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Students Receive Awards at MathFest

Four YSU students have been awarded for "outstanding presentation" at the Annual Summer Meeting of the Mathematical Association of America and Pi Mu Epsilon, also known as MathFest 2007. The competition took place in San Jose, California in August.

Students who received awards include Jeff Cornfield, Tyler Drombosky, W. Ryan Livingston, and Matthew Ward.

First Terrace Dinner of Season

The first Terrace Dinner of the season will take place on Saturday, Sept. 8. The dinners are held 90 minutes before every home football game on the Stambaugh Stadium Terrace and are sponsored by the office of Alumni Relations. Reservations must be made before attendance.

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PARKING



Which way?

With drivers confused, parallel parking goes askew

Sarah Sole
News Editor

Grad Student Jeremy Featherston described the new parking meters on Elm Street in two words: pure greed. Students pay enough money for parking passes, he said.

"I think it's crazy," he said, referring

to the recent changes to parallel parking on Elm Street.

No longer free, parallel parking now costs 25 cents for 15 minutes. Additionally, some drivers are confused as to the direction of parking since the spaces have moved to the opposite side of the street.

Since the change, some drivers have parked cars facing south, which is now

the wrong direction for parallel parking, since it faces traffic. To park the correct way, with traffic, cars must now face north.

Freshman Terrell Wesley said he figured out where to park so he wouldn't be confused.

He also feels strongly about the new parking meters.

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YSU

You have one new message

Universities adopt emergency text messaging system

Chelsea Pflugh
Reporter



In an emergency the University would issue warnings through text messaging. Photo by Brian Cetina.

On April 16, 2007, Virginia Tech administrators relied on campus e-mail and residence hall phones to alert students that there was a manhunt for an accused murderer on their campus.

Though some students got the message, not all had the chance to check computers or voicemail at the residence halls. There was one method of contacting students that might have worked more efficiently had they used it: text messaging the student cell phones.

Austin-based company Mobile Campus is bringing a mass texting system to universities like Kent State and 13 other campuses across the United States.

While the service is advertised as free to universities and students, standard carrier text messaging fees apply, and individuals must opt out of coupons sent by Mobile Campus.

David Liniado, vice president of university relations for Mobile Campus, said the service connects students through the one device they always have with them: their mobile phones.

How it works

When the university needs to alert all students with a mass text message, the program works is like a chain reaction.

Liniado said that a designated campus representative — typically campus security,

the dean of students or the chief of police — uses the system by logging on to a dedicated, password-protected Web site.

The representative then schedules the message, which can go out within five minutes, Liniado said.

More than just alerts

In addition to emergency system, MC Notify, Mobile Campus comes with two optional features: MC Groups and MC Offers. Students can sign up for both of these features on the Mobile Campus website after joining the MC Notify feature.

MC Groups enables group leaders to notify their organization, class or staff with a text sent to all assigned group members. A professor could tell students of a class cancellation, or a supervisor could tell employees of a rescheduled meeting.

MC Offers sends out texts about discounts and special deals on campus. Students and faculty can show these texts to the retailer when a purchase is made, no paper coupons needed.

YSU's current alert system

The university has been researching emergency alert programs like Mobile Campus. Cost and capability of the texting system are in the forefront of issues being considered when deciding.

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YSU

Enrollment numbers increase diversity

Ashley Tate
News Reporter

Students at Youngstown State University start their days by fighting for parking spots. This can only mean one thing: there are more students and not enough parking spaces.

YSU's enrollment has increased, and as of Tuesday, the ninth day of the semester, YSU's fall semester total is 13,493, compared to the Fall 2006 total of 13,227. Minority enrollment has also increased.

Becky Geltz, director of institutional research, said that the numbers are not definite and are going to change.

Keona Shaw, a sophomore, transferred to YSU this semester from Carlow University in Pittsburgh. She said she transferred because YSU was cheaper and closer to home.

Shaw called YSU a welcoming university and said she didn't expect it to be so nice. She said she was a little surprised to see how big some YSU classes are, since Carlow is a private school and a lot smaller.

"In my one class some students are sitting on the floor, it's really crowded. I don't think you can learn in that type of environment. But other than that, it's a pretty nice school. Some of the places are a little tricky to find, though," Shaw said.

University Goal

President David C. Sweet said that YSU's enrollment increase says a lot about the university as an institution.

"We've had as a goal to increase enrollment as a part of our mission. We've seen enrollment growth in six of the last seven years, in contrast to the 1990s when it went down," Sweet said.

Enrollment increase is the result of a number of strategies and programs by the university, such as the marketing staff's efforts to recruit students, Sweet said.

Sweet said there are two things to focus on when evaluating enrollment: recruiting and retention. The goal is ultimately retention and graduation, he said.

Sweet said they are pleased with the results. He estimated that the total will level off at about 13,450 students.

Sweet was also happy with minority enrollment, adding that he was "pleased with the diversity of our student body."

Yulanda McCarty-Harris, director of the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity, agreed with Sweet that while recruiting students is important, retaining them is also crucial.

"It's great that our numbers are getting up there," said McCarty-Harris, who started her position in April. "I give accolades to the admissions for getting the word out about YSU."

Junior Jamail Johnson, who transferred from Ashland University in 2006, also agrees.

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YSU

YSU Foundation elected new board directors

Sarah Sole
News Editor

The Youngstown State University Foundation, a university organization that raises money for scholarships and programs through alumni donations, recently elected new directors to its board.

Joining the board are Scott Schulick, Ted Thornton, Anthony Payiavlas, Youngstown Mayor Jay Williams, Robert O'Leary and Jocelyne Linsalata.

Reid Schmutz, Foundation president, said the board looks for solid citizens with integrity. The donors want to be sure their money goes in the right direction, he said.

Schmutz said that the Foundation spends 83% of its budget on scholarships, 9% on internal matters and the

remaining 8% on program endowments for the university. The foundation recently reported assets in excess of \$160 million.

"We're basically here for the students," he said.

Schmutz said the Foundation gives out about 3,300 scholarships per year. Schmutz said some students write to the Foundation, thanking it for the scholarships they receive.

"The economic times have hurt some in the fundraising campaign," Schmutz said.

However, he has a positive attitude.

Alumni have different opinions about the direction the university should take, Schmutz said.

Currently, the Foundation is working to raise money for the Centennial Campaign.

Polished Pete



Pete the Penguin never looked so wood. The carved tree stump is a reminder of the damage caused by severe storms that passed through Youngstown this summer. Photo by Brian Cetina.

YSU

Student tries to raise Darfur awareness

Elizabeth Boon
Reporter

Dan Sarnowski, a freshman at Youngstown State University, was unaware of the genocide in Darfur until recently.

"Given the opportunity, I would try to help. It's a shame that more people don't know about it," he said.

Sarnowski is not the only student who did not understand or know of the murder, rape and misplacement that is currently taking place in Darfur, a region in the African country of Sudan. Now, a group of students is trying to get together to educate YSU students on the turmoil Darfur is experiencing.

According to SaveDarfur.org, 400,000 citizens of Darfur have been killed, and 2.5 million have been displaced during the genocide. All of this has happened in the last four years.

The United Nations said that the genocide in Darfur has happened because of fighting between the government of Sudan, the allied Janjaweed militia and armed rebel groups.

Students Unaware

Despite the severity of the situation in Darfur, students like YSU freshman Molly Mann don't know what's happening or what they can do to help.

"I've heard people mention it, but I don't really know what's going on," said Mann. "I think that all we can do is hope

for the best."

Nicole Pakose, also a freshman, said that she had heard of the genocide but didn't know what to do about it. "I would help if I could," she said.

Freshman Britanie Lindsey agreed with Pakose. "Something can be done if someone steps up. I would step up and help if I can," she said.

Although he feels that people should be more knowledgeable about Darfur, Sarnowski says that it doesn't surprise

Crew said people need to understand how different life in America is from Africa.

"America is diamonds compared to the rest of the world," she said.

Educating YSU

To educate students about Darfur, a new student organization has been created at YSU. Lindsey Cerutti, a sophomore, has activated a chapter of Students Taking Action Now: Darfur.

"STAND is an anti-genocide organization, but it's now for just Darfur," said Cerutti.

Cerutti recently learned of the genocide in Darfur and decided to become involved.

"I went to the Summer Arts Festival with friends, and I found a table about Darfur. I was so moved," she said.

The booth at the festival featured men and women from Darfur who were giving out pamphlets. Cerutti later found out about STAND on the Internet.

Cerutti said that she wants the organization to educate students.

"My main goal is to increase consciousness about it," she said.

Cerutti said she doesn't expect students to know about Darfur right now.

"That's what the group is for," she said. "It's a devastating situation and people not knowing about it makes it even worse," said Cerutti.

Within the next year, Cerutti hopes that STAND will become active on campus. The first meeting will take place on Sept. 11 at the James Gallery in Kilcawley Center.

"America is diamonds compared to the rest of the world."

Liz Crew, junior

him that students don't know about the situation.

"It's not shocking, especially when a lot of the news is about what happens in America," he said.

Junior Liz Crew, who is interested in Africa and would one day like to teach there, said that she wasn't surprised that students didn't know about Darfur.

"I have a shirt that says 'Save Darfur' and people ask me 'Who's Darfur?'" she said.

Crew said she believes there are solutions to the genocide in Darfur.

"We need to educate people about what's happening. If we educate enough people about it, we can collectively come up with a solution," she said.





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Police Briefs

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Invalid transcript

Police are investigating the validity of a current student's high school transcript. The student claimed that he graduated from Rayen High School, but official transcripts showed that he actually left after 9th grade. The student also received a refund check from the university that has already been cashed. The matter is still under investigation.

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STUDENT LIFE

German major feels at home during fellowship abroad

Sarah Sole
News Editor

The first two times senior Nicole McElroy visited Germany, she couldn't believe people actually ate the dense, seeded brown bread. By her third trip, she was eating it too.

"A loaf of bread feels like a bowling ball," she said.

Now she refuses to eat American bread, period.

By the time McElroy got back from her 10-month fellowship in Darmstadt, Germany, she had changed.

Now she listens to mostly German music, reads mostly German books and even drives to a German Supermarket in Cleveland to buy chocolate, dumplings, marmalade and of course, that heavy German bread.

"My parents think that I'm crazy," she said.

Not only was studying abroad a great experience, McElroy said, but the chance to live like a native rather than like a tourist changed her.

"I think it's important to learn that your way of doing things isn't the only way of doing things," she said.

Getting to Germany

Double majoring in social studies education and German, McElroy decided to apply for the DAAD, the German Academic Exchange Service, because she wanted to take more German classes.

McElroy found out that she received the fellowship in May 2006.

"I called every single person that I knew on the entire planet."

McElroy had reason to be excited.

About 50 people in the United States receive the fellowship each year she said, which is about 15% of all who applied.

The fellowship paid for airfare and tuition. McElroy would also receive a monthly stipend for food and housing.

Though this trip would be her first-long term experience in Germany, McElroy had previous experience with the culture and language.

McElroy studied German in high school and liked her classes and teachers. She also befriended a German foreign exchange student who stayed in



Senior Nicole McElroy stands in front of the Reichstag, the German Parliament building while participating in her fellowship in Germany. Photo courtesy of Nicole McElroy.

her home.

After that, McElroy said, she wanted to visit her friend in Germany.

"I just wanted to be able to use what I learned," McElroy said.

She got her chance during winter break, spending four weeks in Germany. She later spent nine weeks attending summer college there after her freshman year in college.

McElroy said her most recent trip was different; staying for a year was an experience unlike her early visits. For the fellowship, she was in Germany for 10 months — from the end of September until the end of June.

The first two times McElroy was in Germany, she felt like a tourist. When it came time for the fellowship, however, she decided, "I'm just gonna try to do it their way."

Life in Germany

Though she rented a room in a woman's house, McElroy spent most

of her time with her best friend Svenja, who was on McElroy's softball team. Her best friend's family became her host family, McElroy said.

"I would have hated the entire year if I didn't have them," she said.

McElroy also met people through her involvement with sports.

During the nine weeks spent in summer college, McElroy joined a girl's softball state team. She played with the team again for the 10 months of the fellowship, pitching and playing third base.

Besides playing softball, McElroy joined a tennis club managed by her host family. The team played once or twice a week and met for dinner and a party one evening each week, she said.

The locals were open and outgoing, McElroy said. People who her host family worked with at church would often invite her to dinner at their houses, and college professors showed her around the city.

McElroy said she had no problems communicating.

"Everybody has a basic knowledge of English," she said.

However, academic language was sometimes difficult, she said, because those words do not come as easily.

Academic culture shock

Although she was fairly fluent in German on arrival, McElroy said she still experienced shock when reading some of her syllabi.

In one semester of sociological theorists class, for example, she had to read 3,000 pages — in German.

She was in for another surprise. At first, she was unaware that German colleges have two kinds of classes: lectures and seminars.

Lectures typically consist of as many as 200 students. The students show up for class regularly, and take one exam at the end of the semester.

A seminar is smaller, with about 20 students per class. There are no tests; instead, students submit projects and

papers.

Uninformed of this key difference, McElroy signed up for mostly seminars.

"Panic set in my first day," said McElroy, when she realized she would have to write 20-page German papers and give two-hour presentations in German. She eventually caught on.

"Once you're in there for a few weeks, it gets a lot better," she said.

McElroy said she liked staying in Europe because of the vacation opportunities. She stayed in Rome for a week, and visited Paris and Vienna.

However, while they were nice to visit, McElroy said she wouldn't want to live in those places.

"Germany is definitely my favourite," she said.

Looking back

McElroy remembers much from her trip.

McElroy said she and a girl from Sweden once stayed at a restaurant for three and a half hours, unaware that patrons are expected to ask for their checks.

Her stay even included a trip to the police after a strange man followed her home on the bus. Fortunately, the incident occurred right before her return

to the States.

"The timing ended up working really well," McElroy said, since she only had to worry about the potential stalker for her last two weeks in Germany.

Coming home

Returning has been an adjustment.

On her first night home, McElroy went to a restaurant with her family and heard English all around her. Still thinking she was in Germany, she said her first thought was, "Oh, there's American's here!"

Admitting that she greatly misses Germany, McElroy said she is already making plans to go back this summer, and then after her planned graduation from YSU in 2009.

She's considering living in Germany and teaching English or becoming a German professor here and spending summers in Germany.

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"Without recruitment, there wouldn't be any progression in the university's existence," Johnson said.

Johnson transferred to YSU for the same reasons as Shaw: the school's low cost and close location to his home.

He said that YSU's attempt to be a diverse university and accept all individuals no matter their race, class, ethnicity or age makes him feel "less defensive."

"Others as well as myself get the chance to better themselves through higher education equally."

More Diversity Necessary

On the other hand, Johnson said he has mixed feelings about whether or not YSU is a fully diverse campus.

"YSU does have a considerable amount of Arabian and black people, but they do lack in the Asian and Spanish races, which doesn't make YSU a fully diverse university. I see a lot of

whites, Middle Eastern and black people, but I don't see other races that could be enrolled at YSU," Johnson said.

Sweet said YSU has focused on increasing minority enrollment and made significant changes.

"Regardless of their ethnic background or where they come from, students need to learn to interact with others. That's part of the learning experience and is important in the global economy. I think we're making progress in that regard," Sweet said.

Since minority enrollment is up, McCarty-Harris said, "I would hope that it shows YSU as an institution that embraces diversity and that students would want to make this their destination. Students would feel comfortable coming to YSU because it's a university that values all nationalities and races."

McCarty-Harris called YSU is an institution of choice for everyone, not just minorities, and said YSU can showcase itself by offering more activities to the campus community.

From Texting, PAGE 1

Ron Cole, manager of news and information services in the Office of Marketing and Communications, described one problem with implementing a texting system: getting students cell phone numbers.

"If the university does decide to acquire a system, we'd only use it for emergency purposes only," Cole said.

In emergencies, YSU uses several methods of communication: the MyYSU portal and e-mail, alarm systems in campus buildings that can announce specific emergencies, and a faculty phone tree.

The police department also has a crime alert section on their Web page.

Announcements ignored

"I never check my YSU e-mail because I get a lot of announcements that don't particularly pertain to me, such as announcements for freshman," said Albert Morar, economics graduate

student.

Junior nursing major Nancy Borges said she rarely looks at her MyYSU e-mail.

"I only check it once or twice a semester, or unless a professor e-mails stuff for class," she said.

Students have expressed that texting is more hands-on and easier than checking e-mail because their cell phones are in their pockets and purses during class, when computers are far away in dorms and apartments.

"I don't think you can put a price tag on the safety of students, and anything that can minimize student tragedy is worth it," Morar said of a possible texting system at YSU.

In regard to finding which program will benefit YSU the most, Ron Cole said "It's safe to say that anything available to help the safety of the students is something we're going to look at and take into serious consideration."

From Parking, PAGE 1

"Take these meters out!" Wesley said.

Confused by the parking, Sophomore Alexis Adair called the change ridiculous.

Parking services could have left the parking the way it was, she said. Now parking is more expensive and there still is not enough spaces for students.

"My dad pays enough for me to go here," Adair said. Dan O'Connell, director of support services, said he has seen people incorrectly parallel park.

"Everyone should be facing North," O'Connell said. Currently, O'Connell is working with campus police to put proper signs in place.

"We want to make sure we get it posted," he said. "Anytime you change something you have to educate people," O'Connell said.

The change addressed drop off issues at the Rich Center for Autism, O'Connell said. Before the change, students would get dropped off on the side of the street opposite from the building, and then autistic children would have to cross the street to get to Fedor.

Problems across campus

Students are also experiencing problems in the Lyden parking lot, R-2.

With parking services issuing as many as 10 tickets per day in the R-2 lot outside Lyden House, according to Field Supervisor Rosemary Bruno, some residents were welcomed back to school by parking tickets.

Junior Clint McFeaters was frustrated when he was issued a parking ticket, although he knew it was his fault.

When he pulled into the lot Wednesday night, he saw that it was full, so he decided to park on the hash marks.

At least 7 other students received tickets for doing the same thing, McFeaters said.

"Everybody else had a ticket and so did I," McFeaters said.

Recently, parking services has had problems with R-2.

So many students parked illegally that other students complained they could not get out of the lot, Bruno said.

"They would just park every which way," she said. O'Connell agreed. Some students park their cars in ways that make it hazardous for other cars to pull out, Bruno said.

"These are the folks that this week are getting tickets," she said.

Bruno said parking services has brought maps to Lyden House, showing students that they could also park in the R-1 Lot.

"They have no excuse now, because maps were given out," she said.

Despite this, those at parking services said they try to act fairly.

"We try not to make enemies," Bruno said. "We're very fair about it."

Bruno said she understands that students have

to hurry to class.

Parking services is lenient during the first week of classes, O'Connell said, and they do not issue tickets to students for lack of permits. Next week, parking services will begin to enforce parking permits, he said.

Some students were already issued parking tickets during the first week of classes. McFeaters said the problem with parking might be from the large amount of freshmen living in Lyden this year. Currently, there are 148 freshmen staying in the building, he said.

People who stay at Lyden should be the only students allowed to park in the Lyden lot, McFeaters said, unless there is no room in another residence lot.

McFeaters said he received no warning before he was issued a ticket. Parking services should give warnings, he said. "78 dollars for one semester is kind of ridiculous," McFeaters said. Freshman Jim Christy had a similar experience in R-2.

Christy was issued a ticket August 30 in the Lyden lot, because parked on the hash lines, making his own space.

When he told parking services that there was not enough room in the Lyden lot, they told him to park on the other side of Cafaro.

"I think they should make it bigger. I doubt they will," Christy said. Working the night shift in a check printing company in Streetsboro, Christy leaves work at 6:30 a.m. and gets to campus at 7:30 a.m. Since his classes start at 8:00 a.m., he said, he cannot park too far away.

"I don't have time to park halfway across campus," Christy said.

Christy said parking problems have trailed off; he has not seen any cars with tickets. However, he said there are still cars parked in hashlines.

So far, Christy has found a place to park.

"I'll see where other people are making their own spots and I'd just try to park with them," he said.



Cars were parked on both sides of the street Aug. 31. The old 30-minute parallel parking lines are still faintly visible. Cars on the opposite side of the street are facing the wrong direction. Photo by Brian Cetina.

Opinion

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OUR SIDE

YSU needs a better warning system

Ours is the first generation of the text message. Raised on instant messages of the original AOL, we're the first to think of texting as regular means of communication.

With IMs and texts, the fewer words, the better. These are excellent ways to communicate a quick thought, a joke — or a warning.

Older relatives don't always understand. We've even heard that we text too much. But what if a text message could save lives?

Since Virginia Tech, it's obvious that campus safety isn't a reality unless universities have a way to quickly notify everyone of a developing emergency.

The faculty phone tree in place at Youngstown State University is one way that administrators or police could alert us to a crisis like the Virginia Tech shooting.

Such a system only works, however, if the message passed along it reaches every classroom. What instructors leave their phones on during class? Many request that students leave phones turned off in the classroom.

One solution might be to make YSU one of the first campuses in the nation to adopt an emergency mass text messaging system.

Before considering a provider like Mobile Campus (see story on page 1), we need to ask a few questions.

Standard text messaging rates may apply: what about students that do not have text messaging in their plans?

Will they be practical to regional students or will they be glorified email spam?

Do students at universities with Mobile Campus like the service?

How does Mobile Campus make money? What are the setup costs for the university?

Finally, if local businesses have to pay to offer MC Offers coupons, are they willing to use the service?

Whatever the cost, the technology to keep us safe and informed is here. Since our current warning system of MyYSU Portal announcements and e-mail is too slow to warn of a disaster, we need a better way to communicate.

Phone trees may warn some faculty members. But what about students?

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COMMENTARY

Schools should be safe for all students

Cindy Crane
(MCT)

Students are back in middle school, high school and college, and we all want them to succeed. But their chance of success depends, to a great degree, on having a sense of safety.

Unfortunately, many students who don't fit society's preferred heterosexual models or gender stereotypes feel unsafe. That's not right. Schools have an obligation to ensure the safety of all their students, including their lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) students.

Ten states: California, Connecticut, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, Vermont, Washington and Wisconsin have laws that require administrators to ensure a safe environment for gay, lesbian and bisexual students. Only California, Iowa, Maine, Minnesota and New Jersey provide laws that protect

transgender students (students who do not identify as the gender they were assigned at birth).

In states with anti-discrimination laws on the books, school officials should enforce them and remind employees as well as the student body that there will be zero tolerance for harassment, intolerance or violence. In states without anti-discrimination laws against LGBT students, it is all the more important for school officials to adopt and enforce a clear policy against harassment, intolerance or violence.

A hostile environment takes a toll. LGBT middle-school and high-school students were five times more likely to report having skipped because of safety concerns than the general population of students, according to the Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network's 2005 National School Climate Survey.

But the good news in the survey was that solutions are readily available.

The presence of supportive staff contributed to a greater sense of safety. Students in schools with a gay-straight alliance were less likely to miss school, and more likely to feel like they belonged than students in schools with no such clubs.

And having a comprehensive policy was related to a lower incidence of verbal harassment.

One troubling fact, though, is that even at the college level, harassment persists.

A recent survey from the Gender Public Advocacy Coalition found that 30 percent of LGBT students polled have been harassed or discriminated against on campus because they didn't fit expectations of masculinity or femininity; 13 percent have been harassed for using a restroom because they didn't fit expectations of masculinity or femininity; and 25 percent have felt unsafe in campus housing.

This survey found slightly more than half of the colleges and

universities responding have policies protecting students based on gender identity or expression. The colleges and universities that don't have such policies need to get with the program.

And only one-fifth of the country's largest school districts now include protections based on gender identity (the inner sense of being male or female) and expression (the outer appearance of gender).

As administrators, teachers, and students get used to being back in school, we encourage them to educate one another about existing laws and policies protecting the LGBT students against harassment, and we urge them to advocate for filling policy gaps.

"We need to move from tolerance to acceptance to celebration of each student," says Tom Vandervest, recently retired principal of Middleton High School in Wisconsin.

At the very least, every student deserves to feel safe.

COMMENTARY

Keep it simple: We need a national popular vote, not a divided one

Rob Richie
(MCT)

Some leading California Republicans and North Carolina Democrats want to play games with presidential elections. Their potential actions are just one more nail in the coffin of an increasingly outmoded Electoral College system.

Of course they have a right to be frustrated. Under the current Electoral College system, presidential campaigns ignore their states, and the other major party keeps winning all their state's electoral votes.

But in this case partisanship is trumping principle. Their "solution" is to award the statewide popular vote winner only two electoral votes; the rest would be awarded according to the winner of each congressional district.

Sounds fair, right? In reality it is a partisan powergrab designed to shift the Electoral College balance toward their party. California Republicans would boost their presidential ticket by the same number of electoral votes up for grabs in Ohio, and North Carolina Democrats would

win four or five more votes for Democratic candidates enough in 2000 to reverse the election.

Even if done nationally, dividing states' electoral votes by congressional district is a colossal mistake that utterly fails two fundamental criteria of a democratic system: representation of the national will and equal relevance of all Americans.

In 2000, for example, Al Gore won the popular vote by 0.5 percent while George Bush took the presidency with a 0.9 percent victory in the Electoral College. Under the district-by-district vote, Bush's electoral vote margin would have increased to 7.1 percent. In 2004, Bush would have won three more electoral votes than John Kerry in Michigan despite losing the state.

Such distortions are typical. In 1968, Richard Nixon's 0.7 percent lead in the popular vote would have turned into a 19 percent win in electoral votes. In 1976, under the district system Jimmy Carter would have defeated Gerald Ford by only two electoral votes despite a 2 percent win in the national popular vote.

The congressional district plan also would keep most Americans

as irrelevant spectators in presidential campaigns. In 2004, more than 87 percent of congressional districts were won by margins greater than 4 percent. In California, 50 of 53 districts were won by even more comfortable margins of at least 8 percent.

But good government isn't typically the motivation for such proposals. Indeed, partisan meddling with the Electoral College is an old game. In 1890, Michigan Democrats adopted the district system to help their candidate; once partisan control flipped again, the state immediately restored the unit rule.

Back in 1800 when most states either didn't hold popular elections or divided their electoral votes, Virginia supporters of Thomas Jefferson hastily adopted the unit rule to shut out John Adams from any electoral votes.

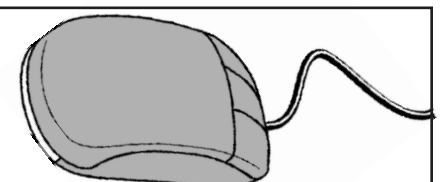
With a shrinking number of battleground states, the current Electoral College system demands reform. Because we need is a fair election for president not for faceless electors, the solution is a single national election where every vote is equal no matter where it is cast, as used to elect nearly every other office in America.

To their credit, North Carolina Democrats are debating whether to join Maryland in the National Popular Vote agreement. This innovative proposal goes into effect once the number of participating states collectively have enough at least 270 electoral votes meaning enough to guarantee the election of the national popular vote winner.

Last year California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger vetoed California's entry into the National Popular Vote agreement, perhaps due to pressure from fellow Republicans interested in the congressional district power grab. If truly seeking to represent the interests of California and the nation, he should support the bill and help us have a national popular vote decide the presidency in 2012.

Only then will Republicans in blue states and Democrats in red states share an equal vote with all Americans. From the battlegrounds of Ohio and Florida to the far reaches of spectator states like Alaska, Hawaii, North Carolina and California, let's vote together as Americans, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

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THEATER PREVIEW

Actors work to move audience in 'Miracle'

Sarah Sole
News Editor

Emotive classical music and intimate lighting set the Spotlight Arena stage in the Black Box Production of "The Miracle Worker," directed by Youngstown State University senior Rachel Rossi.

Rossi brought to life the classic story of Helen Keller and Annie Sullivan, accomplishing the difficult director's task of blocking in an arena theater setting. Utilizing space on all four sides of the stage, Rossi made sure the audience could see action from any angle without losing character interpretation.

From the opening scene, Missy Bookbinder was inspiring as Kate Keller. Bookbinder quickly gained the audience's empathy as the bereaved mother with her panicked screams over her deaf and blind baby. Though her southern accent was sometimes shaky, Bookbinder heart-wrenchingly mastered the submissive desperation of the hopeless housewife.

In Act 1, Captain Keller, played by Gary Shackelford, stayed gruff and stern as the father crippled with hidden heartache for Helen's physical afflictions and his family's emotional ones. However, Shackelford's characterization progressed with the plot in Act 2, where he brought subtlety to his role with expressive facials and vocals that accurately conveyed that he too, was transforming alongside his daughter.

Though she had no lines in such a physically challenging role, Jennifer Tomerlin's excellent portrayal of Helen Keller was made possible through her use of sound, movement and facials. Grunting and rocking like an afflicted child, Tomerlin did not once break the unfocused gaze her role as a blind person demanded.

Tomerlin also made use of Helen's blind run, though perhaps too much, with the bodily awareness of a dancer. Tomerlin threw believably violent tantrums, swinging and kicking her hands and feet.

When Helen was starting to learn the beginnings of sign language, the process sometimes came too easily. However, certain pitfalls helped to make the learning seem more lifelike, such as when Helen stabbed herself with a sewing needle or stubbornly resorted to throwing a tantrum.



ABOVE: Nicole Dionisio as Annie Sullivan and Jennifer Tomerlin as Helen Keller perform in the play "The Miracle Worker" presented by the YSU Theater Department. Photo by Sarah Sole, The Jambar.

RIGHT: Jennifer Tomerlin convincingly portrays the blind and deaf Keller with the bodily awareness of a dancer in the production of "The Miracle Worker."



tributed to the performance.

The period clothing, by costume designer Laura Young, was accurately done in a manner that added to the play without becoming overbearing. The costumes were quaint, especially for the Irish-accented Sullivan hailing from Boston and for housemaid Viney (heartily portrayed by Monica Beasley Martin), but dignified enough to convey the Kellers' social standing. Young's most practical costume choice was the pair of jazz shoes Tomerlin wore to feel her way across the stage.

The lighting, by stage manager and lighting designer Vince Basile, was mostly an intimate spotlight on the action. It helped to emphasize the action between individuals on a small part of the stage. When Helen and Annie interacted, the lighting underlined the relationship forming between them.

Rossi said she wanted dim lighting throughout the play, using primarily black and white and later introducing

blues and pinks as Helen begins to learn.

"The light's telling the story," Rossi said.

In contrast, during larger scenes, such as those that took place at the family dinner table, the play required fuller lighting.

Props also strengthened the production, emphasizing Helen's learning process. Though the objects took on a literal role as Annie's teaching tools, they also had rhythmic and acoustic value. The noises generated by various stools, silverware and countless other objects that Helen hurled added to the mood in chaotic scenes.

Length became a problem toward the end of the play. For example, the dinner scene that took place before the play's close was largely unmemorable, save for yet another one of Helen's tantrums.

Rossi said she also modified the script, since it was originally meant for a proscenium theater rather than a theater in the round. Wanting to show the audience "the mind's eye of Helen," Rossi said she wanted people to feel the show instead of just watching it.

All components considered, "The Miracle Worker" does indeed draw the audience into the characters' experiences, making it a show worth seeing — and feeling.

Randall S. Huffman II, as James Keller, had good use of vocals and facials, adequately highlighting his role as the spoiled child who is still capable of caring and standing up to his stubborn father.

Nicole Dionisio's compelling portrayal of Annie Sullivan was perhaps the most believable performance. Though the main characters all had strong acting abilities, Dionisio's intensity as Annie can capably bring the audience to tears. Dionisio's facials and movement were also lifelike. In struggling to teach Helen table manners, Dionisio joins Tomerlin in exploring physical acting. When Annie catches her breath from making Helen retrieve spoons she flings from the table, the audience can feel her fatigue and frustration. Dionisio manages to personify Annie's determined spirit throughout the entire play.

A particularly strong point came when Annie described her past spent in an asylum. Her use of facials and the recorded vocals by sound designer Roxanne Hauldren helped to make this scene a chilling one. Hauldren's classical musi-

cal selections made transitions smooth and resonated eeriness upon the characters' inner afflictions.

Dionisio's Irish accent was done well, but it was inconsistent during some vocally climactic lines. Other exclamations were accented and lifelike, such as when Helen disrupts Annie from her journal writing.

Although the somber music and lighting highlighted the play's dramatic tone, the show had some comedic moments in it as well.

There was hilarity in the awkward scene when a heroic Captain Keller saves Annie, trapped in her room.

With rump pointing skyward, Annie endures the rescue down a ladder, atop Keller's shoulders.

Additionally, the tug-of-war between Annie the teacher and Helen the unwilling pupil often resulted in a hilarious mess.

One strong point came when Annie determinedly chased Helen around the table, forcing her to eat in a ladylike fashion. As Annie later commented, the table was a mess, but Helen's napkin was folded.

Other parts of the show positively con-

Showtimes

Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 8 p.m.

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LOCAL MUSIC

Lead singer shoots high for band's success

Diane Platten
Jambar Contributor

When his six-man band was left nameless, lead singer Jonny Yurco went to the shooting range. When his dad asked how many bullets Yurco had left in the gun, he gave an answer, and knew he'd found a name for his band.

"I have six shots left," he said.

With a new identity, Six Shots Left took the Canfield Fair's Battle of the Bands by storm, earning first place after only playing together for five months.

The win earned them recording time, a \$350 prize, and a free music video.

Despite their recent success, the members of Six Shots Left are just down to earth guys in a hard rock band trying to make it big.

"It's really unbelievable right now living this dream," says Yurco of the whirlwind attention the band has experienced since the victory.

Six Shots Left dedicated their performance at the fair to Yurco and Batta's karate instructor, the late Canfield police Sgt. Robert Magnuson, who died in a skydiving accident.

Yurco and Batta said Magnuson had a huge impact on them. Yurco says of the bands per-

formance and dedication, "it was for more than just us, it was for a cause."

The band was hoping for a win but expected a second place finish.

"Our competition should be nothing less than respected," Yurco said.

Six Shots Left competed against eight other bands including Tomorrow's Hero, We Famous, and The Zou.

"We're going to do what we do every day and hope [the audience] likes it," says Batta.

Right now Six Shots Left performs mostly in the Cleveland and Canton areas — twice as much out of town as in town — but Mace says the band loves its hometown.

Six Shots Left hopes to be famous one day and Yurco sees potential.

"I have done theater, I have done acting, I have done singing — but never have I seen more talent than in these five people," Yurco said.

"It's like a dysfunctional family I chose to be a part of. I feel privileged to be a part of this group," Yurco said.

The group members have had a wide variety of musical influences

ranging from James Taylor to Blink 182 and Pearl Jam.

"We have a really diverse sound," said gui-



ABOVE: The six shots: founding member Brent Batta on rhythm guitar, Brandon Langenheim on bass, Adam Koneval on lead guitar, Mike Mace on guitar and vocals, and Rob McLain on drums.

tarist Mike Mace. The band agrees that they love to play rock that verges on metal. They've even been compared to Metallica by concert goers.

"The more aggressive the song, the more we get into it," said Yurco.

UPCOMING events

Friday, September 7

The Musical of Musicals
(The Musical)

8 p.m.

The Oakland Center for the Arts

The Barflies

10 p.m.

Bill's Place Tavern

Enter Shikari

6 p.m.

The Grog Shop

Saturday, September 8

YSU vs. South Dakota

6 p.m.

Stambaugh Stadium

Sequel

10 p.m.

The Dash Inn

Khaled of the Zou

8 p.m.

Lazy Bean Café

Sunday, September 9

Cleveland Browns vs. Pittsburgh
Steelers

1 p.m.

Cleveland Browns Stadium

Genesis

7:30 p.m.

Mellon Arena

SPORTS LITERATURE

Vivid autobiography tells tale of local sports hero

Andrew Berry
Sports Editor

Youngstown has produced its fair share of athletes that have found success at the highest levels of competition.

When Greg Gulas got the chance to profile one of those legendary athletes, it was an offer he couldn't refuse.

Gulas, assistant director of student activities at Youngstown State University, is the co-author of "My Memories as a Brooklyn Dodger," a riveting new autobiography that recalls the life and career of Youngstown's own George Shuba.

What made this book possible was the long time friendship between Gulas and former Dodger slugger.

"I've known George for 30 years, and I originally wanted to write a story about him for Baseball Digest," Gulas said.

Gulas said he initially intended to write a story about Shuba's pinch-hit home run in the 1953 World Series, the first ever by a National League player in the history of the fall classic.

Still, Shuba was too humble at first to oblige to the plans of his would-be biographer.

"He's a very humble guy. Not the kind of guy that walks around and pats himself on the back," Gulas said.

It wasn't until Shuba's son Mike endorsed the idea of a book that Shuba finally came around, Gulas said.

In the end, Shuba agreed to compile all of his experiences and stories into one piece of literature. "He wanted to do [the book] locally, and with his friendship with me, he thought he'd give me the chance, and for that

I'm eternally grateful," Gulas said.

This time there was more than just the one home run to talk about.

From the basement to the majors

Shuba, the last of 10 children born into his family, grew up on Fernwood Ave. and spent most of time playing baseball in the streets and sandlots of his neighborhood.

The book brings to light how Shuba, while somewhat of a clown in the classroom, took to perfecting and honing his skills as a baseball player seriously.

Using a makeshift contraption — he hung a ball with a rope tied to a ceiling pipe in his basement — Shuba groomed himself into a disciplined hitting machine.

"He wasn't the strongest guy, but he had quick wrists," Gulas said.

Those quick wrists led to Shuba hitting a home run his first day of tryouts for the Chaney high school baseball team.

The good training habits from his early days later helped Shuba earn the nickname "Shotgun" for the way he belted line drives everywhere on the field like the way the blast from a shotgun spreads in all directions.

Shuba's first tryout for the Brooklyn Dodgers came after high school.

While the scouts liked what they saw, Shuba displayed characteristic humility, preferring to hype his friend and former Chaney teammate rather than sell himself and his own skills to get a contract.

Eventually the Dodgers inked Shuba to a major league contract and

the former Youngstown athlete put together a marvelous career.

As a Dodger, Shuba would have the luxury to play along side Duke Snyder, Roy Campanula, and the predominantly famous Jackie Robinson.

Gulas brings history to life, describing Jackie Robinson's first career home run as a major league player.

Following Robinson's inaugural bleacher bomb, it was the Dodger teammate from Youngstown that had the distinct privilege of shaking Robinson's hand as he crossed home plate.

Writing with a legend

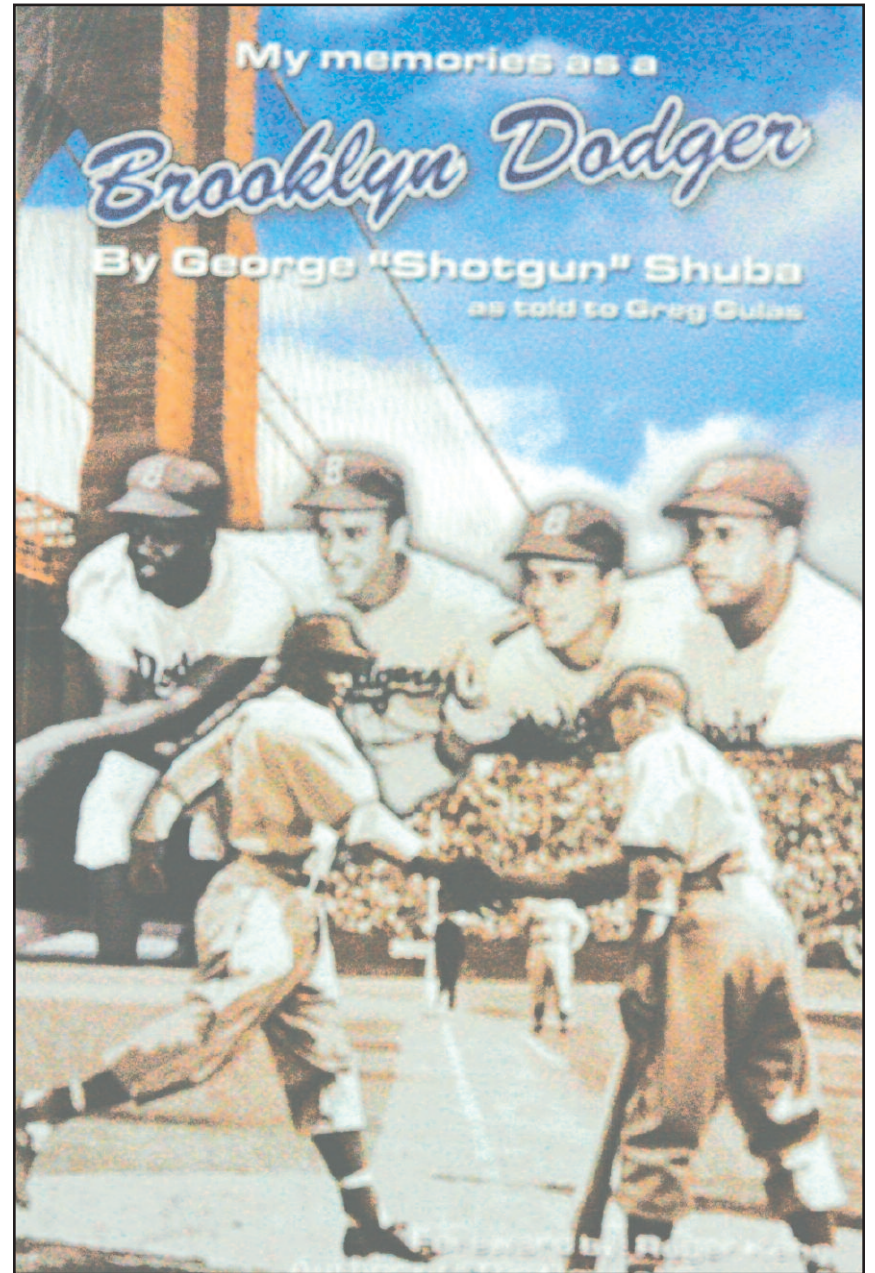
Gulas said putting together all of these stories and many more from the memory bank of Shuba was a time consuming process. The hardest part about the project for Gulas was staying patient as the stories unfolded.

"We sat for many hours and just talked," Gulas said.

As the book developed, Gulas explained every step in the writing process as he and Shuba collaborated toward the goal of finished piece. Gulas credits the former Dodger's ability to recall events in great detail to making his job writing the book much easier.

The final product is great story about a local sports great presented in a writing fashion that keeps the reader cemented into the memoirs of George "Shotgun" Shuba.

With photos courtesy of Shuba and the now Los Angeles Dodgers, any baseball fall in the city of Youngstown should not be without this gem of a story.



"We wanted to do it right," Gulas said.

"Everything that's in [the book] is what he felt was said the way he wanted it to be said," Gulas said.

The YSU Bookstore has scheduled a book signing with Greg Gulas and George Shuba. The on campus book-signing will take place on Sept. 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Penguins battle Ohio State

ABOVE: Against Ohio State, Penguin kicker Brian Palmer shoots a field goal through the posts. Palmer (88) came away with the Penguins only two scores of the game as the Buckeyes defeated the Penguins 38-6.

BELOW: Filling in for Tom Zetts, junior Ferlando Williams gets a shot against the Buckeye defense from the quarterback position while he finds daylight in the defensive line. Williams closed out the game as the Penguins signal caller. Photos by Aaron Blatch.



WOMEN'S GOLF



ABOVE: Senior golfer Brittany Jones watches a drive hit the green. The Penguins open the 2007 this weekend. Photo courtesy of YSU Sports Information.

Senior excited for final season

Andrew Berry
Sports Editor

"It's a really strong team this year," she said.

"Obviously we have our goal to qualify for the NCAA tournament and we'll be able to go this year if we qualify. Also we want to win as many tournaments as possible," Jones said.

Beginning Sunday the Penguins will host a nine team tournament at the Salem Hills Golf Course in Salem, Ohio.

The YSU Invitational will be the only tournament the Penguins host this season and will conclude on Monday.

This year, the team can look forward to the opportunity to compete in the NCAA tournament.

Prior to this season, the Horizon League was one team short to qualify an automatic bid to the tournament. Now that Green Bay-Wisconsin has formed a squad, the league champion of 2007 will receive the automatic bid.

For senior golfer Brittany Jones, the opportunity to reach the NCAA tournament will add more to thrill of playing her final season in a Penguin uniform.

Jones said this year's team has the potential to come out on top.

An established golfer, Jones earned a place on the first team All-Horizon League list last season.

Jones said the talent on this year's squad extends from her two senior teammates returning to the lone incoming freshman Katie Rogner.

"We're really excited to have her on the team. She's playing awesome and is probably going to be one of the top players on our team," Jones said.

Following a fourth place finish in the Horizon League Championships as a junior last season, Jones said she is prepared to take on the leadership role.

"It's difficult having all the eyes on you. I'm excited for my senior and I want to play good and strong," Jones said.

YSU Sports in Brief

The Youngstown State volleyball team fought valiantly but dropped a straight set match to No. 20 Ohio State, 19-30, 21-30, 25-30, on Tuesday evening at St. John Arena.

Senior Jessica Fraley led the Penguins with 10 kills while junior Ebony Barbosa just missed a double-double with nine kills and a team-high 11 digs.

Sophomore Ruth Boscaljon added eight kills with two blocks while setter Karla Everhart dished out 27 assists and tallied eight digs.

The Penguins are back in action against Kent State, Friday, Sept. 7, at 7 p.m. at the Kent State Invitational.

The Youngstown State University soccer team will travel to Alabama to participate in the Gamecock Soccer Classic beginning Friday.

The first opponent of the contest for the Penguins will be Jacksonville State followed by a match with East Tennessee State on Saturday.

Youngstown State opened the season with a loss against the University of Pittsburgh Panthers at Founders Field.

After Pitt scored a goal to open the contest, the Penguin squad inadvertently gave the Panthers the second point early in the second half when a shot bounced off a Penguin defender making the final score 2-0.

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FOOTBALL



ABOVE: Youngstown State quarterback Tom Zetts evades the Buckeye blitz. The Penguins will play in their first home game of the season on Saturday when South Dakota State comes to Youngstown for the first time. Photo by Aaron Blatch.

Penguins set for home-opener

Andrew Berry
Sports Editor

Though the first game of the season didn't result in victory, the Penguins are building from their first action of the season.

Taking the experience gained from playing No. 11 Ohio State in Columbus last weekend, the Youngstown State University football team is ready for the first home game of the season.

Carrying over the positives from the contest with the Buckeyes will help the team as they prepare to take on South Dakota State University at Stambaugh Stadium Saturday.

Head coach Jon Heacock said his squad handled the Ohio State game well and put together a solid game on both sides of the ball.

"I thought we handled ourselves very well in that environment," Heacock said.

Even with the good showing against the defending Big Ten champions, Heacock said the team still has more searching to do before it finds an identity.

"I think we have a football team that can compete and play. How talented and how far we go is still yet to be decided," Heacock said.

The Penguins' identity should begin to crystallize as they host South Dakota State, a program that finished 7-4 in 2006 while posting a 3-1 Great West conference record.

The Jackrabbits will not count as a

Gateway game Saturday, but next season's contest between the two squads will have an impact in the conference standings in 2008 when South Dakota State becomes a Gateway member.

While the Penguins were occupied with the Buckeyes during college football's first weekend of play, the Jackrabbits had their hands full with Western Illinois losing in four overtimes.

Following a good performance in

Jackrabbits coming on both the offensive and defensive lines, Heacock expects a battle in the trenches similar to what Ohio State had to offer.

Offensive line coach Chris Bache feels his players are up to the challenge after showing what they are capable of in the first week of action.

"It's a unit that, as a whole group, has progressed very well," Bache said.

The Penguins will defend the Ice Castle for the first time in 2007, marking the 25th anniversary of the team's home turf.

"This is a special year for us ... it's an anniversary our players were talking about last spring. Playing here now will be different than any other time," Heacock said.

"Our guys are very eager to play home games," he said.

Senior tight end Louis Irizarry is ready to give the fans of Youngstown what they've been waiting for: a challenging home game that promises to be an impressive contest between two Top 25 programs.

"Everybody's looking forward to it, but we have a tough opponent with hard-nosed players," Irizarry said.

Despite the added festivities of playing in front of the home crowd, the Penguins are not about to lose focus against South Dakota State as Heacock said the overall game plan remains the same.

"It's early in the season and you're playing to win, and that's the bottom line," Heacock said.

25th

Anniversary

Stambaugh Stadium



Columbus, Heacock said the team still has a lot to improve on if they hope to win this weekend.

"We have to [do a] better job in preparation," Heacock said. "I think there's a lot of things that need to be done better in order for us to win this week," he said.

What the Penguins have to prepare for is a veteran team that, according to Heacock, is a very exciting group to watch on the field. They play somewhat similarly to the Penguins, he said.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

FCS gains respect following Michigan upset

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It was a good weekend for both Buckeye fans and the Football Championship Subdivision.

Alongside winning the season-opener against Youngstown State University in Columbus, Ohio State loyalists received an added bonus when their archrival took a devastating blow.

In what is being called one of the biggest upsets in sports history, Appalachian State shocked the college football world on Saturday with a win over then No. 5 ranked University of Michigan.

The Wolverines' loss to the two-time defending FCS championships marked the first time in history a ranked BCS team was defeated by an FCS squad.

Penguin football head coach Jon Heacock said the win by Appalachian State was great for

teams in the FCS.

"I think probably every FCS school in America is excited. It's a huge impact," Heacock said.

Heacock said the change in both the talent level and the way the game is played are what allowed Appalachian State to go into Ann Arbor and steal a victory from a pre-season favorite to win the BCS national championship.

The result means smaller programs do not back down to the powerhouses of the BCS, an example put on by the Penguins when they took on the Buckeyes in Columbus on Saturday.

Heacock said that when competing at this high level, his team didn't back down and played very well at times.

While the upset of Michigan came as a major shock to the rest of the nation, Heacock himself was not too surprised, having seen Appalachian State in action firsthand. It was the

Mountaineers who eliminated the Penguins from the 2006 FCS playoffs by the final of 49-24.

Heacock said that following the playoff loss there was no doubting the talent found in the Appalachian State program. The Penguin coach was quick to point out the Mountaineers star quarterback Armani Edwards.

"[Edwards] could play at any school, in my opinion, in the country without question," Heacock said.

Now that a ranked team has finally fallen to an FCS opponent, the bigger schools may hesitate when scheduling future games against Appalachian State and other talented FCS schools.

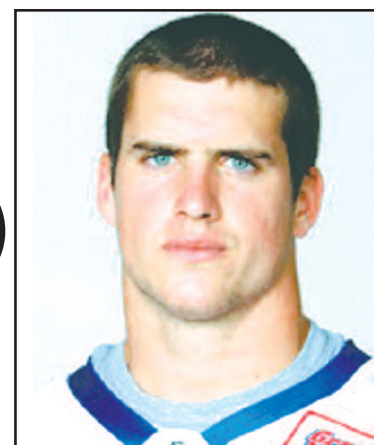
Heacock believes that BCS teams might hold back on which FCS teams they invite to play but, overall, thinks there will not be any significant change. He feels the bigger schools will still want to schedule future contests against the top-ranked FCS programs.



This Week's Impact Match-ups

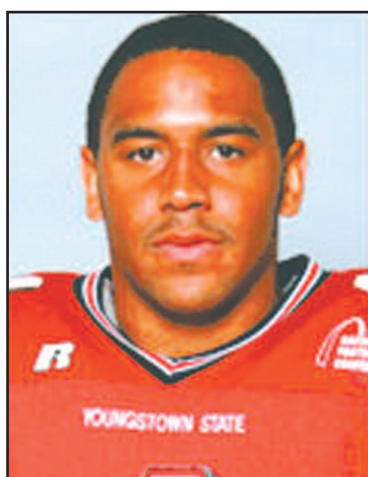


Jabari Scott
Running Back



Jimmy Rogers
Linebacker

Against Ohio State, sophomore Jabari Scott saw limited action, but was able to produce half of the Penguins backfield total of 43 yards rushing against the high-profile Buckeye defense. Scott will have to step up his game this week as he goes up against a top defender in Jimmy Rogers. The strong side linebacker was a wrecking machine in the Jackrabbits first game against Western Illinois recording 13 tackles in the 29-26, quadruple overtime defeat. The offensive line should keep Rogers out of the backfield, but Scott could find himself in trouble when he runs to the outside where Rogers is lying in wait. Using the pass to set up the run and confusing Rogers on play-action passes should keep the tackling-machine off the ball long enough to allow Scott to break into open space. If the Penguins call sweeps and counters to his side, it would be best for Scott to have a lineman pull off the line along with a lead fullback for extra protection.



De'Angelo Wilson
Cornerback



JaRon Harris
Wide Receiver

While the Jackrabbits handed the ball off more than 30 times in the first week, JaRon Harris became the favorite target of quarterback Ryan Berry on passing downs, catching six passes for 58 yards. The Penguin secondary had a tough time keeping the Buckeye receivers in check in week one, and covering Harris will be a task just as difficult. The junior wide-out possess lightning quick speed and is also the team's kick-returner. The priority will be for De'Angelo Wilson to cover Harris like a glove and force Berry to look elsewhere. Wilson, a former defender from Nevada, recorded six tackles and broke up a pass against Ohio State. Wilson and the Penguin secondary will be facing a team that likes to run the ball, but will have to stay on their toes and not let Harris out their sights. Keeping the Jackrabbit pass-catcher's production down to a minimum is crucial.

Keys to Victory

1 The Penguin run defense proved what it was made of last week when it held the Ohio State backfield to an unimpressive 40 yards on the ground. Against the Jackrabbits, the Penguin front seven will have to have repeat performance as they go up against running back Corey Koenig who ran for 117 yards on 28 carries against Western Illinois. South Dakota State's quarterback has only one start under his belt and Penguin defense should force him into throwing situations that could lead to mistakes and turnovers. To do that, the defensive line has to make Koenig a non-factor. If the Jackrabbit runner is allowed to find open holes in the front line, Youngstown State will have a tough time getting its defense off the field and

2 Not only will the Penguin defense be working to keep South Dakota State out of the endzone, it would be in the team's best interest to keep the Jackrabbit offense out of field goal range. Kicker Douglas Parker has a tremendous leg and is threat to score even if the offense stalls on a drive. Against Western Illinois, Parker nailed four field goals including two in overtime. With his farthest field goal coming from 36 yards out, the Penguin defense will want to keep Parker out of range, especially if the game comes down to the wire and the difference in score is minimal. Any small lead the Penguin offense puts up will not be safe.

3 There wasn't a single turnover or penalty for the Penguin offense against Ohio State, a trend that needs to continue. False start penalties can be drive killers, and the offense can't afford to fall behind with South Dakota State's offense waiting to take over. Any turnover could prove to be costly and penalties will disrupt the rhythm of the offense. Even with the home team on their side, expect the Penguins to communicate with the same success they found in the Horseshoe in front of a crowd of 105 thousand on the road.