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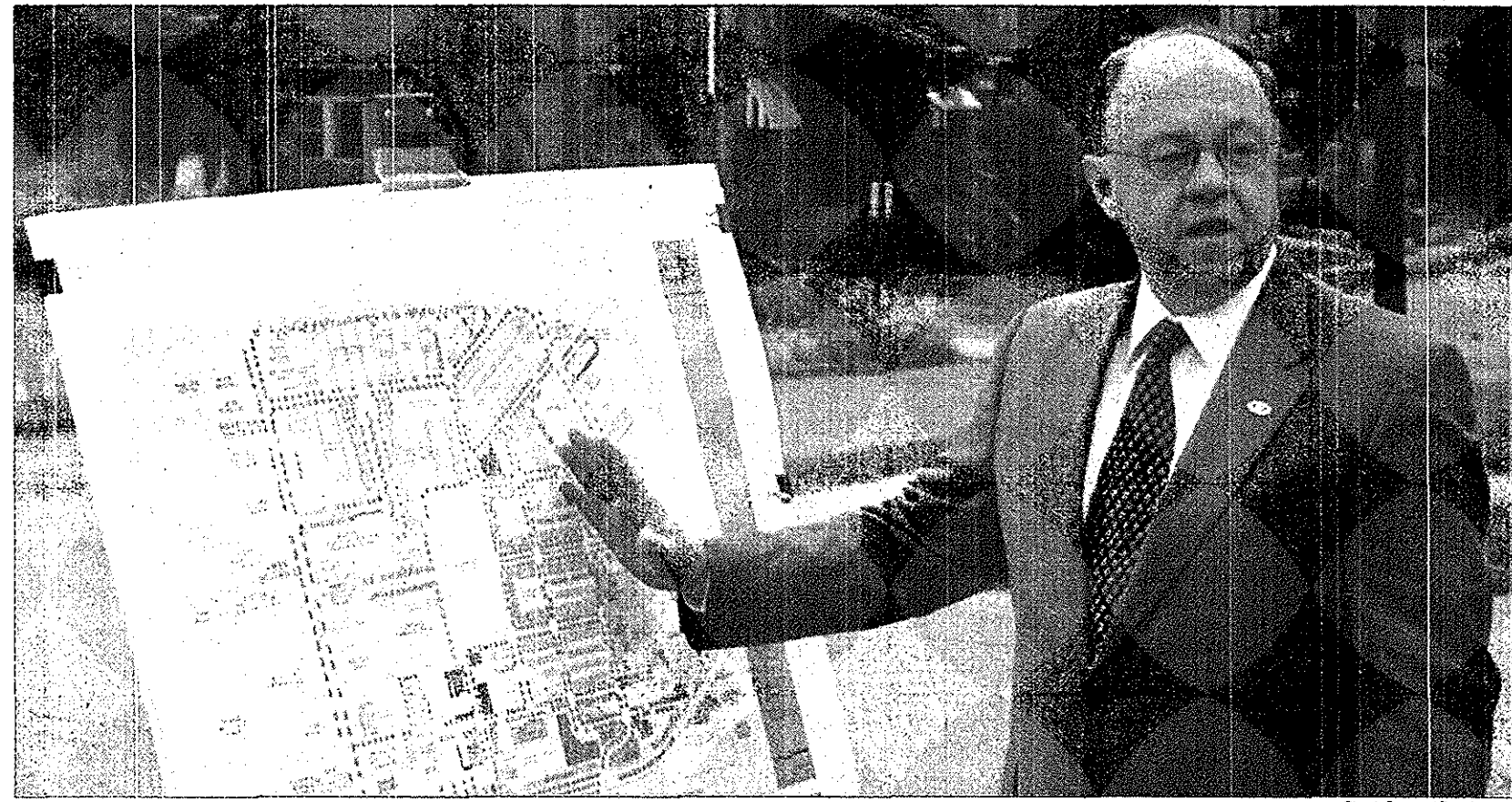
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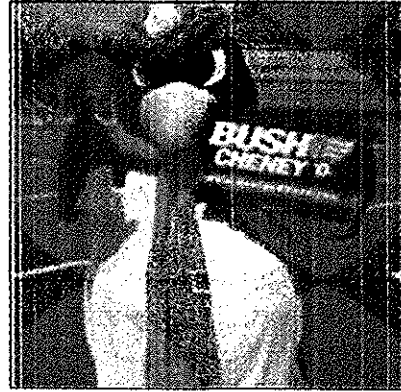
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▲ President David Sweet discusses renovation plans at Wednesday's press conference to announce the launch of the project's pre-development phase.



▲ Pete holds a "Bush Cheney 2004" sign in a Bush website photo. The image was later removed.

Partisan Pete photo ruffles university's feathers

LAURA CAGLEY | The Jambar

Youngstown State University officials informed administrators of the George W. Bush campaign Web site Wednesday that Pete the Penguin is not a registered Republican.

YSU's mascot, Pete the Penguin, appeared on the official Bush Web site calling into question both licensing issues and endorsement of the Bush campaign by YSU.

The photo, located in the student section of the Bush Web site, showed Pete standing on Beede Field holding a 'Bush-Cheney '04' sign in his wings. The caption next to the photo read "The YSU Penguin shows the student body's strong support for Bush/Cheney."

The site encourages students to e-mail pictures of their mascot to the site for posting.

Four other universities' see PETE, page 2

Analysis phase initiated in Smoky Hollow development

CT Consultants selected for \$205,000 study contract

MAYSOON ABDELRASTUL
The Jambar

A portion of Youngstown known for its vibrant past now has the opportunity to emerge once again as a substantial part of the community.

The first phase of the Smoky Hollow redevelopment was announced in a press conference Wednesday morning. CT Consultants has been chosen to head up the \$205,000 engineering analysis of the area.

Executive Director of Wick Neighbors Inc. Margaret Murphy said this project will reach out to a number of busi-

nesses, hopefully attracting more people to the city of Youngstown.

"This is a major first step in what we envision as a rebirth of a neighborhood for creative living, working and learning," Murphy said.

The 66-acre site that will be surveyed is located between the Madison Avenue Freeway and Rayen, Wick and Andrews avenues. Currently, only a hand full of homes remain in the Smoky Hollow neighborhood, however, the plan for the area consists of 500 units of housing and 330 square feet for commercial development.

Murphy said some construction, which she hopes will be completed by 2006, has already begun. The \$240 million project is being funded by private and public donors including John and Denise York, the Andrews Foundation, Dominion East Ohio, Youngstown State University and the city of Youngstown's Block Grant Program.

"There is interest in the community to further implement the project," Murphy said.

University President David Sweet said the university is happy to be part of the Wick

Neighbors Inc. and sees the cooperation between the two as a major step for the Youngstown 2010 project.

Director of Community Development Agency Jay Williams said the community funding shows there is significant support for revitalizing the Wick District and the Smoky Hollow area.

He added the revitalization will also attract various artists to the area and provide a greater access to the cultural amenities that Youngstown has to offer.

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SGA spearheads newspaper project

LEONARD CRIST | The Jambar

Students at Youngstown State University will be getting free newspapers this semester.

Student Government Association has entered into an agreement with the Collegiate Readership Program that will bring free newspapers to students, President Angela Mavrikis announced at Monday's SGA meeting.

SGA plans to sign up for The New York Times, USA Today and one other paper to be determined, Mavrikis said.

The papers will begin distribution on campus starting Oct.

18 and will continue for a four-week trial run, at no cost to the university. Though Mavrikis said she is unsure of the cost should the university decide to sign up for the program, she said SGA would seek funding from the university to ensure students would not be responsible for the expense.

The Collegiate Readership Program will be responsible for bringing the newspapers to campus each morning and removing the excess papers not taken by students, Mavrikis said. The papers will be located in three or four campus locations on weekdays only.

Mavrikis said there is no obligation to sign up after the trial period ends.

"At least, if nothing else, the students will get four weeks of

free newspapers," Mavrikis said after the meeting. "It's worth trying."

Also at the meeting, Parliamentarian Josh Taylor

reported that the wYre Internet radio station is up and running. Taylor asked that SGA representatives test the system out by

see SGA, page 4

CUE-mail rights prove elusive

LEONARD CRIST | The Jambar

At Monday's Student Government Association meeting, President Angela Mavrikis reported that, after a second meeting with Youngstown State University officials, she was no closer to securing SGA access to the CUE-mail student list.

SGA wants to send mass e-mails to the entire student body to inform them about campus issues and events. However, university officials are worried students may ignore mass mailings if they are sent too often.

Mavrikis said she has begun researching other Ohio universities' campus e-mail policies so she will have an informed opinion when she continues discussions with administrative officials.

At a recent meeting between Mavrikis and the YSU administration, it was proposed that SGA could send CUE-mails to Vice President of Student Affairs Cynthia Anderson, who has access to the student list. After approving the message,

see CUE-MAIL, page 4

Chakos' hire draws mixed responses

CRISTINA POE | The Jambar

The Dean of the College of Health and Human Services John Yemma said new information about a former professor's criminal past has he and other Youngstown State University administrators looking into hiring policies.

While university officials are questioning the hire of a convicted felon, some students in the College of Health and Human Services say they do not see the problem.

Kevin Chakos, a part-time instructor for the Health Professions department during Spring 2004 semester, was convicted on felony drug charges in 2001. He is now facing further charges for possessing oxycodone.

"That one snuck through the cracks," Yemma said. "There is a large number of part time people that we've hired that have never given us any trouble."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

▶ NEOCUS summit

The Student Government Association will be sponsoring a Northeastern Ohio College and University Summit on campus that will allow students and faculty to government leaders speak on current issues.

The key issues in this summit include tuition

costs, quality of education, job opportunities, the state economy, student health care and homeland security.

The featured speakers will be state senators Kevin Coughlin(R-27), Marc Dann (D-32), Eric Fingerhut(D-25), Robert Hagan(D-33) and a statement from Sen. Mike DeWine (R-OH).

This summit is free to all YSU students and faculty. It will be held Monday, Oct. 4 at 10:00 a.m. in Kilcawley

Center's Chestnut Room.

There is also an opportunity to register for prizes such as book money for the 2005 spring semester.

▶ Careers in English

English, journalism, web communications, and professional writing and editing majors will have a panel of professional alumni from these fields discuss their careers, give job search tips and strategies on how to best prepare for

your career.

The second hour will provide the opportunity for students to network with alumni. Refreshments will be provided.

This event will be held from noon to 2:00 p.m. Monday, Oct. 11 in the Ohio Room in Kilcawley Center.

For more information, contact Career Coordinator Christina Hardy at 330-941-3514.

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the jambar poll question

Should colleges endorse political candidates?

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NEWS IN BRIEF

► **Google executive to give web lecture**

James T. Reese, chief operations engineer for the Internet search engine Google, will give a talk entitled "Scaling the Web: An Overview of Google" at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday Oct. 5 at the Faboulois' Twenty Awards Breakfast at Mr. Anthony's Banquet Center. Reese will meet with students at 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Oct. 5 in the McKay Auditorium in the Beeghly College of Education. Reese started working with Google in 1999 and helped it grow from 300 computers to 15,000. He will be featured in the Williamson College of Business Administration's Williamson Symposium Series at Youngstown State University.

► **"Super Size Me" documentary Oct. 8**

The documentary "Super Size Me" will be shown on Oct. 8 at 2:00 p.m. in the Kilcawley Center Gallery in sponsorship from the Association of Family and Consumer Students and Students in Dietetics. The film offers a funny yet disturbing look at fast food, school lunch programs and the U.S. obesity epidemic. Info about the movie can be found at www.supersize.com.

Community nutrition students will present several short lectures prior to the film and a question and answer period will follow.

For more information contact Nicole Campbell, president of the Association of Family and Consumer Students thru e-mail at: camcreations@hotmail.com

► **Hispanic Heritage Committee seminar**

The Hispanic Heritage Month Planning Committee will hold an all-day conference on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center.

The theme of the conference is "To Vote is Power." Voter registrations will take place throughout the day with the assistance of the Mahoning County Board of Elections and a bilingual student.

The Executive Director of the Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs will give a keynote address and a discussion of health issues impacting the Hispanic community will be led by a nationally recognized health professional.

The conference will also feature a display of National Hispanic Art, dance lessons and information on health issues, local Hispanic businesses and employment opportunities.

► **Sexual harassment workshop Oct. 4**

A workshop will be held on campus to learn what sexual harassment is and how to recognize it in the workplace. Creating a positive work environment through communication and consideration, what to do if harassed and the responsibilities of a supervisor, faculty, etc. will also be discussed.

This workshop will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 4 in the Kilcawley Center Gallery.

There is limited space so call Rita Roberts in Human Resources at ext. 3470 or through e-mail at rmroberts@ysu.edu to register.

PETE

FROM PAGE 1

masco appear on the site, however, either students or the president appear in the photos. The image of Pete posted on the site had no other people pictured in the photo.

Pete the Penguin is a registered trademark of YSU. Debbie Lowe, who monitors the use of the licensed logo, said anyone who wants to use the image must first be granted permission. Lowe said a Bush official never contacted her for authorization to post the photo.

The university owns multiple Pete the Penguin costumes. Associate Director of Athletics Rick Love said it would be hard to pinpoint those involved with the photo.

"Probably 50 to 60 people have access to the suits," Love said. "You think they're using it for valid reasons and then it turns out they're playing games with you."

In response to the picture, Lowe contacted Jim Ray, legal counsel for the Bush webpage. Lowe said Ray admitted that the photo should not have been posted and apologized for its use. He could not indicate who took the photo or e-mailed it.

A Jambor reporter made several attempts to contact Ray and the Web site spokesperson Sharon Casteo. Neither could be reached for

comment.

Lowe said she and Ray reached an agreement to have the photo removed by 5 p.m. Tuesday. The photo was not removed until 4 p.m. Wednesday.

As a state-funded university, YSU cannot endorse any political party.

Jean Engle, assistant director of Marketing and Communications, called the Bush Web site's use of the photo a "huge violation."

"[The mascot] is not for use in partisan politics," Engle said.

Love agreed, stating that not only is the use of the mascot a licensing issue, but that it is "a violation in and of itself."

"The university stays neutral on issues," Love said, noting political literature cannot be distributed at games.

Tracey Winbush, a staff member of the Mahoning County Republican Headquarters, said she sees no conflict of interest in the photo.

She said the photo does not give the impression YSU endorses Bush, but that it is "the student inside the costume that supports the Bush campaign."

Staffers at the Mahoning County Democratic Headquarters did not agree. Lindsay Irvine, also a YSU student, called the photo "kind of ridiculous."

"[Mascots] should not be



Chuck Rogers | The Jambor

► **Bring Your Own Bird** - Babylon, a three-year-old Umbrella Cockatoo, attended class Tuesday with owner Tara Mihaly. The anthropology senior said the bird can talk and bark like a dog. The bird said "I love you."

used by campaigns," said Republican Party Pat Melton Irvine.

Jemimah Robbs, president of Young Republicans of YSU commented that no Kerry supporters would feel threatened by the photo and that its posting on the Web site is "pretty harmless."

State Chair of the

said he does not think the picture shows a university endorsement. "It's not like it's the president of the university," Melton said. "I mean, the mascot has no real standing. It's freedom of expression."

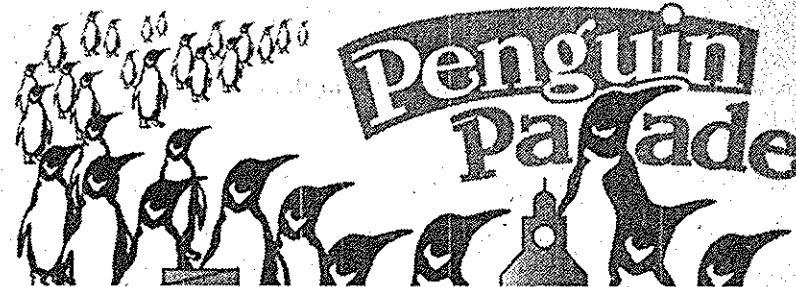
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POLICE REPORTS

- Police were called to Kilcawley House on Sept. 26 after a student had a possible seizure. The student was playing video games when he became dizzy and fell to the floor hitting his head on a filing cabinet. Rural Metro transported the student to St. Elizabeth's Medical Center.
- On Sept. 25, an officer responded to screams that a woman had fallen on the ramp leading to the steps on Spring Street. The police report said the officer found her laying on the cement ramp. Action Ambulance transported the woman to St. Elizabeth's Medical Center for a possible head injury.

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Pete possesses no party preference

Penguins, as of yet, have not been granted suffrage under the U.S. Constitution.

In fact, we even doubt they have the ability to use a voting machine, as they lack opposable thumbs.

Therefore it is pretty safe to say that Pete the Penguin does not support President George Bush in the coming election, nor does he support Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry. Whether he would support Ralph Nader is irrelevant since he will not appear on the Ohio ballot.

Yet, recently, Pete's image was pirated for use on the Bush / Cheney Web site. Our penguin was seen holding a sign endorsing the current president in the upcoming election. Next to the image was a caption stating that the Youngstown State University student body strongly supported his campaign.

Thankfully, the Bush camp removed the image at the university's request. We're just disappointed it was put there in the first place.

In fact, we disagree with the entire concept of a university's mascot endorsing any political ideology. Unless, a poll was taken indicating that every student, faculty member, staff member and administrative official on that campus supported a particular candidate, the use of its image is misleading.

Pete is a representative of YSU. To say that Pete would endorse one specific candidate, no matter his party affiliation, is ludicrous. The use of his image to portray allegiance to any political party is an insult to and denial of the richly diverse composition of this university's student body.

New jobs welcome news

What a refreshing message.

News came Tuesday afternoon that West Corp., a telecommunications company out of Omaha, Neb., will be heading into the old MCI call center in Niles. Along with the new company comes 880 new jobs.

Now, almost 900 individuals, many of who were put out of a job when MCI shut down this summer, will be back in the work force.

Knowing a large number of people will be employed in full-time positions is a comforting thought. Though it is a small percentage of the population, it is encouraging to know that some people in our Valley will have the opportunity to better their lives.

We applaud the notion of more jobs and more income in this area and hope more corporations will follow the lead of West Corp. and recognize the resources and opportunities for expansion present in this area.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

United Way supports discrimination

Editor -

At my job, I have been asked once again to contribute to the United Way Campaign.

It would be easy for me to say yes, go ahead and put me down for a payroll deduction. That would satisfy my employer and my supervisors and help us reach our Pacesetter goals. But my conscience bothers me.

United Way has pursued funding policies that are partisan and discriminatory.

The Boy Scouts of America discriminates as a matter of policy against gay scouts and scoutmasters, yet the local United Way continues to fund this organization. United Way locals in other communities have dropped their funding for the Boy Scouts because of this policy. United Way also contributes to the Salvation

Army, another organization that has proclaimed at a national level its policy of discriminating against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

The local United Way funds at least nine organizations that are charitable outreach programs of churches. Many of these churches preach against a woman's right to choose, particularly the Catholic church. Yet United Way does not fund Planned Parenthood, an organization that supports a woman's right to control her reproductive destiny.

I will not funnel my contribution to the public good through an organization that gives an approving nod to social services that do not serve the entire community and withholds funds from others they consider too politically risky.

I urge others to do the same. We can donate directly to the social-welfare organizations of our choosing until United Way makes better, fairer choices.

-Jean Engle
Youngstown

EDITORIAL CARTOON

The Candidates RESEARCH for the DEBATES...



To watch, or not to watch?

Will the coming presidential candidate debates have any sway with voters?

Americans realize debates are scripted

Debates last chance to sway undecided voters

LEONARD CRIST | The Jambor

Will you be watching the first of a 2004 presidential debates tonight?

Unless you are a political junkie have nothing better to do on a Thursday evening, chances are you won't be.

During the Carter / Reagan debate in 1980, more than 60 percent of American households tuned in, according to Nielsen Media Research. But during the Bush / Gore debates in 2000, less than 30 percent watched. Where did all the viewers go?

Some might say that Americans aren't civically minded these days. A voter turnout that hovers under 50 percent is good evidence of that. Also, there is more competition from cable, DVDs, video games, the Internet and other distracting forms of media that weren't available 24 years ago.

But the real reason people aren't watching the presidential debates anymore is because they are scripted.

The Commission on Presidential Debates, the supposedly non-partisan group that runs the debates, actually answers directly to the two candidates. Every four years, negotiators for the major candidates decide what is and isn't allowed in the debate format, compiling it into a "Memorandum of Understanding," a 34-page document this year. The commission acquiesces to the candidates' every demand.

Bush and Kerry don't want to be in an uncomfortable situation live on national television so they write rules, for example, that say no candidate can address the other candidate or ask them questions. Isn't that the very definition of a debate?

According to Webster, to debate is to engage in argument by discussing opposing points. I can assure you that there will be very few engaging arguments between Bush and Kerry at any of this year's debates.

So the debates are nothing but show actors reciting lines, "glorified bi-partisan press conferences" as the group Open Debates calls it.

Of course, I will still be watching them and I encourage all Americans to watch the debates - just don't expect any fireworks.

I mean, it's possible that after a particularly hard question, John Kerry will throw his hands up in the air and exasperate, "George, you were right, I am a flip-flopper."

And it's possible that after being girded with an intense follow up question by moderator Jim Llerer, George Bush will meekly admit, "John, you know, about that Iraq war - maybe the mission wasn't accomplished."

These things could happen. But I kid of doubt it.

LEONARD CRIST | 330-941-1989

DANIEL GRIESEMER | The Jambor

Screw the 10 second sound bites, the long distance verbal jabs and the implied policies.

We'll see who's really the "softer" candidate tonight when they George Bush and John Kerry duke it out in the first of three debates.

Repeatedly, we've heard that the country is staunchly divided on partisan lines and that "likely voters" have had their minds made up for a while as to whom they will support in the ballot box come November.

Tonight, Bush and John Kerry will not be speaking to their supporters - it's far too close to E-day to be preaching to the choir.

Instead they will be appealing to a substantial group of Americans who have yet to answer one of the most basic questions of a democratic society - "Will I vote?"

In a series of three debates, Americans will be given the chance to do a side-by-side comparison of the two candidates as they are questioned on today's most pressing issues. Within each answer, Bush and Kerry will be striving to give the apathetic a reason to give a damn, get off their asses and go vote.

Tonight especially will be interesting, as Bush and Kerry focus on foreign policy issues. Though we have a pretty decent idea where each candidate stands on the war in Iraq, this will be our only opportunity to hear the candidates have an open dialogue (of sorts) on the matter.

The presidential election of 2000 all but silenced the "my vote doesn't count" argument, and if the polls in swing states are accurate, this election could be equally close.

Let's face it. Neither candidate has emerged as the crowd favorite. A good chunk of Republican voters aren't pleased with Bush's performance and the Democrats aren't exactly thrilled with Kerry either. Voters may simply be trying to determine which candidate will do the least amount of damage as president in four years.

We also learned in 2000 that the popular vote means nothing, and that the Electoral College is a funny, funny system that makes predicting a winner difficult.

With quite a few electoral votes hanging in the balance, it's very possible that the candidate who "wins" the debates will win the White House.

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CHAKOS

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Yemma said, as the hiring process stands, there is no way of telling if a potential hire has a drug addiction or criminal past. He added the university, as well as his own department, are looking into processes that would allow them to ask such questions during the interview process.

Although Yemma said Chakos' was "excellent" in the classroom and had a positive evaluation, he said his criminal record would have prevented him from being hired.

"I could never take a chance on letting a person like that teach our students," Yemma said. "I would be taking a gamble and it's one I would probably lose."

However, some students of the College Health and Human Services disagree.

Senior Keith Chance said he is not concerned with a professor's personal life as long as it does not affect his performance in the classroom.

"I'd rather learn from a

teacher that does drugs and cares than one who doesn't do drugs and doesn't care about his students," Chance said.

Freshman Jessica Kluber said she would not turn away from a class if she found out the professor had a history with drugs. Kluber said the teacher's evaluation is what matters.

"If his evaluation was good, he obviously wasn't slacking in class," Kluber said. "It shows that his students were learning and he cared about them."

Andrew Bell, health and human services representative to the Student Government Association, said he does not feel hiring professors with who have previous drug charges should be a problem, as long as the department was able to conclude the individual has been successfully treated.

"The good thing that will come out of this is that it will cause the administration to take a deeper look into all of the individuals that they hire," Bell said.

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CUE-MAIL

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Anderson would then send it to the student body under her CUE-mail account.

While Mavrikis said the proposal is "better than nothing," she is still pushing for SGA to have their own access to the student list. Mass e-mails Mavrikis said, could be the "most valuable" form of communication for SGA.

"I think that seeing Dr. Anderson's name something versus seeing, say, my name, because I'm student government president, may change the likelihood of somebody opening up an e-mail," Mavrikis said.

Anderson said she is concerned with the volume of internal YSU mail that students receive in their inboxes.

"We want the CUE-mail to be used for its intended purpose, but we also realize that students get a lot of mail through their e-mail accounts," Anderson said. "We don't want to utilize the CUE-mail system such that

they will begin ignoring the mail that they get."

One important decision that needs to be made, Anderson said, is which events should be posted on the online campus calendar and which events should be e-mailed. If SGA were to send out messages once a week, that would be an effective use of the CUE-mail system, she said.

It is not likely that SGA would send e-mails on a daily or even weekly basis, Mavrikis said. She said there is a limited list of events throughout an entire academic year she would consider mass e-mailing, including Welcome Week, Homecoming and SGA elections.

Because YSU is a public university, another option in SGA's quest to gain mass e-mailing privileges could be obtaining the student list through an open records request.

Interim Chief Technology Officer Donna Esterly said one company in Texas requested the list through an open records request a few years ago,

resulting in the numerous "Penguin Singles" e-mails that litter student inboxes.

Mavrikis acknowledged the possibility of obtaining the list through open records laws, but said it would be "a very underhanded" way to gain access.

"It's not to say that it would never come to that point, if student government felt the need was great enough and the obstacles were too hard to overcome," Mavrikis said. "I guess it just would be the sneaky way of getting what we want."

Esterly said while SGA and other groups could put in an open records request for the e-mail list, she would rather work with campus groups as much as possible to ensure the group will maintain constantly updated student lists.

She also said that, based on the meetings that have occurred, YSU is looking to update its mass e-mailing policies within the next month or so.

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SGA

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listening to the station as often as possible.

Vice President for Financial Affairs Bob McGovern said a random computer play list is providing the music because the station currently does not have a staff, though there are two applicants for the station manager position.

McGovern added that, once disc jockeys are recruited, there may be talk shows, or a DJ could take requests through instant messenger. They also plan to play local music on the station.

SGA also approved an appropriations bill, providing money for eight student organizations that requested funds.

The eight groups receiving funds are:

- Youngstown Environmental Studies Society; approved \$1,500 for America Recycles Day, Earth Day Symposium and Earth Day Festival.

- Campus Crusade for Christ; approved \$350 for their retreat.

- YSU Environmental and Animal Rights Coalition; approved \$240 for flyers.

- Student Physical Therapy Association; approved \$1,120 for their annual conference.

- Zeta Tau Alpha; approved \$1,000 for the Pink Ribbon Cheer Classic.

- National Student Nurses Association; approved \$800 for their annual convention.

- YSU Jazz Societies; approved \$600 for retaining the services of Jason Rigby.

- YSU University Scholars Trustees; approved \$410 for Fall Festival and Homelessness Awareness Week.

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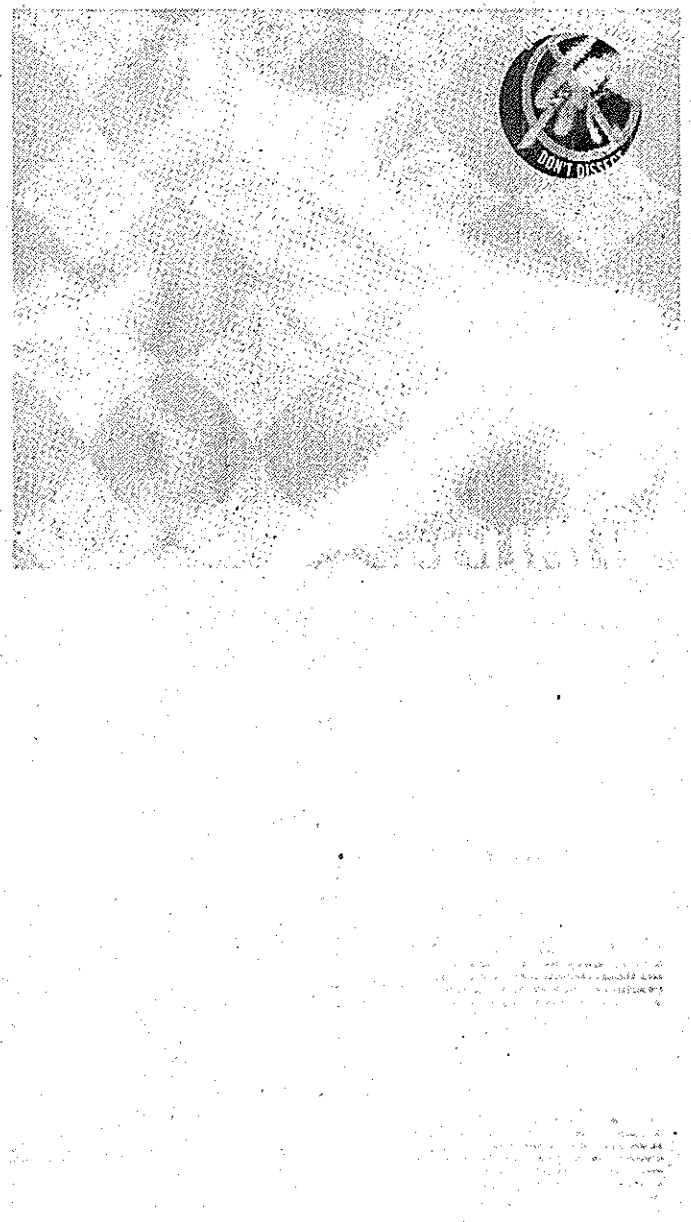
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entertainment

Mighty Moe's is ready to serve YSU

BILL RODGERS | The Jambar

Professional and slick looking, Mighty Moe's Sports Restaurant practically announces itself to students from across the street. Of course, the speakers mounted on the roof that blare music and food orders help a lot, too.

The interior of the restaurant is impressive to say the least. Everything inside — walls, ceiling, chairs and floor are painted with a gray and red Youngstown State University color scheme. Stylish black piping and neon rope lights stretch across the ceiling. There's hardly a place sit without being able to see one of the many televisions.

Mohammad "Moe" Fard owns the restaurant, which opened Monday. It was designed to attract college students and offers a huge menu that can also be ordered in advance or even delivered. Fard says he also plans on putting in a drive-thru in the coming months.

Fard, also the director of the Tri-County Sports Complex in Struthers, converted the restaurant from an old Burger King building he bought back in 2000.

"I wanted this restaurant to be the first in a franchise I want to start across universities throughout the country," Fard said.

Fard said the franchise would be geared mainly toward college students, hence his offer of free delivery to the YSU campus and dormitories.

The restaurant took a while for Fard to open.

"I almost had to tear the entire building up to get it ready," Fard said. Fard said he delayed the restaurant's opening because he wanted to make sure everything was ready and perfect.

"I wanted to make sure everything was done right," Fard said. "I wanted to give students the best first impression I could."

Some of the students patronizing Fard's restaurant on Tuesday seemed happy with the results.

"It looks great inside here," said YSU freshman Katina Hazimihatis. "I plan on stopping by here again tomorrow."

"I love that they serve French fries here," said senior Keith Logan. "No one around here serves fries except for Arby's and it gets old eating the same thing everyday."

University President David Sweet commented on Fard's restaurant as well.

"I'm very pleased to see the investment in a restaurant that upholds such high-quality standards," Sweet said. "It fits into the master plan of improvement for the YSU community."

Fard said he expects his business to do well and that the other restaurants on the street could benefit from his restaurant opening.

"This isn't a matter of competition," Fard said. "As a business man, I'd like to see everyone survive. I think we can really feed off each other because customers will come to this street for the variety of food choices our businesses offer."

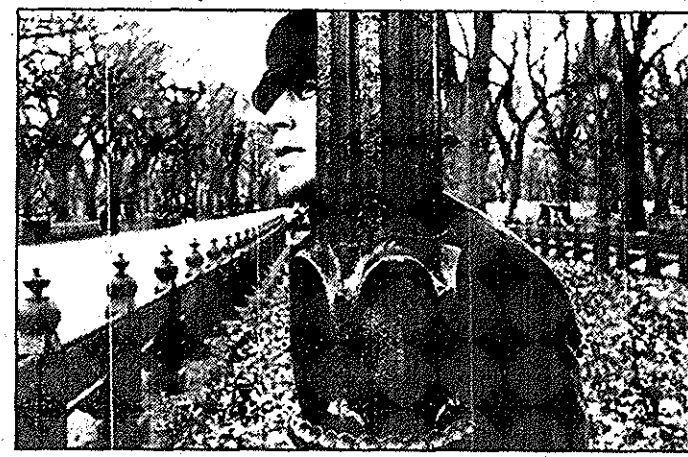
Rocco Nerti, assistant manager at the Roly Poly sandwich shop next door to Mighty Moe's, mirrored Fard's statement.

"I think we'll see a bit of a loss this first week he's open, but everything will balance out," Nerti said. "It'll help us out now that his restaurant brought more people down to this area."

Fard has his own personal favorite items on his menu. He says he recommends his gyros and the pizza, which will be available next week.



▲ Farideh Ghassab serves up a chicken parmesan sandwich on a kaiser roll.



Louque CD blends old and new styles

BILL RODGERS | The Jambar

Hundreds of musical genres seem to be created almost daily in the music industry. With many different artists each straining to find a way to define their specific style, terminology springs up overnight and it can be hard to keep track.

Prepare to add another one to the list. Courtesy of Dustin Louque (pronounced, "Luke") of the musical project Louque comes the term "faya."

Faya, short for "NewLaFaya," is the term that Louque and his co-writers Seth Gold and Donovan Guidry use to describe their down-tempo electronic music that keeps heavy ties to the earthy soulful sounds of Louque's home state of Louisiana.

Louque explores his own genre in his debut CD "So Long," released by Lava records. "So Long," which spent two and a half years in production, offers nine songs by Louque that delve into the otherworldly ethereal sounds faya offers its listeners.

Louque's music is consistent throughout "So Long," but it's very difficult to describe in concrete terms. It helps instead to describe the variety of sounds on the CD.

The music is very slow and steady, hardly ever picking up the beats per minute. It's bass-heavy and makes a lot of use of electronic beats and sound effects.

Throughout it all are Louque's raspy, yet soulful vocals that appear to be a throwback to his home in cajun Louisiana. Louque also makes use of a conventional piano and an old type of electric piano, called a Wurliizer, a staple instrument for The Doors. Louque also includes samples of old R&B and soul songs from his home in his music.

These "older" kinds of elements when used with the "newer" electronic sounds create a delicious, mellow sound that gives "So Long" its punch. This blend seems to be

the idea behind faya music. Comfortable, soul, grit, vibe, moody, tender, ambient — these are the words with which you must define Louque.

Strong songs abound on "So Long."

The first song on the CD happens to be one of the greatest, "Perique" (named after a type of tobacco grown in Louisiana) is absolutely fantastic. It's bass-heavy and atmospheric. With Louque's slow crooning and trippy, light organ arrangements, it's a song that seems to come out of "somewhere else" and envelop the listener.

Louque received much critical praise for his cover of Mazzy Star's "Cry Cry," a song Louque arranged in a matter of minutes. It was recorded for fun, but the group later realized the importance it could have on the CD. Luckily, it was kept on the recording.

Also of note on "So Long" is the song "Time Will Take." In this track, all of the focus is on Louque's voice. Louque doesn't disappoint as he sways back and forth between his laid-back and powerful singing voices.

"So Long" isn't without its weak points, however.

At times, Louque seems to be a victim of his own genre. Some of the tracks on the CD have the possibility to bore. Songs like "I Did" seem to follow a formula and don't really impress. If not for a really cool reverberating guitar, "I Did" would be entirely useless.

Louque's genre, while really amazing, may not be able to support a wide range of sounds. The song "Kenny the Jet," featuring spitfire rapping from MC Pauley Ethnic, seems almost out of place on the CD.

Still, these setbacks aren't enough to deny the fact that Louque is really pioneering a great sound with "So Long." The relaxing and moody atmospheres Louque creates are too good to be passed up.

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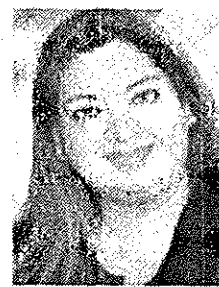
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Jim Reese joined Google in 1999 as employee No. 18. Since that time, Jim has played a key role in managing the hardware and network infrastructure development to support Google's growth. Specifically, Jim directed the expansion of Google's server farm and network from 300 machines to the current number of more than 15,000. To manage all of these machines, Jim implemented a highly automated system for remotely administering and monitoring the entire cluster. Jim also contributed to optimizing Google's network to transfer the petabytes of data involved in the search engine index. Prior to joining Google, Jim worked as a neurologist and computer consultant for SRI International. At SRI, he helped to develop software for qualitative analysis of magnetic resonance images (MRIs) of the human brain.

Jim, a Mahoning Valley native, received an AB in biology from Harvard and an MD from Yale medical school. In addition to having been a singer and guitarist in a number of bands that have released several CDs, Jim is a trained neurosurgeon.



Anu Shukla
CEO, RubiconSoft, Inc.

Tuesday, October 12
Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center
12:30 p.m. • 2:00 p.m.
Cafaro Suite, Williamson Hall
6:00 p.m.

"Entrepreneurship in a Global Environment: Lessons Learned"

Anu Shukla is currently CEO and founder of RubiconSoft, Inc., which offers a suite of Revenue Performance Management applications designed to enable companies to set and reconcile revenue and margin targets at a granular level. Ms. Shukla was also the founder and CEO of Rubric, Inc., a Silicon Valley Internet software company that pioneered Enterprise Marketing Automation (EMA). Rubric was acquired for \$366 million in February 2000. Prior to Rubric, Ms. Shukla was the VP of Marketing and Product Strategy at Versata, Inc. (NASDAQ: VATA). Before Versata, Ms. Shukla was the Chief Operating Officer at mFactory, Inc., where she raised significant capital for the company and launched a multi-media authoring tool. As Vice President of World-wide Marketing and Product Management at Compuware/Uniface Corporation she played a major role in Compuware's \$433 million acquisition of Uniface. During her five years there, Uniface's sales grew from \$10M to over \$85M. Prior to Uniface, Ms. Shukla held senior marketing positions at Unity Corporation and California Micro Devices.

Ms. Shukla has a MBA, marketing emphasis, from Youngstown State University. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in History with honors from St. Stephen's College in New Delhi, India.

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Tournament victories fuel optimism

JUSTIN SMOLKOVICH
The Jambor

The Youngstown State University softball team is quickly becoming a contender for the league championship and beyond as they took four of five games this past weekend at the Kent State University Invitational.

Fifth year head coach Christy Cameron said she is rather pleased.

"Everything is going very well, we are just executing very well at this point," said Cameron.

The Penguins played well over the two-day tournament, defeating Gannon, Ashland, and Walsh all on the same day, outscoring their opponents 16-7.

Against Ashland, junior pitcher Kelly Murphy pitched a three hitter in a 2-1 victory. Leading the way against Walsh, freshman Bethany Hafley recorded two inside the park home runs in an 8-4 victory. The Penguins defeated Gannon by a score of 6-2.

On the second day of the tournament, the Penguins opened the day by beating the Ohio State Buckeyes by a score of 5-1. Murphy once again flexed her muscle as she pitched another complete game.

The Penguins' only let down came against host team Kent State as they fell 5-4 for their first loss of the untraditional season. The Penguins record fell to 9-1.

Despite the winning record so far, Cameron says things are only going to get harder from here.

"Nothing is going to be handed to us, as long as we work hard good things will happen for this team," Cameron said.

Even though the Penguins have many new faces on the team, the winning contributions have been coming from all over, Cameron said.

"We have had everyone on the team contribute. So far this season has been a complete and total team effort," Cameron said.

Games played in the fall are part of the "untraditional season". This season ends on Oct. 3 when the Penguins travel to Columbus for the Ohio State Invitational.

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Football

Penguins set to top WKU Hilltoppers

YSU takes its game on the road again Saturday

SHAWN BUSKIRK
The Jambor

Coming off of an impressive 27-17 home pounding of Liberty University, the Youngstown State University football team readies its troops to head south of the border into Bowling Green, Kentucky to take on the sixth-ranked Hilltoppers of Western Kentucky University.

Saturday's contest, which will begin the Penguins' march through the Gateway Conference, looks to be a great one featuring a ridiculously stout defense for Western Kentucky, and a rushing attack from the Penguins that sits amongst the top five in the country.

Last week, Coach Heacock and his Penguins went soul searching to find what it was that could get them back into the win column. After last Saturday night, the team found just that.

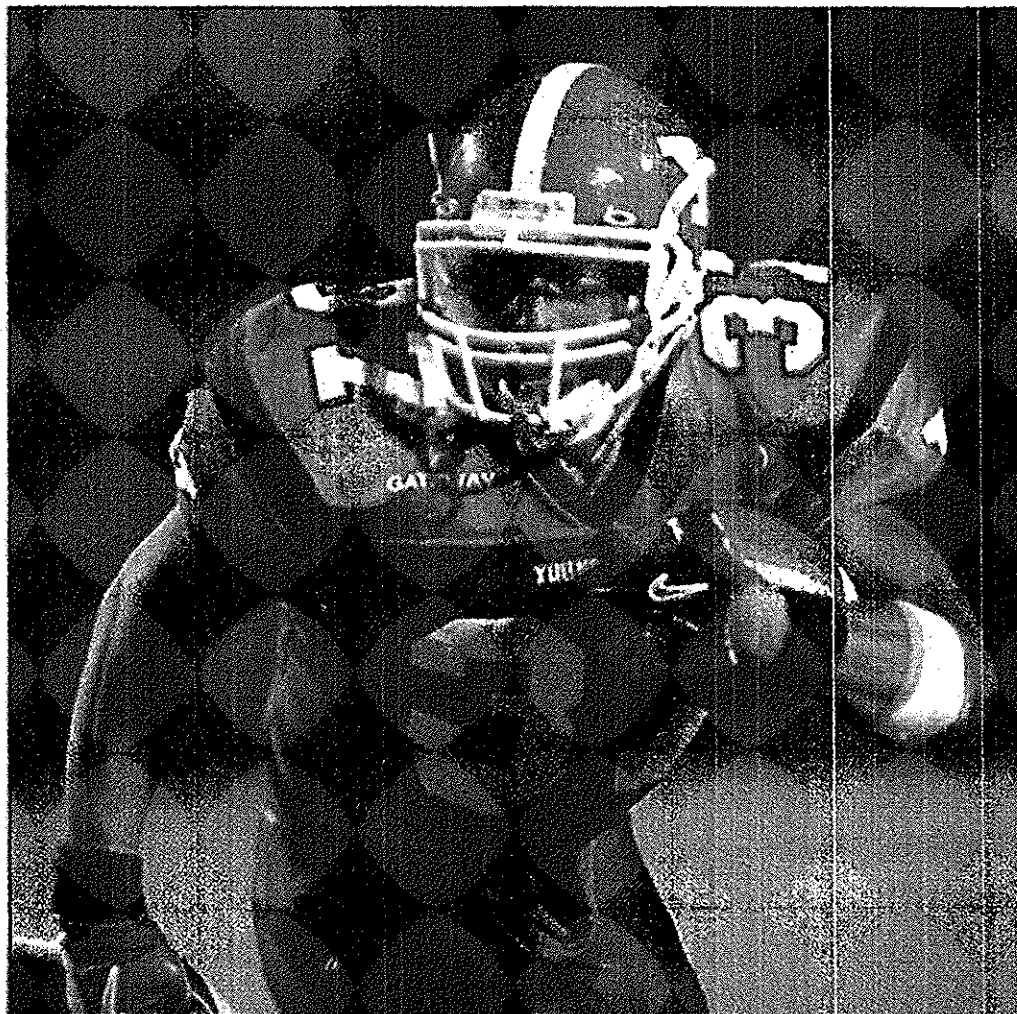
The Penguins beat the Liberty University Flames this past weekend at Stambaugh Stadium, and just like in weeks two and three, the opposing defense was injected with the powerful running game of sophomore running back Monquantae Gibson.

Gibson racked up 160 yards on 30 carries, along with a pair of touchdowns. One, a 27-yard launch from red shirt freshman quarterback Tom Zetts and another by his own power and grace from 53 yards out just minutes into the game.

In Tuesday's press conference, Heacock proclaimed, "Monquantae's on a roll. He's done a great job. He's such a strong, powerful guy."

Senior wide receiver Phil Larmon stated Tuesday, "We're not where we need to be exactly on offensive, but as long as we don't beat ourselves and turn the ball over, we'll be in every game."

The Penguins take that idea into Kentucky this weekend. For two of the YSU players, this game has more meaning than just a conference



Chuck Rogers | The Jambor

▲ Sophomore tail back Monquantae Gibson was named as the Gateway Football Conference's Offensive Player of the Week. Gibson tallied more than 100 yards rushing in each of the last three games and scored two touchdowns in YSU's match against Liberty.

"We haven't taken any steps backwards. We are ready for Western Kentucky.."

- Coach Jon Heacock

opener.

Senior linebacker Yancey Marcum, who led the Penguins defense in tackles in 2003, has to sit out the season due to injury. That being difficult enough, he must travel with the team down the state from which his football career was produced.

"All I can do is run up and down the sidelines and cheer our guys on. I'd give anything to play in this game. I would like nothing more than to go down there and beat Western Kentucky," said Marcum.

Not only does Marcum have Kentucky history, but so does star running back Gibson. Gibson was a 1-A transfer from the University of Kentucky this year. He has rushed for an average of 150 yards per game, and at the present moment, he sits fourth in the country in that category.

Sophomore center Ryan Jewell will be out of Saturday's game with minor injuries and will be replaced by Sophomore John Foster, a usual scout team player for the Penguins.

"Foster came in last Saturday and did very well," said Heacock.

The Penguins are going to need all they can give come Saturday night in Kentucky, where they'll face one of the toughest and most opportunistic defenses in the country.

Western Kentucky features a defensive assault that has produced 12 interceptions and two fumble recoveries in only three games this season. The "Toppers missed a chance to add to that total in a game versus Florida International this past weekend, but thanks to the forces of Hurricane Jeanne, that non-conference duel has

been rescheduled for Nov. 20.

Senior corner back Antonio Thomas leads the way for the WKU defense with three picks, followed by three other fellow defensemen who have two interceptions each. The Hilltoppers boast this defense with an offense that secures the ball just as well as the defense can take it away.

Sophomore quarterback Justin Haddix has been sacked just once all season thanks to great play from the WKU offensive line. Also his keen ability to throw the ball away and gain yardage when a busted play occurs has made him capable of keeping his interception total to a mere one pick all year.

"He does a good job for them. He's not great, but he's good at doing the things they (WKU coaches) ask him to do. He was tremendous in the Kansas State game,

and he seems to make some great plays," Heacock commented on the play of QB Haddix.

WKU has had two weeks to recuperate from its last trip out on Sept. 18, where they left Richmond, Kentucky, home of the Eastern Kentucky Colonels, with an impressive 21-8 victory in the "Battle of the Bluegrass."

In that game, junior Running Back, Lerron Moore, scored three times to propel the Hilltoppers over its non-conference rival. The Penguins-Hilltoppers battle this Saturday is set to have the same feel of a rivalry for the Penguins as it did WKU versus EKV.

Larmon stated, "They've had our number the last few years. But the crazy thing about the Gateway Conference is that any team can beat any other team at any given time."

Heading into Bowling Green Saturday night will be a true test of the Penguins' character. The team is back up to .500 with a 2-2 mark in its non-conference games. The real play begins Saturday with the opening of Gateway Conference play.

The Penguins look to break a 10-game losing streak to ranked 1-AA opponents and also a six game slide versus ranked teams on the road. The good numbers are with the Penguins who are 6-1 in Gateway opening games, whereas WKU is 0-3.

Coach Heacock left fans with these words for Saturday's game: "We've made progress since our first game, but we haven't played a Gateway game. We're going to get better this week and go play Western Kentucky. We haven't taken any steps backwards. We are ready for Western Kentucky."

The Penguins take on the sixth-ranked Western Kentucky Hilltoppers (2-1) Saturday, Oct. 2, at 7:30 pm in L.T. Smith Stadium in Bowling Green, Ky.

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Sports Briefs

Volleyball
The Youngstown State University Penguins volleyball team had a rough weekend as they dropped two games against Chicago on Friday and Loyola on Saturday.

The Penguins lost 3-1 against Chicago by scores of 24-30, 30-23, 30-32 and 19-30. Leading the Penguins was freshman Sarah Wellner who blasted a game high

17 kills. Fellow freshman recorded 16 kills.

Saturday was no better for the Penguins as they were swept by Loyola losing in three by scores of 24-30, 28-30 and 20-30. Senior Melanie Pounders and freshman Jessica Fraley each collected eight kills for the Penguins. With the loss, the Penguins fall to 7-7 overall and 0-2 in the conference.

Women's golf
The Penguins women's golf team placed eight of 11 teams Saturday at the Eastern Kentucky Fall Invitational. The Penguins shot a total of 977. Leading the way once again for the Penguins was senior Gina Abruzzino who finished in at 11 overall.

Abruzzino shot a 234, only nine shots behind tournament

winner Kentucky's Erin Faulkner. Mallory Wyderka placed 37 overall, while Brittany Jones finished in the 43 spot. Kristen Albrecht trailed close behind, finishing at 46 while Felicia Ciotola came in at 54.