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Ohio GAMBLING

Officials, students differ on casino proposal

Melinda Gray
REPORTER

Ohio has traditionally upheld strict anti-casino gambling laws, but on Nov. 4 that could change.

City planners in Youngstown dismiss any potential benefits a casino and resort along Interstate 71 near Columbus would have for Mahoning County.

If Mahoning County were to receive any money, it should probably be applied to strengthen infrastructure countywide, said Hunter Morrison, director of campus planning and community partnerships.

Morrison does not support a casino in Ohio. "Gambling is basically a money laundering organization," he said.

When asked about the money this area were to receive, Morrison said, "Most of their promises are trumped up. I don't believe that anyone in the gambling community tells the truth."

Bill D'Avignon, director of planning for the city of Youngstown, does not support the issue either. He does not think it will be the economic stimulus it has been made out to be. "I don't think it will generate that much money," he said.

In excerpts from MyOhioNow.

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com, a Web site supporting the casino project in Clinton County, reasoning is given in support of building a casino and resort along Interstate 71 near Columbus. Supporters propose that since Ohio residents are already participating in gambling in large numbers, this casino would keep Ohio dollars in the area.

The language in Issue 6 implies that the casino would bring in an estimated \$800 million in gross gaming revenue. This revenue will be taxed 30 percent producing \$240 million in state tax revenue.

Two and a half million dollars will go to programs for treatment of those with gambling problems and the same amount will go toward the administrative cost to regulate

the casino. Clinton County will receive 10 percent or \$24 million to be used for infrastructure, fire and police. The remaining 88 percent or \$210 million will be split upon a per capita basis between the 88 counties in Ohio.

Trumbull County is estimated to receive \$4 million annually and Mahoning County will receive almost \$5 million. This money would be given to each county to do with as they please.

Freshman Brittany Andrews sees this money as potential for Youngstown.

"I'm definitely for it," Andrews said of the gambling issue. "My dad works at Mountaineer, so it will give him a chance to work closer to home. Plus, it will bring money into the economy. Youngstown needs as much money intake as it can get."

Freshman Ashley Zehentbauer, also a supporter of the issue, cited proximity as an advantage.

"My parents go to West Virginia to gamble all the time. If there was somewhere closer, it would save them gas," Zehentbauer said.

Despite this, senior Victor Bozis said he was against the issue and predicted that the implementation of a casino would have a negative effect on the surrounding areas.

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Rallies have little effect on student voting decisions

Melinda Gray
REPORTER

Candidate visits to battleground states such as Ohio may be good for local businesses, some say.

During a recent visit to Boardman, Sen. Barack Obama ate breakfast at the Yankee Kitchen on Market Street. Dawn Brownlee, a waitress at the Yankee Kitchen restaurant said, "I think it's great for the area when candidates visit. It gives the people a chance to see them in person rather than just watching them on television."

She said even two weeks after Obama's visit the restaurant saw an increase in business.

"Some people come in just to see where he sat and ask about what he ate. He was very nice. He came in, walked around and shook hands and then he ate. I even waited on some of his Secret Service," she said.

When the McCain/Palin rally

was held in Vienna, the two had lunch at the MVR diner near Youngstown State University's campus. Sen. McCain invited several families from the crowd at the rally to go to lunch with him and his wife. McCain also made a stop at a restaurant in the German Village while in Columbus in July.

Dr. Keith J. Lepak, associate professor of political science, believes rallies are mainly to gather support and motivate volunteers in the area.

"Some people are tired of all the coming and going and the frenetic pace of it all," he said.

He thinks that if Obama really plans on doing something with clean coal, then this area should be interested. He said, "No one can tell if it is just rhetoric or if Youngstown will be forgotten once again."

Students say the rallies do not change minds about who to vote for. Junior Adrienne Viano said she

has not attended any rallies, but that she doesn't think they affect the way people vote. "They go because they are already for that person and to show their support," Viano said.

Freshman Patrick Devine agreed that rallies don't affect votes.

"Not at all. It's about the issues," Devine said.

Trillion McCarty, sophomore, said she thinks rallies can have an effect.

"A little, because it gives you a chance to go and actually hear what they have to say," she said.

The McCain camp has 40 regional offices in Ohio and the Obama camp has 70, compared to Pennsylvania's 72 Democratic field offices and 30 Republican.

As of Oct. 15, polls are showing that neither nominee has clearly won Ohio or its 20 electoral votes.

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Biden returns to valley to attack McCain ticket

Michael Bury
REPORTER

Vice presidential nominee Joe Biden returned to the valley Tuesday to hold a rally at the Warren Amphitheatre, attacking John McCain on the economy and job losses.

"A voter voting for John McCain is like a chicken voting for Colonel Sanders," Biden said to a cheering crowd of about 800.

Throughout the speech, Biden attacked McCain for being erratic and attacking Obama instead of focusing on the issues. Biden went on to criticize John McCain for the recent slew of attack ads that have hit the airwaves in Ohio and other swing states.

"The distinction couldn't be clearer," Biden said. "One guy is fighting for you and the other one is fighting mad."

Biden said that the attack ads aren't hurting him or Barack Obama, but instead are hurting the American people.

During his speech, Biden also spoke about the war in Iraq and promised to end it. He also promised that Obama would invest in the infrastructure of America, creating 70,000 jobs for Ohio residents.

Denise McCarthy, 31, said this election would be the first time she has ever voted. When Hillary Clinton revealed her candidacy for the Democratic nominee, she went down to the Board of Elections and registered to vote.

"I swore if a woman ever ran, I would vote," McCarthy said.

McCarthy said she thought the announcement of Gov. Sarah Palin as John McCain's

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Sen. Joe Biden

running mate was a cheap publicity stunt and wasn't enough to sway her from the Democratic Party.

"I don't think she's qualified. I had never heard her name before she became John McCain's running mate," McCarthy said.

McCarthy, a manager at Family Dollar, said that she hoped the Democrats would raise the minimum wage so that she could afford to take care of her four children.

Seraffin Okello, YSU alum and Uganda native, was part of the team that helped shuttle Sen. Biden from the airport to downtown Warren.

Okello said one of his main issues was the economy, which hit home when Okello's wife lost part of her pension during the recent economic turmoil.

Even though Okello came to the United States to attend college 28 years ago, he said he feels a connection to Barack Obama because they are both descendants of the Lwo tribe, a tribe that extends from Uganda and into part of Kenya.

"It's a good feeling knowing that," Okello said.

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Signs posted outside of Grenga Machine and Welding Company display owner Joseph Grenga's protest. Photo by Brian Cetina.

Fight over eminent domain continues

J. Breen Mitchell
NEWS EDITOR

Joseph Grenga's legal battle with the city of Youngstown over eminent domain remains unresolved after months of litigation.

Grenga, the owner of Grenga Machine and Welding Company, refuses to sell his property to the city for use by Youngstown State University's Williamson College of Business Administration.

"They never negotiated with me. They said they did, but they didn't," Grenga said.

The city offered Grenga \$205,000 last January for the property, but Grenga would not sell. He said his family has

been in the area for 80 years and that the money was not adequate compensation.

"They figure they say the magic words 'eminent domain' and everyone just throws in the towel," he said, adding that he believes YSU has all the land they need for the project, and that there's no need for an additional road where his shop is located on Wayne Avenue.

Grenga is representing himself in the matter, but said he has received an offer from an attorney in Cleveland to represent him for free, covering what he said would be \$2,000 per day in legal fees.

"There's just no need to build a road there. It's a com-

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News Briefs

Funny Farm cancels Last Comic Standing show

The Funny Farm Comedy Club cancelled the Last Comic Standing show at the DeYor Performing Arts Center. Students can get refunds for their \$5 tickets at the YSU Bookstore's exchange and refund counter from Oct. 20-24.

New business building groundbreaking set

On Monday, Oct. 27 at 1:30 p.m., YSU will break ground on a new \$34.3 million building for the Williamson College of Business Administration. The ceremony will be held at its future site at Rayen Avenue and Phelps Street. Construction will begin in January and is scheduled to open summer 2010.

Professor's book part of award-winning series

YSU political science chair and professor Dr. Paul Sracic is part of a book series awarding the prestigious Scribes Book Award. His book is a 176-page volume named, "San Antonio v. Rodriguez and the Pursuit of Equal Education" and is a part of the award-winning University Press of Kansas series. Along with the success of his book, he has been recognized this election this year, commenting locally and nationally about the role Mahoning valley plays this election year.

YSU business honors outstanding alumni

The Williamson College of Business Administration at YSU will present the 2008 WCBA Outstanding Alumni Awards at the 13th annual WCBA Alumni Banquet. The banquet will be Friday, Oct. 24 in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center. Stephen Bartolin of Colorado Springs, Colorado, chairman, president and CEO of the Broadmoor hotel and resort, Catherine Mott, CEO and founder of BlueTree Capital Group and Joseph Smith, account director for the Office of National Drug Control Policy are among the honorees.

Police Briefs

YSU golf cart stolen

YSU police was called in regards to a YSU golf cart stolen outside of Beeghly Center on Oct. 11. Police spotted tire tracks outside of Sweeney Hall along with three juveniles walking past the front doors of Sweeney. Police questioned the three and they admitted to stealing the cart along with three bicycles.

Fight in Kilcawley

During the Fall Preview in Kilcawley Center on Oct. 13, a YSU police officer noticed two students fighting and trying to be restrained by two others. Police grabbed one of the suspects while the other ran. A staff member brought the other suspect to the police, and both were transported to the police department.

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Bernanke wants more regulation; stocks slide anew

Kevin G. Hall
 MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke on Wednesday warned that the economic slowdown is growing worse and called for greater regulation to prevent future crises like the one now menacing the nation.

Stocks on all three major indices plunged soon after his speech, as new data confirmed a deep and wide national economic retreat.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed down 733.08 points, or 7.8 percent, to 8,577.91. The S&P 500 finished down 90.17 points, or 9.03 percent, to 907.84. The tech-heavy Nasdaq bled 150.68 points, or 8.47 percent, to 1,628.33. The second straight day of declines erased Monday's striking increases.

In a speech to the Economic Club of New York that was followed by an unusual and frank question-and-answer session, Bernanke signaled that the U.S. economy is sure to get worse, hinted at further interest-rate cuts and implicitly criticized the economic-rescue plans that both major presidential candidates are touting.

Later the Fed released its Beige Book, a report from its 12 district banks on economic conditions around the country. All 12 reported worsening conditions, yet another indicator that the economy appears to be in recession.

"Consumer spending was weak in nearly all districts. Consumers continued to pull back on big-ticket items, including autos. Several districts reported that reduced credit availability was restraining auto sales. Tourism was weaker, particularly lower domestic travel," Brian Bethune, an economist with the forecaster

Global Insight, said in a research note on the Beige Book.

"Manufacturing activity moved lower in most districts, and there were greater concerns about the economic outlook. Autos and building materials continued to report weak demand conditions, and hurricanes disrupted oil and gas production," Bethune reported.

Earlier Wednesday, the Commerce Department reported that retail sales fell 1.2 percent in September. That was almost twice the consensus expectation and another clear sign, along with big September job losses, that the economy skidded to a halt as the global financial crisis worsened last month.

Bernanke's speech focused on the economic outlook. He suggested that U.S. exports, which had helped keep growth going for much of the year, now are poised to fall as a global slowdown unfolds. He also hinted that last week's coordinated trans-Atlantic half-point reduction in interest rates left room to cut even further. The Fed's benchmark federal funds rate now stands at 1.5 percent.

Under questioning, Bernanke answered with candor unusual for a man whose job usually requires him to be vague in order to avoid spooking the markets.

Asked to compare today with the handling of the Great Depression, Bernanke, a scholar on the period, said that Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal fiscal stimulus failed to end the troubles. Roosevelt, however, didn't take office until three and a half years after the stock market crashed in 1929.

Implicit in that answer was this view: The stimulus spending suggested by Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama or the tax cuts proposed by Republican candidate John McCain

are unlikely to end the crisis.

"I think contemporary scholarship argues that, at least in the case of the United States, fiscal policy was not the critical element, unless you count World War II, which obviously mobilized the entire economy," Bernanke said.

A hard lesson being learned now, he said, is that monetary policy — the use of interest rates to accelerate or decelerate the economy's growth as well as the Fed's aggressive push to recapitalize banks with easy loans — has its limits.

"We reached a point ... where the situation required additional firepower," Bernanke said, referring to the \$700 billion rescue plan that Congress authorized. He added that "monetary policy ultimately cannot always solve the problems, and you do sometimes need fiscal or financial intervention, and we're getting that currently."

Current law has tied the Fed's hands at times, Bernanke said. He cited last month's bankruptcy of investment bank Lehman Brothers. The Fed did everything possible to save Lehman, he said, but because it was an investment bank not subject to commercial banking laws, it couldn't qualify for the same kind of government rescue as Charlotte, N.C.-based national bank Wachovia, which sold itself to Wells Fargo this month after a silent run on it by fleeing depositors.

When Bear Stearns, another investment bank, fell on hard times in March, the Fed was able to broker its sale to J.P. Morgan Chase because Bear had adequate collateral to offer in exchange for Fed lending. There was no such collateral available with Lehman, he said.

"Lehman was not allowed to fail," Bernanke said, refuting suggestions by European leaders

that he'd done just that.

U.S. policymakers must ask, he said, how to prevent a replay of inflated asset prices such as those seen during the dot-com bubble in tech stocks of the late '90s and the subsequent housing bubble. Whether or not he meant to point fingers at his predecessor, these inflated prices occurred on the watch of former Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan, who argued that it was the role of the market, not the Fed, to prick asset-price bubbles.

"Obviously the last decade has shown that bursting bubbles can be an extraordinarily dangerous and costly phenomenon for the economy, and there is no doubt that as we emerge from the current crisis that we're all going to look at that issue and what can be done about it," Bernanke said.

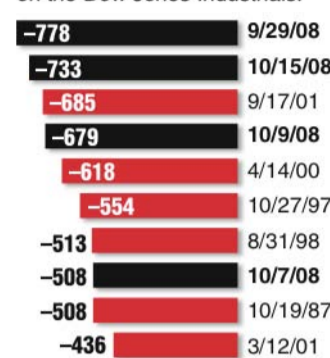
He suggested that a new supervisory and regulatory structure is needed, a rare move for a Fed chairman. Lawmakers must decide whether monetary policy or supervisory regulation should be the leading approach to prevent financial meltdowns, he said.

"I do believe the latter does have a significant role to play in constraining excessive leverage, excessive risk taking and the other elements that lead to bubbles," Bernanke said, laying blame for today's crisis squarely on Wall Street investment banks that were allowed to borrow huge amounts to make risky investments with scant supervision.

Bernanke also said there were now risks to the global financial system from unregulated credit default swaps. These are insurance-like products that allow big investors to hedge against potential losses. The market for swaps is thought to total \$55 trillion, yet it's a "dark market," unregulated and without transparency, amounting to nothing more than contracts between two sophisti-

Record drops

Biggest one-day point losses on the Dow Jones Industrials:



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Ben Bernanke,
 federal reserve chairman

cated parties.

"Credit default swaps are not traded on an exchange. They aren't traded through a central counterparty, which means if one of those firms fails, among the consequences would be that the banks and others who had purchased credit insurance would be forced to write down tens of billions of dollars of value," Bernanke said.

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"Although it will bring jobs into the area, the areas surrounding the casino will become ghost towns. I've seen it happen around Las Vegas," Boziss said.

Mayor Coleman of Columbus does not support the issue, although he does not hold blanket opposition to casino gambling. He does have a problem with the wording of this amendment and what it could mean in the future.

"Maybe someday a casino issue will come along that I will support, just not today and not this issue," Coleman said.

Still, the issue leaves open the possibility of American Indian casinos being built and run tax-free anywhere in Ohio when the law is changed. According to the Vote No Casinos committee the Shawnee, an Oklahoma-based tribe, has been struggling for years to win federal approval to open one or more casinos in Ohio.

At NoIssue6.com, a site de-

voted to stopping the casino, detractors point out that in the wording of the amendment there is a possibility for loopholes. The amendment clearly states that if other casinos were to be built in Ohio, then the casino in Clinton County would not have to pay more than the lesser of the other casinos' 25 percent tax or the lowest percentage rate paid by the other casinos.

In this case, the Shawnee casinos would pay no tax, therefore the Clinton County casino would pay no tax. When asked about this, Lakes Entertainment Inc. stated that they did not mean for the wording to allow a zero percentage tax rate and that they are working on fixing it.

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plete waste of time and money," Grenga said.

Grenga said the amount of money the city offered him did not take into account all aspects of the situation.

"They don't realize the cost of fixing it up, maintenance and legal fees," he said.

He said his initial purchase of the property was held up for a year due to a legal issue with an attorney for Bank One.

"I had tons of legal fees. We ended up going to the Supreme Court over it," he said.

Grenga said the city told him they would get a locksmith and go into his shop if he wouldn't let them in, so he relented.

"I wasn't there. I couldn't stomach it," Grenga said of his absence when the city surveyed his shop. "How would you like to have someone come in your house and say, 'we'll break the door down?'"

Support for his cause is far-reaching, Grenga said.

"You can't believe how much interest there is in this," said

Grenga.

He said people have called from the Youngstown area and from as far away as Atlanta and Baltimore to express their sympathy with his situation.

"The thing is anybody's property can be taken," he said.

Grenga said he and his family are supporters of the university, but he doesn't know of anyone who supports taking his property for public use.

"The only people that were for this are people that are being paid to support it," he said.

Representatives from the Youngstown city law office would not comment, saying the matter is still pending.

Calls were placed on Tuesday to Hunter Morrison, director of campus planning and community development for YSU, but he was at a conference.

Morrison and other administration officials were in meetings all day Wednesday and did not return calls before deadline.

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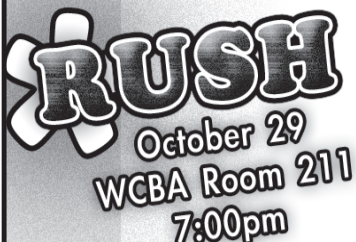
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There is no stereotypical major

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REPORTER

Although you can't always judge a college student by his or her extracurricular activities, sometimes common stereotypes about the members of certain campus groups or organizations and their accompanying majors can be accurate.

According to an informal poll of 24 Youngstown State University students, seven said there are no stereotypical majors for school athletes, marching band members or students involved with Greek organizations like fraternities and sororities. However, the remaining 17 students polled said such stereotypes do exist for one or more of the aforementioned organizations.

According to the survey's results, 14 students out of 17 indicated that out of the three groups mentioned above, athletes were the most labeled or typecast group on campus. Six students said athletes were most often portrayed as physical therapy majors, while five said they were also commonly business majors. Additionally, three students said athletes were thought of as exercise science majors, and others polled named pre-law, sports management, personal training and political science as stereotypical athlete majors.

Junior Ryan Kallok said he thought athletes were frequently tagged as personal training

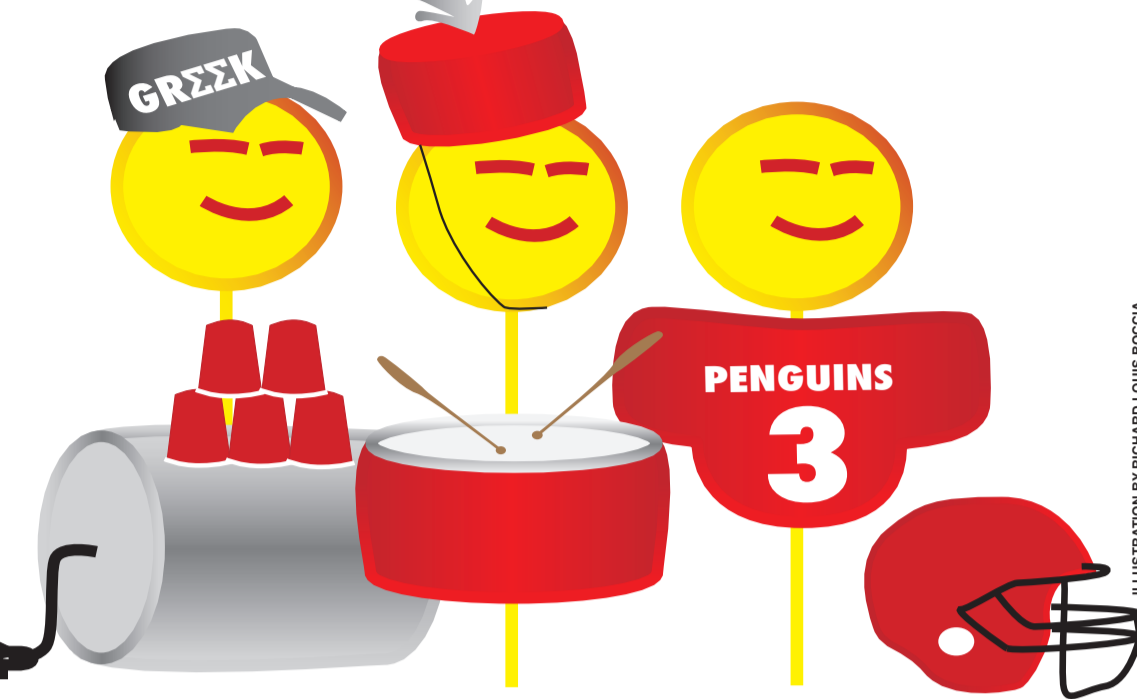


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majors or something remotely "sports related."

"This is because if they are an athlete, it's possibly something they're interested in," Kallok said. Freshman Nick Celio said he felt similarly and named physical therapy as a common major for athletes, mainly because it is "athletic."

However, Stephen Flask, senior, said college athletes do not always choose a sports-related major, and have considerations other than athletics.

"The common perception of student athletes is that they major in semi-useful [to them], majors like political science," Flask said. "Student athletes are seen as be-

ing more interested in their sports and not academics."

Despite the prevalent stereotypes of student athletes, freshman Justin Machamer said he does not think many people label athletes with a particular major.

"I see a variety of majors in the sports teams on TV," Machamer said.

According to an official record of majors kept by YSU's sports information department, some of the common stereotypes of student athletes were both correct and incorrect. The list, compiled in spring 2008 and made up of 370 students involved with football, baseball, basketball, cross country, gold, soccer, soft-

ball, swimming, tennis, track and volleyball, contained 70 different majors, including sociology, fashion merchandising, geography, journalism and art.

However, there were a few standout majors on the list of student athletes, including 57 business majors, 45 exercise science majors, 25 criminal justice majors, 18 general studies majors and 17 undetermined majors. Additionally, there were 10 physical education majors, three political science majors and one pre-law major. Likewise, many informally polled YSU students said those involved in the college marching band, the YSU Marching Pride, were typically thought of as mu-

sic majors. Twelve students of 17 said they were either music performance or music education majors, while others said marching band members were also thought of as art, science or engineering majors. Sophomore Jess Sirakis said she thought most members of the marching band were music majors.

"I guess a lot of them would be music majors because that's what they obviously like to do," Sirakis said.

Even so, other students said they recognized music as being an option, and not necessarily as something a student must major in to be involved with the band.

Flask said it is a common misconception that the majority of band members major in music education, although he acknowledged that many do.

"[Being a member of the band] is an experience builder for playing. Not everyone in the band is a music education major, though," Flask said. "Unless it's a particular organization for certain majors, there is a mixture of majors in the organization."

Chris Heidenreich, associate director of bands, said about half of the Marching Pride's members are music majors, while the other 50 percent have majors housed in nearly all of the different colleges at YSU. Heidenreich said that according to Sept. 20, 2007 report, out of the marching band's 128 members, 66 were music majors. Although major breakdowns were not available, 21 had majors in

the College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, 13 belonged to the College of Health and Human Services and 11 were part of the Beeghly College of Education.

Additionally, six members had majors in the Williamson College of Business Administration, another six were a part of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, five were involved with the College of Fine and Performing Arts and one member was a graduate student.

Similarly, YSU students said there were certain majors that members of Greek organizations, like fraternities and sororities, were thought to have. Three students said they were most likely to major in business. Others said pre-law, biology, nursing and advertising were stereotypical majors for such students. In fact, according to Greg Gulas, assistant director of student activities, although the Greek organizations do not keep a record of members' majors, they are spread across the board and are extremely diverse.

"We have a variety of majors from English to marketing to communications to philosophy," Gulas said, adding that there are about 300 members of YSU's fraternities and sororities.

"Within the Greek system, there are a myriad of majors. That is a compliment to the entire group. They are very versatile and diverse," he said.

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Gym Class Heroes find their Roots on latest tour

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In the midst of waxing euphoric about the Gym Class Heroes' impending tour with the Roots and rising star Estelle, drummer Matt McGinley pauses.

"We just boarded our tour bus for the first time it's always hella exciting when you board your tour bus at the beginning of a tour, not only because it's clean, but because you never know what you're in store for," McGinley says by phone from Baltimore. "There's little TVs that pop down from the bunks or you find closet space behind a mirror; it's always fun getting acquainted with a new tour bus."

The tour bus will probably be a little worse for the wear as the weeks go by, but odds are good that the New York-based quartet's excitement about the tour in support of its fourth and latest album, "The Quilt," will not have waned.

"The way we generally put together tours we put together bands we would want to see on the bill, not necessarily four of the same group," McGinley says. "(Bands that) not only our fans would want to see, but we would want to see."

McGinley, who co-founded the band with rhyme-spitting frontman Travis McCoy, says a 2007 European tour coupled with

lifelong admiration of the Roots spawned the current cross-country adventure.

"The Roots have pretty much been iconic in terms of inspiring us in the first place ... not only were they doing hip-hop, but they were implementing a live band into their shows and their records," McGinley says. "We weren't necessarily modeling ourselves in the likeness of the Roots, but it was cool to see another band taking similar progressive steps and pioneering hip-hop with a live band."

"The Quilt" incorporates plenty of hip-hop, but doesn't shy away from rock, pop or reggae, sliding easily from the goofy fun of "Guilty As Charged" to the raw revelations of "Live Forever (Fly with Me)," which McGinley says forced the band to push itself creatively rather than simply coast.

"Lyrically, (Live Forever) was a really emotional track for Travis, so for us, when we working on that song, it was a definite challenge for us trying to record parts that matched the emotion he was dealing with," McGinley says. "I feel like we dug a lot deeper for this album than we did for (2006's) 'As Cruel As Schoolchildren.' When we did that record, everything in our life was swinging in our favor. With this album, we've all grown up a little bit more and definitely dealt with being an adult to an extent. A lot of that is reflected in the album."

Facebook rekindling long-lost friendships

Jessica Yadegaran
CONTRA COSTA TIMES

It was the first message Marlee Wallingford ever received on Facebook. And it was a simple one: "Did you go to Salisbury Central School in 1968?"

She did, in fact, attend that elementary school in Lakeville, Conn. The message was from Mark Jackson, an admirer of Wallingford when she was in fifth grade. He was a third-grader who liked to imagine they "had a moment" when she ran into him playing tag 40 years ago.

"I never forgot her name," Jackson says via e-mail from New York City. "She was one of those girls who the boys talk about as the prettiest. Every guy can name that girl in his life, and always wonders what she got up to. So I had to check. Facebook makes these kinds of curious inquiries possible in ways that couldn't have previously happened without the technology."

Wallingford, who now lives in Walnut Creek, Calif., was tickled to reconnect. Thanks to the Internet, reunions like this are almost easier than meeting local friends for coffee. From Facebook and MySpace to Linked In and good-old-fashioned Google searches, it seems everyone is reuniting with war buddies, old flames and childhood friends. Experts say rekindled friendships are positive, powerful and remind us of our roots.

"These connections are important because many of us feel so disconnected to our past," says San Francisco dating coach Annie Gleason of Get a Love Life. "It gives us the option of keeping up and reconnecting at a time when our lives converge again - for example, when we move, marry, retire, have kids or get divorced. We live in a fragmented world where friendships

are often transient, and it gives us a sense of continuity."

But when there's a shot at romance, you have to be just as cautious as you would be with anyone you meet online, Gleason says. Wallingford's cyberman is happily engaged. But, often, when people find old flames it's not what it was or what they think it should be, Gleason says. "You've got to approach it in a realistic kind of way so you're not making up a story about them," she adds. "Navigate it as if you're meeting up with an old, dear friend."

School rides

That's how Gleason approached a reunion with a friend she'd lost touch with after high school. She always wondered what happened to Erik, the guy who gave her rides to and from school in Santa Barbara, Calif., on his motorcycle. A 15-minute Google search near

ly 10 years ago revealed that Erik had settled in Oakland, Calif., and played fiddle in the local contra dance community. Before she knew it, they were meeting for dinner. He told her she was his first love.

"I had no clue," she says. "But that didn't come back for us."

Gleason and Erik have kept in touch casually since then. Other people's reunions fuel closer friendships. Chloe Hedden of Oakland found and met up with her college friend, Joey, at the Burning Man art installation project this summer.

They hadn't spoken or seen each other in five years. In fact, in the past month, 15 people from elementary school have "friended" Hedden on Facebook, she says.

"If they live in the Bay Area I've definitely made a point to get together with them," Hedden says.

Lia Fischer and Joyia Bryant



Marlee Wallingford, of Walnut Creek, California, holds a photo of her third grade best friend, Mark Jackson, who she reunited with on Facebook after not being in touch with him for 40 years.

have met up for lunch twice since Bryant found Fischer on Facebook a month ago. The women went to elementary school together in Redwood City, Calif.

After eighth grade, however, Fischer switched schools and they lost touch. The reunion has brought back positive memories: Family hikes. Slumber parties. Playing with Bryant's pet mice and bunnies.

Here's a good one: Fischer and her dad used to say the word "beautiful" in an exaggerated, deep voice.

"To this day, my mom and I say it the same way," says Bryant, who now lives in San Carlos, Calif. "It really stuck with us."

Fischer's family was an early proponent of e-mail and the Internet, and Bryant was there when they got Prodigy online service.

As a 10-year-old, she thought Fischer was checking the mailbox in front of her house.

"When you find a childhood friend, it reminds you of home and youth and friendship," says Fischer, who lives in San Francisco. "It's fun."

Long-lost daughter

Sometimes, it's life-changing. Dena Heath of Walnut Creek, Calif., helped her dying sister locate a daughter she'd given birth to and put up for adoption 33 years ago. It took Heath two years of Google searches, but she eventually located her niece, Aimee, a physician living in San Diego, Calif. They've seen each other several times since that reunion five years ago.

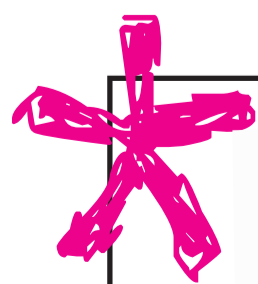
"She's come up to meet all her cousins and aunts and uncles," Heath says. "I flew down for her baby shower. She's a wonderful woman."

The reunion motivated Heath's brother, Mike, to search for a child he fathered back in 1964. They spent endless nights on the Internet until they finally found Barbara and reunited with her three years ago.

"They're absolutely best friends now," Heath says. "I can't tell you the impact this has had on our family. I was just searching and had no idea where this rabbit trail would lead me."

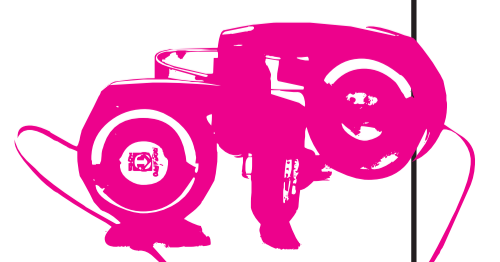
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Annie Gleason, dating coach



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OUR SIDE EDITORIAL

Casino gambling, you betcha

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The issue of casino gambling in Ohio is being heatedly debated in a series of TV and radio ads.

Supporters claim that it will create 5,000 new jobs and raise tax revenue that will be distributed equally to all Ohio counties.

Opponents argue there is no guarantee that any money will get where it's supposed to go because of a loophole in the bill.

They also argue that gambling creates a set of social ills, mainly gambling addiction, that will harm the fabric of society.

These arguments miss the point.

Tax revenue is a secondary reason to support legalized gambling. The primary reason is that private development should be encouraged, not prohibited by government.

In a state where job losses have only just begun to take their toll, there is no excuse for turning our back on a major business that wants to locate in Ohio, bringing with it jobs and, potentially, out-of-state tourists who will pump money into our economy.

While people in Northeast Ohio may still find it more practical to travel to Mountaineer Casino Race Track and Resort in West Virginia than a venue in Columbus, the bottom line is that Mahoning County would receive money from a casino in Columbus, while receiving nothing from Mountaineer.

As a region trying to get back up on its feet, we shouldn't let the negative connotations surrounding gambling hinder economic improvement.

Detractors preach that gambling brings crime. However, high unemployment, which would be alleviated with casino jobs, also causes high crime.

With regard to gambling addiction becoming a problem, this is not the concern of government. There are many things that are available to citizens that can become harmful if abused. These include alcohol, certain foods and sun exposure.

It is up to individual citizens to exercise self-control, not the government to protect them from themselves.

This is a nation based on the notion of personal freedom, and personal responsibility goes hand-in-hand with that.



The views of this syndicated artist do not necessarily agree with those of The Jambar.



THE JAMBAR ASKS What's on your mind?



Ashley Deskins, junior

"I can't wait to go shopping tonight."



Eric Hippley, freshman

"I hate Rube Goldberg."



Jarrod Badgett, freshman

"I'm thinking about pre-calculus."



Richard Dickenson, freshman

"My midterm I failed miserably."



Laura Zwick, junior

"I just took a midterm and I'm just reflecting on that."



Suzanne Marsco, freshman

"I'm thinking about the Ursuline-Mooney game this weekend."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"My Friends and Fellow Prisoners..."

My friends and fellow prisoners, I too ask the Palin Question: Just who the hell is this Barack Hussein Obama?

There is something mighty fishy about his past. And talk about fish? Remember the dude who took two fishes and fed five hundred? Plus he gave them some cheap wine! Damn cheap wine intended to intoxicate their reason.

Well, here we go again because Fox news and Sarah Palin have exposed the facts: Who can go to a place like South Dakota and bring out 50,000 people to a rally when he's clearly not a hockey mom or a Joe Six-Pack? And, my friends, are there even 50,000 people living in South Dakota? Moreover, it was as cold as a well digger's shovel on that day. Yet, Mister-Intoxicating-Hussein's cheap wine effect didn't stop there. He did it again in Montana — and I know there are not 50,000 people living in that icebox. My friends, it cannot be denied that most of these people drove in from neighboring states just to be friendly because they're the good Americans.

And all the more reason we should compare and question instances of similar influence over the innocent. My friends remember a similar character showed

up saying he was a carpenter and wanted to lead people. But did anybody check? Did one person come forth with a dresser or even a good three-legged stool? Did anyone check the people with whom he had been associated with in the past?

Well, here's the clue all of clues — they weren't people! This carpenter's last known address was a barn. No people there — just cows, chickens, donkeys and that damn Easter bunny. But my friends that donkey is "the" clue. Why wasn't there an elephant about? How partisan can you get?

My friends, I'm not a conspiracy theorist, but we just may have a Manchurian Candidate amongst us with very strong Jewish ties — all the while trying to distract us with these three Muslim names. I see the plan all too clearly. Sarah sees it. Fox, whom we know we can trust, sees it. This Hussein dude wants to make Israel the 51st state! What next? Washington DC as the 52nd state?

What more proof do we need than to see the effects of his cheap wine on that hapless Domino's Pizza guy in Cleveland? Hell, I once met the guy when he was articulate and had an IQ of 157. Now he's not as smart as a damn ACORN himself.

Ted Williams
 Youngstown

Editor,

I would like to commend Jambar reporter Samantha Pysker for writing about the serious issue of the underrepresentation of women in higher education administration. However, some of the opinions attributed to me were not accurate. I did not say that women weren't underrepresented in leadership positions at YSU.

The facts speak for themselves. Although women make up more than half of the student body, women are not as well represented on the Board or in administrative positions.

I did try to explain the historical context. In the past, fewer

women than men obtained terminal degrees to become part of the pool for faculty and administrative positions. I also did not say that I had "never felt any discrimination against women" since working at YSU.

I said that I did not think that I personally had experienced overt discrimination in my career. That does not mean that I am "satisfied" with the status of women at YSU. Again, I thank The Jambar for bringing attention to this important issue.

Janice Elias
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Changing the economic prescription

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 TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

You're violently ill, so your doctor gives you an antibiotic. But you don't get better, so a team of doctors changes the drug and recommends a different treatment.

This is what governments across the globe are doing, betting on an unprecedented, coordinated mega-dose of financial chemotherapy.

European governments have committed trillions of dollars to the sickest patients, while the U.S. Treasury has promised to use all options, including the federal government buying shares in troubled companies.

These weren't initially the preferred choices, but they are the best ones to try next to unclog credit markets. What could be more reassuring to wary bankers than virtually every industrialized nation promising banks access to unlimited cash from public funds?

The goal is to prevent another failure the size of Lehman, whose collapse made banks terrified to do business with one another and dried up credit from Wall Street to Main Street. The irony is that easy money created this mess, and easy money might be the way out of it.

While necessary, these moves aren't a panacea. The overall U.S. economy will remain fragile because of poor corporate earnings, diminished consumer spending and increased job losses. Longer term, inflation will become

an issue. And while Wall Street rebounded yesterday from last week's devastating losses, the real test will be whether banks resume lending.

Washington's financial rescue plan must continue to stoke this glimmer of optimism.

The Treasury's decision to consider buying more direct stakes in banks than envisioned in the original rescue package adds flexibility to its rescue efforts. So far, Great Britain's use of this strategy has been warmly received in Europe.

Central banks have made emergency interest-rate cuts and dumped cash into their banking systems. The Federal Reserve has promised to buy commercial paper. European governments have rescued banks.

Christine Lagarde, France's finance minister, summed things up well this weekend as she compared the financial crisis to her time as a synchronized swimmer. With both, she said, "you have to hold your breath and for long periods of time."

IMPACT MATCHUPS



RB No. 21 Larry Warner — LB No. 28 Jordan Edwards

Penguin Defense vs Saluki Offense

Stopping the run is the task at hand for the Penguin defense Saturday. Senior Larry Warner has been a playmaker for the Salukis this season as he leads the team in rushing and punt and kick returns. At just 5-foot-5, Warner can easily hide behind his massive blockers and cut around to the outside, making it extremely easy to lose track of the talented runner. Look for the Penguin linebacking core to fill the gaps up front and cover the flats to make sure Warner has no where to go.



LB No. 10 Brandin Jordan — QB No. 18 Dailyn Campbell

Flames Defense vs Penguin Offense

Freshman quarterback Dailyn Campbell will be the fourth starter under center this year for the Penguins. Expect the Saluki defense to test Campbell in his first ever start as a Penguin by taking away the running game and forcing Campbell to beat Southern Illinois with his arm. One defender Campbell will want to avoid at all costs will be junior linebacker Brandin Jordan who has forced three turnovers and leads the Salukis in tackles with 34.



PHOTO COURTESY OF RON STEVENS

HITTING THE HOLE — Freshman running back Kamryn Keys finds space as he slips through Missouri State's interior defense.

Penguins return home to slay Salukis

Andrew Berry
SPORTS EDITOR

Despite three straight losses and a 2-5 record, head coach Jon Heacock isn't ready to throw in the towel.

The Youngstown State University football still has an outside shot to win the Missouri Valley Football Conference that would propel the team into the playoffs with an automatic bid.

After six weeks of football, no team in the Missouri Valley conference is running away in the standings as every team has a least one conference loss on its record. With two losses against conference opponents, the Penguins have left themselves with no margin for error and will have to end their three-game slide with a victory over Southern Illinois University at home Saturday.

Heacock knows the deck is stacked against his team, but is confident his squad can improve their play to stay alive in the conference hunt.

"I'm not quite convinced it has to be all done with the teams we have left to play," Heacock said. "I'm not ready to fold camp yet."

The remaining schedule for the Penguins is tough, but getting back on the winning track will be difficult as the team is now faced with further adversity.

Starting quarterback Brandon Summers is still nursing the knee injury he suffered against Southern Utah. Heacock said Summers is questionable for Saturday's game and is listed on the depth chart as backup.

Heacock also announced at Tuesday's press conference that redshirt freshman quarterback Paul Corsaro has left the team. With Corsaro's departure, the Penguins are now thin at quarterback with two true freshman and junior Summers left on the roster after starting the season with five signal callers.

With Corsaro no longer available, true freshman Dailyn Campbell is the likely starter for the Penguins Saturday against Southern Illinois. Campbell will be the fourth starting quarterback for the Penguins this season, a trend that the team is not used to after having Tom Zetts as the only starter for the previous four years.

Despite having just one game under his belt, Campbell made the most of his opportunity last

week at Missouri State.

Senior offensive lineman Brad Samsa said his unit will be up to the task of protecting and leading Campbell against the powerful Saluki defense. Samsa believes Campbell's gritty performance last week against the Bears installed confidence in his teammates pointing specifically to the young quarterback's fearlessness as plowed through a defender on his way to a touchdown.

"It showed us he has tremendous heart," Samsa said. "It just showed us what he's going to lay on the line for us. Dailyn is a true freshman and he has gained confidence. What he's gone through these last few weeks I can't imagine going through."

Other than Summers missing time with a bum knee, the offense has enjoyed a clean bill of health with few players missing little time. Defensive coordinator Jeff Mills hasn't had the same luxury as he has lost significant personnel to injury this season.

Mills took the glass-half-full approach saying that the young players are gaining experience and the team is looking forward to having sophomores Luke Matelan and Torrance Nicholson rejoin the squad in the near future

as they record from ailments.

Preparations for Southern Illinois will have Mills game planning for the Salukis' talented running back Larry Warner. At 5-foot-5, the diminutive back is an elusive threat that Mills recognizes as the Saluki's most versatile weapon.

"He's an exceptional back," Mills said. "I don't know how much sleep I'm going get this week worrying about him."

The youthful Penguin defense will have to be on its toes against Southern Illinois. The Salukis have failed to score more than 30 points just once this season and are coming off a 60-7 slaughter of Indiana State University.

To avoid the Penguins' fourth straight loss Saturday, Samsa believes that his job is to continue mentoring the inexperienced players.

"Of all my years here, this is probably the most difficult for me. I've never seen injuries like this before," Samsa said. "What you realize as a senior is just that those young guys need you to lead them and that's kind of what keeps us all going."

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Penguin hockey squad wins two straight, crush Rock in overtime thriller

Victory concludes weekend sweep of Conference Hockey Mid-America opponents

Josh Stipanovich
REPORTER

The Youngstown State University men's hockey club scored seven goals to defeat visiting Slippery Rock University in overtime for their fifth win of the season and are now 2-0 in conference play.

After only winning four games last season, head coach Rocky Russo is very pleased with how this season has gone so far. "We're 4-1-1 at this point and last year was a real down year. We had a lot of injuries, and we only won four games," Russo said. "To get started the way we have is very promising for the rest of the year," he added.

Goaltending has been a strong point this year for the Penguins, but team discipline and defense could improve to continue to be successful. "Our discipline could always get better. Our defensive zone could always be a little bit more efficient ... we just need to limit the mistakes and capitalize on our opportunities, and I think we can continue to improve," Russo said.

Mike Poljak, former national rookie of the year, has been a difference-maker so far this season for the Penguins. "Right now he's playing almost exclusively

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Rocky Russo, head coach

just on the power play, and he's got five goals on the power play already in six games," Russo said. "He's bringing some added offense to us as our extra guy on the roster, and he's also bringing a lot of leadership to the bench," he added.

The Penguins came into Saturday afternoon's game on a positive note after defeating the University of Pittsburgh Friday night. The team's win over Slippery Rock completed a weekend sweep over two conference opponents.

Penguins defenseman Kevin Pawlos scored the first goal of the game, and was one of the offensive heroes in Saturday afternoon's 7-6 overtime win. He pulled off the hat trick as he scored three times to help escape a late rally by Slippery Rock.

After the first period, the Penguins were leading 2-1. They dominated the second period, outscoring Slippery Rock 4-2. The Penguins fifth goal of the second period with 3:51 remaining was taken away because of a controversial call. Referees disputed and decided to take the goal away because of an illegal substitution before the goal was made.

With the Penguins leading 6-3 going into the final period, Slippery Rock scored three of their own to tie the game at six with 3:01 remaining in the game.

With the game tied at six, both teams prepared for a five minute overtime period. As the overtime began, the 100 people in attendance roared as if there were 1,000 people in attendance. The puck was dropped and the game

went back and forth for the first three minutes. With 1:10 remaining in the overtime, Penguins forward, Naaman Moorman intercepted the puck and quickly passed it off to defenseman Michael Kestas who scored the game-winning goal with 1:07 left in the overtime.

Even after the overtime win, head coach Rocky Russo knows there is room for improvement. "We need to do a better job at playing with the lead. We play great from behind, but we're very poor when we play with the lead. It's like everybody steps back and wants to relax a little bit," Russo said.

Defenseman Michael Kestas said after the game that it felt good to score the game-winning goal. "I knew I could beat him outside. I just worked hard and got it up top," Kestas said. Kestas said he knew that penalties would not be a factor in the overtime period, and that emotions charged the Penguins to the win.

Russo was pleased with the play of Pawlos. "Kevin Pawlos was great. He had three goals as a defenseman. He was big in front of the net on the power play," Russo said.

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STAYING FOCUSED — Junior goalie Matt Jacob gets into the zone as he prepares to hold the lead in overtime for the Penguins.