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Touch of technology

Schools adapt iPhone as tool for education

Kelli Phillips
REPORTER

With more iPhones in the hands of college students than ever, the device from Apple is now being used as an educational tool at colleges around the country.

Professors at various institutions use the iPhone to quiz students in class, send assignment updates, and answer student questions using the phone's features and a high speed 3G network.

Although the 3G network is available on campus, Youngstown State University does not have plans to implement the technology through iPhones.

iPhone use at other campuses

At the start of the fall semester, 150 students at the University of Maryland in College Park and the entire freshman class of approximately 1,000 students at Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas, began classes with a new iPhone or iPod Touch. The goal of each university's program is to enhance the overall learning environment with advanced technology.

Students at UM received their iPhones as "part of a mobile initiative," said Ashok Agrawala, professor of computer science and director of the Maryland information and network dynamics lab.

"We want to improve the quality of life on campus with technology," he said.

While not all of the applications are fully accessible yet, students will eventually be able to locate classes, check assignments, access UM's iTunes University, and find study groups, as well as receive updates on dining hall menus, movies playing at the campus theater, concerts, and other campus events. They will also be able to access real-time information regarding the campus shuttle bus services and locate where they parked in the parking lots.

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Students have mixed reactions about debate

STAFF REPORT

Students at Youngstown State University had differing opinions of the presidential debate held on Sept. 26 between Republican nominee John McCain and Democratic nominee Barack Obama.

"McCain did a very poor job. He mainly attacked Obama," said freshman Kenny Dutko.

Dutko said he thinks Obama won the debate. "I think he showed his leadership qualities. It was nice hearing a presidential candidate who could pronounce his words," he said.

Graduate student Jeff Lamen agreed. "Obama looked at the camera. He was direct. McCain was looking down the whole time. He looked down and to the left, which means he was lying," Lamen said.

Sophomore Jessica McDermott said she thought McCain won the debate.

"Obama couldn't give a straight

answer to the questions. Overall, McCain did better," she said.

Many said they didn't watch the debate.

"I watched football instead," said senior John Krystone. "I'm not even gonna vote."

Freshman Stephen Siddens also said he didn't watch. "I'm staying out of this one," said Siddens. "I think either way the country is gonna be screwed," he said.

Mark Paul, a freshman who is leaning toward Obama, said he watched some of the debate, but didn't feel like he heard anything he hadn't heard before.

"It was kind of just the normal topics they always talk about, so I just turned it off," said Paul.

Sophomore Samantha Meier said she didn't watch the debate because it wouldn't affect her vote.

"I didn't feel like I needed to watch it because I feel confident with who I am voting for: Obama," Meier said.

Sophomore Gregg Buzheit said he didn't think either candidate clearly emerged as the winner.

"I didn't feel like I needed to watch it because I feel confident with who I am voting for: Obama."

Samantha Meier, sophomore

"I thought they danced around the issues the whole time. They were both way too careful," she said.

Matthew Lattanzi, Courtney Denen, and Kaely Hawkins contributed to this report.

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Campus community reflects on failed bailout

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NEWS EDITOR

The United States House of Representatives voted against a proposed \$700 billion bailout for financial institutions. The bill was defeated by a vote of 228-205, with members of both major parties voting no on the measure.

Joseph Pallardi, associate professor of economics at Youngstown State University, said there is some cause for concern for students.

"I think we have to be a little bit worried about a lack of ability to get loans," Pallardi said.

He said the fallout could be that the loan industry would completely seize up, making it impossible to get loans for cars and other major purchases. Pallardi said he doesn't think this will happen, but it is the worst-case scenario.

The effect at YSU could be a "mixed bag," he said.

On one hand, continued economic trouble could cause state funding to be cut in the future, but enrollment could increase, said Pallardi.

He said this is because YSU is more affordable than other universities in Ohio, so families who don't have much money but want to send their kids to college are more likely to send them to YSU.

"If they don't get this fixed, 1929 will look good."

Jim Tackett, professor

Pallardi said he expects there to be a deal at some point, but that it may not come until after the election because Congress is scheduled to go on recess until then.

"I think it's kind of stuck for a little while," he said.

Pallardi said many in the public see the bailout plan as only being beneficial to rich bankers.

"There's a huge amount of criticism for this bill," he said.

If lending shuts down, Pallardi said, it will hurt ordinary people as well as the wealthy.

"There's so much uncertainty now," said Pallardi.

He said the bailout was meant to restore confidence in lenders.

"Would it actually work? I don't even think Henry Paulsen knows," he said, adding that he hopes it would.

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Students question benefits of candidates' education platforms

Samantha Pysher
REPORTER

Funding may prevent Sen. Barack Obama from fully carrying out the goals he outlines in his platform for higher education, but Sen. John McCain's policy may not aid students.

Obama's policy seems to be focused on the National Education Association and McCain's policy seems to focus on critics of the school system, said Keith Lepak of the political science department. While the presidential candidates have taken these positions to please voters, there are not enough resources to fully carry out these plans.

"I don't think McCain's policies will have much impact, and Obama's — I'm doubtful the money he is talking about is there," said Lepak. "I'm not sure McCain's policy would help students; he doesn't seem like he has much of one," said Lepak.

As long as Obama pursues what he is after, the effect will most likely also be an emphasis on teachers' educations and the preparation of future teachers.

"Obama's peddling ideas; he does this by arguing for better services," said Lepak.

While the intent of both policies is to improve the education

process, only time will tell if they work, said Cryshanna Jackson of the political science department.

The candidates' policies will affect college students differently depending upon how affordable college is for the students.

Jackson said students should know the policies' facts before deciding which policy is best suited for them.

"There's not a one-size-fits-all policy," said Jackson. "The policy needs flexibility to meet the needs of different individuals."

The proposed higher education policies sound good to freshman Jacob Rose, who said the candidates made good points in each of their plans.

"Especially the financial aid parts, I hate filling those [financial aid documents] out," said Rose.

"It takes hours and hours to fill them out, and in my case after I fill it out, I don't receive anything," he added. "After doing all the work and receiving nothing, I feel like it was a big waste of time."

Rose said a policy that would create more individual attention for students should be added to the current proposed policies.

Sophomore Amy Gregory,

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E-textbooks introduced to book market in effort to cut costs for college students

Tami Young
REPORTER

E-textbooks, electronic versions of textbooks designed to reduce costs, may be available at Youngstown State University in the future if they are successful.

A new partnership formed with the University System of Ohio and CourseSmart is enabling college students in Ohio the opportunity to purchase electronic textbooks at a discounted price.

CourseSmart, which is made up of six major higher education publishers, is offering a 10 percent

discount off of e-textbook prices.

Electronic textbooks come with a high-speed search engine along with electronic note taking. They are offered in a downloadable version or an online version.

The YSU bookstore does not offer e-textbooks for students to purchase. Susanne Fox, the YSU bookstore assistant director, said the bookstore is monitoring their growth and will consider e-textbooks when they start to see a demand for them.

"We are monitoring demand and growth for the product and the industry," said Fox.

Fox said the bookstore would

decide whether or not to offer them based on whether it would be affordable for students.

"Right now, we're looking at the final cost to the student," she said.

Heather Blake, junior, said she probably wouldn't buy an e-textbook because she likes to have something she can hold in front of her. Blake also said cost would factor in to her final purchase decision though.

Another student, sophomore Crystal Kenmuir said she would buy an e-textbook because she does not use most of her books after she has completed a class.

Kenmuir also feels that price is a factor for her.

Both Blake and Kenmuir feel that e-textbooks are more convenient and students wouldn't have to carry books around. Kenmuir also said they were less expensive and less of a waste of raw materials.

Blake and Kenmuir also thought there would be disadvantages for students without laptops and personal computers. Blake added that staring at a computer could hurt your eyes, too.

James Hughes, a customer service supervisor with CourseSmart, said students are able to

print 10 pages at a time and up to 150 percent of the total number of pages in the book.

Hughes also said refunds are given if there are no more than 20 percent of the pages viewed or printed.

As of Sept. 25, there were 4,528 books offered. That number changes several times daily, largely due to outdated versions being taken off and if a newer version is available they replace it, said Hughes.

The books are offered for at least 180 days with some available for 360 days or more.

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however, said she believes that Obama's higher education policy would benefit the U.S. the most.

"It [Obama's policy] seems like it would make it easier for more people to afford and attend college," said Gregory. "Although they would help people, realistically it'd be hard to get these policies into play."

Gregory said the presidential nominees need to talk about loans and make them cheaper and easier to pay back.

For how these policies may benefit college students nationwide, Gregory suggested it depends on who the student is and what help they need.

Although Gregory said she believes the presidential candidates feel college is important, she said other policies take priority, such as plans for the economy.

Plans for education

As with their energy plans, presidential candidates, Barack Obama and John McCain have made six the magic number once again for their higher education policies.

Barack Obama

If elected the next president, Obama wants to achieve six goals for the higher education policy from Obama's "College Affordability Fact Sheet" found on his Web site located at

<http://www.barackobama.com>:

- Create the American Opportunity Tax Credit, which will create a \$4,000 tax credit to go towards college tuition. Make the financial aid easier. Obama wants to get rid of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid [FAFSA.] Taking the place of FAFSA would be a box that would be checked on tax forms.
- Help students become college ready. A voluntary test will be assessed to children in 11th grade. The tests will inform students what they need to do to be college ready. Obama plans on providing 25 million dollars yearly for

this program.

- Expand Pell Grants. Obama wants to raise the Pell Grant limit of \$4,050 to \$5,100. Eventually he will raise the Pell Grant limit to \$5,400 within the next few years.
- Create a community college partnership by providing grants. The grants will go towards three items: Make a thorough analysis of skills that are in need from local industries
- Create new/associate and art degrees programs
- Reward the colleges that have the most graduated students.

Rid bank subsidies. Instead of having publicly and privately owned lender programs, only the publicly owned program will remain.

John McCain

On the other hand, McCain's higher education policy according to his Web site located at <http://www.johnmccain.com>:

- Modernize universities. McCain believes higher education is a competition and wants to eliminate the barriers so we can move forward.
- Make college information clearer

and more available for parents. Simplify the current higher education tax benefits

- Make the federal financial easier by condensing existing programs.

Eliminate earmarks in research in other words, fund university research on worthwhile projects.

- Improve student lending programs. McCain wants to expand the current loan system and ensure that they stick to the "highest standard of integrity". In other words, smooth the rough edges of the student lending programs.

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Students also expressed their concerns for the economic future.

"I'm worried that the economy will be so bad and the job market will be so poor that my six years of hard work will be hard to apply anywhere," said Rachel Voithofer, a senior majoring in marketing management.

Freshman Kim Wray said she is opposed to the bailout deal.

"I think it's their own fault. I don't think it's our duty to bail them out. We pay enough already," she said.

Jim Tackett, professor of accounting and finance, said it's essential that some course of decisive action be taken.

"If they don't get this fixed, 1929 will look good," Tackett said. "The shockwave of what's happened hasn't registered with the public yet. They're not understanding the consequences of this kind of behavior."

Tackett said the problems were the result of it being too easy to get loans and credit cards and that the blame does not lie with only one political party.

"You're always going to have partisan politics, but there's plenty of blame to go around in Washington," he said.

Ronald Volpe, professor of finance, agreed.

"I think this is the culmination of years of excessive use of credit by businesses and individuals," Volpe said.

"The problem was all the lending they did with no collateral."

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Upcoming play plans to familiarize students with Lebanese struggles

Elizabeth Boon
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT
EDITOR

Director Dennis Henneman calls his play "How His Bride Came to Abraham," a Romeo and Juliet story set in Lebanon in the early 1990's.

The play, a University Theater production written by Karen Sunde, will open Thursday at Bliss Hall's Spotlight Arena Theater.

Sunde's play tells the story of an Arab woman, played by Bernadette Lim, and an Israeli soldier, played by Nathan Beagle, in

the Lebanese war zone.

Lim's character is suspected of terrorism while Beagle plays a man who has been wounded in a land mine explosion.

Henneman considered directing the play in the '90's but it never panned out. He feels that the play is still relevant today as the situation in Lebanon has yet to be resolved.

"What this play does is put a human face on this struggle," said Henneman.

Henneman explained that the production was a stretch for the actors. They did background reading to gather information on Lebanon and the setting of the

**Performances are Oct. 2-5 and Oct. 10-12
Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.,
Sunday at 3:00 p.m.**

play.

"They've grown immensely in the understanding of the situation," he said.

The play will conclude with a forty-minute symposium discussion led by campus and community members.

Henneman said he hopes

the play will shine a light on the problem that is occurring in Lebanon.

"I hope that they learn that there is a problem," said Henneman, "Maybe there is a way that w. can work to a solution."

Sunde will be participating as a panel member on opening night.



Gramma, played by Alyssa Connelly, offers comfort to her wounded grandson, Abraham, played by Nathan Beagle, in this scene from "How His Bride Came To Abraham." Photo by Bruce Palmer.

HOPEWELL: A psych rock opera success story



Hopewell will be performing at Cedar's Lounge Wednesday at 9 p.m. PHOTO COURTESY OF HOPEWELL.

Gary S. Angelo
REPORTER

Imagine completely floating through in a musical journey guiding you to the front row seats of a space rock opera about the erratic life of a touring band. Hopewell's 2005 sophomore effort 'Hopewell And The Birds of Appetite' does just the trick.

When Hopewell, a Brooklyn based quintet, plays at Cedar's Lounge on Wednesday, attendees will be able to get a feel for what the band is like.

"Birds of Appetite," which was produced by Flaming Lips' Producer Dave Fridmann, zeros in on Hopewell's lineup changes, strife among band members, and rehab stints. Seattle's KEXP radio station coined it as best album of 2005 for its candid expression. Their latest output, 2007's 'Beautiful Targets' guides one through this same journey with garage pop era sensibilities.

Named after the town of Hopewell Junction, N.J., Hopewell was formed in 1994 and caught the attention of Burnt Hair Records, a Detroit psychedelic label that released Hopewell's first seven inch.

"It just kept going from there and then one of the owners from Tee Pee Records saw us and liked us. Just like that, he signed us," said Jason Russo, lead singer and guitarist.

In 2001, Hopewell released their first full-length album, 'Curved Glass.'

"The 'Curved Glass' was a product of its time. That album makes the most sense to me

around 4 a.m. It's intended to be transcended, but to my ears it kind of falls a little short of that. It's a deeply personal record though, so I can't be objective," said Russo. "'Beautiful Targets' is our take on a pop record. Partially, we are feeling happy to be alive and happy that we survived ... it was the first album that was less concerned with drugs and more concerned with love."

Hopewell's song 'Afterglow' is also featured on disc two of the 'Psychodelica Three Compilation' on Northern Star Records, which also features bands that shared the stage with Hopewell.

"I think we were MySpaced by the guys who run Northern Star Records. We are friends with a lot of musicians they love so it must have made sense to them," said Russo.

"I can't pretend to understand what drives people who choose music as a business; insanity, I suspect. If you want to make money, sell real estate."

Hopewell also shared the stage with Australia's critically acclaimed neo-psychedelic icons, The Brian Jonestown Massacre and played at Britain's Reading and Leeds Music Festivals.

"Opening for people like Mark Gardener from Ride and Adam Franklin from Swervedriver was pretty amazing," said Russo.

For the future, Hopewell plans on doing extensive recording and touring.

Russo adds, "We are in the middle of recording our fifth record, with a tour to follow. Most likely this is our last tour of '08. We have been focusing on recording. We will be out again in spring of '09."



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OUR SIDE EDITORIAL

Missing the call for student iPhones

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Youngstown State University may hold job fairs and help students network, but they don't seem to be doing us any favors in the technology department. In order for us to be fully prepared for the technological advances of the workplace, we need to be using technology. If success hinges on a competitive edge, then we're severely lacking.

While many universities across the country have introduced iPhones, iPods and other devices into their daily teaching routine, YSU has not caught on. Combining wireless Internet access and a device that can access it anywhere on campus — or at least in classrooms — would open up a wide range of opportunities for better communication between faculty and students, as well as new teaching opportunities.

At the University of Maryland, for example, students will eventually be able to find study groups and check classes with iPhones and iPod Touches. In addition to classwork, the devices will also allow students constant access to shuttle bus schedules and even help them remember where they parked their cars for the day.

As a university, YSU has the responsibility to provide students with a learning environment that uses the most current technology. We come to college with the understanding that when we leave in four to six years, we will be armed with the skills necessary to find a job and excel at it.

We're not looking for a hand-out. Tuition, or the fees that seem to go up anyway, could be raised to cover the cost.

Even if the hardware is not offered, professors should at least be encouraged to impart the wisdom. If YSU is to be a part of the revitalization of the city, it has to produce graduates who are ready to compete with those of other institutions. The workforce is increasingly demanding. Those of us attempting to enter into it will need every advantage possible. Lack of familiarity with technology is a disadvantage.

YSU gets a bad reputation, which is mostly undeserved. This is one area, however, where the university lags sorely behind.

It must be nice to be on the cutting edge.

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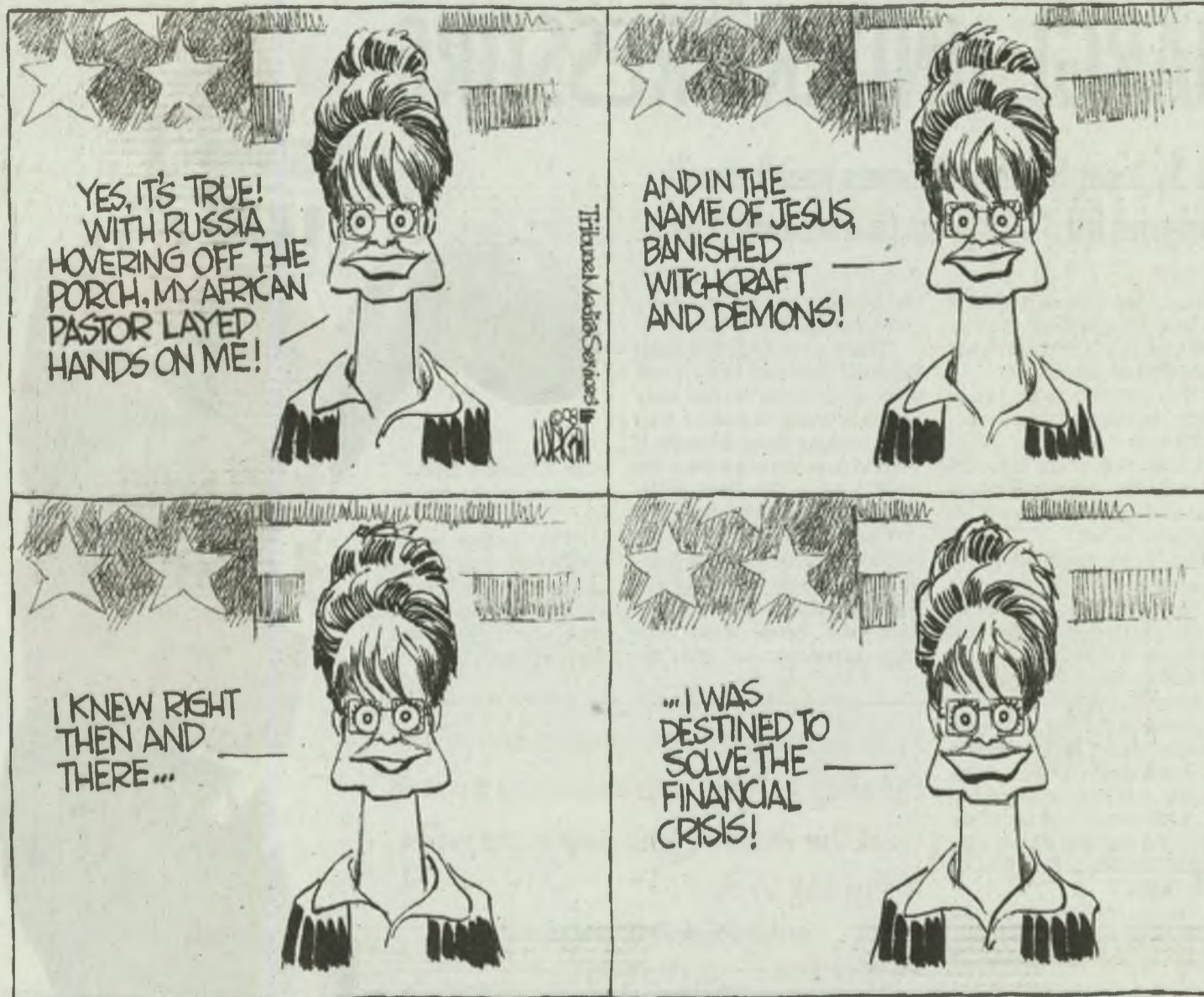
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor,

John McCain lost the debate for the same reason Lt. Commander Philip Francis Queeg of the 1954 movie, *The Cain Mutiny*, lost the strawberry argument.

In our lifetime, some movies are simply required viewing — although less and less this is true of any crap made after 1980 — but *The Cain Mutiny* is a must see for those who insist that 72-year-old man who can't remember how many of the seven homes he owns should be in charge of 50 states — and heaven help us how many missiles!

McCain becomes Commander Queeg as he breakdown [on

the stand] in the debate, unable to address the thrust of Obama's counterpoints. In sheer panic, begins rolling out a list of world conflicts he had the congressional pleasure of voting up or down on — when the issue was anything but the war maudlin, exploitative, sympathy seeking, need to rally NASCAR and hockey fans, and the zealot Fox News and Rush Limbaugh followers

McCain in his usual dishonesty to win a point, admonished Obama for saying he would launch attacks into Pakistan [twisting Obama's context]; saying that presidential candidates shouldn't say such things aloud — completely forgetting his asi-

nine comments of "bomb, bomb, bomb, bomb Iran" and calling for the extinction of North Korea — all of which was heard around the world.

Caught in his continuing hypocrisy, McCain, like Queeg, takes out the silver balls [going off on a tangent], and, unnerved, starts in about how he can prove the theft of the strawberries [be best man for the job] with geometric logic, given a little more time as a court room of officers watch in stung disbelief, Queeg's descent into delusion.

McCain displays no less firm grasp on reality before a court room of a 100 million viewers [and no telling how many over-

seas] that not only is he violently unfit for any office above that of night watch man in mannequin factory, but also that he has evidently — and stubbornly — stopped taking his ginkgo. [Used to improve mental alertness.]

The only reason McCain is the Republican nominee is simply because the other GOP candidates were even less desirable; hence, none were selected as his running mate — and apparently the chosen running mate is only qualified to hold conversations with the mannequins where McCain should be working.

Ted Williams

JAMBAR QUESTION

Should YSU find a way to offer students iPods with course content like other universities are doing?



Gabe Daugherty, freshman

"Yes it would be a good idea because teachers do not talk loud enough."



Jon Szallai, senior

"It would be good to provide iPod material, but not iPods because it could be reflected in tuition."



Christina Scottodiuccio, senior

"Yeah it's something now students should have, like a laptop."



Elizabeth Daley, freshman

"It's a good idea for people who are absent. It would bring some students in. For every advantage there is a disadvantage. If they provide students iPods then they would have to raise tuition."

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Dierkes deliberated



Improving the Debates

I spent Friday evening watching the presidential debates for a couple of reasons. First, I felt I had to watch this if I was to comment any on the candidates' policies. Second, I felt I had to watch, since I said I'd take up this columnist gig promising to bring more political discussions to the table. And third, a small part of my soul was hoping Ralph Nader would pick up the slack in the debates if John McCain turned out to be a no-show. I may not have fulfilled my dreams, but at least I get to keep my job. Since I'm more than positive you can find more in-depth discussions about each candidate's position, this column will focus instead on ways to fix the debate.

Step 1: Present all the candidates.

Only once in my lifetime have I seen three podiums on stage during a presidential debate. That was back in 1992, when millionaire presidential hopeful Ross Perot shared the stage with Bill Clinton and George Bush the Elder. We've had a third choice for president in every election since, but no one has taken up the extra space on stage. To whoever keeps hosting debates: Cut that crap out. Invite everyone who's running for president to join your discussion. We're all sick of this two party system, but we need help showing off our alternate options.

Step 2: Keep a team of fact-checkers behind the moderator.

Whenever the camera shot to the space behind Jim Lehrer, I had a problem. There was nothing there. No audience, no cameras, not even a water cooler. Just miles of empty space, and the occasional low hanging light fixture. Put that space to use! Keep twenty computers back behind the moderator, each one checking a mix of newspapers, government documents and Wikipedia to make sure the speeches being presented have some basis in truth. If a lie were presented, the debate would come to a halt while the Truth Team (a working title) explained what really happened. You look like an idiot, and your opponent gets a free attack ad. It's something to think about before you open your yap.

Step 3: Add penalties.

In the final 20 minutes of the debate, I was amazed at how much the presidential hopefuls talked over and on top of each other. It seemed more like two grade school kids arguing in a principal's office about who threw the first punch. Lehrer, the moderator, tried to stop this, but nobody listened. I think it's time we get our politicians to behave themselves. The first time you try talking over an opposing candidate: verbal warning. Second attempt: your microphone gets cut off before you can say anything relatively important. Third strike: you're removed from the debate, and your VP steps to the plate. If your VP manages to earn three more penalties, both of you are taken out of the running for president. Not only will this keep things slightly more fair, this could reduce our chances of having an incompetent vice president by 85 percent.

These things shouldn't be too hard to implement. It can increase the number of viewers tenfold and it might even make the American democratic process a little more honest. Not bad for an hour's worth of thought. Come back next month and I may have a way to fix American Idol.

TAKING CHARGE UNDER PRESSURE

A record-setting performance by junior Brandon Summers wasn't enough to douse the Flames as the Penguins fell 31-28 in the final seconds of play.

Andrew Berry
SPORTS EDITOR

Quarterbacks are typically scrutinized for a loss, but junior Brandon Summers did all he could to prevent defeat against Liberty University on Saturday.

After enjoying two straight weeks of a pounding rushing attack, the Flames brought a game plan to Stambaugh Stadium that effectively shut down the talented Penguin backfield.

Redshirt freshman Kamryn Keys couldn't find any rhythm and junior Jabari Scott was hampered the entire game with an injury. The Penguins managed just 93 yards rushing as a team averaging 2.9 yards per carry with junior Dana Brown having the largest chunk of the total among the running backs with 23 yards.

As the Flames methodically built a lead after coming back from a 14-0 deficit, the Penguins appeared to be falling into an inescapable hole. With a stale rushing attack and the defense unable to stop the monstrous running back Rashad Jennings, Summers took charge and nearly engineered a miraculous comeback.

But his attempt to give the Penguins their third straight win fell short as the Flames escaped Youngstown with a 31-28 win on a 24-yard field goal as time expired. While he landed in the record books with a school-best 32 pass completions and the fifth most passing yards in school history, Summers would have gladly given it all up for a win.

"I'd take the victory over the records any day," Summers said.

The silver lining to the heart-breaking defeat would have to be Summers' final totals. The junior signal caller finished the game 32 of 39 with 334 yards and three touchdowns. Summers completed at least one pass to eight different receivers and also led the team in rushing with 49 yards on 17 carries and a touchdown.

Liberty took a 28-14 lead into the fourth quarter but nearly let the game slip away as the Penguin defense came up with two crucial turnovers. The fumble and interception resulted in two touchdown drives capped off by Summers finding open receivers in the end zone.

With the Flames effectively

shutting down the run, Summers was up to the challenge of proving to Liberty that he could shoulder the offense successfully.

"They put more in the box to stop the run since we were so successful with it last week," Summers said. "All of our tailbacks are talented but the defense knew it had to stop the run to see if we could pass the ball."

With many contributions to the team on the field, Summers has been faced with the question if he is carrying more of a load than he needs to be.

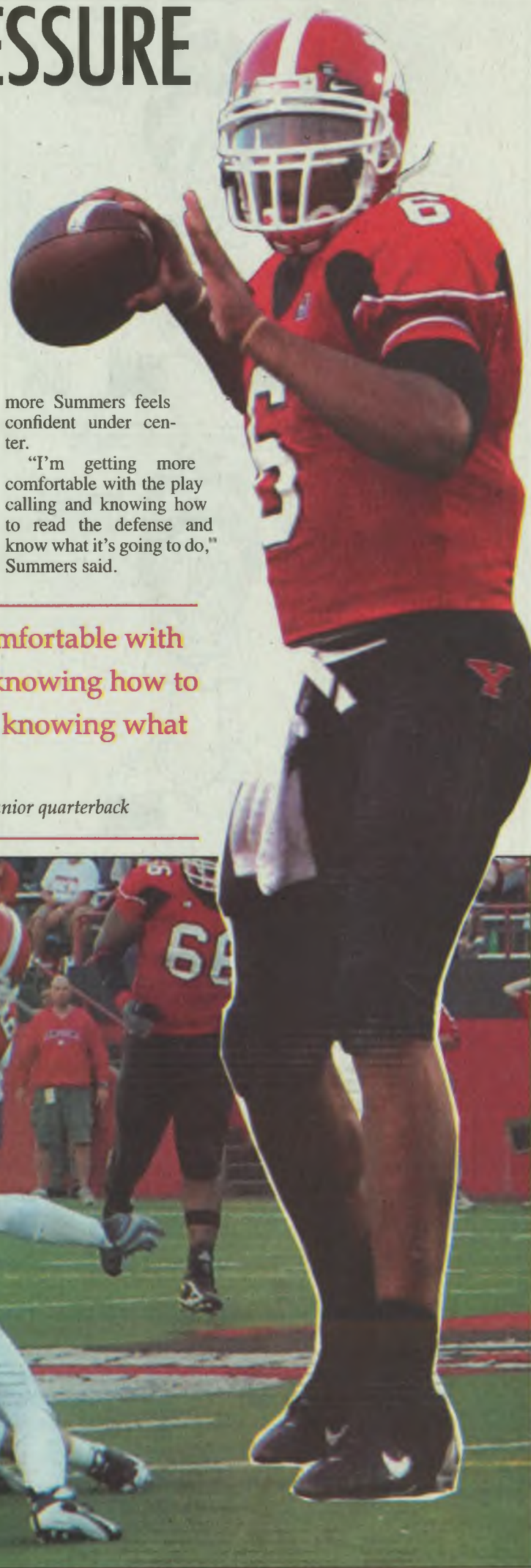
One blemish on the otherwise perfect night for Summers came at the end of the first half when Summers threw an interception in the red zone on third down. The play was designed for Summers to throw the ball out of the back of the end zone allowing the Penguins to kick a field goal on fourth down.

Summers took the blame for not following orders and trying to make a big play. The quarterback

said he doesn't want to put every play on shoulders.

"That's a bad habit I'm trying to break," Summers said. "I was supposed to throw the ball away but I was trying to make a play, I was thinking about the team. If I would have thrown it away we could have gotten three points and taken the game to overtime."

Time spent studying film has paid off in recent weeks for Summers. Despite the loss, Summers was solid during the Penguins' three-game home stand. The more experience he gets, the



more Summers feels confident under center. "I'm getting more comfortable with the play calling and knowing how to read the defense and know what it's going to do," Summers said.

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Brandon Summers, junior quarterback



HEAD OVER HEELS — Junior quarterback Brandon Summers is flipped up and over as he is tackled by two Liberty defenders on a scramble during the Penguins game against the Flames Saturday. The Penguins record fell to 2-3.

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FCS Top 25

Teams YSU will face in blue

1. James Madison
2. Appalachian State
3. Montana
4. McNeese State
5. New Hampshire
6. Richmond
7. Elon
8. Cal Poly
9. Wofford
10. Northern Iowa
11. Eastern Washington
12. The Citadel
13. Southern Illinois
14. Villanova
15. Furman
16. Delaware
17. North Dakota State
18. Massachusetts
19. Central Arkansas
20. Liberty
21. Western Illinois
22. Jacksonville State
23. South Dakota State
24. Northern Arizona
25. Brown

Others receiving votes: Eastern Illinois 382, Lafayette 368, Tennessee State 267, Harvard 260, Holy Cross 251, Youngstown State 148, William & Mary 145, Hampton 143, Sam Houston State 130, Prairie View 56, San Diego 50, Weber State 42, Florida A&M 36, Cornell 24, North Dakota 10, Sacred Heart 7, Delaware State 6, Montana State 4, Colgate 2, Southern 2, Central Connecticut State 1, Coastal Carolina 1, Grambling 1.

Information from the Sports Network

Penguins drop two over weekend to open Horizon League play



POWER STRUGGLE — Senior Keely Rice goes for the steal as the Penguin defense looks to prevent a goal. The Penguins resume Horizon League play Friday on the road against the Valparaiso University Crusaders at 4 p.m.

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Keith Langford
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Despite solid play and keeping the score close, the Youngstown State University women's soccer team was unable to come away with a win in its opening weekend of Horizon League contests.

The losses forced the Penguins to plummet in the Horizon League standings. Despite having only played two conference games, the team fell to last place in the league by having the worst overall record at 2-8.

The early portion of the league schedule didn't favor the Penguins as the team faced the top two squads in the conference beginning with the University of Detroit-Mercer Friday.

The Penguins held the Titans scoreless in the contest until the last 12 minutes of the game. Cursed with an inability to secure a lead to the final minute, the Penguins would surrender two goals to the Titans and take the 2-1 loss.

The Penguins got on the board first with a goal by senior defender Keeley Rice. Rice scored in the sixteenth minute of play by connecting on a free kick as a result of a Titan foul.

The game was tightly contested throughout the first half with the Penguins leading 1-0. Detroit had more shots on goal in the first half with seven to Youngstown State's four.

The turning point of the contest came late as the Penguins looked poised to claim their third win of the season. Junior goalie Mariah Snyder sustained an in-

jury and freshman Nicole Kline was called in to try to hold on to the lead.

Following the loss to Detroit, the Penguins had a short turnaround as they traveled to Indianapolis to face off against conference opponent Butler on Sunday. Butler came into the game with a record of 5-4 and had a chance to move into first place with a win over the Penguins.

Snyder returned to the Penguins' lineup for the Butler game and performed well after leaving Friday's game with an injury. The Penguins battled hard in the first half of play as they held the

Bulldogs scoreless as Snyder had seven saves at the goal.

But Snyder's final tally of 16 saves would prove to be insufficient as the Butler Bulldogs cashed in on three shots within nine minutes of each other to take an insurmountable 3-0 lead.

The Penguins were able to keep the Bulldog offense away from the net for the final 19 minutes of play but the offense could not penetrate the Bulldog defense. Senior Jordan Gapczynski and sophomore Lauren Brennan were the only Penguins with a single shot on goal.

Horizon League Standings

TEAM	LEAGUE	OVR
Butler	2-0-0	6-5-0
Detroit	1-0-0	3-4-1
Loyola	1-0-0	5-7-0
Milwaukee	1-0-0	9-1-2
Cleveland State	0-0-1	4-5-1
Wright State	0-1-1	5-6-1
Green Bay	0-1-0	2-3-2
Valparaiso	0-1-0	7-2-1
Youngstown State	0-2-0	2-8-0

PENGUINS SPORTS TO THE POINT

Volleyball squad comes up short at Wright State

Youngstown State University's four players to register double-digits in kills wasn't enough on Saturday in a five-set loss to Wright State University.

Wright State countered with five players posting at least 10 kills, including a match-high 16 from Jessica Woods.

The match featured 31 ties and nine lead changes, all of which came in the first four sets before Wright State hit 471 en route to a 15-11 triumph in the final set.

Junior Ruth Boscaljon registered 14 kills to lead the Penguins while senior Ebony Barbosa had a double-double with 12 kills and 15 digs. Junior Kaitlin O'Hara turned in 13 kills while freshman Tasha Reid posted 11.

Men's tennis wraps up Valpo Invitational

The Youngstown State University men's tennis team traveled to Valpo to play in the weekend invitational hosted by the Crusaders.

Freshmen Michael Kathary and Patrick Hamming each played in the Singles A bracket. Kathary lost his first match to Alex Lau from Valparaiso, 6-3, 6-2 before beating Dayton's Michael Rohana 6-2, 6-2 and Detroit's Dustin Goldenberg by a score of 3-6, 6-2, 10-6.

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