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Engineering fields call for more women

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When she graduates from Youngstown State University in May 2007, senior Andrea Fryda knows she will be one of two women at commencement receiving a degree in mechanical engineering. The rest of the graduates will be men.

As of Fall 2006, there were 971 students pursuing an engineering degree and only 93, fewer than 10 percent, were women.

In fact, compared to surrounding colleges, YSU has the fewest number of women majoring in any field of engineering. The University of Akron has 268 females out of 945 total engineering majors. At Case Western Reserve University, 201 of the university's 1,908 engineering students are women. Cleveland State University has 196 female students enrolled in an engineering program with 1,016 total students.

Cory Webb is a senior electrical

engineering major at YSU.

"I think engineering is just something men enjoy more than most women ... it could be the math," Webb said.

Daniel Suchora, professor and chair of mechanical and industrial engineering, said the engineering department welcomes women.

Cynthia Hirtzel, former dean of the William Rayen College of Engineering and Technology, was reassigned as executive director for YSU's Center for Transportation and Materials Engineering.

Suchora said women are in demand in engineering professions.

"Women in engineering offer a balance to the work force. They have advantages, and can easily land a job," he said.

Fryda already has a job waiting for her after she graduates. She will be working for the Novelis Corporation in Kentucky, a company she has interned with for two years.

Fryda said her interest in the



Jambar/ Jeanette DiRubba

Senior Andrea Fryda is one of only two women who will graduate from YSU's mechanical engineering program this semester. She urges female engineering majors to get more involved in their programs.

engineering program stemmed from her fascination with her aunt's career as a NASA employee.

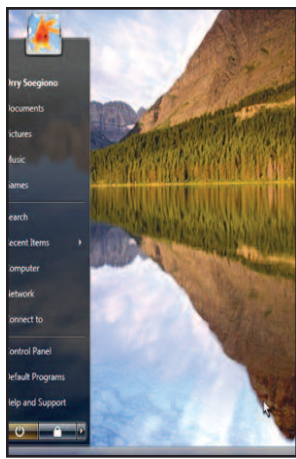
"I feel like the opportunities are endless," she said. "You just need the desire and the discipline to do it and [to] overlook the typical male

engineer stereotype."

Sherry Linkon, co-director of YSU's Center for Working Class Studies, said females need to be patient but should push to have

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YSU News

YSU student gets top scholarship

Mike Antenucci, a senior in the respiratory care program, received a \$1,500 Lambda Beta Society Scholarship at the American Association for Respiratory Care International Respiratory Congress in Las Vegas.

Antenucci was one of four people to receive this scholarship and received the highest amount. His yearlong research project focuses on the lack of health literacy in America.

Business 2020 attracts high school students

Over 350 students from 16 high schools will attend sessions for entrepreneurship, careers in business, and preparing yourself for the job market at "Business 2020," Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Chestnut Room in Kilcawley Center.

Those attending include leaders and business participants from the Home Savings and Loan Company, Hill, Barth and King, LLC, and many others.

The program begins at 9:15 a.m. For more information, call the Coordinator of External Relations for Business Administration Christine Shelton at 330-941-3068.

FITNESS

Rope course rises at Rec Center



Jambar/ Britta Snowberger

Josh Shoup works on the new rope course being installed in the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center. The course should be finished today but won't be available to students until Rec employees receive training. See page 7 for full story.

YSU

STEM College, CLASS undergo dean search

Jenny Boyce
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

Ikram Khawaja will remain interim dean for the College of Arts and Sciences, as will Peter Kasvinsky for the College of Engineering and Technology, until the creation of Youngstown State University's Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) College and College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS).

Khawaja was retired until the fall of 2005, when he began duties as interim

dean. Peter Koblunicky, executive director of Maag Library, is serving as chair for the search of the CLASS dean.

Kasvinsky, dean of graduate studies and research, is heading the search for the dean of the new STEM College, which will be a separate school.

Provost Robert Herbert explained that his choice of Kasvinsky and Koblunicky to head the search committees was due to their membership on the Dean's Council. Herbert said both chairs are impartial and had "no vested interest in the outcome."

The new division of the two colleges was decided upon because of a growing importance of science, technology, engineering and math at the state and national levels, Herbert said.

The Council on Competitiveness, a non-profit, nonpartisan policy action group, put the growing rate of jobs in those fields at five times that of other occupations.

After an unsuccessful dean search was performed last year for the College of Arts and Sciences, in which the prospective dean turned down the position, YSU administrators considered

the reordering of the two colleges when former Dean of Engineering and Technology Cynthia Hirtzel was reassigned to executive director of YSU's Center for Transportation and Materials Engineering.

"In retrospect, it worked to our advantage," said Herbert of the two deanless colleges. Herbert said that only after Hirtzel left did administrators consider the STEM/CLASS division.

"[YSU Administration] knew that if we were going to think about this, that this was the time," Herbert said.

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TECHNOLOGY

Banner system implementation is postponed

Emily Thayer
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

If you are wondering what happened to the \$12 million computer system that Youngstown State University was supposed to replace SOLAR with this semester, here's an update.

The new YSU Student and Financial Aid systems of the SCT Banner administrative computer project were supposed to replace the current SOLAR system. The costly project was to be implemented to the YSU faculty and student body during the spring 2007 semester, but has encountered some problems along the way.

Donna Esterly, YSU's interim chief technology officer, said that a variety of reasons caused the delay. The main concern was accurately transferring the thousands of student records and testing each component of the new system before granting full access.

"We all needed to get our ducks in a row," said Esterly.

The new launch date has been moved back a year and Banner is scheduled to be up and running by spring 2008. The revised timeline was recommended by the SCT Banner Implementation team, the YES Advisory Council and the Student and Financial Aid Implementation team.

The Financial Aid system and the Student Accounts module of the system will be launched in January and February 2008, while the balance of the student system will start March 2008.

"These new systems, once in place, will have a

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TECHNOLOGY

Microsoft's Vista operating system offers four editions

Andrew Caldwell
JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

Microsoft recently released Windows Vista, a new operating system and the official successor to Windows XP, which has been in the making for over five years.

Youngstown State University is trying out the different versions of Vista to see which one is the best to offer students at Kilcawley Center's Bytes 'n Pieces Computer Lab.

"We'd like to see folks stay with XP for a while," said Michael Hrishenko, interim director of Media and Academic Computing. In an e-mail to YSU students Hrishenko said that there are still some hardware and compatibility issues with Vista, and until those are resolved, upgrading would not be advised.

Hrishenko said students thinking of upgrading should wait until Vista is available at Bytes 'n Pieces before purchasing, as it will be offered at a discount.

Vista is available for retail in four different editions: Home Basic, Home Premium, Business and Ultimate, each with its own features.

Home Basic includes the most basic of Vista features, including an improved search feature, which helps you find any file on your computer,

and improved security features.

Home Premium includes all the features of Home Basic, plus additional features. It is packaged with games such as Mahjong Titans, Chess Titans and InkBall. Premium has enhanced networking features and a new graphical interface, including three-dimensional windows for more intuitive navigation of computer files.

Business, as the names suggests, is geared toward business professionals. It includes many of the features of Home Premium, but also has more company-related functionality, such as setting up office networks and protection against hardware failure.

Ultimate includes all of the features of these three versions, with BitLocker Drive Encryption, a data protection system to help address the issue of data theft.

Due to YSU's Microsoft Campus Agreement, the university also has the option to provide Vista Enterprise, a fifth version available only to Volume License customers. Enterprise is an improved version of Business, featuring higher levels of data protection and additional tools to improve backwards compatibility. This version will also be offered at a discounted price.

Aside from all of these improvements, there is a darker side to Vista. Included in the End-User License Agreement (EULA), to which all users

are required to consent, are several provisions that serve to take rights away from users. The agreement makes clear that Microsoft holds the rights to check legitimacy of software on the computer and delete certain programs without the user's notification.

Windows Vista comes with software known as Windows Defender, an anti-virus program that constantly scans for "spyware, adware, and other potentially unwanted software," according to the EULA. The agreement fails to define any of these terms.

Whether these will prove to be significant issues, however, remains to be seen.

For Windows XP users who are unsure whether their computers can handle Windows Vista, Microsoft provides the Windows Vista Upgrade Advisor. The Upgrade Advisor can check and see if an XP-based computer is ready to make the jump to Vista. The program checks hardware and software configurations, and suggests which version of Vista is best for the user's computing needs and works best with the current setup.

The Upgrade Advisor and complete listing of features among all versions of Vista are available for free at microsoft.com.

Streamlining the PC

Some new features of the Windows Vista operating system:

Security, performance

- New security to prevent malware, such as viruses and spyware, from installing
- Set up which Web sites, programs and games each person can use with **User Account Control**
- **SuperFetch** remembers programs used most and preloads them into memory, so the system is more responsive
- **Sleep** state takes place of Standby and Hibernate and restarts faster

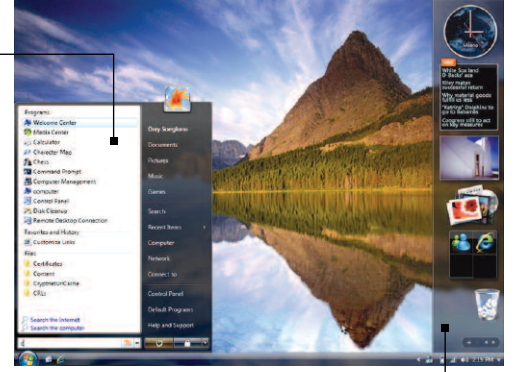
The look

• **Start menu** utilizes a search feature, rather than maneuvering through an "All Programs" window to launch programs

• **New Explorers** show what is in a file before it is opened

• **Windows Aero** (premium edition) provides a look at thumbnails of taskbar items or a 3-D view of all open windows

• **Windows Sidebar** with gadgets to quickly get to information such as weather, news or calendar



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MUSIC

Peaberry's to present progressive acoustic performer tomorrow

Britta Snowberger
FEATURES REPORTER

For the sixth straight year, progressive acoustic guitarist Doug Wood will exhibit his craft on the Youngstown State University campus at Peaberry's Café. Beginning tomorrow at 11 a.m., long-time friend and bass player Darren Frate will accompany the Cleveland-based musician, whom Student Activities Director Greg Gulas called a "great, great guy."

The Peaberry's regular began playing guitar at

age 12. After participating in high school jazz band, Wood joined the jazz band at John Carroll University, where he majored in communications and minored in business.

"Early on, I played guitar because I had this fantasy of being a cool rock star," Wood said. "I started composing my instrumental music my senior year in high school and really started composing after I graduated college."

Following college, Wood became acquainted with Frate, and the duo formed an instrumental folk rock band, Watts Gnu.

Although the band released a full-length album, toured the

country and won several national awards, Wood preferred the freedom of an independent career.

In 1999, Wood began individually composing an array of acoustic music, and he has since released three solo CDs. Wood's most recent creation, "Dreamcatcher," was released in August and has received significant national attention.

"Radio play has been awesome. ["Dreamcatcher"] has been featured heavily on syndicated programs like National Public Radio's "Echoes," which reaches over 200 cities nationwide," said Wood. "It's even being submitted for the 2007 Grammy's."

Regardless of whether Wood receives a Grammy Award or not, he has already earned a number of prestigious regional and national accolades, including "Best Instrumental Musician" by CampusAwards.com and

"Best Small Venue Performer" and "Best Male Performer" by Campus Activities Magazine.

In addition to earning awards, Wood has been recognized on live

said. "Most important, don't get too caught up with the technical side of guitar. Enjoy it while you're performing it."

The Cleveland musician, who plays at colleges, festivals and concert venues across the nation, is driven to perform by the desire to express his innermost feelings.

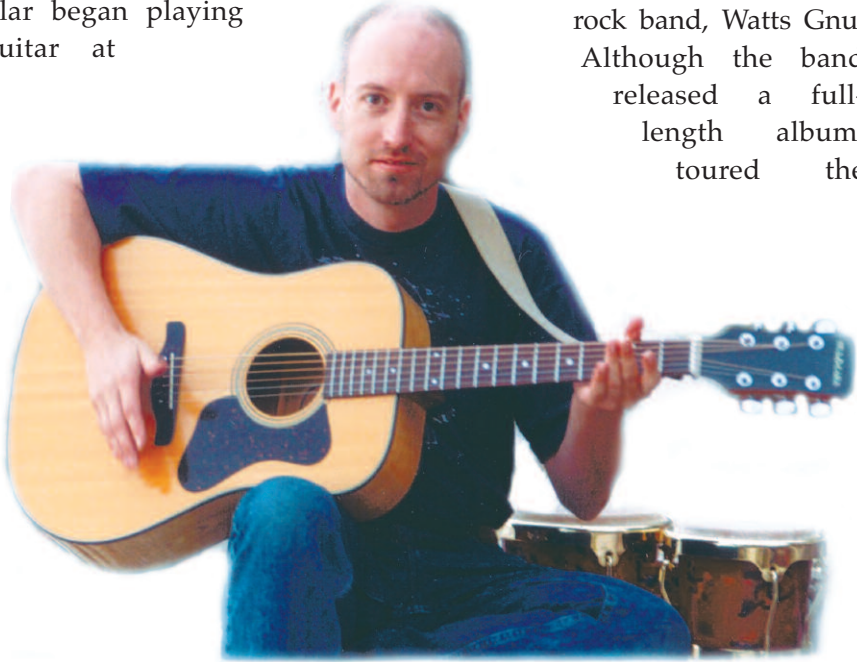
"Performing is all I do, and I love the tunes I write," Wood said. "Usually the songs are direct reflections of the emotions I'm experiencing, so when I perform a song, I'm hopefully performing a part of my soul for the audience."

After baring his soul for a Valentine's Day performance at YSU, Wood will travel to the National Association for Campus Activities National Conference Feb. 17-21 in Nashville, Tenn. At the conference, Wood will be featured in a showcase for a myriad of colleges, similar to YSU, that may be interested in booking the artist for future acoustic performances.

"Early on, I played guitar because I had this fantasy of being a cool rock star."



Doug Wood
Acoustic Guitarist



Upcoming events

Wednesday
Feb. 14
Country Night
The Wedge
7 p.m.

Horns n Things
Peaberry's
8 p.m.

Thursday
Feb. 15
Rock Star Karaoke
The Wedge
10 p.m.

Friday
Feb. 16
Ty-Barnett from Last Comic Standing 4
Funny Farm Comedy Club
7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Pajama Party
The Wedge

Gingerspitz, Eileens-Basement, Secondhand Suicide and Death of a Dying Breed
The Cellar
9 p.m.

Saturday
Feb. 16
Ty-Barnett from Last Comic Standing 4
Funny Farm Comedy Club
7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Disco Inferno
The Cellar
10 p.m.

African American History Month 2007

Proverb of the Month:
"A fight between grasshoppers is a joy to the cow." *Lesotho*

Saturday, February 3
11:00am-6:00pm, Chestnut Room, Kitzway Center
THE AFRICAN MARKETPLACE
The African Marketplace is one of the major highlights of African American History Month. In typical African tradition, vendors and people from all walks of life convene at the marketplace to buy art objects and sample a wide variety of goods and products, and to catch up on the latest news in town. YSU's Marketplace draws vendors from Ohio and neighboring states with artistic creations from Africa and the African Diaspora. The atmosphere is festive and graced by Harambee Youth Group and the Drum Circle of the Unity Building of Youngstown.

Monday, February 5
6:30pm, Auditorium, McDonough Museum of Art
ART EXHIBITION in the gallery of the College of Fine and Performing Arts throughout February
PANEL DISCUSSION ON ART: THE COLOR OF HISTORY
by Walter A. Constant
Walter A. Constant was trained in traditional methods of painting and drawing and holds a B.A. in studio art with painting and graphic concentrations. In over 20 years of painting, he has developed his own impressionistic style with a personal response to the world around him. Constant was trained by master abstract expressionist Professor Emeritus Al Bright of Youngstown State University. A discussion of the artist's work with Constant and YSU art faculty will take place. (Co-sponsored with the College of Fine and Performing Arts)

Thursday, February 8
7:00pm, Chestnut Room, Kitzway Center
LECTURE ON DIVERSITY
by Mohammed Bilal
Mohammed Bilal is a former MTV "Real World" star and diversity consultant. He has helped many people in colleges and organizations move beyond mere tolerance of differences to accepting diversity through his 12-step program. His interactive presentation is enjoyable and thought-provoking. (Co-sponsored with the Office of Student Diversity)

Wednesday, February 14
8:00pm, Peaberry's Cafe, Kitzway Center
HORNS 'N THINGS
The Horns n Things jazz group from Cleveland has performed to countless audiences nationwide. The group features the very best in jazz, and promises to soothe, dazzle, and set everyone in the mood for Valentine's Day. (Co-sponsored with the Office of Student Diversity)

Saturday, February 17
3:30pm, Dance Workshop, Chestnut Room, Kitzway Center (room 51, suite 510)
7:30pm, Dance Performance, Chestnut Room, Kitzway Center
THE PITTSBURGH DANCE ENSEMBLE
The Pittsburgh Dance Ensemble will conduct a workshop in the afternoon and perform in the evening. The ensemble is a successor to the ReSurrenDance Group since 2004. Led by Greg Mitchell, the group is made up of expert professional dancers and drummers with a broad repertoire of African dance and song. In their short history, they have thrilled audiences and left lasting good memories.

Monday, February 19
7:00pm, Ohio Room, Kitzway Center
LECTURE: CONFRONTING RACISM IN AMERICA TODAY
by James E. Cingoran
James E. Cingoran is the nation's most prolific writer on economic empowerment for Black people. His weekly syndicated newspaper column, "Blackonomics," is featured in hundreds of newspapers, magazines and newsletters. He is author of five books and has been a featured speaker for numerous organizations across the country.

Friday, February 23
7:30pm, Room 2068, Kitzway Center
LECTURE AND RECEPTION: LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE BLACK COMMUNITY
by Sergeant De Lacy Davis
Sergeant De Lacy Davis is a police officer, commonly known in his community as Brother De Lacy. Mr. Davis joined the East Orange Police Department in New Jersey in 1996, and has been an instructor at the Essex County Police Academy and a New Jersey State-Certified Firearms instructor. He has served as the vice president of the Police Benevolent Association, Local #16, and executive director of the East Orange Police Athletic League. An recipient of the prestigious Ronald Robinson Award by the National Black Police Association, Mr. Davis has traveled frequently to West and South Africa. He holds a master's degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University. The lecture will be followed by a book signing and reception.

Saturday, February 24
7:30pm, Planetarium, Ward Beecher Science Hall
FEATURE FILM: THIS AMERICA
The film "This America" presents the adventures and challenges of an African immigrant facing conflicts of survival and adaptation in American society. This fast-paced, entertaining documentary is produced by an African film company based in New York.

Monday, February 26
7:00pm, Ohio Room, Kitzway Center
STUDENT PUBLIC FORUM: GOING BEYOND STEREOTYPES
A student forum on stereotypes between Africans and African Americans. The forum will examine perceptions and images of Africans by African Americans, and vice versa, and seek ways to transcend their prejudices. Selected faculty members will be present to share their observations. The forum will be moderated by Madonna Chien Pinkard, community relations director, WFMY/WSCB Television, Inc.

Wednesday, February 28
7:30pm, Ohio Room, Kitzway Center
LECTURE: UNDERSTANDING THE GENOCIDE IN DARFUR
Dr. Isam Amin
Dr. Isam Amin is an associate professor of geological sciences at YSU and a native of Sudan. Since Hitler's atrocities against the Jews and similar manifestations of unbridled evil, including Bosnia and Rwanda, people of conscience joined in a plea to declare "never again." But the Darfur genocide has become a baffling phenomenon. Dr. Amin will examine the causes and possible solutions to the major human tragedy of our time. (Co-sponsored by the Valley Committee of Conscience)

For further information, call the Africana Studies Program at 330-941-3097

Event parking is available at the Lincoln Deck and lot M24, next to McDonald's on Fifth Avenue.



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OUR SIDE

Ohio plays beer pong with our pocketbooks

Ask beer drinkers how many days are in a week, and they'll tell you four: Hump Day, Thirsty Thursday, Freaky Friday and Sloppy Saturday.

For a "light" drinker, six beers a night, four nights a week costs \$60 per week, not including tips. For alcoholic, ole' Uncle George, drinking seven days a week is a habit that leaves more holes in his wallet than in his liver.

So considering a new tax on beer – and only beer – proposed by a lawmaker in Kent, Ohio brew connoisseurs may have to come up with extra funding for weekends at the bars.

The money collected from the proposed sin tax would go toward additional police enforcements at Kent State University and defray the cost of overtime wages. Other college towns where additional safety forces are necessary are taking notice.

The proposed law was spurred by the costs of overtime wages for police officers and firefighters at college campuses. The 2006 Ohio State-Michigan game cost Columbus \$562,416 for safety enforcements. Of that, the city of Columbus paid overtime police officers and firefighters \$329,626 during last year's game.

The new sin tax would ease the strain on the city's budget when it comes to overtime wages for police and safety enforcements. The proposed sin tax would be four cents per beer purchased at any bar, restaurant or grocery store.

The law can be passed in two different forms. Supporters of the tax want to see it applied to individual cities in Ohio. Other Ohio lawmakers believe that if any law should pass, it should be a statewide tax.

Lawmakers are wasting their time attempting to pass a beer tax.

Cities like Columbus and Athens are home to schools where crowd control is necessary. With the exceptional of ole' Uncle George, Youngstown is not a party town; YSU is largely a commuter school.

The YSU Police Department is not responsible for parties that take place off campus in surrounding suburbs where many YSU students live. Comparing the liability of party schools like OSU to commuter schools like YSU is like expecting the Penguins to railroad the Buckeyes Sept. 1. That's about as likely as needing to spend the \$650,000 pay-off check to control the burning riots of couches and cars that drunken Penguin fans are infamous for ... Oh, wait.

If the law passes to become a statewide tax, the public would be paying to help with the problems at other universities. YSU students who purchase beer should not have to pay for enforcements that our university rarely needs.

On the Youngstown State University campus, YSU Police Chief John Gocala said there have been few instances where additional forces were needed.

If the proposed law were to pass in either form, it would only lead to unnecessary taxes for YSU students. In the famous words of Sex Pistols' frontman Johnny Rotten, "Have you ever felt cheated?"

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Issue has wrong idea about SGA

Editor:

I feel compelled to respond to Mr. Iesue's misleading and skewed letter printed in the 8 th Feb 2007 edition of The Jambar. He basically characterises the Student Government Association as hating children, and he indicts its membership—particularly those serving on the executive committee—for not showing up at an event attended by the Student Diversity Council, of which he is executive president. I cannot speak for the whole of the SGA executive committee when I say I hadn't a clue that this event was even happening, but I can say that we were not invited.

In any case, that is irrelevant. Community service is important, but Mr Iesue seems to be under the impression that it is part of the charge of SGA. It is not. I won't bore you by citing from the SGA constitution, but I will say that the goal of SGA is to advocate for, and aid, the student body. This notwithstanding, the SGA president, Chad Miller, and executive vice president, Sarah Vansuch, are able to find time to serve on the Mahoning Valley Young Philanthropist Fund; they and other executive committee members also helped with the University's United Way campaign; as a whole, SGA has, for the past few years, sponsored the service of extended library hours during finals. Additionally, we do provide funding (\$35,000 each year) and opportunities (such as blood drives we sponsor) to student organisations—such as those he exempted from his derision—to partake in activities such as community service.

It would be nigh impossible for us to show up at every single community service event held by the 130-plus student organisations on our campus (to be fair though, Mr Iesue only seems concerned about his event). I would not seek to lend credence to Mr Iesue's argument by providing a laundry list of the community service in which my fellow members of SGA and I partake on our own time, but it is safe to say that his one example is poor evidence with which to make a case about SGA's feelings on community service, and thus it should be taken with nothing more than one grain of salt.

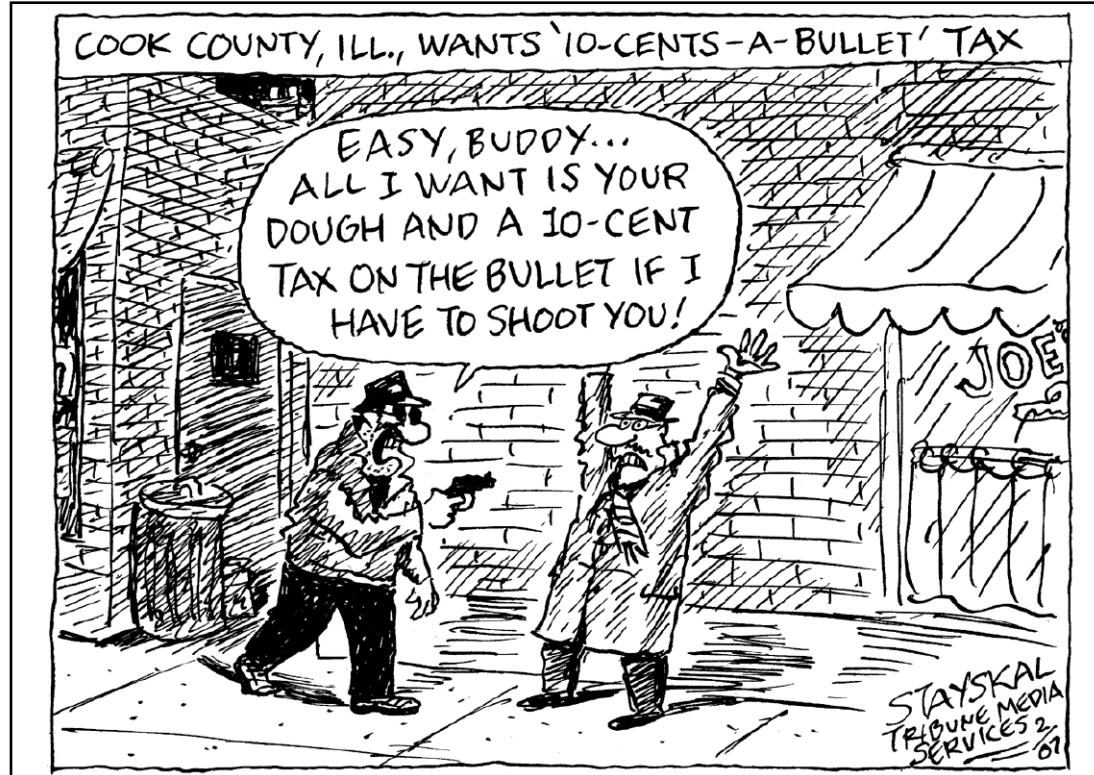
**Bob McGovern, Chief of Staff
Student Government Association**

Responding to diet and exercise

Editor:

YSU Nutrition Faculty response to Jambar (Tues, Jan 30, 2007) article on Diet and Exercise

As nutrition professionals/YSU faculty, we have seen our share of articles published in reputable, substantial journals on every aspect of diet, physical activity and changes to body weight and composition. We read them and we do what's supposed to be done with them – place them in context with other similar published research. Single research findings add to a body on research on that topic and their findings should be assimilated and interpreted within that context. Too often, what are termed "revolutionary, ground-breaking" research studies in the lay press have been found lacking by experts in the field. Was the Redman/Ravussin article worthy of being published? Yes, but there are problems with



their study as there are in many research studies.

One major problem not mentioned in the press, was admitted by the study researchers in their J. of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism article, "The losses in fat mass (-27% for men and -22% for women) and Visceral Adipose Tissue mass (-31% for men and -24% for women) were similar in both treatment groups. However, due to the small sample size, it is conceivable that this result represents a Type II statistical error". Why is small sample size (12 men and women in the experimental group and 10 men and women in the control group), a problem in this kind of research? Too much variability, i.e., confounding variables – factors that can cloud or hamper accurate findings.

Ethnic differences. Nothing said about this in the methodology. Genetic variability is an emerging research area explaining why every weight loss program doesn't work the same for everyone.

Age. Subjects ranged in age from 25 – 50 years - physiology and metabolism change across the life span.

Gender. Men and women differ physiologically, hormonally, etc.

Diet. For ~ 3 of the 6 months of the study, subjects self-selected and self-reported their diets. The researchers did not exert enough control over diet.

Pre-study BMI. Subjects ranged in BMI from 25 – 30, all the way from overweight to obese.

These are only a few points, and we appreciate this published research for adding discussion material for our field, but we hope that this commentary clarifies how important it is to not accept published research at face value, but to consult professionals in the fields being researched.

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No snow closings

Editor:

It seems that every year the students at colleges and universities throughout north eastern Ohio and north western PA think the institutions should close. I always find the idea somewhat comical. Being a person that has worked since I was in middle school, I don't recall any business that I have worked for ever closing because it snowed or was cold. School districts close due to liability and safety issues for CHILDREN.

Upon entering higher education students

are no longer considered children. Your institution of higher learning is a business that provides a service. That service remains open and available to its patrons. I think this notion is crazy, go home and ask your parents when the last time their place of business closed because of snow or cold. Growing up in the Mahoning Valley I don't recall my parents getting any snow days at their places of employment. Students made a choice in coming to YSU, KSU, CSU, etc... You choose education over going out into the workforce.

I believe it is a wise choice, but you need to look at your education as your job. You go everyday to get the pay you deserve. Your education is an extremely good paycheck. Once you finish your education do you really expect your employer to close its doors because it snowed or is cold outside? It won't happen unless you are an education major. YSU is doing you a favor staying open. They are providing you with the education that you, your parents and other entities have paid for. Get up, go to school (work,) and be grateful that you have the ability to do so. Recent letters to the Jambar suggest this is a money issue. I believe it is just a business issue.

No business wants to loose money. I believe that the university does consider safety each morning as they decide to stay open. I don't believe that all the other cars out on the road are only coming to YSU on those mornings that the weather makes travel difficult and less safe.

Other businesses are open and all those other people have to go to their jobs also. I recall a number of years ago YSU closed because of heavy snow falls and the local police was asking that all cars stay off the roads. YSU sent students and non-essential employees home and remained closed the following day. Upon returning to work I heard students discussing going out to local clubs, movies, the malls and other various entertainment.

I was amazed the local police departments had asked drivers to stay off the roads; YSU closed its doors and sent everyone home. Yet, the same students that feel the weather was to bad to come to school (work) didn't find it to bad to go out for entertainment.

Please remember at this level of education your education is your job. Snow days are only in place for the safety and liability issues of children.

Bill Border

absolutely appalling. SHAME.

**Ramon Ramos
Chair, Academic Affairs Committee
Student Government Association,
Representative of the College of Arts &
Sciences**

Breaking news

The Jambar has been keeping a tally of how much Youngstown State University has paid former Vice President of Special Projects

John Habat. Habat stopped working for the university Sept. 10, 2006, but the university agreed to pay him as if he were working until June 30.

Soon after The Jambar began running the tally, University Spokesman Ron Cole contacted the newspaper to say that the university has already paid him for the 10 months he will not be working for YSU. Habat was sent a check for \$148,378 in October.

On Thursday, The Jambar will begin a new tally. That tally will factor how much the university has paid Habat for work he did not do coupled with how much paying him off in October cost the university in lost interest. Stay tuned for the analysis.



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programs encourage girls in the sciences at a young age. Linkon said that women were historically less visible and less active, but this is changing because education is overcoming the long history of overlooking women.

"This could be a subtle form of sexism, but it's harder for women to be in this engineering field because of a lack of role models. Although females might have the most helpful, generous male professors, the deeply ingrained discussions involving interactions between gender might make women feel ostracized," she said. "Being the only girl in a class might make it difficult to speak up."

Linkon said faculty members need to be aware of this

gender difference and encourage each other to make the atmosphere comfortable.

"The faculty needs to not assume the issues of gender are all cleaned up and everything is OK," she said.

Fryda said fewer than nine percent of engineers that make up today's work force are women. She said this is probably because high schools don't emphasize engineering enough in their curriculum.

"Engineers really don't have any specific job title, which is probably why high schools don't incorporate much study into their curriculum," Fryda said. "People just think all we do is sit in an office on a computer and crunch numbers all day. In

reality we are constantly interacting with other people and building things because we do a lot more than what people portray us as."

Fryda said female engineering majors need to get involved. The Society for Women Engineers and engineering sorority Phi Sigma Chi are opportunities for female engineers to get involved in organizations at YSU.

On April 30, the American Society of Mechanical Engineering is sponsoring an all-day event in Kilcawley Center for surrounding high schools. The program is geared to correct stereotypes about engineers, Fryda said.

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significant impact on how our students do business with the university," said Jeanne Herman, associate registrar and head of the Student Implementation team. "Students will have increased accessibility to university services that will take them from application to graduation via the Internet."

According to Cynthia Anderson, vice president of Student Affairs, YSU students are the first priority.

"Our concern was when the students used the program, it would be accurate," said Anderson. "The project ended up being a lot larger than anyone expected."

The Financial Aid module is paramount to the Student Accounts module and was supposed to be the first part of Banner to go live. With the current amount of records, the Banner team wanted to know everything was in line.

The goal of Banner is to give full access to the YSU community including faculty, staff,

advisors and students. With the click of a button, students can pay tuition, check their financial status and register for classes.

Currently the only part of the Banner system that YSU students have gained access to is the new MyYSU e-mail system. The Web Time Entry program is expected to be in use this spring. It should benefit campus employees by making it easier to clock in and out of work.

"Altering the timeline of these two important systems is in the best interest of YSU students and the entire campus," said Anderson. "It is vital to our students that we get this right. The new schedule allows us to make sure that we are fully prepared to successfully implement the system and serve our students."

The budget for Banner is still predicted to hit around the \$12 million mark, though Esterly is optimistic that the budget will end up lower than expected.

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Jambar Valentine's Day

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Renne Hardman
GEN. ASSIGN. REPORTER

Cupid has packed his arrows in his love sack and is waiting to take aim. Wednesday marks the most lovey-dovey, touchy-feely day of the year.

Valentine's Day was coined a holiday in 496 A.D. by Pope Gelasius. Gelasius set aside Feb. 14 as a day to honor St. Valentine, but nowadays the date is considered one of the most romantic days of the year.

Senior Joe Paloski said that Valentine's Day is special because it "gives you a reason and a day to show the person you're with how much you love them."

Paloski also said that the day is an excuse to "surprise your special someone with flowers or a card that has your feelings written in it."

According to Hallmark, "more than half of the U.S. population celebrates Valentine's Day by purchasing a greeting card," and that over 50 percent of Valentine's cards are bought only six days before the actual holiday.

That being said, if you are a great procrastinator here are some great tips and places to pick out the right gift without giving the wrong idea. Best of all, they're right here on campus!

In Kilcawley Center there are three places to stop and shop for your sweetheart. At the Candy Counter, festive bags with spiral ribbons can be made up to your liking. The Counter offers ample sweets to choose from and stamps for your Valentine's cards.

Speaking of cards, the convenience store located right next to the YSU Bookstore offers a wide variety to help you through your shopping process. While you're there, meander through

the bookstore and check out their goods.

And don't forget to take a trip down to Graphic Services, also located in Kilcawley, to buy balloons that express exactly how you feel for your significant other.

For guys, jewelry might just be the right choice for your sweetheart. The U.S. Census Bureau has calculated that in February 2006, jewelry stores all over the United States sold over \$2.6 billion worth of merchandise.

For those not looking to spend that much money, you might consider a gift that's practical, useful and helpful to people in Africa. If you buy any (PRODUCT)RED items, a percentage of the proceeds go to The Global Fund, which is an "innovative partnership of governments, non-profit organizations and the private sector" that helps to get rid of AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria in Africa.

Some of the (PRODUCT)RED items you can buy include: the RED Motorzr and RED Motoslvr from Motorola, an iPod nano (PRODUCT)RED Special Edition, (PRODUCT)RED clothing from Gap and shoes from The Converse (PRODUCT)RED collection.

As for the big day, many students agreed that just being together is what matters most.

YSU Alumna Erin Grove said that the perfect date for someone who was a little short on cash would be to "cook a fantastic dinner and put candles out everywhere."

Some dinner ideas from Oprah's Web site, which can be found on Oprah.com: pecan-coated



fried chicken, asparagus and pesto lasagna, steamed artichokes with toasted shallots and parmesan sauce, broccoli and roasted-walnut soup, grilled lamb with salsa verde and roast potatoes with lemons.

Paloski suggests tickets for a Cleveland Cavalier's game in Cleveland for girls shopping for the girlfriends, or a trip to Mill Creek Park or the Fellows Riverside Rose Garden in Youngstown.

"The park is beautiful and it sets a great mood, even though it's cold outside," Paloski said.

Sophomore Alex Rokicki and her boyfriend are planning to get dressed up and go out to dinner, then perhaps a movie.

"It's just nice because we will spend the whole night together," said Rokicki.

"Music and Lyrics," starring Drew Barrymore and Hugh Grant is another option, and will be hitting theaters this Wednesday.

So grab a bottle of Vino, dim the lights and turn on some music. It's Valentine's Day, so lets get it on.

Before it became a bastardized, Catholicized, watered down version of itself, Lupercalia was a purely Roman venture. Mythology holds that the twin brothers who founded Rome, Remus and Rolumus, were abandoned and found by a she-wolf who suckled them to health until a farmer adopted them.

Lupercalia is the celebration of the wolf that cared for the founders of the Eternal City.

Those Romans knew how to celebrate, all things considered. On Lupercalia, they would sacrifice a goat and a dog, and anoint young temple workers foreheads with the blood and milk. Then, after tearing strips of hide off the sacrificed animals, the priests from the temple and citizens would run through the city. They would hit the women and the crops with the bloodied hide, as a fertility blessing. Sexy, right? There was one kind of sexy thing. They used to put the single women's names into an urn, and bachelors would draw names. The couples would live together for a year, and sometimes this resulted in marriage.

Lupercalia was abolished in the 5th century, when the Catholic church took over (they did that a lot back then). Pope Gelasius I was like, "Yo. No paganism." When the Church intervened in pagan festivals in ancient times, they often replaced them with their own festivals, because if the populace could still celebrate at the times they were used to, they didn't take it so hard. The Church also abolished the ancient form of match.com.

Instead, people could draw saint's names from an urn, and attempt to emulate that saint's virtues for a year. Mmm... makes you wanna

bust out your red and lacies, doesn't it?

So how'd we go from goat-hide slapping to chocolate and roses? More importantly, who is this Valentine dude, and how did he begin wrecking your February budget??

Well... they don't really know. The Catholic Church lists 2 (debatably 3) Valentine's, either unfortunately "outed" Christians or priests in a decided pagan Rome. Apparently they both died on February 14th for decidedly martyr-like stuff. One legend has Valentine performing marriages regardless of their ban, while the other features a jailed and romantically wasting Valentine falling in love with his jailer's daughter, and passing her a note before his beheading, closing the misssive with a poignant and catchy "From your Valentine". Or he cured her blindness.

There is not a shred of evidence for any of the theories. So what's the deal with the 180 million cards sent (not including the packaged ones, like the Ninja Turtles "Cowabunga! Be my Valentine?" grade school kind) every year with lace and frills?

Chaucer. That bastard. Prior to one of the most famous English authors ever to ruin your high school English classes, there was virtually no connection between romance and St. Valentine. One of his poems came out, basically declaring that birds chose their mates on St. Valentine's Day. The earliest surviving valentine is from the Duke of Orleans to his wife in 1415 while he was being "detained" in the Tower of London.

It came into vogue to exchange gifts and handmade valentines to lovers from then on, and in 1847, Esther Howland started the Hallmark ball rolling with her manufactured valentines for sale.

But it's such a sweet, romantic tradition, right?

Besides, considering the money you shelled out for roses and reservations at the Olive Garden, you've gotta get laid, right?

Rudi Whitmore
FEATURES REPORTER

In the spirit of the season (hearts, chocolate and small stuffed creatures dyed from an ungodly cotton candied spectrum, and possibly, if you're lucky, diamonds) I decided to take a peek at Valentine's Day. A bit of an in-depth look, if you will, at what has bravely led us into this \$13.7 billion-per-year business. That's right, kiddies, one day on the ass-end of winter is worth \$13.7 billion.

According to the Society of American Florists, over 180 million roses were purchased for Valentine's Day in 2005. And we're the sucker demographic. The International Mass Retail Association performed their annual V-day survey, and the 18-24 demographic plans to be spending upwards of \$183.80 per person.

It's all in the grand and ancient tradition of courtly, ostentatious shows of affection, right?

Probably not. Like many modern celebrations, Valentine's Day was based on an old pagan ritual, deeply rooted in Roman culture.

Top gifts for Valentine's Day

Girls

1. Diamonds
2. Romantic dinner & wine
3. Chocolates & flowers
4. Lingerie
5. Sex

Guys

1. Sex
2. Case of Natty Lite
3. Dane Cook DVD
4. PS3 or Wii
5. Can of body spray



Valentine's date ideas:

- Staying in; dinner and a movie
- Going out; dinner and a movie
- Ice skating, bowling or recreational activities
- Visiting local parks

Movies to watch:

- Scarface
- 2001's Valentine
- The Breakup
- My Bloody Valentine
- Romeo is Bleeding
- Pan's Labyrinth

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Penguin basketball ready for tough matchup with Detroit

Aaron Blatch

JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

Coming off of a tough loss at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and knowing that tournament play is just around the corner, the Youngstown State University men's basketball team will look to get back on track Wednesday night at home against Detroit Mercy.

The Penguins (10-15 overall, 5-8 Horizon League) will look to avenge a 66-51 loss to the Titans (9-16, 4-8) earlier in the season while trying to put themselves in position to make a tournament run.

To become tournament bound the team will have to play at a high level for the entire game, a feat that's been seen sporadically this season.

"We're still trying to get better and to play consistently everyday," assistant coach Brian DePaoli said. "If we can do that we could be in a position for a home playoff game."

For DePaoli the most frustrating aspect of the Penguins' play has been that the squad often begins the second half trailing the opposition.

YSU has been outscored 886-749 in the first half of games this season.

DePaoli said it will be important to get off to a good start offensively against UDM.

"That's been a stigma for us all season, especially against good defensive teams like Detroit," DePaoli said. "We've continued to work on it in practice."

The second year assistant coach credits seniors Quin Humphrey and Keston Roberts for helping to keep the teams morale up in tough situations this year.

The duo will have something to prove when they take the floor Wednesday night, as both



Jambar/Ron Stevens

Youngstown State University's Quin Humphrey (2) will have to improve on his 15.4 percent shooting average in the Penguins' last game for the squad to be able to keep up with Detroit.

had a tough time making shots fall in the team's first match up with Detroit.

Humphrey and Roberts are averaging 18.2 and 16.2 points per game, respectively, but were held to just a combined 13 points against the Titans on Jan. 6.

Sophomore forward Jack Liles will add another dimension to the YSU attack in the upcoming game.

Liles posted a double-double against Wisconsin-Green Bay, and has given the Penguins energy and solid interior defense.

He will be tested as he matches up against Detroit's 6-foot-9 center Ryvon Covile, who averages 13 points and 10.7 rebounds per contest.

"Jack gives up a few inches and definitely some pounds to Covile, but he [Liles] has played great lately," DePaoli said. "I expect him to do the same against Detroit."

UDM guard Brandon Cotton will also create problems for Youngstown.

According to DePaoli, it's vital that the Penguins contain Cotton – a junior guard that's averaging 18.2 points per game this season – as he has the potential to score a lot of baskets.

The Penguins 6-4 record at the Beeghly Center this season will help them in their quest for a win.

The team will be happy to play on its home floor after shooting just 27.7 percent from the floor in its last game away from Beeghly.

After taking on Detroit the Penguins will have three games remaining before Horizon League tournament play begins.

Penguin basketball can be viewed live via the Horizon League Network, which can be accessed at HorizonLeague.cstv.com.

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7th annual nursing job fair



Jambar/ Ashley Tate



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ABOVE: Vender Beverly Castille from Ashtabula County Medical Center is answering questions from nursing senior Jennifer Berry about the medical field.

LEFT: Vender Nella Perterson from the Cleveland Clinic is handing out materials about possible job opportunities to nursing senior Maureen Carlile.

YSU

Rope course in the makes at the rec center

Aaron Blatch

JAMBAR CONTRIBUTOR

Youngstown State University students interested in challenging their bodies while building confidence will have a chance to try out a newly built elevated ropes course at the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center. The Rec Center plans to finish the course today.

Matt Morrone, assistant director of Facility and Business Operations, said the course will be a "fantastic addition" to the Rec Center. Students participating in the course must wear a harness while walking across a rope and holding onto others. The course will include elements such as swinging tires, swinging ropes and a beam.

The rope course will not be available to students until after spring break because

the Rec Center staff must go through a training course. When the staff's training is finished they will begin training interested students.

Morrone said the rope course is retractable and can fold up against the ceiling of the Rec Center gymnasium. It will be available at different times of the day that are yet to be determined. He also said the course is handicap accessible.



Jambar / Aaron Blatch

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Though Kasvinsky and Kobulnicky are facilitating the search, they will not choose who will serve in the new positions. Herbert explained that the applications will come in to both search committees, and out of those, three or four of the best candidates for each dean position will then be sent to him for consideration. The final decision will rest with Herbert, but at this current stage, he does not see the applications.

Kobulnicky denied comment on whether any current YSU faculty had applied for deanship of the CLASS College, but said the search so far is "going great. There are about 35 candidates."

After the selection process, Kobulnicky said the interviews would take place.

Herbert said there would probably not be an addition of new buildings for the STEM and CLASS colleges.

"I don't think it matters so much that the buildings [housing the STEM courses and CLASS courses] are geographically together," he said.

Herbert added that the Master Centennial Plan does consist of the construction of building connectors, like the one between Cushwa and Moser.

Herbert also said he hopes to get the new deans selected by July 1, which would mark the beginning of the budget year.

The deadline for STEM applications is Feb. 21. Kobulnicky collected the last of the CLASS applications Monday.

Kasvinsky could not be reached for comment.

- ▶ 2/14 — M.Basketball vs. Detroit @7:05 p.m.
- ▶ 2/15 — W.Basketball vs. UW-Green Bay @7:05 p.m.
- ▶ 2/17 — Track and Field @ Akron Zips Open
- ▶ 2/17 — M. Tennis @ St. Francis
- ▶ 2/17 — Baseball @ Dayton
- ▶ 2/22 — M.Basketball vs. Eastern Kentucky @4:25 p.m.

BASEBALL

Penguin baseball set to begin 2 7 campaign

Fight for title will be competitive in strong Horizon League

Andrew Berry
SPORTS REPORTER

Here's a thought that might warm you up. The first official day of spring may be 36 days away, but the Youngstown State University baseball team will be throwing out the first pitch of its 2007 campaign Saturday.

The squad finished last season 16-13 in the Horizon League and in fourth place behind eventual league tournament champion Wright State University. The Penguins will look to improve on their 26-29 overall record as a fierce schedule stands between them and the Horizon League crown waiting at the finish line.

Beginning with a daytime doubleheader with Dayton University on Saturday in Nashville Tenn., the Penguins will play 22 road games before their

first contest in front of the home crowd on March 28.

The team will play 21 home games with a 12 game home stand spanning from late April to mid-May, but the 33 road contests will be the key to the Penguins success in 2007.

While a majority of the Horizon League has proven to be a winner at home, the first team to prove to be a winner on the road could find themselves atop the standings before tournament play begins in May.

Last season, only the regular-season champion University of Illinois-Chicago could post a winning road record at 14-13. The Penguins must improve on their 14-20 mark on the road and going 0-2 record at neutral fields in order to deny the Flames their sixth consecutive regular-season title.

That may be easier said than done.

The early portion of the road schedule has the Penguins in a three game series with the University of Missouri, a 2006 NCAA Super Regional participant. YSU will also travel to take on a pair of 30-game winners in Southern Illinois University and Kent State University.

The off-season brought noticeable change to the Penguin roster, but head coach Mike Florak will have much talent at his disposal to replace five starters and a total of 11 seniors lost to graduation.

Gone from the team is catcher Brandon Caipen, a former Second-Team Academic All-American selected by the Houston Astros in the 28th round of Major League Baseball's first-year player draft. His .332 batting average and 45 RBIs from 2006 will be missed.

But the Penguins may have the perfect stand-in.

Junior slugger Erich Diedrich was the leader of the Penguin offense last season. His .357 batting average, nine home runs and school single-season record 58 RBIs earned him a spot on the First-Time All-League last year. A duplicate performance at the plate in 2007 will help fill the void left by the departed Caipen.

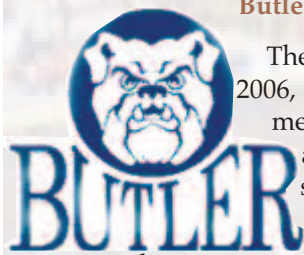
Along with Diedrich, the Penguins will also welcome back junior second baseman Josh Page and sophomore third baseman John Koehnlein to the starting lineup. The pitching staff will be anchored by the right arms of junior hurlers Lucas Engle and Ryan Sellman.

The Horizon League was competitive a year ago as one game separated the teams who finished second to fourth. This season should prove to be no different. Once again UIC is favored to win the league, but the Penguins have the tools and the talent

to usurp the title in 2007.

Horizon League Scouting Report

Butler University



The Bulldogs may have had to settle for fifth place and a 21-36 record in 2006, but the team ended its season on a high note with a pair of tournament wins over regular-season champion University of Illinois-Chicago and a trip to the Horizon League championship game. Ending the season in such a style could kickstart the Bulldogs in 2007.

WHO 2 WATCH 4: The teams' biggest threat comes in the form of senior catcher Joe Dempsey. The Second-Team All-League player hit .279 with 10 home runs while throwing out 50 percent of all those who attempted to steal a base on him.

Cleveland State University



Last year's 4-28 finish by the Vikings ushered in change and a new head coach for 2007. Looking to turn around the program is Kevin Kocks, a 13-year coach with 469 career wins and 11 winning seasons. He inherits an experienced roster with 18 upperclassmen, but will have to replace seven starters.

While the talent is there, it will take a lot for the Vikings to climb out of the division cellar.

WHO 2 WATCH 4: The player to keep on eye on will be senior outfielder John Westra, who hit .292 with 22 RBIs last season.

University of Illinois-Chicago



The Flames won their fifth consecutive regular-season title a year ago after posting a 22-7 league record. With the players UIC has returning to the squad, it would be hard to pick against them for the title in 2007. With a strong and very talented roster, the Flames could have another league title on the horizon.

WHO 2 WATCH 4: Senior pitcher Zach Peterson won the league's pitching triple crown last season with a 9-3 record, 2.42 ERA and 73 strikeouts in 107 innings of work. The staff ace completed four of his 15 starts and won Pitcher of the Week accolades four times.

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee



The good news for the Panthers is that six of nine starting positional players will return for the 2007 campaign. The bad news is that the team will have to replace outfielder Mike Goetz, last season's Horizon League Player of the Year. The Panthers' success will ultimately rely on first-year head coach Scott Doffek, who takes over after 12 years as an assistant.

WHO 2 WATCH 4: Senior Ross McCoy, a 2006 Second-Team All-League player, will become a fulltime outfielder as he attempts to fill Goetz's gigantic shoes this season. The senior outfielder tied for second in the league with 11 home runs and added 48 RBIs while batting .316 on the year.

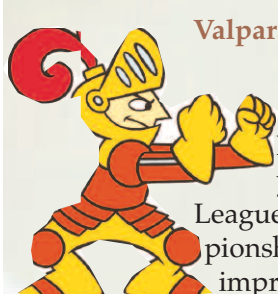
Wright State University



The defending league champions earned their first crown since 1995 in a dominating four-game sweep, outscoring their opponents a combined 52-5 in the tournament. The Raiders possess a potent infield with senior third baseman Dan Biedenharn and two All-Newcomer Team members in shortstop Justin Parker and first baseman Jeremy Hamilton. If a dominating starting pitcher emerges, a repeat as champion is not out of the question.

WHO 2 WATCH 4: Tournament MVP Ross Oeder was the cog that made the Raiders' victory machine run last season, and the senior could prove to play a vital role again this year. After hitting .369 with 28 home runs in 2006, the 5-foot-8, 165-pound shortstop/second baseman will return to the squad for his senior season.

Valparaiso University



Yes, the Crusaders won't join the league until 2008, but it's never too early to scout the competition. The team's final spring in the Mid-Continent Conference will be the first under the helm of first-year head coach Tracy Woodson. Woodson spent five years in Major League Baseball and was a member of the 1988 Los Angeles Dodger championship team. The new skipper has a lot of work to do if he hopes to improve the Crusaders from their 17-34, sixth-place finish in 2006.

WHO 2 WATCH 4: Senior catcher Josh Piazza earned All-Conference honors for the Crusaders last season and should begin the season in top form. He hit .296 last season and batted in nine runs. Behind the plate Piazza threw out 16 of 29 potential baserunners.

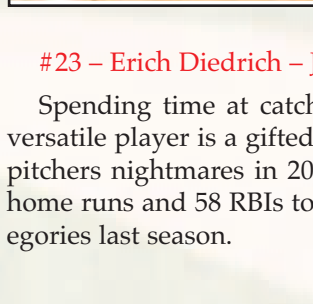
Players 2 Watch

The Captains



#13 - Brent Parks - Senior

In his first season as a full-time starter in the outfield, Parks posted career-best numbers in every offensive category. He hit .287 on the year with 36 RBIs and was riding an 11-game hitting streak at one point in the season.



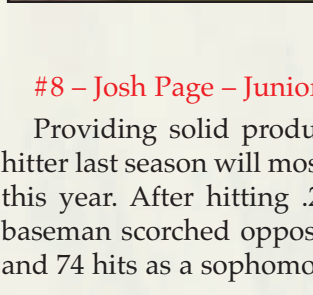
#23 - Erich Diedrich - Junior

Spending time at catcher and designated hitter, the versatile player is a gifted hitter and will give opposing pitchers nightmares in 2007. The junior hit .357 with 9 home runs and 58 RBIs to lead the team in all three categories last season.



#36 - Lucas Engle - Junior

Standing at a towering 6'4," the staff workhorse of the Penguins ate up a school record 99 innings of work last season and posted an ERA of 4.36 while going 4-4. No team scored on the right-hander in his last four appearances.



#8 - Josh Page - Junior

Providing solid production as the Penguins' leadoff hitter last season will most likely earn Page the same role this year. After hitting .252 as a freshman, the second baseman scorched opposing pitchers for a .346 average and 74 hits as a sophomore in 2006.



Top 10 reasons to love the old ballgame

1. It's the beginning of the season, and every team has a chance ... except for the Royals.
2. Editing the lineup of your fantasy baseball team instead of studying for a test
3. 162 chances to boo Alex Rodriguez
4. All-you-can-eat for free with the purchase of a seat in the right field pavilion of Dodger Stadium
5. The always fun 5K Sausage Race featured at Miller Park
6. Hearing the song "Start Spreadin' the News" after a Yankee win in Yankee Stadium
7. Throwing back opposing team home runs hit in the bleachers of Wrigley Field
8. Wondering if Manny Ramirez is thinking he's in the Matrix when fielding his position
9. Turning on Sportscenter and hearing "Yankees win! BAAAAH! Yankees win!"
10. Watching Nomar Garciaparra do his ridiculous pre-at-bat routine