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CUTTING THE RIBBON

Sherrod Brown to speak at Armed Forces Boulevard ceremony

Josh Stipanovich
NEWS EDITOR

Sen. Sherrod Brown, local veterans and Youngstown State University officials will come together Friday to bestow Armed Forces Boulevard, previously Spring Street, located on the west side of campus.

At approximately 5:30 p.m., a helicopter will fly over Armed Forces Boulevard, which will signal the start to the ceremony.

Manager of News and Information Ron Cole said the ceremony is a great way to

recognize and promote those who have served for the United States.

"I think that this will be a great celebration and a great way to recognize [and] the dedication and the sacrifices of everyone that has served

and continues to serve to protect our country," Cole said.

Local veterans from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard and YSU's ROTC will be a part of a procession, while the YSU Marching Pride perform, leading up to the ribbon cutting and Brown's appearance.

Sgt. 1st Class Senior Army Instructor Thomas Ericksen has been deployed to Iraq, serving as active-du-

ty Army three times, and said being a part of this historic day at YSU really hits home.

"It means a lot to me to see something like that happening for the armed forces," Ericksen said.

"I would hope [the ceremony] would get a bigger appreciation for the military and what we do and what we sacrifice and realize that we are a part of the community also, and we're here to do our part."

Ericksen said he is "pretty stoked" to hear what Brown has to say because not only has he never heard him speak.

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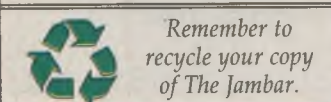
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Students and faculty are gearing up for a Haunted Homecoming on Saturday. Saturday will kick off with the Homecoming Parade at 2 p.m. down Fifth Avenue. The Penguins will take on the South Dakota State Jackrabbits at 4 p.m. At halftime, the king and queen for this year's Homecoming will be crowned.

Increased enrollment affects some academic advisers

Juliana Hull
REPORTER

Since 2000, Youngstown State University's enrollment has increased by 3,000 students, which has affected some academic advisers and students.

James Stipetich, academic adviser for the College of Fine and Performing Arts, said he does not view the enrollment increase as a negative for academic advisers.

"I had conversations with faculty members, and we are all willing to pitch in and see that every

student gets advised," Stipetich said.

Sally Kenney, senior academic adviser for the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services, said a change in advising appointment times was made to accommodate the increase in students.

"We try to make our appointments every half hour, but now we have so many students to see," Kenney said. Academic advising appointments are now 20 minutes, and Kenney predicted advising will extend into December.

"We probably are not going to see every student

"We try to make our appointments every half hour, but now we have so many students to see."

-Sally Kenney

within this two-week period," Kenney said.

Even with the extra students at YSU this year, Kenney said academic advisers are "trying to make the best of it."

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Professor chosen as chairman of math, statistics program

Dan Pompili
ASSIST. NEWS EDITOR

Dr. Jacek Fabrykowski of the Youngstown State University Department of Mathematics and Statistics has been chosen to chair the United States of America Mathematical Olympiad for a three-year term beginning in January of 2010.

Fabrykowski was nominated for the position by his peers in the program at the close of the last director's tenure.

As chairman of the program, Fabrykowski will direct the board that composes and selects the problems students will be asked to solve.

"We are talking about the best in the country," Fabrykowski said. He explained that 1 percent of students from grades 10-12 nationwide are invited to participate.

He said many of the students have received free-ride scholarship letters from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Princeton and Harvard as early as their sophomore year of high school.

Of the nearly 500 students selected, 20 to 30 will advance to a training camp for the international Olympiad, and six will be selected to represent the United States at the event.

Fabrykowski said such students could be compared to the characters portrayed by Matt Damon in "Good Will Hunting" and Russell Crowe in "A Beautiful Mind."

He said many students have developed into careers with the CIA and state department, calling them "pure mathematicians."

Fabrykowski has been involved with such academic programs for more than 30 years, since achieving his doctorate at the Polish Academy of Science.

He spent 16 years teaching at the University of Manitoba, during which he worked on the Putnam competition committee. The North American competition, held annually on the first Saturday in December, challenges students with 12 problems. Fabrykowski says 50 percent of students who qualify for the competition score 0, and that the average score is just over two problems correct.

In 2008, Fabrykowski was asked to set problems for the state mathematics competition in Iowa, and did the same for Michigan in 2009.

Fabrykowski will work with 20 other committee members in the USAMO, which began in 1972.

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Sexting gains popularity

Samantha Cavalier
REPORTER

While texting has been a trend for teens and young adults over the last couple of years, sexting, which has recently gained popularity, has taken this technology a step further.

According to <http://www.findlaw.com>, sexting is defined as "the transmission of suggestive material via text messages."

Youngstown State University psychology professor Dr. Steve Ellyson describes those who engage in sexting as exhibitionists, attention seekers, egotistical and lacking shame.

"Teenagers are always pushing boundaries. It's just another way to express themselves," Ellyson said.

YSU students' opinions on sexting range from accountability issues to the appropriateness of the matter.

Sophomore Ashley Avnet said sexting could be a "way for people to show how they are really feeling without actually offending the person they are with."

"[It's] just in case they say something a person doesn't want to hear, or to see how their partner will react to the way they feel or what to do in person," Avnet said.

Freshman Josh Malenic said he finds nothing wrong with sexting.

"I approve. If people want to do it, go ahead. If not, they don't have to," Malenic said.

Sophomore Garrett Lunger said he feels similarly.

"I tend to think that if it effectively conveys what's going on in a relationship, and it is used in an appropriate fashion, why the heck not? But I am a guy, so who's not surprised?" Lunger said.

On the contrary, some negative aspects of sexting may exist.

Photos, videos and risque text messages can be distributed on the Internet and can also be forwarded easily to others via mobile phones. Additionally, sexting is illegal for those less than 18 years old. In this case, sexting falls under the

creation, distribution and possession of child porn; this is a felony offense.

Ellyson said the immediacy of sexting also could be detrimental.

"It is a spur-of-the-moment decision that is not so much retrievable," Ellyson said.

Social networking Web sites can also cause sexting to get out of hand. For instance, once photos are posted on Facebook, they are always accessible.

"Pictures can be distributed easily and can be sent to everyone on Facebook. This can come back to haunt people when they are looking for a job," Ellyson said.

Final HR candidates to visit university

Dan Pompili
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The final two of four candidates for the position of director of human resources at Youngstown State University will be on campus Friday.

The itineraries for Carl "Rocco" Nittoli and Kevin W. Reynolds will be staggered to allow both men individual time with the search committee, President David C. Sweet, Vice President for Finance and Administration Eugene Grilli and the board of trustees, as well as open forums for the entire campus community.

Nittoli, a Poland Township resident and YSU graduate, has split his nine-year career in human resources and labor relations between General Motors Corp. [2000-2005] in both Boston and Lordstown, and General Electric Corp. [2005-present] in Ravenna and

Cleveland. He is the senior human resources manager for GE's Cleveland-area lighting plants.

Reynolds began in 1976 as a payroll and personnel officer for the Cuyahoga County Board of Commissioners where he remained until 1985. He then spent 15 years at a private firm as a senior consultant/project manager. From 2000-2004, he was human resources administrator for the City of Lakewood, Ohio, and is district director for labor and employee relations at Cuyahoga Community College.

The open forums will be held in Kilcawley Center at 10:30 a.m. in the Humphrey Room inside for Kevin Reynolds, and at 11:30 a.m. in the Jones Room for Carl Nittoli.

The first two candidates, Porfirio Esparra Jr. and Christopher Yurkovich, were on campus Monday and Tuesday, respectively.

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What was your favorite Homecoming activity thus far and why?



"I liked the Vitamin Water. I wanted to do the build-a-penguin, but I had to go to class. It looked fun."

Chelsea Stoffel



"Build-a-penguin, and I spun the CW wheel for their giveaway. I didn't make it for the character drawing, but it looked slick."

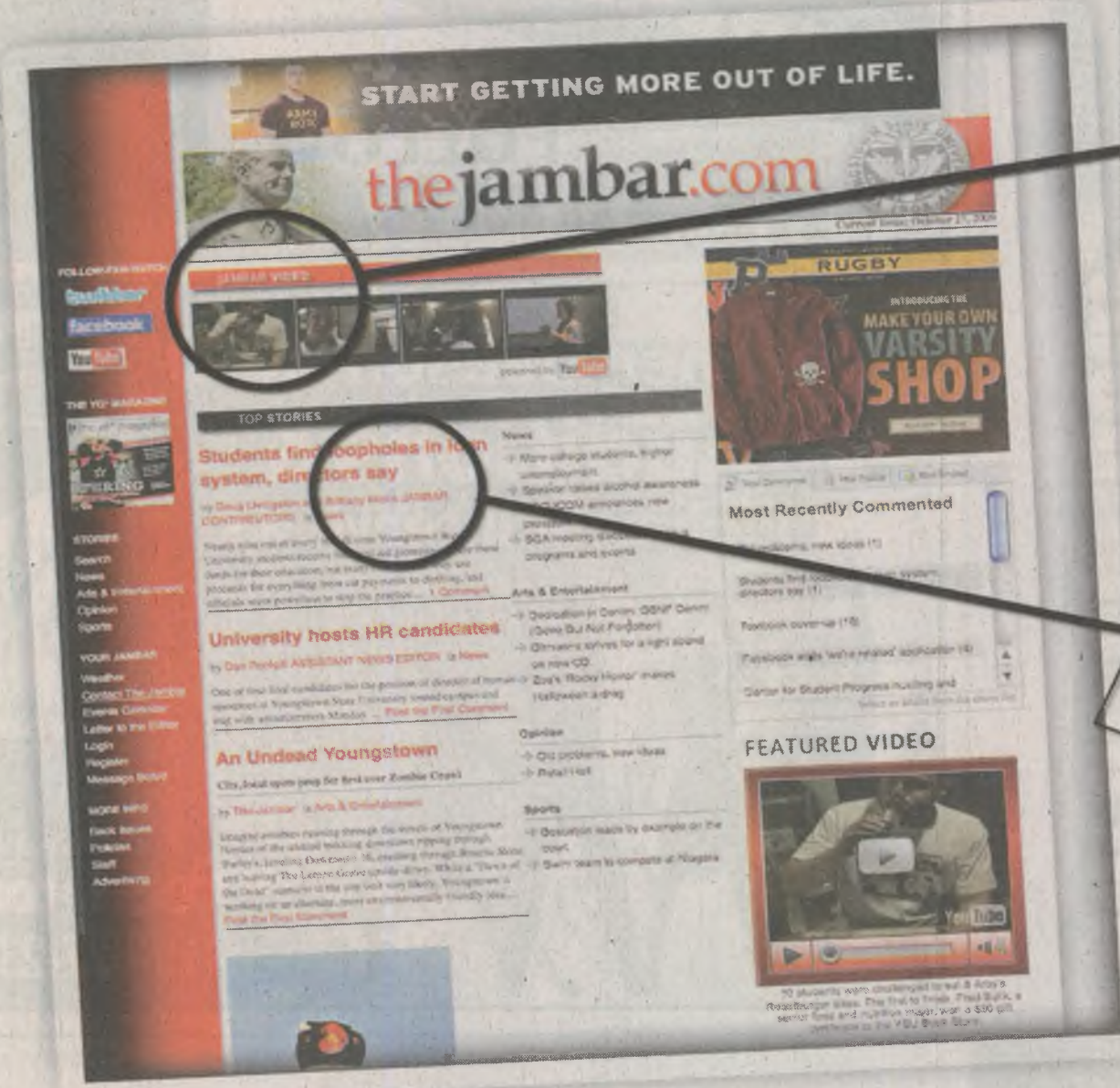
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"I did the build-a-penguin and made flip-flops. But I was disappointed; I thought Homecoming activities would be on a larger scale. Like bring in an artist for a concert, or have a comedian."

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He said he's excited to be back in his home state. He is originally from Conneaut, Ohio, enlisted in the army in 1995 and has visited Ohio three times since.

Ericksen said, the ROTC will be responsible for providing the primary color belt and the color guard for the Army, whom they represent.

Ericksen said despite being assigned to the YSU ROTC office four months ago, he has been able to appreciate what YSU has to offer to veterans.

"I'm super ecstatic to be apart of the Penguins and a part of YSU. It's awesome, the atmosphere is great," Ericksen said. "[YSU is] one of the few universities that I've heard about, that has an actual Veterans Affairs Office ... I really do appreciate that."

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The Williamson College of Business Administration does not take appointments but instead runs on walk-ins. Academic adviser Kellie Gabriel said the increase of students has not really affected them for this reason.

"Every November, April and August we get hit with a ton of people at once; it's always been like that," Gabriel said.

Current student registration for spring semester begins Monday and runs through Friday, Nov. 13. Registration date and time is determined by student classification and the total number of completed credit hours.

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U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown will be on campus Friday to help Youngstown State University observe the dedication of the new Armed Forces Boulevard.

For many, the meaning of the ceremonies seems clear on the surface. It will likely take the form of a commemoration of those who have died in the service of defending our nation, with the usual fanfare afforded such occasions.

But for those of us who wish to look deeper, there is motivation in this event.

In an era where the state of our nation and the world is increasingly filled with questions and perpetually short of answers, we ought to remember the spirit of the dream those men and women fought and died to preserve.

We should seek to make the best of the opportunities their sacrifices afford us. Many of them returned home with the hope of a better life and pursued education to achieve it. Some of them took any job they could find to merely feed their families.

As we watch the fanfare in front of Beeghley Center — which we all should attempt to do — we should consider the nobility of the display in the middle of our campus.

Where better to observe the noble deeds of soldiers past and present than on a college campus? How better to honor their service than to learn? Whether we learn history to understand why Americans were called to arms, or we study economics, political science, communications and technology, in the hopes of preserving the best of America and avoiding the mistakes that have cost lives in the past, respecting education is perhaps the best salute we can offer.

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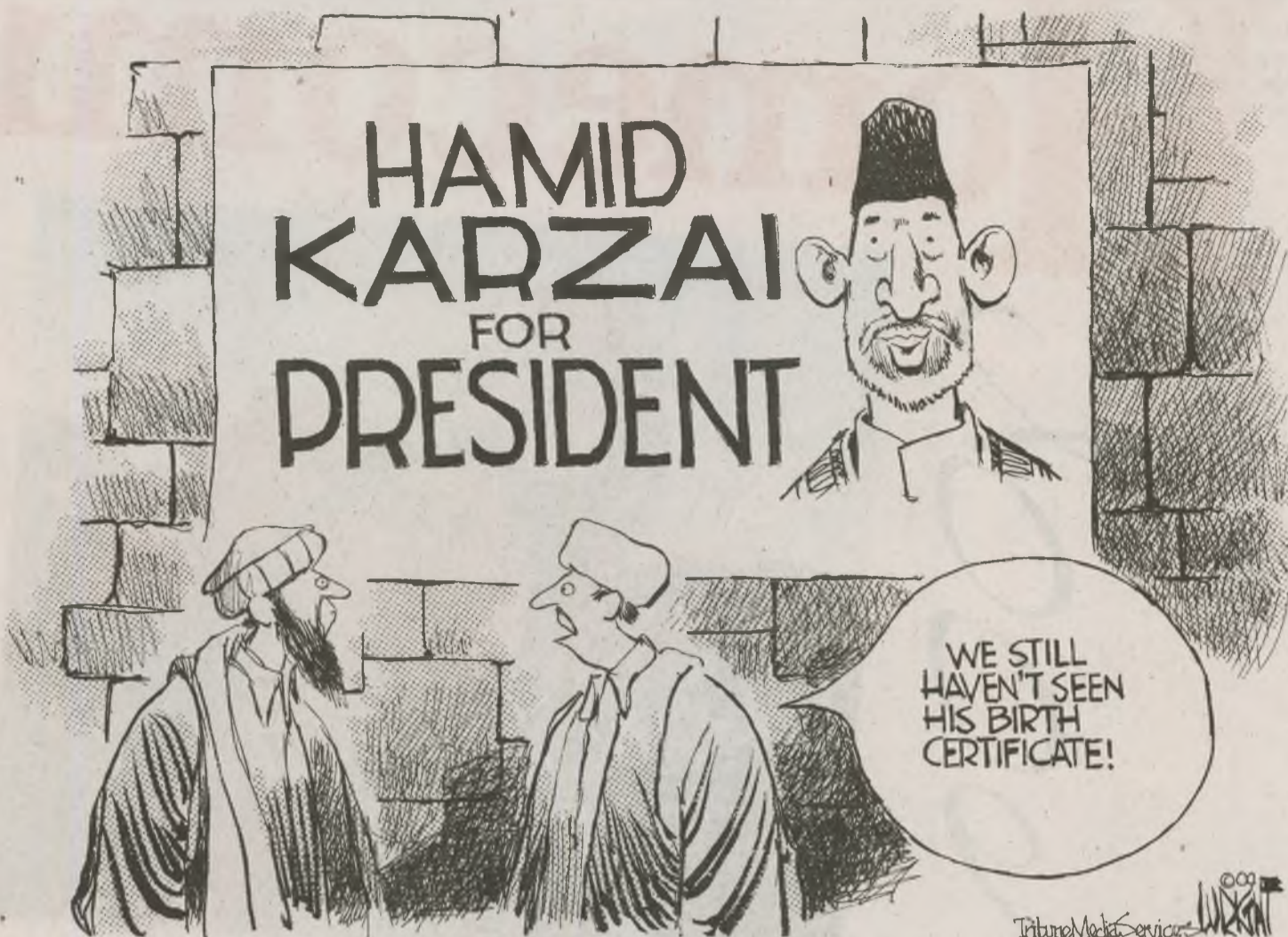
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Are baby boomers turning into outsiders?

Bonnie Rubin
MCT

Not long ago, I was blithely driving along, listening to a public radio story on senior citizens and unemployment.

I was expecting to hear something about say, the shrinking market for Wal-Mart greeters. Instead, what I got was a grim employment forecast for people over 50.

Yikes. I am comfortably settled in late middle age and know that how we define "old" is a constantly moving target. But 50 as the line between prime time and over the hill?

These are baby boomers we're talking about. By our sheer numbers alone, we transformed every phase of life we passed through: questioning authority, breaking barriers and generally sending furniture flying in all directions. Our sphere of influence — from music to TV to fashion — made us a coveted demographic and the most scrutinized and self-involved generation in history.

But clearly, the folks running the show these days didn't read all our press clippings. Because it feels like we're turning into — could it be? — outsiders.

Oh, the irony. The generation that coined the phrase "don't trust anyone over 30" is now being clobbered by their own stereotypes.

Grappling with this "has-been" status goes beyond the latest jobless numbers. It reverberates throughout popular culture. With the flex of our wallets, we turned Barbie dolls, Beatles lunch boxes and Farrah posters into icons. Our clothes crammed the racks of every mall; our music was the soundtrack of the nation.

But no more. Seemingly overnight, it was as if someone flipped a switch, dimming the lights on our entire cohort. The marketplace no longer hangs on our every whim, perhaps because we are so perplexed by what they're selling: Thongs, the "Twilight" book series, neck tattoos and just about any reality show. In fact, ever since I used "Eddie Haskell" to describe a kiss-up

and drew blank stares from my younger co-workers, I've learned to avoid TV references altogether.

Every age group has been nudged aside by the one behind it. But the recession seems to have accelerated the passing of the baton, researchers say.

"The generation that grew up with no limits is feeling vulnerable in ways they've never experienced before," said Peter Picard, the 40-something vice-president of TRU, a Chicago-based marketing firm. "For the first time, boomers feel like they have a giant bull's eye on their backs."

Some of this change happened almost imperceptibly (when did I start answering the phone with "Is everything OK?" instead of "hello"?). Some of it happened dramatically, the result of watching our retirement accounts vanish and dozens of colleagues clean out their cubicles.

"I feel like the ground is shifting under me," said one pharmaceutical sales rep in her late 50s, who was given her walking papers a year ago and

has all but given up on finding a new gig.

Of course, this sense of whiplash can't be entirely blamed on the economic carnage. It's also layered with anxiety over our elderly parents, adult children without a clear path, a suspicious biopsy or the funeral of a former classmate. Whatever the reason, our customary swagger has been replaced by a new cautiousness. Or, as one friend recently put it, "I miss the old me."

After all those decades in the spotlight, we thought we'd be young and hip forever. To hedge our bets, we ran marathons and Botoxed and swapped prime rib for protein shakes. We also shunned elasticized waistbands, sensible shoes and any conversations about gum disease or colonoscopy prep.

In the end, it didn't matter. It's not that we didn't know, despite the "baby" in our moniker, that one day we'd be ushered off the stage. We just didn't expect it to happen quite so soon.

In Afghanistan, Hamid Karzai agrees to a re-vote; who to root for?

MCT
ST. LOUIS DISPATCH

Last week, Sen. John F. Kerry, D-Mass., took a long walk with Afghanistan's President Hamid Karzai in the gardens of the presidential palace in Kabul. At the end of their Tuesday stroll, Karzai grudgingly agreed to a run-off election to settle the vote-fraud controversy over his Aug. 20 re-election to office.

Whether Mr. Kerry was carrying a threat from President Barack Obama, or whether Mr. Karzai simply caved in after four days and 20 hours of conversations with Mr. Kerry is not known. But the decision was the correct one.

It was correct for the Afghan people, who deserve to know that the fledgling democracy for which they've suffered and bled is legitimate. Correct for the world community, which, over the last eight years, has invested many lives

and much time and treasure in Afghanistan. And correct for America, which must decide how much more grief, money and time it wants to spend on Afghanistan.

If Mr. Karzai had insisted his re-election was legitimate, it would have made life simpler for Mr. Obama. Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal, commander of NATO forces in Afghanistan, has said the mission there could take as many as 80,000 more troops deployed not so much as warriors, but as civil-affairs troops. Their job of nation-building could take as long as a decade.

But Gen. McChrystal predicated his request on legitimizing an Afghan government widely viewed outside of Kabul as corrupt. No number of forces can succeed without that, he said. Whoever wins the run-off election on Nov. 7 Mr. Karzai or former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah must agree to conform.

Corruption is so deeply entrenched that even a clean

election might be impossible. Voter registries are full of fraudulent cards. Voters are cynical and scared; in southern provinces, Taliban insurgents will make it dangerous to get to the polls.

Mr. Obama is getting a lot of uninformed advice. Last week, former Vice President Dick Cheney proved he knows as much about Afghanistan as he did about Iraq ("we will, in fact, be greeted as liberators"), accusing Mr. Obama of "dithering" over the decision. Too many people continue to believe the neo-conservative nonsense that U.S. military might can triumph regardless of cultural and historical impediments and the vagaries of asymmetrical warfare.

Here's a number worth some attention: \$400. That's what the Pentagon says is the "fully burdened cost" of each gallon of fuel it uses in Afghanistan. The mountainous terrain, absence of pipelines and seaports and insurgent attacks on convoys mean that

much of the fuel must be transported by air.

That's part of why it costs \$1 billion to deploy every 1,000 troops to Afghanistan. That's a million bucks per soldier or Marine. It makes the math easy: 30,000 more troops, 30 billion more dollars.

The Marines say they use 800,000 gallons of fuel every day in Afghanistan. Currently, only 10,600 Marines are among the 67,000 U.S. troops in country. You can do the math.

It adds up to a mess. Maybe Afghanistan is worth it as a bulwark against terrorism. Maybe we owe the Afghans something after eight years. And we can't abandon our international role. But Americans must understand it would be a long, hard, dangerous and extraordinarily expensive mission with no guarantees. It almost makes you wish Mr. Kerry had stayed out of the garden.



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▲ **2008 QUEEN**
Emily Wollet waves to the crowd at Stambaugh Stadium shortly after her crowning.

YSU to cap off 'Scarecoming Week' with parade, crownings



▲ **2008 King**
Wilson Okello poses after being crowned during halftime.

Lamar Satler
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
EDITOR

Following a long tradition of pride, parades and partying, Youngstown State University will be celebrating another Homecoming holiday, this time in conjunction with Halloween.

Homecoming's theme this semester is "Scarecoming Week," in conjunction with the holiday, and it includes activities such as giveaways and contests.

After a full list of activities including pie and roast beef eating contests as well as viral marketing techniques to get the word out.

The 2009 Homecoming event will culminate Saturday during the YSU football game following the traditional parade.

Homecoming has had a reputation of uniting different organizations such as fraternities, sororities

and other student groups for the theme. Halloween serves to increase involvement.

Greg Gulas, assistant director of Campus Recreation and Student Programming, said this year's Halloween theme worked well with Homecoming.

"This gives students many options when it comes time to select a theme for events," Gulas said.

T.J. Cotterman, homecoming committee co-chairman agreed that Homecoming falling on the holiday helped make this year's event better.

"That seems to be a major road bump every year for us," Cotterman said. "We used this season to coordinate a lot of the events."

The pumpkin pie eating contest became a popular activity for students.

Tom Totterdale, general manager of food service at YSU, talked about the eating contests.

"We do two to three eating

contests per Homecoming and we try to cross promote the event with Halloween," he said. Totterdale also said the next menu on the agenda will be Monster Mash-ed potatoes.

Gulas who is in his 12th year on the Homecoming Committee, also talked about this year's committee members. "Our committee this year is as good as if not better than any of the previous 11," Gulas said.

Working on Homecoming Committee is a voluntary effort. The members work not only on Homecoming Court but also in organizing all the activities of Homecoming.

Mason Shattuck, Homecoming Committee co-chair praised the work of Gulas and coordinator of Programs and Marketing Carrie Anderson.

"They do a phenomenal job," Shattuck said.

Additional reporting by Gary S. Angelo.

LIVING FOR THE MOMENT: Past royalty describe their times of yore

Gary S. Angelo
FEATURES REPORTER

Some may compare it to prom court, but others look further than that. At times as intense as a presidential race, the fight for places on Homecoming Court at Youngstown State University is an enduring tradition, each year culminating in the crowning of two lucky participants.

But the title is different than a presidency.

There are no tough decisions, economic plans or broken promises made to entice voters; the titles are in name only.

From spray-painted designs on the campus rock, colorful fliers and chalk drawings to promotional contests and appearances, each candidate works hard to voice his or her nomination and demonstrate dedication, all in an attempt to achieve just one definitive moment.

On that Saturday night during a YSU football game, right on Beede Field, hearts drop and silence engulfs the crowd as the name of the new king and queen is announced. It is that one moment that sums up the efforts of every campaign,

creating a rush of emotion and excitement throughout the entire university community.

Wilson Okello, 2008 Homecoming King, described that moment.

"I can't put into words how I felt that day, even to this day," Okello said. "It was just a remarkable moment."

Okello said he originally ran for Homecoming Court to serve as a representative for YSU.

"I just wanted to be seen as a guy from the city who is doing well," Okello said.

Emily Wollet, 2008 Homecoming Queen, said Homecoming events get more and more exciting every year.

"Every year, YSU Student Activities builds upon tradition and programs that center on Homecoming. They really make everyone feel a part of the event," Wollet said.

Even when not on Homecoming Court, Wollet said she has enjoyed Homecoming every year.

"Last year was exciting; I went through the experience of being on court and it's really exciting seeing your friends be on court," she said.

Wollet is thankful for

the tremendous support system who helped her campaign last year.

"I was in track and field. My teammates and other athletes supported me, chalking my campaign across the campus," Wollet said. "It was an honor to be chosen and to receive votes. I appreciated all the people who supported me."

Wasilwa Mwononyi, 2006 Homecoming King, said the most festive aspect of this year's Homecoming is that it falls on Halloween. Mwononyi reminisces about his experiences as Homecoming King.

"It was exciting with all the attention and support," he said.

This year, a new host of candidates are working for their 15 seconds of fame as well. Carrington Moore, king candidate, described his reasons for running.

"I wanted to do [something] spontaneous," he said. "One day I was just sitting there, and I was like, 'Maybe I should run for Homecoming.'"

Moore said he was honored to be included as a nominee.

"It really makes you feel important," Moore said.

Additional reporting by Lamar Salter.

Ghostly Homecoming parade set to float down Fifth Avenue

Lamar Satler
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
EDITOR

On Saturday, expect to see Youngstown's Fifth Avenue become the center of student activity and creativity as the Youngstown State University Homecoming Parade commences as part of Haunted Homecoming, right before the Homecoming football game.

With the parade comes the tradition of different fraternities, sororities and other campus organizations creating floats for the event.

Student floats have gained a reputation for their creativity and tributes to YSU.

From landmark reinterpretations of The Ice Castle to historical accounts of the campus and YSU's accomplishments, students provide a versatile mix to impress both the crowd and the judges.

With this year's theme tying into the holiday, YSU's Greek Life is putting out all the stops. The parade includes a contest with three categories: Best in Show, Most Spirited and Most Creative.

Greek Life members are notoriously close-mouthed about their creations, choosing to keep everything a secret until the parade. Nevertheless, some members revealed their anticipation to show their designs and talked about how they tied into the Halloween theme.

Lelan Jones, a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, said this year, his organization started earlier than before. As a fraternity member of four years, Jones has

some experience working on floats.

"We realized that it would be easier putting the parts together for the float on site," Jones said.

Jones also discussed his fraternity's float-building ethics, as compared to those of other Greek organizations.

"Most groups don't even start their float until like the day before," Jones said.

Jones said his fraternity is working to win in all three categories. Still, when asked what the float will look like, Jones would only reveal small details.

"Well, it's Halloween," Jones said with a laugh.

Jones said members would wear costumes and that their scenario should be similar to a famous mascot.

"Think of a famous cartoon character. Like four of them and a dog that ride around in a van all day long and solve crimes," Jones said.

Adrienne Viano, representing the Alpha Xi Delta Sorority, said her theme would be a "spooky house work."

Viano said her sorority was also working on winning in all three categories and that she was excited to be a part of the process.

Jessica Marich, a member of the Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority, would not reveal the theme of her sorority's float, but said it would be "something different."

Taking charge of the float creation this year, Marich said her sorority won in the Most Spirited category in the last two years, and that they were working toward a third win.



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OAKLAND CELEBRATES CULT FILM WITH RENDITION

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REPORTER

"The Rocky Horror Show" will open 8 p.m. Friday at the Oakland Center for the Arts in downtown Youngstown, and will run the following weekends until Nov. 14.

"The Rocky Horror Show" was originally written for the stage by Richard O'Brien in 1973. It was then adapted to film as "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" in 1975 and immediately became a cult classic. The story follows a young engaged couple, Janet Weiss and Brad Majors, when they get a flat tire and take

shelter from a rainstorm in the castle of Dr. Frank-N-Furter, a scientist. Little did they know the night would be filled with aliens, gender-bending and sex.

The movie is usually shown publicly around Halloween. The tradition of participation, including throwing props, screaming responses and dancing, dates back to 1976. Audiences have been dressing up as their favorite characters and have brought numerous props to the movie like rice, water pistols, toast and hot dogs.

The Oakland decided to do things a little differently. Director Robert Joki decided to take on a whole new con-

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Alyssa Connelly

cept for the show, based on the classic script for the stage.

"Think if aliens came to the USA and saw people dressed like Gwen Stefani, Paris Hilton and Nicole Ritchie and tried to mimic them. What would they come up with? Kinda like the outside looking

in," Joki explained.

The main goal of the performance is to be completely different than the movie.

"How do you mimic and do justice to such iconic performances?" Joki asked.

The answer: Shatter molds. The character of Dr. Scott, usually played by a man, will be played by a woman, Geri DeWitt. The character Columbia, played by Molly Makselan, will be a spin-off of Lil Kim. She will be rapping some of her songs that are usually sung. The iconic Dr. Frank-N-Furter will be played by Joki wearing a white mohawk.

The cast is excited for audiences to see the new concept of this classic show.

"His visions are really out there, and they are a lot harder for him to explain in words. Whatever you picture, multiply it by three and that's Rob's vision," said Shawn Lockaton, who plays Riff Raff.

Alyssa Connelly will play the quiet, shy Janet Weiss; she is excited to be part of such a project.

"I wasn't allowed to watch the movie when I was a little kid. I guess that's why I was so obsessed with it. And now I'm a part of it and it's so much fun," she said.

Other cast members include Richard Marrow as Rocky, Nicole Zayas as the Narrator and Melissa Cook as Magenta.

It's raining sweet purple candy apples: Halloween with The Sweet Delights

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On Friday, Cedars Lounge will be in for a mystical showcase with Youngstown's R&B outfit The Sweet Delights. To get into the Halloween spirit, the band will be covering Prince's masterpiece: the "Purple Rain" soundtrack.

Since 1999, keyboard master Sean Tress and vocalist Obie Savage have been molding The Sweet Delights into funky fruition. The Sweet Delights includes Justin Arroyo (also of User Sets Mode) on bass, George Lyras on guitar, Savage, Aspasia Lyras and Joe Stillson on vocals, Luke

Lenz (also of Rocket Radio) on drums and Tress and David Woodard on keyboards.

Savage and Arroyo are veterans of Youngstown's acclaimed punk/funk scene during the mid-1990s; they played in the group Raul. Stillson was part of Youngstown's metal-hardcore crossover scene, and played in the bands Cobra Axis and Off The Rocker.

The Sweet Delights combine the New Orleans soul/garage punk sounds of King Khan and The Shrines with a late-1950s Stax-Volt Records R&B touch. In 1999, the Delights put out their debut album, "Sweet Milk."

"Those recording sessions for 'Sweet Milk' turned out to

be an exhaustive week so we took a break until 2006 to start a follow-up album," Tress said.

Tress said he has worked with many musicians in the Youngstown area. He has even done some musical collaborating with boxer Kelly Pavlik.

Despite many gospel, garage punk and late-1950s Motown comparisons, Tress wants to achieve the same style and sound of Mariah Carey's "Glitter" soundtrack.

"As far as what influences us, I would probably say '70s rock and even Iggy Pop," Tress said.

One musical influence that ties The Sweet Delights together is a love for Prince's

"Purple Rain" soundtrack.

"Between everyone in the band -- our favorite songs are 'The Beautiful Ones,' 'I Would Die 4 U,' 'Computer Blue,' 'Raspberry Beret,' 'Let's Go Crazy,' 'Baby I'm a Star,' 'Darling Nikki' and 'Take Me With U,'" Tress said.

The Sweet Delights even have a song -- titled "Benson Time" -- that is Prince-inspired.

This past spring, The Sweet Delights recorded their newest full-length album "Sweet Science." Tress said this recording session was the first time working with a band. Overall, "Sweet Science" does not differ much from the band's previous recordings, as far as the songwriting style.

"A few songs came about as a collective effort from the band -- something that materialized from us just messing around in the studio -- but most of our songs have one creator or band member behind them," Tress said.

The Sweet Delights plan on creating some new music during the winter of 2010. Tress and the crew want to have a new album completed anytime between the spring of 2010 to 2015.

"As far as sound goes, a few of us are leaning towards more of the Stones Throw sound, others want a Ted Nugent sound and a few are looking for more classical stuff such as Johannes Brahms," Tress said.



Compiled by Dan Brown

1 Dad Ruins Trick
This video proves that sometimes it's OK to feel embarrassed by your parents.

2 Giant Panda in China Rips Off Man's Jacket
Someone forgot to pay attention to the "Don't Tease the Animals" sign at a zoo in China.

3 Hamster On A Piano (Eating Popcorn)
If the catchy song about the hamster doesn't get you, then the sight of this cute, furry little guy will.

4 White Guy Impersonates Michael Jackson
Corey Vidal dances to Michael Jackson's hit song "Billie Jean" in Central Park, New York City.

5 KNOCKOUT FALL
A couple fighters both hear a little "chin" music at the same time.

Penguins look for win on Homecoming

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SPORTS EDITOR

Youngstown State University goes back to the drawing board to battle the South Dakota State University Jackrabbits on Saturday's Homecoming.

The Penguins lick their collective wounds stemming from a tough loss to a strong Southern Illinois University Salukis team on the road, 27-8.

"We competed early on. We made a few mistakes, which cost us," Heacock said at his weekly press conference.

The lone touchdown came in the second half. Senior quarterback Brandon Summers connected with senior wide receiver Aaron Pitts for a 56-yard touchdown reception. The Penguins went for the two-point conversion and were successful.

Dwelling on the loss to the Salukis will do the Penguins no good as they host the Jackrabbits, their second straight game against a ranked opponent. The other game was against the Pittsburgh Panthers who are ranked 15th in the Football Bowl Subdivision Bowl Championship Series polls.

A positive the Penguins can bring into this week against the Jackrabbits is their ability to stop one of the best running backs in the FCS. Senior Deji Karim gained just 67 yards on 20 carries. Unfortunately, backup freshman quarterback Paul McIntosh picked up the load with a 12 carry, 81-yard output.

The Jackrabbits come into the Ice Castle with a ton of momentum. They defeated the previously No. 6 University of Northern Iowa team 24-14. The same UNI team who almost upset the No. 4 team in

the BCS, the Iowa Hawkeyes. The Penguins need a strong game from all three sides of the ball, offense, defense and special teams, to pull off the victory.

Senior defensive tackle Mychal Savage said his team has not fulfilled their full potential overall.

"I think we've been showing it in increments but have yet to do it for the whole 60 minutes," Savage said.

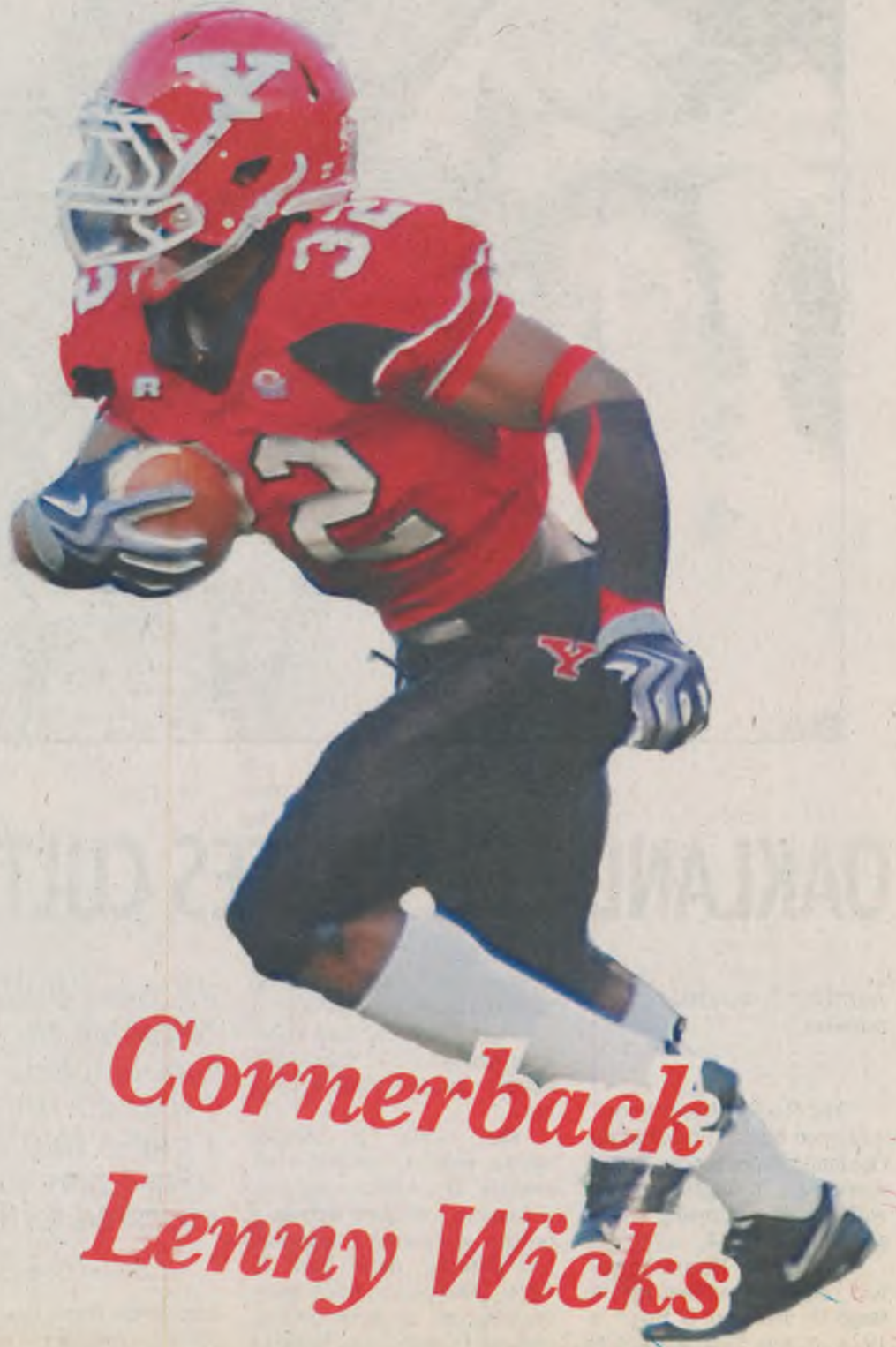
South Dakota State does not give up many points on defense. The Jackrabbits have held their opponents on the year to just 12.6 points while scoring 30.4 points per game. The Jackrabbits like to control the ball on offense by running it right at their opponent. The team averages 155.3 rushing yards per game. Junior Kyle Minnet anchors the run game for his team with 114.1 yards per game.

On defense, the unit holding opponents to less than two touchdowns a game has a couple key players to watch out for.

Senior defensive lineman Danny Batten leads the team in sacks with four on the season - 45 tackles and 11.5 tackles for loss aid the Jackrabbits front four.

Junior linebacker Derek Domino might hold the distinction as the best defender for South Dakota State. Domino leads the team in tackles with 60, five for loss. Domino also has one sack and three interceptions to go along with his team-leading 60 tackles.

The Penguins need more consistency out of senior quarterback Brandon Summers. Summers for the season has a one-to-one touchdown to interception ratio with 11 touchdowns and 11 interceptions this season. This stat has to get better for the Penguins to keep improving in the second half of the season.



COMMENTARY

Halloween brings fashion woes for students

Rob Harris
REPORTER

As with any form of fashion, Halloween costumes are trendy. Growing up, a Freddy Kruger or Jason Voorhees mask was the norm of costumes. Maybe an outfit that matched your favorite superhero was a preferred choice. But college students have it a little tougher.

Students have two ways to go. If you're a woman you have to dawn the most revealing and risqué costume. For males, the Freddy glove isn't going to cut it; your costume has to be unique and funny.

There is one costume theme

that can adapt to all ages and variations.

Sports-related costumes could be wide-ranging, such as the sexy adult cheerleader or the cute, little Browns cheerleader for kids. For boys, there's the replica pro football player, and for men you could dress up as a Bud Light referee, though that seems to be overdone.

Halloween Mania, located in the Austintown Plaza on Mahoning Avenue, is the largest costume outlet in Ohio. The most popular sports-themed costume sold at Halloween Mania this season is the cheerleader.

Employee Larry Dutton said, "In our sexy boutique

we have a lot of sexy-themed, sports-related costumes. The Dallas Cowboys cheerleader outfit is probably the most popular. Sports costumes in general are very popular, with kids and adults alike."

Youngstown State University Senior Erin Lynch agreed. "Last year I went as a baseball player, though I'm not sure I've seen too many baseball players wearing short skirts," she said.

Halloween Mania sells their Cowboy cheerleader costume for \$54.95, but a generic version is also offered for \$24.95.

The most popular costume for men sold at Halloween Mania this season is the professional boxer.

"The success of Kelly Pavlik could have something to do with that," Dutton said.

Another successful athlete being emulated by men this year is Olympic gold medalist Michael Phelps. The outfit doesn't take much clothing.

"All you need is some fake gold medals and a Speedo. Oh, and to pull it off successfully, you should probably be in pretty good shape," said Tim Frey, a YSU student who is dressing up like the swimmer this weekend. Fake drug paraphernalia is optional.

Here are a couple of clever ideas for the sports fan/Halloween partygoer. Go as Brett Favre. All you need is a Minnesota Vikings jersey

and some stubble. The faux quarterback might also want to RSVP yes to the Halloween party, then no, then yes, then no again, until all involved are confused, fed up and annoyed.

If Brett Favre isn't clever enough, Bill Belichick might be. The New England Patriots' coach is known for being surly and standoffish. For this costume you need a grey hoodie with the sleeves cut off and a headset. For added effect, you should stand in the corner of the bar or party and videotape everyone. Make sure not to smile, or you'll break character.

Volleyball team look to move up in Horizon League



Sophomore Dani Soubliere sets up a teammate at practice.

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The Youngstown State University volleyball team's main focus lies in its ability to stay in the top six of the Horizon League standings. The team stands solidly within the top six teams with an emphasis on trying to move up in the standings before the Horizon League tournament.

Head coach Joe Bonner's assurance in his team making the playoffs reigns thoroughly at practice as his team prepares for the stretch run toward the playoffs.

"We will be in the tournament," Bonner said emphatically. "I want our seeding in the tournament to be higher than just fifth or sixth. I expect us to be at least fourth. That's the plan," Bonner said. Bonner said he thinks his team can push toward the top three instead of the bottom three who make the playoffs.

The team got a huge win on the road against the Loyola

University Ramblers on Oct. 23. The road victory was just the second this season, but it was a huge win. The Penguins swept the Ramblers in three sets, but more importantly separated themselves from the team in seventh place. The Penguins have a one-and-a-half game lead on both Loyola and Green Bay in the Horizon League.

The Penguins enjoy an upcoming home stand on their schedule as they play their next four games at the Beechly Center. The final two games on the schedule are out of conference opponents.

"It's all about pride," Bonner said. "It's always about winning here [on the home court]."

The next two games are critical to seeding in the Horizon League postseason. If the Penguins can find a way to defeat the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Phoenix on Friday, they could essentially close the door on their postseason chances. Green Bay stands at 3-8 in conference while the

Penguins stand at 5-7.

The other game this week on Saturday pits the Penguins against the University of Milwaukee Panthers. The Penguins went on the road earlier this month to get the first of just two road wins this season.

The Penguins emphatically beat the Panthers as they went up to Milwaukee, sweeping them in three sets. The Penguins and the Panthers are tied in the win column for the fifth spot in the standings. If the Penguins can pull off the season sweep of the Panthers, they could move into solo fifth place with an opportunity to catch the University of Illinois-Chicago and Butler University, who are currently ahead in the standings.

Bonner wants everyone to try to make the game this Friday against Green Bay since the match is dedicated to breast cancer awareness. All fans are encouraged to wear pink, and all proceeds will benefit the Susan G. Komen Dig for the Cure charity.