from my grade school days. If I needed extra time to finish homework, the solution was simple: enrage a teacher, get detention, and use the recess I would have spent getting my baby teeth knocked loose to grind out the final 10 questions of a reading assignment. Nowadays, if I try to get a professor seeing red, there's a good chance I could end up being expelled.

Faking an illness

I was a smart kid back in the day. I had planned on being the first astrophysicist/politician/video game designer in the history of the world. Instead, I turned my talents to more useful enterprises, such as making my own sick days. Huddle under a pile of blankets and winter jackets until you have a fever. Do it right and you'll be covered in sweat, too. Then, just chug a bottle of Dimetapp (the Tootsie Pop of cold remedies), wait half an hour, and you'll have the house all to yourself. Since college educators and HR managers don't really care if you fall ill, this razor-sharp skill is collecting dust inside a shoebox full of Lego bricks.

It's tough to be a Browns fan

This might be the only useless fact that has a purpose for me these days. Every time I see the glimmering light of Derek Anderson smothered under bad play calling, I think back to those class projects before the Browns/Steelers game each year. Pittsburgh supporters turned yellow rags and permanent markers into Terrible Towels. Cleveland kids, we made necklaces out of fishing line and dog biscuits. Nothing teaches your children shame like wearing dog treats around their neck on Monday after the absolute beating the Browns took on Sunday.

Cursive handwriting

From second grade on, you're taught an entirely new alphabet, one that's insanely difficult and entirely useless when you have no fine motor skills. I sucked so hard at my penmanship classes that I resorted to using print letters with curls attached to the end just so the teachers could read what the hell I had to say on the latest Dr. Seuss book. Nowadays, cursive letters look about the same as Japanese kanji to my eyes, and I only know enough to sign my name on the back of a paycheck.

The 'Outsiders' was a horrible book.

All my life I've lived in a jurisdictional sinkhole. Cable companies refuse to connect our house to the wire running six feet over our front porch. Important documents would always get lost in Austintown before arriving at our mailbox, rain-soaked and torn to shreds. And every reading class I took had to involve S. E. Hinton's godawful novel. While other kids were learning about racism and Nazi Germany through their collection of young adult literature, I was forced into writing papers on why street gangs were better when they were run by white kids. The attached movie was Patrick Swaze's career-low in my eyes until my sister forced me into watching "To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything."

There you have it. Five lessons I learned in elementary school and haven't touched since. If you need me, I'll be clinging to my teddy bear and sucking my thumb until Wall Street stops imploding.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Beyond Penguin Pride

Editor,  
It's a sentimental sports cliché until you see it in action: heart. I have been a member of the Penguin Club for many years, and my partner and I have had season ticket seats ever since the addition of the stadium's east side provided us with good handicapped accessible seating.

I've attended most home games and have cheered for the Penguins through the high-flying '90's. I've seen Penguin teams with bigger "stars" - certainly teams that were higher ranked. But I've never seen a Penguin team with more heart than the team I saw on the field last Saturday.

It wasn't that the Bisons just had a bad day and YSU won by default. Those guys were good. And it wasn't that a single play saved the day [although that last interception was certainly thrilling.] The intensity and focus of the Penguin players carried all the way up into the stands.

The sheer determination of linemen to make a hole just big enough, of backs to stagger and twist and fight for one or two more yards, of a defense that couldn't get to their quarterback and just kept finding another way, of an inexperienced quarterback to demonstrate quality leadership, and of every player to stay focused, disciplined, and mature - that's what I mean by heart. I think that even many loyal Penguin fans were peeking at this game through our fingers, hoping that our boys wouldn't get "killed." But somebody forgot to tell the Penguins that they were supposed to lose on Saturday. So they didn't. And the difference I saw on the field was heart. So thanks, guys, for putting it all out there and giving us one of the best football games I've seen in years.

PS. Hey cheerleaders! Throw some of those mini-footballs up to the wheelchair section sometimes. Some of us can't run, but we can catch!

LJ "Tess" Tessier

Voting

Editor,  
As a professional and educator I was extremely disappointed by last week's articles in the Jambar that so many students were expressing indifference to voting.

While in elementary school, my teachers went to great lengths to teach us the importance of utilizing ones right to vote. First and foremost the lesson was not persuading the students to one ideology or the other. It was simply to inform the students of what others had sacrificed in order for us to have this right.

Many people died and experienced humiliation to have the right to vote. Many people gave up jobs because their employer didn't want them to vote knowing they would vote different than their employer. The list could go on for infamy as to the sacrifices people made so that everyone could have a right to vote.

One of the lessons was that for every vote it one to tie that vote and two to beat it. We are given this right by birth. Not everyone was given this right at one time.

Dear Students,

I am writing to urge you and your friends to actively begin campaigning for Obama and Biden. The stakes are the highest ever for our country and the outcome is uncertain, especially in your state. I believe that an outpouring of support from youth has the power to turn the tide. The future is yours and you have the ability to shape it.

When JFK ran for president, I was too young to vote. But some of my high school friends joined his campaign, put on jackets and ties, and went door to door encouraging neighbors to vote for Kennedy. I admired those students for their actions, and they helped usher in an era of hope, pride and possibility that remains a beacon for America.

Students have achieved the same outcome recently in Massachusetts. My cousin at Brandeis University participated in a

massive student campaign, which made the critical difference and succeeded in electing the current Governor of that state.

You and your friends can make this happen now for Obama and Biden. You may not consider yourself a political person, and you may feel that the outcome of the national election is beyond your control. But I believe you can influence the outcome. These times call for definitive action, and your energy, enthusiasm and effort will impress your neighbors and swing your state to make the national difference.

I live in New York City and I am a social worker in Harlem. The agency I started 22 years ago serves the people who suffer most under Republican policies - the homeless, people with mental illness and HIV and AIDS. Republican administrations have destroyed our country's safety net for people with special needs.

America needs a change, a fresh approach to repair our economy and our reputation around the world.

Bring your friends and start speaking to your neighbors about the need for change in the U.S., and urge them to elect the Democrats to national leadership. Tell them you want your future to be hopeful and secure, and ask them to help by voting Democratic on Election Day. I believe you can influence your local community. They will listen and be impressed by you. This is your chance to make your own vision of hope a reality.

You have my heartfelt thanks, admiration and support for all you can do in this moment of possibility.

Both of my parents worked and both voted every time the community or country had an election. They understood the importance

of taking part in the electoral process. My parents knew their voice mattered no matter how small their voice might be. I learned through their behaviors and an elementary education that my right to vote was the result of others sacrifices.

I am amazed that college students in the U.S. are this indifferent to their right to vote. The college student block tends to be a population the politicians ignore. Studies show that college students are a block of the population with small numbers of voters. Sadly, they are one of the populations that have the most to lose. So this indifference will come back on the same young group of people that once said, "My vote really doesn't matter." I'm sure I will still get up early on Election Day for my opportunity to share my opinion come that special day this November.

Bill Border

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Jean Newburg  
Licensed Clinical Social Worker

JAMBAR Question

**Do you log out of your e-mail when you are at a public computer?**



Monica Smith, freshman

"Yes, because I don't want people to read my e-mails."



Randi Benak, junior

"Yes, because if it doesn't log out then anyone can get my information."



Frank Bosak, senior

"Yes, because I just do. It's good practice."

## Having the 'Keys' to success

Riding a powerful rushing attack, the Penguins upset top ranked North Dakota State Saturday in thrilling fashion.

Andrew Berry  
SPORTS EDITOR

Four weeks ago, he wasn't the biggest name listed on the depth chart at running back.

Buried below the familiar names of juniors Jabari Scott and Kevin Smith, it was hard to believe a redshirt freshman would have any chance to make a name for himself while also competing for time against Iowa transfer Dana Brown.

Two home games, 235 yards and a tremendous performance in the upset win over the No. 2 team in the country later, Kamryn Keys is quickly gaining a chunk of the spotlight.

With Smith and Brown suffering setbacks due to injuries, starting running back Scott was in need of a backup as the team was preparing to battle North Dakota State University, a heavyweight contender and preseason favorite to win the Missouri Valley Football Conference title.

With the game plan that head coach Jon Heacock and the

Penguins had prepared going into Saturday's contest, having a dual-threat out of the backfield would prove to be a huge advantage.

"In practice all week we talked about running it down their throats," Keys said. "They told me in practice to be ready."

Practice paid off as the Penguins were able to pull off the upset as the rushing attack once again dominated. Keys led the charge with 21 carries for 146 yards and a touchdown as the Penguins stunned the Bison in a thrilling 32-24 victory.

During film sessions, Keys said the team had noticed other squads using a steady dose of running against the Bison. Picking up the hitting in practice during the week gave the Penguins the edge they needed. Keys said the intensity was higher this week than previous weeks.

"We told the scout team to pick it up and hit us hard," Keys said.

After seeing little to no action in the Penguins first two games of the season, Keys made an impact coming off the bench for Scott during

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Kamryn Keys,  
freshman running back

the course of the game. The redshirt freshman said he didn't have to work hard for his pickups as the offensive line opened up gaping holes.

"The holes were there, the offensive line did a real great job," Keys said. "All I had to do was follow the blocks. I didn't have to make too many moves."

A week after Scott rushed for 111 yards and two touchdowns, the junior running back went over the century mark against the Bison picking up 120 yards on the ground. The Penguin offense combined for a total of 340 yards rushing on the night.

Being the youngest of the Penguin running backs, Keys said he has picked up on good habits from his fellow teammate Scott.

"Jabari Scott taught me a lot. He taught me to be humble; run north and south," Keys said. "Usually in practice I would be running crazy going east and west and getting yelled at. I've come a long way."

Keys touched the ball twice against the Ohio State University and didn't see any action in South Dakota. Since the Penguins have returned home, Keys has carried the rock 36 times.

While his performance against North Dakota State should give him the chance to earn even more carries, Keys knows he isn't about to take the starting job away from Scott.

"Jabari's the starter and I respect that," Keys said. "But when my number gets called I'll be ready."



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### COACH'S CORNER

"Running is critical. You have to be able to run the football in this conference to have a chance. Keys ran the way he ran and our backs took care of the ball."

Jon Heacock,  
head football coach



YOUNG GUN — Redshirt freshman Kamryn Keys took his opportunity to shine and ran away with it Saturday picking up 146 yards and his first career touchdown with the Penguins against North Dakota State.

## Penguins split pair of league matches

The volleyball squad opened Horizon League play and picked up the team's first wins on their new home court.

Eric Barone  
REPORTER

The Youngstown State University volleyball team has kicked the season off to a sizzling start by sweeping the 10-2 Loyola University Ramblers.

The volleyball team opened up their two-match home stand Friday and Saturday against Horizon League opponents University of Illinois Chicago and Loyola. Looking to gain an early advantage in the standings, the Penguins continued their string of early dominance over the weekend.

Youngstown State got off to a slow start in their first match on Friday against UIC dropping the first set 25-15. YSU led on twice in the set until the Flames went on a 12-1 run to stretch their lead to 15-4. However, the Penguins wouldn't back down from the flames in the second set trailing by five, but the Penguins bounced back and tied the game at 14-14. The Penguins got their first lead at 23-22 and rallied late to take the set 25-22. YSU took energy into the third set but came up short losing the third set 25-23 and the fourth set 25-20 losing the match to the Flames 4-1. Redshirt freshman Tasha Reid had a career and match high 13 kills for the Penguins.

In Saturday's match the Penguins came back to Beeghly Center and dominated Loyola. It took the Penguins only three sets to defeat the Ramblers 25-18, 25-21 and 25-20.

The Ramblers came into the

Penguins	1
Flames	3
Penguins	3
Ramblers	0

### Upcoming Schedule

9/27 — at Wright State
10/3 — at Butler
10/4 — at Valparaiso
10/7 — at Cleveland State
10/11 — vs Milwaukee

match with a 10-2 record but led only once by a point in the second set. Junior Ruth Boscaljon led the way for the Penguins recording 11 kills. Helping Boscaljon was senior Ebony Barbosa with 9 kills and junior Kaitlin O'Hara with 8 kills.

The Penguins are 8-4 overall and 1-1 in Horizon League. The Penguins will be back in action Friday in Dayton against Horizon League opponent Wright State. The Raiders are currently 3-9 overall 1-1 in league play and are coming off a 3-1 win over the University of Green Bay-Wisconsin on Saturday.



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TEAMEFFORT — Senior Karla Everheart and junior Ruth Boscaljon leap in front of the net in attempt to block a spike from Loyola's Sarah Singer. The Penguins defeated the 10-2 Ramblers by sweeping the match.

## Tennis squads take advantage of fall season to gain experience

Josh Stipanovich  
REPORTER

Youngstown State University's men's and women's tennis teams began their fall season this weekend. The men hosted St. Francis and the women played on the road in the Bowling Green Invitational.

The fall season is an important part of the year said both team's coaches. Eric Ronan, men's tennis head coach, uses the fall season to see where his players are and how well they play together.

"Basically the fall season is kind of a tune up for the main season which is in the spring," Ronan said. "It's kind of trial and error with trying to figure out who works well with whom on the team," he added. The fall season also allows Ronan to see who will be paired up for doubles matches. Ronan emphasized that practice is the most important thing coming into the new season. "Just practice, just getting together...doubles is one of those things where the more you play together, the more you understand how your partner works, how your partner moves, so it's just playing together and getting the experience," Ronan said.

The men's team is young this year. Four of the eight players on the roster are incoming freshman. The team might be young, but the talent is still there. "I have two freshman who were state champs. One was a state champ in West Virginia, one was state champ for Ohio, both in doubles," he said. Freshman Michael Kathary is the younger brother of Scott Kathary, who was Youngstown State's best for the past four years, Ronan

added.

The men's team began their fall season on Sunday afternoon hosting St. Francis University. The Penguins won all three doubles matches by the scores of 8-5, 8-5 and 8-2. Youngstown State also won four of the six singles matches for a 5-2 victory over St. Francis. Patrick Hamning, Robert Emig, and Chris Leson and Kathary all won their singles matches.

Women's tennis coach Michelle Grim uses the fall season for experience. "Basically the fall season is just for the experience," Grim said. "We just take and try to figure out our doubles teams, and try to get everyone paired up," she added. Since there are a lot of new girls this year, many challenge matches take place during the fall season to help Grim figure out where the team is going into the season.

With all of the new girls this year, the team has a lot of depth which makes it harder on Grim.

"We have a lot of depth which is going to make it a little tougher to figure out the lineup this year," Grim said. She thinks of the fall season as a "preseason."

The women's team comes into this year with many experienced girls. There are four juniors and one senior on the team this year which also adds to the depth that the team has, but a lot of hard work and preparation needs to take place for the team going into the season.

"They're working really hard. They're not only on the court every day, but every day they're conditioning, so they're getting basically everything from lifting weights to running to playing tennis," Grim said.

## FCS Top 25

Teams YSU will face in blue

1. Richmond
2. James Madison
3. Appalachian State
4. Montana
5. Northern Iowa
6. McNeese State
7. New Hampshire
8. Elon
9. Cal Poly
10. North Dakota State
11. Eastern Washington
12. Central Arkansas
13. The Citadel
14. Wofford
15. Southern Illinois
16. Furman
17. Delaware
18. Massachusetts
19. Villinova
20. South Dakota State
21. Eastern Illinois
22. Western Illinois
23. Tennessee State
24. Georgia Southern
25. Liberty

Others receiving votes: Harvard 331, Youngstown State 276, Northern Arizona 273, Yale 251, Jacksonville State 224, Hampton 106, San Diego 71, Prairie View 59, William & Mary 50, Brown 44, Florida A&M 43, Holy Cross 38, Penn 30, Weber State 28, Sam Houston State 22, Eastern Kentucky 14, Southeastern Louisiana 13, Lafayette 10, Sacred Heart 9, Delaware State 8, South Carolina State 8, Norfolk State 5, Princeton 4, Tennessee-Martin 4, Montana State 1, North Dakota 1.

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