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# HISTORY

## Students react to Obama's groundbreaking victory

Melissa Mary Smith  
REPORTER

After two years of campaigning, delegating, debating and predicting, Tuesday's election resulted in a decisive victory for Barack Obama.

Youngstown State University students reacted to the historic election.

"I think it turned out exactly the way America wanted it to. I think most people wanted a change, whether you were a Republican, Democrat, [or] Independent. Something needed to change, and it wasn't another republican in office, in my opinion," junior Sarah Lyden said.

Lyden, who is a first-time voter, said the result of the election is a win for Americans because Americans have come so far and are moving in the right direction.

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## Economy key issue to voters

J. Breen Mitchell  
NEWS EDITOR

The economy emerged as the top concern among voters who went to the polls on Election Day. Polls leading up to the presidential election were proven to have been accurate, when 62 percent of voters polled nationally said their vote was based on the economic outlook of the country. "Economy was number one. That was the determinative factor," said political

science professor emeritus William Binning. Binning said the high turnout was also important in deciding the election. "There was obviously a lot of enthusiasm about both candidates," he said. He said even though it appeared Barack Obama would be elected, there had still been some level of uncertainty. The youth vote also played a major role, Binning said, because they are not usually a reliable voting bloc. The reasons for their high turnout, as well as

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## Election breaks stereotypes

Adam Planty and  
Emmalee Torisk  
THE JAMBAR

For junior Ian Colundji, Barack Obama's presidential win was proof that the United States has moved past stereotypes. "It's good that we've elected somebody who keys into the fact that we're trying something different," Colundji said. Like Colundji, others at Youngstown

State University view the groundbreaking election as a source of hope and as a sign that times are changing. Cvetkovich agreed. "I don't think race matters at this point in our country's history. It marks a big cultural turning point," sophomore Andrew Cvetkovich said. Obama's presidency may have those abroad excited as well. Santosh Bang, originally of Nepal, came to the United States in January to study engineering at Youngstown State

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## News Briefs

**"Business 2020" attracts high school students**

The Williamson College of Business Administration, along with the FirstEnergy Foundation, is sponsoring "Business 2020" from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Thursday Nov. 6, in the Chestnut Room in Kilcawley Center. More than 725 high school students throughout the area will be attending to see different aspects of business such as entrepreneurship, business careers, the job market, and financial literacy. For more information, contact Christine Shelton, coordinator of external relations for WCBA, at 330-941-3068.

## Police Briefs

**Student passes out in class**

Police were called to DeBarotolo Hall in regard to a student who had passed out in class. The student became warm and dizzy in class and stated they had never passed out before. The student was taken to St. Elizabeth's emergency room.

**Man trespasses in library**

Police spotted a man talking to himself who then entered Maag Library. When questioned for ID, the suspect became defensive. The man stated he was Satan and would like to kill someone. For his protection and the public he was taken to St. Elizabeth's.

**Fire alarm goes off in Weller House**

YSU Police were sent to Weller House regarding a fire alarm going off. A student who was cooking food burned it and threw it in the trash set off the alarm. The Youngstown Fire Department had to ventilate the building.

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# Kidd speaks to scholars to spark interest in city revitalization

Michael Bury  
 REPORTER

Phil Kidd, Youngstown's director of downtown events and marketing, spoke to YSU's scholars group about the 2010 plan and revitalizing the city of Youngstown.

Speaking to a group of about 20 YSU scholars, Kidd implored them to stay in Youngstown to help the city. Kidd said the people who were in the YSU scholars program would be the real saving grace of the city.

"It's critically important for you guys to be involved in the plan," Kidd said.

Kidd said a new generation of leaders was emerging in the city. This new leadership will allow the city of Youngstown to move past the memory of the steel mills and allow the city to create new industry that will revitalize the area.

"I see Youngstown as a city ready for a change," Kidd said.

Kidd also spoke about the Youngstown 2010 plan. Kidd said the main focus was to move people out of the more

blighted areas of the city and relocate them to more manageable areas. Kidd said that even though moving people out of their homes to relocate them would be a difficult discussion, it was something that needed to be done.

"2010 is not a nice plan; it's a harsh plan," Kidd said.

In addition to discussing the 2010 project, Kidd also talked about how he became involved with organizing in the city, citing his Defend Youngstown program.

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For some students, this closely watched election taught them many things about America and the political process.

"I'm glad that we finally discovered that unity is not about race; it's about just coming together and just being one," senior Kelli Funtulas said, adding that the country also needs to get itself back in order because "Bush messed up really bad."

Funtulas wasn't the only YSU student who was pleased with the results.

"I'm a Democrat, so I'm happy how it turned out," sophomore Stephanie Ruozzo said.

Ruozzo, a first-time voter and Pennsylvania resident, had to cast an absentee ballot for the election.

Sophomore Andrew Musselman said even though the candidate he voted for did not win, he was not very disappointed.

"I'm actually kind of curious to see what happens. It's more of a positive outcome, I think, so I'm excited," Musselman said.

Students said they followed the election results in different ways.

"I heard about the election returns, but I didn't re-

ally watch them on TV or anything," Ruozzo said.

Lyden spent Election Day with her family.

"We were just praying all day long watching the TV all night. I barely got anything done, but it was really exciting," Lyden said.

Funtulas also spent the day surrounded by family.

"I just hung out with my family and watched the election and watched the polls come up," Funtulas said.

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their reasons for voting overwhelmingly for Obama, would require further study, he said.

Youngstown State University students had different reasons for going to the polls.

"Change," said freshman Anthony James of his reasons for voting.

James said he voted for Obama because he wanted to see the country move in a different direction.

Others agreed that financial concerns were most important to their decision.

"Probably the economy," said freshman Kristen Spidak of her vote.

Freshman Bill Swanson also cited the economy as his main reason for voting. Swanson said he voted for Obama and that he wanted to see lower taxes.

Some students said they thought local issues were more important than national offices.

"Mostly my township's issues," said junior Ron Madeline.

Madeline said he voted for Obama for president and his

major reason was military.

"Mostly the troops," he said.

Freshman Kaylee Peterson said she used her vote as a way to hold candidates to their positions.

"I felt that people weren't focusing on what their candidates really stood for," Peterson said.

Obama won Ohio by a margin of 51 percent to John McCain's 47 percent.

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University. Bang said most people in his native country preferred Obama to other presidential candidates mainly because of the promises he made. Bang said many in Nepal "have a lot of hope" for Obama and his presidency. With Obama in office, Bang said, the world will be much more peaceful.

"I like Obama and he won, so I'm happy. He's the first black president of the U.S.," Bang said. "He will do what is best for the country and do many good things for immigrants."

Despite Obama's election,

his achievement of becoming the first black president may have come too late for some.

Freshman Jarrod Badgett voted for Obama, but thinks an event like this was really "delayed and late." However, he doesn't think Obama will have much of an impact on the country's stance toward diversity.

"Didn't Malcolm X say if you're not born with two black parents, you're not black? This is not anything like having Malcolm X, Morgan Freeman or Denzel Washington as our president," he said.

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## Out in the cold

*Students to slumber in cardboard shanties*

Melanie Diorio  
CONTRIBUTOR

Student housing tends to be small and spare, but it could seem luxurious compared to a cardboard box.

From Nov. 15-16, students will sleep in cardboard boxes for Shantytown, an annual event that helps raise awareness about homelessness. Participants must volunteer at a local charity agency, provide a monetary and nonperishable donation to a charity, and sleep outside in a cardboard "shanty" overnight. However, due to the unpredictability of the weather, Shantytown participants have the option to either create their cardboard "houses" in the courtyard of Cafaro House dormitory or sleep inside the residence hall in the multi-purpose room.

"Homelessness strikes people from all walks of life. There are entire families who are homeless due

to a loss of a job, loss of income due to a medical condition ... etc." said Amy Cossentino, assistant director of university scholars and honors program at Youngstown State University.

Cossentino said Shantytown helps students increase their awareness of issues that are not only relevant for the Youngstown community, but also for cities across the country.

Junior Jason Heyman, one of Shantytown's student coordinators, said Cafaro's courtyard is "large and secure" where participants can construct their cardboard shelters and sleep safely through the night.

Area businesses donate foodstuffs, plates, duct tape and plastic wrap, said senior Andrew Emig, another Shantytown student coordinator. Cossentino also donates items every year to help.

"Student Government Association has sponsored us nearly every year," says Emig. "We apply for funding [through SGA] under the 'Univer-

sity Scholars Trustees.'" Emig says Shantytown donates nonperishable items, such as canned food and cash donations, to the Rescue Mission of the Mahoning Valley located on Martin Luther King Boulevard in Youngstown. Students donate their raised money to various charities, some of which include Second Harvest Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity, the Salvation Army and the Beatitude House.

Junior Carol Ann Pitcairn will participate in Shantytown this November for her third year in a row, and will volunteer at the Second Harvest Food Bank and the Beatitude House. Pitcairn said students become involved in Shantytown because "volunteering for agencies that aid the homeless is a good service to the community." Pitcairn previously worked for



Habitat for Humanity during Shantytown last year, and she said she felt this volunteer experience was rewarding to her.

"It was fun to work together on the house and to learn about construction," Pitcairn said, adding that she felt her contributions made a difference.

Shantytown participants prepare to brace the cold to raise awareness of homelessness.



## Little Women dance their way to Ford Theater

**From left to right:** Molly Makselan as Marmee March, Joel Stigliano as Professor Bhaer and Roxanne Hauldren as Jo March in a scene from Little Women: The Musical. The University Theater production opens Nov. 13 in Bliss Hall's Ford Theater.

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### OUR SIDE EDITORIAL

## Why everyone won on Election Day

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We're celebrating Barack Obama's victory, but not for the reasons you might imagine. Putting politics aside, the fact that America has a black president-elect makes this a momentous time in the long, painful struggle for human rights.

The election of a minority president resonates deeply for those who hope to be treated as equals, both at home and abroad.

This isn't a fringe issue if you're a white male. Women are the largest minority, and nearly everyone has a mother. If not, they have a family member or friend or acquaintance who's gay or disabled — or in some way a minority.

There are many ways to measure the inequality that has long been a fact of life. One is numbers. Annual reports on income from the census show the disparity between the money made by blacks, Hispanics, whites and Asians. (That's how the groups break down in median income from lowest to highest.)

Beyond the numbers is the minority experience, the feeling of not being part of the privileged group.

American minorities were told they couldn't reach the summits of achievement because they weren't white or because they weren't straight. They were told they meant less because they weren't born wealthy or because they had a disability.

Whatever group they belong to, American minorities share some common experiences: growing up being called names, being told they weren't good enough, thinking sometimes that a part of them meant they would never be accepted.

Today, we can feel hopeful that old barriers have crumbled or fallen away. In a world that sees few shades of gray — or purple when it comes to politics — the possibility of progress has been confirmed for everyone.

Over the course of the next four years, we will undoubtedly return to being liberals, conservatives, moderates and other. For today, we are all Americans, and we have a lot to be proud of.

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## CONSUMER CONFIDENCE LOWEST ON RECORD



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## Life and health, after W.

Richard Parker (MCT)

It's over. Oh, sure, you still see a few of those trademark, black bumper stickers boldly and simply proclaiming "W." But there are a lot fewer of them; the ones that remain are starting to crack and fade. The era of George W. Bush is over.

The historians will figure out his legacy. But Texas, where the W. era started, is a good place to examine what to do next. Yes, Texas rode the excesses of the era but now we're paying for it, too: the Texas National Guard is headed to Iraq, again, the oil boom has turned to bust, and the country's economic pain is being felt here.

Yet there is no worse example of the problems to tackle than health care. America's second-largest state ranks dead last and holds up a mirror to the country that practically pleads: Fix health care. The era of managed care, keeping costs and down and profits up for the insurance companies, has turned the doctor-patient relationship on its head with rare respect for the health of the patient.

And there is no more ironic example of the topsy-turvy, upside-down mess than, of all things, the increasingly widespread practice of mandating the use of generic drugs. Ten years ago, when Bush sat in the governor's chair, Texas made it hard for doctors to prescribe less expensive generics. But at the end of his tenure in Austin, the pendulum started to

swing ultimately in the exact opposite direction.

Now, it's hard for doctors to insist on a brand name drug for their patients as the relentless profit motive of insurance companies has met with the easy pliancy of politicians. As a result of the legislature's work, doctors have to write on the prescription pad "brand medically necessary" to prevent pharmacists from automatically substituting generic drugs and spend hours on the phone with the insurer. Generics have their place, but they also inflate insurers' profits regardless of how they perform.

"Ninety percent of the time a generic is just fine. But it's not fine if you're in that 10 percent where the drug is going to fail. Those people get sicker before they get better," says Dr. Josie Williams, an internist at Texas A&M University and president of the Texas Medical Association. "It is unequivocal: It is a definite intrusion in the physician-patient relationship."

In 2007, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas mailed to physicians "switch letters" recommending that they prescribe cheaper generics that would lead to more modest improvements for people suffering from moderately high-cholesterol, adding that many patients could be "adequately treated." But Texas is hardly alone. From Maine to Hawaii, these have gone out to physicians, pharmacies and patients alike from insurers.

And that percentage of patients for whom generics don't work? Well, they seem to just get sicker, as Williams put it, before

they get better.

In New York, in 2007 ConsumerLabs.com, an independent evaluator of drugs and nutritional products, found that at least one generic version of the anti-depressant Wellbutrin did not perform as well as the brand name drug.

MSNBC's Web site received hundreds of complaints of generics not working after contributor Jacqueline Stenson broke the anti-depressant story. The co-authors of "The People's Pharmacy," a popular consumer reference book, received hundreds of complaints of people being switched to generics and getting worse.

In Ohio this year, the Toledo Blade newspaper surveyed 900 physicians. Ninety-five percent said insurers interfered with their prescription of drugs to patients. 99 percent said that insurers interfered in the doctor-patient relationship overall.

Texas, now ranks 51st yes, behind every state and the District of Columbia in access to health care, according to the Commonwealth Fund, and 49th in overall health care. In the final days before the election, The Austin American Statesman editorialized in favor of health care reform, noting the 54-year old truck driver in Houston, home to one of the world's finest health centers, who is travelling for surgery. To India.

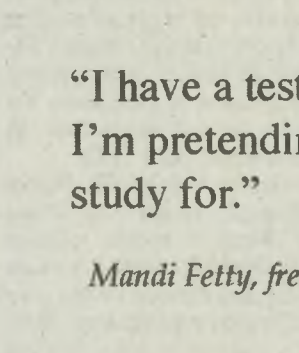
The next president would be well-served to look at how changes to Medicare during the W. era all failed, and how health care got worse not just for Texans but for all of us.

## THE JAMBAR ASKS What's on your mind?



"I'm interested to see what kind of changes will be made with a Democratic president, Congress and Senate."

Ian Chavez, senior



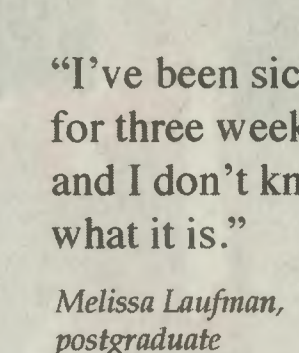
"I have a test that I'm pretending to study for."

Mandi Fetty, freshman



"Make math easier."

Matt Williams, freshman



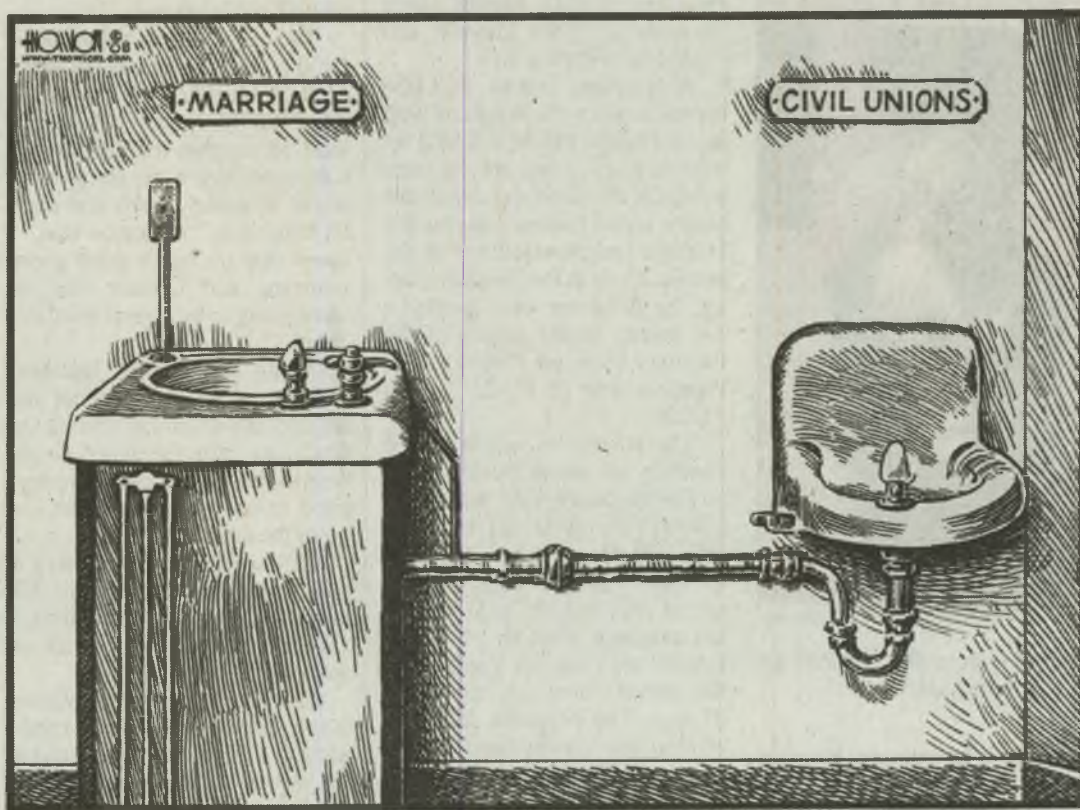
"I've been sick for three weeks and I don't know what it is."

Melissa Laufman, postgraduate



"I'm happy that Barack won."

Nicole Ribbeck, freshman





## ONE LAST TIME

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### Senior Penguins ready to walk away winners

Andrew Berry  
SPORTS EDITOR

Sixteen seniors will suit up Saturday for the final home game of their collegiate football careers against Indiana State University.

The Youngstown State University football squad has struggled this season but is committed to sending the seniors players out on a high note against an equally struggling Sycamore team. With not much success to show for, head coach Jon Heacock said senior day has not lost any luster.

The goal for the Penguins continues to win games and senior day will provide extra motivation to give the team's senior core won last home win at Stambaugh Stadium.

Heacock said the dedication to the senior players this week is important because it marks the reality that their college careers are coming to an end. He also said it is a chance to pay tribute to their accomplishments over the last four years.

"Senior week is really a tribute to the guys that have been playing in your program," Heacock said. "To go through a program in college athletics at any

"Senior week is really a tribute to the guys that have been playing in your program. To go through a program in college athletics at any level is very difficult,"

Jon Heacock, head coach

level is very difficult and to say you made it through and to finish your final game and then move on and graduate is a tremendous accomplishment."

For Saturday's contest with Indiana State, Heacock is expecting a more emotional pregame as well as an intensely physical game on the field.

In order to give the seniors one last taste of victory, the Penguins must find a way to get the defense back into shape. Last week's 54-44 loss to Illinois State University was the first time since the Penguins scored more than 40 points and lost since 1992.

Redbird running back Walter Mendenhall, brother of Pittsburgh Steelers' rookie running back Rashad Mendenhall, tore up the Penguins defense on his way to a 220-yard performance. Heacock is looking for improvement

in his squad and wants to revert the defense back to a feared unit once again.

"It's not the way we expect to play defense here at Youngstown," Heacock said. "I wish I could explain it, but you can't. If you could, you probably could prevent it."

Senior offensive lineman Brad Samsa said dwelling on what happened last week will not increase the Penguins chances of breaking the losing streak against Indiana State.

Samsa said the team must learn from its mistakes and move on.

"The focus is to win games," Samsa said. "We'll put that game behind us and work on Indiana State."

Indiana State has been a flatlining program for the past three seasons. With just one win

since 2006, the Sycamores are struggling to give opponents much in terms of competition. The youthful Sycamore squad is seriously lacking experience as it starts seven freshman on offense and nine freshman or sophomores on defense.

Despite the inexperience, Heacock believes the talent to be a competitive team in the Missouri Valley Football Conference is there and the Penguins cannot take Indiana State for granted.

This season alone, Indiana State has scored just 56 total points while allowing 418 on its way to a 0-9 mark. Against the Penguins, Indiana State hasn't found much success as YSU holds a staggering 16-1 all-time record when facing the Sycamores.

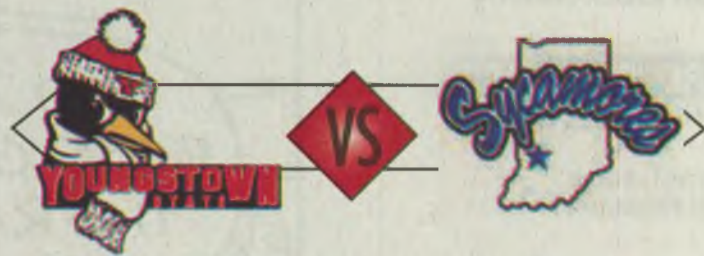
Added to the Penguins successful history against Indiana State, the YSU football team has been a different team on senior day. Since 2004, the senior class has walked out of Stambaugh with a victory.

Senior kicker Brian Palmer has been there for each of those last four Senior Day victories and hopes he'll be treated to the same result.

"You always want to go out on top in senior night. You want to go out with pride" Palmer said.

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## IMPACT MATCHUPS



WR No. 9 Carl Berman — DB No. 32 Lenny Wicks

### Sycamore Offense vs Penguin Defense

Seven freshman are starting on offense this year for Indiana State and the passing attack has been absolutely dreadful. In nine games this year, the Sycamores are averaging just 84 yards per game through the air. The running game is not much better with the Sycamores averaging 106.4 yards per contest. Indiana State has trouble scoring points and the Penguins have the talent to post a shutout in their final home game of the season.



DB No. 21 Dominic Howard — RB No. 9 Kamryn Keys

### Sycamore Defense vs Penguin Offense

It is no secret that the Sycamores surrender points by the truck load, but the pass defense for Indiana State is not all that bad. As for the front seven, freshman Kamryn Keys should have a field day in his first game against the Sycamores as Indiana State is allowing an average of 263.7 rushing yards per game. While junior quarterback Brandon Summers has been on fire in recent weeks, turning to the run game will help the Penguins wear down the Sycamores.

### Volleyball team hits the road hoping to turn it around in Wisconsin

Keith Langford Jr.  
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Coming off two painful losses at home, the Youngstown State University volleyball team looks to find their groove on the road against the University of Green Bay-Wisconsin Phoenix and the University of Milwaukee-Wisconsin Panthers this weekend.

Even though the Penguins (10-14, 3-10 Horizon League) have a better overall record than the Phoenix (8-14, 4-8), the Phoenix possess the better in-conference record than the Penguins.

In the first game between the Penguins and the Phoenix, YSU won 3-1. Youngstown State won 25-20, 25-19, 18-25, and 25-21. The Penguins hit a respectable .289 against the Phoenix to lead the Penguin attack.

Junior Ruth Boscaljon led the way with a stellar all-around performance. Boscaljon registered 11 kills, six blocks, and led the Penguins with a .417 hitting percentage. Senior Karla Everhart hit .385 and sophomore Haley Kapferer hit .381 to help the Penguins in victory.

Since the last encounter with the Phoenix, the Penguins have lost five of their last six games to fall from (9-9, 2-6 HL) to (10-14, 3-10 HL). The decline in wins can be attributed to the Penguins' hitting percentage. In their last three losses, the Penguins have been out hit by Wright State Uni-

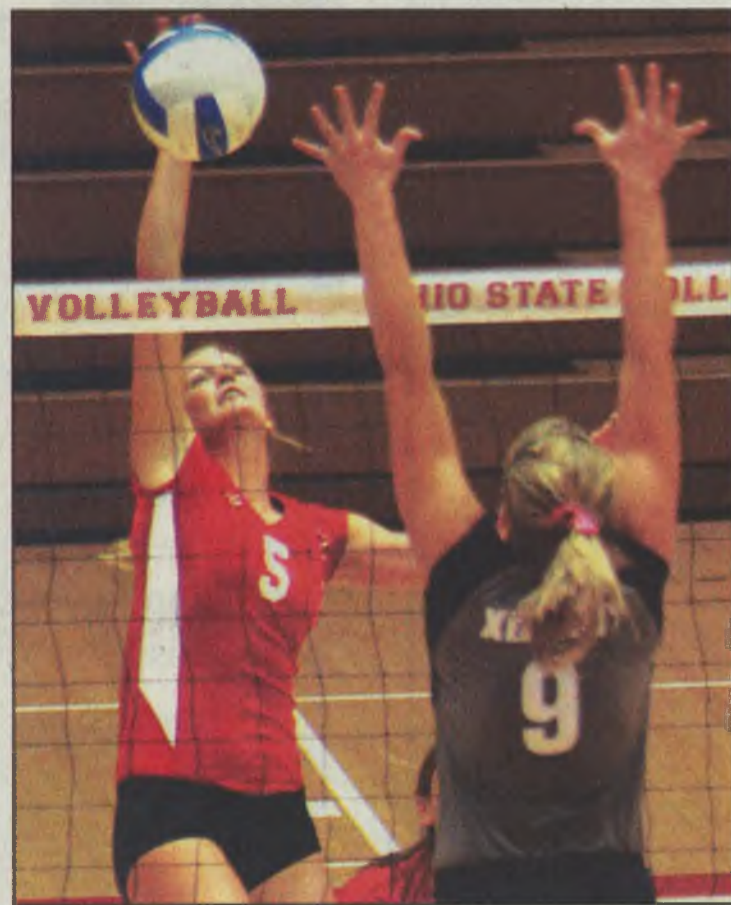


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UP AND OVER — Senior Karla Everhart goes for the kill as she looks to spike the ball past the opposing defender.

versity, Valparaiso University, and Butler University in conference play.

YSU has to have a better hitting percentage to go on the road and snag these games. The Pen-

guins have to contain Phoenix junior Nikki Hintze. In the match up against the Penguins on Oct. 12, Hintze answered the bell for the Phoenix with 15 kills, 17 digs, and a hitting percentage of

.333 to lead the Phoenix in defeat. The Penguins also have to watch out for senior outside hitter Liesl Tesch. Tesch cashed in with a team high 16 kills and added 7 digs for the Phoenix. The Phoenix only had three blocks in the entire game and hit a miserable .177 as a team against the Penguins last time these teams clashed. The Penguins should exploit those weaknesses of the Phoenix and capitalize to get the win.

Milwaukee comes into the contest against the Penguins with an impressive (16-8, 9-3 HL) record to boast. They are the team to beat in the Horizon League this season as the Panthers sit atop the Horizon League standings. In the last match up at the Beeghly Center, the Penguins were handed a 3-0 sweep at the hands of the Panthers back on Oct. 11. The Panthers won 25-14, 25-21, and 31-29.

The players to watch for the Panthers are senior Becky Peters on the attacking front and junior Lauren Felsing on the defensive side. Peters compiled 17 kills, 11 digs, and a hitting percentage of .227 against YSU in their last matchup. Felsing was a defensive stud for the Panthers as she accumulated an impressive 25 digs. The Penguins definitely want to attack away from Felsing or come with heat that she cannot handle.

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### Penguins look to swim past rival Cleveland State at first home meet

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The Youngstown State University swimming & diving team won all five events and convincingly defeated Butler University 144-87 last weekend.

The team has looked strong so far this season, and head coach Matt Anderson has learned a lot about his team. "They're a little bit tougher than even what I thought they were going to be as far as agility levels and mental toughness," Anderson said. "I knew that we had a good group returning and I knew that we were going to be a good team this year."

Along with the three returning seniors this year, Anderson has noticed improvement among the freshman. With the added toughness to the team, Anderson is excited to see where the team can go in the next four months.

"To have the freshman come in and be an immediate part of that is always great," Anderson said. "We're miles ahead of where we were last year at this time."

Cleveland State University is one of their conference rivals, and the Vikings are what stand in the way of YSU's second straight conference win.

"Cleveland State is going to be a very tough matchup for us ... they always are a very tough

matchup for us," Anderson said. "We battle with them down to the last event pretty much every time against them."

Cleveland State has gotten the best of the Penguins at the beginning of coach Anderson's career, but YSU was able to defeat them in his third year, and since then has defeated them three times in a row.

Anderson said they could beat them again this year because of the Penguins' tough freshman class.

"They've got a good freshman class just like we do ... I think our returners are a little bit stronger than theirs, and I think that experience may give us the edge on them."

Sophomore Caitlin Cook, who swims the butterfly and backstroke, has also learned more about herself and the team. "We're all really focused this season ... we're swimming extremely fast," Cook said. "Swimming aggressively, practicing hard, and staying focused are a few things the Penguins will have to do if they want to beat Cleveland State and Niagara again Friday night."

"We should swim well, we've been swimming fast in practice and at meets," Cook said. "It's just attempting to continue that ... I think we'll accomplish that."

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