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Students need more info to take shot at Gardasil

Darlene Wagner
REPORTER

According to recent articles published by the Associated Press and the Food and Drug Administration, Gardasil will continue to be marketed for use to fight cervical cancer in female's ages nine through 26-years-old, however it will not be marketed to females beyond that age group.

Gardasil is the only FDA cervical cancer vaccine approved to help protect women against the human papillomavirus that causes an estimated 70 percent of cervical cancer and 90 percent of genital warts cases. Three doses of the vaccine are given by

injection (shot) over a 6-month period.

The American Cancer Society, many doctors and Gardasil manufacturer Merck & Co. support the vaccine, but many women are left confused and need more information to know if the drug is right for them.

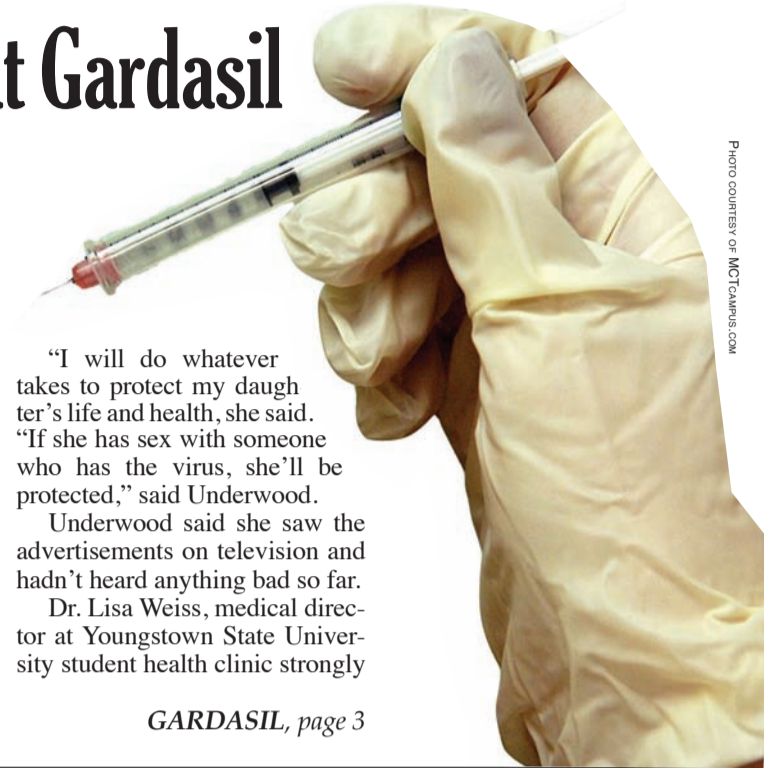
According to the American Cancer Society, Gardasil works to prevent, not get rid of, HPV infection and should be given before a female starts having sex. The society warns that the vaccine does not protect against all cancer-causing types of HPV and routine pap smears are still necessary.

Freshman Bri'Ann Chapman said she has not taken the series yet because she has a lot of un-

answered questions. The 18-year-old has scheduled at least three appointments; however she said she is hesitant to get the vaccinations because she is not sure how safe they are.

"I've heard of the vaccinations, but I'm worried about some of the side effects that can be harmful to my health," Chapman said. Chapman said cancer is a part of her family history, but she needs more information before she makes up her mind.

LaQuondra Underwood, freshman, said she is past the age recommended for the inoculations; however, she has a 5-year-old daughter. Underwood plans to get her daughter vaccinated as soon as she is old enough.



"I will do whatever takes to protect my daughter's life and health, she said. "If she has sex with someone who has the virus, she'll be protected," said Underwood.

Underwood said she saw the advertisements on television and hadn't heard anything bad so far.

Dr. Lisa Weiss, medical director at Youngstown State University student health clinic strongly

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addicted to sex

Students consider sex addiction valid concern

Melinda Gray
REPORTER

He is an addict and he plays one on television.

Sexual and pornography addiction have been thrust into the public spotlight following actor David Duchovny's voluntary admission into rehab on August 28. Some say life may have imitated art after Duchovny played a sex-crazed writer on CBS's hit show "Californication."

According to the National Council on Sexual Addiction and Compulsivity, roughly three to five percent of the U.S. population meets the criteria for sexual addiction.

In 2006, a study by Family Safe Media showed that females ages 18 to 24 constituted an average of 20 percent of online sex-related searches and males in the same age range made up an average of 50 percent of the same type of searches.

An all-purpose rehabilitation facility's records are sealed and anonymous, but it is estimated that only two percent of all their admissions are for sexual addiction. There are specific rehabilitation facilities that specialize in sexual addiction treatment.

The American Psychiatric Association does not recognize sex addiction as a mental illness; therefore there are no diagnostic criteria. The association gives

a general definition on their Web site: Sexual addiction is a progressive disorder characterized by compulsive and sexual thoughts and acts that often interfere with daily life and cause feelings of shame and guilt.

Other definitions also exist.

The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Psychiatric Disorders describes sexual addiction as a pattern of repeated sexual relationships involving a laundry list of partners who are seen by the individual as things to be used. It also states that sexual compulsivity; such as fixation on an unattainable person, compulsive masturbation and impulsive love relationships are key signs pointing to a problem.

Steve Ellyson, professor of psychology at Youngstown State University who specializes in human sexuality, said he doubts that the fame aspect would shine enough light on sexual addiction that the APA would then recognize it as a diagnosable disorder. "Whenever someone famous goes into rehab, I think the public kind of sees it as a cop-out," he said.

Colleges should always provide services for different types of student issues, from credit card addiction to sexual addiction and beyond, Ellyson said.

"When someone is addicted, at first they get a positive feeling from their addiction, but near the end they are not feeling any kind

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8. Have you been powerless to stop a specific sexual behavior even though you know it is inappropriate?
(Quiz obtained from the American Psychiatric Association)

of good vibe or satisfaction, but they can't stop," said Ellyson.

Sophomore Hayley Platt, who is in recovery from an addiction, said that while she isn't a recovering sex addict, she understands the impulse behind it.

"I totally think sex addiction is real," she said. "People can become addicted to anything including sex, and I know people who are. When you have that feeling that you need something and you can't control it ... it can take over your life. Sex can be that addiction."

Jimmy McCale, freshman also described sex addiction as a

legitimate affliction.

"I mean, sex is a good thing and I could see someone getting addicted to a good thing," freshman Mike Helmick said.

Junior Tony Pozega agreed. "I think it's addicting. This is college. I'm a guy. Guys just want some," Pozega said.

Freshman Jimmy McCale said once people start having sex, it's difficult to stop.

"It's like a drug. You just want more and more," he said.

Additional reporting by Adam Bickel and Ashley Fox.

Gun law aims for safer campuses

J. Breen Mitchell
NEWS EDITOR

Changes to Ohio's concealed carry law will not affect the Youngstown State University campus, said Jon Fulkerson, the lead attorney on the issue for the Ohio Attorney General's office.

"Provisions of the law regarding concealed carry on universities have not changed," said Fulkerson.

The concealed carry law allows citizens with a permit to carry guns without them being readily visible.

Michelle Gatchell, the Attorney General's deputy director of communications, said guns are only allowed on college campuses if they are locked in a motor vehicle or if they are in the immediate process of being locked in one. Gatchell said this applies to everyone on campuses, including faculty and staff.

"Same thing as for students; all have to abide by the law and not have them on campus unless they fall under an exception listed in 2923.16(B)(5)," said Gatchell, referring to the motor vehicle provision.

Sgt. Shawn Varso of the YSU police department said there have not been any instances of students bringing guns to campus.

"The only issue would be if someone was locking their gun in their vehicle and their car was broken into," said Varso.

He said he has not noticed any changes in YSU's crime rate since the passage of the original law.

"If you're asking if there's been any relationship between our crime and the passage of the law, the answer is no," Varso said.

YSU students had differing opinions on whether or not they thought guns should be permitted on campus.

"I don't mind people carrying on campus as long as they don't shoot me," said freshman Cieleste Toros.

Freshman Ryan Miller agreed.

If someone were to shoot at him, he would be able to shoot the person first, he said.

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Overcrowded classrooms force university to expand, add new buildings

Courtney Denen
REPORTER

For junior Amanda Vukovich, sometimes going to class feels like attending school in a jail cell.

"The classrooms always seem dark and gloomy," Vukovich said.

Some students at Youngstown State University say there is not

enough classroom space to handle the increasing number of students, and

YSU has been taking steps to address these concerns.

In 2003, YSU performed an extensive study done across all areas of the university to document space utilization and to provide a basis for planning for the future. Charlie Singler, the interim associate provost for academic administration, said this study was thorough and the num-

bers have changed slightly but not significantly.

According to the study, the average class size is 26.6. There were 106 classrooms on campus at the time of the study. Singler said this number has probably grown; however, enrollment has also gone up as well. There are 27 rooms that can fit up to 34 people. 49 of the classrooms hold up to 54 students, and 25 classrooms exist that hold up to 100 students. There are five classrooms that

can hold over 100 people.

Singler said his office does the best it can to ensure that classrooms are adequate for the classes they hold.

"We try to accommodate all requests," said Singler. For example, if a classroom was too small they would try to move the section to a larger room. He said there is an abundance of mid-size classrooms that hold up to 39 students.

Singler said classrooms are

chosen for many different reasons.

"Class placement is determined on a multiplicity of factors," said Singler. Classroom choices are usually based on where they have traditionally been held. Classroom placement is also based on need.

"We add or subtract sections based on programmatic needs, such as new courses, changes

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News Briefs

Students to hold reception, book signing

Ten YSU students that recently completed a three-week study tour across China last spring will hold a reception and book-signing Friday, Sept. 26 from 4-6 p.m. The students designed and published the book, titled '2008 Art in China,' to conclude an undergraduate communications course. The books will be available for sale at the YSU bookstore for \$20.

Journalist Ted Gup set to speak at the Youngstown Club

Ted Gup, an award-winning author and prize-winning journalist will be a featured guest at The Youngstown Club. The event is sponsored by WYSU and the James Dale Ethics Center. A reception is at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will follow at 7:30 p.m.

Planetarium opens fall season

The Ward Beecher Planetarium will start its fall season Sept. 26-27. On Sept. 26 at 8 p.m. "Skywatch: Moon Maps and Planet Finders," will be featured. On Saturday, Sept. 27, "The Explorers of Mauna Kea," will be shown at 1 and 2 p.m. "Skywatch" will be featured at 8 p.m.

Police Briefs

Vehicle scratched

A YSU student called the YSU police on Sept. 21 about his vehicle having a 20-inch scratch along the driver's side door. The student said there was no one parked next to him and a key caused the scratch.

Student faints

A YSU student fainted during the American Heart Association Walk on Sept. 20. A concerned citizen advised police that the student was standing and dropped to an unconscious state.

Harassing phone calls made to student

The YSU police were sent to the Courtyard Apartments due to harassing phone calls made to a student. The victim said an ex-boyfriend was leaving insulting messages and also had someone call her pretending to be a police officer.

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New business college has staff and students excited

Sam Marhulik
REPORTER

The new business college is expected to be finished by 2010 and the three-story building is expected to hold a 200-seat auditorium, a conference center, computer labs, classrooms, lounges, and a cafe, said Betty-Jo Licata dean of the Williamson College of Business Administration.

According to the Youngstown State University budget for fiscal year 2009, the building will cost \$34.3 million. At the time the budget was released on June 1, \$23.5 million was raised; \$12.2

million are gifts and pledges, and \$11.3 million are state capital funds.

The new building is going to be for the business students, but the old building is still going to stand. The old building will house classes that have no home, Licata said.

Junior Nicole Adduce said she is excited for the new building and the new opportunities it will hold.

"I think that the new building will bring a lot of opportunity for the business students and not to mention bring in more students, said Adduce. Everyone likes to say that they get to be a part of something new."



An artist's rendering of the future business college set to be finished by 2010. Photo courtesy of Christine Shelton, Williamson College of Business Administration.



Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama addresses reporters at a hastily-arranged press conference to address a variety of campaign developments including McCain's seek for a delay. MCT Campus photo.

McCain seeks to delay Friday debate to deal with financial crisis

Steven Thomma
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

John McCain will suspend campaigning to work in Washington on the Wall Street bailout and is asking that Friday night's kickoff presidential debate with rival Barack Obama be delayed.

Obama said he didn't think the debate should be delayed and also rejected the idea that a presidential candidate should suspend the campaign because of a crisis.

"This is exactly the time when the American people need to hear from the person who, in approximately 40 days, will be responsible for dealing with this mess," he told reporters in Clearwater, Fla., where he was preparing for the debate. It's scheduled to focus on foreign policy and national security.

McCain said Wednesday in a statement that he'll break off from campaigning on Thursday and return to the nation's capital to help work on the proposed \$700 billion bailout.

"America this week faces an historic crisis in our financial system. We must pass legislation to address this crisis," McCain said in a statement from New York. "Tomorrow morning, I will suspend my campaign and return to Washington."

"I am directing my campaign to work with the Obama campaign and the Commission on Presidential Debates to delay Friday night's debate until we have taken action to address this crisis," McCain's statement added. "It's time for both parties to come together to solve this problem."

An aide said that McCain also would suspend television advertising and fundraising.

McCain said that he didn't believe the bailout would pass in the form that was proposed. He urged President Bush to convene a meeting with congressional leaders from both parties and invited Obama to join him there. He urged that they forge a bipartisan bailout solution.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., issued a statement thanking McCain for his concern,

"America this week faces an historic crisis in our financial system. We must pass legislation to address this crisis."

Sen. John McCain

but inviting him and Obama not to inject themselves into the bailout process.

"It would not be helpful at this time to have them come back during these negotiations and risk injecting presidential politics into this process or distract important talks about the future of our nation's economy," Reid said. "If that changes, we will call upon them. We need leadership; not a campaign photo op."

"If there were ever a time for both candidates to hold a debate before the American people about this serious challenge, it is now," Reid's statement said.

Obama said that he and McCain could easily fly back to Washington from Mississippi if needed on Friday, noting that each has his own campaign plane.

"Presidents are going to have to deal with more than one thing at a time. It's not necessary for us to think that we can only do one thing and suspend everything else."

"What I've told the leadership in Congress is that, if I can be helpful, then I am prepared to be anywhere, anytime. What I think is important, though, is that we don't suddenly infuse Capitol Hill with presidential politics at a time when we're in the middle of some very delicate and difficult negotiations."

The host of the debate said it would go on as scheduled on Friday at 9 p.m. Eastern time.

"The University of Missis-

issippi is going forward with the preparation for the debate. We are ready to host the debate, and we expect the debate to occur as planned," the school said in a statement.

"At present, the university has received no notification of any change in the timing or venue of the debate. We have been notified by the Commission on Presidential Debates that we are proceeding as scheduled."

Obama's campaign signaled that it first approached McCain Wednesday morning, but only about issuing a joint statement on the proposed bailout and not on a delay in the debate.

"At 8:30 this morning, Sen. Obama called Sen. McCain to ask him if he would join in issuing a joint statement outlining their shared principles and conditions for the Treasury proposal and urging Congress and the White House to act in a bipartisan manner to pass such a proposal," Obama spokesman Bill Burton said.

"At 2:30 this afternoon, Sen. McCain returned Sen. Obama's call and agreed to join him in issuing such a statement. The two campaigns are currently working together on the details."

McCain spokesman Brian Rogers offered a slightly different account in a statement:

"Sen. Obama phoned Sen. McCain at 8:30 am this morning but did not reach him. The topic of Sen. Obama's call to Sen. McCain was never discussed. Sen. McCain was meeting with economic advisers and talking to leaders in Congress throughout the day prior to calling Senator Obama," Rogers said.

"At 2:30 p.m., Sen. McCain phoned Sen. Obama and expressed deep concern that the plan on the table would not pass as it currently stands. He asked Sen. Obama to join him in returning to Washington to lead a bipartisan effort to solve this problem."

The debate locations and dates were set last year by the bipartisan Commission on Presidential Debates. The campaigns agreed to the scheduled and signed off on the formats last weekend.

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recommends the vaccinations. Weiss said the vaccination works no matter what age the female is as long as she has not already been exposed to one of the four types of HPV that it prevents.

"If a female has previously been exposed to the virus the vaccination won't help or hurt ... therefore money may be wasted because the vaccine is \$150 for each injection for women age 19 to 26," she said.

Dr. Weiss is also the director of family practice at Forum Health and said she offers the vaccination to girls before they turn 18. She says patients and parents need to consult their personal physician for recommendations.

According to a report by the National Conference of State Legislatures, 17 states have legislation requiring girls be vaccinated against HPV between the ages of 11 and 12. The request is in response to a report from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention that states HPV infects approximately 20 million people in the United States with 6.2 million new cases each year. Of those new cases, 3,700 women are estimated to die each year.

Opponents of mandatory vaccinations include the Alliance for Human Research Protection, the American College of Pediatrics, The New England Journal of Medicine, and Dr. Diane M. Harper, a lead researcher in the development of the HPV vaccine.

Dr. Harper said she does not recommend that 12-year-old girls be mandated to have the vaccine. Harper said "the topic is complex" and females should have the appropriate knowledge.

According to the FDA, final safety evaluation tests will not be concluded on Gardasil until September 2009.

Google offers up a new version of computing's future

Eric Benderoff
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Tuesday, and it has little to do with desktops or laptops.

It's a future that focuses on mobility, with access to the Internet and the ability to search its vastness, of course no matter where you are from a device that clips to your belt or sits in your purse.

The Google phone has arrived.

Breaking into mobile phones is a huge opportunity for Google, because the field is wide open, featuring an amalgam of carriers, software firms, handset makers and a growing cadre of third-party developers.

"The mobile phone today is where the PC was 15 years ago," said analyst Michael Gartenberg, a vice president at Jupitermedia. "The key difference is that there is no 'Windows' for mobile devices, a dominant player that controls everything."

Indeed, there is no single gatekeeper, the way Microsoft with its operating system has remained on the vast majority of computers. Rather, Microsoft is one of many outfits trying to capture mobile market share. So there is a huge opportunity for Google, like Apple showed last year, to develop a product with a set of features that appeals to an increasing need to be always connected, always online, always at work and always

entertained. Google's first phone, called Google G1, was developed in partnership with wireless carrier T-Mobile and handset maker HTC. It will go on sale at T-Mobile on Oct. 22 for \$179 with a two-year contract.

The phone is handsome and is operated by a touch screen and a slide-out keypad. It runs on a software platform that Google developed, called Android.

The phone works with several Internet-based e-mail clients, but it is optimized for Google's Gmail.

Other Google products prominent on the phone include Google Maps with Street View useful for pointing out landmarks for those who are directionally challenged and Google Talk, an instant messaging service for Gmail that can use location-based tools on the G1 to pinpoint friends.

Like the iPhone, the T-Mobile G1 will provide a platform for third-party applications. Google calls it the Android Market Google co-founder Sergey Brin referred to it as the "App Store," the name of Apple's software store, during his brief appearance Tuesday where users will be able to download a host of programs.

One such program displayed Tuesday was ShopSavvy, which integrates the phone's 3-megapixel camera to take pictures of bar codes on products on store shelves for comparison shopping. Users can then send that code to compare prices for a particular

item across the Web.

Another feature is integration with Amazon's MP3 store, where shoppers can download music directly to the phone. It's Amazon's first foray into mobile music.

It's also an example of how major tech firms are willing to work with Google to develop a new suite of services for mobile phones.

"It's important that Google has achieved this milestone (announcing an Android product) because now people can see how it will play in the marketplace," said Charles Golvin of Forrester Research. "That is significant but a small step in a long-term strategy for Google."

That strategy is to be on as many mobile devices as possible, whether it's through the Android platform, or through the several mobile programs it already offers. The idea is if you use Google on a phone you are more likely to use other Google products, potentially generating more ad revenue for the search giant.

Another phone is expected from Sprint, but a spokeswoman said Tuesday that nothing has



been announced, even internally. Gartenberg, who was at the New York press event, handled the G1 and called it a "very nice device. There are a lot of things in here that are very cool."

That includes the iPhone-like feel of the touch screen, but also the slide-out QWERTY keypad. That should appeal to people who prefer typing out messages on physical keys, such as business users.

But Gartenberg doesn't think this first version of the Google phone will appeal to businesses. For one, it doesn't have support for Microsoft's Exchange server software, a bastion of corporate

communication, and there's no desktop-to-phone synchronization.

With this phone, "there is no simple way to synchronize content back and forth," Gartenberg said. "But if you use Google to manage your calendar, inbox, contacts, etc, it will be great for you."

Google's vision still needs some clarity and help from that old standby, the desktop computer but there's little doubt the G1 will have an impact.

"Google is now a player in the most important space: mobile," Gartenberg said.

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in numbers of majors, new approaches to teaching, etc."

Singler also said an overall enrollment increase also requires an overall increase in course sections, which would require more classroom availability. "When classrooms are renovated, scheduling is adjusted," he said.

Singler said some of the new projects that YSU is planning could solve the problem of the size of classrooms. YSU is "Groundbreaking this fall for a new college of business building, we are beginning planning for a new STEM building in addition, also renovation of non-classroom space for classroom space," said Singler. He said the new buildings would allow more classrooms to fit the students.

Nadine Anderson, junior, also said she thinks classroom size is an issue.

"The small classrooms put more pressure on students. I feel like I have to answer a question because the professor is so close. It's like he or she is breathing down my neck for an answer," Anderson said.

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"I have a gun, but it's under my dad's name," Miller said.

Although he agrees with the law, Miller said he understands the concerns some may have about it.

"It's weird knowing everyone has a gun," he said.

Freshman Marissa Brenna said she feels it's an issue of being safe.

"People should have the right to do what they want with their own property, even if it means protecting themselves. It's a safety issue," she said.

Not everyone thinks that guns on campus are a good idea.

Freshman Ken Holt said he would be opposed to any provision that would allow guns on college campuses.

"I don't own a gun or know anyone who owns one. I don't think anyone should be allowed to carry a gun on or around campus," Holt said.

Additional reporting by Adam Planty and Matt Lattanzi.

Young voters are taking this election seriously

Jenee Osterheldt
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Two months ago April Hardin hadn't given much thought to the presidential election.

She was preparing for her first semester of college picking classes, preparing for dorm life, saving money. Politics didn't factor into her world. She'd heard of Barack Obama, but she didn't know much about him or John McCain.

She just didn't feel connected to the campaign at all. Until one day while flipping channels she heard two words: financial aid.

It was Michelle Obama on television talking about financial relief for college students. Financial aid is very important to April, a freshman at Missouri Western State University.

Before then, she didn't realize that the president had much to do with that. She wasn't even registered to vote.

"I wasn't even interested in the election," says April, 18. "Now I know whoever gets elected will have a major impact over the next

four years of my life at school."

She was worried that it was too late for her to exercise her right to vote. She called her sister, frantic. But the deadline to register for voting remains ahead: Oct. 8 in Missouri and Oct. 20 in Kansas.

Two weeks ago, while walking back to her room from the cafeteria, April saw a voter registration drive and signed up.

"I want to be included," she says about the upcoming Election Day. "And I want to know what's going on."

Even though it was Michelle Obama who caught her attention, that doesn't mean she's sold on Barack Obama. She says she's now trying to learn more about the issues and the people involved.

"I realize I need to listen to both sides and get to know more about both candidates," she says. "Education and financial aid are important to me. I have to make sure I know why I am voting for the person I choose, and who they are before I make a choice."

Joe Sims didn't care about politics either. There wasn't a big

"I want to be included and I want to know what's going on."

April Hardin, freshman
Missouri Western State University

reason. He says it just didn't appeal to him. Then he turned 18 in August and gained the power to vote. He started paying attention.

His classmates started learning more, too. He says it's not something they sit around talking about, but there's an undertone.

"You can feel it, we're thinking about it," says Joe, a senior at Olathe Northwest High School.

Education, the war, economic turnaround and better health care are some of the things on Joe's mind. He thinks that the war was unjustified and that America went to Iraq without a plan.

He has been tuning in to the speeches and making himself familiar with the candidates to see who caters to the changes he wants to see. He says it's more

involved than he realized.

"I'm learning a lot," says Joe, who is leaning toward Obama. "There are a lot more issues at hand and they go further in-depth than I thought they could. I just thought it was as simple as do you want to be Republican or Democrat, red or blue, nothing else."

Now that he sees what goes into the campaign, Joe says, learning more about the candidates has made him feel like his vote is going to really count toward something big.

"I have never really anticipated an election before," he says. "I'm really excited. It's always been the same old stuff, year after year, and there's going to be a change."

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If an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, then perhaps one shot is worth something.

This is the thinking behind Gardasil, the vaccine for human papillomavirus. It is recommended that women receive this vaccine at an early age, preferably before they become sexually active.

We have several questions about this, though, as well as one objection. States such as Texas, Virginia and California have been in favor of making the shots mandatory. This raises serious concerns. Like any medicine, there are potential side effects for Gardasil. These include nausea, dizziness and blood clots. This does not mean that the vaccine is necessarily any more dangerous than any other vaccine.

It is the responsibility of the individual, or the individual's legal guardian in the case of minor children, to weigh these risks. Perhaps the place of the government is to make strong recommendations based on research rather than require vaccinations.

The responsibility for dealing with human papillomavirus should also not fall to one gender, either. Though the medicine aims to prevent a form of cancer found only in women, the root of the cancer is in the human papillomavirus itself.

If prevention of the virus is necessary to prevent the cancer, then men and women should be equally responsible for preventing the cause of the cancer. Many women already bear the weight of contraception. For some women, it's their job to say no, to supply the condoms, or to take the pill. They shouldn't have to be the only sex carrying a torch against the possibility of disease.

Like in general sex education, knowing is half the battle. Individuals armed with all the relevant information should be able to decide for themselves whether Gardasil is right for them.

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Closer look at party lines

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For weeks, Barack Obama's campaign has been trumpeting the fact that John McCain has agreed with President Bush 90 percent of the time.

There is a commercial that shows McCain himself saying: "The president and I agree on most issues. There was a recent study that showed I had voted with the president 90 percent of the time — higher than a lot of even my Republican colleagues."

In his acceptance speech at Denver's Invesco Field, Obama said: "McCain likes to talk about judgment, but really, what does it say about your judgment when you think George Bush has been right more than 90 percent of the time? I don't know about you, but I'm not ready to take a 10 percent chance on change."

It sounds self-explanatory, but what does it really mean to support the administration 90 percent of the time?

The calculation comes from data provided by Congressional Quarterly, which compiles the roll-call votes on issues in which the president has taken a clear position. The votes span everything from war funding to renewal of the Patriot Act to judicial and cabinet nominations.

And, indeed, CQ reports that in these votes McCain has averaged 90 percent agreement with the president since 2001.

However, while not exactly a case of figures lie and liars figure, there is more to this story.

John Coleman, chairman of the political science department at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, has researched the 90 percent assertion and told me there are a few considerations the CQ data do not include. For instance, the president could take a position on a piece of legislation without actually doing much politically to see that it passes or fails. In those instances, the phrase voted with the president

might overstate the president's political presence.

It's also important, Coleman said, to consider issues a president supports that never reach resolution. President Bill Clinton's attempts to change health care, for example, or Bush's Social Security initiatives — neither of which show up in the CQ data because Congress never acted on them.

Sometimes the final vote doesn't mirror what the administration intended. "A roll-call vote is the end of a process during which the president might have had to abandon major aspects of his policy in the days or months leading up to the vote. That means a senator or representative can be labeled as siding with the president because of the roll-call vote, even though in the buildup to the vote, he or she may have worked against things the president wanted included in or excluded from the vote," Coleman said.

There is also significant fluctuation by year. Consider that Sen. Joe Biden has agreed with the president 52 percent of the time since 2001. (And no, that's not a number front-loaded to the immediate aftermath of Sept. 11, 2001.) In 2004, Biden agreed with the president 77 percent of the time.

"So maybe that indicates that everyone's support level is at risk of being inflated by this measure," Coleman said. "Or we'd have to conclude that Biden was really that supportive of Bush, which seems dubious."

Coleman's theory would seem to apply to the president's party as well. Sen. Arlen Specter, often targeted by Republican conservatives for his centrism, actually has agreed with the president more than 82 percent of the time during the Bush years.

So what about Obama? In 2006, the last year he was present for at least 95 percent of the votes on issues in which Bush took a clear position, Obama voted with the president nearly half the time. (His total Bush presidential agreement tally is

40 percent.) That's truly a glass half empty or full situation. Also in 2006, Sen. Diane Feinstein joined the president 54 percent of the time; Biden, 55 percent; Chuck Schumer, 52 percent; Hillary Clinton, 50 percent. Harry Reid? 57 percent.

Here's another twist. According to WashingtonPost.com, since 2000, McCain has voted with a majority of his fellow Senate Republicans an average of 82 percent of the time. That's only slightly less than the average for all Republican senators, who toed the party line almost 87 percent of the time in the same period.

Meanwhile, Obama voted with a majority of Senate Democrats more than 95 percent of the time in both of his congressional sessions, while the average for Democratic senators was 87 percent.

Perhaps that figure supplies the McCain campaign with the data for its proposition that Obama's candidacy is less about change and more about the status quo.

Coleman said that to assess McCain's level of support for Bush at 90 percent is misleading "if you consider McCain's tendency to defect from the Republican Party line more frequently than the average Republican and consider his signature disagreements with Bush on some major policy goals, proposals, and administration of policy — like troop strategy in Iraq."

Also keep in mind that even the other party's candidates supported the president 40 percent to 52 percent of the time during the Bush years, Coleman said.

"Ultimately, I think you have to interpret the number in light of the other numbers to get a feel for its meaning," Coleman said. "Ninety percent sounds like a lot, but it may not seem like quite so much in light of other numbers."

Of course, Coleman added, McCain probably didn't do himself any favors by using the figure of 90 percent in agreement with Bush as a point of pride.

Financial Disaster: What role for Congress?

Sarah A. Binder
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As the president calls for swift action on far-reaching powers for the Treasury to buy up \$700 billion of bad debt from Wall Street firms, Congress faces an age-old dilemma. Legislative bodies are not built for speedy action, but emergencies require them to act with dispatch.

If Congress fails to grant new powers to the Treasury, it risks deepening (and being blamed for) the greatest financial crisis since the Depression.

If Congress rubber-stamps the proposal from Secretary Treasury Henry Paulson, it risks making a colossally expensive mistake — at exorbitant cost to taxpayers and to Congress's reputation and future power.

In times of crisis, presidents often urge Congress to legislate quickly. When Congress does so, more often than not it defers to administration experts and enhances executive power. Enactment of the use-of-force resolution and the USA Patriot Act after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, are recent examples. Both legislative measures came back to haunt legislators who disagreed with how the president subsequently interpreted the expansive powers granted by those congressional delegations of authority.

Why is the rubber stamp so wrong, especially in light of the potential for global financial meltdown?

Careful deliberation, after all, is hardly a hallmark of the contemporary Congress, and stalemate abounds over tough problems (especially when intensely competitive parties are loath to compromise). But the costs of a rubber stamp are severe. Deliberation is undermined, alternative solutions are ignored and unintended consequences are rampant.

This time around, those unintended consequences include encouraging more excessive risk taking by financial firms in the future and demands from other industries for similar treatment in the future that will be hard to resist and cheap in comparison. Given the slew of questions that

have been raised from the left and right about Paulson's request for unchecked power to purchase distressed assets and the cost to taxpayers, Congress is right to put the brakes on immediate passage of a blank check.

How then should Congress proceed to vet and amend the proposal? Some basic ground rules should apply.

Bipartisan consent is critical. When Democratic Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Republican presidential nominee John McCain agree that executive pay should be limited for firms that benefit from the program, the administration should take heed. Both parties should care about building public confidence that Wall Street executives will pay a price for the government bailout.

Focus on matters of power and process. The precarious state of financial markets does not justify the grant of unfettered power to the current Treasury Secretary and his successor after the elections. Legislative ambiguity fuels executive power.

This means that strong and ongoing oversight of how the Secretary exercises his new authority should be written into the legislation. Details of the program — which assets can be bought, how they will be valued — should be stipulated in the bill or accompanying report.

Seek bicameral agreement. Differences between the House and Senate derail compromise as often as do fights between Congress and the president. Legislative review of Paulson's plan should start, not end, on a bicameral footing. This means that efforts to expand mortgage relief should center swiftly on those provisions most likely to garner bicameral consent.

Congress is right to reject open-ended grants of power at untold cost. That imperative needs to be matched with an equally rigorous effort to nail down avenues of agreement both across the chambers and between the branches.

How Congress acts this week has enormous consequence both for the soundness and stability of financial markets and for Congress's institutional health and future.

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Pickups don't lead to hookups, students say

Adam Bickel
REPORTER

"If I told you that you had a nice body, would you hold it against me?"

The cheesy pickup lines: some probably have heard them all. But have today's one-liners gone a bit too far?

Some of the rap music people listen to have some pickup lines like, "You's a big fine woman, when you back that thing up," a line out of the song 'Back that A-- Up' by Juvenile.

Another pickup line featured in a song by Ray-J call 'Sexy Can I' asks, "Sexy can I; just pardon my manners. Girl how you shake it got a playa."

These lines may be entertaining, but how would young women really react if approached with one of these lines? Especially if the pickup line came from Jadakiss and Kanye West's song 'Getting It In' where the rappers ask, "My apologies, are you into astrology? Cause, um, I'm trying to make it to Uranus."

In some cases, the failure of the pickup line may have to do with gender differences.

Women prefer lines that don't come on too strong, whereas men prefer more directness, said Cary Horvath, chair of Youngstown State University's communication department. Additionally, researchers have found that generally no one likes openers that are too cute. One-liners like, 'do

you have a sunburn, or are you always this hot?,' lack sincerity.

"We don't want to feel like we're being played," Horvath said.

Most conversations start before the pick up line is even said, she said.

"We can't help but form judgments about people before we ever interact, based on impressions of nonverbal appearance and body movement. Once we decide to talk, we conclude whether we want to pursue a relationship within about four minutes...first impressions are critical!" Horvath said.

Senior Kollin Rupert was appalled at the idea of someone actually using such a line.

"If anyone ever hit one me with the word Uranus in the pickup line, no matter what the context, I think I would be offended."

Rupert admitted she would have laughed if someone really did use that line, though she added that she would never continue to talk to that person.

"The conversation would be over," she said with emphasis.

Fellow female YSU student, sophomore Tara Malliz, had a different opinion of these rap song pickup lines.

"If someone said one of those things to me I would just laugh and go with it. I mean, if they have the nerve to really use a line like that, they maybe someone I would get along with."

Sophomore Aly Dannemiller

recalled a specific line a stranger had used on her.

"One guy said he could read palms, and when I showed him my palm, he took it and said he just wanted to hold my hand."

When asked if the line worked on her Malliz, a friend of Dannemiller, replied, "Anything would work on her," while Dannemiller nodded her head in agreement.

Junior Stephanie Valentine had a guy once tell her, "I wish you were a skittle so I could taste your rainbow." Valentine's reaction was clear about what she thought of this pickup line.

"I didn't acknowledge it; I walked away," she said.

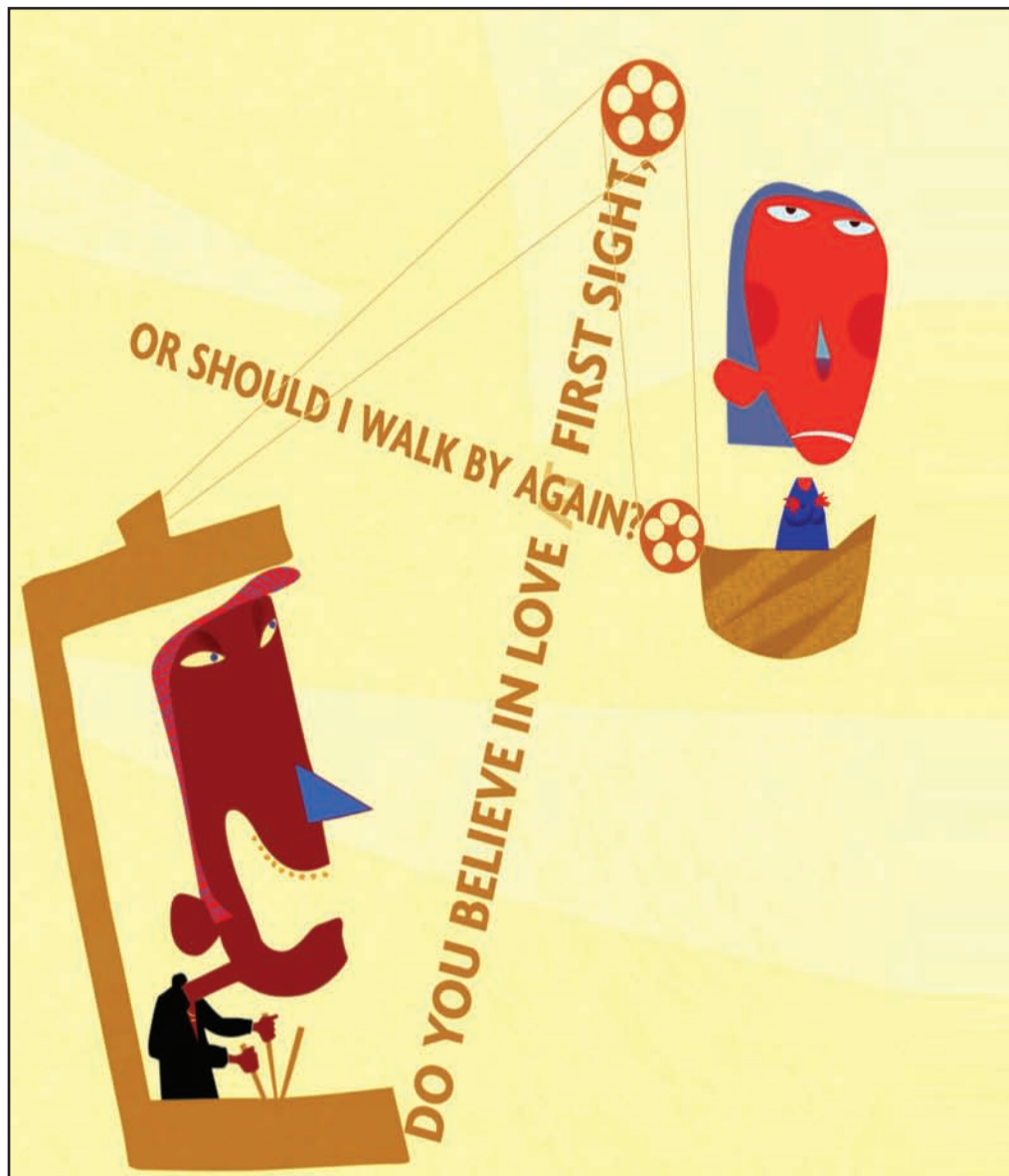
Since many don't take pickup lines seriously, one has to wonder if there's any time they can be appropriate.

Senior Manali Tiliakes gave a male's point of view on these approaches.

"Pickup lines are a joke," he said. When asked how he starts a conversation with women Tiliakes answered, "They usually approach me, but if I do start a conversation with a girl I ask about college or classes or something."

Rupert also had an opinion on when pickup lines are appropriate.

"I don't think they ever are," she said laughing, while still being serious. "I think pickup lines are dead. These days I get a lot more of the 'you look familiar' opening line, which is a more expectable way to approach someone."



Fine lines

It seems to be a consensus to everyone that there is no appropriate time to use a cheesy pickup line these days. Perhaps lines that start with the phrases like, "Sexy can I," should be left to the rappers. But if you really insist on using a pickup line next time you are trying to talk to someone, here are a few that have been approved by some YSU students.

- "Here I am! Ok, you have two more wishes left..."
- "Sorry to bother you, but my friend over there wants to know if you think I am cute?"
- "My best friend bet me that I couldn't start a conversation with the most (beautiful girl/attractive guy) in the room. So could you please help me out?"

ENTERTAINMENT

Investigation of S.C. plane crash that injured performers continues

Kristy Eppley Rupon
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MCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Federal investigators will continue collecting evidence Sunday from a fiery Learjet crash at Columbia Metropolitan Airport in South Carolina that killed four and critically injured performers Travis Barker and DJ AM late Friday night.

The plane was headed to California after the duo had performed a free concert for thousands of area residents of all ages in Five Points, S.C.

Airport traffic controllers reported seeing sparks coming from the plane as it taxied down the approximately 8,600-foot-long runway about midnight. National Transportation Safety Board spokeswoman Debbie Hersman said, though she couldn't provide specifics.

Parts of the plane and rubber were found on the runway, she said.

Investigators recovered the plane's cockpit voice recorder, which will be sent to Washington, D.C., for analysis to determine whether there were any conversations between the pilot and co-pilot prior to the crash, which killed them and two passengers, Hersman said late Saturday.

"I have every confidence that we will be able to determine the probable cause of this accident regardless of whether or not the cockpit voice recorder data is good," Hersman said.

Investigators likely won't know for weeks what caused the crash at the end of runway 11.

The private charter plane flew into Columbia, S.C., about 11:10 p.m. Friday from Teterboro, N.J., to pick up the passengers and take them to Van Nuys, Calif., according to authorities and flight records. The plane refueled before it left New Jersey, Hersman said. It was at the Columbia airport for about 45 minutes before the at-

tempted takeoff.

The jet never got off the ground, crashing at 11:53 p.m. into lights and through the fence at the end of the runway. It traveled across S.C. 302 and crashed into an embankment on the other side, bursting into flames, authorities said.

Hersman described the crash as a "high-speed overrun," though investigators have not yet determined the actual speed. She said the plane traveled "pretty much" in a straight line down the runway.

Killed in the crash were two members of Barker's entourage—personal assistant Chris Baker, 29, of Studio City, Calif., and bodyguard Charles Still, 25, of Los Angeles. Pilot Sarah Lemmon, 31, of Anaheim Hills, Calif., and co-pilot James Bland, 52, of Carlsbad, Calif., also died, Lexington County Coroner Harry Harman said.

Eyewitness William Owens told WIS-TV that he was driving on S.C. 302 Friday night when he saw a fireball go across the road about 800 feet in front of him.

Owens said he stopped his car and saw DJ AM, 35, whose real name is Adam Goldstein, and Barker, 32, standing in the middle of the road. He said Barker's pants were on fire and he was trying to extinguish the flames.

"We turned to the jet to try and see if there was anything we could do, but immediately, there was nothing anyone could do," Owens said.

"I felt ill or sick to think that these lives were snuffed out at that point."

The only other known witnesses were in the control tower, NTSB spokesman Peter Knudson said. But he said sometimes it takes a while for witnesses to come forward in crashes.

The partially burned jet sat on the embankment Saturday at the end of a long, black streak of burned jet fuel across S.C. 302. Federal investigators, who arrived on the scene around 11 a.m., surveyed the crash site and



Officials wait to investigate a private jet crash carrying six people, resulting in four fatalities and leaving Travis Barker and his partner DJ-AM injured. MCT Campus photo.

collected evidence to help determine the cause of the crash.

Hersman said the weather was clear with a slight breeze Friday night.

The Learjet 60 was manufactured in 2006 and certified to fly in 2007; it was owned by Inter Travel and Services Inc., based in Irvine, Calif., and was operated by Global Executive Aviation in Long Beach, Calif., Hersman said.

Maintenance records were sealed and on their way to Columbia Saturday from California, Knudson said, adding it could take a couple of days for the records to reach investigators here.

"We have not yet found anything, but we are looking at everything," Hersman said. "Nothing has been ruled out at this point. . . . We will be looking at the man, the machine and the environment to help us explain this accident."

The agency will investigate the pilots' records and what they had been doing 72 hours before the crash, a routine part of such investigations, Hersman said. The agency also will review paperwork, physical evidence and eyewitness accounts to help determine what caused the crash, she said, adding the S.C. Highway Patrol and the FBI are assist-

ing in the investigation.

The two survivors, Barker and Goldstein, were taken by ambulance to Palmetto Health Richard and then to the Joseph M. Still Burn Center in Augusta, Ga., where they were listed in critical condition Saturday.

The crash shut down air traffic to and from Columbia Metropolitan all day Saturday, leaving hundreds of passengers scrambling for another way to their destinations. The airport's other runway is under construction through the end of November and could not be opened to accommodate airplanes.

The investigation also closed down a portion of S.C. 302 Saturday; Hersman said that stretch would remain closed until Monday night.

Fire and police units from the airport, Lexington County and the city of Cayce responded to the crash site Friday night to extinguish the flames and help the victims.

The fatal crash was the second at the airport in less than two years.

On Jan. 4, 2007, three Columbia-area men were killed when their single-engine Cessna crashed in woods on airport property while trying to land in foggy weather.

Appearances, Impressions, Attires: Does it count in the classroom?

Alicia Pattillo
REPORTER

Though some Youngstown State University students may prefer comfort to style when getting dressed for class, YSU sociology professor Denise Narcisse said appearance "definitely" makes an impact on other people's perceptions about an individual in the classroom.

"Reality is what it is, and appearance, and what you have on for that day makes lasting impressions," Narcisse said.

Narcisse said students should wear something that exhibits professionalism and self-esteem in the classroom. While a suit and tie is unnecessary, students should be presentable as well as comfortable. Students can wear sweatsuits and T-shirts, for instance, as long as they properly cover the body.

"You use your dress to inform an impression, to express yourself, and the respect you have for yourself," Narcisse said.

Some students agree. Freshman Pat Moran looks his best at school because he likes to feel good. "I feel like people judge you on how you look; you can tell by the way they talk to you," Moran said.

Similarly, Sophomore Wayne Bonner feels strongly about making good impressions on people.

"You can tell by the way people respond to you when you're 'dressed up,'" Bonner said, adding that a person's confidence level should come from within and not from what he or she is wearing that day.

Junior Randy Knight dresses up for school because image is important to him.

"It makes me feel good and people see me looking good, but I always stay confident no matter what I have on," Knight said.

While Sophomore Mark Jones said that personality, not clothes, should determine one's appearance, he said his goal is to "pres-

"You use your dress to inform an impression, to express yourself, and the respect you have for yourself."

Denise Narcisse, professor

ent myself as a young gentleman to my peers and professors."

"Students and faculty may judge you negatively if you tend to wear baggy jeans or sag; they may think you're not educated," he added.

Though senior J.R. Hodge admitted that sometimes faculty members prejudge students based on their clothing, he said he still likes to be comfortable while attending class.

"Clothes don't make the person; it's school, so you should be comfortable," he said, adding that when weather permits he may wear jeans and a nice of shirt instead of sweatpants and a T-shirt.

Nicole Thomas, sophomore, said there is no need to dress up for school.

"I just roll out of bed and throw whatever on. I want to feel comfortable whether it's sweatpants or jeans," Thomas said. "There are different circumstances where first impressions are important like a job interview, but school is for you; nobody else should matter."

Thomas also said she gets both negative and positive responses from peers and faculty.

"If I have on a really cute shirt, a lot of girls tend to compliment me on it, but if I have a really low-cut shirt or short skirt, faculty may look at me in a negative light," Thomas said.

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Demanding schedule continues with No. 25 Liberty

Andrew Berry
SPORTS EDITOR

Voters across the nation are not yet sold on the Youngstown State University football team.

Looking to change the mindset of the pollsters, the Penguins host No. 25 Liberty University Flames Saturday in a non-conference contest at Stambaugh Stadium. The Flames will be the third ranked FCS team the Penguins have faced just five weeks into the season.

But Saturday's game won't be a marquee matchup of Top 25 squads. Despite a huge upset over the No. 2 team in the nation, the Penguins remain unranked in the Sports Network poll and only moved up one spot in the FCS Coaches' Poll to the No. 23 slot.

Head coach Jon Heacock didn't seem to mind his team missing out on getting back in the poll saying that the polls simply don't mean anything five weeks into the season.

"I don't look at the polls," Heacock said. "In the past we've

been there and been ranked and it didn't mean anything. They don't mean anything at this point. It's too early."

Heacock's squad dropped out of the Sports Network poll following its 38-0 win over Central State University. While the Penguins got more votes this week than the previous poll, dethroning the No. 2 Bison wasn't enough to earn a spot back in the Top 25.

When previously asked if the win over the Bison was a statement game for the Penguins, Heacock felt that any kind of statement that came from the win Saturday would last only until the weekend ended. When practice resumes, Heacock said the team studies the film, fixes the mistakes, and moves on.

While the Penguin coach admitted it was still a great win for his program, he believes it proves that beating a top-ranked team does not guarantee anything and is not taken as a form of disrespect in the minds of his players.

"I don't think they look at it as disrespect. Hopefully they realize it means you have to win more than one big game," Hea-

cock said. "Anyone can win one. Champions win a lot and that's what we're trying to become."

The road to becoming a champion continues with the Flames, a talented squad that has won its last eight games and is loaded with veterans.

Out of Liberty's 22 starters, 15 of the players are seniors. Heacock said that having an abundance of fourth and fifth-year seniors means the players can handle themselves in game situations.

The most notable name on the Liberty roster is senior running back Rashad Jennings. The 6-foot-1, 230-pound back was listed the top running back in the nation by the Sports Network before the season started.

Jennings is averaging 108 yards per game and has compiled 216 yards and two touchdowns. Averaging 5.3 yards a touch, Jennings is the offensive threat that Heacock and the Penguins will have to focus on Saturday.

"Jennings is an NFL prospect," Heacock said. "He can flat play."

While Jennings is hot on the

Penguins radar, the team will also need to focus on containing Liberty's X-factor, senior running back Zach Terrell. Much like the Penguins use senior Ferlando Williams at various positions on offense, the Flames like to put Terrell in the slot, and put him in motion out of the backfield. On rare occasions, Terrell will also line up at quarterback.

Having already defeated one ranked team this season, the Penguins have a chance to do it two weeks in a row. Heacock said that the team celebrated the upset against the Bison, but the players will not allow the win to go to their heads.

He said the team ignored the negative criticism following two straight losses and must now block out the hype following the upset over North Dakota.

"When everyone tells you you're great, don't listen to that either," Heacock said. "We're somewhere in the middle and that's what it is. It's great for a day and then reality sets in and we have to go play another game."

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Penguin Defense vs Flames Offense

The Penguins were able to shut down the prolific Bison rushing attack and will have to do the same against the Liberty Flames. Senior Rashad Jennings is one of the most heralded runners in the nation and is a load to bring down at 6-foot-1, 230 pounds. Jennings cannot be allowed to run north and south and the Penguins should use a fair amount of run blitz packages that force the holes to be plugged up by the linebackers.



Flames Defense vs Penguin Offense

Liberty has a dangerous offense, and the best defense against a potent offensive is to keep it on the sideline. With the rushing attack improving every week, the Penguins backfield will once again have to carry the load not only to move the chains but keep the clock ticking. Jennings is a great running back, but he won't be able to do any damage watching from the bench.

Penguins open Horizon League play against Detroit

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The Youngstown State University women's soccer team kicks off the Horizon League portion of their schedule with a home game against the University of Detroit-Mercy Friday.

The Penguins are a confident bunch after picking up their first two victories of the season. In the first of those previous two contests, Youngstown State defeated a previously undefeated St. Francis team 1-0.

Youngstown State picked up their second consecutive shutout by posting a stout 4-0 score.

YSU heads into conference play with an overall record of 2-6. The Penguins have played hard throughout the season but their record does not reflect their output.

However, the main goal for YSU is to finish their season strong in conference and contend for the Horizon League title.

Detroit limps into conference play with three consecutive losses and a mark of 2-4-1 overall. The Penguins should take advantage of a team that has no momentum going into the game and with Penguins possessing a ton of confidence with two consecutive shutout wins.

The Penguins have to watch out for the Titans leading scorer, sophomore midfielder Selena Stanski. Stanski has three goals



ON THE MOVE — Freshman Geneva Strelka moves the ball out of the Akron defensive zone as the Penguins battle the Zips.

and seven shots on goal for the season and poses a legitimate scoring threat for Penguin defense.

Sophomore Lauren Brennan feels the Penguins have to play as a team to claim victory over Detroit.

"We have to stay composed and work as a team. We have to give 212 percent," Brennan said.

Fellow teammate and sophomore Kate Bonn thinks YSU has to play similar to last weekend to get the win.

"We have to play like we did on Friday [against St. Francis] with a higher level of intensity and composure," Bonn stated.

Head coach Anthony James feels enthusiastic after snatching his first two victories of the season.

"It's pretty good. I think the ladies have worked hard all season long. After the previous weekend we had with the two difficult losses, that kind of prepared us for this past weekend," James said.

James thinks Detroit will be a challenge and feels his team needs to be prepared for a tough game. "They are a hard-working team. I think we have to be better than this past weekend, I think it will give us a chance," James said.

Another one bites the dust: Richards to miss remainder of season with injury

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As if the Youngstown State University football team hasn't gone through enough personnel changes this season, the team will suffer one more.

The sweet taste of victory over the North Dakota State Bison will be followed with the sour aftertaste of losing senior cornerback Jarvis Richards for the rest of the season.

Richards suffered a knee injury during the North Dakota State game late in the fourth quarter. During the postgame press conference, head coach Jon Heacock had believed the injury to be serious and announced at Tuesday's weekly press conference that Richards will not suit up again for the remainder of the year.

Richards joins a laundry list of players that have been lost for the year or an extended amount of time to do injury. The Penguins have already had to reshuffle their defensive line following the loss of senior Mychal Savage and sophomores Torrance Nicholson and Luke Matelan. Savage is out for the year following surgery to repair a torn rotator cuff while Nicholson and Matelan are missing time with bone frac-

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tured.

With Richards done for the year, stepping in to fill the void will be DeAngelo Wilson, a senior cornerback who transferred from the University of Nevada to join the Penguin last season.

Wilson played a big role in the team's victory over North Dakota State coming up with two crucial interceptions, the first leading to the Penguins first touchdown of the game and the second sealing the win in the end zone as the final play of the game.

Heacock said there's nothing harder than having to replace someone who has four years of experience. Wilson, who doubles as the team's punt returner, believes it is his responsibility as a leader to continue to come up with the big plays he had against the Bison.

"I'm a senior now. I have to make the plays," Wilson said. "I can't sit back and let the team down. If I'm in a position to make the play, I have to make it."

Richards was on his way to a

monster season having already accumulated 22 tackles, an interception and two pass breakups. Looking past the numbers, the Penguins will lose one of the team's more vocal leaders. Richards said he had taken on more of a leadership role in his senior year when the Penguins opened the season at the Ohio State University.

Moving into the starting role is usually a cause for celebration, but taking over for an injured teammate is not the way Wilson would have liked to fill in. Wilson realizes the hit his team has taken.

"It's just like losing a blood brother or a family member," Wilson said. "We have to work hard and dedicate it to him."

Normally used as a backup defender, Wilson will assume the role of starter Saturday against the University of Liberty Flames. The senior cornerback has collected seven tackles, two interceptions, one pass breakup and a sack thus far this season.

But Wilson doesn't believe he will be taking over for Richards by himself.

"We've got to come out and work harder, bring up the young guys that now have to step up and fill his shoes. Even I have to fill his shoes," Wilson said.