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ACE moves forward

Union members confident despite VP resignation

Doug Livingston
REPORTER

On Thursday, Frank W. Betsa, former vice president of the Association of Classified Employees at Youngstown State University, issued a formal resignation to his union via e-mail. Betsa expressed a great deal of disagreement and disdain within the union office.

Brenda Scarborough, 2nd Vice President Membership Chair at ACE, said she was unaware of any dissonance within the office.

"ACE will be moving forward. I have every confidence in our executive board to get through these troubled waters," Scarborough said.

In his e-mail, Betsa wrote, "The personal attacks on my integrity and motives from members within the unit have crossed the line from simply discord into flat out misinformation and hateful rumors. I cannot and will not allow the morals that I hold highly to come into question simply due to an office that I hold ..." Betsa refused to comment on these allegations.

Christine Domhoff, an administrative assistant at the university, formerly served as president to ACE. In 2005, Domhoff was fired from her position. Through arbitration, Domhoff reclaimed her position. Domhoff said she can relate to what she describes as "misinformation that the current president has received."

An elections committee will accept nominations to fill Betsa's seat in ACE. After nominations are accepted, ballots will be sent out and a new vice president will be voted into office.

University investigating assault accusation

Emmalee C. Torisk
REPORTER

Charges will not be filed against a Youngstown State University chemistry department employee accused of assaulting another YSU employee in a Ward Beecher Hall science laboratory on April 21.

According to the police report, Matthias Zeller, 37, an instrumentation scientist, assaulted Raymond Hoff, 48, an instrumentation service specialist, after Hoff observed Zeller, via webcam, performing tests on an X-ray machine he is not authorized or trained to use. Zeller was operating the machine with an override key. Hoff told YSU police improper use of the machine could result in physical harm.

When Hoff entered the fifth floor lab, he attempted to remove the override key, and Zeller grabbed Hoff's left arm. This confrontation occurred at approximately 5:30 pm. The police report said Hoff suffered noticeable scratches and redness to his left forearm.

Zeller said he had been using the X-ray machine when Hoff entered the room, reached under the machine and attempted to take a key required to override various safety measures. Zeller told police he instinctively grabbed Hoff's arm. Soon afterward, Hoff and Zeller began to argue; Hoff left the room with the override key, while Zeller, who also exited the room, called chemistry department chair Daryl Mincey.

Mincey told police an ongoing feud has existed between Hoff and Mincey for years, including numerous verbal confrontations. According to the police report, Mincey was not certain which of the two has the right to possess the override key; until this is determined, the key will remain in Mincey's office for safekeeping.

Although a visiting professor from the University of Illinois was present during the incident, he did not observe Zeller actually grabbing Hoff's arm; however, he told police he believed the incident occurred.

For the remainder of the week, Zeller was on vacation, and was scheduled to return to work on Monday. Manager of news and information services Ron Cole said the YSU police department conducted an investigation of the incident, while the city prosecutor made the determination to not file charges. However, the potential for additional actions still exists.

"The university is conducting its own investigation to determine if any internal action is needed," Cole said.

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Ron Cole, Manager of news and information services

Some campuses operating under mandatory health insurance policies

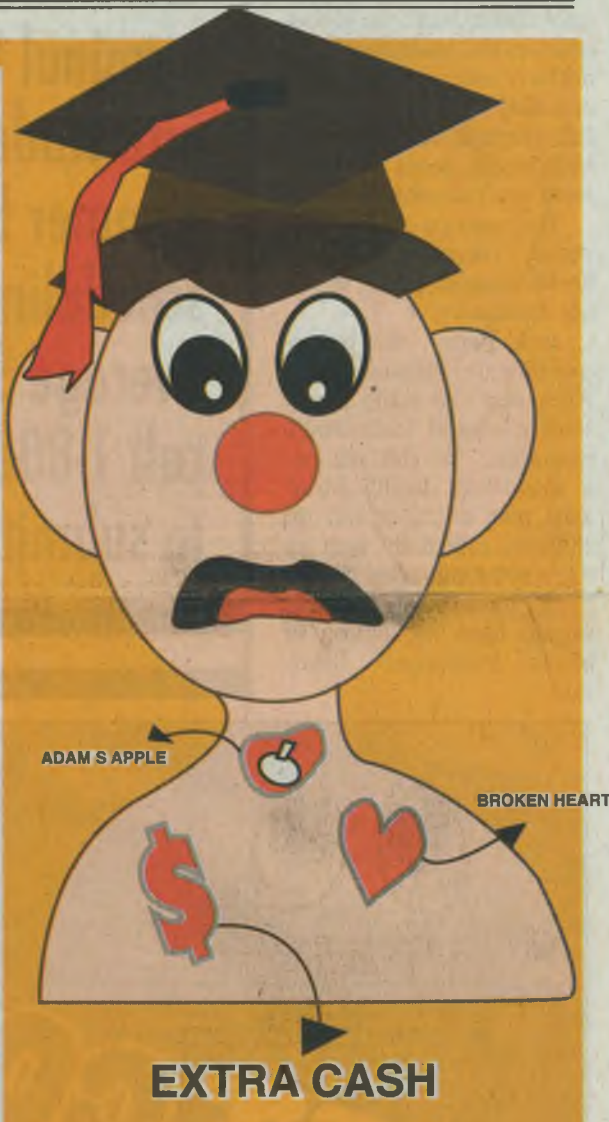
Lamar Salter
REPORTER

College students around the country might be looking at additional expenditures due to mandatory health insurance proposals for students.

While most colleges have separate student health insurance rates, states including Florida and Maryland have proposed mandatory health insurance policies for college students. While no legislation has been passed yet, some institutions have already started implementing the policies.

Florida State University began mandatory health insurance policies in 2007. According to their Web site, FSU requires students have some form of minimum health coverage, whether from the institution or outside plans. Oxford College of Emory University in Georgia also began mandatory health insurance policies in 2007, while the Ohio State University also has manda-

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"I think that students should have the option of health insurance."

Jack Fahey, executive director of student services

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YSU looking to cut costs for final budget proposal

Samantha Pysher
REPORTER

In an effort to prevent a \$6 million budget shortfall, Youngstown State University officials have been looking for ways to cut costs, and will present a final budget to the Board of Trustees in June.

Scott Schulick, chair of the Board of Trustees, said the potential shortfall is of great concern to the trustees and the university community.

"We want to make sure that any decisions we make don't disrupt any academic quality or any student services at YSU," he said.

"I'm not sure that the gap could have been prevented based on the external forces at work," Schulick said, citing the tuition freeze, the potential decline in state sup-

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port and the overall current economy as examples. However, Schulick said he is confident that the shortfall will be filled because the ad-

ministration and trustees have been working on a plan.

"The only way that it wouldn't be filled is if we didn't do anything," he said. "I think it's imperative for the administration to present a plan to the trustees to make adjustments to the budget if the worse case scenario plays out," Schulick said.

Some efforts to prevent the shortfall have already been implemented.

Maraffa said 60 percent of the gap has already been eliminated by some actions that have been taken.

"Among the things that we have decided to do is freeze non-faculty positions and reducing operating costs," said Maraffa. Officials have reduced operating costs by providing less money to units for overtime and basic operating costs.

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News Briefs

Wind, Jazz ensembles conclude festival

Stambaugh Auditorium will host the YSU wind and jazz ensembles Wednesday. This will be the closing event for this year's Dana School of Music New Music Festival. Allen Vizutti will be a featured performer at the event; he is among the nation's most talented classical and jazz trumpet artists. The performances will begin at 8 p.m. For ticket information, contact the Dana School of Music at 330-941-3636.

Cinco de Mayo events planned for campus

YSU will celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a brunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5. The event, which is sponsored by the YSU Office of Student Diversity Programs and the Cinco de Mayo Planning Committee, will be held in Kilcawley Center's Ohio Room. The brunch will feature an overview of the holiday by YSU history professor Mehera Gerardo, remarks by Youngstown Mexican Club president Rachel Flasco and performances by dancers from the Academy of Arts and Humanities in Warren and the YSU Latino Organization Dancers.

Police Briefs

Vehicle towed from lot

On Thursday, YSU police officer was sent to the R-3 Bryson Street parking lot in response to a vehicle parked in the lot with an extensive amount of unpaid parking tickets. YSU Parking Services notified the officer of the 59 parking tickets, and a towing service was contacted.

Female harassed in Moser Hall

On Thursday, a YSU police sergeant was sent to Moser Hall in reference to a female employee being harassed by her immediate supervisor.

Student injured

An officer was dispatched to the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center in reference to an injury on Thursday. Upon arrival, two officers spoke with the male victim, who stated that he fell while playing racquetball. Although he declined medical attention, he said he possibly broke or twisted his right ankle. A report was filed for future reference.

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"When we present the budget, there will be no gap," Maraffa said. "The gap is based on projections."

Despite the potential shortfall, Maraffa said students will not be affected and that faculty positions are continuing to be filled.

"The \$6 million gap represented our starting point at the beginning of the budget development process," he said, add-

ing that the process began two months ago.

Although no other actions are currently being taken, Maraffa said officials would build on the actions that have already been established.

While YSU received \$49.5 million from state for fiscal year 2009, it is too soon to know how much money YSU will receive from state for the 2010 fiscal year, Maraffa said.

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-tory policies.

Reasons for the policy implementation have included the health benefits and accidental risk associated with being a student.

The University of Maryland, another institution requiring mandated health insurance, said that the risk of accident is higher for students. According to the University of Maryland Health Center's Web site, <http://www.health.umd.edu/gen-info/mhifaq.html>, the school believes that students who do not have access to the needed care may "fail to reach their full potential" if health problems would occur and treatment was unavailable.

Youngstown State University currently offers a health insurance plan that is not mandatory.

Jack Fahey, the executive director of student services, said that while "every student should have health insurance," he did not see a mandatory health insurance plan as an option for students, especially with today's economic conditions.

"I think that students should have the option of health insurance," Fahey said.



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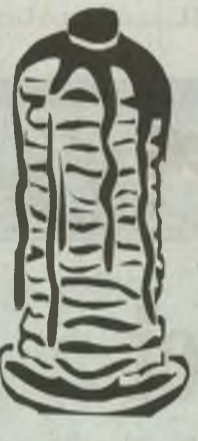
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THE BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

PC Netbook/Notebook vs. The Apple Macbook



Gary S. Angelo
REPORTER

The technology wars are heating up. Because of Apple's progressive approach to their products — the iPhone, iPod and Macbook — Personal Computer companies are working hard to keep pace with their rival's march in the techno parade.

PCs and Apples have been in heated competition over the years, said Best Buy employee James Warren.

"Basically, what sets Apple brand computers apart from PCs is software," Warren said.

While Apple computers mainly cater to right-brained activities such as video editing with iMovie, Warren pointed out that both products have the same hardware and motherboard.

"Apple computers have fewer games and are more compatible if one wants to do the first-end shooter strategies," He said.

Warren suggested if an individual is a gamer, they should purchase a PC. A gaming PC amounts to about \$900 to \$1,000 in price. Warren feels that the general masses are more accus-

tomed to PCs, but Apple computers in general are more popular.

"I enjoy playing video games, so I purchased a PC for myself. For my kids, who like to do right-brained activities, I purchased a Mac for them," Warren said.

In reality, there may be no "hip obstacle" that distinguishes PCs and Macintosh computers. Instead, it might boil down to personal choice.

"For an Apple, the price is worth it, but for a PC, the cost would be just as much as an Apple, if one would purchase the software," Warren said.

While cost is certainly an important factor in deciding which type of computer to buy, members of the campus community also base their preferences on usability. Youngstown State University student and Graphic Services employee, Brian Cibelli has had an HP laptop for years.

"I prefer HP because I am used to them rather than Macs since we use them a lot here at the YSU Graphics services," Cibelli said. Cibelli feels HPs are better for gaming because the graphics are more diverse.

"When it comes to graphics, Macs are a bit streamlined, but for graphing and design purposes, both are good," he said.

On the flipside, YSU student and Graphic Ser-

vices employee Dana Bachinger favors Macs.

"For designing, audio and communication purposes, Macs are better than PCs," she said.

They are also a better fit for her art classes and quicker to use than PCs.

Although Bachinger thinks Macs have a more compact, modern design than PCs do, she also has practical reasons for choosing an Apple computer. Because key commands can differ between the two models, it is hard to switch from one kind of computer to another, she said.

While Bachinger might like sticking to Macs, others don't mind moving from one type of computer to another.

Department of health professions director Sal Sanders uses both PCs and Apples.

The most obvious difference is the build of the computer. Sanders uses a Macbook and feels that the computer menus are easy to use and the navigation is intuitive.

"With the Macbook, I do not have to use virus software, so it boots up very fast," he said, adding that he thinks Macbooks are light, thin and easy to transport.

While Sanders said there are a few programs that are more compatible to PCs. He also said that the Macs' wireless connection can load more easily than the PC's connection.



Microsoft workers get their very own mall

Sharon Pian Chan
THE SEATTLE TIMES

Microsoft workers should never have to leave campus again to buy a beer, replace a bike tire or heal their spiritual energy through Reiki.

This week, the company opened a splashy dining-shopping destination called The Commons, a signature piece in a massive expansion that is adding the equivalent of a Columbia Tower to what the company calls the world's largest corporate campus.

The complex of 14 restaurants, shops, soccer field, even a pub is the gooey filling in the emerging West Campus, a 1.4 million-square-foot town square of four office buildings that will house the company's Entertainment and Devices division, which developed video-game player Xbox and music-player Zune.

While the head of Microsoft's business remains on the other side of Highway 520 — the Windows and Office groups, CEO Steve Ballmer's office — its stomach is clearly moving west.

"We've got a daytime population of over 50,000 people, so when you're looking at that size of congregation

of people, you start thinking about the things they need in their daily lives," said Chris Owens, general manager of worldwide real estate at Microsoft.

"The Commons ... has a lot of features to help people get things done, whether that's banking or eating or shopping or taking care of their cellphone connectivity, getting exercise, connecting with people socially, without having to get off campus."

The 106,000-square-foot building also houses a post office, a credit union, a bicycle-repair shop and cellphone dealers. Upstairs, a conference center can hold 1,000 people for a meeting.

Across a patio area surrounding a fountain is the Submixer building, which holds a spa where employees can get a trim or a facial, buy scented candles at a Watson Kennedy store and browse an art gallery featuring art produced by employees.

The Spitfire pub, after some haggling, will open up for business shortly, but will serve alcohol only after 3 p.m. by group reservation. Only employees can use the Commons' buildings.

"It's really nice. It has a futuristic vibe," said Hrvoje Benko, a researcher on interactive touch technology at Microsoft Research. "It's a

little mall like."

The main campus also has food courts and sports fields, but the offices grew piecemeal. The West Campus, which has a capacity for 4,500 workers, represents a new approach for Redmond, Owens said: a master-planned office and recreation complex.

Studio D, a four-story West Campus office building that filled up in March, features a glittery beaded curtain with the images of Capt. Kirk and Spock—William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy, not J.J. Abrams' millennial version—creating the effect that Star Trek Enterprise officers are transporting into the lobby.

For now, workers on the east side of 520 can head west by crossing an overpass or taking a Microsoft shuttle. The company is planning to build a bridge over the freeway. Those plans continue even after Microsoft announced 5,000 job cuts and scrapped some real-estate expansion plans in January. Owens said the cuts did not affect West Campus plans.

He said they were also keeping the opening celebrations subdued in a down economy. "We're not going to be having Bruce Springsteen come and play or anything like that."



May Day brings food, fun, bands

Sam Marhulik
REPORTER

Penguin Productions will sponsor the second May Day festival Thursday, April 30, from 5 to 9 p.m.

The event is free with a student I.D. and will feature musical guests Josh Kelley, Ryan Cabrera, The Kin and Brandon Whyte.

May Day will be held in the Rec 5 area, which is located in front of Pete's Place, and will feature free festival-style food and free carnival games.

The first 100 Youngstown State University students at the event will receive a complimentary green May Day hat.

Kollin Rupert, a Student Programming intern with Penguin Productions, said they are optimistic about a large turnout, but because this is only the second May Day, it has been difficult to estimate the number of students who will attend.

"We are not sure what the turnout is going to be, but what we are doing is gauging it based on our beginning of the semester event—the foam party."

"Every year we have done the foam party, we have seen a bigger turnout, and we are hoping that it will transition into a bigger May Day event," Rupert said.

Organizers of the end-of-semester event are encouraging student organizations to sign up for a spot so they can

promote their group for next semester.

In addition to organizations gaining promotion, the first 10 organizations to sign up will be eligible for two meet-and-greet passes with the musical guests.

Rupert said that the response from student organizations has been incredible, and that more than 10 organizations have signed up.

"We wanted to make a contest out of organizations signing up, and that has led to many groups wanting to be a part of the event. We

have also offered groups the opportunity to set up free information booths. We will have a lot of games at the event like a dunking booth, football toss and a basketball

toss, and if a group hosts one, they will have a free information booth about their organization," Rupert said.

In addition to stopping to perform at May Day for what is considered a private show, Cabrera and Kelley are currently on the "Tell it like it is" tour, and will be playing in Cleveland on May 1 at the House of Blues.

Even though this performance is in the midst of their tour, Rupert said they are also playing at several other colleges.

"We are right in the middle of Cleveland and Pittsburgh, so I hope that coming to Youngstown is exciting for them; we are certainly excited to play host to them," Rupert said.



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Assuring choices on insurance

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THE JAMBAR EDITORIAL BOARD

Some universities across the country are considering making health insurance mandatory for students.

Thankfully, Youngstown State University is not one of them.

This is not to say that there's anything wrong with health insurance, as it seems obvious that being insured is a good idea. It's the mandatory part that creates a bit of a problem.

Such a mandate would serve primarily as an extra burden to students, most of whom are already just barely scraping by.

Further, where does this stop?

It's a good idea not to engage in promiscuous sex, but a university could hardly regulate such behavior.

It's a good idea to manage your bank account responsibly, but short of not paying your tuition, a university has little say over the personal finances of its students.

It is unclear what the benefit to a university would be if they impose such a requirement. It seems too much like attempting to legislate common sense, a concept which is not only ineffective but is detrimental to the idea of free will.

YSU offers health insurance to the students, and this is as far as they should take this concept. Making it mandatory seems far too much like it would just be another way to squeeze fees out of them.

This would be particularly unconscionable, considering that most of the students who don't already have health insurance are unemployed or otherwise can't afford it.

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The views of this syndicated artist do not necessarily agree with those of The Jambar.

COMMENTARY

Abolish quiet study areas now

Melissa Mary Smith
REPORTER

Youngstown State University designates certain places on campus as "quiet study areas," which require students and whomever else in them to remain silent. Cell phones and food are also banned from these areas.

For quite some time, much uproar has been caused by people's constant disregard for these rules.

Some examples of angering situations include: Hushed cell phone conversations regarding unfavorable STD test results, students sharing their sleep apnea with all whom care to listen, cutesy cuddle time between vomitously idiotic couples and inappropriate group project meetings that escalate into physical violence.

Why should any of these situations infuriate people at YSU, namely students?

After all, it is students whom pay for tuition, com-

mute, housing, tech and library services.

All that money and so little time!

This obligation to pay excessive amounts for education and other services should give students carte-blanc to do whatever they want in said study areas — with the exception of interpretive dancing and setting off fireworks; sparklers would be permitted.

There's an old saying that goes, "He who has the gold, makes the rules." Who exactly has the gold? That's right! The students!

While the saying is outdated as we've been taken off the gold standard and women, too, can carry around gold for no reason, whoever has the money should act accordingly (read: ridiculous) and not apologize for it.

Some people might think that the students' new sense of entitlement to shirk university rules would mean an end to all quiet areas on campus and lead into a slippery slope of chaos in the educational system.

They would be correct.

Why can't the movie "Animal House" be the true embodiment of all college experiences?

The first step YSU should take in breaking down their quiet study area policies should be blasting Lipps Inc.'s "Funky Town" from speakers planted in such places as Watson and Tressell and the lounge of Tod Hall.

Another possible measure is foam parties, which are held every year in the campus Rec 5 area. Why not introduce these silly and soapy ways of having fun to the seemingly dull and passe study areas? After all, bubbles and close, physical contact with strangers always bring happiness to any academic population.

This quest for chaotic and irritating noise in all areas around campus might just be a fool's dream, but if enough naturally obnoxious people believe in ruining the study habits of others around campus, it just might one day be a reality.

COMMENTARY

Having helped create the collapse, bankers now deepen it

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This is earnings-report season for America's banks, and lo, what signs and wonders it has wrought.

Goldman Sachs reported \$1.66 billion in profits in the first quarter. JPMorgan Chase posted \$2.1 billion in earnings. Bank of America, \$4.2 billion. Even Citigroup, the biggest and most beleaguered of America's banks, reported a \$1.6 billion gain, its first in 18 months.

Among them, these four big banks alone have received more than \$125 billion in federal bailout funds, plus help from the Federal Reserve in buying up government debt. So do these earnings reports indicate the rescue is working?

Yes, if you're a credulous shareholder. Not so much if you're trying to get a loan or a taxpayer wondering what's being done with your money.

These earnings are ephemeral. Goldman Sachs changed its accounting calendar. JPMorgan Chase and Citigroup counted the loss in value of its debt as a positive. Bank of America counted \$2.2 billion in gains from its acquisition of Merrill Lynch simply by re-pricing Merrill's assets. Nobody knows what the assets

are really worth, but assuming they are ever sold, it probably will be at deep discount.

The last six months apparently taught bankers nothing about the suicidal folly of using accounting tricks to disguise financial realities. We're surprised only that Lehman Brothers didn't rise from the grave to report a billion dollars in earnings.

There are many reasons for the bankers' legerdemain. They want to keep shareholders happy. They want to reassure Congress and the public. They want to look healthy enough so the Obama administration will allow them returns on their bailout money, thus freeing them to pay themselves more than \$500,000 a year.

The people of the United States, and indeed, the people of the world, are suffering because of a financial collapse brought on, in large part, by bankers and their cronies. So successfully have they taken control of the apparatus of government that it's become nearly impossible to hold them accountable. Lending by the 20 largest banks in the Troubled Asset Relief Program has remained flat, even though the TARP funds were supposed to free up credit.

So far, President Barack Obama and Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner have tried to work with the banks, on the theory (probably correct)

that unhappy bankers could make things much worse. This week, Geithner suggested that Treasury may seek to take an equity position in banks in return for suspending interest payments on federal bailout loans.

That move is overdue. The fundamental question is this: Do you trust the banks?

Do you trust their earnings reports, their lending policies, their devotion to the public good? Or do you suspect bankers' first allegiance is to preserving the sweet deal they have created for themselves in the last 25 years?

Before answering, read Simon Johnson's "The Quiet Coup," an article in the May edition of The Atlantic magazine (online at www.theatlantic.com). The former chief economist at the International Monetary Fund says the United States has developed what is, in effect, a "banana republic" oligarchy among financial and government interests.

"Even leaving aside fairness to taxpayers," Mr. Johnson writes, "the government's velvet-glove approach with the banks is deeply troubling, for one simple reason: It is inadequate to change the behavior of a financial sector accustomed to doing business on its own terms."

To coin a phrase, we need change we can believe in.

COLUMN

Dierkes deliberated



Redefining the rules of engagement

Doug Dierkes
COLUMNIST

The latest fear epidemic spreading across our nation is actually related to a pandemic. There is a proliferation of tainted pork on our store shelves, at our restaurants and in our hot dogs.

I'm sorry. I need a moment. I was always looking forward to the day when I could say "tainted pork" and have it relate to serious news.

Some of you may look at this as the final straw in the carnivore's back and switch to a more vegetarian lifestyle. Others may shrug this off and leave your bacon on the stove a little longer to boil off the germs. Me, I'll be wasting a column of the Jambar's space to speak on government regulation.

Some would say that I have a mixed view on government oversight. I will gladly speak on their need to keep lead paint off children's toys while b---- slapping any legislator who wants to keep pornography out of their hands. Medicine needs to be checked for safety, but mass media has an inherent right to show the profanity and violence that inflames the collective ass of the faith-based lobbyists. The rule of thumb I follow is that if it can cause harm if put into my body, it needs government policing. Since food items have an easier time affecting my bodily functions than foul-mouthed song lyrics, I believe that the FCC should give some of its funding to the FDA.

And lately, the FDA has been slacking off in its duties. Peanut butter, tomatoes, spinach and over a million pounds of ground beef have all spread illness and contaminants across our nation in the past 12 months. All of these could have been prevented had the appointed watchdog agency had a little more muscle behind its enforcement. And I have just the solution.

The current method of punishing companies that break the rules is a fine, usually in the range of six or seven figures. That scares the hell out of family and local businesses, but the national brands that violate their agreement with the government pretty much laugh these off in the face of their profits. Why don't we raise the stakes a little? Any organization that fails to solve the problems in a faulty product after their first warning faces an immediate liquidation of all company assets. That should keep the sugar pills out of your diabetes medication.

You might say I'm being a little extreme. You might say that the current problems regarding AIG's contractual conundrum prove that there are some sneaky bastards who would find a way to profit off a failing company. My best counterpoint is the only one. The corporations that profit off of negligent conduct do not learn their lesson from gentle slaps on the wrist, and certainly not from self-policing. Maybe if their company is under the constant threat of death, CEOs will take a more active role in regulating the safety of their products.

It's a long shot, but one that an agitated and trigger-happy public is more than willing to take.

The views of this columnist do not necessarily agree with those of The Jambar.

=SPORTS EDITORIAL=

Another year
in the books for
Youngstown
State athleticsKeith Langford Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

This past year, Youngstown State University athletics has seen many ups and downs. From the football team to teams such as golf and tennis, the Penguins put forth their best effort on the field, court and golf course, but also in the classrooms.

The year began back in the fall as the football team tried to get back into the playoffs as in 2006. The beginning of the season got off to a slow start as the team started the season 0-2 and scored just seven points.

The high point of the season came in the fourth game of the season for the Penguins. The Penguins held on to defeat the No. 2 ranked team in the FCS bowl subdivision. North Dakota State fell at the hands of the Penguins 32-24. The Penguins lost the next few games before winning the last two games of the year.

The Penguins were hampered with injuries especially at the quarterback position. If a team does not have stability at quarterback, the team will struggle. The team will look to rebound, and I am sure they will win more than four games this season.

The women's soccer team had a rough season in the fall. They were only able to muster up five wins. A bright spot for the soccer team was junior goalie Mariah Snyder. Snyder set the school record for shut-outs in a season with four.

Moving on to another women's sport, the volleyball team started their season fast, but quickly faded in the midst of the Horizon League portion of their schedule. At the beginning of the season, the team won seven out of their first 10 games. The team did not finish strong as they lost eight of their last 10 games. The team will lose two strong players in seniors Ebony Barbosa and Karla Everhart while they prepare for the 2009 campaign.

The spring sports had some good teams, but also some teams who struggled.

The two basketball teams had down years, but the women more so than the men. The women's team finished with three victories. The men finished with 11 wins, including a stretch of four straight wins in February. The men, despite a losing record, hosted a home playoff game. They faced the University of Illinois-Chicago Flames, a team they defeated twice in the regular season. The team could not get the job done at home as they lost to the Flames 73-68 on March 3.

A couple of bright spots in the spring are happening. The track and field teams are having yet another stellar season, while the women's golf team just won the Horizon League Championship by 17 strokes.

The track and field teams have three athletes who already qualified for the NCAA Regional tournament: long-distance runner freshman Kiplangat Tisia and throwers senior Joe Lahmon and junior Aaron Merril. The team looks forward to the Horizon League Championships; the women's team seeks to repeat their success, while the men's team will try to move from runner-up to the top spot.

Finally, the only team who has won a championship so far this school year is the women's golf team. The golf team has the notoriety of the football team, but they have had another solid season. The golf team went and took care of business. Congratulations to all of the sports teams for their dedication and hard work. I look forward to another year of YSU athletics in the next school year.



The women's golf team poses with their trophies as they bring the Horizon League crown back to Youngstown State University.

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Women's golf team claims Horizon League champs, best individual player

Keith Langford Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

A simply dominating performance by the Youngstown State University women's golf team sums up their weekend.

The Penguins went into the Horizon League championships with a sense of unfinished business from a year ago. The Penguins finished second in the championships last season and were looking to one-up their feat from a season ago.

The Penguins did so and more as they put on a strong performance by winning the Horizon League championships by a notable 17 strokes. On top of the 17-stroke win, the Penguins had three players finish in the top five individually to spearhead the win.

The 968 shots the team accumulated were impressive, but the way the team came up with the total was more impressive. The team got better as each round was completed. The team shot 331 for the first round. They backed that up with a 319 total, and shot one shot better for the third and clinching round.

The win for the Penguins

was a team effort from top to bottom. All of the Penguins finished in the top 20.

Former Horizon League player of the week and front-runner for Horizon League player of the year Samantha Formeck showed that even freshmen can come right in and make an impact to a program.

Formeck earned medalist honors for the Penguins as she showed the rest of the Horizon League that she will be a force to reckon with for the next few seasons. Formeck shot a three-round total of 239. She fired rounds of 78, 82 and 79 to earn the top spot in the Horizon League.

Formeck's medalist win was hard fought, as she had to come from behind to claim the top spot.

Formeck was in third place heading into the final round. Teammate Katie Rogner was second and Loyola University golfer Nikki Miller held the top spot after the second round. Her third round of 79 was good enough to jump teammate Rogner and Miller to finish first.

"I just tried to play the way I did the first two days. [Miller and Rogner] were playing in the group in front of me, and

I didn't know what they were doing. But I knew if I kept my score somewhere in the 70s, I would have a chance," Formeck said of claiming the top spot.

Following on the heels of Formeck was junior Brittany Stillwagon.

Stillwagon finished runner-up to Formeck as she posted a three-round score of 84, 79 and 78 (241.)

Sophomore Katie Rogner rounded out the Penguins' three top-five finishers as she finished fifth. Rogner, who took medalist honors in the 2008 Horizon League championships, shot a three-round total of 83, 75 and 84 (242.) Rogner's second round 75 was the lowest score for the Penguins in a single round.

Junior Ann Ciavarella had a strong showing as she finished 12th individually. Ciavarella carded rounds of 86, 83 and 80 (249.)

Rounding out the Penguins' scoring was senior Mollie Boney. In her last collegiate tournament for the Penguins, Boney provided a solid top 20 showing. Boney shot 90, 85 and 81 (256.)

Formeck was excited to win individually, but winning the team championship was



Samantha Formeck won the individual title at the Horizon League Championships. Formeck shot 78-82-79 (239).

sweeter.

"It's great to win as a team because you get to share it with your teammates, and to bring it home to YSU was pretty cool," Formeck said.

Late inning heroics lift Penguins at Bulldog Park

Josh Stipanovich
SPORTS REPORTER

The Youngstown State University men's baseball team (11-27 overall, 8-9 Horizon League) took Butler University (9-32 overall, 5-14 Horizon League) to extra innings in game two of a Sunday doubleheader and came up victorious winning 6-5 after losing game one 4-1.

Junior Eric Hymel proved to be the savior for the Penguins in the top of the 10th inning after hitting the eventual game-winning RBI single, putting a halt to a late Bulldog rally.

Both eventual winners of each game never trailed, but Butler was able to come back twice in the nightcap of the doubleheader.

With a comfortable two-run lead heading into the bottom of the ninth inning, the Penguins allowed two runs as Butler rallied from behind to send the game to extra frames.

YSU jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the first inning after hitting four straight singles with two outs.

Butler answered right back thanks to the bat of Kyle Shultz.

Shultz hit an RBI single in the fourth, and came back in the sixth to knot the game back up after scoring on a fielder's choice.

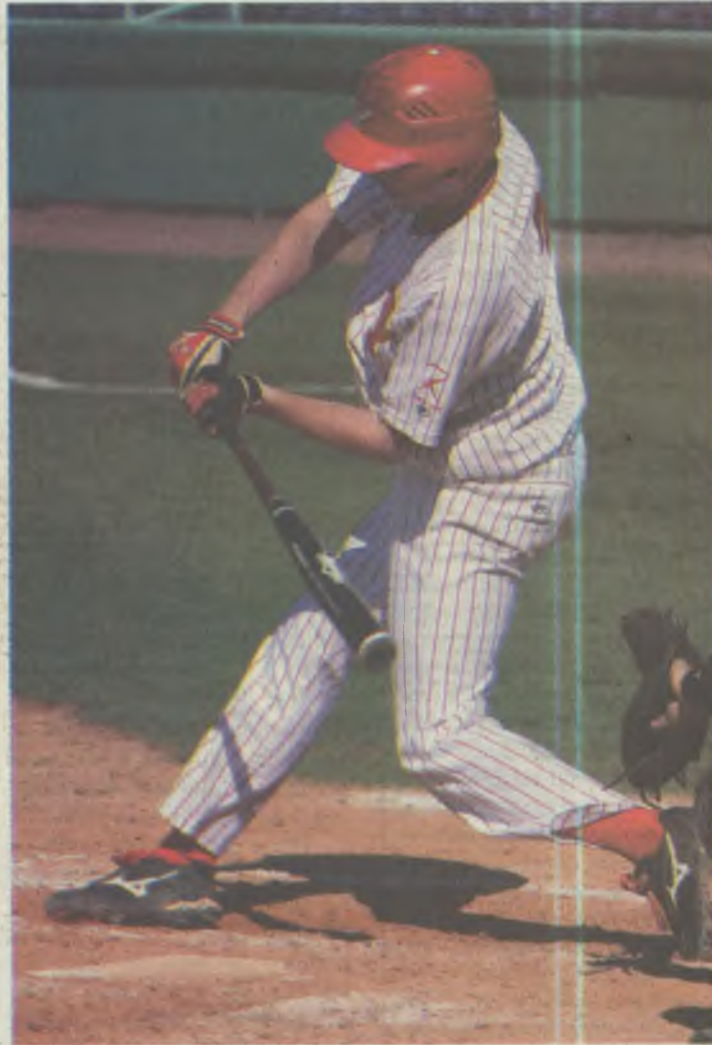
The pendulum continued to swing back and forth throughout the entire game, but the Bulldogs defense proved to be costly, and two errors and two hits later, they found themselves down by three as the Penguins took advantage of the opportunity.

But YSU could not hold off Butler as they scored on a wild pitch to narrow the gap to two. Luke Duncan was able to tie the score in the ninth after a two-out, two-run triple.

Despite giving up the game-tying triple to Duncan in the ninth, junior Anthony Munoz received his first collegiate win as he stayed in to put the finishing touches on the Bulldogs in the 10th inning.

Casey Holland, Joe Iacobucci and Jonathan Crist also got into the action for the Penguins. Each tallied three hits.

The Penguins come back home for their only game this season at Cene Park Wednesday as they prepare for another doubleheader against the Marshall University Thundering Herd at 3 pm.



Senior outfielder Joe Koehnlein leads the team in batting average (.325) and stolen bases (6).

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