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CAMPUS

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Abortion display visits campus

Melissa Mary Smith
 Jambar Contributor

Wednesday began the two-day, controversial photo-mural abortion exhibit still on display in front of Youngstown State University's DeBartolo Hall until 4 p.m. today. The 20 6-foot-by-13-foot panels, which depict graphic images of aborted fetuses, are a traveling campaign by the Genocide Awareness Project. The event on campus is sponsored by the Youngstown State University College Republicans. The project is part of the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform, a non-profit American Pro-Life foundation.

The non-profit's goal is to educate college students across the country about the inner workings of contemporary abortion and how it is comparable to modern-day genocide. Mark Harrington, the center's Midwest branch executive director discussed the history of the project's founding and the mixed reception it has received during its travels to over a hundred campuses since 1998. Harrington explained that there are usually 20 percent of students who strongly support the exhibit, 20 percent who are against it and the remaining undecided 60 percent are typically the audience he



Photos by Melissa Mary Smith

wants to target. Harrington said that although there are religious and moral connotations to the foundation and exhibit, the real issues trying to be stressed are those of the human and constitutional rights being violated by allowing abortion to be legal. Harrington expressed that he was originally influenced to create the exhibit based on his knowledge of social reform during different times in history. He feels that the well known and horrifying photographs associated with various reform movements have served in part to facilitate change, and he hopes to accomplish the same thing

As the exhibit is aimed at college students, what do YSU students make of it all? "I don't know what to say. Why show disturbing pictures to make a point? I really think they went about this the wrong way," senior Katie Miller said. Some students were shocked by the raw, uncensored nature of the

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YSU

Colleges discuss expansion of NEOUCOM

Sarah Sole & Adrienne Sabo
 The Jambar

The Northeast Ohio Universities Collaboration and Innovation Study Commission is examining proposals to expand The Northeast Ohio University College of Medicine. According to a Sept. 26 article in the Akron-Beacon Journal, the college was in talks to move to a different location. Eric Fingerhut, chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents said there are numerous ideas circulating about NEOUCOM. He said it is not moving, but there are talks of

expanding to college to create additional locations. "NEOUCOM plays a very important role in its [current] location," Fingerhut said. NEOUCOM, founded in 1973 by the Ohio General Assembly, is located in Rootstown. The college has 115 students enrolled in the College of Medicine and 75

enrolled in the College of Pharmacy. Michael Schwartz, president of Cleveland State University, said NEOUCOM expansion would benefit the whole region of Ohio. Expansion could probably take place in urban areas, he said. Though Schwartz said NEOUCOM should expand to

Cleveland, he said that should not be the only place included in the expansion. The extent of the expansion will determine how it affects the Rootstown campus, Schwartz said. Peter Kasvinsky, associate provost for research and dean of graduate studies and research, represents YSU in the Northeast Ohio Regional Medical and Health Professions Education Work Group, a subcommittee of the Northeast Ohio Universities Collaboration and Innovation Study Commission. Kasvinsky said ideas presented at the meeting were not well-

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CAREERS

YSU Seniors and recent alumni consider life after college

Jenny Boyce
 Enterprise Reporter

Senioritis usually goes into remission once a high school graduate becomes a college freshman. After a few years of lying dormant, however, the student flagging-momentum bug can reappear in mutant form, brought on by the frightening proposition of leaving college and struggling to find a job. Out of 10 YSU seniors questioned about their plans after college, only four had answers. "I've spent most of my life just trying to get from one year to the next in school... and none of it really prepares you for being cut

loose from it all," said senior Aaron Jackson. While these four students had some idea as to where they were headed, only one was definite in their plans, while the other three had broad expectations. Loucretia Austin will graduate in May, and she said she wants to work for a big radio station, mainly doing advertising. "I just know it has to be media-based," Austin said. Jackson said he too would try to find something connected to his major when he graduated, but had no specific plans. Recent YSU graduates are suc-

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What's next? Questions and answers

Quintessential Careers online discusses some questions to consider before graduation. **Should I get a job or go to grad school?** Here are some questions you should ask yourself before deciding to continue schooling or find a career with your current degree. Where would you like your career to go? Will it require more schooling? Can you afford more school from a financial standpoint? Are you going to school because you don't want to get a job?

Do I have to get a job right away?

Some graduates make paying off student loan debt their top priority, but others realize that they have their whole lives to work. Finding a less-stressful, part-time job right after you get out of school it's a bad thing and might be worth considering. You've just spent almost twenty years in school, take a break.

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Should I move back home?

In reality, no one actually wants to move back into a place with rules, regulations and a watchful eye — but it may be the best option. No rent and free food, utilities and laundry doesn't sound so bad when you are making little to no money. **What about finding a job?** The first and most important step in looking for a job is putting together a resume and practicing interview skills. <http://www.10minuteresume.com> Then there are hundreds of places to look, most of which can easily be located on Web directories. <http://www.collegegrad.com> <http://www.collegerecruiter.com> <http://www.jobweb.com> For more information visit <http://www.quintcareers.com/tips/>.

YSU

Students question YSU partial refund policy

Elizabeth Boon
 News Reporter

Junior Christina Savage withdrew from her financial accounting class this semester due to difficulties with her teacher, she said. "He never lectured and still gave homework," she said. Because she withdrew before Sept. 17, she received a 70 percent refund for the class from Youngstown State University. If she had dropped it a week earlier, she would have gotten a refund of 85 percent, and had she dropped during the first week of the semester, she would have gotten all her money back. "That's bull," said Savage. "They only give you a week. You don't have the first test yet, so how do you know?" Students who withdraw between Sept. 17 and Nov. 1 do not receive any form of reimbursement, but will get a 'W' on their grade report. Beth Yeatts, interim director of student Accounts and university receivables, said that the current withdraw policy is set by the YSU board of trustees.

Yeatts said that some cases may be appealed if a person needs to leave the class for medical or military purposes. The case must be taken up with the fees and charges appeals board.

"The situation must be beyond the student's control," she said. Freshman Caitlin Cook said that the current withdraw policy is unfair.

"The time you need to determine if you should drop varies with each class," Cook said. "Some classes should have a later date," she said.

Cook said that classes with shorter need later withdraw dates so that students can get a feel for what the class is like.

Janice Elias, chair and professor of human ecology, said that the refunded withdraw date is so early because new students can't sign up for the class after someone drops.

"If students drop after the date, others can't add it," she said.

Elias said that she believes the date for withdraws is acceptable. By that time, faculty is obligated to return at least one item of graded work, she said.

"At that point, the student should have an awareness of whether they should be in that class," she said.

Elias said that she recommends that students withdraw from the class if they don't plan on attending. Students who simply stop coming to class take up their professor's time by failing to follow up with the withdraw process.

Sophomore Marnate Rheins said that students should get a full refund before the final withdraw date.

"You're not going to class, so you should get your money back," she said.

TO THE POINT

Italian folk group performs at Butler

A free concert by Italian folk group DisCanto will take place on Sunday at Butler North, the building next to the Butler Institute of American Art.

The concert is set to begin at 6 p.m. and is sponsored by the Youngstown State University College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences and the Youngstown Pacentrano Club.

WYSU holds annual fall fund drive

Youngstown State University's radio station, WYSU 88.5 FM will have its annual fall fund drive on Friday, October 12 and will run for one week. The goal is to raise \$95,000. Donors will be entered into drawings for a chance to win prizes.

Andrews Recreation Center holds "Ask the Dietician"

The Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center will be holding weekly "Ask the Dietician" sessions with nutritionist and clinical dietician Chrystyna Zellers for YSU students and members of the recreation center.

Zellers will answer nutrition questions and offer suggestions for good health and disease prevention. The event will take place from 6:30 to 7 p.m. on Mondays and 1:30 to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays throughout the academic year.

Theologian lecture to take place in Kilcawley Center

A lecture by Dr. John Haught, senior fellow of science and religion at the Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown University, will be given at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center. The lecture is titled "God and Darwin: Are They Reconcilable?" and is part of the Dr. Thomas and Albert J. Shipka Speaker Series.

Faculty plan study abroad trip to China

A study abroad trip to central China is being planned by Ray Beiersdorfer, professor of geological sciences, and Matt O'Mansky, assistant professor of sociology and anthropology.

The trip will visit Shanghai, Huangshan, Wuyishan, Jiujiang, Nanchang, Yangshuo, Xi'an and Beijing and is worth three semester hours for students. An informational meeting for the trip will be held at 6:30 p.m. October 10 in room 2000 of Moser Hall.

Directing class to hold One-Act auditions

University Theater's fall Directing 1 class will hold two sets of auditions Monday and Tuesday for the student-directed One-Acts this semester.

Auditions will be in Room 1220 of Bliss Hall from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and 9 to 10:30 p.m. on both days, with a possible callback on Wednesday during those same times. Students from all majors are encouraged to audition, and no experience is necessary.

EDUCATION

Ohio colleges differ on teacher licensure prep

Jeanette DiRubba

Jambar Contributor

Some Ohio colleges lack easily accessible prep programs while others make this preparation a main focus.

Ohio State University does not have Praxis II preparation workshops. Education majors must rely on information gained from core classes and entrance into a one-year Master's degree program to pass the exam, said Yolonda Kelly, OSU director of academic services.

Mount Union College handles Praxis II preparation with a more individualistic approach, said administrative assistant Linda Bigham.

"Pete Schneller, our associate professor of education, heads a principles of learning and teaching workshop," Bigham said.

Students are responsible for content area, she said, and need to contact their department chair to get help for the Praxis II.

"We don't really have anything set up," she said.

Charity Snyder, director of undergraduate advising and licensure at Kent State University, said that Kent's prep program for the Principles of Learning and Teaching part of the exam is still in the works.

Snyder said the Internet modules should be ready for students this semester. Some program areas have review sessions for content-

specific tests already, she said.

Nikki Cvetkovic, head of teacher education at Hiram College, said that Praxis II preparation varies depending upon the licensure area in which teachers wish to be certified.

Cvetkovic said that the Hiram teachers are very familiar with the goals of the test, and the primary approach to Praxis II is to integrate the exams into the classroom.

Teachers treat the Educational Testing Services preparation books like a required textbook, she said.

Cvetkovic said there are also voluntary group study sessions within content areas, and review sessions in the evening. While students do not receive college credit for attending, the sessions can help them succeed, she said.

Praxis II preparations at YSU

At Youngstown State University, education majors can prepare for the Praxis II with workshops, test anxiety programs and content area study.

Lindsay Brant, senior Spanish education major, said she felt YSU prepared her well for the Praxis II since she passed on her first attempt.

Other YSU students said that they felt prepared for the exam because YSU's core classes helped more than the offered review sessions.

The exams

The Praxis Series of exams was designed by Educational Testing Services to grant licensure to future teachers.

Education majors must pass required content area tests, which cover topics they will teach, as well as a specified grade-level Principles of Learning and Teaching exam.

A license is required to move onto student teaching, graduation and finally a career in education.

Michael Baranski, senior integrated social studies education major, said that YSU has done a decent job overall, but he didn't really utilize any of the study sessions.

"I reviewed very little for the test and passed, but I didn't get great scores. I think I could have done better if I would have taken the test after more of my upper division classes," Baranski said.

Senior secondary education major, Jordan Weaver also did not attend the workshops because of his schedule, he said.

"Some classes helped, and others didn't," he said.

CLARIFICATION

In Tuesday's article "Mahoning County Board of Mental Health seeks safety grant for YSU," the reporter incorrectly used the term "mentally unstable." Anne Lally, counselor at Career and Counseling Services, was a source for the story but did not use the term, and has pointed out that it incorrectly labels students.

The counseling workshop cited in the article informed faculty of how to deal with inappropriate behavior in the classroom. Lally also said that while students sometimes wait up to a week for fall appointments at Counseling Services, students can tell the staff they need immediate assistance and will receive it.

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cumbing to many of the same hardships and feelings of uncertainty that seniors are currently experiencing. YSU alumni Eric Wistum said he didn't have much of an idea of where he'd work before he graduated in May.

"But at the very least I landed in an office job, as boring as it may be," he said.

Michael Ambrass of the same graduating class earned a degree in law enforcement but so far has no corresponding career. He is currently still waiting to hear back from perspective employers.

Casey Fenske, another May graduate, said that she has found it difficult to find a job that doesn't require two to five years of experience.

"I still don't have a graphic design job, mainly due to not knowing where I want to relocate to," said Fenske.

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defined. "It's hard to know at this point what the commission's gonna do," Kasvinsky said.

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"The collaboration is really quite unique," Kasvinsky said, of NEOUCOM.

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Kasvinsky said he is not sure that moving NEOUCOM will achieve

anything.

Rootstown needs additional facilities, Kasvinsky said. It would be counterproductive to move the facilities from Rootstown, he said, because there has been such a huge investment in the facility there.

"Too often, people ignore the taxpayer investment," he said.

Kasvinsky said the proposals presented in the meetings were only ideas. Although there may be a following behind the scenes for centering NEOUCOM at either Akron or Cleveland State, there is not any public following, he said.

Choosing Akron or Cleveland as the primary association with NEOUCOM would be a problem, because then the medical school would migrate toward that city's university.

As representative for YSU, Kasvinsky said he wants to maintain the current student population at NEOUCOM. Continuing to participate in activity at Rootstown is important for the medical community, he said.

Students have their own opinions about expansion.

YSU B.S./M.D. Student Nick Miladore said expansion would be beneficial if it did not take away from the personal attention students receive with the current small class size.

Donald Hope, NEOUCOM student, said the college could maintain its Rootstown campus and become affiliated with a single university.

"As far as I am concerned, the only major difference would be in the name of the school. That wouldn't be a horrible thing because Northeastern Ohio Universities Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy is a mouthful."

Miladore's mother, Diane Bitonte Miladore, is a YSU trustee and a faculty member at NEOUCOM.

No matter where the majority of clinical training occurs, the consortium of Akron, Kent, YSU and CSU working together is the system that best serves the region, he said.

From ABORTION, page 1

picture display that wrapped around the front lawn of DeBartolo Hall.

"It's nasty — I was just about to get lunch," freshman Matt Wilson said.

Other students expressed confusion about the murals' juxtaposition of images of the Holocaust and the Cambodian Killing Fields and the messages the project was trying to convey.

"I see no comparison here — Hitler took over, and the Jews didn't have a choice, but women have the choice to abort," senior Jessica Stephenson said.

In accordance to the Pro-Life viewpoints of GAP, some students

saw logic in the murals.

"It's disturbing, but definitely shows the harsh reality of the choices people make," freshman Nikita Jones said.

Still, other students were vocal about their disagreements with the exhibit and its personal comparative messages.

"Everyone has their right to support this, but I choose not to," said senior Kelly Noyes, who was handing out oppositional materials representing Naral Pro-Choice America, a reproductive rights group.

Pamphlets, brochures and flyers from both the GAP and the Pro-Choice ends of the abortion argu-

ment were distributed to those in attendance, while campus security was on duty in the vicinity of the display.

Ron Cole, manager of news and information services for YSU, said the university recognized a need for police presence at the exhibit to remain peaceful and so university and student business could continue as usual.

"The organization did go through the appropriate university channels," Cole said.

The GAP exhibit will remain up from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today. Additional reporting by Jeanette DiRubba



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OPINION

OUR SIDE

Embrace free speech, however unpleasant

We know the issue and most of us can identify with a side. Whether it's anti-abortion or abortion rights, the important thing is that you're educated on the issue.

No matter our personal view on abortion, today's exhibit outside DeBartolo Hall benefited us. The images are upsetting, but free speech isn't always pleasant.

A university is supposed to be a vehicle for both education and communication. It is important to share our views as part of the higher learning environment.

Debates can be healthy. Rather than to shutting out a particular side we don't agree with, we should open up to learning new things, even if we don't agree with them.

Maybe you were upset with the presentation of graphic abortion images and the use of the term "genocide." Or perhaps the fliers and condoms handed out by abortion rights advocates near the exhibit bothered you. Maybe you disliked both displays. The important thing is that they got people thinking about a serious issue.

Abortion is just one of the many politically and emotionally charged issues that we are confronted with. As college students, we owe it to ourselves to care about issues in the world around us.

Issues like this cause intense disagreement. It's easy to become overwhelmed, and mentally shut off.

Don't give in.

The big issues demand discussion. If a group feels passionately about an issue, they have the right to speak out. We shouldn't fear words and images.

When confronted with an opposing viewpoint, our beliefs will either stand up to debate, or else they must change in the face of new information.

College is about gaining experience that we couldn't get at home. This means leaving our comfort zone and submitting our firmly held beliefs to scrutiny.

Knowledge is power, and shutting out ideas just because they're unpleasant is foolish.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor,
 Outside of DeBartolo Hall Wednesday and today, there is a misguided and offensive display that equates abortion with genocide. While some may find a woman's right to choose atrocious, it is absolutely not comparable to genocide. Genocide is legally defined as an intentional effort to eradicate a particular national, ethnic, racial or religious group of people.

Abortion is not genocide. No one argues that women who choose to

have an abortion do so with the intent to kill all fetuses. Genocidal murderers commit their atrocities out of hate. To suggest that women who choose abortion do so out of hatred is morally repugnant. The display's comparison of genocide and abortion is an insult to the victims of the Holocaust and other genocides.

While a university should be a space for competing ideas, the Genocide Awareness Project is little more than gross propaganda. Its Web site, which explains its justifica-

tion for equating abortion and genocide, is factually inaccurate and deceptive. During a time when a real genocide is raging in Sudan — one where hundreds of thousands of civilians have been murdered and thousands have been raped — campus attention should be directed toward combating genocide rather than exploiting it.

Helene Sinnreich
 Director of Judaic and Holocaust Studies, YSU

Editor,
 Several campus and community groups have expressed chagrin at "The Genocide Awareness Project," on view at Youngstown State University on Wednesday and today. Many find the comparison between abortion and genocide ideologically offensive or disagree with the exhibit and its supporters' politics. The members of the Department of History at Youngstown State University wish to publicly voice our opposition to this exhibit on separate grounds. As the representatives of the historical profession in the community, we take issue with the exhibit's misuse of history for political aims. Comparing abortion to genocide is simply historically inaccurate.

Most professional historians agree that genocide entails the intentional attempt by one group to exterminate all members of another group, usually based on a belief in the second group's national, racial, ethnic or religious inferiority. Although the United Nations' Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide includes amongst its definitions of genocide, "Imposing

measures intended to prevent births within a group," it is the coercive aspect which makes this practice genocidal. One can hardly accuse individual women who choose to abort their pregnancies of attempting to wipe out an entire group of people. To compare the act of an individual woman to the campaigns orchestrated by politicians and generals is inaccurate and distorting. Considering the frequency with which rape has occurred in genocidal movements (notably the Serbian army's attacks on Bosnian Muslim women in the 1990s), the comparison is also offensive and insensitive.

Regardless of the political affiliations of individual historians, professional historical organizations have condemned attempts to inaccurately compare the present to the past to accomplish political aims. Professional historians have levied this critique at groups on both the left and the right. The issue here is not politics: it is historical accuracy.

Dr. G. Mehera Gerardo
 Assistant Professor of History
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Editor,
 I wonder why every time I go to the restroom I have to read the crap that someone writes on the walls. People don't make sense to me. The ones that stand out to me are the bigots, with their white power rants or "F you, foreigners, because I don't like you." I have even seen someone try to justify this with freedom of speech.

I am sorry: Freedom of speech and destruction of property are two different things. I am rather ashamed that people have the gall to think that way, let alone write it on a wall or toilet paper dispenser. In the end it's not what someone has put on the wall that is troublesome, it is the fact that they have hate written on their hearts. Thanks for listening.

Stephen Smith
 Freshman

COMMENTARY

Poor choice, poor vocabulary: exhibit sensationalizes abortion

Cristina Cala
 Copy Editor

Abortion is not a decision Americans have to make as a society. It is a decision women are entitled to make as individuals. That's why the choice is legal. Legalizing abortion is not the responsibility of society. Roe v. Wade took care of that in 1973.

Through the Youngstown State University College Republicans, the Genocide Awareness Project, a photo-mural exhibit that compares abortion to genocide, visited campus Wednesday and today. The exhibit makes a poor comparison.

The misinformed College Republicans should have looked up the definition of genocide before hosting an exhibit with this crude and false comparison. Genocide is defined as the deliberate and systematic extermination of a national, racial, political or cultural group. Women who chose abortion don't do it out of hate, or with the intent to kill the entire race of babykind.

It is not only wrong to call abortion "genocide," but it is wrong to sensationalize a choice that is private and legal.

The GAP exhibit in front of DeBartolo Hall displayed images that, so to speak, speak for themselves. But what are they really trying to say? Of course images of dead fetuses are horrifying. Of course they are grotesque, and

heartbreaking. Yet sensationalizing abortion is equally distressing.

George W. Bush has sent thousands of American men and women, more than 160,000 stationed right now, to Iraq since March 2003 — men and women who kill. American "patriots" back home support these troops who kill for their country.

How is it that conservatives support killing an innocent Iraqi civilian but are enraged by aborting an undeveloped fetus? Shouldn't it be the same to you Republicans? Try rationalizing, as you have done so well during Bush's presidency, that Iraqi civilians are living people with families, and undeveloped fetuses are collections of cells.

U.S. troops are sanctioned to kill, and Republicans back home rejoice over it, beam with patriotic pride, but then condemn women who legally, individually choose to have an abortion. Families who have lost loved ones to the War in Iraq didn't get to make that choice, Mr. Bush.

Free speech is a legal choice — just like abortion. Reasonably exercising the former right to attack the latter, the GAP, College Republicans and their supporters have sensationalized abortion, incorrectly compared it to genocide and subjected the public to unwelcome images, but they have not revoked America's right to choose.

The Jambar asks:

What was your impression of the Genocide Awareness Exhibit?



Molly Toth, Freshman
 "It doesn't prove a valid point."



Ryan Grubb, Sophomore
 "The argument is irrelevant because genocide is the destruction of a culture, not a fetus."



Ayla Lombardozzi, Sophomore
 "It's annoying how they hand out the flyers. It's good to have opinions, but don't force them on people."



Gary Provitt, Sophomore
 "I feel that it is attention grabbing and gruesome."



Ashley Fox, Senior
 "I think it's a double standard. If they feel that abortion is so wrong then why do they keep showing such graphic images."

YSU

What's in there?

The Jambar takes you inside the building that mists Elm Street

J. Breen Mitchell
Jambar Contributor

Students walking down Elm Street to Kilcawley Center regularly pass through a mysterious mist that floats down from the building across the street from Fedor Hall. Perplexed and slightly damp students have several theories about the purpose of the building that releases vapor.

"I think it's just water, but sometimes I wonder if it's sewage," said sophomore Michael Walenciej.

"I think it's probably asbestos. You know the University probably wouldn't warn us," said senior Naseeb Kaleel.

"I think it's a big chemical plant," said freshman Patrick Auger. "The mist is supposed to be water, but I think it's actually chemicals."

Not every idea that students have about the building and the mist are as sinister as these.

"I always figured it was condensation from the top of the building," said junior Anthony Yurcho.

Freshman Sarah Maher said she thought it was some type of cooling system.

The building, called the Central Utilities Plant, is just that. Operated by Johnson Controls, the plant serves a cooling system for the entire campus.

Plant director David Gaffney said that the plant cools the campus with chilled water. The plant produces 3,600 tons of cooling available to the campus.

The chillers were installed last winter, and began operating in mid-April. The new chillers replaced old equipment from 1985. The upgrade followed an audit which guaranteed that the university would save \$1.3 million per year if the old chillers were replaced.

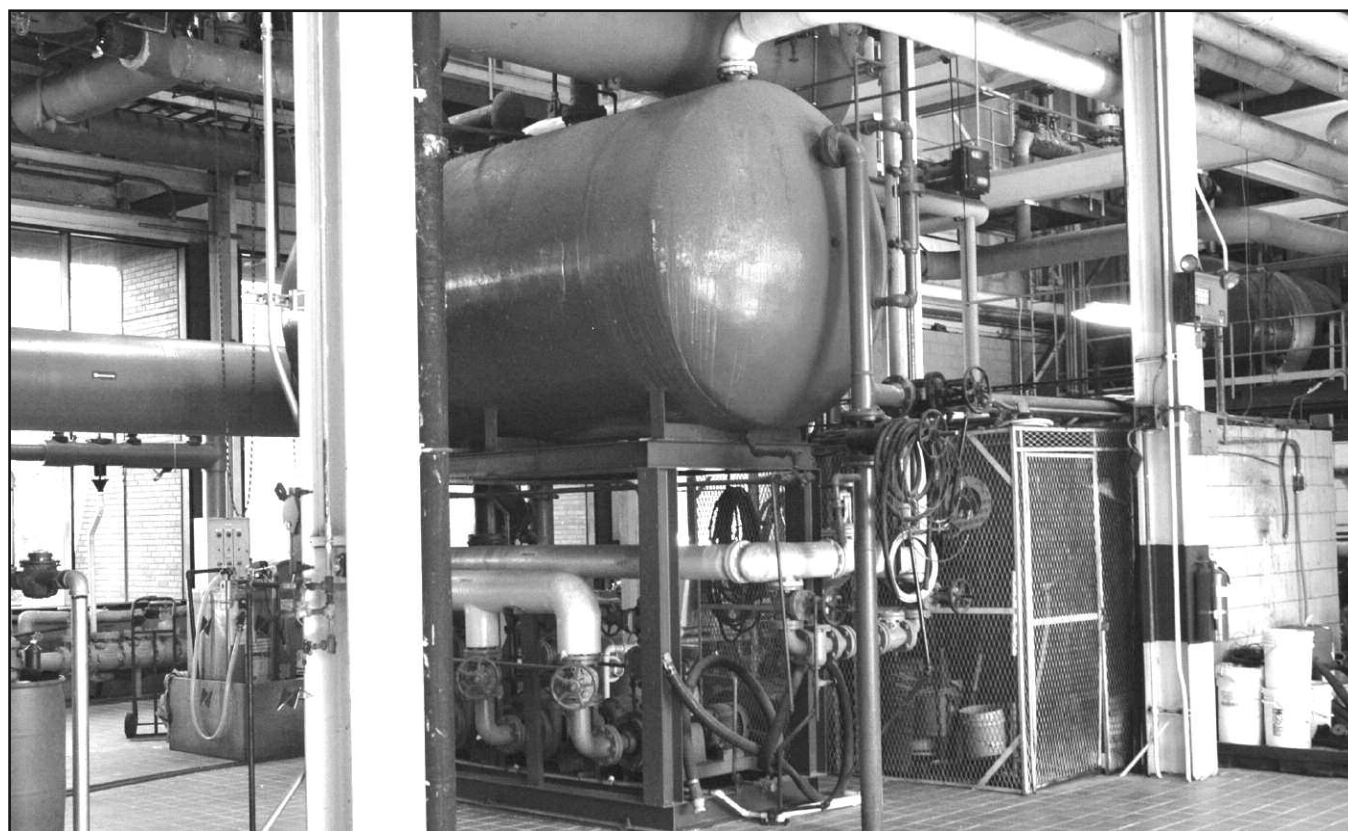
Gaffney compared the system to an air conditioner, with water being used as the primary cooling agent.

Gaffney said that there is a closed circuit that sends out 42 degree water out to campus. After the heat transfer occurs, and the water returns to the plant at 56 degrees.

The heated water goes to cooling towers on the roof where it is released into the atmosphere. This warm water makes up the mist.

Gaffney said there is nothing harmful in the mist.

"It's just water. It's definitely not sewage. It's definitely not asbestos. There is no danger to students at all," he said.



Student theories on the mysterious mist

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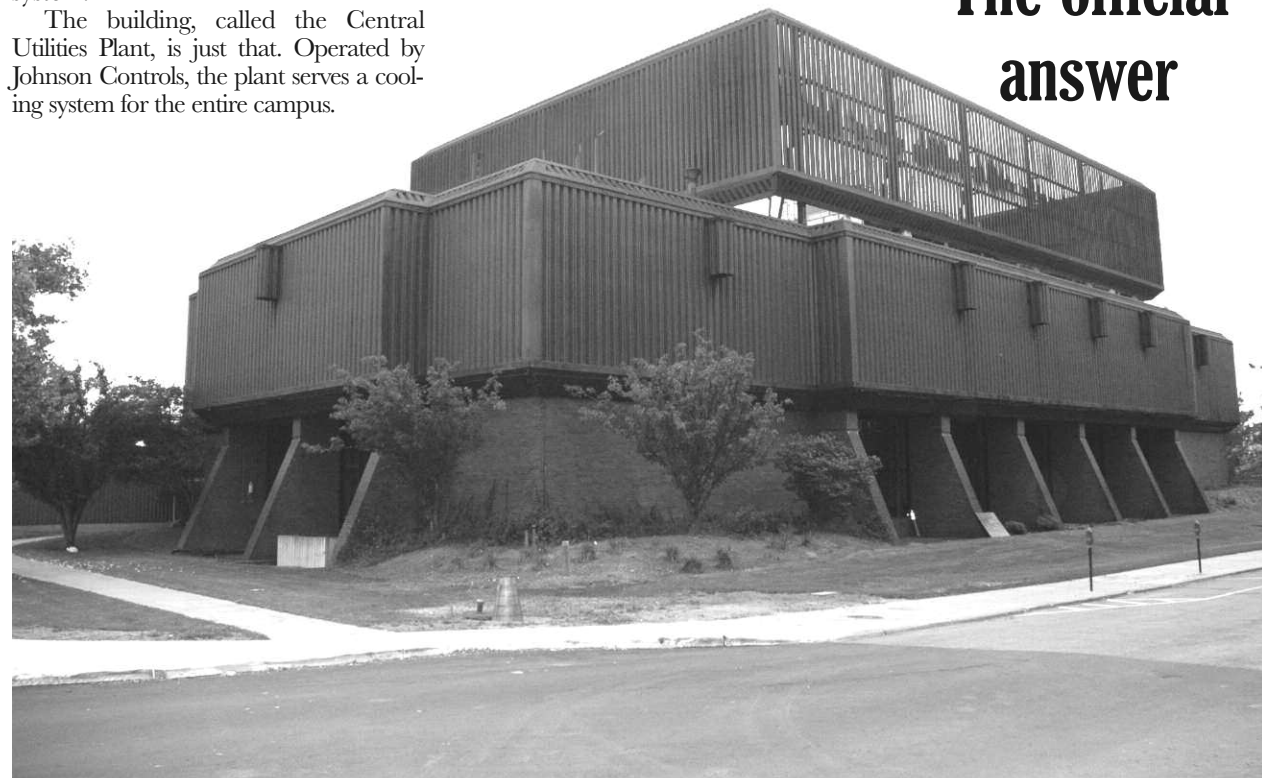


Photo by Adam Rogers, The Jambar

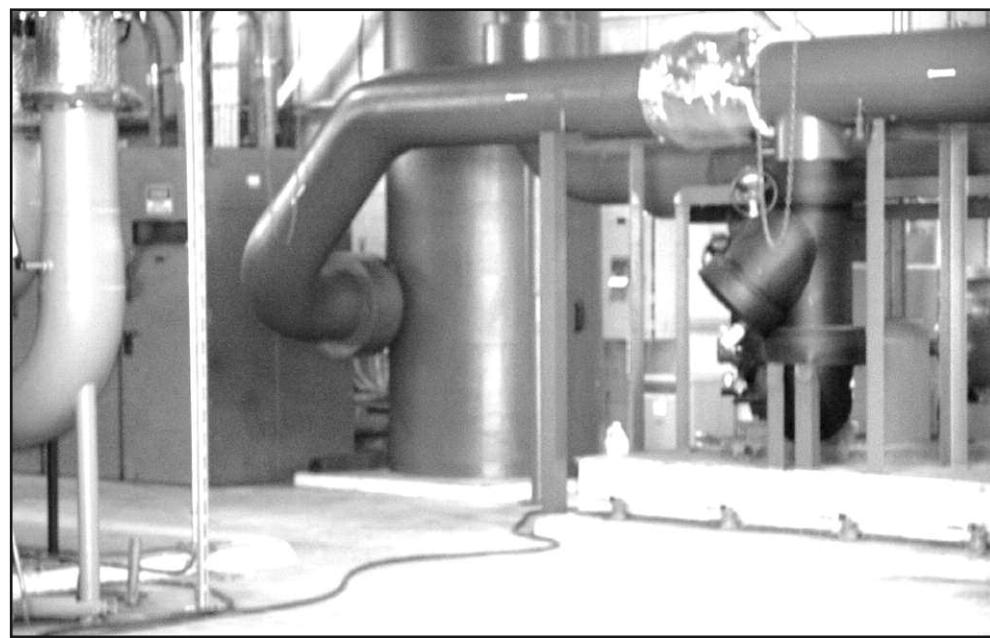


Photo by J. Breen Mitchell

PROFILE

From Taiwan to United States, student earns and learns American living

Elizabeth Boone
Reporter

Lucy Lin worked in her home country of Taiwan for over 10 years to afford to study at a university in America.

"My parents are poor," Lin said. "I waited until I got a real job so that I could make my dreams come true," she said.

American life has always fascinated Lin. She said that all Taiwanese people grow up with American culture. She often makes references to American movies and actors when she speaks and said that they are more popular than Taiwan's films.

"I always wanted to come to America. I love America. I grew up with the culture, and I love Tom Cruise. My first English word was McDonald's," she said.

For Lin, getting to America was just the first step in her journey. She had to adapt to the education system and culture in America, and most of all, to the English language.

Before Lin moved to the United States, she held several different jobs, working as a teacher, an actress and in the military.

"After high school, I worked as a kindergarten teacher for a year," Lin said. "I liked it, but the wage

is so low."

Between the ages of 20 to 30, Lin worked as a military administrator in financial accounting, 12 hours a day, seven days a week.

"I hated the job," Lin said, with a sense of annoyance in her voice. "I didn't have a lot of freedom. The military [doesn't] want you to be involved in the public. There's too much procedure if you want to do something. I lost all of my personal life."

Lin also worked as a television actress for a short period while working for the military. She had small paid roles with only a few lines. Because of job restrictions with the military, she was forced to quit acting.

While working in the military, Lin attended Jin-Win Technological School and studied Hotel Management. She worked during the day and took classes in the evening. Lin said that Youngstown State University does not accept credit for previous schooling, even though she is in a very similar major. She studies Hospitality Management at YSU.

Lucy said she had no problem picking YSU as her American school. She chose Youngstown because it was the second cheapest school in a brochure.

"Youngstown is good because of its location. It's not a problem for me to visit a big city," she said.

Language barriers

Learning English was sometimes a frustrating task for Lin. She said that she often had trouble understanding slang, especially when it was used in greetings.

"Whenever someone used slang, I was like, 'How do I answer that?' If I was walking on campus, they would say, 'How's it going?' and I would think, 'Going where?'" she said.

Lin also had trouble understanding the phrase "What's up?"

"I would want to answer that with the sky, angels, God, Jesus," she said with a laugh.

Lin's friend Lynn Ramos, a sophomore at YSU, recounted funny misunderstandings from conversations with Lin.

"One time I said to Lucy, 'I have to go potty,' and Lucy thought I said that I was going to a party," said Ramos. "We just laugh about it."

Lin also said she has trouble understanding medical and professional terms for her classes.

"When I was in psychology class, I spent my whole life with

"I love America ... My first English word was McDonald's."

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Lucy Lin, Sophomore

the dictionary looking up terms," she said, jokingly.

Lin's English has gotten considerably better since her first days at YSU. She was required to participate in YSU's English Language Institute, which is a 15-week intensive English course.

Lynn Greene, coordinator of the program, called Lin a mature and exceptional student.

"She made rapid progress because she spent so much time out of class studying. She was always prepared for class and always did extra work. She was a mentor for students who were struggling," Greene said.

Lin's close friend Monica Wibauna said that Lin always worked very hard at learning English. She said Lin has improved so much and that she has recently been using terms that she didn't before.

Cultural differences

For Lin, everything in America, including education, is more relaxed than life was growing up. When speaking about her classes, Lin is amazed at the laid-back attitude of both teachers and students.

"Students here are outgoing. In Taiwan, we are afraid to raise our hand. We had to sit a certain way. We cannot relax," she said.

She said she was surprised by American students' lack of knowledge about geography.

Lin's voice rose as she described the response she has gotten when discussing different countries.

"They don't even know that Malaysia is a country. Jesus!" she said.

Class behavior wasn't the only

part of American campus life that surprised Lin. She said she expected students to act like characters in popular films.

"I thought that campus life was going to be like 'American Pie.' I thought everyone would be making out on campus," Lin said, laughing. "I thought it would be like 'Mean Girls.'"

Even though Lin has found life in America different than she expected, she plans on staying after her graduation from YSU.

"My parents want me to come back, but I want to live here," she said.

She said she would like to become a housewife, have children and work in a hotel.

"I like to serve," she said. "My happiness comes from seeing a smile on peoples' faces."

REVIEW

Ben Stiller: Funny or the heartbreak kid?

John Anderson

Newsday

Just prior to last year's opening of the Ben Stiller comedy "Night at the Museum," the film's screenwriters, Thomas Lennon and Robert Ben Garant, were asked if they wrote the movie with Stiller in mind.

"We write every script with Ben Stiller in mind," Lennon said. "If you work in Hollywood these days, you might as well."

To call Stiller a box-office phenomenon is to call Warren Buffett comfortable. Between his starring

roles, supporting roles and innumerable cameos, Stiller has become a candidate for the Whoopi Goldberg Chair in Applied Ubiquitousness, as well as the Michael Caine Medal for Indiscriminant Role Choice.

Since he began his performing career in the mid-70s, the 41-year-old comic has appeared in 80-some-odd movies and TV episodes. Thirty of his films have appeared since the late '80s; of those, Stiller has also directed three and produced four. If producer-director Judd Apatow ("Knocked Up") ever starts casting Stiller in his movies, the Hollywood comedy industry will be reduced to a one-party system.

The perceived universality of what might be called Stillerness is evidenced most recently by his casting in the Farrelly brothers' "The Heartbreak Kid," which opens Friday

and is a remake of the 1972 Charles Grodin-Cybill Shepherd comedy. It is, in some ways, a perfect vehicle for Stiller. In the original, Grodin plays a honeymooning New Yorker who falls for Shepherd, leaves his new wife, trails Shepherd to Minnesota and woos her under the gimlet eye of her father, Eddie Albert.

What made "The Heartbreak Kid" really unusual for its time - and why it's been more or less off the radar for so long - was how uncomfortable its hero made audiences feel. Grodin, usually likeable to an extreme, here plays an extremely unsympathetic character. And as he tries to buffalo a lot of people who are clearly onto him, the cringe factor goes off the charts.

But we are in the golden age of cringe comedy, are we not? And who better than Stiller to serve as its poster boy? He is the most successful of a roster of comedians who have defined Hollywood comedy as a series of embarrassments and defined the male comedic hero by way of a kind of freakishness.

In a rather notorious critique leveled on the pages of the New Yorker in 2005 (one that elicited an acidic, if ineffectual response from Stiller's pal Owen Wilson), critic David Denby assessed the actor's charms:

"His face," Denby wrote, "seems constructed by someone playing with the separate eyes, noses and mouths of a children's mix-and-match book ... Stiller knows how

to use his big head for broad comic effect: If he pulls down his chin and stares, he looks like a mildly paranoid gibbon, and by furrowing his brow and twisting his mouth he can do a dozen variations on dopey suspiciousness, manic glee or pawing-the-dirt sexual rage. In roles where he drops the anxious-Jewish-male persona, these contortions tend to take over."

Stiller is half-Jewish - his parents are comedians Jerry Stiller and Anne Meara - but fully anxious. And with good reason: As Garant described "Night at the Museum's" plot line, "It's still Ben Stiller doing his thing. It's Ben Stiller being horribly put upon; it's Ben Stiller in horrible situation after horrible situation."

Where "The Heartbreak Kid" differs is in the position of Stiller's character: He's the perpetrator, rather than the victim. And it may be a test of Stiller's box-office charisma to have him play something other than the besieged and beset.

Why has victimization made Stiller the surest bet in Hollywood? It may be less about the singer than the song: He would have been a character actor in another era. But he happened to come along at a time when character actor roles have moved to the center ring.

Consider the Apatow films; consider most Adam Sandler roles; consider Will Ferrell's hilariously stooped protagonists. None is a romantic lead in the traditional sense, and most comedies have always been romances, too. That the nerd now gets the girl explains

in part the reason for Stiller's popularity - the Lou Costellos have always outnumbered the Cary Grants. And Stiller is in the right place at the right moment in screen comedy.

Jerry Lewis, at one time the sine qua non of desperation humor ("Hey, ladieeeeeee!!!!") has spawned an entire generation of needy comedians - men who wield the bold confidence of an 11-year-old girl in braces; whom we sense will go to any length for a laugh. They have to: for the most part, they're not funny. There's nothing naturally amusing about Stiller, who has a dark, glowering look and all the welcoming warmth of a closed fist. But audiences have shown a willingness to attend the kind of movies that can accommodate him. This is because, as at McDonald's, they know what they're going to get.

Stiller can be effective, but it's this critic's view that he's much better in his cameo roles than in trying to carry a movie. One of the funniest scenes in his oeuvre has him waiting to board a plane in "Meet the Parents," and being told, although he's the only one in the waiting area, to wait till his row is called.

The moment is a glance back at the Ben Stiller who showed so much edgy promise in "Flirting With Disaster" and "Reality Bites," when he was more of an actor and less of a product. It's a prime situation for Stiller the Everyman: frustrated by



uncontrollable forces in a bewildering universe that seems out to get him; exercising supreme control when he really wants to run amok; and blaming himself in the end for everything that goes awry.

In this sense, Stiller is never alone, either in our minds or in our theaters. It's the unfortunate audiences, though, that include Stiller among forces in the universe they can't control.



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MUSIC

Fame didn't come overnight, but it did come suddenly for band

Marijke Rowland
McClatchy Newspapers

If you turned on the radio even once this summer, chances are you heard the Plain White T's plaintive "Hey There Delilah."

The simple, practically inescapable acoustic ballad recounts a long-distance love affair. And, just in case you were wondering: yes, Delilah is about a real girl; no, it wasn't about a real relationship.

The unexpected hit has become one of the summer's biggest songs. It unseated pop princess Rihanna's "Umbrella" from the top spot on the Billboard Hot 100 chart and reigned for several weeks as the nation's No. 1 song. And along the way, it made five friends from Chicago bona fide rock stars. Well, sort of.

"I think it's funny. People think that when this happens to a band, you're automatically rich and famous," said guitarist Dave Tiro. "My mom was telling us, 'All the girls I work with think you're rich.' The truth is you have to have a lot of success before you make a lot of money. We haven't yet. Most of us still live at home when we go home. I sleep in the same bed I did my whole life. My car is still dead in the driveway. We're still living very, very meager."

It would be easy to call the Plain White T's an overnight success, but that would be wrong. Unless, that is, if you consider 10 years of playing church basements, driving in a small van and sleeping on dirty floors "overnight." The group was formed in high school by a bunch of friends who wanted to play music.

"You look back on all the work that lead up to it and you think, man, that was a crazy long road," Tiro said. "A lot of the growth happened at that time, and I always think that if our band got really big, say, five years ago, we may have broken up at that time. It's really fortunate that it's a 10-year 'overnight' thing and we're having fun now and everyone in the band belongs in the band."

The song that took the Plain White T's from indie favorites to mainstream hitmaker has almost as long a back story. Singer



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Higgenson met Delilah DiCrescenzo five years ago in New York, where she was a All-American track star and student at Columbia University. He was immediately taken by the brunette, but she had a boyfriend. He told her he had a song for her, which wasn't true. At least yet. The two became friends instead and DiCrescenzo would playfully ask about her song from time to time. So Higgenson finally wrote one.

Tiro said when he first heard the song, he thought it was one of the best things Higgenson had

ever written. But he didn't think it was a hit.

"The first time we heard it, it really packed an emotional punch," he said. "People even got choked up. It took us by surprise, it was a really cool song. But I never thought it would be a hit, just because it's a little acoustic thing. You never expect that song to be the one you go to as a release. Expect it to be a big, hooky rock song."

In fact, he said, record labels explicitly preach the importance of releasing a big, rocking single to bring in male listeners.

"For years, labels will tell you over and over again that for modern rock radio, you have to go for the guys with big guitars and aggressive sounds," he said. "They say the girls will come naturally. That girls like cute guys in bands, even ugly guys in bands. But the song that gets us somewhere on the map is the most pansy, girly acoustic song. It shows you how much labels know."

Since the song caught fire on radio this summer, the band has twice appeared on MTV's "TRL" (the second time last

week). The group has upgraded from driving around in a van to flying from show to show.

The newfound fame has had some interesting results, Tiro said. Like once when he was sleeping on a plane en route to the band's next gig, a middle-age woman plopped down next to him and shoved a magazine at him.

"She said, 'Is this you guys? Can you sign this for me?'" he said. "That's happened on planes kind of a lot lately. Sometimes, people get a little overzealous. But for the most part, fans are awesome and respectful. They bring us gifts and cook us food - it's almost motherly sometimes."

But as much as they've appreciated the success of "Hey There Delilah," band members think it's time to move on.

And even Tiro will admit to being sick of hearing it on the radio.

"You'll always get a kick out of hearing it on the radio, but it's no longer like, 'Wow!'" he said. "We're definitely ready for the next one."

That next one will be "Our Time Now," the first track off the group's album, "Every Second Counts."

"This next one has a lot of hooks and is written as a goofy, big pop song," he said. "The lyrics were written to be as cliché as possible. We're taking all these emo bands who talk about nostalgia and say things like, 'This is our last desperate chance to make it right,' and throwing it all in there. It's meant to be cliché."

What's not cliché? The band's nonstop work ethic.

Tiro said the group has no downtime scheduled between now and its next album. On Oct. 18, the group starts the cross-country Young Wild Things Tour featuring Fall Out Boy, Gym Class Heroes and Cute is What We Aim For.

Then they will spread cheer at a slew of Christmas radio festivals, then it's off to Europe and then Australia and then New Zealand and then Japan.

"Maybe in a year or two, we'll have some time off," Tiro said. "The thing that me and Tom seem to think is that maybe after the next record is done and toured through, maybe then we'll have some time off."

UPCOMING events

TODAY

Open Mic Night
University Pizzeria
9 p.m.

Swing Night
Cedar's Lounge
10 p.m.

FRIDAY

YSU Volleyball
Stambaugh Stadium
7 p.m.

Hurt
The Wedge
8 p.m.

Maroon 5
Quicken Loans Arena
8 p.m.

Grey Dealer and the Whaling Skies
Barley's
10 p.m.

Karaoke
Quaker Steak and Lube,
Austintown
10 p.m.

SATURDAY

Bands of America
Stambaugh Stadium
All Day

Chelsea Handler
Packard Music Hall
8 p.m.

Wake the Lion, Aldous, London, and Amplexus
The Cellar
8 p.m.

Comedian Pete George
Funny Farm Comedy Club,
8 p.m.

SOCCER

Penguins set to head north

The Youngstown State soccer team will travel to Wisconsin this weekend for a pair of league games with the Green Bay Phoenix and Milwaukee Panthers.

Courtney DiGiorgi
Jambor Contributor

Near the midway point of the season, the Youngstown State University soccer team is set to play its first conference games this weekend.

The first of eight league bouts begins with the Wisconsin-based programs of Green Bay and Milwaukee. With what could be a tough weekend ahead, the team is focused and ready for conference action.

The Penguins will get a chance at that elusive first win at 8 p.m. Friday when they take on the Phoenix. If the team falters against Green Bay, it will have a second opportunity to come home with a league victory against Milwaukee at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Within the Horizon League, Milwaukee's conference record stands at 2-0-1. The Green Bay Phoenix's current conference record is 1-2-0.

When the Penguins took on Milwaukee last season, it was a hard-fought contest that went down to the wire. The end result was a Milwaukee win, but only by a score of 1-0 in overtime.

"Competition in the conference is always intense," said senior midfielder Britta Snowberger.

Even with the intensity raised to a high level when league games roll around, Snowberger is confident in the team's ability.

"We'll capitalize on our chances to score," she said.

Out of eight regular season conference games, Snowberger said this is definitely a tough one.

"The teams from Wisconsin are gigantic, and physically aggressive," she explained.

Sophomore goalkeeper Caitlin Bodziony is also confident in her team and eager to get on the field. Before that, though, Bodziony broached the issue of the 12- to 14-hour drive to Wisconsin.

The long drive by bus doesn't put a damper on her enthusiasm, however, as it gives the team ample time to prepare for the matches. As a goalkeeper, an aggressive team will most likely keep Bodziony on her toes.

"My biggest strategy is communicating with my team," Bodziony said. "The more I can keep the people in front of

"If we play like we did Friday, we can handle them."

Caitlin Bodziony, goalkeeper

me organized, the easier the game will be for the team."

The players expressed confidence in their abilities to step up to the challenge of playing on the road. Building off the performances from the previous weekend's games will help the Penguins discover the formula for success.

Friday the team took on St. Francis University of Loretto, Pa., and after 110 minutes and two overtime periods of intense action in Stambaugh Stadium, the game ended in a scoreless tie.

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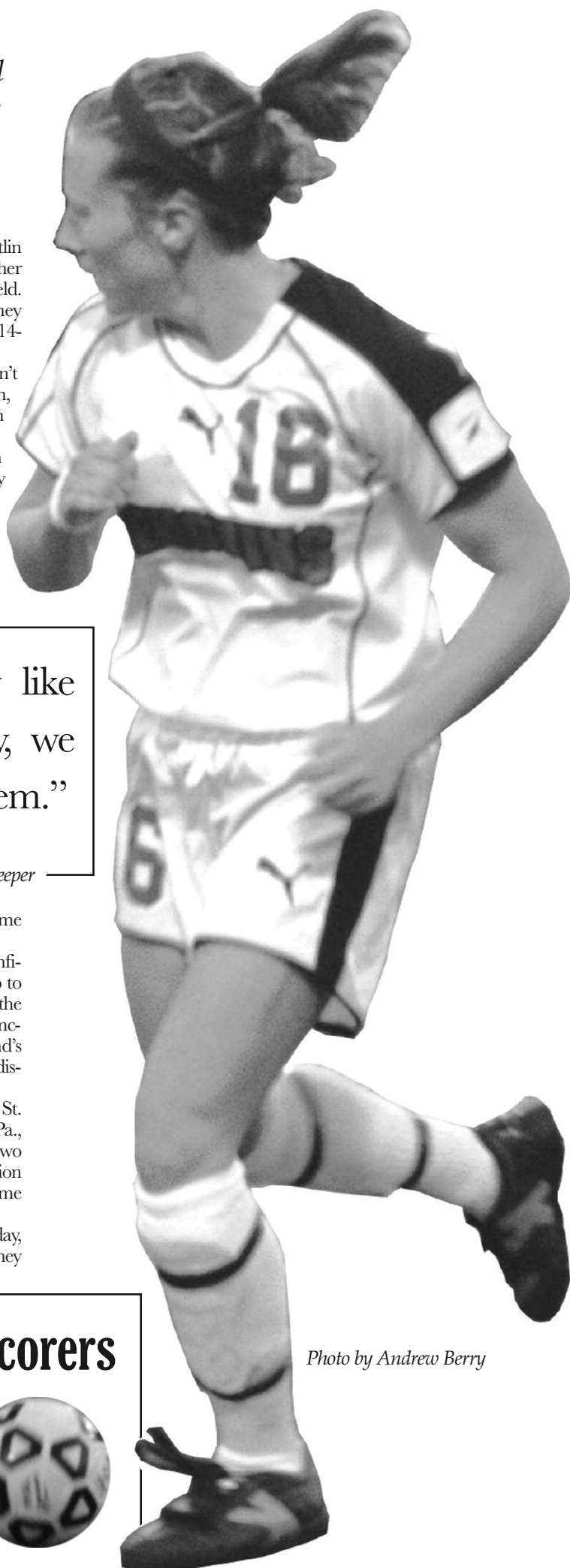


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Horizon League Leading Scorers

- Lauren Brennan, Youngstown State 7
- Jennifer Wieand, Cleveland State 6
- Amy Miller, Wright State 5
- Angie Muir, Butler 5
- Cynthia Morote-Ariza, Loyola 5



Penguin Sports in Brief

YSU Basketball tickets now on sale

The Youngstown State Athletic ticket office is accepting season-ticket renewals and new applications for the upcoming 2007-2008 men's and women's basketball seasons.

A men's package for all 13 home games is available for \$120 while a women's package for 12 home games is also available for \$120.

Fans can also chose the "Penguin Package" Full Season-Ticket Reserved seat for \$150 and includes tickets to all 25 home contests.

Men's tennis team concludes regular season schedule

The Youngstown State men's tennis team has completed the regular season for the fall of 2007.

The final outing for the squad was the Valparaiso Invitational where they competed against Toledo and Horizon League counterparts Green Bay and UIC.

The final stop for the team this fall will be the ITA Midwest Regional Championships that will begin on Oct. 17.

Golf team ties for 8th at tournament

The Youngstown State men's golf team finished eighth at the 13-team John Dallio Memorial Tournament hosted by DePaul at the Ruffled Feathers Golf Course in Chicago on Sunday.

Senior Ross Beal clinched a fourth-place individual finish.

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball team stays together through frustrating first half

Aaron Blatch
Sports Reporter

The frustrations of long losing streaks often tear teams apart, causing athletes to lose focus and to blame teammates and coaches for the poor play.

No one told this to the Youngstown State volleyball team.

Despite suffering through 10 losses in their last 11 matches, Penguin head coach Joe Bonner and sophomore middle hitter Ruth Boscaljon said that the team has remained surprisingly upbeat and free of internal conflict.

"We're all frustrated together," Boscaljon said. "No one's blaming anyone. This is a talented team and we work hard. It's just hard when we don't get the results we want."

After beginning the season 5-0, the Penguins have endured a stunning collapse — one that Boscaljon struggles to explain. She said they are "still the same team" that got off to the hot start, but she points to a difficult Horizon League schedule and an inability to finish close matches as reasons for the decline.

Bonner has decided to take an optimistic approach. He said that instead of labeling the team's recent play as a "losing streak" he views it as being competitive in a tough conference.

A closer look at the numbers shows that three of the Penguins' five league losses have been pushed to five games, and the other two have ended in four games.

The coach is encouraged by the team's hard work and competitive attitude. Along with learning to close out five game matches, Bonner said the biggest key to a

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Ruth Boscaljon, sophomore middle hitter



turnaround is simple: "remembering that it's a game and it's supposed to be fun."

The biggest positive for the Penguins is that they still have 13 games left to try to reverse their fortunes. They are currently winless in league play but will face every team at least one more time this season.

"What's cool about the conference is you play each team twice so we have an opportunity to fix the things that we didn't do well the first time," Boscaljon said.

Although his team will be losing just one senior, Bonner refuses to look ahead to next year when the team will return a solid, experienced nucleus. The coach wants to use the remaining games to make improvements both physically and mentally in preparation for the Horizon League Championship in November.

"We have eleven matches left in the conference and, most importantly, the conference tournament," Bonner said. "In that time we need

to work on learning how to win, wanting to win and finishing matches. This is all kind of a precursor to the big one."

The Penguins will begin working their way to "the big one" in a four-game home stand starting Friday.

In that stretch the team will play conference rivals Loyola and University of Illinois at Chicago for the first time this season and will begin the second round of league play against Wright State and Butler, two teams that beat the Penguins in close five-game matches in September.

The team will have opportunities to notch its first home victory of the season.

If the Penguins can improve on the little things and keep their high morale, they will have an opportunity to be a dangerous team when tournament play comes around.

"The biggest thing is not to get frustrated," Boscaljon said. "We're always positive."

HOCKEY

Weekend conference battles slated for Penguin hockey

Andrew Berry
Sports Editor

The Youngstown State University hockey club will begin conference play early this season.

Following an opening weekend that saw the team defeat Bowling Green 8-5 and drop a 7-2 contest to Kent State, the Penguins will immediately be thrown into the conference fire with two games set for this weekend.

The action begins Friday with a road contest with the Indiana University of Pennsylvania followed by a 7:30 p.m. home match with the Pittsburgh Panthers at the Ice Zone in Boardman.

Head coach Rocky Russo explained that with conference play opening in just the second week of the season, his team will have to maintain focus and a consistent working effort.

"The early league games count just as much as the ones at the end," Russo said. "We definitely can't take any nights off."

After seeing his team in action for the first time this season, Russo believes the team has some work to do correcting mistakes on defense. The coach said that with such a young team, mistakes are part of the growing process.

While the Penguins have had trouble stopping opposing scores, the team itself has found no trouble putting the puck in the net.

In the team's opening match with the Bowling Green Falcons, the Penguins were able to punch in eight goals, which impressed coach Russo.

"What I liked about the Green Bay game was that we were able to score eight goals, and Mike Poljak

didn't have any of them," Russo said. "That tells me we have built a strong supporting cast."

Poljak is the returning leading scorer for the Penguins and was one of the top scorers in the nation a year ago. His performance as a freshman in the previous season earned him the Rookie of the Year award by the American Collegiate Hockey Association.

After the team's first two games of the season, Poljak is still looking for his first goal of 2007. Despite his star player having yet to find the back of the net, Russo isn't worried about Poljak's slow scoring start.

"He's doing things that are creating opportunities for other guys. He's been leading the team and has done a lot to contribute," Russo said.

To help Poljak repeat his phenomenal freshman season, Russo brought in strong recruits to help increase the power of the Penguin offense.

Naaman Moorman is one player that Russo said will be able to create space for Poljak. A former member of the Mahoning Valley Phantoms and Santa Fe Roadrunners, Russo described Moorman as a strong, powerful forward that will open lanes for the offense.

With the addition of West Virginia to the College Hockey Mid-America conference, Russo said the teams now have a shot to earn an automatic bid to the national playoffs.

Russo said that with the Mountaineers on board, the expansion and chance to compete for the national championship have brought legitimacy to the CHMA conference.



College Hockey Mid-America Standings

Slippery Rock	3-1-0
Pittsburgh	1-0-0
Washington & Jefferson	1-0-0
John Carroll	1-1-0
Youngstown State	1-1-0
West Virginia	1-1-0
Duquesne	0-0-0
IUPUI	0-3-0

FOOTBALL



FOCUSED — Sophomore quarterback Todd Rowan warms up on the sideline before going in against Missouri State. Photo by Andrew Berry.

Rowan ready to go for Penguins

Andrew Berry
Sports Editor

Head coach Jon Heacock can begin to breathe easier now.

Since the beginning of the season, Heacock has had to play it safe with junior wide receiver Ferlando Williams when filling in for senior quarterback Tom Zetts.

Until now, the Penguins have been without backup quarterback Todd Rowan as he spent the first half of the season recovering from an injury.

After Rowan got his first series of snaps against Lock Haven on

Sept. 22, Rowan once again saw action in the Penguins most recent home game against Missouri State.

For the first time this season, Rowan is listed on the depth chart as the Penguins backup quarterback behind Zetts for the game against Southern Illinois.

"I feel good, I'm glad to be back. I'm ready to go and will do what I can for the team," Rowan said.

Rowan explained he understands his role and knows he has to be prepared to step in.

"Coach Wright is always telling me I'm one play away so I have to practice like I'm a starter," Rowan said.

FOOTBALL



TOUGH YARDS — Senior quarterback Tom Zetts (24) scrambles out of the pocket and gets a block from teammate Ben Lane (30) to pick up a first down on the ground. Photo by Andrew Berry.

Gateway action continues with No. 7 Southern Illinois

Andrew Berry
Sports Editor

For the first time this season, the Penguins will be traveling outside of Ohio into enemy territory.

The Youngstown State University football team is set to head to Carbondale, Ill. for a Gateway conference clash at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday with the No. 7 Southern Illinois Salukis.

With the team's four-game winning streak on the line, the Penguins will be playing away from Stambaugh Stadium for the first time since traveling down the road to Columbus for the Sept. 1 season-opener with Ohio State.

The Penguins defeated Missouri State Saturday in the Gateway-opener and added number four to their winning streak despite the season-opener defeat to a Bowl Championship Series program.

Against the Salukis, the Penguins will look to continue the streak.

The Penguins have not lost a regular season road game to a FCS team dating back to 2005 when the team closed out the season with a 31-17 road loss against none other than Southern Illinois.

After losing to Penn State in the team's first road game last season, the Penguins reeled off four straight road wins: a mark the team will look to match this season having already lost its first road game to the Buckeyes of the Big Ten conference.

Now that the four-game home stand is complete, head coach Jon Heacock fully believes this Saturday's game will be the biggest challenge of the season since the battle with the Buckeyes.

"Anytime you go on the road in this conference, you can [say] that about anyone. The hardest thing

about playing in Carbondale is the guys that play there," Heacock said.

The Salukis have pounded their way to a 5-0 record and have an offense that scores points at will.

Southern Illinois opened its Gateway schedule last week by scorching Indiana State for a 72-10 victory. It was the third game this season the Salukis have posted 50 points or more in a single outing.

The defense has been playing just as strong for Southern Illinois, having only given up more than 14 points to Football Bowl Subdivision constituent Northern Illinois in a game where the Salukis came back to upset the Huskies 34-31.

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Jon Heacock, head football coach

The Penguin coach attributed much of the Salukis' success on offense to senior quarterback Nick Hill.

Hill has played with extreme confidence this season throughout five games, having completed over 70 percent of his passes with 13 scores through the air and no picks.

"Their quarterback has done a tremendous job for them. He controls that football team, and I think he's the guy that keeps it going for them," Heacock said.

After film viewing, Heacock noted that, perhaps, no one other than Northern Illinois was able to

put much pressure on Hill during the game.

Looking to make life a living nightmare for Hill on Saturday will be the Penguin defensive front seven, led by junior defensive tackle Mychal Savage.

The Penguins have done a solid job forcing mistakes and shutting down drives by opposing offense. The team has grabbed seven interceptions and collected five sacks thus far in five games.

So far this season, Hill has played mistake-free football — something Savage wants to change on Saturday.

"I don't think he makes too many bad decisions at all," Savage said. "We have to force those mistakes."

Against Missouri State, the Penguins effectively shut down quarterback Cody Kirby following his impressive outing against Central Arkansas that earned him Gateway Player of the Week honors.

To have the same success against Hill, Savage understands that the team will have to prepare efficiently and work hard to get the job done.

"I think we have our work cut out for us," Savage said.

Strong play by the defense has been abundant this season for the Penguins and is a big reason why the team is entering Saturday's game with a 4-1 overall record.

Heading into the weekend, the Penguin defense is ranked 11th-best unit in the nation in the Sports Network rankings, and the Penguins are rated higher than all other Gateway teams.

"We have real talent here, from the defensive line to the secondary, and we're all doing our part to make the defense better," Savage said.



This Week's Impact Match-ups



Brad Samsa
Left Tackle
No. 67

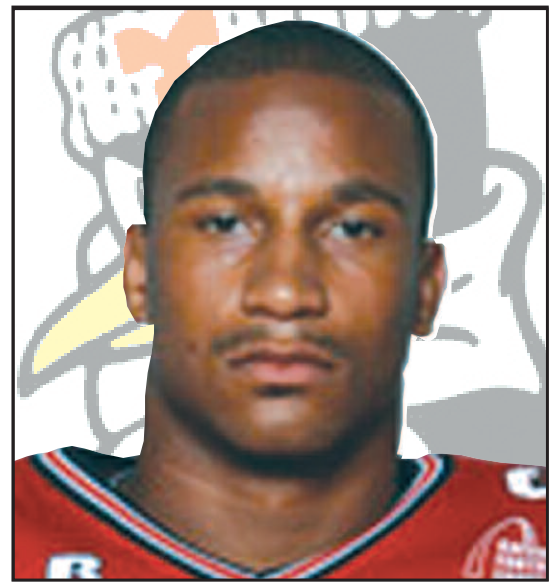
Of the three-headed monster the Salukis feature at the linebacker position, Chauncey Mixon is the most dangerous of them all. The former All-Gateway newcomer selection has been a thorn in the side of opposing offenses this season and is amassing stats at an alarming rate. Mixon finished the 2006 season with 55 tackles and four-and-a-half sacks. Mixon has nearly matched those numbers with 41 tackles and two sacks in just five games into 2007. Junior guard Brad Samsa, a second-team All-Gateway selection a year ago, will have the job of keeping Mixon out of the backfield. Mixon has a burst of speed that makes him a deadly pass rusher. The Penguins have had trouble sending out the same offensive line for more than one game this season, and Mixon could be licking his chops for a chance to bring down senior quarterback Tom Zetts.



Chauncey Mixon
Linebacker
No. 3

Dorian Chenault
Defensive Back
No. 6

The Penguin defense did a solid job last week shutting down a promising true freshman quarterback in Cody Kirby. The Missouri State passer was never able to get into a rhythm and find open receivers throughout the game. Putting pressure on the quarterback worked effectively against the young Kirby. But on Saturday, the Penguins will be going up against a veteran senior quarterback who has been leading an onslaught of an offensive for Southern Illinois. Nick Hill finished last season as the seventh-rated passer in the nation and is well on his way to making a case for a top finish in the rankings this season. Hill has hit over 70 percent of his pass attempts with 13 touchdowns and no interceptions. On the other side of ball, senior safety Dorian Chenault is tied with DeAngelo Wilson for the team lead in interceptions with two. Chenault will have to keep a sharp eye on Hill as he runs through his checks on passing plays.



Nick Hill
Quarterback
No. 17



GATEWAY

Weekend guide to Gateway football



No. 23 Illinois State vs. Missouri State
Saturday, 3 p.m.



Indiana State vs. No. 22 Western Illinois
Saturday, 12 p.m.

Keys to Victory

Southern Illinois has implemented a rushing attack similar to that of the Penguins. Using a multitude of backs, the Salukis are averaging 250 rushing yards per game. While they have yet to settle on a consistent starter for every game, the system is working for the Salukis. The team uses additional tight ends and blockers to max-protect against the defense. With fresh legs continually being subbed in, the Penguin front seven will have to bear down and close the gaps to keep the Salukis' running backs from springing free for big gains.

If certain trends continue Saturday for both teams, the Penguins will want to build a lead before halftime. So far this season, the second quarter has been the best for the Penguin offense with 48 total scored in the stanza. For the Salukis, the second quarter has been their worst 15 minutes a game for their defense, which has allowed 34 points in that period. While the game most likely won't end with which team has the most points before halftime, the leading team will have a better chance to close the door in the final minutes.

The Penguins must cut down on the penalties if they expect to have success against Southern Illinois and keep the Saluki offense off the field. The Penguins have accumulated 31 penalties and are losing nearly 50 yards a game to the referee's whistle. The Salukis have shown slightly more discipline having been flagged for foul play only 22 times. With both team's having strong defensive units, it will be crucial for the Penguins to maintain field position. Neither team can afford to have numerous mental mistakes in this Gateway contest.