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# Early voting causes controversy

J. Breen Mitchell  
NEWS EDITOR

National controversy regarding same-day registration and early voting came to the Youngstown State University campus from Sept. 30 to Oct. 6. Volunteers from Vote Today Ohio, a group that encourages early voting, was on campus to shuttle students back and forth from the university to the polls to register and vote. Referred to as "Golden Week" by volunteers, this is the week in which early voting overlaps with the deadline to register to vote. The Ohio Republican Party challenged this in court, alleging a high risk of voter fraud. "Republicans are not opposed to early voting," said John McClelland, spokesman for the Ohio GOP. McClelland said 30 days before an election has been the deadline to register for the past 30 years, and until 2005, voters needed a reason to vote absentee.

In 2005, the legislature allowed for "no-fault" absentee balloting. "We absolutely encourage it," said McClelland. He said Ohio's Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner's interpretation of the law that allows for same-day registration was done in coordination with Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama's campaign. "Ohio law says that it is not legal," said McClelland, adding that he disagrees with the court's decision that allows for voters to register and vote simultaneously. "That creates a huge opportunity for voter fraud," he said. McClelland said he wants students to vote, even if they

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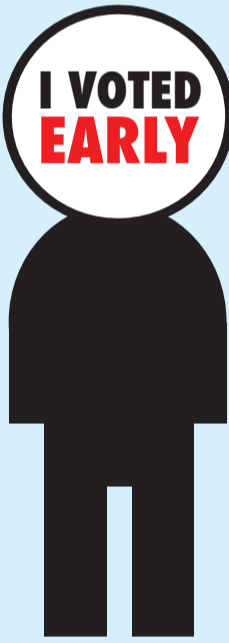
John McClelland, Ohio GOP

aren't voting for Republican candidates.

"Here's the problem. You're gonna have people register and cast a ballot and by the time their registration is verified, the election could be over," he said, adding, "We want the vote to be fair ... unfortunately that's not what's happening."

DeMario Cooper, a member of Vote Today Ohio, said he sees no problem with same day registration.

"It's legal. I don't think there's a huge opportunity for voter fraud," Cooper said.



# Boardman possible location for new community college

Sarah Sole  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The community college has an outline, a leader and now a possible location.

Chancellor Eric Fingerhut has identified Roy Church, president of Lorain County Community College, as leader of the community college implementation, and Church has identified Southwoods Metro College in Boardman as a possible location for the college, which would include Jefferson, Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull counties.

Toledo and Dayton are good examples of cities with strong state universities and community colleges, said President David Sweet, adding that about 40,000 students are in each city.

"Why is it that they, in each community, have 40,000, while we have 17,000?" Sweet said, comparing Youngstown State University enrollment to colleges in Toledo and Dayton.

The community college here would build on the same premise.

In covering four counties, the college would expand the existing Jefferson County Community College, which has 1,800 students, and would have a central location in Mahoning County, Sweet said.

"It's hard to provide student services ... with that small of a number. You've got to ramp it up," Sweet said of enrollment at Jefferson.

Sweet said the implementa-

tion of a community college would help YSU better define its role as a higher education institution.

Over the next six to 10 years, the community college would become the main pathway for students for general and remedial education, and YSU could transition away from open enrollment, Sweet said. This transition would happen alongside the gradual implementation of the state funding formula, which would fund universities based upon the number of students who completed classes rather than enrollment figures.

Additionally, YSU would also be able to focus more on graduate degrees and research.

While YSU would focus on higher education, the community college would provide a transition between career and technical centers and the university. For example, the community college may offer a two-year nursing program among other associate degrees.

"It would provide more options," Sweet said of the college. The transferability of credits between the college and YSU would give students more ways to enter the education system.

In mapping out the identities of YSU and the community college, Sweet also asked the campus community to consider a name for the college.

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# YSU enrollment rates vary during recession

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REPORTER

While Youngstown State University enrollment rates during recessions have varied, some members of the campus community said that uncertain economic times could affect enrollment.

"At time when unemployment increases, our enrollment increases," said Tom Maraffa, senior assistant to the president.

Recessions may not be the only cause of fluctuating enrollment rates said Teresa Riley, acting chair of the economic department.

There are some leading factors or scenarios that have helped affect enrollment rates during recessions, said Riley.

The two main factors are how much financial aid is available to the students and how many students live in the area, she said.

Riley said the varying number of high school graduates in YSU's market is another factor.

Furthermore, during a recession people are pessimistic so they may opt to choose YSU, a public college versus a private college because it's more affordable, said Riley.

If someone lost their job, they may decide to go back to college, leading to an increase in enrollment, said Riley.

On the other side, "If someone lost their job, they may not have enough money to go to school, leading to a decrease in enrollment," said Riley.

Another leading factor for varying enrollment rates during past recessions is that a person

## Recession progression

The Business Cycle Dating Committee of the National Bureau of Economic Research listed six official recessions, or a decline in economic activity lasting more than six months that occurred between 1967 and 2001.

The committee dated the recessions to have occurred:

- December 1969-November 1970
- November 1973-March 1975
- January 1980-July 1980
- July 1981-Nov. 1982
- July 1990-March 1991
- March 2001-Nov. 2001

may have planned to go straight to work after their graduation but were unable to do so, she said.

Although rumors of a current recession are out in the open, Riley said, "Technically, right now there is not a recession, but in a few months, who knows."

"A recession can't be identified until the recession has already occurred," she said.

An enrollment rate graph from institutional research and policy analysis, which shows the enrollment rates since 1967, showed that both increases and decreases have occurred during recessions.

The graph showed a decline of 290 students occurring during the 1973-1975 recession, and during the recession of 1981-1982, there was also a decline, but this time by 80 students. Though this trend contin-

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# Distance learning program receives upgrade

David Burrows  
REPORTER

For almost 10 years students have been able to take online courses for select degrees. Now, students have a greater selection to choose from thanks to a recent "blanket accreditation" awarded to the university.

In the past, every time Youngstown State University wanted to offer a new degree program through Web-based courses, administrators would have to request accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission.

YSU can now offer new degree programs through Web-based courses and distance learning without requesting new accreditation.

"This puts us at a huge advantage over other universities," says Sal Sanders, director of distance learning. "Now we can work at our own pace without having to get new accreditations."

According to the YSU institutional accreditation Web page, the whole process took about two years, starting in spring of 2006. Within those two years, committees and analysts prepared questions to submit to the Higher Learning Commission. Then, the commission returns with team members from other institutions to visit the university to interview individuals and groups and writes a report on their findings. After the report is filed, the commission decides whether to accredit the university or not, and in this case, they did.

Bege Bowers, associate provost and chairwoman of the Steering Committee said, "The university will be allowed to offer more courses to students we may have not been able to reach."

Some students find this a convenience and a major value to the university, but only to a certain extent.

"I think it is good because it broadens the spectrum of what

one can learn at YSU," says sophomore David Sembach. Sembach is taking German courses through the distance learning program and said he has seen positive and negative aspects to it. His professor teaches from a classroom in Cleveland in front of a camera and the signal is sent to a classroom television in Cushwa Hall.

"It is something to get used to," says Sembach, "If this is the first time you are taking a distance learning class, and it is the first time your professor is teaching the course, know the phone extension for the tech guys. Know it well."

Despite the difficulties, he plans on taking more classes in this style.

New programs start fall 2009 and are available to students interested in taking Web-based courses.

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## News Briefs

### Lecture on Climate Change to be presented Tuesday

A free lecture will be held by Dianna Faretta, senior researcher with the Center for Media and Democracy, entitled "Big Spin for a Small Planet: Public Relations, Lobbying and Climate Change." The presentation will be on Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 2:30 p.m. in the Chestnut Room.

### YSU grad performs with quintet

YSU graduate Sean Jones, principal trumpet of the Jazz and Lincoln Center Orchestra, will be performing with his quintet on Thursday, Oct. 9. The concert will begin with a dessert and coffee buffet at 6:30 p.m. in the Stambaugh Ballroom. The event is to celebrate YSU's Centennial.

## Police Briefs

### Man caught throwing objects at vehicles

An officer was called to the F-3 lot at Williamson Hall on Oct. 3 in regard to a male throwing objects at vehicles. The suspect started running when police arrived but was apprehended at the 200 block of Elm. The suspect was transported to the YSU police department for questioning.

### Student alleges harassment

A student filed a report that he was being harassed by a former co-worker and classmate. He said he was bumped on the shoulder by the other student and felt it was an attempt to incite a physical altercation. The student told the other student to leave him alone and reported the incident to YSU police.

### Student denies 911 call

A YSU police officer was sent to an apartment on Wood Street on Oct. 2 in reference to a female who had called 911 and reached a town in Illinois. She said she had taken 21 pills. Upon arrival, the subject in the apartment said she had not taken any pills or called 911. The officer gave her a card informing her of services on campus, and she repeated that she did not want to hurt herself.

### Parking tag reported stolen from student vehicle

A student filed a theft report with YSU police on Oct. 2. The student said he had left his vehicle unlocked on Oct. 1. When he returned later that day, his parking tag had been removed from his mirror.

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## Global markets take a beating

David Goldstein  
 MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Fear and uncertainty were hot commodities in global markets Monday.

Stocks plummeted and currencies fell as shockwaves from the Wall Street meltdown continued to reverberate across financial capitals.

The Mexican peso plunged to its lowest level in years. That country's stock market dropped 5.4 percent.

Brazil and Russia temporarily halted trading after a series of steep drops on their exchanges.

Meanwhile, Sweden, Denmark and Austria joined Ireland and Germany on a growing list of European countries that have pledged to guarantee bank deposits to tamp down consumer worries.

"This is a stampede," said Valerie Plagnol, chief strategist at CM-CIC Securities in Paris.

On the very day that Washington began to unfold the \$700 billion economic rescue mission, foreign governments and investors seemed resigned to a long period of tight credit and turmoil.

Russia suspended its benchmark RTS stock index twice on Monday, as it fell 19.1 percent, its worst one-day drop ever. It had already halted trading three times last Friday, hoping to slow sliding shares and capping the market's worst week in nearly a decade.

Russia on Monday also shut down its second major market,

the Micex, three times. It had fallen nearly 19 percent.

The global credit crunch has compounded Russia's financial woes. It's already reeling from the one-two punch of falling oil prices and the loss of billions in foreign investment after the August war with Georgia.

In Latin America, the U.S. financial crisis caused trading on Brazil's stock exchange to be halted twice on a day when the value dropped by 8 percent.

In Argentina, stocks fell 10 percent, and currencies across the region tumbled against the dollar.

"The turmoil is really starting to hit Latin America," Jane Eddy, a senior regional specialist for ratings agency Standard & Poor's. "You have stock market drops, currencies weakening and credit really drying up. Everyone is on hold waiting to see what will happen over the next two weeks."

The uncertainty comes at a time when Latin America has been enjoying its strongest sustained economic growth in 25 years. The region grew by 5.7 percent in 2007 and was projected to grow by about 4.5 percent in 2008.

Thomaz Teixeira, a stock analyst at Socopa Corretora in Sao Paulo, said investors were not necessarily in a "panic."

"But they're selling for the sake of selling at whatever price," he said. "In time, though, we believe that the market will heal."

In South Africa, the stock market hit its lowest mark in more than eight years. Banks in

Zimbabwe ran out of cash after depositors tried to pull out their money.

In Pakistan, already embattled on the political front, the rupee hit a new low against the dollar. With its currency having lost 21 percent of its value already this year, Standard & Poor's warned that the country was close to bankruptcy.

Next door, in India, stocks fell nearly 5.8 percent, the lowest close in two years. The index has shed more than 42 percent of its value this year, with foreign investors leading the retreat.

In response, the capital market regulator lifted curbs Monday on overseas investors to halt record sales by offshore funds.

In the Middle East, Kuwait pumped \$374.3 million into the banking systems Monday and Saudi Arabia injected more \$26 million into its stock market, local newspapers reported.

Apparently immune to all the turbulence was Iraq. The government has little if any investments in the institutions affected by the crisis and a barely functioning stock market. Most Iraqis keep their money in their homes rather than trust banks.

"We don't believe it will affect our bank balance," said Minister of Industry Fawzi Hariri. "In the short term we'll be one of the least affected nations."

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YSU, said he sees two separate issues.

"I think the registration issue may be a little overblown," said Sracic.

He said the various boards of election are making efforts to verify registration to avoid voter fraud.

He said early voting is problematic, though.

"I have a problem with early voting," Sracic said.

He said he thinks it is a bad idea because it's too early and a lot of the local races haven't really begun yet.

It's one thing to know who your choice is for president, he said, but local candidates don't have the money to spend until the about three weeks before the election.

"To vote now before any real politicking has been done is kind of unfair," said Sracic.

Students had differing views

on the controversy.

Karina Hudson, freshman, said early voting was a good idea "because a lot of people don't vote. However, they're very persistent. I was not aware of the early voting controversy. It doesn't make sense. I don't understand how it could cause voting fraud," she said.

Freshman Monica Graham had not heard of the controversy. However, she said "there is a good possibility that voting fraud could occur."

Sophomore Julian Curtis said the controversy makes sense.

"There needs to be a little bit of time between registering to vote and voting," Curtis said. "They need to verify it."

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ued from 1986-1987, in 1988, a net increase of 35 students occurred.

Similarly, enrollment data from other recessions also show an increase in enrollment.

Between 1969 and 1970 for example, 253 more students were enrolled at YSU, and from 1974-1975 there was an increase of 1,656 students.

Tom Maraffa, special assistant to the president, said it is important to know that recessions affect areas of the U.S. differently.

In Washington D.C., most of the jobs are in government, so Washington D.C. may not be affected by the recession as much as an industrial community would, said Maraffa.

It all depends on what and where the jobs are, said Maraffa.

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## The importance of the human form

**Kaely Hawkins**  
REPORTER

Being required to draw a nude model for an art class was a nerve-racking experience for senior Kendra Allen.

"I wasn't sure how I would react to seeing a nude person I would have to stare at and draw," she said.

Although Allen took this class as a freshman, Youngstown State University's art program is continuing to educate students on the importance of learning to draw the human form. There are currently five art classes that use models.

Chris McCullough, an art professor, stressed how critical drawing nudes is for art students.

"It's extremely important, one of the most important things we can do," McCullough said.

Allen said that overall, her class had mixed reactions on nude modeling in class.

"Our model was a male and the boys were making comments about what he looked like to the people they were sitting by. Some of the women were admiring his manly attributes," Allen said. "But, for the most part, the class handled the situation maturely."

For situations like the ones Allen described, professors will have an etiquette discussion on what behavior is expected.

Jamie Cox, also an art student, said nude modeling is a practice that should be used, but only in the correct context.

"It is a great way of learning about the human body and its structure. I

think that it is also important to know the level of maturity in the classroom before subjecting them to the exercise," she said.

Even though the situation sometimes proves uncomfortable for students like Allen, McCullough has not had any students refuse to participate in the activity, nor has she heard of any student refusing to do so in other classes.

To continue teaching students about the body form, the art department must find and hire nude models. This is not an easy task for the art department.

Many models are hired from places such as Akron, Cleveland, and Kent. YSU students are prohibited from posing. McCullough said the models range in age and are both male and female. Many of the models used are professionals.

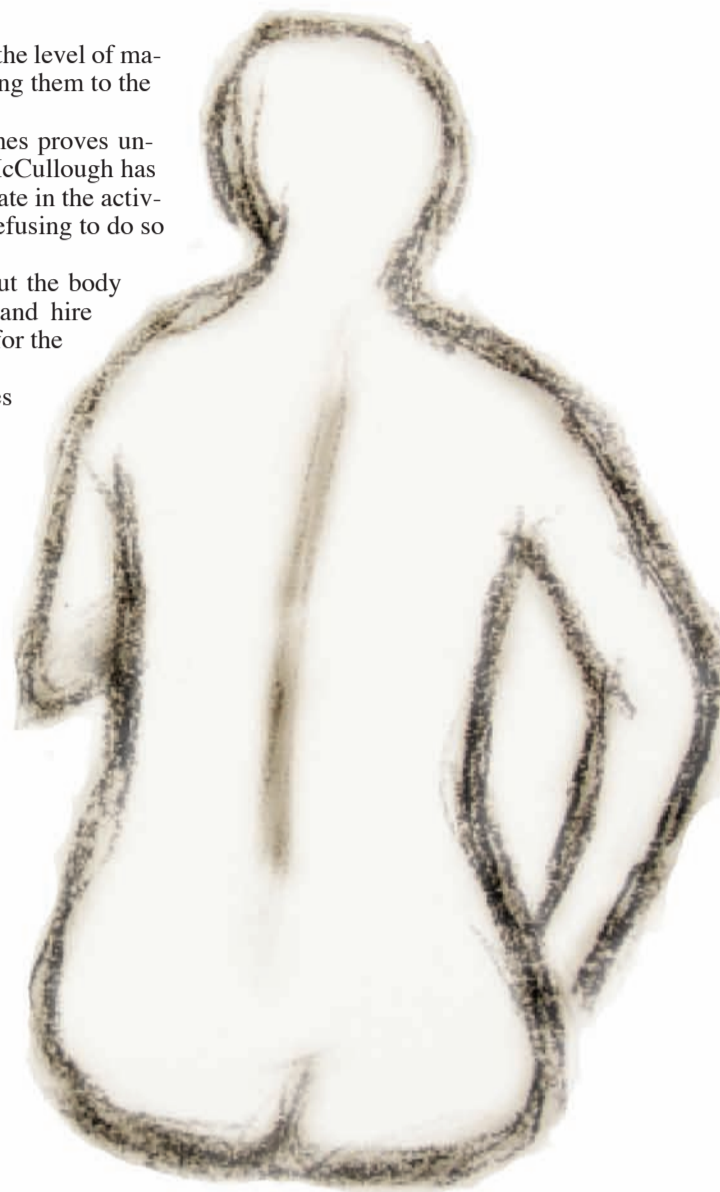
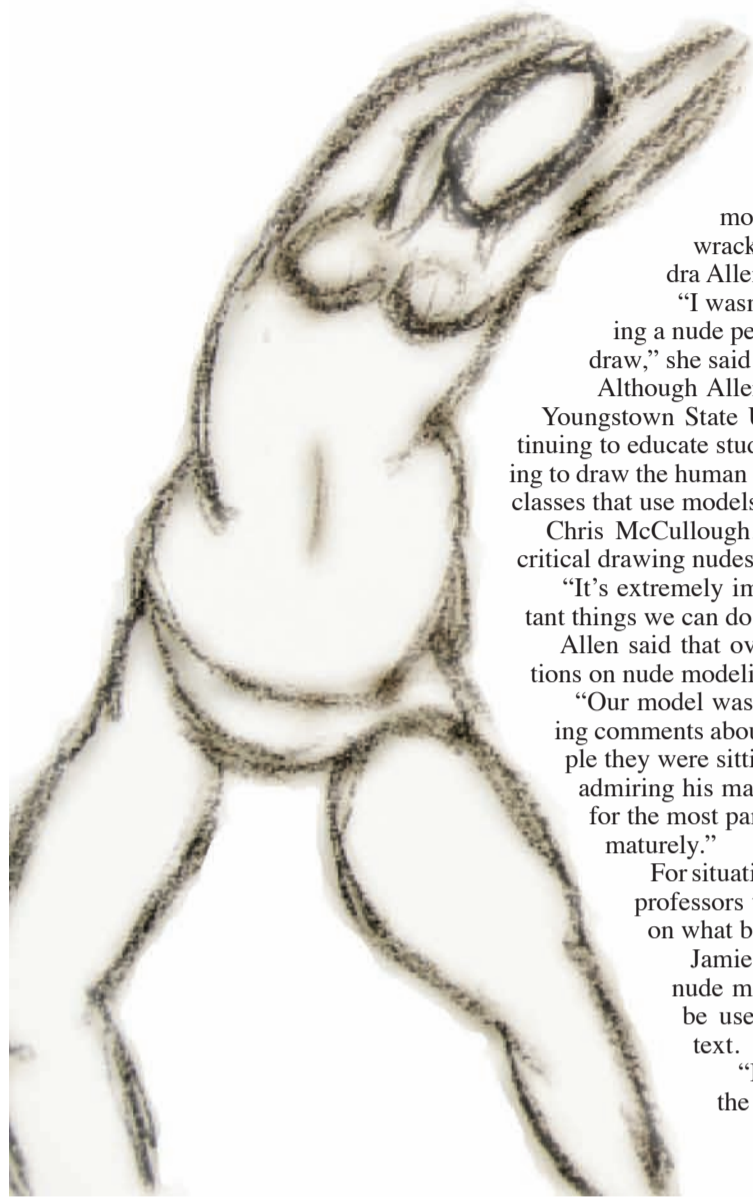
Allen said the model she drew was neither nervous nor uncomfortable.

"He was quite fine with it," she said. "He was even wearing a cape. Some of the models that pose in various classrooms around the world are actually professional nude models."

Some students find that drawing nude models is a great learning experience.

"I learned that I really don't enjoy drawing the human form, but I did learn to appreciate the human form, doesn't matter the size or shape, [for] all its beauty," Allen said.

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## The unspoken words of the road

**Matt Lattanzi**  
REPORTER

With messages such as "All Generalizations are False," "The Only Constant is Change" and "If You Can Read This I'll Brake Check You," some students are expressing their feelings in a highly visible way- with bumper stickers on their cars.

For some people, these sometimes joking, sometimes serious messages are important enough to be permanently branded on the backside of their automobile.

Freshman Valerie Martinez's

car sports the bumper sticker "Abortion stops a beating heart" along with several others. "They are a representation of me and a reflection of my personality," Martinez said of the stickers.

"I'm not going to get one that doesn't have meaning," she added. This opinion is echoed by freshman Kaitlin Krossman, whose car has a "Co-exist" sticker as well as a picture of Jimi Hendrix next to the quote, "When the Power of Love Overcomes the Love of Power the World Will Know Peace."

Krossman, who lovingly refers to her Suzuki station wagon as 'Matilda,' has at-

tempted to craft her car as an extension of her personality. "I was known as a hippy in North Carolina and all my friends were the peace goers at school," said Krossman.

Krossman, as well as her fellow bumper sticker owners, feels that by displaying these messages on the back of their cars, other people will understand who they are and be exposed to their message.

"If you read them you may be like 'hey I can do something to make the world a better place,'" said Krossman. "People will have to see the back of your car and it gets your message out."

As for negative reactions from other drivers, most students don't seem to have a problem with bumper stickers, although Krossman admits that sometimes the stickers convey a certain image to the public that isn't intended.

"My dad totally dislikes it [her Jimi Hendrix sticker]: He used to tell me, 'Carolina you're gonna have to cut his face off or people or will think you're a drug dealer,'" said Krossman.

Another student who has gotten a lot of reaction from his choice of bumper stickers is freshman Tyler Freeland, whose car features a bevy of religious themed paraphernalia, includ-

ing ones that read, "My Boss is a Jewish Carpenter" and "God Doesn't Believe in Atheists."

Freeland has had numerous encounters of people laughing at him, riding his bumper, beeping at him and some who just shake their head in approval.

"Overall, though, I see more positive reaction than negative reaction," said Freeland.

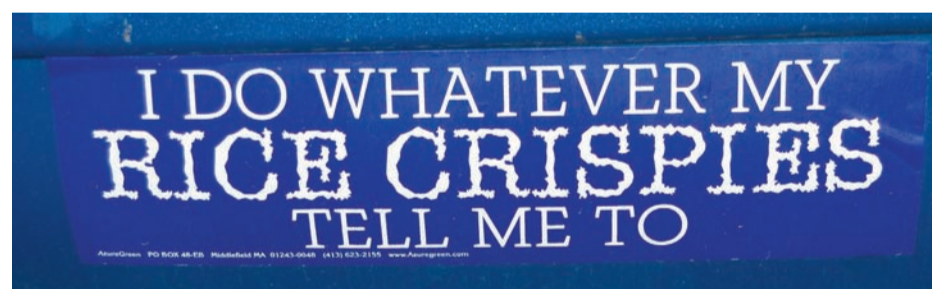
One qualm with bumper stickers that seems to be reciprocated around campus is that some students take things too far and put too many stickers on the car, which may result in an accident if someone in the rear tries to read them.

"They should get pulled over for causing a distraction," said freshman Jeff Woodworth, who took particular gripe with cars that cover their "entire back-end" with stickers.

Yet, even though these bumper stickers are designed to get a reaction, the damage done to the car may also be a factor, though not for all sticker collectors.

When faced with the knowledge that these stickers will be a permanent part of their vehicle, Martinez merely responds, "The message is more important than the car."

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OUR SIDE EDITORIAL

## Premature election nation

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Vote early, vote often. That was the phrase used to describe corrupt, machine politics in Chicago. We need to be wary of any attempts to corrupt elections on the national level.

As it has been explained to us, there are two issues at hand. The first is the issue of voters registering and voting on the same day. This may create opportunity for voter fraud, but also seems to discourage informed choice.

Same-day registration allows for political pressure groups to sway uninformed voters to vote based only on what they are told by activists moments before casting a ballot.

The other issue is that of early voting.

On one hand, this can allow for a smoother electoral process. This is because it eliminates long lines and voter intimidation from political operatives on either side of the aisle, not to mention bad weather. This can encourage participation in the process.

On the other hand, it can also create less informed votes, because major developments may take place after an early vote is cast.

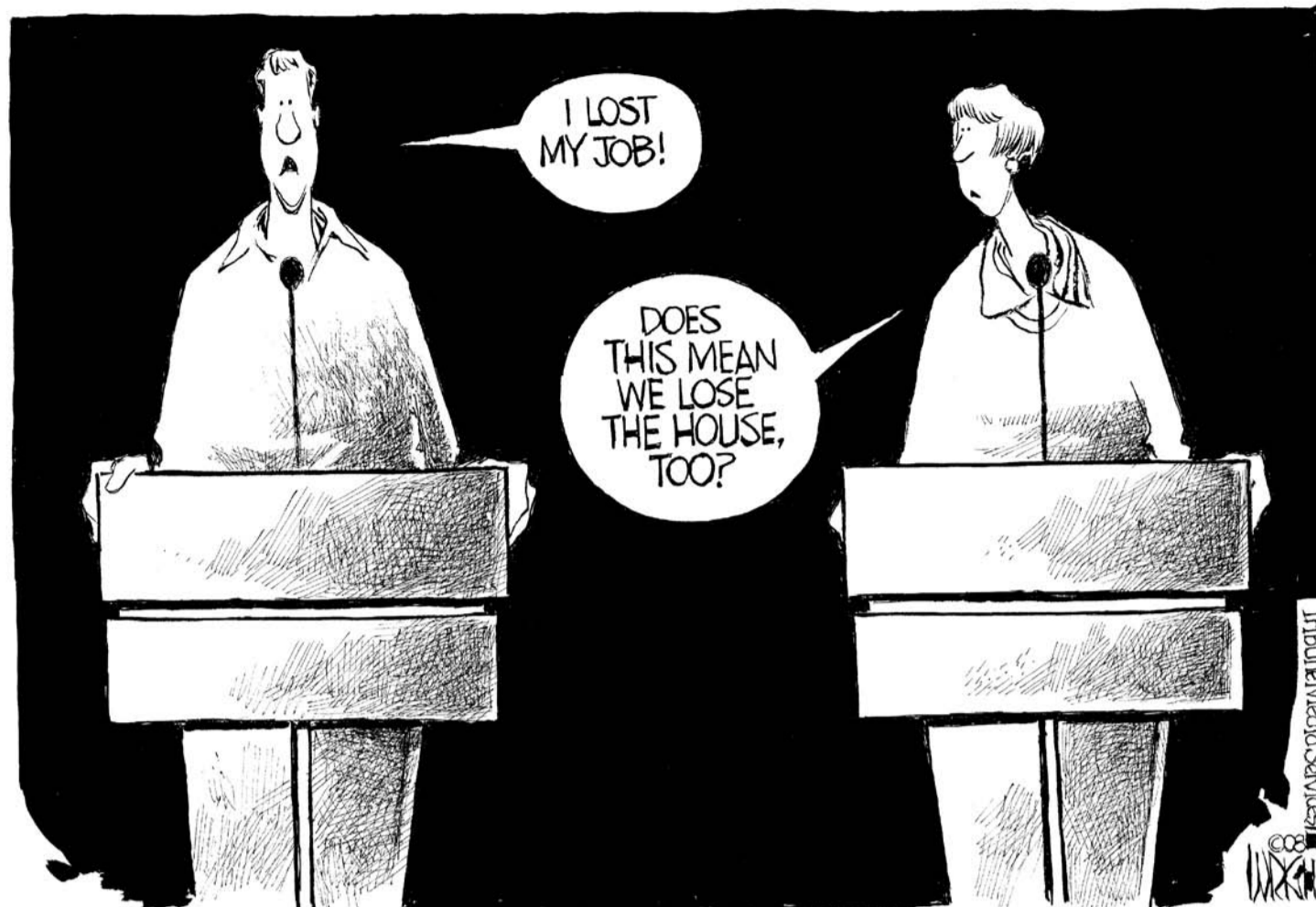
Those who have voted already will have done so prior to two presidential debates, as well as any "October surprises" that may occur that would have swayed their vote if they had known.

There is also the issue of local races, which may be neglected by those in a hurry to vote for their presidential pick.

This has been an extraordinarily long election process, and the desire to be done with it is understandable, whether motivated by enthusiasm or frustration.

The election will end, though, and the choices made will have a lasting effect on many of the key issues the country faces.

There's no need to rush into them.



### THE REAL DEBATE

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## JAMBAR QUESTION



Tyler Bacon, freshman

"I'm going to vote, but not early. I can just wait."



Stephanie Vogel, freshman

"Probably not. I live 40 minutes away, so voting booths are a minimum for me. I've been asked [about voting early] like 1000 times."

*Did you or do you plan on voting early?*

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## Who can dig us out of this?

Trudy Rubin  
The Philadelphia Inquirer

This week's financial implosion has shifted attention away from foreign policy in the presidential contest.

Neither candidate has been inspiring in this arena. But we have only two choices. So who can best dig America out from the mess President Bush's foreign policy has made?

John McCain is campaigning on experience; one can only wish Barack Obama had more. Yet the next president will confront global challenges far different from those with which the aging Arizonan is familiar.

The next president must be sufficiently agile and open-minded to adjust to a rapidly changing world in which America is no longer the dominant power. So who is the foreign-policy candidate of change?

At last week's foreign-policy debate, McCain focused obsessively on Iraq. He still insists Iraq is the central front in the war on terrorism, and he slams Obama for not agreeing. McCain doesn't seem to grasp that the biggest threats to America now come from elsewhere.

It's understandable that Iraq holds McCain's attention. He was formed by the Vietnam War and the belief that we could have won there had we stayed. But that was then, in a Cold War world, and this is now.

Even on Iraq, McCain seems strangely dated. Yes, McCain supported the surge and Obama didn't. And, yes, the surge "worked" because of Gen. David Petraeus' brilliant strategy,

based on backing Sunni militias that had turned against al-Qaeda. Without those Sunnis, the surge never would have succeeded.

Yet, right now, Iraq's Shiited government seems poised to break up the Sunni militias and put many of their men in prison or kill them. Not much from McCain about that.

Then there is the bigger picture. McCain backed the Iraq war based on Bush's mistaken strategic premise that it would remake the Middle East in our favor. Instead, our Iraq war vastly strengthened Iran, now the close ally of Baghdad. Our policies made Iran the strongest power in the Mideast.

As Obama points out, the Iraq war distracted us from pursuing al-Qaeda and other jihadi groups, which have now taken over parts of nuclear-armed Pakistan and are threatening Afghanistan.

McCain is guilty of the very sin for which he denounces Obama: confusing strategy with tactics. Yes, we ousted Saddam Hussein, but in doing so we left ourselves less secure in our primary battle, with jihadis whose central front is not in Iraq.

Despite his many trips to Iraq, McCain shows little grasp of the current situation in Baghdad. He talked of coming home "with victory and with honor"; he has speculated that we could keep troops in Iraq for many years, as we have in Germany and Japan. But this vision shows little understanding of present-day Iraq.

Shiite officials tell me their leading cleric, Ayatollah Ali Sistani, has specifically ruled out the German or Japanese model. Iraq is an Arab Muslim country that remembers colonial occupation.

Few Americans realize that Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-

Maliki has virtually endorsed Obama and insists that all U.S. troops be out of his country by the end of 2011. Maliki has been stonewalling on an agreement that would enable U.S. troops to remain after a U.N. mandate expires in December.

I've opposed Obama's 16-month timeline as too fast, because I fear Iraq's civil war will reignite. Obama would probably have to slow it down if he were elected.

Yet the Iraqi government may force the next U.S. president to pull troops out even faster than Obama now wants. McCain seems unaware that Iraqis are showing a mind of their own.

McCain is equally out of touch on Iran. He sneers at Obama's point that we need to try unconditional talks.

Yes, Obama tripped himself up in his early proposal to talk to President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, but he has backed off that mistake. The Illinois senator was right to point out that Henry Kissinger agrees on the need for such talks with Tehran; Kissinger told CNN, "I am in favor of negotiating with Iran ... at the secretary of state level."

Bottom line: Obama recognizes that the next president must think through a new Mideast strategy, whose focus is less on Iraq and more on Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan. McCain seems stuck, unable to integrate Iraq into a broad strategy for the greater Middle East.

Mired in recession and disliked abroad, our country needs a president prepared for the new challenges we're facing. Obama is far from perfect, but he seems more capable than his opponent of looking to the future rather than the past.

COLUMN  
Dierkes **deliberated**



Doug Dierkes  
COLUMNIST

I really don't understand the hysteria around early voting. I mean, it's nice that I can get to the polls before the crowds develop November 4. I also like the idea of using paper ballots as opposed to those touch-screen monstrosities that seem so popular nowadays. And there are plenty of groups operating on campus willing to give you a ride if you're interested.

So why am I not interested?

There are all sorts of reasons I would consider obvious. These party wagons are sponsored by presidential candidates trying to get your decision in ink before you have time to change your mind. All of the really embarrassing information about each politician will be revealed closer to campaign time. My right eye develops a twitch whenever I'm dealing with bureaucracies. But the main reason I'm making my vote in November is personal comfort.

Since 2004, elections have meant stopping by the volunteer fire station on the way home from school, small talking with old ladies who recognize me from across the room, and grinning like a smug bastard as I walk past my former principal, knowing my vote would help to destroy another poorly constructed school levy. Voting meant free leftover Halloween candy and a patriotic sticker for your collection. Most importantly, voting meant I was a part of my hometown. Once you've been in that sort of democracy, it's hard to get excited about a van ride to an impersonal County Board of Elections.

I'm not knocking these volunteers for trying to get more participants in the electoral process. I think their services are great for first-time voters and citizens who need assistance. But this ain't my first rodeo. Please stop harassing me like it is.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor,

Joe Six-Pack, hockey moms, darn it, you betcha is not folksy; it's pure coded racism — a call to arms not to give up the Confederate Flag — succession is still afoot [and we almost pulled it off in Alaska.]

The only other signals missing in Palin's idiot circumlocution — any time she speaks — is the mentioning of NASCAR, hunters and Bible-toting zealots who have no need for science or facts.

First, if the above premise were incorrect, then would it be okay for Obama to address a group with, "I'm talking to ya'll NBA fans, good dancers and viewers of BET — right on!"

But the greater insult Palin and spawns of McCain's dishonest, hypocritical campaign foisted on debate night was the effective neutralization of Gwen Ifill, in that she could be no more than a volunteer school crossing guard as she feared any hint of a follow up question to her first question — never answered — would clearly suggest that she, Gwen, was going after poor little Palin because Gwen had written a book, soon to be published, wherein she talks of black politicians — Obama being one, and others being Republicans. But no matter, the GOP whack jobs had already set the wheels in motion that Ifill would be tilted towards Obama — not unlike FOX for McCain — or any Republican at any time on any matter!

Thus, to insist on an answer or specifics to any questions would be seen as prurient interest in exposing female Palin as not a very bright talent since the sexism and male bullying canard was clearly out the window.

Hence, Biden, too, followed Gwen as they both cowardly followed an idiots lead to lead the debate where she wanted it to go; not unlike the re-election of Bush when it was clear that he was an idiot — idiots chose to follow him for four more years into this massive debacle the entire world is now facing: two wars and world markets robbing Peter to pay Paul.

This calls to mind an Aesop fable that goes something like: if you've seen someone who looks like MAD TV's Alfred E. Newman do something, you don't elect two more fools to do it all over again. Certainly when one of the two fools will do well just to maintain minor mental competence in simply speaking coherently for two minutes throughout the rest of this year, let alone the next four. Then, God helps us [Worldwide] because rhetorical Annie will no doubt, having an anathema toward diplomacy with fools like herself, just might blow Iran off the map simply because it has seized one of its own ships [about to sink]. Then, unvetted [intelligence wise], totally misreading foreign nations disagreement with her actions, starts World War III with China for some unrelated trade imbalance reason — but not to worry because Sarah has real America on her side: hockey moms, Joe Six-Pack and those "You betcha folks." Darn' it!

Furthermore, to hell with the NBA and Tiger Woods as well, he didn't help win the Ryder's Cup; and that Kim guy is just another example of how tolerant Americans can be providing everyone jobs.

Ted Williams

# Thunderbirds soar over Penguins

## Southern Utah defense stands strong; redshirt freshman quarterback Corsaro nearly pulls off comeback

Andrew Berry  
SPORTS EDITOR

Head coach Jon Heacock has always preached about winning the turnover margin.

With two costly fumbles and an interception, the Youngstown State University football team could not overcome the turnovers and the loss of starting quarterback Brandon Summers to injury as the team fell 14-7 to Southern Utah University.

Summers, who has been a difference maker for the Penguins since being named the starting quarterback in the third week of the season, saw his day end abruptly in the second quarter when the junior signal caller was sacked for a 6-yard loss.

Summer's sprained knee forced him to watch from the sideline as redshirt freshman Paul Corsaro was thrown into the mix for the first time since the Penguins opened the season at Ohio State.

Corsaro had only thrown two passes the entire season before

Penguins 7

Thunderbirds 14

taking over for Summers with a 7-0 lead over Southern Utah. With the help of a strong rushing attack provided by redshirt freshman Kamryn Keys and junior Dana Brown, Corsaro was able to manage the game well and finished 10 of 21 for 97 and no interceptions.

After the Thunderbirds scored the game-tying touchdown to send the contest to halftime at 7-7, Corsaro and the Penguin offense had a miserable time getting past midfield in the third quarter before the Southern Utah defense came up with the play that would ultimately decide the outcome.

With just over two minutes left to play in the third quarter, Corsaro was blitzed and clobbered by a pair of Thunderbird defenders causing Corsaro to lose the ball. The fumble was scooped up by

Aaron Fernandez, who followed a convoy of blockers 54 yards for a touchdown to give Southern Utah a 14-7 advantage.

It was a play the Penguins would not recover from, but Corsaro nearly pulled out a last minute drive to send the game to overtime only to come up short despite the gritty effort.

Starting on their own 15-yard line, the Penguins offense was faced to the task of driving 85 yards with just over three minutes left play. Despite being shaken up and surrendering the go-ahead touchdown on a fumble, Corsaro remained poised as he led the Penguins down field.

Corsaro came up big converting on several third and fourth down plays. The redshirt freshman kept the drive alive with an 11-yard strike to Aaron Pitts to convert on fourth down. Faced with a third-and-10 later in the series, Corsaro hit senior Ferlando Williams for a 38-yard pickup through the air.

Four plays later, Corsaro would have to keep the drive alive once again connecting with Donald Jones for a 10-yard completion to convert on fourth down for the second time on the drive.

But Corsaro and the Penguin offense eventually ran out of steam and were unable to convert the fourth down that mattered the most. After a timeout to stop the clock with 34 seconds to go and 18 yards away from the game-tying touchdown, Corsaro failed to connect with Jones as the Thunderbird defenders smacked Jones to force the ball out of his hands.

The YSU defense did all it could to help out the freshman quarterback holding the Thunderbirds offense to just 51 yards and three punts in the fourth quarter. Southern Utah running back Decker Alexander was more than a headache for the Penguin defense as Alexander picked up 92 yards on 21 carries and the only offensive touchdown for the Thunderbirds.

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## FCS Top 25

Teams YSU will face in blue

1. James Madison
2. Appalachian State
3. McNeese State
4. New Hampshire
5. Richmond
6. Elon
7. Cal Poly
8. Wofford
9. Villinova
10. Northern Iowa
11. North Dakota State
12. Montana
13. Massachusetts
14. Central Arkansas
15. Liberty
16. Southern Illinois
17. Western Illinois
18. Northern Arizona
19. Jacksonville State
20. Furman
21. The Citadel
22. Weber State
23. Eastern Washington
24. Delaware
25. South Dakota State

Others receiving votes: Tennessee State 164, Hampton 147, Sam Houston State 126, Montana State 85, Eastern Illinois 57, South Carolina State 55, Harvard 51, Georgia Southern 50, San Diego 34, Cornell 28, Bethune-Cookman 26, Youngstown State 17, Yale 10, Lafayette 9, North Dakota 8, Northeastern 8, Prairie View 8, Sacred Heart 6, Southern 5, Florida A&M 5, Central Connecticut State 4, Eastern Kentucky 4, Grambling 4, Princeton 4, Colgate 4, William & Mary 3, Brown 2, Delaware State 1, Illinois State 1, Northwestern State 1, Portland State 1, Texas State 1.

Information from the Sports Network

### Missouri Valley Football Conference Standings

South Dakota	3-3, 2-1
Illinois State	2-2, 1-0
North Dakota	3-2, 1-1
Northern Iowa	3-2, 1-1
Western Illinois	3-2, 1-1
Southern Illinois	2-2, 1-1
<b>Youngstown St.</b>	<b>2-4, 1-1</b>
Missouri State	1-3, 0-1
Indiana State	0-5, 0-1

### MVFC Weekend Results

Sycamores 6, Redbirds 57  
Bison 35, Salukis, 27  
Leathernecks 33, Bears 21

### YSU Stat Leaders as of Week 6

QB - Brandon Summers  
61 of 87, 676 yards, 7 TDs,  
5 Ints., 51 carries, 240 yards

HB - Kamryn Keys  
55 carries, 314 yards, 2 TDs

HB - Jabari Scott  
49 carries, 304 yards, 3 TDs

WR - Ferlando Williams  
20 rec., 270 yards, 4 TDs

DB - Andre Elliot  
48 tackles, pass break up,  
forced fumble, fumble recovery

## Barbosa shines on and off volleyball court

Keith Langford  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Youngstown State University women's volleyball team has started the season on a high note compared to seasons past. YSU's record of 8-5 overall, 1-2 in conference is a solid record for a team trying to prove themselves after a 12-18 campaign last season.

The start can be contributed in large part to senior captain Ebony Barbosa. Barbosa, along with fellow senior Karla Everhart, have led the volleyball team to an impressive start to their season.

Barbosa brings the thunder on

"I contribute leadership. Karla and I have been here the longest, so we know what its like to carry a team on our shoulders and create energy and cohesiveness between all of us."

Ebony Barbosa  
senior outside hitter

the court every time she laces up. She has a tournament MVP under her belt this season at the Comfort Suites 49er Tournament in Charlotte, N.C. Barbosa averages 2.49 digs per game, 2.34 kills per game, and 2.77 points per game for the season so far. Overall, Barbosa leads by example on the volleyball court.

Barbosa came to Youngstown State from William Allen High School in Allentown, Pa. She was an all-state, all-conference, and all-district performer in high school. She came to Youngstown State because coach Joe Bonner wanted to take the program to another level. Barbosa felt the campus had a lot of diversity, which was a big reason why she chose YSU.

Barbosa said what she loves most about YSU is volleyball, her teammates, the campus, and the educational opportunities. Barbosa has had a lot of memorable moments here but she says her most memorable moment was her first conference win.

Barbosa feels her team will do well in the midst of their Horizon League schedule. "I think we will keep working hard and smart and become more consistent on the court and more knowledgeable of our opponent," Barbosa said.

Barbosa feels she contributes on the court.

"I contribute leadership. Karla and I have been here the longest, so we know what its like to carry a team on our shoulders and create energy and cohesiveness between all of us," Barbosa said.

Barbosa says no one in particular inspired her to play volleyball. Barbosa stated she always loved



SENIOR SPIKE — Senior Ebony Barbosa strikes a set over the net. Barbosa is second on the team with 118 kills in 15 matches thus far this season.

sports growing up and realized her junior year of high school that she had the talent and capacity to play collegiate volleyball.

Barbosa's major is fashion

merchandising. Her plan after graduation is to be an assistant buyer for a merchandise store.

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## Penguins defeat IPFW; Snyder ties school record for shutouts

Andrew Berry  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Penguins were able to snap a three-game losing streak and pick their third win of the season against the IPFW Mastodons in a close 1-0 contest Sunday.

Riding the strong play of junior goalkeeper Mariah Snyder, the Penguins dominated defensively as Snyder blocked 10 of the 14 shots on goal attempted by the Mastodons. Sophomore Lauren Brennan provided the only offense necessary with a goal at the 47:59 mark.

Brennan's second goal of the season lifted the Penguins to their third win to improve the team's record to 3-9. Less than three minutes into the second half, senior Keeley Rice found Brennan and the sophomore capitalized on the pass to force the goal and give the Penguins the 1-0 lead.

In 12 games, Snyder has 91 stops and a .843 save percentage. Now with three shutouts posted on the year, Snyder needs just one more shutout this season to set a new school mark of most shutouts in a season.

With Sunday's victory at IPFW, all three of the Penguins' wins have come on the road this season. Unfortunately for the Penguins, the team will have to learn how to win in the comfort of their own backyard to move up the ladder of the Horizon League.

With six games remaining on the schedule, the Penguins will play their next three at home and

Penguins 1

Mastodons 0

### Horizon League Standings

Butler	3-0-0, 8-5-0
Loyola	3-0-0, 7-7-0
Detroit	2-1-0, 5-5-1
Milwaukee	2-1-0, 10-2-2
Wright State	1-2-1, 6-7-1
Valparaiso	1-2-0, 8-3-1
Cleveland St.	0-2-1, 4-7-1
Green Bay	3-1-0, 3-3-2
Youngstown St.	0-3-0, 3-9-0

their final three on the road. YSU has yet to earn a league victory and has only five more conference matches to do so before the bracket is set for the Horizon League tournament championship.

The Penguins have only been shutout three times this season and have proven they can score at home. For the team's success to continue, the Penguins must find a way to convert their defensive formula that has produced three wins on the road to the field at Stambaugh Stadium.

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