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YSU, state plan new community college

Chancellor and YSU chair discuss need for a separate community college in Youngstown.

Adrienne Sabo
 Editor in Chief

Youngstown State University is working on a proposal for a community college initiative that includes separating YSU from the community college after 10 years.

Nathan Ritchey, professor and chair of the mathematics and statistics department, said Ohio Board of Regents Chancellor Eric Fingerhut requested that after 10 years, the community college would



Nathan Ritchey
 Mathematics and Statistics Chair

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Eric Fingerhut
 Ohio Board of Regents Chancellor

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be a separate institution from YSU.

"If we move forward it would be with the understanding that it would be a freestanding institution," Ritchey said.

Fingerhut said, "What we're building is an independent community college."

He said the Mahoning Valley

and neighboring counties are the largest section of the state that lacks a community college. There are students who would be better served at a community college, he said.

"We want students to be successful," Fingerhut said.

He said a community college plays an important role for students

who are in need of assistance to be college ready. A community college education helps prepare individuals for jobs and provides less costly ways to complete the first two years of college.

YSU President David Sweet said the ideal plan would be for "underprepared students to enter through the community college."

Sweet said the community college would have its own board and would be a freestanding institution.

Ritchey said he is hopeful to have the draft proposal done by this week for Fingerhut to review. The university would also want to share this with the campus community, he said.

Both Sweet and Ritchey said they want feedback on the proposal

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YSU



Perfect Landing

Three officers presented an award to officers who did an investigation — which resulted in convictions — for the May 2005 murder of Dr. Gulam Moonda on the Ohio Turnpike. Lt. Mike Stein, assistant aviation section commander for the Ohio Highway Patrol, dropped the presenters off by helicopter to Kilcawley Center at Youngstown State University Friday afternoon. The helicopter landed on the practice field on Elm Street. Photos by Ashley Tate, The Jambar.



YSU

Mahoning County Board of Mental Health seeks safety grant for YSU

Sarah Sole
 News Editor

If the Mahoning County Board of Mental Health can obtain a \$50,000 grant from the Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation, Youngstown State University can secure campus safety education.

The grant would provide additional crisis intervention education for campus faculty and staff.

YSU Police Sgt. Michael Cretella said the grant money would fund additional education for campus faculty and staff. Housing staff needs information, he said, but the education would be campus wide.

Depending upon grant restrictions, the money would go toward eight hours of training sessions, he said.

The additional training would help faculty and staff become more aware of how to deal with students who pose safety threats, he said. Cretella said YSU had substantial safety training even before recent school shootings at Virginia Tech, Delaware State University and, as

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Julie Thomas, associate professor of psychology

recent as Sunday, University of Memphis.

"We were way ahead of the game," he said.

Cretella said after the recent shootings, people have been calling the police more often.

Anne Lally, counselor at Career and Counseling Services, said there is a great deal of safety preparation already in place.

A workshop was held on Sept. 24 to inform faculty of how to handle mentally unstable students in the classroom, she said.

Attendees were given a faculty

and staff referral sheet, showing them how to refer students to Counseling Services, Lally said.

Police officers also work closely with Counseling Services, she said.

Cretella said he presented at the recent workshop with Lally. Faculty members do not want to become the ones who missed possible safety issues within their classrooms, he said.

"Let's err on the side of caution," he said.

Lally said she frequently receives calls from faculty for advice on how to deal with mentally unstable stu-

dents.

"We make sure that something's done," she said.

Cretella said it is crucial to ensure that these students get treatment so they can return as functional parts of society.

Police officers voluntarily undergo Crisis Intervention Team Training, a 40-hour program that educates officers on how to deal with mentally ill individuals, he said.

"The people that are coming to it want to do something a little extra," he said.

Classes contain about 18 to 20 officers, he said.

Cretella said the free training, which is worth over \$10,000, has increased the police officers' knowledge.

Attending police officers listen to speakers and participate in role-playing, so that they get an experience dealing with a person in crisis, he said.

Julie Thomas, associate professor of psychology, said there must be better communication between YSU faculty and Counseling

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YSU

Trustees approve new degree, land acquisitions at meeting

Adrienne Sabo
 Editor in Chief

At Friday's quarterly meeting, the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees approved a Master of Arts in Art Education, discussed the Youngstown Early College's relocation and authorized acquisition of campus properties.

According to an executive summary, the masters program would begin with admitting five to seven students in the program, but the overall vision of the program would be 15 students within five years. The student selection process would emphasize "quality over quantity."

The Ohio Board of Regents, in addition to the YSU trustees, must approve the degree.

At the meeting YSU President David Sweet reported to the board on enrollment and other initiatives across campus.

With enrollment up this year, Sweet said minority enrollment and minority hiring has also increased.

In order to keep the enrollment increase, Sweet said the university should recruit area high school graduates. He said YSU should "capture our share of those [local] graduates."

Sweet said that there is a need for increased attention on students in the K-12 pipeline and that the development of a K-16 Council would help.

He said there should be an "increase in motivation so an increased percentage [of students] go to college."

Sweet reported that the Northeast Ohio Universities Collaboration and Innovation Study Commission is in its final

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

SGA proposes improving pedestrian bridge, study lounges

Sarah Sole
 News Editor

In a general meeting held Monday Student Government Association discussed renovating the pedestrian bridge over Wick Avenue and student lounges across campus.

David Spatholt, president of SGA, said the proposed renovations were based on a building report the SGA conducted last year.

SGA would like to wash the windows and fix the rust problem on the bridge, Spatholt said.

Bridge renovation will not start until the next capital improvement cycle in 2009, he said.

Spatholt said SGA will examine a resolution to renovate student lounges at the next general meeting.

Student lounges could look more like the Tressel Lounge in Kilcawley Center, Spatholt said. He listed Cushwa, Williamson and Debartolo halls as places where student lounges could be renovated.

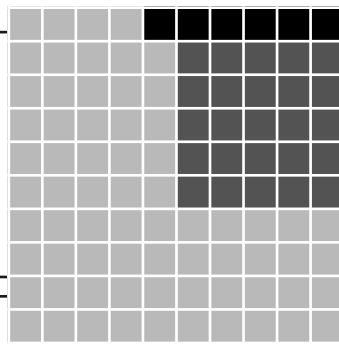
Spatholt said the student lounge in Debartolo especially needs attention.

"It looks like it's from the mid seventies," he said.

In the SGA President's Report, Spatholt said he met with President David Sweet and discussed renovating student lounges. Sweet said SGA should look at the lounges to see how they could be more appealing to students, Spatholt said.

The Jambar online poll results

What's up with the sprinklers on campus?



6% I've never noticed.
25% They work fine.
69% They spray the sidewalks (and students) too much.

This poll is not scientific and reflects the opinions of only those Internet users who have chosen to participate. The results cannot be assumed to represent the opinions of Internet users in general, nor the public as a whole.

TO THE POINT

YSU Women's Club hosts clothing drive with non-profit

A fall clothing drive organized by the Youngstown State University Women's Club is scheduled for today and Wednesday and is in cooperation with the non-profit Dress for Success. The drive will be located in Room 2067 of Kilcawley Center from 7:30 to 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

College Republicans present 'Genocide Awareness' art show

Sponsored by the Youngstown State University College Republicans, a photo-mural exhibit likening abortion to genocide, "The Genocide Awareness Project," will be set up outside of DeBartolo Hall on Wednesday and Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

'Music at Noon' features Percussion Ensemble

The Youngstown State University Percussion Ensemble, directed by Glenn Schaft, will be featured in the free "Music at Noon" series at the Butler Institute of American Art on Wednesday.

Planetarium shows 'Sputnik!' to honor anniversary

Ward Beecher Planetarium will feature "Sputnik!" a show that touches on space exploration since Oct. 4, 1957, which was the launching date of the Soviet Satellite. "Sputnik!" is scheduled for Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

Bands of America performs at Stambaugh Stadium

The Youngstown State University Marching Pride will host the Bands of America Regional Championship at Stambaugh Stadium from 6 a.m. to midnight Saturday.

YSU Theater presents 'Murder in the Cathedral'

University Theater presents the T.S. Eliot verse drama "Murder in the Cathedral" at St. John's Episcopal Church on Wick Avenue. Performances are 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Performances on Oct. 11-14 are at the same times.

POLICE BRIEFS

Campus resident reports chest pains

An officer was called to the University Courtyard Apartments about a student who was having chest pains on Thursday. The student claimed the chest pains started after he was beat up and robbed at Mickey's Bar and Grill the night before. The student was transported to St. Elizabeth Health Center, where records showed that he had warrants from the Campbell Police Department and was put on police hold at the hospital.

Catering employee suffers foot injury in truck lift accident

A Sodexo Catering worker was loading leftover food and equipment onto a truck after the Youngstown State vs. Missouri State football game when her right foot got caught between the lift gate and the rear of the truck. A fellow employee lowered the gate so that the worker's foot could be freed. The worker was taken to the hospital, where it was confirmed that three of the victim's toes on the right foot were broken.

YSU

Outdated phone numbers waste money

Chani Himes
Jambar Contributor

The Development Office in Tod Hall is being flooded with university magazines coming back through return mail.

Between 3,500 to 4,000 magazines have been returned to University Development because some addresses on the mailing list were incorrect.

Rita Kennehan, a secretary in University Development, said that a company called C-TRAC was hired to update the online address lists on the universities Banner Web site.

Her desk is surrounded by boxes of returned magazines.

The company was hired because of the difficulty of keeping up with the problem of a constantly changing address list.

Kennehan said that a university the size of YSU needs to stay in touch with alumni and donors.

She said she believed C-TRAC was using old information when it did its address changes, which made the already outdated lists even more outdated.

"We pull our mailing lists directly from Banner, and when we mailed out 80,000 magazines we almost immediately started to receive them back in large bundles," Kennehan said.

The university has faced other problems with mass marketing. Jacquelyn Daniel, the annual giving coordinator for University Development and head of the annual Phonathon.

"Finding wrong numbers is like opening Pandora's box," Daniel said.

However, there is an upside to

the confusion, she said.

"There are a lot of wrong numbers, but that helps us to identify areas that need researched," she said.

Daniel said that having a wrong number during the Phonathon is a problem because students making calls may have to speak to the wrong person, who may be angry at being called.

Problems with mass communication are amplified by the scale of the mailing or call list.

"There is a lot of money involved with printing, mailing, return mail, research and re-mailing," Kennehan said.

Kennehan and Daniel agreed that mass marketing is vital to the financial life of the university, and the best solution is to have a staff constantly doing research to track changing contact information.

INTERNET

Web site provides alternative to U.S. News rankings

Genevieve Marshall
The Morning Call (MCT)

Hundreds of private colleges and universities that are boycotting U.S. News & World Report's influential annual college survey, launched a Web site Wednesday where they say prospective students can get objective information on schools.

The University and College Accountability Network - dubbed U-CAN - contains college profiles and detailed information on graduation rates, tuition, class size and geographic and racial diversity for hundreds of private colleges and universities.

Much of the same information is used by U.S. News to compile its annual college rankings, but the site doesn't pit one school against another in a ranking system.

"We think a family's search for the right college for a son and daughter is much more important than that," Muhlenberg College President Randy Helm said.

U-CAN was developed by the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. Its debut at www.ucan-network.org comes just months after a growing number of colleges began voicing their dissatisfaction over the U.S. News rank-

ing system and outright boycotted the portion of the annual survey where colleges are asked to rate each other.

Some college leaders, including Helm, are touting U-CAN as a better alternative to the U.S. News ranking.

But besting U.S. News wasn't the only reason behind the initiative, according to David Warren, president of the college association.

A report commissioned by U.S. Education Secretary Margaret Spellings in 2006 complained about "a remarkable shortage of clear, accessible information about crucial aspects of American colleges and universities, from financial aid to graduation rates." The report called on schools to do better.

U-CAN is higher education's answer to the call, Warren said.

The Web site, which is free to users, went live with information for about half of its 940 member colleges and universities. A couple hundred more colleges are expected to have their profile pages ready to go in the next few weeks, Warren said.

The profile pages have dozens of hyperlinks back to the institutions' Web sites and a "What Makes Us Special?" button to promote their unique qualities.

Much of the information is publicly available through the U.S. Department of Education and the individual college Web sites. But this is a way to provide the same data for hundreds of schools with links that make it easy to find more information, Warren said.

"Our focus groups said it was concise, colorful, clear and a common frame of references," Warren said. "It helps that everyone uses the same format."

Muhlenberg's Helm said he was amazed at the speed with which academic institutions were able to get the project off the ground.

"I saw the first design for the matrix in the summer," Helm said. "They may have started talking about it in the spring. For all these academic institutions to do something so quickly on a volunteer basis is incredible."

Warren said the site is still a work-in-progress. "We are just launching this thing," he said. "It will change and alter as we go forward."

The site does not allow users to compare several schools side-by-side, which Helm said would be a helpful tool to add in the future.

Profiles of public colleges and universities are not included now but could eventually be added, Warren said.

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NATIONAL

Bush asks Congress for billions more for Iraq

Renee Schoof
McClatchy Newspapers

The Bush administration asked Congress on Wednesday for \$42 billion more next year for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, an increase that would raise spending on the wars to \$189 billion in 2008 — and to more than \$600 billion for Iraq alone since the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq.

War spending would be higher in 2008 than any year since the Iraq war began in March 2003. The Iraq war's total cost is approaching that of the 1964-73 Vietnam War's estimated total of \$518 billion, in 2007 dollars.

Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., the chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said the total for Iraq didn't include indirect costs such as veterans' care or the ultimate costs of long-term involvement, which the Congressional Budget Office has said could exceed \$2 trillion.

"That's quite a burden this president is leaving to our grandchildren," Byrd said at a hearing at which top administration officials made their case for more money. Byrd, who's opposed the war from the beginning, wants Congress to restrict war funding as a way to wind down U.S. involvement there.

"This committee will not — N-O-T — rubber-stamp every request submitted by the president," Byrd said.

However, many members of Congress, both Democrats and Republicans, fear that cutting off money for the war would be the wrong way to change course because American troops might be denied the supplies and protection they need.

There's strong support in Congress, for example, for Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicles, which greatly increase the chances of soldiers surviving huge blasts from improvised explosives. More than a quarter of the \$42 billion request — \$11 billion — would pay for 7,000 more MRAPs.

The war so far has cost the lives of 3,801 Americans, and more than 27,000 have been wounded, while many thousands of Iraqi civilians and government security forces have been killed.

The Pentagon estimated in 2002 that the Iraq war would cost \$50 billion, though the president's then-economic adviser, Lawrence Lindsey, estimated that costs could run as high as \$200 billion. White House officials called Lindsey's estimate "premature," and he left the administration later that year.

Bush requested \$141.7 billion in February for the Iraq and Afghan wars in fiscal year 2008, which begins Monday. In July he requested \$5.3 billion more for MRAPs. The \$42 billion he sought Wednesday brings the 2008 request to \$189 billion. Byrd said Iraq's costs alone would exceed \$600 billion if this request were approved.

In a report this month, Steven M. Kosiak of the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, a research group, said the Iraq war's cost would "almost certainly surpass the cost of the Vietnam War by the end of next year." He estimated that Vietnam cost the United States \$518 billion in inflation-adjusted dollars.

Byrd asked Defense Secretary Robert Gates what President Bush meant when he said the United States might be involved in Iraq for 50 years, just as it had remained in South Korea for five decades after the end of hostilities there.

Gates said Bush was referring to a long-term agreement worked out with the Iraqis that would involve only a "small fraction" of the number of American forces there today. The length of the commitment would depend on how the Iraqi government develops and on conditions in the Middle East, Gates said.

"The purpose of that kind of longer-term presence would be to continue the fight against al-Qaida, prevent foreign intervention, and train and equip Iraqi forces. It would be a very different kind of mission than our troops have today," Gates said.

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from Fingerhut. Fingerhut is drafting a 10-year master plan for the University System of Ohio. The draft is due to the Ohio General Assembly by March 31.

Throughout the process, the university has communicated with Fingerhut, hiring a consultant to work on the proposal.

Ritchey said Fingerhut is anxious to see more details about the community college.

The thought is that this area needs a community college and that YSU is the best organization to start it, Ritchey said.

"This entire initiative is about increasing enrollment to higher education," Ritchey said.

The proposal for the community college outlines a course of action

for the college, Ritchey said. YSU faculty and staff are included in the plans. Those individuals would do the actual planning of the courses for the college later on, he said.

Ritchey estimated that would take hundreds of people to make the community college project successful.

"The feedback I get from everyone is the Mahoning Valley needs a community college," Ritchey said.

The Northeast Ohio Universities Collaboration and Innovation Study has endorsed the idea of a community college, Sweet said.

"The real decision maker[s] [are] Fingerhut, the governor and the legislature," Sweet said.

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Services.

Although the grant is an initial first step, it should not be the only solution for dealing with safety issues, Thomas said.

"Training the faculty is not a bad idea," Thomas said. "Unless you're trained, you won't see the signs."

The first priority should be to increase the student-to-counselor ratio, she said, so a student is not kept waiting.

"How many students do we have, and we have one counselor on campus," Thomas said.

Students have their own opinions about the grant.

Freshman Heather Coleman said the grant is a good idea if it helps the university.

Shootings like those at Virginia Tech and Delaware State can happen anywhere, Coleman said.

"You can walk into a supermarket and something like that can happen," she said.

Freshman Josh Perez said the grant will help, though he said he wonders if students will deny help once it has been offered to them.

"I don't know if there's any way we can really stop it," Perez said of school violence.

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stages.

Sweet said the commission is "getting down to the final issues." A draft of the study is due in November. He said the "group is focused on doable ideas."

Ikram Khawaja, interim provost, reported to the board that the Youngstown Early College moved to the Beeghly College of Education.

"YEC would be better ... more closely related to education," Khawaja said.

Alison Harmon, associate dean in the BCOE, will oversee the YEC.

During the meeting the board also recognized the Center for Student Progress for their award as Outstanding Student Retention Program from the Educational Policy Institute for the second consecutive year.

The board also approved acquisition of properties for campus improvement.

YSU has acquired land on Wood Street, Phelps Street and Lincoln Avenue for campus improvements. The board approved the acquired land and traded land parcels at its meeting. The traded land parcels located in Smoky Hollow were no longer needed for university expansion, but for redevelopment of the area. YSU traded six pieces of property on Walnut Street and Webb Street for two parcels of land on Walnut Street.

The two acquired areas on Walnut Street are needed for campus improvements, according to the resolution.



YSU FALL JOB EXPO 2007

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PROFILE

Meet the average family, times 10

Courtney DiGiorgi

Jambar Contributor

If the common wisdom is true, and parents with more children learn more about parenting, then North Canton residents Ray and Randi Guarendi know all there is to know. They are the parents of 10 adopted children.

In between dinner, traveling and simply — or not so simply — parenting his children, Guarendi opened up about his not-so-ordinary life.

Above the crash of dishes banging together in the kitchen, Guarendi's youngest daughter answers his business phone for him when I call.

"Dr. Ray's cell phone, how can I help you?"

The family is getting ready to eat dinner as Ray Guarendi frantically and repeatedly asks his wife when dinner will be ready.

He is finally ready to talk. "Ok, let me get out of here," he says, and suddenly the background din of a busy family life quiets as he leaves the kitchen.

We start by discussing how he became a father of ten.

"I just keep going. I love this parenting thing," he says.

"We wouldn't have stopped at ten kids, but our age took over."

Guarendi is now in his fifties.

Guarendi has children who are African American, Mexican, Caucasian and bi-racial.

"The bi-racial kids were harder to place," says Guarendi.

Naturally, the children have questions about their different skin tones.

Guarendi says that when questions came up, he and his wife explained the concept of adoption, and the information wasn't hard for the children to take.

Guarendi has become used to talking about the touchy subject of the children's biological parents. He

sounds angry when he explains their circumstances.

"The kids were at high risk to be aborted," he says.

"One birth mother was 13, and another was a crack-user and prostitute with six or seven abortions already."

Guarendi's story not only shows someone with a large heart for children, but also a strong threshold of patience and perseverance.

Taking a big family on the road

With a more solemn, relaxed tone is his voice, Guarendi is now on the road driving to Chicago. Rather than answering interview questions, he is humorously concerned with the statistics of his softball league.

Besides raising ten children, Guarendi does quite a bit of traveling as a child psychologist, delivering speeches across the country.

"Traveling used to be more fun when I was younger," he says, but now when the trip isn't too long, he can bring some of the kids with him.

"They travel with me until it's 'not cool' for them anymore," he says.

When he's at home, Guarendi spends more time with his children. He finds activities for Andrew, Hanna, Sarah, John, Joanna, Sam, Mary, James, Pete and Lizzie, but sometimes, the size of the group affects their plans.

On vacation to Myrtle Beach, local laws put a damper on family fun.

When the hotel wouldn't allow twelve people in a room, Guarendi had to call the fire chief for authorization.

"They are our children," Guarendi says. "We didn't want to split up."

When Guarendi is away from the family, whether momentarily to

answer the phone or for longer when he travels for work, Guarendi seems confident that his wife can handle the kids alone.

"Randi has become extremely good at spending time with the kids. She's great at making large enough portions of food," he says.

The family avoids eating out, as Guarendi says that strangers — out of feelings of amazement with the amount of children — offer to pay the Guarendi's tab.

Also, with such a large party, Guarendi says gratuity becomes part of the bill.

"They [the servers] hurt themselves. I would pay more than fifteen percent for a tip!"

Going to school at home

For Guarendi, the school day rituals of a parent don't include the typical handing out of lunch-money and walking the kids to the bus. His family has homeschooled all 10 children.

Guarendi described homeschooling as a wonderful idea when it's done well.

"We want to raise our children at our moral pace, and not the culture's," he says.

Guarendi must be doing something right. At age 18, his daughter Hannah is a junior in college, and his daughter Sarah began college at age 15.

"All of my children received high ACT scores, and they all took them at a young age," says Guarendi.

Dinner for 12 is almost ready when I call, and when I ask to speak with Randi, the family is in too much of a mealtime uproar for her to find time to talk.

"I'm just about to put dinner on the table, and then I'm out of here in an hour," is all the mother of ten can find time to say.

When it comes down to it, the family is average after all — average, times 10.

COMMENTARY

Campus observes death of classroom etiquette

Megan Villers

Jambar Contributor

As students at Youngstown State University have observed, fellow classmates and professors can have some annoying and downright rude habits. The Jambar has compiled the worst of the worst, from the classmate who dresses down and dirty to the student who always asks the wrong question.

Freshman Austin Harris said it is especially annoying to him when girls wear inappropriate clothes to his classes.

"It grosses me out seeing nasty girls' thongs popping out of their jeans that are way too tight to begin with," said Harris.

"It's also really gross when girls wear flip flops and the bottoms of their feet are completely black," he said.

How fellow students dress is not the only thing that can be taken as an unnecessary distraction. Classmates who try unsuccessfully to be the class clown have committed another faux pas.

"I hate it when people tell stupid jokes out loud in class that no one else finds funny," said freshman Justin Jenista.

Sophomore Rob Johnson agrees that trying to be funny in the class room setting is sometimes just too much.

"When no one else is laughing at whatever you are saying it's really time to stop," said Johnson.

Beyond jokes, serious comments can get on classmates nerves as well. Sophomore Natasha Clark said that she doesn't like when students interrupt the professors.

"It's annoying when students are asking the professor a question when the professor is actually trying to explain it. If they would only listen for a minute they would hear the answer," she said.

Senior Jason Cronenwett described another downside to throwing off the flow of class with too many questions.

"They just cause disruption. Someone's always making comments while we're trying to take notes," he said.

Many other habits fall under the category of noise violation. These include popping and smacking gum, kicking chairs and having the volume of iPods too high.

Freshman Laurice Mans said that people who are always sniffing get on his nerves the most.

Some of the worst offenders are non-students.

Junior Josh Wolf's most annoying list is topped by students who bring their children to class.

"Having little kids and babies in the class is so distracting. A lot of times they are noisy and disruptive," said Wolf.

"I don't know how the parents or anyone can really learn," he said.

Some students have found faculty indulge in some bad classroom behaviors.

"It really gets to me when professors are stuck up," said freshman Travis Reichard.

"Its like they think they are too good to teach the class and can't even address the students like adults," he said.

Johnson adds instructors who teach from their own book to his list of classroom frustrations.

"It's like they think that since they wrote the book, everything in it is right and you really can't even argue with it," he said.

Cronenwett agreed that some professors' attitudes leave little room for different perspectives.

"I find it's mostly professors that are rude," Cronenwett said.

"They just have this authoritarian, my way or the highway attitude," he said.

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OUR SIDE

Campus is missing classroom courtesy

Everyone has an annoying little quirk. Some students obsessively click their pens during tests. Some believe that the back of their classmate's chair is a footstool, regardless of how that classmate wants to use the chair. And some are permanently attached to cell phones, caught up in a text message war.

On their own, these little problems are trifles. But when we as members of a campus community lose consideration for each other, it often becomes an interruption in class.

When we take our seats for a lecture or stand next to each other in lab, we may tend to think of the person next to us as a stranger — but we're all here to learn and earn a degree, or else to teach and foster learning.

Campus is more united in purpose than most neighborhoods, but in class at Youngstown State University, we make pretty terrible neighbors sometimes.

We need more understanding of the fact that we share campus spaces with each other.

It's our obligation to be aware of our surroundings and how we affect them. Clicking a pen in a silent classroom will likely affect someone else's concentration.

Considerate behavior depends on context. A regular class day is obviously more relaxed than the last session and final exam day.

Some practices are distracting and out of place in class all the time, even though we occasionally make an exception for ourselves and indulge in these bad behaviors.

Text messaging, no matter how silent the phone is, is still a distraction. Those sitting in the vicinity of the culprit can still hear the punching of the keys.

Furthermore, you aren't paying attention, and it makes it that much harder for everyone else to participate in class.

Study lounges are meant for studying or naps, not phone conversations. The same goes for computer labs. The signs asking for us to silence our phones are there for a reason.

Somewhere along the way we lost consideration for others.

It's time we got it back.

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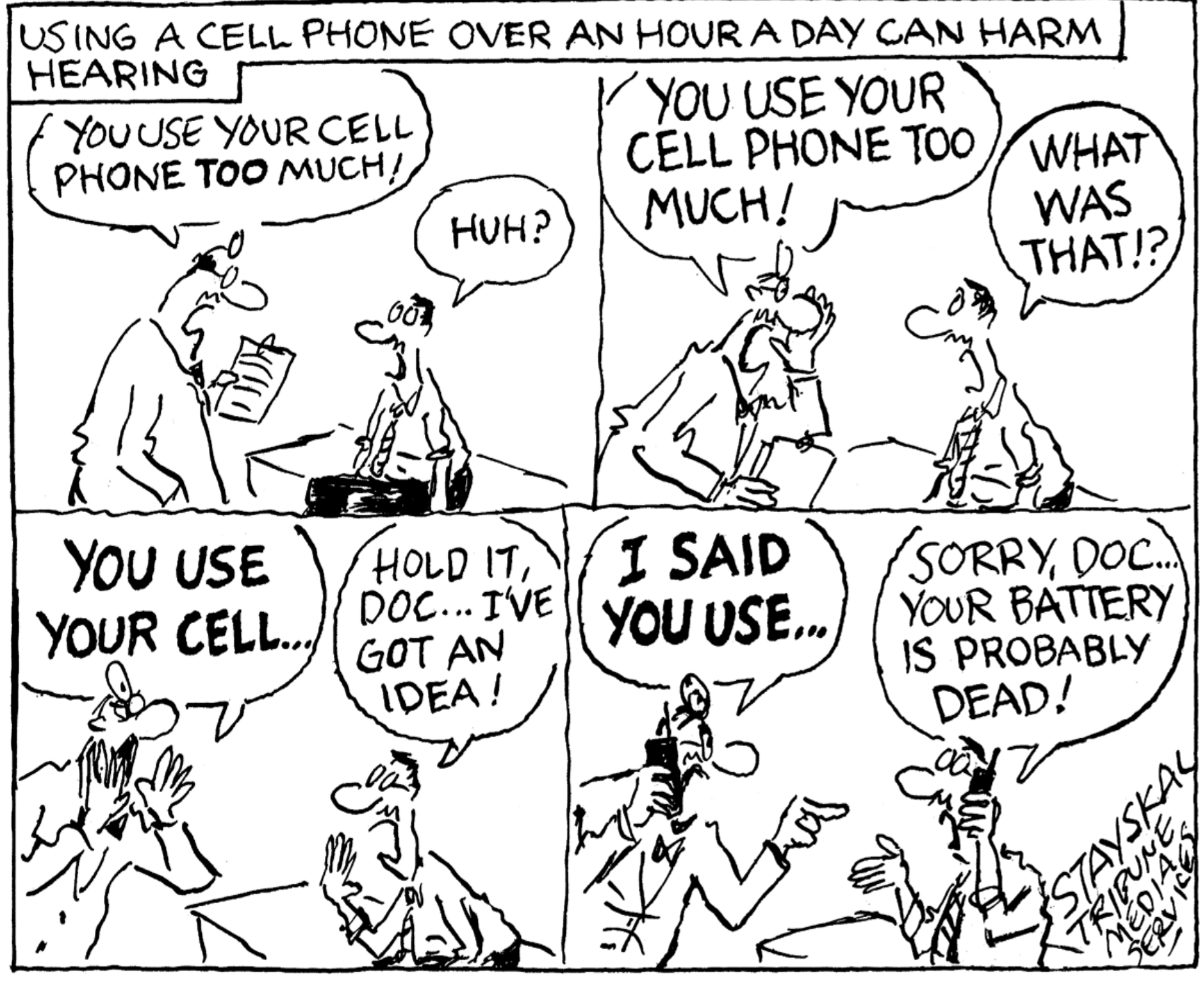
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COMMENTARY

Congress fritters away road money

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When the bridge collapsed in Minneapolis, Americans mourned — as we should.

It will take months to determine the cause, but one effect was immediate: Political opportunists proposed higher gasoline taxes to fix our roads and bridges.

Yes, we have a road funding problem — because Congress has mismanaged our highway money for 25 years. Why trust them with more?

Since 1982, Congress has siphoned \$101 billion (in 2007 buying power) from the Highway Trust Fund to subsidize the 2 percent of travel that uses mass transit. Even while bridges slipped closer to collapse, Congress diverted additional billions from trust funds to build bicycle paths.

There's talk of starting a "new" trust fund by raising gas taxes. That

same line was used to sell the old trust fund — which has been raided so often it now resembles a leaky bucket.

Even when fuel taxes are spent on highways, they are often squandered. Thanks to the Davis-Bacon Act and other bureaucratic red tape, projects cost billions more than they should. And too many projects are picked for political merit rather than public safety. The 2005 transportation bill allocated \$315 million for Alaska's infamous Bridge to Nowhere plus nearly \$24 billion in 6,000 other congressional earmarks. Minnesota got \$453 million in earmarks for 144 other projects, but none to fix the bridge that now has fallen.

The American Society of Civil Engineers blames substandard roads and crumbling bridges for one-third of the 40,000 annual highway deaths. Estimates vary on the cost to bring these facilities up to par, but it's in the tens of billions. Fixing them years ago would have

been cheaper — and our families would be safer — if Congress hadn't been spending the road money on other things.

It wasn't supposed to be this way. In 1956, gasoline taxes rose to fund interstate highways, but every penny of fuel taxes went into a new highway trust fund. Until 1982, the trust fund was used solely for roads and bridges.

In 1982, Congress increased fuel taxes, but dictated that mass transit thereafter would get one-fifth whenever fuel taxes went up, even though transit users pay none of that tax.

In 1991 (the year after the Minnesota bridge was rated structurally deficient), Congress undercut roads again by mandating that 10 percent of surface transportation spending go to "transportation enhancements" — defined as bike paths, pedestrian trails, downtown beautifications, "encouraging safe walking" and building transportation museums.

Today it remains illegal to spend

this 10 percent on highways, roads or bridges.

Since 1991 these "enhancements" have gobbled \$8.5 billion from the highway trust fund. The National Transportation Enhancements Clearinghouse reports that half went to bicycle and walking trails. Those are nice to have, but it's not right to use highway trust dollars on them while our roads sag into disrepair.

So who wants to raise gasoline taxes rather than end this abuse? The leading advocate is the chairman of the House Transportation Committee, Minnesota's Jim Oberstar, who also champions the current system that siphons fuel taxes away from highways.

In 2003, Oberstar opposed an effort to put enhancement dollars back into highways, arguing: "It is not enough just to roll over the highways and roll over the bridges. It is more important to enhance the life of every community in America, and that is what the enhancements

program has given us the opportunity to do." Sadly, the U.S. House agreed by a 3-to-1 margin.

Motorists have become Congress' cash cows. The Bureau of Transportation Statistics reports that only road users pay subsidies; all other travelers receive subsidies, with the biggest going to mass transit and rail passengers.

On average, transit riders pay about one-fourth of the cost of their travel. If they paid their own way, the highway trust fund wouldn't be running dry. Instead, road users are singled-out to shell out, like New York City's plan to tax drivers \$8 a day to raise billions for transit.

Since 1983, \$101 billion has been taken from motorists and given to mass transit, plus billions more to bike paths. Why entrust more to a Congress that can't spend straight?

President Bush is right to say no to higher taxes. The right step toward fixing our roads and bridges is to fix our priorities.

COMMENTARY

United States must end use of mercenary armies

Ed Morales
MCT

The United States must stop relying on mercenaries in Iraq.

The Sept. 16 incident in Baghdad, where Blackwater USA, a private security company, killed at least 11 Iraqi civilians, has created a diplomatic crisis between the United States and Iraqi governments.

Worse, it has made a mockery of U.S. efforts to establish democracy in the country it invaded more than five years ago. Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki has already called for Blackwater to cease operations, saying the mercenary army amounted to a challenge of his nation's sovereignty.

While initial accounts of the incident said Blackwater was responding to gunfire, subsequent Iraqi reports claimed that there was no attack. Instead, they said Blackwater security guards opened fire at a car that didn't stop when told to by a policeman, and its passengers — a couple and their infant — were killed.

Blackwater, which is the primary provider of security to senior U.S. officials, including Ambassador Ryan Crocker, operates outside the law and governmental supervision. Having received a no-bid contract and operating on billions of dollars in taxpayer funds, Blackwater plays the role of renegade cowboys, flying low in helicopters with guns drawn. It is despised by Iraqis,

and even some U.S. military personnel.

This is not the first time that Blackwater operatives have been involved in serious incidents in Iraq. The Iraqi government has announced it is investigating five previous incidents that occurred earlier this year in which 10 Iraqis were killed and 15 wounded. Last Christmas Eve, an off-duty Blackwater contractor allegedly killed a bodyguard for the Iraqi vice president.

Since the beginning of the Iraq war, 30 Blackwater operatives have been killed, and those deaths are not reflected in the statistics of U.S. deaths.


The reckless use of Blackwater greatly undercuts the moral authority of the United States as a beacon of democracy, and calls into question the true extent of Iraqi sovereignty. How can the U.S. claim to be bringing freedom and democracy to Iraq while imposing a mercenary army on an Iraqi government that is not empowered to prosecute it?

For now, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has convinced the Iraqi government to suspend calls for the ouster of Blackwater until a joint U.S.-Iraqi investigation is completed.

Blackwater's role in maintaining security is so crucial that its removal presents a logistical nightmare. That, in itself, shows how reliant on mercenaries the United States has become.

This practice should end now, and those responsible for civilian deaths should be brought to justice.

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FOOTBALL

Penguins wrestle Gateway win from Bears

Andrew Berry
Sports Editor

Gateway conference action kicked off with a bang Saturday at the Ice Castle.

In the team's final home game of a four-game stretch, the Penguins shook up a young Missouri State University team and exploded for a 49-21 victory to start conference play on the right foot at 1-0.

Youngstown fans showed their support as they watched the Penguins improve to 4-1 on the season. The 19,617 in attendance was the sixth largest crowd in Stambaugh Stadium history.

The win marks the third time in three years the Penguins won four straight games following a loss to a BCS opponent.

In the previous two seasons, the Penguins lost to both Pittsburgh and Penn State before stringing together four straight wins. The team opened 2007 with a 38-6 loss at Ohio State.

The last time the team won four straight games early in the season it helped secure a playoff spot for the Penguins that included two postseason home games.

While head coach Jon Heacock feels there are still a few kinks in the system to be worked out before his team becomes playoff caliber, he said the win over the Bears is a crucial first step.

"Anytime you can win the first Gateway game, it's important," Heacock said.

Junior running back Kevin Smith echoed his coach's thoughts on winning the first conference game of the season.

"Whenever you start the Gateway you want to step it up a notch because you know you'll be facing tough competition," Smith said.

"We wanted to go out and perform our best and I think we accomplished that," he said.

Teammate and starting defensive back Dorian Chenault had a similar opinion on the magnitude of playing a conference opponent.

"The Gateway is just a different breed of football," Chenault said.

"If you don't feel dead after playing a Gateway game then you didn't play a Gateway game."

Chenault and the secondary had the tough task of shutting down true freshman quarterback Cody Kirby and the high-powered offense of Missouri State.

In only his second start under center, Kirby showed confidence against the fierce Penguin defense.

Missouri State opened the game with a touchdown in the first two minutes of play after Gerald Davis busted through the defense for a 51-yard run to take an early 7-0 lead.

"As a defense we weren't playing up to the standard we set for ourselves," Chenault said. "We were a little behind. We weren't terrible but we weren't where we want to be at as a great defense."

The Penguins immediately answered back with a Kevin Smith touchdown run from 11 yards out to tie the game. The Bears never regained the lead as the Penguins outscored their Gateway counterparts 42-14 the rest of the way.

The key to the Penguins sound win was the influx of new team members who performed well.

Several key players have been lost to injury early this season, forcing everyone involved to take their game to the next level. Heacock said this elevated play must continue in the coming weeks if the team is to succeed.

"It's not just the young guys that are stepping in, it's the older guys that are going to have to step up and do things at a higher level," Heacock said.

Smith was one of the many who stepped up against the Bears.

Filling in for injured incumbent starter Jabari Scott at running back, Smith carried the load for the Penguins rushing attack with 102 yards on the ground and three touchdowns.

Smith's 100-yard performance was the first by a Penguin running back this season.

"I just went out there and tried my best," Smith said.

With Scott unavailable for the game, Smith mentioned that his coaches had told him throughout the week he would get a chance to start against Missouri State.

Smith took full advantage of the



HAULING IT IN — Junior wide receiver Da'Michael Horne (7) completes a pass, evading Missouri State defender Roger Wright (44) for an amazing first down catch. Photo by Andrew Berry.

opportunity by putting together an impressive outing behind a revamped offensive line that Smith gave full credit to.

"The offensive line did a great job and I credit them with every yard I got," Smith said.

Looking ahead to the weeks to come, Heacock said there are still areas to polish up before the team achieves greatness.

While Penguins won their first conference challenge against a solid Missouri State team, the Penguin

head coach said the path that lies ahead includes even more difficult Gateway stops on the way to earning a playoff spot.

"The reality is that there's more coming down the road, and they don't get any easier," Heacock said.

FCS Top 25

Teams YSU will face in blue

1. Montana
2. Northern Iowa
3. North Dakota State
4. Massachusetts
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25. Southern

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WOMEN'S GOLF

Team enjoys hot start with early tournament wins

Aaron Blatch
Sports Reporter

Three tournaments into their fall season, Youngstown State University's women's golf team has captured two more victories than last year's squad. The Penguins took first place at their home tournament, the YSU Invitational, on Sept. 10 and followed by dominating the field by 46 strokes at the St. Francis Invitational in Loretto, Pennsylvania.

Senior Brittany Jones said that the biggest difference between this season and last is balance throughout the team.

"We're playing amazing," Jones said.

"Last year a lot of times we would have two good scores and two bad scores. This year all four scores have been great. We've all been playing consistently."

Brittany Jones, senior golfer

lines the Penguin returnees. The senior is coming off of a season in which she was the team's top finisher in 8 of 10 meets and averaged a team-best 81.7 strokes per round.

She said that the team's promising start has instilled so much confidence that the Penguins feel they can win any tournament.

At the YSU Invitational the Penguins defeated two Horizon League teams, including Detroit, who Jones said is expected to be one of the league favorites.

Jones said she was surprised at their win over Detroit, who she described along with Butler University of Indianapolis as some of the best opponents in the league.

"We're really proud of ourselves," she said.

Jones feels that the early success is a result of a solid off-season filled with practice that has taken the team to the next level.

The team has benefitted from the addition of Rogner, who Jones calls a great recruit.

The Penguins' only freshman has fit in nicely with the experienced group. The Warren native has tallied the team's lowest score so far and has already won her first

Horizon League Player of the Week award, which she shared with teammate Mollie Boney.

Jones said that despite its success, the team is not satisfied with what it has accomplished. She personally wants to shoot under 80 every round and her team goals include winning the Horizon League Championships, which are held at the end of the spring season. She said that the team will use the fall season to work towards these goals, but also just to enjoy their time playing.

"I'm really excited," Jones said.

"We're off to a really good start and I hope we can keep it up. I just want to have fun and play and enjoy my senior year."

Great Smokies Invitational Results

Katie Rogner
 Finish: 62nd - Score: 160

Brittany Stillwagon
 Finish: 81st - Score: 164

Felicia Ciotola
 Finish: 81st - Score: 164

Brittany Jones
 Finish: 94th - Score: 167

Adrianna DiLonardo
 Finish: 109th - Score: 170



BREAKING FREE — Junior running back Kevin Smith plows through the Missouri State defense on his way to his first of three rushing touchdowns in the Penguins win. Photo by Andrew Berry

Player of the Game

No. 31 Kevin Smith Running Back



The Penguins success on the ground continued against Missouri State even without starting tailback Jabari Scott.

With Scott forced to sit out with a hamstring injury, junior running back Kevin Smith stepped in and took control of the rushing attack.

In his first start of the season, Smith amassed 102 yards on the ground and punched it into endzone three times.

Smith's 100-yard game is the first time a Penguin running back has eclipsed the century mark in 2007. His stellar performance against the Bears earned Smith the award of Gateway Offensive Player of Week.