

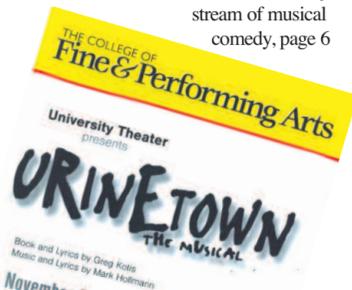


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## YSU

# Broadening horizons

## Students ponder life beyond Earth

### UFO class separates fact from fiction

Sarah Sole  
News Editor

While Reuters reported Nov. 12 that 24 former government officials and pilots are calling for the U.S. government to resume UFO investigations, students at Youngstown State University will be researching right along with them.

As a psychology special topics course, ETs and UFOs teaches students how to distinguish myth from fact. Temple University in Pennsylvania is the only other university besides YSU that has space aliens as a regular part of the curriculum.

The text, "Hidden Truth: Forbidden Knowledge" is comprised of over 400 testimonies author Steven Greer obtained from various government, military and corporate personnel, Steve Graf, emeritus professor of psychology, said. The individuals were forbidden by their workplaces to talk to anyone about knowledge of UFOs, so most of the information came from "death



Steve Graf teaches the ETs and UFOs course with help from his brother-in-law, Jack Auman. Photo contributed by Graf.

bed testimonials," where people thought they should set the record straight.

Much undercover operations dealt with "black budgeting," a process where powerful government agents were able to receive funding for projects which Congress had no knowledge of, Graf said. Only small cells within agencies were responsible for this kind of research.

Students are encouraged to find their own research on UFOs online, where they then can separate the reality from the myth, or as Graf calls it, the spin.

Graf has experienced firsthand the difficulty in separating the two. He said he researched UFOs during the late '80s until finally becoming discouraged by the information.

"I was so confused by trying to

distinguish what was fact and what was fiction," he said.

A discrepancy exists between the reality of extraterrestrials and what the media perpetuates about them, Graf said. While movies like "War of the Worlds" and "Independence Day" depict extraterrestrials as brutal monsters, reality points to peaceful visitors that do not aim to abduct earthlings or steal resources.

Graf said he admits that the class will be challenged by skepticism.

The climate of false thinking that surrounds the subject of UFOs often prevents educated individuals from becoming involved, Graf said. They don't want their credibility to be questioned.

"Academics are not about to

broach the topic in a serious fashion," he said.

Graf said he wants students to come to their own conclusions.

"This is not something that we're pushing," Graf said, of student belief in UFOs. "Our job is to expose them to the best quality information we can."

Students who took the class last spring at the YSU Metro College in Boardman have formed their own opinions.

Prior to taking the class, former student Tina Fanfer didn't think about life beyond earth.

"It was a question I didn't want to answer or spend time on," she said.

During the class, she and other students learned about people who experienced contact with otherworldly beings, Fanfer said. Students also found events that the press didn't cover.

"It just kind of swayed me into believing that this was really a possibility," Fanfer said, of the class. "It keeps reminding me there's more out there than meets the eye."

Some area residents were reluctant to share their own testimonies, Fanfer said.

"They don't want to be seen as being kind of goofy," she said.

After realizing that extraterres-

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## PROFILE

# Student teacher's sense of humor keeps inner city students alert

Jeanette DiRubba  
Jambar Contributor

Jessica Sampson, a student teacher at Warren G. Harding High School, told her students she would poop on the floor if they didn't stop talking.

"Instead of screaming at them, I started with the 'teacher stare.' When that didn't work, I just decided to say something random and extreme. It made them stop talking!" Sampson said.

A senior integrated language arts major at Youngstown State University, Sampson will be the first in her family to graduate from college. Growing up, Sampson said she never thought about becoming a teacher, but she always enjoyed reading and writing. Sampson's ninth-grade English teacher noticed her

enthusiasm for reading when the class read works by William Shakespeare.

"My teacher told me, 'You really get this, and you really take well to Shakespeare. I see you helping the other kids around you. Did you ever think about becoming a teacher?' Ever since then, I've just wanted to teach," Sampson said.

Working without pay Monday through Friday at Warren G. Harding and working weekends at her paying job, Sampson has no days off.

She says a day in her life as a student teacher is crazy. "I wake up at 5:30 a.m., teach all day, and then the bell rings. I go home, do everything for the next day, grade over 200 papers, prepare things for the next week, and then it's time to wake up again," Sampson said. "You just don't stop, don't get any sleep, have huge amounts of stress, and I'm not getting paid for it," she said.

In addition to teaching, Sampson, along with all other student teachers, needs to compile the Teacher Work Sample.

YSU needs to have this on file in order for student teachers to graduate and obtain licensure.

"It's like a large, glorified unit plan," Sampson said.

Sampson's Teacher Work Sample includes, among other information, over 50 pages of assessments, students' work, a conceptual factor analysis, critique of student learning, reflection and self-evaluation.

Classroom performance and teaching experience are what count and prepare you for the "real thing," Sampson said.

Discipline is one difficult factor to incorporate within any school setting, specifically an inner-city school environment, Sampson said.

One day, her students pushed her over the edge, and she started to cry in front of them.

"A student was dancing, and I told her to stop. She flipped out, and told me I was just a student teacher, blind as a bat, and I didn't know what I was doing," Sampson said. "I was angry and insulted,"

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NOT BY THE BOOK - Sampson takes an unconventional approach to her student teaching at Warren G. Harding High School. Photo by Jeanette DiRubba.

## YSU

# Empty seats fill leaders of student organizations with frustration

Elizabeth Boon  
Reporter

YSU honor society Sigma Alpha Lambda has over 100 members, but sometimes only 15 people show up to meetings, said Amy Rook, the student organization's president.

Though some students may not stay active in campus organizations for a variety of reasons, the groups may suffer from lack of participation.

"Most of the successful groups are the ones that have involvement," Greg Gulas, assistant director of campus recreation and student programming, said.

Judy Gaines, executive director of student life, said that non-active

members in student organizations are deadweight.

"They're just not helpful," she said.

Shanna Kelly, president of the freshman honorary society Alpha Lambda Delta, said that her group has attendance issues like those of Sigma Alpha Lambda.

Many students who sign up for the organization do not participate in the meetings and service that is expected of members, she said.

"We have a large percentage that doesn't regularly participate," she said.

Kelly said that low attendance rates are frustrating and that an event has had to be cancelled in the past due to lack of interest.

"It's disheartening that you and

other officers put in all that work and you have to cancel things," she said.

Rook said the interaction level between members is disappointing.

"They join the organization and then won't show up," she said. "We try so hard to get people involved."

Although Rook said she wants group participation to be higher, she gives reason as to why activity is low.

"Sometimes people join just to put it on their resume," she said.

Kelly also said she observes students joining organizations to use as resume filler.

Gaines disagrees with Rook and Kelly.

She said she doesn't think students would sign up for student

organizations just so that they could put it on their resume.

"I don't think anyone would sign up if they had no interest in participating," she said.

William Blake, director of student diversity programs and advisor of some student organizations, also said that he doesn't believe students use organizations as a resume builder.

"If they haven't done anything in the organization, what value does it have for them to put on their resume," he said.

Another part of the participation problem is YSU and its commuter campus, Kelly said.

"It's hard for people to feel involved at a commuter school. It's hard for them to come back for

meetings and service organizations," she said.

Greg Gulas, assistant director of campus recreation and student programming, said that students also struggle with membership duties because of commitments to jobs, studying and going to class.

Blake said that the time students must spend on academics affects their ability to be active in extracurricular groups.

"They have to meet their graduation goals and still try to be involved," he said.

Blake said that when there is a decline in operation on campus, student organizations become inactive with regional and nation chapters of their group.

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## TO THE POINT

### Students sleep outside for benefit

More than 100 YSU students will sleep outside in cardboard boxes Friday as part of the 10th annual Shantytown, an event presented by the Leslie H. Cochran University Scholars and Honors Program. Students will volunteer at local homeless agencies and collect donations to raise awareness of the homeless problem. Agencies benefited include The Beatitude House, The Rescue Mission of the Mahoning Valley, Second Harvest Foodbank, and Habitat for Humanity.

### Great American Smokeout

“Wellness Table Talk: The Great American Smokeout”, an event marking the Great American Smokeout, will be held Thursday at the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center. The Great American Smokeout is an annual day where smokers commit to quitting smoking or smoking less. The event will feature facts about smoking and tips on how to quit.

### YSU office sponsors grant workshops

Three workshops on the YSU grant development process will be sponsored by the Office of Grants and Sponsored Programs. The workshops will be held from 10-11a.m. on Monday 12:30 -1:30p.m. on Tuesday, and 10-11a.m. on Wednesday. All workshops will be held in Room 2068 of Kilcawley Center.

### Metro Campus to host business seminar

A seminar detailing the exporting business, “Understanding Exporting,” will be held from 10a.m. to 1p.m. Nov. 28, at the YSU Metro Campus at Southwoods in Boardman, Room 228. The seminar will be presented by the International Trade Assistance Center and the Ohio Small Business Development Center at YSU in conjunction with the Williamson College of Business Administration. Cost for the program is \$10 and is due with completed registration by Nov. 26.

### Discounted student tickets available

Penguin Productions will release discounted student tickets for the Sugarland concert at the Chevrolet Centre on December 7. Students can purchase \$10 tickets at the YSU Bookstore’s convenience store beginning today. Students must have ids verified at the Rec Center’s front desk before purchase.

## POLICE BRIEFS

### Student empties fire extinguisher in Courtyard hallway

An officer was sent to the Courtyard Apartments Monday morning in reference to a fire extinguisher being emptied in a hallway. The officer checked the supposed room of the criminal mischief and located the empty extinguisher. Residents of the room informed the officer of the student who did the damage. The student was advised of his rights after admitting to emptying the extinguisher. He also agreed to clean the hallway.

### M2 deck control gate hits car

Tuesday afternoon a student’s car was damaged when the control gate arm at the M2 deck dropped onto the vehicle. The car sustained paint scratches to the driver’s side front roof and the windshield chrome strip.

## TECHNOLOGY

# Tech desk fights common computer problems on campus

Megan Villers

Janbar Contributor

On average, the Tech Desk at Youngstown State University sees 150 students per day, and at peak times during the start of each semester, the number can be as high as 250 students per day. On any given day during the first week of school students can be seen lined up outside the familiar Tech Desk window on the fourth floor of Maag Library.

Computer software specialist Mickey Hancharenko has worked at the Tech Desk for two-and-a-half years and has heard his fair share of computer questions.

“The most commonly asked question is, ‘How can I connect my laptop to the wireless Internet?’” Hancharenko said.

This is a fairly easy problem for the staff at the Tech Desk and usu-

ally just involves making sure the proper security features are installed. Still, the number of students visiting the Tech Desk with this issue has remained steady with the new wireless network.

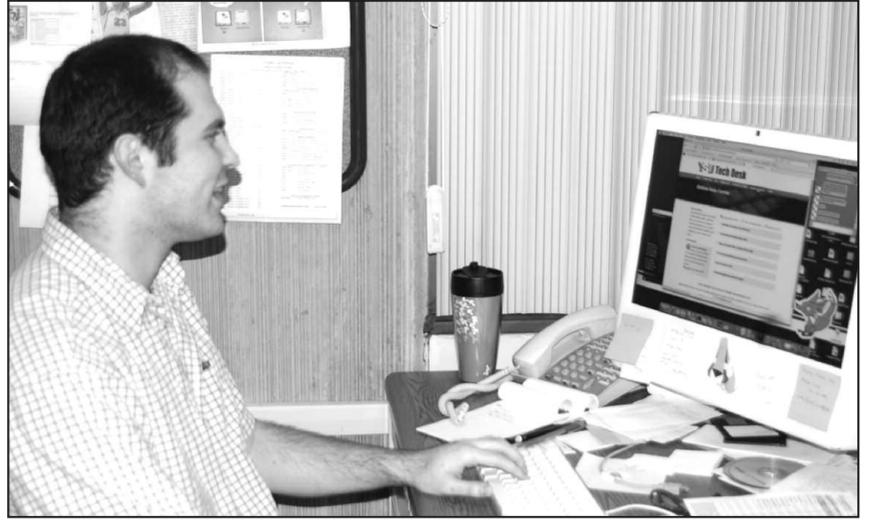
The real task comes when students hand Hancharenko or any of the other three staff members a disk and simply ask, “Can you get all this information off this?”

But disk recovery is one of the specialties of the Tech Desk employees. The staff is also able to recover information off a student’s hard drive if need be.

Hancharenko tells students not to hesitate with their questions or concerns.

“Students can call us with questions or just stop in any time during our office hours.”

Another all too common problem that visitors bring to the Tech Desk is forgotten passwords. Students are encouraged to answer



**TECHIE**—Michael Zupcsan, an administrative assistant, works with Mickey Hancharenko at the Tech Desk in assisting with student’s computer related questions. On average, Zupcsan and Hancharenko can help 150-200 students per day. Photo by Megan Villers.

the security questions so that they can change the password on their own. “If they don’t have the security questions they have to stop in with their student ID, and then we can easily change the password for them,” explained Hancharenko.

The Tech Desk can also install any software that students are having problems with, but students are reminded that the Tech Desk is not a one-stop computer fix-it-all store.

“We can assess any laptop or desktop computers brought to us. However, if the hardware needs replaced then the student will have

to take it to some location where they repair computers,” said Hancharenko.

Students should also keep in mind that the Tech Desk works on a first-come, first-served basis.

Even though the staff tries to have all computers back in a week, some serious problems do take more time.

With all the problems and concerns about computers each day, the most unusual question that the Tech Desk received was surprisingly not at all about computers or even technology.

“A student once asked the Tech Desk if anyone could tie his tie for him,” laughed Hancharenko. “Luckily, someone here was able to help him out.”

Despite the odd and sometimes repetitive questions that the staff are all used to hearing, Hancharenko is encouraged that the same students do not frequent the Tech Desk often.

“Our goal at the Tech Desk is to make sure that students understand what we showed them so that they don’t have to come back with the same question,” Hancharenko said.

## POLITICS

# Report encourages teachers to help students get involved in politics

Erica Perez

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

The results of recent surveys of young people’s political savvy are grim: Just one-third of college students said it’s important to stay current with political issues and events. More than half of people aged 15 to 25 didn’t know that only citizens can vote in the United States.

Faced with such troubling statistics, senior scholars with the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching released a report Tuesday with strategies to help college educators teach political topics without imposing their own views.

As the nation rolls along toward the 2008 presidential election, the report’s authors urged educators to invite political officials to class and require students to do internships where they’ll learn about politics in a real-world setting, for example.

More broadly, they pushed colleges and universities to provide students with incentives for political involvement similar to those offered to get involved in community service. More college students

are volunteering than in years past, but those activities have not necessarily encouraged students to be politically engaged.

“Many campuses make individual volunteering an institutional priority, but we could not find a single campus that made political engagement a priority,” said Thomas Ehrlich, a senior scholar with the Carnegie Foundation and former president of Indiana University.

The Carnegie study’s authors spent three years looking at 21 programs they said successfully focus on political learning, including one involving students at Viterbo University in La Crosse, Wis.. They surveyed roughly 500 students in 17 states at the beginning and end of the courses and found that, on average, students had significant increases in their political understanding, skills, motivation and expectations for future political action. Students with little initial interest in political issues made especially substantial learning gains.

And while the students changed in their enthusiasm for politics, they didn’t change their party identification or political ideology, the study

found. “Education for political learning has to be unbiased and deeply committed to political open-mindedness,” said Anne Colby, senior scholar with the Carnegie Foundation and former director of the Henry Murray Research Center of Radcliffe College. “Students are very turned off to extreme partisanship.”

The courses ranged from single-semester and summer programs to one- and two-year programs involving courses and other activities. In studying these programs, the Carnegie study drew up five strategies for getting students more politically savvy, engaged and motivated:

- Invite speakers to the classroom, such as elected officials or grassroots leaders.

- Use political debate in the classroom.

- Use political action projects where students work together to plan and carry out political action.

- Place students as employees in nonprofits or government agencies that are working on the issues they’re working on in class.

- Have students reflect in a struc-

tured way on their experiences through writing and discussion.

Carnegie researchers found that colleges provide several incentives for students to pursue community service: it’s a plus on college applications, students can earn credits for it and still others are required to do it to graduate. But schools don’t provide the same incentives for students to get politically active.

Recent studies show that today’s college students are more involved in service than in years past. A 2005 report from the Corporation for National and Community Service found that volunteering among college students increased by about 20 percent between 2002 and 2005.

Students aren’t as engaged in politics, however. A 2006 nationwide survey of 1,700 young people aged 15 to 25 by the Center for Information & Research on Civic Learning & Engagement found that 56 percent did not know that only citizens can vote in the United States.

It’s not that there aren’t opportunities to be politically engaged on campus, said Mariel Ponseti, 22, a biomedical engineering student at Marquette.

“I’m not involved at all . . . I guess I never really find time for it,” she said. “There are opportunities. There are college Republicans and Democrats, and I know they said in the school paper they had people come and put on a debate . . . so there are opportunities if you want to be involved, I just don’t, really.”

When Carnegie researchers asked students why so many of them are likely to participate in community service but not in politics, they found some familiar explanations: they don’t feel they can make an impact. The rewards are unclear. They don’t trust politicians.

But for Megan Warner, 20, a Marquette junior majoring in economics, it just doesn’t make sense not to get involved in politics. She wasn’t old enough to vote in the last presidential election, so she didn’t pay as much attention as she should have. But now, she said, she’s watching and thoughtfully considering her decision for 2008.

“We keep being told that we’re the future of the country, and if we’re not involved now at age 20, who’s to say we’re going to be involved at age 40?”

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County should be the goal. “Youngstown should be the main target of the community college,” he said.

Tabak also has some issues about Kent State branches.

“Those things spread like cancer,” he said. “Not all of them do extremely well.”

Kent State Geauga Campus attendance was 878 in 2004, while Kent State East Liverpool’s attendance reached 768 in 2004, according to the Ohio Board of Regents.

Kent State in Stark County had an attendance of 3,878 in 2004 — giving Stark the highest attendance of all the Kent State branches. A partnership is being considered with Stark as well, according to Fingerhut.

David Drogowski, a sophomore at YSU, said money might be a motivator to move the college outside Mahoning.

“The more counties the community college sells education to, the more money the college gets in tuition,” Drogowski said.

There is also concern that YSU’s partnership with the community college may suffer as a result of its expansion outside Mahoning.

“I don’t know how much YSU can be involved in the community college if it exists in more than the tri-county area,” said Drogowski.

Regardless of how many counties the community college may operate in, some are confident that the tri-county area will be the primary focus, and YSU the primary partner. YSU President David Sweet said, “Our goal is to serve the tri-county area. That’s why YSU will be involved.”

Where the community college will operate will ultimately be

decided by which counties in Northeast Ohio have the need for one, Fingerhut said.

“You have to take into account what the community wants. If Portage want a community college, then it’s something to think about,” said Ritchey.

Still, some students say that expanding outside Mahoning County may not be easy.

YSU junior Pat Donaldson said, “It would be hard to operate and run a community college that exists in many different places. Most schools operate under one building and not several.”

Regardless of who the community college partners with, plans are for an independent building to exist in 2017.

The location of that building has not been decided and will not be until further down the road, Ritchey said.

For some students that is a concern. “I could see this community college built somewhere else besides Mahoning in the longer run. That would be a shame, since YSU seems to have so much invested in it,” said Donaldson.

Other students are concerned about serving so many counties in the early stages of the community college.

“I never heard of a community college that served so many counties in its beginning,” said Drogowski.

Ritchey said he is optimistic about the plan.

“We want to bring in as many students as we can,” he said. Ritchey said some details need worked out, but he would be happy for the community college

to operate and serve students wherever it can.

## A unique model

Youngstown State University plans to use an intergraded partnership model for its community college, which has never been used in the state of Ohio. The model will enable YSU to be a partner with the community college.

“The community college will still act as an independent university, with its own Board of Trustees,” said Ohio Board of Regents Chancellor Eric Fingerhut, who is in charge of developing the community college.

Nathan Ritchey, professor and chair of mathematics and statistics at YSU, said there will be no stand-alone building for the community college.

“It would be a hybrid of a stand-alone college and one that operates under YSU,” he said.

Classes will be conducted in already existing classrooms, such as those in YSU.

YSU President David Sweet said “we want to offer the best education we can at an affordable price. This seems like the best way to accomplish this goal.”

Keeping tuition low for students is a major goal of the community college.

“Low tuition is what students think about when considering a community college. That’s something we can accomplish with these partnerships,” said Ritchey.

The average cost of community college is about \$100 per credit hour. The average cost of a class at YSU, is \$800 according to Ritchey. Partnerships will also help pro-

vide the community college. High school students who attend the career centers will feel more comfortable with the community college because they are already exposed to it, Ritchey said.

“We hope the community college working with the career centers will influence students to continue their education,” Ritchey said.

Still, Sweet believes YSU’s partnership will be noteworthy.

“We want to be a major player in the community college. It would benefit both schools,” Sweet said.

The community college will take responsibility for college remedial courses from YSU. This will prepare students for a four-year university, and enable YSU to improve its undergraduate and graduate degrees, he said.

“It would benefit the community to have both a community college and a state university,” said Sweet.

Local communities have more growth when its citizens have the option of both a community college and a 4-year university Fingerhut said.

“The more access to education, the better the community does,” he said. Students at YSU do have some concern about the partnership model proposed for the community college.

Donaldson said he wonders if students will spend valuable gas money driving from building to building, just to attend class. “I could see students having a math class at YSU, and then another class at a career center. Nobody is going to waste gas money,” he said.

Ronald Tabak, professor of physics and astronomy agreed.

“If we use this model transportation will be an issue,” he said.

Transportation will be an issue because the community college will not operate out of one building according to Tabak. Students and faculty may find themselves moving from building to build. Tabak said the Mahoning valley doesn’t have much of a transportation system to accompany the community college.

Ritchey admits this is a problem that still needs to be examined.

“We would designate certain programs in certain buildings, so this might not be a problem. We would have to figure out a solution by the demands of the community,” he said.

Tabak supports the intergraded-model, but he is concerned. “If it’s not conducted right, YSU could lose important faculty and students to the community college,” he said.

Tabak said he worries some younger professors, who could be of great value to his or her program, might be forced to teach at the community college instead of YSU.

Ritchey said “We may ask some YSU professors to teach at the community college, nothing is decided yet.”

Still, many students are concerned about YSU using a model that has never been seen in Ohio.

Donaldson said “it’s a possibility this model may not work; we haven’t seen anyone else use this model, so we don’t know what to expect.”

Despite criticism, Sweet is still extremely optimistic about the community college.

“Our goal is to make higher education accessible to everyone. I am very positive that we will reach this goal, and the community will receive the benefits,” said Sweet.

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 trials could have done away with our entire planet, Fanfer said she decided that they meant no harm. "They're just existing the way we're existing," she said. Senior Tatia Hollobaugh said the class has shown her how misinformative the media is. Students often debated ways to make public aware without sounding crazy, she said. "People are so close minded," she said. Hollobaugh, for her part, hasn't been discouraged by the popular media. "I know there is life beyond earth," she said. Hollobaugh said students also learned about harvesting energy from vacuums in space. "There's energy all around us that we are not using," she said. Graf said the class will again focus on the need for alternative sources of energy and higher consciousness, but we won't get any help from friendly green aliens. "We're on the brink of destruction because our technology is way, way ahead of our social develop-

ment," Graf said. Quarantines are placed on societies or planets like ours that haven't fully developed socially. As a society, we are not mature enough to deal with extraterrestrials, Graf said. "They're sort of waiting for us to get it," he said. Ideally, instead of being separate beings, humans would be able to share one another's thoughts, he said. "Higher consciousness is the common denominator in all of us, extraterrestrial and earthling alike," Graf said. "In the largest sense, we're all one." Society's separation between affluence and poverty keeps the world from sharing resources, he said. Poverty, international water shortage, and healthcare are all issues that should not exist. "As a planet, we need to develop an approach and an ability to use higher consciousness and our own resources so that we are no longer threatening our planet," he said.

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she said. Sampson also said the failure rate at Warren G. Harding is problematic for her. "It's almost like these students have a learned helplessness. They don't try, and they're lazy, and this is so hard for me," she said. Sampson tried to change this during her stay by trying to make her classroom discussions motivational. "I try to help them stay on task. I allow them class time to do most of their assignments because I know they won't complete any work at home," Sampson said. "The students have to want it, and you can only do so much." Sampson said that though the students improved, she would like to see more growth. Despite the time-consuming preparation and emotional stress, Sampson said her student teaching is a "terrific experience" that she wouldn't trade for anything. "I was terrified when I received my placement letter. Even my parents didn't want me to go to Warren," Sampson said. "We immediately saw this high school as a dangerous inner-city school, but it's not that bad. They're just kids that might have experienced more hardships than you have. They just want someone to care about them. The students cling onto you, and don't want to let you go ... I don't want to leave them," she said. Sampson's experience has left her with some advice for those entering the teaching professions. The relationship created with their students builds with time, she said, adding that advice is difficult to follow because each school environ-

ment is unique. "You need to get to know your students. You can have fun, but they also still need to respect you," Sampson said. "This is what I like about teaching — I like how personable teaching really is," she said. Sampson said she tries to relate to her students by thinking or acting how they might. "I even started listening to their music, and I'm starting to talk like them. I catch myself speaking differently sometimes, but my kids know that I'm just 'big, white, and nerdy,'" she said. "Once you really relate to your students, you'll start to take on the role of your students without even realizing it." Sampson also advises student teachers to maintain their sense of humor, and not to take negativity too seriously. "I'm really goofy with the kids. I discipline them with my humor because they respond to that better than to yelling and screaming," Sampson said. "Also, if you take the failures so seriously, you'll just be a big stick in the mud and end up hating your job," she said.

# Grant Workshops

Offered to YSU Faculty & Staff

**The Office of Grants and Sponsored Programs is offering workshops on the YSU grant development process presented by Dr. Edward Orona, Director.**

*The Introductory workshop (Grants 101) is intended for new and novice faculty and staff. The Intermediate workshop (Grants 102) is intended for experienced faculty (PIs or PDs).*

- November 19: 10 – 11 a.m., Grants 101**
- November 20: 12:30 – 1:30 p.m., Grants 101**  
**1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Grants 102**
- November 27: 10 – 11 a.m., Grants 101**  
**1 – 2 p.m., Grants 102**

**Location: Kilcawley, Seminar Room 2068**

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We could blame our society for placing too much weight on titles. It's a given that prospective employees look good with titles and positions, but what should really matter is what was done with that title. We could be the generation that shifts importance from names to action.

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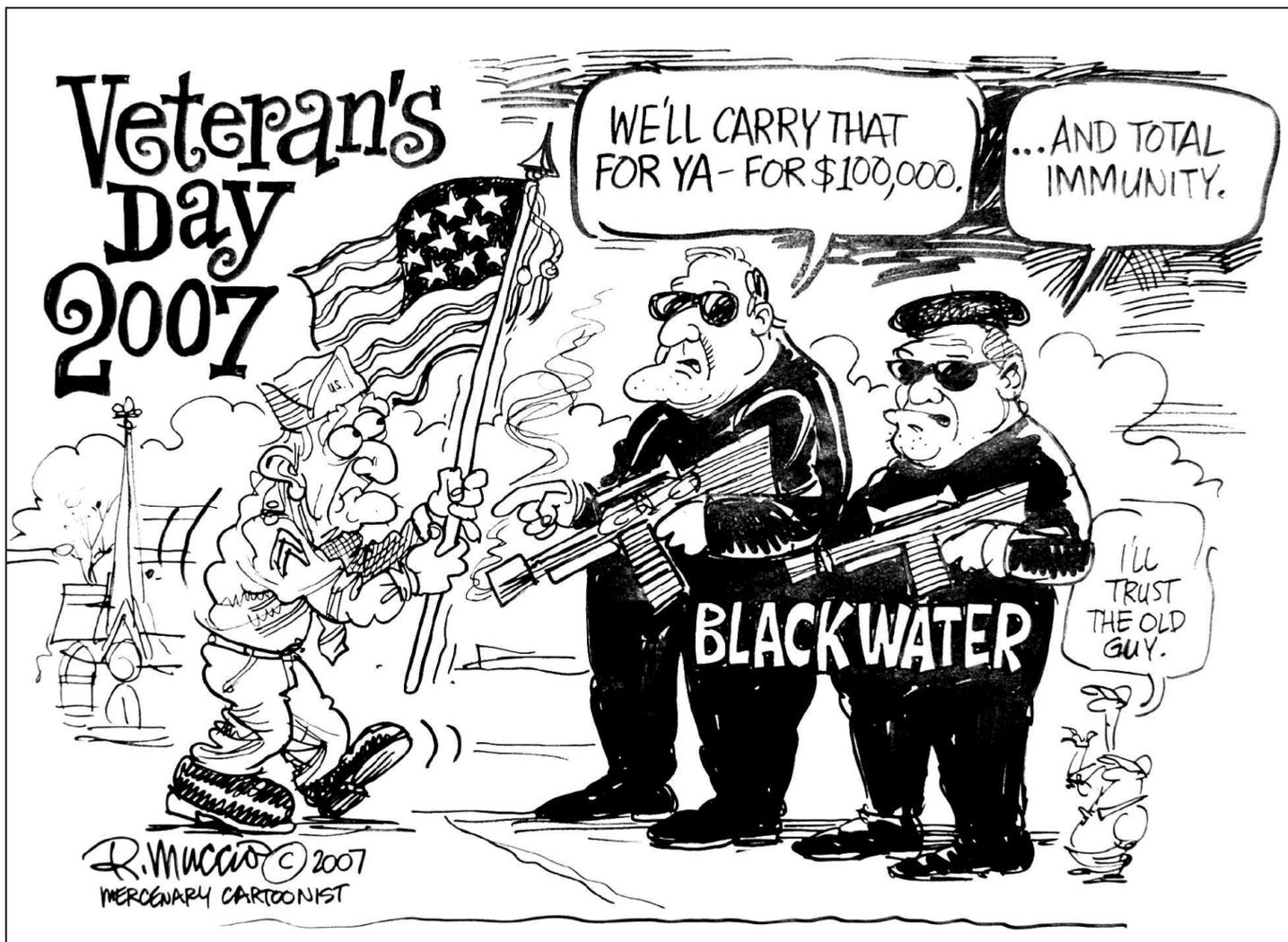
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COMMENTARY

## Is your supper putting you at risk for superbugs?

Heather Moore

P.E.T.A.

As if we didn't have enough to worry about, now comes the alarming news that killer bugs have made the leap from hospitals and nursing homes to playgrounds and locker rooms. According to a new study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, MRSA, an antibiotic-resistant staphylococcus bacterium, now kills more Americans than AIDS. The rise in antibiotic-resistant superbugs like MRSA can largely be attributed to the overuse of antibiotics — in humans and animals.

Approximately 70 percent of the antibiotics used in the United States aren't given to human patients — they are fed to farmed animals. The filthy, crowded conditions on factory farms are breeding grounds for disease. Billions of chickens, turkeys, pigs

and other animals killed for food each year in this country live mired in their own waste. The powerful, burning stench of ammonia-laden urine commonly leads to respiratory diseases, bacterial infections and other ailments. The conditions are so deplorable that the animals are fed a steady dose of antibiotics just to keep them alive long enough to send them to slaughter.

Anyone who eats meat, milk or eggs is also eating the antibiotics given to the animals raised for those products. Scientists from the World Health Organization, the American Medical Association, the American Public Health Association and other health groups fear that the overuse of antibiotics in farmed animals is causing the spread of antibiotic-resistant superbugs. The U.S. General Accounting Office warns, "Antibiotic-resistant bacteria have been transferred from animals to humans, and many of

the studies we reviewed found that this transference poses significant risks for human health."

One USDA study showed that 66 percent of beef samples were contaminated with antibiotic-resistant bacteria, and scientists at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health have reported that 96 percent of the chicken flesh they tested was contaminated with antibiotic-resistant campylobacter bacteria. Another study conducted by the CDC indicated that chicken sold in supermarkets is often tainted with potentially fatal bacteria called Enterococcus faecium. This bacterium was not even affected by Synercid, a drug commonly used to treat antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

Over the years, more than 30 antibiotics have received FDA approval for use in livestock, and many of those same drugs are used to treat human illnesses. So when you get sick, the antibiotics

you're prescribed may not work, either because you've built up a tolerance for the drug by consuming it in your chicken or fish dinner or because the bacteria have mutated and figured out how to beat the drug.

Says Dr. Neil Fishman of the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, "We are starting to see more and more bugs for which we don't have antibiotics."

The spread of diseases from animals to humans is not a new problem: The factory farms where animals are warehoused in deplorable conditions have given rise to bird flu, mad cow disease, SARS and other animal-borne diseases that threaten human health. Many harmful organisms, including salmonella, campylobacter, listeria and E. coli, have also spread from animals to people.

Now we can add MRSA to the list, as experts believe that it is widespread among farmed ani-

mals. A recent Belgian survey showed that MRSA has been found in 68 percent of the pig farms in that country. In 37 percent of the cases, the farmer and the farmer's family carried pig MRSA — a variant of human MRSA.

A bill pending congressional approval would end the routine use of antibiotics in farmed animals who are not sick. This is a good first step, but there is a much more comprehensive solution: Stop raising animals for food in the first place. The fewer animals we raise, the fewer superbugs there will be to battle. And since disease-causing bacteria are not the only health risk posed by meat and other animal products (which lead to cancer, heart disease, obesity, diabetes and other serious problems), we would all be better off if we traded in our fried chicken and fish sticks for the great-tasting vegetarian alternatives available at most grocery stores and restaurants.

COMMENTARY

## Climate change demands action: U.S. should move quickly into leadership role

McClatchy-Tribune News Service

The following editorial appeared in the San Jose Mercury News on Sunday, Nov. 11:

Al Gore won well-deserved glory with the Nobel Peace Prize for raising awareness of the threat of climate change — a threat that President Bush largely chooses to ignore. Now it's up to Congress to be the architect of U.S. strategy for dealing with this planetary peril.

Congress finally is advancing global warming legislation this fall. The package needs to be both strong and broad, at last moving the United States toward a position of world leadership.

The law must be up to the mammoth challenge of cutting greenhouse gas emissions to the degree that scientists say is needed. And it must lead to cleaner energy without crippling the economy.

Momentum is now driving America's Climate Security Act, introduced last month by Sens. Joe Lieberman, I-Conn., and John Warner, R-Va.

The bill requires the United States to cut greenhouse gas emissions 20 percent by 2020 and would create a national "cap-and-trade" system for emission cred-

its. Companies that can cut emissions cheaply or achieve cuts beyond their emissions cap for a given year can sell credits to companies that need more time or money to achieve emissions reductions.

This is a good starting point for U.S. climate change policy. Lawmakers should keep improving and resist weakening the bill. Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., has said she plans to bring it to a vote of her environmental committee in early December.

Congress has to play a strong role on climate change because the oil-centric Bush administration lacks a strategy, suggesting only voluntary emission reductions. That's not enough.

Congressional approval of mandatory cuts would provide a path for a new administration in 2008. And it would signal to the world that the United States is serious about climate change, which its consumer lifestyle disproportionately has helped create.

As this legislation moves ahead, here are five principles to keep in mind:

Make big cuts fast. Scientists warn that the United States needs to cut emissions at least 15 percent to 20 percent by 2020 and at least 80 percent by 2050 to help the world avoid the worst effects of global warming. Lawmakers

should resist "safety valve" provisions supported by industry that would gut the Lieberman-Warner bill's effectiveness.

Maximize the market's benefits. Critics say too many emissions credits are given away rather than auctioned, so the program is not tough enough on corporate polluters that use coal and fossil fuels. Congress needs to get the balance right. And the proceeds from credits the government auctions off must be used for public benefits such as energy efficiency and clean technologies.

Pass additional energy reforms. This summer, the House passed a bill setting a national standard for the amount of energy utilities should get from renewable sources, while the Senate approved raising mileage standards on vehicles for the first time in more than 30 years. These are both essential moves. Congress should combine them and send broad energy legislation to President Bush this year.

Encourage innovation. Affordable solar power, plug-in cars or biofuels could dramatically change the energy equation and cut carbon emissions. The Lieberman-Warner bill includes incentives to promote clean and green technologies.

Encourage state and local action. States like California have

marched ahead of the federal government in dealing with climate change. Any new federal policy should build on those efforts and not preclude states from leading the way. The Lieberman-Warner bill provides green incentives to states, awarding them emissions credits for eco-friendly building codes, utility regulations and other policies.

This legislation would set in motion massive changes in the way energy is produced, distributed and used. It could result in sharp increases in electricity and gasoline prices as well as other impacts on the American economy and lifestyle.

But many cities and states are viewing this movement as an economic opportunity. Once again, they are out front, and leading in the right direction. Congress needs to catch up.

### AMERICA'S CLIMATE SECURITY ACT

America's Climate Security Act, by Sens. Joe Lieberman and John Warner, incorporates elements from some of the half dozen global warming bills currently in Congress. Here are the major features of the bill:

-What it does: Sets a cap, at 2005 levels, on U.S. emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases and then reduces the limit over 38 years. Establishes a national market for trading emissions credits, or pollution permits.

-Goals: Cut emissions 20 percent from 2005 levels by 2020, and about 65 percent from 2005 levels by 2050.

-Who is regulated: Electric utilities, manufacturers, oil refiners and importers and chemical makers, which together account for about 80 percent of U.S. emissions.

-How it works: The basic idea is that cleaner industries or businesses that can cut emissions faster and more cheaply can sell their emission credits to companies that find it more difficult or expensive. Each year, the government would distribute some emission credits for free and auction off additional ones, with the proportion of free allowances declining over 38 years. The auctions would be open not only to targeted companies but to entrepreneurs and investors who might re-sell the credits later at a profit.

-Auction proceeds: The money would fund public benefits such as development of clean technologies, electricity rebates for low-income consumers to offset higher prices, worker training for green jobs and environmental and wildlife restoration.

WINTER

# Tips to get your car ready for Ohio winter

Chelsea Pflugh  
Features Reporter

With winter just around the corner, The Jambar has some tips for getting your car ready for the ups and downs of winter. Here are some tips from ehow.com and the DMV to keep your car at its best this winter.

## Maintenance

Do not put off the 30,000-mile full service check for your car. Especially if you think you'll hit that mark during winter, its best to get a full service check before the weather turns bad.

Flush the cooling system and replace coolants. Replace wiper blades and windshield wiper fluid. For best results in winter, buy a fluid that has an antifreeze solution.

Have your battery serviced. If it is over four and a half years old, replace it.

Check the pressure of your tires with a tire gauge. Cold weather makes air contract, so tires may become low as the temperature drops.

Make sure you have a spare tire that has a proper amount of air, and make sure that it is easily accessible.

Check lights, heaters and defrosters.

Keep your gas tank as full as possible to prevent moisture from freezing in the gas lines. (Gas prices are high but this is important.)

Have a brake check done if you haven't had one in the past six months.



## Problem: Frozen locks

If your door locks freeze in the frigid weather, do not try to jam your key into the ice. It can damage the key. Warm water usually does the trick if you're near home, but most of the time it happens away from home. Purchase glycerine for de-icing the lock. Be careful about where you store it, however, because if it's in the glove box of your car then you can't get to it. Store some in your desk at work, purse, pockets or wherever you feel you could get it if in case of emergency.

## Your car's emergency winter kit

- Cell phone charger (you'll need this all year)
- Flashlight and batteries
- Ice scraper
- Cat litter to help traction
- Gloves
- First-aid kit
- Blankets
- Snow shovel
- Windshield wiper fluid

## Problem: Snowbound

We've all seen a car stuck in the snow. If your car makes friends with a snow bank, shovel snow away from the tires in the direction the car will be moving. Spread some cat litter underneath the tires and also in the direction the car will be going for assistance in added traction.



TECHNOLOGY

# Cell phones' latest plot twist

Stevenson Swanson  
Chicago Tribune

Cell phones aren't just getting smart. They're turning into book-worms.

From their humble start as a simple phone that you could carry in your pocket, mobile phones have added a raft of features, such as the ability to take photos, shoot video, receive and send e-mail, and search the Internet.

Now, cell phones are in the process of adding another feature: the capability of displaying electronic versions of books.

With their small screens, cell

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phones might not spring to mind as a suitable medium for reading lengthy stretches of text. And a much ballyhooed e-book revolution during the dot-com era in the late 1990s and early 2000s fizzled, leading many in publishing to doubt whether books would ever escape the bounds of paper.

But that hasn't stopped such publishers as Houghton Mifflin, Simon and Schuster and Avalon Travel from making deals with specialty firms to produce mobile versions of some of their titles.

In one of the most recent deals, Boston-based Houghton Mifflin, which traces its origins back to 1832, agreed to work with Mobifusion, a Silicon Valley firm, to make some of the publisher's reference and children's books available in mobile versions.

One of the first titles that they hope to have out by the end of the year is "Fast Food My Way" by celebrity chef Jacques Pepin. The cell-phone version will probably

cost \$30 — the same as the print version.

"You could be at Dean and Deluca in New York and look up the recipe for what you're going to make for dinner that night," said Houghton Mifflin's David Langevin, referring to the gourmet food store. "So with your phone, you know what to shop for. That seems a lot more functional than the print book."

Last week, HarperCollins UK announced a deal with Apple to make excerpts of the publisher's books available on Apple's iPhone for free in Britain. In addition, the phone will carry author interviews and audio clips of writers reading from their work.

Part of the reasoning behind such deals is that mobile versions of popular titles may help sell more printed books. When you get home from the gourmet store with your chanterelle mushrooms and heirloom tomatoes, would you rather read one of Pepin's

recipes from a cell-phone screen or from a large printed page, with a big color photo to show how the dish should look?

But another reason for the deals speaks to the uncertainty of the Internet age: nobody knows for sure what format of electronic reading will prove to be the ultimate winner, or whether there will be an ultimate winner. So why not hedge your bets and try cell-phone books as well as more conventional electronic books intended for bigger screens?

"We're really aiming to be agnostic and ubiquitous," said Claire Israel, director of digital content at Simon and Schuster, which is planning to make some consumer reference material, such as buying guides, available on cell phones, possibly by the end of the year. "In terms of format, we're just trying to push this content out there. I'm very comfortable with letting the consumer make the choice."

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**THEATER**

# Urine for a good time

*'Urinetown' delivers a steady stream of musical comedy*

Chelsea Pflugh & Richard Louis Boccia  
*The Jambur*

Although "Urinetown" isn't the most pleasant name for a musical, Youngstown State University's production of the Tony Award-winning show makes up for the title's absurdity with rousing music and a colorful cast and staging by Frank Castronovo.

Sung by Roxanne Hauldren as Penelope Pennywise, the first number of the show, "Privilege to Pee," explains the laughable premise as quickly as possible.

A drastic water shortage has pushed a city to the brink by banning private toilets and forcing the people to use "public amenities."

"Urinetown" combines the laid back with the showy and the extravagant, mixing humor and original music with blatant references to musicals like "West Side Story" and "Les Miserables."

A farce of forbidden love unfolds between the rebel hero, Bobby Strong, played by Randal S.

## Showtimes

8 p.m. Friday and Saturday  
3 p.m. Sunday

## Tickets

Free for students  
\$5 for faculty and staff  
\$10 for general admission

Huffman II, and Hope Cladwell, daughter to the corrupt tycoon behind Urine Good Hands.

Molly Makselan's Hope is the red-headed answer to Elle Woods from "Legally Blonde," beautiful and smarter than she seems.

Stuck between opposite sides of the "Pee for Free" rebellion, Hope needs all her smarts, and though her romance with Bobby isn't very picture-perfect, it provides much of the humor that carries the show.

Huffman's strong tenor matches

the modern sound of the show, and he was the most consistent vocalist.

"Run, Freedom, Run" is Huffman's chance to shine, and he does.

Hauldren stalks the stage as Pennywise in "Privilege to Pee," in which she belts a high G, and Brian E. Peters is restrained but solid in the role of Senator Fipp.

Nathan Beagle hams it up as the Barrell to David Munnell's Lockstock, although the two are lacking needed chemistry in their roles as police partners.

The best interaction is the family kind between Huffman and his parents, played by Zachary S.

Campbell and Missy Bookbinder, and Makselan and Joel Stigliano get a lot of laughs as father and daughter.

Stigliano deserves a tip of the monocle for his portrayal of the ridiculously corrupt tycoon Caldwell B. Cladwell, who keeps raising the price to pee until the poor rise against him.

Kudos to Jane Shanabarger's costuming for Cladwell's white and blue wing tip shoes, the perfect symbol of conspicuous consumption.

Like Pennywise's toilet brush, which she wields like a royal scepter over the poor customers at her public amenity, the shoes are one of the absurd details that give the show its humor and relevant commentary.

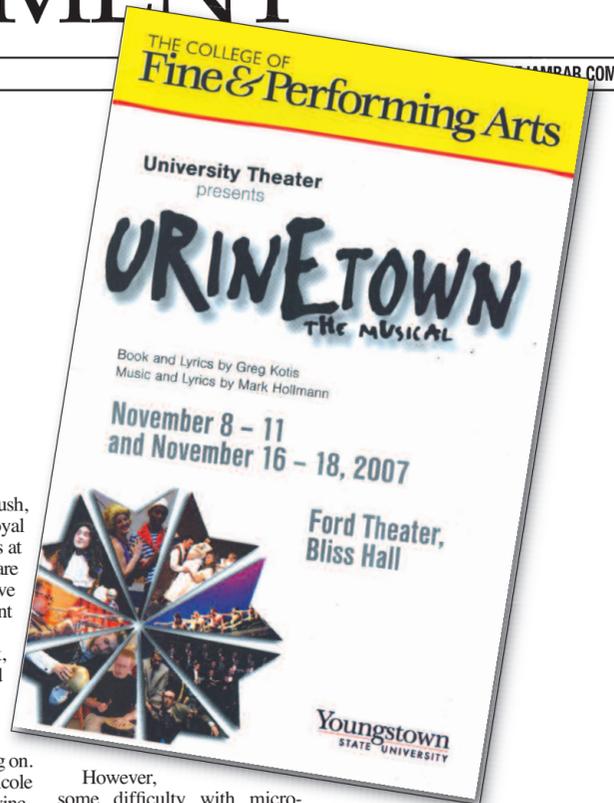
Narrator Officer Lockstock, played fantastically by David Munnell, keeps the audience following the story during the times where it's nearly impossible to understand what's going on.

As the other narrator, Nicole Dionisio steals the show, convincingly playing Little Sally with the right balance of cute innocence and sensible questions.

Outsmarting Lockstock, Sally brings the story to life, posing deep questions that remain unanswered.

Without these two narrating roles, the audience would have remained tongue-in-cheek in question about their decision to watch the musical.

Opening night was a hit in technical terms as well, with an elaborate, colorful set by scenic designer John Murphy, and a balance between the orchestra and the ensemble.



However, some difficulty with microphones made certain solos and ensemble singing hard to hear, and singers were near inaudible in the low ranges of their voices.

Police authorities perform the rhythmic and rap-like "Cop Song" with visual vigor and a helping hand from lighting designer Matthew Pettitt, who leaves the stage black except for a flashlight in the hand of each performer.

Even in the dark, Christine Cobb's choreography shines.

When the actors talk directly to the audience, you'll feel drawn into the injustice of a system that makes

people pay to pee. At the very least, you'll be grateful that you need money to visit the restroom at intermission.

"Urinetown" could be interpreted as an allegory to the rich versus the poor, the government versus the people, or even society versus the natural environment.

This may be a serious interpretation for a musical that doesn't even take itself seriously.

At the end of the show, it's Little Sally who asks Officer Lockstock in disgust, "What kind of musical is this?"



**NOT YOUR BORING ENGLISH CLASS 'BEOWULF'** — The deformed monster Grendel terrorizes King Hrothgar's kingdom. Photo courtesy of Paramount Pictures/MCT.

**ANOTHER DARK BURTON FANTASY** — Johnny Depp as Sweeney Todd takes Helena Bonham Carter's Mrs. Lovett into his confidence in "Sweeney Todd." Photo courtesy of Handout/MCT.

**NOT A SEQUEL TO 'ELF'** — Vince Vaughn, top, as Fred Claus and John Michael Higgins as Willy in Warner Bros. Pictures comedy, "Fred Claus." Photo courtesy of Warner Bros. Pictures/MCT.

Melissa Mary Smith and Adrienne Sabo  
*The Jambur*

This year's winter movie releases, like the long talked-about "Beowulf," are hyped up more than summer's blockbuster releases, and Linda Strom knows why.

Strom, who teaches Introduction

to Film Study at Youngstown State University, said winter is a season when many people are back home and looking for things to do with their families.

Like the classic "A Christmas Story," this season's holiday movies provide both an adult- and kid-friendly atmosphere.

YSU junior Jenn Ramsey is looking forward to seeing Disney's "Enchanted" and "Fred Claus,"

starring Vince Vaughn.

"I love Disney movies and sarcastic Christmas movies, especially with Vince Vaughn because I think he's cute," Ramsey said.

Tami Young, a sophomore, agreed. "I definitely like holiday movies. I am a Christmas freak," Young said.

Besides holiday-themed movies, dramas are also featured this season. Freshman Heather

Wells said, "I'm not usually one for chick flicks, but I really want to see one. A good one, not a cheesy one."

Strom listed "Margot at the Wedding," written and directed by Noah Baumbach, and "Love in the Time of Cholera," based off of the Gabriel Garcia Marquez novel, as the films she is most excited to see this season.

For some the movie choice comes down to the actors.

Freshman Danilo Conichista is excited to see Denzel Washington in "American Gangster."

Strom also said some of this winter's movies have been promoted earlier so as to go up against the competition.

The competition, already released as a part of the holiday movie season, includes "American Gangster," "Fred Claus," "Lions for Lambs," "P2" and "No Country for

Old Men." Yet to be released this season is "This Christmas," "The Perfect Holiday," "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," "Enchanted," "Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium," "Beowulf" and "August Rush."

Additional reporting by Diane Platten.

## Upcoming Events

**Today**  
Thursday, Nov. 15

Dana School of Music Saxophone Studio  
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Bliss Hall Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

**Friday**

"Urinetown the Musical"  
Bliss Hall, Ford Theater, 8 p.m.

Joe DeVito, standup comedian  
Funny Farm Comedy Club, 9 p.m.

**Saturday**

"It's About Time"  
Ward Beecher Planetarium  
1, 2:30, or 8 p.m.

Opera Workshop Performance  
Bliss Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

"Urinetown the Musical"  
Bliss Hall, Ford Theater, 8 p.m.

**Sunday**

"Urinetown the Musical"  
Bliss Hall, Ford Theater, 3 p.m.  
Opera Workshop Performance  
Bliss Hall, Recital Hall, 4 p.m.

**MUSIC**

# After being discovered on MySpace, Colbie Caillat is rising

Jon Bream  
*Star Tribune*

Colbie Caillat is the queen of MySpace. There was no official coronation. But with more than 12 million views, 267,000 friends and a No. 5 song on Billboard's pop chart, Caillat (rhymes with "ballet") has to be the networking Web site's biggest success story for a newcomer.

A year ago, the 22-year-old acoustic-pop-soul singer was working the front desk at a tanning salon and living with her parents in Malibu, Calif. Now, she has a hit album and a headlining tour. It's all because her tune "Bubbly" popped from MySpace to No. 1 on iTunes to adult-pop radio to top 40 radio.

"I'm so excited and so proud of it," she said recently from Northampton, Mass. "I never would have thought this song — it's pretty crazy."

When Caillat set up her MySpace site, she didn't even know how to post music: "My friend had to make the page for me and show me how to upload my songs."

Last spring, she spent four

months at No. 1 on MySpace's unsigned-artist list — and even started getting recognized on the street — before landing a deal with Universal Republic. In July, she released "Coco," featuring tunes she co-wrote with Jason Reeves, an Iowa City musician whom she met two years ago through her producer, Mikal Blue.

"When we first met, we had everything in common," she said of Reeves. "We like doing outdoors stuff. We're into photography. So we started hanging out every single day and writing songs together. He's pretty much the brother that I've never had. I go to Iowa (City) with him and he shows me stuff like ice skating, which I've never done. And I take him to the beach when he comes to Cali."

Caillat grew up in the music business. Her dad, Ken, co-produced Fleetwood Mac's "Rumours" and "Tusk" and went on to run his own label. Dishwalla was the band she knew best from her dad's career, but she has hung out with Fleetwood Mac's Mick Fleetwood and John McVie, who are good friends of her dad. After singing in school talent shows, Colbie got a guitar at age 19



and began writing songs, mostly in her parents' bathroom.

Caillat penned "Bubbly," a simple ditty about a crush, without a specific guy in mind.

"Bubbly" was written in my bedroom," she said. "I was sitting at home. I was bored. It was raining. And all my friends wanted me to come go out with them to a club or something like that. I didn't want to. I had no motivation to. Normally, it's exciting to go out when you

have a crush on someone or you like a guy. I didn't like anyone at the time, and I missed having those feelings when you like someone. And I started writing 'Bubbly.'"

After touring this summer with the Goo Goo Dolls and Lifehouse, Caillat is headlining her own shows in clubs and theaters. Her band features guys, all singer-songwriters, whom she mostly met — where else? — on MySpace.

**TOURNAMENT PREVIEW**

# Penguins seeking revenge in tournament

**Aaron Blatch**  
*Sports Reporter*

The Youngstown State volleyball team will only have to wait six days to try to avenge their most recent loss to Cleveland State. The seventh-seeded Penguins will face off against the second-seeded Vikings in the opening round of the Horizon League Volleyball Championships on Friday, just six days after dropping their second four-game match of the season to them.

Senior right side hitter Jessica Fraley has decided to take the "third time's a charm" approach to the game.

"I think we're excited to play them," Fraley said. "We've played them twice now and we have an idea of what they're doing. The second time we played we really gave them a run for their money. I think we made them nervous. Their coach Chuck Voss told our coach that they're scared to play us."

Defeating the Vikings will be a tough task. They enter Friday's match with a 20-8 record, including a 13-3 mark in Horizon League play. Fraley

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*Jessica Fraley, senior right side hitter*

said that what makes CSU good is that they are solid in all aspects of the game.

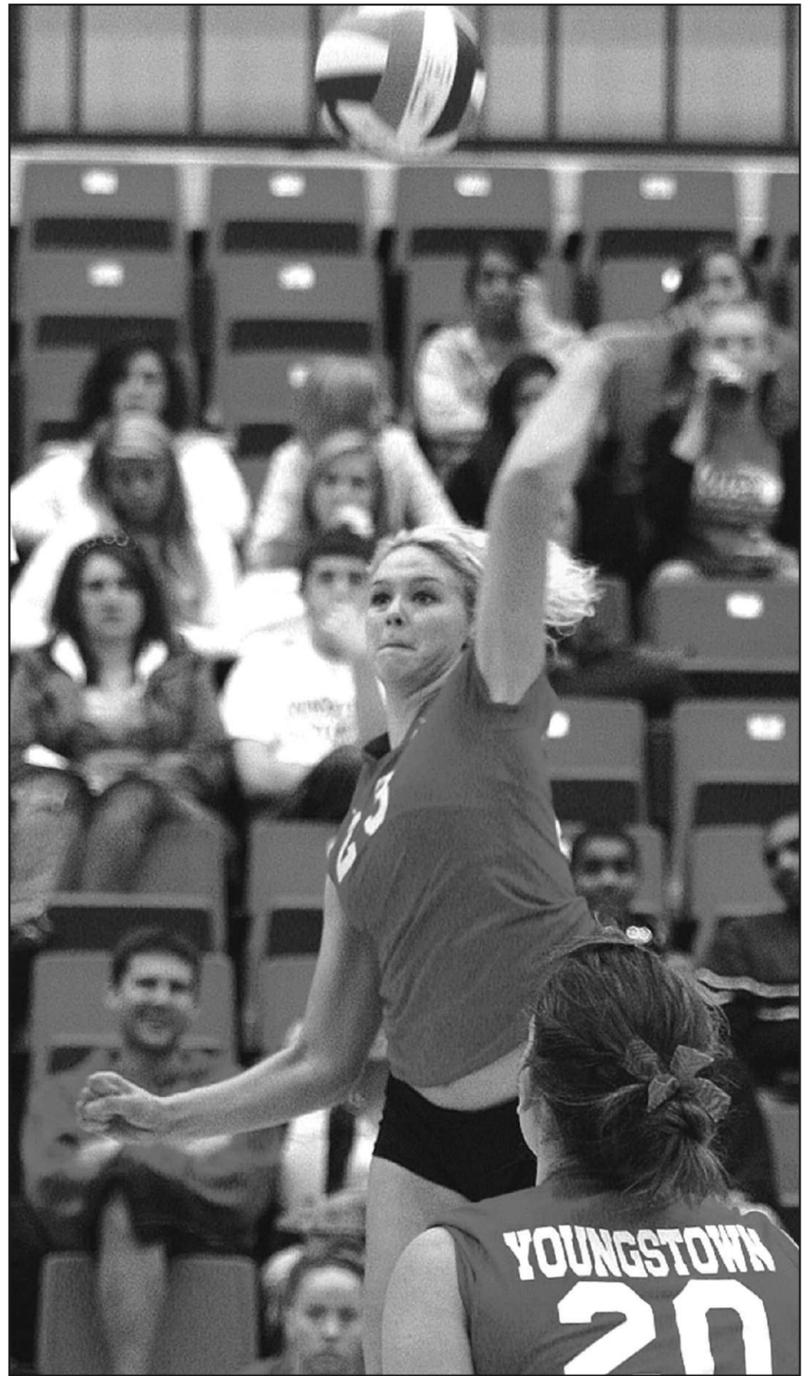
"They're very good all around," she said. "They play good defense and have great hitters but that doesn't mean they're not beatable."

The Penguins (12-17; 5-11 in the

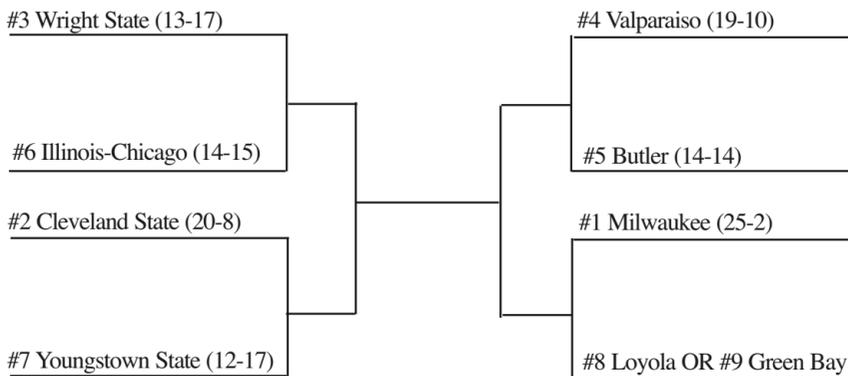
Philadelphia. The tournament is held in Milwaukee, a place that the Penguins have already played at once this season.

For the Penguins to escape the first round with a victory they must make improvements. Both losses to the Vikings were competitive with the Penguins winning a game early in each match before losing in four. Fraley said that the team has to cut down on simple errors to give itself a chance to win. She said that communication, defense and eliminating "dumb mistakes" will be the keys to success.

The longer the match goes on, the more it will be in favor of YSU. Cleveland State has struggled in five-game matches this season, winning only three of nine chances. They have made a habit of putting opponents away early, going 17-2 in three and four-game contests. The Penguins have grown accustomed to taking matches to the limit and have a 6-5 record in five-gamers. If YSU can steal a few games early it could have a good chance of using its experience in close matches to pull out a win.



**IN FOR THE KILL** — Senior Jessica Fraley leaps in the air to spike the ball over the net. The Penguins will begin tournament play with the No. 2 seed Cleveland State. Photo courtesy of Ron Stevens.



**PENGUIN SPORTS TO THE POINT**

*Arnold helps Penguins swim past Niagra*

Olivia Arnold won three individual events and Brittany Senn earned a total of four wins to lead Youngstown State to a 163-135 over Niagara on Friday evening at the Oxy Aquatic Center.

Brittany Senn and Ashley Williamson also won two individual events apiece and were part of two winning relays. Caitlin Davis added two more victories by sweeping the diving events.

The Penguins won 11 of the meet's 16 events, including the final five to pull away.

The Penguins will next compete at the IUP Invitational from Thursday through Saturday.

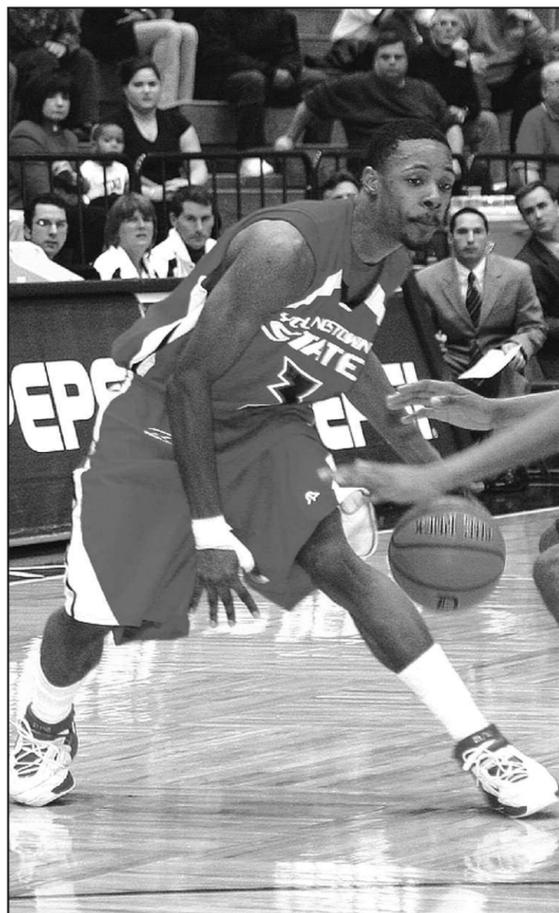
*Zetts named Gateway player of the week*

Senior quarterback Tom Zetts, was named HBK Offensive Player of the Game and Gateway Offensive Player of the Week, completing 23-of-32 passes for a season-high 298 yards in the victory over Western Illinois. Zetts threw two touchdown passes in the contest against WIU. The two touchdowns gave him 51 for his career breaking the school record of 50 previously held by Jeff Ryan.

Zetts also broke the school mark for career 200-yard passing games with the 13th of his career. Zetts ended his career as the school's all-time leader in passing yards, attempts, completions, percentage and touchdown passes.

**BASKETBALL**

# Men's basketball earns tournament split in Pauley Pavilion



**BALL CONTROL** — Senior guard Byron Davis attempts to dribble around the defense and find an open lane to drive to the basket. Davis and the Penguins will play home against Lock Haven on Friday at Beeghly Center for the team's first home contest. Photo courtesy of YSU Sports Information. Contributed Photo.

**Aaron Blatch**  
*Sports Reporter*

One day after being pushed around by a physical UCLA team, the Youngstown State men's basketball team decided to move their game outside. The Penguins connected on 10 of 19 three-point attempts to beat Weber State, 69-66, in the consolation game of the CBE Classic in Pauley Pavilion on Tuesday.

Senior guard Byron Davis scored a career-high 19 points and freshman guard Vance Cooksey added 18 in the victory, bouncing back from a tough outing the night before in which the pair combined for 13 of the Penguins' 23 turnovers.

Davis hit two free throws with 1.8 seconds remaining to push the Penguin lead to three. After a missed Weber State jumper at the buzzer, Youngstown State secured the win and headed home to Beeghly Center with an even record of 1-1.

Cooksey wasn't the only freshman to prove himself against the Wildcats. Vytas Sulskis knocked down three three-pointers for 12 points while adding a team-high-tying six rebounds.

For the game the Penguins shot 55.8 percent from the field and cut their turnovers down to 15. Their hot shooting allowed them to hold off the Wildcats, who got off to a slow start but cut a twelve point halftime deficit to one in the final seconds.

The win came a day after number-two ranked UCLA proved to be too big and physical for the undersized Penguin frontcourt and came away with an 83-52 victory on their

home court. YSU was out-rebounded 49-30 by the Bruins but fought hard to keep the game close for awhile.

Davis scored the first seven Penguin points, helping the team take a 5-4 lead early in the first half. Turnovers and failure to control the defensive boards made that lead short-lived. UCLA freshman Kevin Love had his way inside and finished the game with 21 points and 9 rebounds.

The game was not without positives for YSU, as the young group gained experience playing in one of college basketball's most storied venues. Four Penguins finished the game in double figures led by senior guard John Barber who scored 12 points. Davis added 11 while Cooksey and junior forward Jack Liles added 10 apiece.

Barber scored six consecutive points in the first half to cut the Bruins' lead to 27-17 but the UCLA pressure defense forced several turnovers and YSU would never get closer.

The Penguins started each game with freshmen Cooksey and Sulskis on the floor, two players who appear to have bright futures for the team. Cooksey has shot the ball well in each game and has given the team another ballhandler to play next to Davis. Sulskis' playing time was limited against UCLA due to foul trouble but the forward figures to bring the outside shooting that the team has been looking for.

Next up for the Penguins is Division II Lock Haven, who will come to Beeghly Center Friday. Last season Lock Haven left Youngstown with a 70-36 loss in December. This game should give YSU a chance to work on its biggest weakness in the early part

of the season — rebounding. Even in the win against Weber State the team was out-rebounded 29-25, a stat that must improve before Horizon League play begins.

Now that the opening game jitters are hopefully out of the way, the Penguins should be able to cut down on their high turnover output. The team looks to have a nice mix of veterans and young players and they have all shown toughness by not backing down to a national championship contender.

With over three weeks to prepare for the first Horizon League contest of the season, head coach Jerry Slocum should have his players ready to do battle in a competitive conference.

**Scoring leaders**

Byron Davis	30
Vance Cooksey	28
John Barber	21
Jack Liles	19
Vytas Sulskis	12

**Rebound leaders**

Vytas Sulskis	8
Jack Liles	8
John Barber	7
Vance Cooksey	7
Dwight Holmes	6

## HOCKEY

# Rocky start to a rough season

## Injuries, tough schedule combine to give Penguins early season headaches



**IN THE ZONE** — Jordan D'Atri skates hard down the ice as he looks for the puck from his teammates. The Penguins are slated to play two games against the Ohio Bobcats beginning Friday. Photo by Andrew Berry.

Andrew Berry

Sports Editor

It has been a brutal first half of the 2007-2008 season for the Youngstown State University hockey club.

The beginning of the season brought a truckload of optimism for the Penguins as the team was set to field a core group of exciting players and received nearly enough votes to break into the American Collegiate Hockey Association's top 25 rankings.

But the dream season the team was hoping for hasn't come to fruition.

Faced with a rigorous schedule and the loss of key players to injury, the Penguins have stumbled out of the gates to a 3-8-2 overall record on the season.

While the team's current record is a hard one to stomach, there may have been no pill harder to swallow than when the team learned it would be without perennial forward Mike Poljak for the rest of the season.

The loss of Poljak on the ice undoubtedly hurts the Penguins' offense. Poljak was one of the top scorers in the nation last season and was named ACHA rookie of the year at season's end.

Due to a series of concussion problems and a case of mononucleosis, head coach Rocky Russo said Poljak will not lace up for action for the remainder of the season and has also taken a leave of absence from school to give himself time to return to optimal health status.

"The morale was down when the team found out," Russo said of the loss of his star player. "It went from being maybe getting him back in a couple weeks to not getting him back at all."

Coach Russo said that the team has been able to overcome the loss of Poljak and is coming together with more players taking on bigger roles. Zachery Kusek has been named the team's interim captain while Poljak sits out the remainder of this season with a medical red-shirt.

Coupled with the Penguins injury woes has been a schedule featuring several top-ranked opponents and only one home game since October 17. In the last two games, the Penguins dropped a 6-2 decision at No. 13 Kent State and a tough 9-1 home loss to No. 11 West Virginia.

Even though the Penguins came out of the weekend without a win, coach Russo believes his team took

steps in the right direction against West Virginia. Continuing to mature as a team is what the Penguins will need as they march on through a schedule that will feature five more ranked opponents before the winter break.

"It's going to be a difficult stretch," Russo said. "We built the schedule with the team we thought we were going to have in mind, but we've lost some players to injury and others that didn't make it to school. Undoubtedly we are in a very difficult portion of the schedule now."

Next up for the Penguins on their daunting schedule is the Ohio University Bobcats. The two teams will play a two-game series beginning with the first contest on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

while playing out of its comfort zone.

"Playing away from home and going into other arenas is a challenge, but it builds a lot of team unity and character," Morris said.

To go along with unity and character, the Bobcats are also high on talent with several players distributing the scoring wealth over the course of the season. The Bobcats have a dangerous pair of centers in Jim Fuhs and Dave Fitzgerald who have combined for 11 goals and 18 assists this season.

While the Bobcats don't feature a prolific scorer like a Mike Poljack, Russo said it is more of a challenge to defend against a group of talented scorers as opposed to just one star athlete who takes a majority of the shots.

"It's always easier to contain an individual player than a collective group of scorers," Russo said. "They have four lines of real good hockey players."

Not wanting to fall into a trap game against the Penguins, Morris said his team will be ready to play to their

fullest on Friday. Even though the Penguins are struggling to find consistency, Morris explained that his squad can't afford to overlook any team, whether it be this weekend or later in the season.

"Sometimes you might take an opponent lightly, but you only have so many games a year, so you have to cherish every one of them," Morris said.

Once the two-game series is in the books, the Penguins will have played five straight games against teams ranked in the ACHA top 25.

While the Penguins may be having a hard time getting over the hump, Morris said he understands why Russo and the Penguins created a schedule that is jaw-dropping on paper. Morris compared it to the same way his team takes pride on having the mission of being the best team Ohio has to offer.

"I give credit to Rocky for scheduling the games he did. You want to prove you're the best so you want to play the toughest teams," Morris said. "We want to be the best ACHA team in the state of Ohio every year and playing the best instate competition is what you have to do."

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— Dan Morris, Ohio University head hockey coach

With a record of 9-7 on the season, the Bobcats are the No. 4 team in the nation behind Penn State, Rhode Island and the No. 1 Illinois. What will make the two-game series difficult for the Penguins is having to skate in the hostile environment of Bird Arena in Athens, Ohio.

While the Penguins have more than their fair share of experience playing against highly ranked teams, Russo hopes his team doesn't get lost in the awe of playing one of the nation's best on the road.

"I want the players to feel like it's just another game," Russo said. "It's a daunting task to play in Athens. Their arena can be a real hostile place and that team plays with a different mentality at home."

Friday's contest will be the Bobcat's first home game since October 13. Ohio head coach Dan Morris said his team is greatly looking forward to being back in front of its home fans.

"It's tough being on the road for the length of time we've been and it's nice to finally come home," Morris said.

While his team will get their fill of pride returning to the ice of the Bird Arena, Morris said the Bobcats lengthy road trip helped his team develop into a strong unit

### Youngstown State vs. No. 4 Ohio University

#### Impact Penguins

**Zak Kusek**  
10 goals, 5 assists, 15 points

**Naaman Moorman**  
5 goals, 7 assists, 12 points

**Michael Stoker**  
9 goals, 6 assists, 15 points

**Mike Barker**  
5 goals, 1 assist, 6 points

#### Impact Bobcats

**Jim Fuhs**  
5 goals, 11 assists, 16 points

**Dave Fitzgerald**  
6 goals, 7 assists, 13 points

**Jeff Jepson**  
4 goals, 8 assists, 12 points

**Brett Molnar**  
5 goals, 5 assist, 10 points

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Lady Penguins begin season with tough losses at Buffalo and Niagra



**TO THE HOOP** — Junior guard Velissa Vaughn gets around the interior defense and looks to score in the paint. After an 0-2 start to the season, the Penguins next shot at win will come on Nov. 23 against the Long Island Brooklyn Blackbirds. Photo courtesy of Ron Stevens.

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Sports Editor

Opening week did not go as planned for the Youngstown State women's basketball team.

The team suffered an early setback during their trip to New York by dropping their season-opening contest to Buffalo University followed by a tough second-half loss to Niagra University in the Gallagher Center on Tuesday.

The Penguins opened the 2007 campaign against Buffalo on Sunday and couldn't dominate the Bulls in the same fashion as they did a year ago.

While the Penguins were able to put three starting players in double-figures, the team had a hard time finding production elsewhere. The Bulls bench outscored the Penguin bench 17-6 en route to a 63-52 win over YSU.

Against Niagra, the Penguins once again had three players score points in double-figures. Senior guard Heather Karner led the way with 20 points while guards Laura Brenson and Kelsey Gurganus each contributed 11.

With a slim 42-39 lead at the half, the Penguins were unable to hold on as Niagra scored 48 second half points to take the lead and the game with the final of 87-76.

The Lady Penguins next chance to break into the win column will come on Nov. 23 when the team travels to Long Island.



**BEST IN THE LAND** — Senior defensive end Mychal Savage was named the Sports Network National Defensive Player of the week for his performance in the final game of the season against Western Illinois. Savage recorded 12 tackles and two sacks against WIU. Photo by Andrew Berry.

## Football closes out on high note

Andrew Berry

Sports Editor

Following a heartbreaking homecoming loss to Illinois State, the Youngstown State University football team did what it had to do: regroup, finish strong and send the seniors out with a win.

With a 31-24 win over Western Illinois, the Penguins

finished the 2007 regular season with two straight wins for an overall record of 7-4.

The stand out in the senior day win was senior defensive end Mychal Savage whose 12 tackles, two sacks and two fumble recoveries were enough to be named the National Defensive Player of the Week by the Sports Network.

Winning out allowed the

Penguins to regain some lost ground in the polls. YSU finished No. 17 in the Sports Network poll and finished tied at the No. 15 slot with Eastern Washington.

In the Gateway, the Penguins finished in third place with a 3-3 record behind Illinois State (9-1, 5-1) and the No. 1 Northern Iowa Panthers (10-0, 6-0).