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#### YSU Quest

Youngstown State University's Quest 2007 will take place today from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in various locations throughout Kilcawley Center. The forum features 278 undergraduate and graduate students presenting information from research projects they have done or are working on.

A Quest award luncheon will take place today from noon-1:15 p.m. in the chestnut room. Each YSU college or school will award at least \$100 cash awards. Awards are based on presentation quality and content.

#### Graduate student wins award

Peter Koranchie-Boah, a graduate student and member of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), has received the Board of Corporate Affiliates Scholars scholarship in the amount of \$3000 and the International studies scholarship in the amount of \$500. The awards were presented to Koranchie-Boah at the annual NSBE convention. The awards are given to student members who have demonstrated high scholastic performance, dedicated service to the Society and other organizations, and who possess high professional promise.

## YOUNGSTOWN

# Prisoner escapes near campus

Ashley Tate  
REPORTER

Visitors and staff at St. Elizabeth Health Center anxiously crowded around a television in the surgical waiting room for CNN's latest update on a prisoner who escaped from the hospital early Monday morning.

The hospital staff members had their plates full as the Youngstown Police Department joined them in a search to locate the inmate who escaped from the hospital where he was receiving treatment. Corrections Corporation of America (CCA) prison on the city's East Side.

A prisoner at Corrections Corporation of America (CCA) on the city's East Side, Billy Jack Fitzmorris, 34, allegedly overpowered a CCA guard at the hospital, handcuffed him, stole his uniform

and fled from the hospital on foot, according to authorities. Fitzmorris was admitted to the hospital Saturday for treatment of a medical condition that was not life threatening.

Every noise Anissa Anderson heard made her realize the severity of the situation.

A visitor at the hospital on Monday, Anderson said, "I was OK until I watched the news, and now I'm watching the elevator doors and looking around corners just to make sure he's not there. I would get nervous when I would hear a noise."

A U.S. Marshal from the Violent Fugitive Task Force checked cars that exited one of the hospital's parking lots.

"Who knows what he did? ... This joker could be hiding underneath a car somewhere," the

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Police cars scattered around St. Elizabeth hospital Monday after a prison inmate being treated at the hospital escaped from guards. He was later captured in a Columbus suburb.

## YSU

# New director of diversity adjusts to campus

Jeanette DiRubba  
REPORTER

Yulanda McCarty-Harris, Youngstown State University's new director of the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity, said that the only bad part of her first day on the job yesterday was how much her feet ached by the end of the day.

"I think I wore the wrong shoes though," Harris said, having started her new position yesterday. "Walking down those hills [on campus] with these shoes was bad!"

Although Harris never previously worked in a university setting, she said she was taken aback by staff personality and the environmental appeal of the campus.

"The campus is just beautiful, and I'm excited because everyone is so nice," said Harris. "They all seem to love their jobs and are overly committed to ensuring everything with this university turns out OK."

Harris said she noticed the many diversity signs on campus, which she felt was an excellent gesture of "self-expression."

"I'm really excited about this commitment the university has,



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Yulanda McCarty-Harris was recently named Youngstown State University's new director of the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity

and the overall effort to make the university inclusive," she said.

Harris said that the most important task for YSU would be to actually implement the diverse action plan that is currently being worked on. Right now, Harris said her job is just listening to and taking advice from her staff in order to see this plan through.

Harris said she hopes she will be able to bridge the diversity gap at YSU and make sure the voice of this university is shown through

the community. "We need to let the outside know what's going on inside," Harris said, regarding how the city of Youngstown should relate to YSU's actions.

Harris also said that she wants to constantly meet new students and faculty members in order to fully succeed at her job.

"I don't even want one week to go by where I'm not meeting with department chairs or students," Harris said.

## YSU

# Sixteen faculty members receive promotions

Adrienne Sabo  
NEWS EDITOR

Youngstown State University Provost Robert Herbert's answer to whether the latest round of faculty promotions would improve faculty and administration relations was a simple "no."

He said his answer was short and quick, but it was still no.

YSU President David Sweet approved the promotion of 16 faculty members to professor and associate professor.

Herbert said he looks at the recommendations of the colleges, reviews the applications and then reviews the personnel files before making a decision.

"I cast an institutional eye over the process. I make sure the interest of the university is preserved," Herbert.

During this one-month time period, Herbert said he spends his weekends on campus at Jones Hall reviewing the information in order to make a decision.

The applicants are first reviewed by

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## YSU

# Debates set for SGA election

Jeanette DiRubba  
REPORTER

Youngstown State University will be buzzing with Student Government debates today and Wednesday.

The running candidates plan to meet with the student body and discuss their platforms in hopes of winning student appeal.

Participating in the debate are SGA presidential candidate David Spatholt and his running mate vice presidential candidate Erica Cross and write-in candidates for president and vice president, Erianne Raib and Keith Logan respectively.

The debates are open to the public and questions for the candidates are welcomed.

Today's debate will take place at the Fountain at 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday's debate will be at 4 p.m. at Peaberry's Café inside Kilcawley Center.

## OHIO

# Driving while texting: the new DUI

Britta Snowberger  
FEATURES REPORTER

Across the nation, several states are considering bills that, if passed, would outlaw a traffic offense that rivals DUI — DWT: Driving While Texting.

According to CBS Broadcasting, four states, including Arizona, Connecticut, Oregon and Washington, are attempting to specifically ban this driver distraction. To date, the Washington State House of Representatives has voted in favor of a bill that would make it a crime to "operate a motor vehicle while reading, writing or sending electronic messages."

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McDonald, the measure must pass through the state's Senate before it can become a law.

Not only are these four states aiming to cut back on the use of electronic devices while driving, 38 states are currently debating

133 bills that would regulate the use of cell phones behind the wheel, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

In Ohio, cell phone bans are

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## EDUCATION

# Survey shows college students lack math skills

Jenny Boyce  
ASSIST. NEWS EDITOR

At some point in middle school or high school, every student learns simple mathematical tasks like how to balance a checkbook. But a new survey has shown that by the time more than half of these students get to college, they lack the skills to perform complex but common tasks such as analyzing credit card offers and interpreting table figures.

In a college survey based on a study by the National Assessment of Adult Literacy, more than 50 percent of students at four-year schools were

found to lack the skills to perform tasks such as balancing a checkbook and figuring out restaurant tips.

Youngstown State University sophomore Danielle Kacher responded to the survey by explaining that there is a huge gap between seventh or eighth grade — when students first learn these common tasks — and college — when general requirement math courses resurrect these same skills.

"[YSU] students are only taught how to do those things in math courses needed to fulfill the general requirement, which is

only one semester for most," Kacher explained. "So a lot of time isn't spent on teaching students how to do these things."

The survey, in which 1,827 college and university students nearing the end of their degree programs were examined, also revealed that almost 20 percent of students had only basic quantitative skills. Students were found to have trouble in areas ranging from understanding credit card offers with different interest rates and annual fees to comparing the cost per ounce of food.

YSU senior Jared Whittaker wasn't surprised by the survey's findings, saying that such tasks were definitely not things he looked forward to doing.

"I think a lot of students have trouble with what's demanded of them in college," Whittaker said in reference to YSU's math general curriculum requirements.

Math Instructor Frank Appiah said that many stu-



es, by passing a mathematics placement exam, or by passing a higher-level mathematics course.

The results of the survey cut across three types of literacy that most college students had trouble with: analyzing news stories and other prose, understanding documents, and having math skills needed for checkbooks and bills. For example, many students could not estimate if their car had enough gas to get to the service station.

"It is kind of disturbing that a lot of folks are graduating with a degree and they're not going to be able to do those things," said Stephane Baldi, the survey's director at the American Institutes for Research, a behavioral and social science research organization.

Baldi said the survey should be used as a tool, and that state leaders, educators and university trustees should examine the rigor of courses required of all students.

Students from his introductory math course (MATH 1501) end up failing the class and then have to retake it another semester.

"Some do not care at all," Appiah said. "Most come in from 1500, and about 50 percent fail the class."

As per requirement, YSU students must satisfy the general curriculum requirement by passing the approved mathematics course-



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the department, then the college, followed by Herbert and finally YSU President Sweet, who has the last decision.

This year 18 faculty members applied for promotion; two applicants were denied.

Of the 16 promotions, Herbert recommended three of the candidates for promotion that the colleges did not. He said he raised some questions to department chairs and deans about the applicants to make a fair decision.

He said he looks to see if the colleges and departments' decisions were professional and fair to the individual.

This year's 18 promotion applicants were fewer than the 28 in the 2005-2006 academic year and 27 in 2004-2005. Herbert attributed the drop in applicants to the number of early promotion applicants received

and the controversy over promotion last year.

The controversy involved Herbert's denial of nine faculty promotions. Sweet later overturned five of the nine promotions.

Of the two who were denied promotion this year,

reviewing shouldn't rest in one person's hands.

"Most are pretty easy. Those that end up being no's are hard," Herbert said.

When making those decisions, Herbert said he looks at the college guide-

applications then go through the intermediate steps until he reviews them in the beginning of March.

By April 1, President Sweet must make his decision. Herbert said he provides Sweet with a summary of all the promotions and holds several conversations with him until Sweet feels comfortable with the information.

Since 2000, 81 professors have applied for tenure, and eight were denied. Of those eight denials, four were unanimously denied, and four were split decisions among the colleges, panels and provost.

Sweet said that in most schools the number of rejected tenure applicants would be much larger.

The university's most recent denial of tenure came two weeks ago when Eric See, a criminal justice professor, was denied tenure after Sweet decided against the panel's recommendation to grant See's tenure.

one applicant was not recommended for promotion by the college and the other applicant was three years early for promotion.

Herbert said YSU does not have an ideal promotion process. He said the

lines and speaks with the dean of the colleges to explain what's missing in the case.

The applications for promotion are between 15-20 pages and are submitted by Nov. 1. Herbert said the

Academic Year	Promotion Applicants	Promoted Faculty	Percentage By Year
2000-2001	28	26	93%
2001-2002	23	16	70%
2002-2003	30	20	67%
2003-2004	23	20	87%
2004-2005	27	25	93%
2005-2006	28	16	57%
2006-2007	18	16	89%
Totals	177	139	78%

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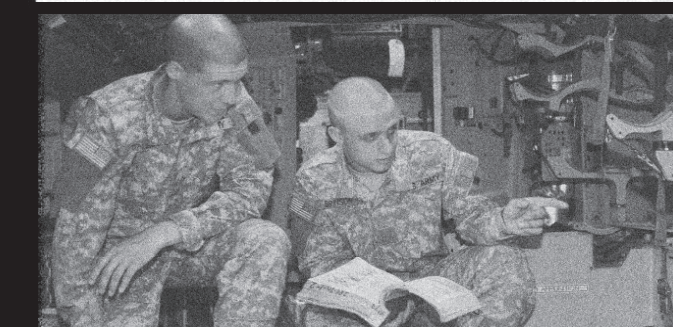
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## Research shows women are as likely to cheat as men

Jessica Woods  
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

"Of course they cheat, they're men," junior Christine Rollins said. "I expect it, almost like it's the way they're designed."

Or is it? Infidelity has had quite a spotlight in the media lately with the popularity of television shows such as "Grey's Anatomy" and "Desperate Housewives" where infidelity is seen as a fact of life, perhaps even acceptable. And society has dismissed this behavior as natural, especially for men.

"Men are biologically predisposed to be aggressive and competitive," senior Jason Coe said. "Because monogamy eliminates this competition, unless sufficiently replaced in some other facet of life, infidelity is the only answer."

Sophomore Stephanie Sarkos agrees.

"I think there's this idea that since caveman days, men are just, like, wired to spread their seed, or whatever, and women are putting up with it for the most part because they think that's just the way it is," Sarkos said.

But new research suggests that women are just as likely to cheat as their male counterparts, if not more so. In her 2006 book "Women's Infidelity: Living in Limbo," Michelle Langley offers ten years of research for her premise that women do cheat as much as men.

She says that society has set lower standards for men and monogamy, and that sex outside of their relationships is seen as normal and acceptable. Whereas if a woman cheats on her partner, it is because she sees her relationship or mate as flawed.

Also, Langley cites women's fluctuating hormones and later sexual peak, often in the mid 30s, as other reasons for straying.

So are we simply designed to cheat on our mates? Is it unnatural to stay with just one person? Have we become

less monogamous as a society in general?

"In some ways we might be. In terms of recent history it would appear that way," said Dr. Thomas Diggins, associate professor of biological sciences. "Infidelity is more apparent and more obvious in today's society. We are products of our biology, but our culture, society and psychology probably exert much stronger control over us," he said.

Diggins said we cannot point the finger at our biological makeup as a reason for cheating. Biologically speaking, "every long-term pair bonding is favored where there is very low reproductive output but very high parental involvement," Diggins said.

This applies to birds, elephants and — drum roll, please — humans.

In all actuality, we were heading toward monogamy as far as evolutionary evidence is concerned, so cavemen were not the lotharios we've been led to believe.

"We have fallen into the realm of culture and society, but this is the opposite of what is supported by biology. Man is a cultural animal," Diggins said.

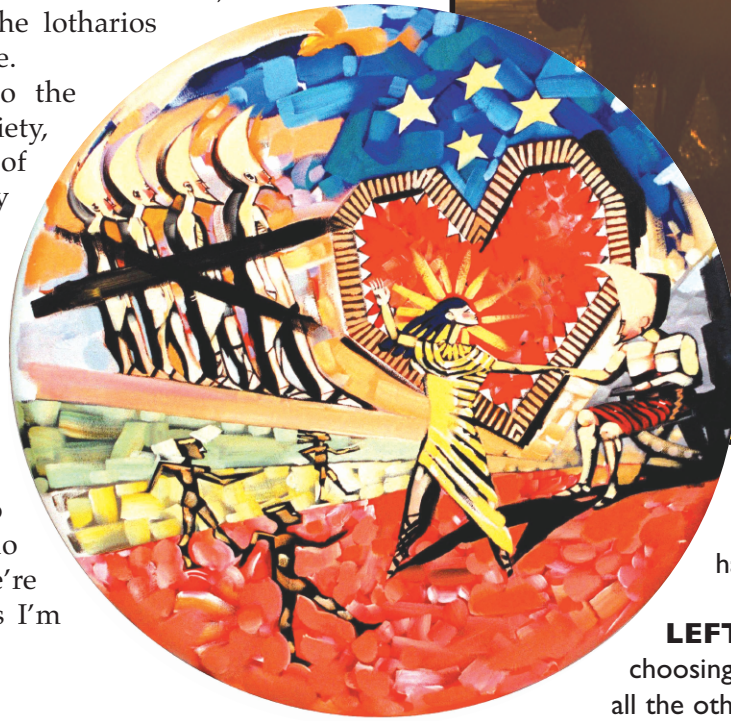
Still, senior Jason Kuppler disagrees.

"I don't think it's natural to be monogamous. Most mammals will screw anything, so we inherently want to do the same as humans. We're just a step up, as far as I'm concerned."



"Most animals will screw anything, so we inherently want to do the same as humans."

Jason Kuppler



Courtesy of MCTcampus.com

ABOVE: A couple holding hands under a sunset.

LEFT: Illustration of a sun goddess choosing one mate in love and rejecting all the other suitors behind her.

## Common colloquialisms may offend some

Kayla S. Graham  
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

"They are just words," Youngstown State University sophomore Bryon Turner said. "It's like the little kid's chant about sticks and stones. They can't hurt me."

Turner, 19, was speaking about people's use of the word "gay" to refer to something bad, instead of its literal meaning, and the lifestyle to which he adheres: homosexuality. He said it does seem like an insult to his way of life, but he does not take it as a personal offense.

William R. Fry, a YSU psychology professor for 29 years, explained why people use common phrases such as "That's so gay" when referring to negative situations. He said people use certain expressions

because their instant reaction is to use labels.

"People associate a quality with a group or certain people," Fry said. "The recognition is consistent, making it more accessible to say it."

Does accessibility make using such phrases OK? Fry said he believes it depends on the person. According to Fry, a member of the gay community, or any community, used in a comment could be very hurt by an impulsive and common statement. Others, he said, are caloused and do not let it get to them.

Nicholas DiSabatino, a Kent State English student, falls into the former category and differs in opinion with Turner.

"It's insulting that people would refer to something they don't like by basically calling it me," he said.

DiSabatino, a member of Pride!Kent and other gay/lesbian

support groups on Kent State's campus, said he feels that people are basically saying the word "gay" means "stupid" or "ugly" or anything else they do not have the vocabulary to articulate.

"It's a sign of ignorance," he said. "If the only word you can come up with out of all the words in the world is 'gay' to get your point across, you obviously don't know many words and probably shouldn't be communicating with anyone."

Dr. Qi Jiaeng, head of YSU's Sociology Department, said that "ideas are influenced by reference groups."

Peers, family and the media constantly influence people's ideas, Jiaeng said.

Jiaeng said personal behavior is always socially influenced. This means that ideas tend to be passed

around and spread within a group that always seems to get larger.

Fry said he had a resolution to the problem.

"An awareness can build up in people over time," he said. He went on to say that if people would notice that certain words could hurt people's feelings, they might just stop saying them.

DiSabatino said he wishes people would recognize which words are hurtful.

"It would be nice for people to realize they're insulting my life," he said. "I'm pretty sure heterosexuals wouldn't want me to go around saying everything that's asinine is 'straight.'"

Turner said he did not care either way.

"I will still be me today, tomorrow, the next day, and the day after that," he said.

"That's so gay"

## No 'Idol' threat in Web site's challenge to television

Michael Daly  
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS  
(MCT)

The test is between the biggest show on television and a Web site started by a 24-year-old suburban gadfly, between media old and new.

On one side is "American Idol," which is in its sixth season of drawing millions to look on as our fellow citizens risk insult and humiliation in the hope of becoming a singing star.

On the other side is VotefortheWorst.com, started three years ago by Dave Della Terza of Naperville, Ill., with the avowed purpose of getting viewers to vote for the contestants whom "the producers would hate to see win on 'American Idol.'"

In earlier seasons, the contestants the site deemed the worst had enough appeal that it seemed possible their continued presence on the

show was due to voters actually liking them.

After all, we have not needed some Web site to prod us into voting for the worst when it comes to politics. The White House continues to serve as a reminder of that every day in nearly every regard, from the war in Iraq to cuts in cancer research.

Even the VFTW site's current pick for worst, 17-year-old Sanjaya Malakar, initially exhibited enough teenybopper appeal to make you wonder if perhaps legions of junior high school girls were voting for him again and again.

At one point, another contestant, Chris Sligh, apparently sought to glam the mantle of worst by saying, "Hi, Dave" on the air. Most viewers were likely not aware that Dave was the founder of VFTW.

Della Terza was delighted, saying, "Now I love Chris Sligh." But Della Terza still knew a true worst

when he saw one, and he stuck with Sanjaya.

This week, Sanjaya proved how right Della Terza was by stepping before the cameras with a ponytail Mohawk that would have left even a deaf teenybopper hard-pressed to vote for him. And his performance of "Bathwater" was as dreadful as his hair style.

You may have noticed the judges had the deflated look of those doubting their influence. They may have sensed that Sanjaya's only significant appeal must be fundamentally perverse, that if he stayed on after this it could only be termed a victory of a lowly Web site over heretofore mighty TV.

Some observers have suggested that VFTW's power springs from being touted by radio's Howard Stern, who seems to share some of Della Terza's sensibility. Stern surely helped, but a measure of VFTW's own popularity repeatedly

appeared when a reporter attempted to visit the site in the aftermath of the Mohawk.

"We are experiencing a high amount of traffic. Please try back in a few minutes," a message read.

The reporter finally managed to reach the site and beheld a caricature of a smiling Sanjaya and the words:

"The ponytail Mohawk can only mean one thing: Sanjaya loves us! Sanjaya, you're awesome! If we keep him in, he can only pick a new hair style that's even BETTER next week. Nice work, buddy!"

By then, more than 30 million votes were in. So many people had dialed (866) IDOLS-04 on Sanjaya's behalf that he will be indeed be coming back.

He was even spared being one of the bottom three, which meant that he sat in comfy security among the top seven Wednesday night as a trio

of decidedly superior singers sweated out who would be going home.

The loser was Sligh, the very one who had sought to win VFTW's favor by greeting the founder by name on the air. VFTW's continuing favorite, Sanjaya, will be coming back next week, no doubt with a new hair style and another song so bad as to keep him incontestably the worst.

His continued presence seems proof that television is no longer the all-powerful medium it once was. How wonderful it would be if somebody in the months ahead proved able to marshal the power of new media to offset the TV commercials that will seek to sway us in our choice for the next president.

Perhaps we will witness something in contemporary politics that would truly be revolutionary. The site could be called "VOTE FOR THE BEST!"

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### OUR SIDE

## Wise up or pay up

While YSU students normally suffer from a distinct form of apathy common at commuter schools, this week SGA is giving students a chance to change all that.

Kind of.

Ever wondered how SGA candidates feel about the General Fund? Or even know what the General Fund is? Wonder if they think that morals are "paintings on walls" and scruples "money in Russia"?

You can find out. We all can. The open debates are taking place today at 12:30 at the fountain, and 4 p.m. at Peaberry's on Wednesday and we're all invited to ask questions, and see how they answer.

It's important to ask everything. If you think a liking of chunky peanut butter tells you everything you need to know about their psyche... ask. Find out what they think they should do for students, and not just the Honor students and Scholars.

What can they do for you? And not a general "hey you" you... but a specific, Mr.-Rogers-kind-of special you. You. SGA's constitution states right up at the top, "In order to better represent the students of Youngstown State University, to unite more closely the interests of undergraduates, graduates, faculty and staff, to obtain the best leadership for guidance to higher goals and ideals, and to provide for the most efficient and successful management of all student activities, we, the students of Youngstown State University, do ordain and establish this Constitution."

Plain-speak? They work for us. Every single member is there to make life on this campus a little shinier and nicer. And if you don't think they can do that... don't vote for them.

We've all signed a petition because it was a friend that put it under our noses, but now it's time to take a moment and consider what's actually going on.

The people who vote in the SGA election (for the last 5 years, never more than 784 students at a time, and last year? Only 629) are putting people into place who help make decisions for over 13,000. We admit to not being great at math, but those numbers aren't that great. Roughly one in 19 students vote.

Lame. Lame and inexcusable. Know your local SGA! They have an impact on how money is spent and it's your money.

Almost anything that's put on for "you" for "free!" as a service from the university or your local SGA comes from the General Fund. Quick FYI, that's your tuition money. Maybe you should care how they spend it.

The easiest way to find out is attending meetings, but come on. You're seriously not going to do that, that's why we do it for you. So the cool thing to do is check out the candidates before they get elected. So do it. Vote or die.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Issue responds to criticism

Editor,

Throughout the day last Thursday many of my friends called to ask me if they could respond to Ms. Neal's comments in the Thursday Jambar. I have decided to take on this criticism myself instead of hiding behind supporters and friends. I would first like to state that although Ms. Neal focuses on the Elections Board and other candidates as my reason for leaving the election, I remind her that if she had read or listened to any of my statements the true reason is that my service is needed still in the Student Diversity Council, and dedication is a trait in which I hold to be of importance. I understand her confusion having never attended a meeting, and thus not realizing the amount of work, effort, and understanding of this university and the proverbial "pot" in order to run such an organization. I do not thrive on controversy, but realize that in order to serve the student, one cannot sit by silent. Students did not elect me to be quiet or not to state when things seem out of place, or unfair. Also, I would like to point out that she uses my name also right before referencing the rock issues, signature problems, and other grips that she holds about the current SGA process, as well as makes clear by process of elimination who she in fact supports (no impartiality). Being on the Elections Board I would hope she would have realized that Ms. Speece and I HAD more than enough signatures and although I see no

problem with painting the rock or using newspaper if they are cleaned up, I in fact am not responsible for such creativity. I also served on SGA for two years one of which as Academic Affairs Chair and so was not afraid in any way about "established members of student government" because I felt that there is too much "establishment", and not enough "student". Now I do not want this whole letter to be one of combating the baseless charges that have been leveled against me. I am not running anymore, and have other issues, council decisions and activities that I need to be focusing on as well as working and paying for my education. I would love to have used this time in the Jambar to focus on Wednesday nights successful SDC Halo tournament at Christman dining hall, instead of using print space to combat an irate member of SGA Elections Board. I am sorry if you were offended by anything I wrote, but most of my opinions about the Board I kept to myself because I am sure there are some wonderful people who serve on it, and for them I kept my opinions close to the vest. As for my "insecurity" I must laugh at the prospect. I am not afraid of either campaign, nor do I base decisions on fear. If I was afraid I would never have been vocal on SGA, hosted, or participated in many activities here at the University such as the wonderful Xi-Man competition hosted by Alpha Xi Delta to benefit Potential Development, nor spoken out publicly about issues that students have brought to my attention. I disagree obviously with Ms. Neal on many issues, however I laugh when she talks about getting to know the Elections Board. If there

was some unwritten rule that I had to take all of you out to drink or bribe you in some way using friendship or loyalties, I missed that memo, and I apologize. The reasons for my departure were made clear and although not the single most important reason; my respect as friends of Ms. Raib and Mr. Logan, also helped make a tough decision more feasible. My dislike for one candidate coupled with my service to a council dealing with student issues and diversity, led me to my decision of withdraw. I respect that you do not agree with me and I welcome the conversation, but your comments have not helped the debate, only made the attacks more personal, and that to me is not beneficial. You ask why I did not come to speak with you about issues, and the reason is simple. If you feel that the only decisions I make are to "stir the proverbial pot" and I "always have" how could I feel you would take anything I say seriously? "A little integrity is better than any career," said Ralph Emerson, and so I state that I would rather preserve my integrity, than run for SGA President in the current climate of lack of constructive and positive debate, and to serve the student as a nonbiased advocate, one who will take the written/verbal abuse if only to highlight the cause. Instead of worrying about the process, worry about the issues, and once we place as much emphasis on student issues as we do the "establishment" then we can make serious progress at our University.

With respect  
-Joe Iesue

### COMMENTARY

## Students lack of interest in math and science leads to engineer shortage

McClatchy-Tribune  
MCT

NASA scientists experiment with a laser, probing the energy of atoms in very excited states, to improve the use of lasers in space. That was the '60s, when aerospace engineers, too, were in very excited states, especially when compared with today. People since at least the 1990s have argued whether this nation should fear a shortage of engineers. But even those who believe there is an abundant supply in other areas will admit the situation isn't exactly rosy in the aerospace field.

A number of factors are at play, including American students' lack of interest in math and science careers. Add to that the increasing number of baby-boomer engineers who have reached, or are near, retirement.

Aviation Week and Space Technology magazine says that by 2008 one in four U.S. aerospace workers will be eligible

to retire. These are the men and women inspired to science careers by President Kennedy's vow to reach the moon and the stars.

Apparently, space flight today is for fogies. Today's generation of engineering students is more inclined to seek employment in what they consider the hotter industries. A recent study showed that among freshmen engineering students, about 20,000 chose to major in computer engineering; 12,000, mechanical; 10,000, electrical, and fewer than 3,000, aerospace engineering.

Maybe students find it difficult to be inspired by a different President, who three years ago talked about going to the moon and the stars, too. Since then, President Bush has committed such miserly amounts to NASA that its ability to fulfill those new missions has been compromised.

"I'm afraid that NASA is headed for a train wreck if things don't change," U.S. Rep.

Bart Gordon, D-Tenn., said Thursday in discussing the space agency's money crunch. Gordon, chairman of the House science committee, said NASA's five-year budget plan had been cut by nearly \$2.3 billion since Bush's January 2004 speech.

Concern has also been expressed by Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., chair of the Senate's science appropriations subcommittee. She says the president's 3 percent increase for NASA in fiscal 2008, raising its annual appropriation to \$17.3 billion, simply isn't enough.

Mikulski said NASA is still owed \$2 billion it cut from other programs to upgrade the space-shuttle fleet following the Columbia accident in 2003. She and Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, want Bush to call a "space summit," as his father did as president in 1990, to discuss NASA's budget and its future.

Perhaps it will be up to the

next president to light a new fire in the minds of America's young people, so that more of them will seek careers as scientists and engineers. Funding NASA at levels where it doesn't resemble a beggar seeking crumbs during budget hearings might help attract more students to aerospace.

America has also relied on foreign students to meet its various engineering needs. But with many of them finally seeing the possibility of lucrative careers in their homelands — China and India, in particular — that is becoming less of an option.

Last year, President Bush signed a bill that establishes a national task force whose mission is to come up with a blueprint to increase the number of U.S. students interested in science and engineering careers. That's a good step, but more White House leadership will be needed to spur education, industry and other government leaders to action.

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Marshal said of the car-checking procedure.

Steve Davis, who was visiting his brother at the hospital, said he is concerned but not worried.

"I'm concerned only because I stand on my spirituality. I know God will protect me but I'm concerned about other people who don't have the same spirituality as me. I feel like this: When it comes down to a situation like this, it will induce panic so I am concerned," Davis said.

In order to protect Youngstown State University students, faculty and staff, YSU police Chief John Gocala said they brought out the

afternoon shift two hours early.

"Was someone worried that YSU wasn't protected? We take care of YSU first," Gocala said.

Gocala said the department was quite busy Monday morning, as it tried to keep the campus safe from Fitzmorris and tried to apprehend someone who wanted to jump off the roof of Powers Auditorium.

Gocala said Fitzmorris carjacked a driver who pulled up to an entrance at the hospital to pick someone up, and then drove off in it.

Gocala called Ron Cole, news and information director at YSU, and advised him to let the YSU

community know that a fugitive was on the loose and to be careful.

Anderson is a community member who took the news seriously.

"I guess people think when you're from Youngstown you're used to this stuff and that is so not true. I called my friend, like, 'Are you watching the news; did you see this?'" Anderson said.

Cole sent an e-mail around 12:15 p.m. Monday. The e-mail said Fitzmorris was armed and gave a description and phone numbers to reach in case anyone came in contact with him.

Cole then sent a follow-up e-mail, informing the YSU communi-

ty that Fitzmorris was captured in Hilliard, a suburb near Columbus.

Tina Creighton, public relations specialist for Humility of Mary Health Partners, said that U.S. Marshals told her organization that Fitzmorris was from the Hilliard area, where he has family.

According to CNN news, Fitzmorris called his sister and said he didn't want to get shot. His sister then called authorities and told them how he felt. CNN also stated that he held two nurses and some prison workers hostage for a brief time period.

According to the Associated

Press, police said Fitzmorris robbed two banks on the way to Hilliard.

Creighton said, "He obviously had a lot of stuff to get done, you know, rob a few banks..."

Reports on CNN showed Fitzmorris kicking in the door to a house, where a woman climbed to and fell out of a second-story window. She began to crawl away as police surrounded the house.

Fitzmorris peacefully came out of the house and was arrested by police. He was awaiting conviction on charges of cocaine possession and intent to distribute cocaine.

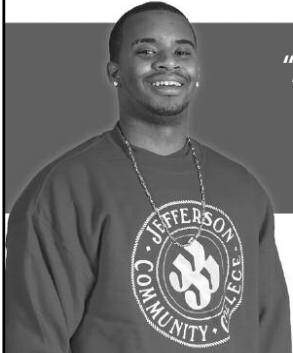
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Tuesday, April 3, 2007

## PLAY REVIEW

## 'Theophilus' ratings go 'North'

Simple set, props and costuming leave stage open for standout performances by cast

Sarah Sole

JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

Youngstown State University's production of "Theophilus North" by Matthew Burnett is a showcase for actors in the University Theater Department.

Running for its second weekend at YSU, the show is based upon Thornton Wilder's last novel and boasts a plot as complex as the people that title character North meets in Newport, Rhode Island. All story lines aside, the real strength of the play lies in the actors' range and versatility.

On the surface at least, the plot is simple, allowing for a strong focus on the characters. North, played by Andrew Kim, decides to travel after quitting his job and finds himself sidelined in Newport, Rhode Island, in the spring of 1926. Working odd jobs, North becomes involved in the lives of the vibrant townsfolk.

With most actors responsible for multiple roles, actors have to change demeanors on a dime.

Roxanne Hauldren, most memorable as the moodily pregnant Myra Granberry and the impeccably stern Mrs. Sarah Bosworth, brings believability to separate roles while still managing to show variation within each character. As Granberry, Hauldren skillfully exhibits a youthful, almost haphazard energy followed by an unrefined desperation at the discovery of an unfaithful spouse. In another turn, Hauldren is the white-gloved Bosworth, wearing her sharp facial expressions and piercing eyes like the wide-brimmed hat that sits atop her head.

With his portrayal of the elderly Dr. James Bosworth and the pompous Augustus Bell, Anthony Scarsella is a master of comic timing. From a duck-wielding lunatic to a jig-dancing father, Scarsella brings a comedic intensity to both his minor and major roles.

Other actors also exhibit their ability to successfully change their roles as quickly as they change their costumes.

Erin Richardson convincingly plays young and innocent Eloise Fenwick and also the flirtatious and spoiled Diana Bell, while Zach Campbell portrays the awkwardly adolescent Charles Fenwick and the indecisive, unfaithful George

Granberry.

Costume Designer Jane Shanabarger said that while the costumes suggest the time period and the locale, the ensemble pieces left much of the focus on the actors' skill.

"The character is a combination of a little bit of costuming and a lot of acting," Shanabarger said.

A certain piece of clothing or an accessory often defines a character, Shanabarger said, such as the aviator's cap and goggles used by Hauldren in her portrayal of Hanna, North's unreliable car.

In his simple cream-colored suit adorned with the classic red wine bowtie, Kim plays Theophilus North with a steadiness that is in stark contrast to the vivid characters that surround him. At first, his portrayal seems to frustratingly scratch at the surface of his character. Punctuating his speech every so often with a sigh or a raised eyebrow, Kim is very much the Average Any-man.

Director and Production Manager Todd Dicken offered an explanation for the unconventional lead role, saying that the play would have lost its impact if North would have been portrayed in a livelier manner.

"He's sort of the stable catalyst," Dicken said of North.

Though functioning as the play's common thread as well as its narrator, Kim still has some standout moments as North, such as when he pretends to be a French prostitute in a comedic attempt to cure Charles Fenwick's immaturity.

Kim's straightforward portrayal of North is mirrored in the simplicity of the set and the props, designed by Paige McNamara.

"Rather than setting an actual place, it suggests the atmosphere of Newport, Rhode Island," Shanabarger said of the set design, which consists of blue skies enclosed by a wooden border.

Dicken said the set design has a hidden meaning: The blue skies are supposed to symbolize windows of opportunity.

"It was very subtle," Dicken said of the



Courtesy of Sarah Sole



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**ABOVE:** Andrew Kim performs as Theophilus North during Youngstown State University's production of the show.

**LEFT:** Andrew Kim as Theophilus North, David Munnell as Henry Simmons and Rachel Rossi as Cora Cummings are pictured onstage during one of the scenes.

**BELOW:** Roxanne Hauldren plays Mrs. Sarah Bosworth and Anthony Scarsella portrays Dr. James Bosworth.

underlying theme. "We didn't want to hit people over the head with it."

Though the props were decidedly low maintenance, they sufficiently aided in the audience's understanding of the characters. One creative prop was North's bicycle, which Kim circled around the stage.

"Theophilus North" runs for one more weekend; this Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

Audiences should not expect dramatic story lines or unforeseen plot twists. Instead, they should look forward to watching actors portray characters with a genuine energy, making minor characters stand out alongside major ones.

From a director's standpoint, Dicken said the show is truly an actor's piece.

"They have to rely on what skills they have; they have to create their characters," Dicken said of his cast. "That's the core of acting."



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## Upcoming events

**Tuesday, April 3**

-Smile Empty Soul and  
The Exies at The Wedge,  
doors open at 6 p.m., \$10.

**Wednesday, April 4**

-Walkin' Cane at  
Peaberry's Café, 11 a.m.

**Thursday, April 5**

-Ludacris at The  
Chevrolet Centre, doors  
open at 6 p.m., show  
begins at 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, April 6**

-Via Sahara at Barley's,  
10 p.m.

**Saturday, April 7**

-"I'm With the Band"  
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begins at 10 p.m., 18  
years and over.

-Jones 4 Revival, Captain  
Braskey and Finding Mike  
Vagas at Salty Grogs in  
Boardman, 9:30 p.m.

## Family reunion starts promisingly, but it's time to get whack-y

David Bianculli

NEW YORK DAILY NEWS  
(MCT)

We wait nine months for an original episode of "The Sopranos," and when the show finally returns, the highlight of the opening hour is watching Tony Soprano play Monopoly? Well, yes.

It's a great scene \_ showcasing Tony (James Gandolfini) and his wife, Carmela (Edie Falco), sister Janice (Aida Turturro) and brother-in-law Bobby (Steven R. Schirripa) in all their inebriated, uninhibited, unstable glory, as Dave Brubeck's "Take Five" plays on their stereo.

It also propels the plot, and helps establish the themes for the show's final nine climactic installments: family, legacy, mortality, resentment and revenge.

Still, even the most fervent and forgiving fans of the HBO series (and I count myself among them) have to start looking at the clock and stop excusing every scene as merely a foundation for the Big Ending.

After last year's season of simmering, this mixture has to boil \_ fast.

The first two hours of this final cycle are really good \_ alternately funny, dramatic, poignant and surprising \_ but they're all mostly tease. At this point, "The Sopranos" can't afford to play too many games. It should go directly to the big showdowns \_ do not pass Go, do not collect \$200.

Tuesday night at a preview party at Radio

City Music Hall, HBO unveiled the first two episodes (on HBO, the first new episode arrives April 8 at 9 p.m. EDT). The same two \_ a smaller number than usual \_ were sent to critics, suggesting that major fireworks, too incendiary to reveal, are just around the corner.

They better be. The first two episodes show Tony and his New York counterpart, the incarcerated Johnny Sack (Vincent Curatola), both contemplating their own mortality, and Sack's loyal lieutenant, crusty Phil Leotardo (Frank Vincent), turning 66 and confiding to Tony, "Being a boss is a young man's game."

But the game is almost up, and "The Sopranos" is finishing by giving almost everyone around Tony \_ the FBI, the New York mob, even some of his own cronies \_ a reason to target him or his loved ones.

At this point, series creator David Chase can go only so many ways with this story. Tony dies, Tony goes into the witness protection program, or one of Tony's dearest family members is either killed or drawn into the illegal activities Tony himself is weary of running.

If Chase chooses the right path, all's well that ends well. But if "The Sopranos" ends without a savory sense of closure \_ like one more Russian stranded up a tree \_ then Chase will have stranded the viewers, too.

For now, I still love being on the ride as "The Sopranos" winds down. But this novel for TV can't be judged completely until the final chapter. In this case, it's not just the journey that counts. It's the destination.

## CRIME

## Some Youngstown residents question zero-tolerance policy

Gary DiLisio

JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

Retired police officer Terry Henry thinks police are going overboard with the zero-tolerance policy after being pulled over for running a yellow light.

Henry said he was on his way to pick up his daughter from school. After being stopped, the officer began asking irrelevant ques-

tions.

"He asked questions that were totally out of line, such as where I lived, why my daughter went to Ursuline and even how we could afford to send her there," Henry was let go with a warning.

Youngstown State University junior Bill Maloney was ticketed last Saturday for having a broken taillight.

"I had no idea that my taillight was even out. I was on my way back from my night class when the officer pulled me over. I thought he would just give me a warning, but I guess I was wrong."

According to Lt. Mark Adovasio of the Youngstown State University Police Department, the purpose of zero tolerance is to enforce strict action.

"Zero tolerance means you encounter the person and you give them a ticket. We still have one of the safest campuses."

Despite how safe the campus might be, some

question whether the violence taking place right outside the area will affect enrollment in the future. Junior Andrew Reynolds has concern for his younger brother who will be attending YSU next fall.

"Youngstown can be a very scary place to live," Reynolds said. "My little brother wants to move in

with me when he starts in the fall, but I told him that I don't think he's ready for that change quite yet."

Reynolds lives on Lora Avenue, which is about five minutes from campus.

"I have become accustomed to hearing loud gunshots directly outside my apartment a few times a week, sometimes even during the day," Reynolds said.

According to Sue Davis, director of Undergraduate Admissions at YSU, the crime rate will unlikely affect future enrollment. She agrees with Adovasio.

"We try to emphasize how good of an overall safety record we have at Youngstown State. I haven't heard any complaints from the parents of students, despite the violence taking place outside campus."

Davis said she thinks people have a distorted perception of Youngstown.

"I was buying a car last week, and the salesman asked me if I bring a gun to my job after hearing I work on campus," Davis said. "I was offended."

"I have become accustomed to hearing loud gunshots directly outside my apartment a few times a week, sometimes even during the day"

Andrew Reynolds Junior

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allowed by jurisdiction, although they are sparsely established. No law prohibiting cell phone use while driving exists in the Mahoning Valley, but Youngstown City Police Lt. William Rafferty believes one should.

"There's no law against talking on cell phones here," Rafferty said. "All we can do is cite people for driver inattention, or ticket them after they've run a stop sign or red light."

Although Youngstown drivers are free to talk or text on cell phones legally, they often fail to maintain the responsibility that comes with such actions.

"Just the other day there was a wreck on Wick Avenue that involved cell phone use," Rafferty said. "One driver was on a phone and just turned into the path of another driver."

College-age drivers are among the top groups to multitask while behind the wheel. According to a Nationwide Mutual Insurance Co. study, 19 percent of all drivers text message behind the wheel, 37 percent of which are between the ages of 18 and 27. The study also revealed that 80 percent of U.S. drivers multitask, and 73 percent talk on cell phones

while driving.

Youngstown State University sophomore Carrie Wack said that she uses her cell phone behind the wheel.

"I talk on my phone and text when I drive," Wack said. "I try to keep my texting to a minimum, but sometimes it's inevitable."

Sophomore Nina Pannoni agrees that texting while driving is necessary in certain instances, but admits that she is frightened of other drivers on cell phones.

"I talk more than I text, and I usually use speakerphone," Pannoni said. "When I see other people talking on the phone and driving, I get scared."

Although they feel the law would be difficult to enforce, both students said that driving while texting should be made illegal.

"Some people can't drive, let alone text and drive," said Wack.

Opposed by electronic companies like Sprint Nextel Corp. — which said that irresponsible phone use in vehicles is best corrected through education — lawmakers in Ohio could be the next representatives looking to outlaw the use of electronic devices while driving.



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### FOOTBALL



Photo courtesy YSU Sports Information

The Penguin football team kicked-off the spring practice session by getting back to basics on the offensive line. This will be a spot of some concern for the team heading into summer camp, with two starters gone from a year ago the squad will need to find some able bodies to fill these open slots.

## Penguin football team kicks off spring practice

**Jake Glavies**  
SPORTS EDITOR

It's back.

The sign waving, heart thumping, fist pumping excitement that surrounds the Youngstown State University football team has finally returned to campus from its winter hiatus.

And it couldn't have come soon enough.

The team brought the buzz back to YSU Thursday as it took to the gridiron for its first spring practice of the year.

But with 26 seniors and 11 starters gone from last year's squad the Penguins will begin practice looking to find the right combination of players to make next year's team a success.

And for head coach Jon Heacock it all starts with finding leaders during the spring.

"Always the first thing you look for is your senior leadership. I think that started when we came back when school started in January," he said. "They're the guys that are

going to represent our team, speak for our team and go out and play."

Games are won and lost on the field though and finding quality players is where YSU may have the most difficulty.

The biggest drop-off from last season will come at the running back position. With the squad's three top runners from a year ago gone the Penguins backfield will lack some much needed experience.

Looking to take up post behind quarterback Tom Zetts next year will be sophomore Jabari Scott, junior Brandon Nicholson and redshirt freshman Jordan Edwards.

According to offensive coordinator Brian Wright just who will take over the reigns as the feature back will be a question mark heading into the summer.

"I'm excited to see what some of these young guys can do. They don't have a bunch of experience," Wright said. "All those guys run the ball well and catch the ball pretty well. They can block. The one thing is how they fit into the scheme [and] pass protections."

The defense also took its share of hits this off-season as it lost three of four starters from the secondary and half of its starting linebacker core.

Replacing all-around playmaker Jason Perry, cover-corner Codera Jackson and rangy safety Chris Goffer may be easier said than done but new defensive coordinator Jeff Mills is optimistic about the new crop of players.

"There is always going to be a position you're working with that has some losses because of seniors graduating, but so far watching [the remaining players] in the weight room, watching them workout, they have a good attitude. They are coming to work everyday," he said.

A bright spot for the depleted defense will be the return of senior linebacker Jeremiah Wright. Wright suffered a season ending knee injury in the Sept. 16 match-up against Penn State.

This past fall the Orlando, Fla. native was granted a medical redshirt and a fifth year of eligibility by the NCAA.

With leading tackler Marty

Hutchinson and co-sack leader Jeff Koval gone Wright and senior James Terry will be the heart and soul of the unit.

Spots on the offensive and defensive lines will also have to be filled after the departure of center Ryan Jewell, guard Joe DeBee, defensive tackle Jamel Lee and nose tackle Jim Phelan.

The team will have 11 more practices, including the Spring Game Friday, April 20, before breaking until summer camp begins Aug. 5.

But between now and then the Penguins will have a lot of things to find out about themselves.

"Our guys are excited and I think they know the task at hand...the reality is right now we are sitting here as an average football team going into spring," Heacock said. "We haven't done anything. Team 2007 hasn't played any games. We haven't practiced anything yet. We haven't lined up as a unit yet...The potential to have success is very, very good as I've told them."

### Spring football at a glance...

Wednesday, April 4	2:30 p.m.
Friday, April 6	3:30 p.m.
Monday, April 9	2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 11	3 p.m.
Wednesday, April 11	3 p.m. Coaches' Clinic
Friday, April 13	3:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 14	9 a.m. Scrimmage
Monday, April 16	2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 17	Noon Spring Luncheon
Tuesday, April 17	2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 18	2:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 19	2:30 p.m.
Friday, April 20	7:30 p.m. Spring Game

### New recruits

Dominique Barnes	WR
Patrick Bellish	TE
Andy Colegrove	TE
Paul Corsaro	QB
Ely Ducatel	WR
Nick Gooden	DB
Scooter Hargate	QB
Adam House	LB
Josh Lee	TB
Randy Louis	CB
Brian McLaughlin	TE
Joshua Myers	DT
Ben Nowicki	P
Stiles O'Brien	OL
Na'eem Outler	LB
David Rogers	QB
Brandian Ross	FS
John Sasson	LB
Greg Sazdanoff	OL
Nate Schkurko	LS
Dionte Snow	WR
Joel Younkins	FB/LB



### YSU SPORTS IN BRIEF

#### Women's Tennis Sweeps Dayton, 7-0

The Youngstown State women's tennis team won all the singles matches and two of the three doubles matches in the 7-0 win over the University of Dayton on Sunday. Senior Gina Peretti, and juniors Michelle Fuleky and Emily Thayer each won their matches in the third set tie-breakers. Peretti's win came over Kate Mellion in the No. 1 spot. Fuleky picked up her 6-2, 2-6, 10-6 at No. 2 singles while No. 3 Thayer beat Nicole Duzbay 5-7, 7-5, 10-7. Peretti and sophomore Nicole Haralambopoulos also won at No. 2 doubles 8-4. The women's tennis team will resume competition when they return home to face Robert Morris on Wednesday at Noon.

#### Thunder notch 1st franchise win

Youngstown's arena football team, the Mahoning Valley Thunder, took the field at the Chevorlet Center for the first time and outlasted the Tri-Cities Fever for a 48-40 triumph in front of the home crowd on Saturday. Following a 27-27 tie in the fourth quarter, Thunder wide receiver caught a Chris Archie caught a touchdown pass from quarterback Glen Gauntt to take the lead for good. Archie was also on the receiving end of the Thunder's first ever touchdown when he reeled in a pass late in the 1st quarter. The team will travel to New York to take on the Albany Conquest on Friday. The action can be heard on ESPN 1240 AM.

### BASEBALL

## Baseball returns home after being swept out of Chicago

**Andrew Berry**  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Youngstown State University baseball team's five-game win streak ended this past weekend as the team was swept in its second three game league series of the season at the hands of the University of Illinois-Chicago Flames.

The setback was not for a lack of effort as the Penguins lost each game by a single run in tough situations.

Friday's game was lost on a walk-off hit and error in the 9th inning and game one of Saturday's double-header saw the Penguins lose on a one-out suicide squeeze in the final frame of play.

The final contest had the Penguins down 5-2, but the squad was unable to overcome the deficit as the Flames cruised to a 5-4 victory to complete the sweep.

The three losses drop the Penguins record to 9-14 (3-3) and down to 4th in the standings. The sweep improved the Flames to 11-12 (4-2) and allowed them to claim the top spot from the Penguins.

Head coach Mike Florak said the team will use what happened over the weekend to improve its play in preparation for

today's home game against Duquesne University.

"We got some things we need to work on this week and focus on playing smarter," Florak said.

"You always have to keep working towards improvement because you're either getting better or getting worse."

For the team's second home contest of the season, the Duquesne Dukes will come to Youngstown with their 10-14 record and vital experience thanks to a tough schedule early in the season.

While the unit is not highly impressive on paper, Florak said the team is much more formidable than the statistics show.

"Duquesne is a strong team and they've played a schedule that is to the caliber of ours," he said. "Numbers

don't tell the story and it's going to be a tough game."

The key to the Penguins success will be getting its leadoff hitters on base and

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Dave Florak/ Head baseball coach

creating RBI opportunities for junior Erich Diedrich and the heart of the Penguins batting order.

Third baseman

Joe Koehnlein is hitting .398 on the season out of the leadoff spot with some time spent in the two-hole. Scoring runs to support the pitching staffs' efforts will be crucial, as the Dukes do not possess potent hitting power.

Getting back to its winning ways is important as Florak pointed out the team will be back in action with five games against Horizon League opponents beginning Friday with Wright State University.