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ACADEMICS

### WebCT still popular for YSU, not others

Lamar Salter  
REPORTER



Despite universities across Ohio discontinuing the program, Youngstown State University students and faculty report few problems with WebCT.

WebCT is an online tool that allows teachers to share informa-

tion such as handouts, assignments, quizzes and even grade reports with students who take the class.

As of the fall semester, there are currently 632 registered courses available over an estimated total of

3,900 classes at YSU.

In a non-scientific survey of 50 students, 46 had used WebCT for a class before, and 24 students out of 50 polled use WebCT for a class this semester.

Only eight students said they had experienced problems with WebCT and 41 students said WebCT was a useful tool for classes.

Faculty agree.

Frank Ragozzine, assistant professor of psychology, uses WebCT for his classes. "It makes it easier to have handouts available for class," Ragozzine said.

Since WebCT is distributed nationally, other schools in Ohio such as Kent State University and Cleveland State University use versions of WebCT as well. However,

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ECONOMY

### University stays off financial aid renovation bandwagon

J. Breen Mitchell  
NEWS EDITOR

Financial aid restructuring at major universities will have no direct effect on the way aid is offered at Youngstown State University.

Universities such as Harvard, Princeton and Yale have undergone major changes in their systems for offering financial aid, making them more affordable to low and middle income families, and this has put pressure on smaller institutions to compete.

YSU has not changed the structure of its financial aid system in response to the switch made by the larger universities.

"We have not restructured our financial aid offers to compete with the changes or new affordability at schools like Princeton or Harvard," said Elaine Ruse, director of the office of financial aid and scholarships at YSU.

Ruse said YSU makes other efforts to keep tuition affordable.

"Every effort is made to encourage prospective and continuing YSU students to file financial aid applications by the February 15 priority filing date to receive maximum consideration for all forms of financial aid," said Ruse.

She said YSU's tuition will compare favorably with those of the larger institutions, and this is how they compete with them.

"YSU makes every effort to publicize affordability and financial aid awareness," said Ruse.

"We were sort of the first," said Robin Mosato, director of financial aid at Princeton.

Mosato said the restructuring at Princeton began in 2001 and was made up of two key parts.

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VOTING

BALLOT

### Apathy voters key demographic

#### Some students express disinterest in election

Sam Marhulik  
REPORTER

According to <http://www.pbs.gov>, only one out of four adults between the ages of 18 and 24 voted in the last presidential election.

While many students at Youngstown State University are actively involved in politics, some students who feel apathetic about voting can identify with these statistics.

Freshman Lisa McDowell was eligible last year to vote, but school, work and bills made it difficult to find the time to cast her ballot, she said.

McDowell admitted that she hasn't thought about which candidate to vote for and said she hasn't decided whether or not she will be voting this year.

"I don't really get into politics," she said.

Ashley Urmson, freshman, was also eligible last year, though she hasn't yet registered to vote.

Urmson said when she didn't like either of the candidates, she lost interest entirely.

Because of her unfamiliarity with the candidates, Urmson said she won't be voting in this election.

"An uneducated vote is worse than not voting," she said.

Steve Ellyson, psychology professor, said that while voter apathy is understandable, it comes from a lack of control.

"I feel like people use apathy as an excuse because they feel like their votes won't count, or they just don't care," he said.

As someone who has voted in every election, Ellyson said he feels like people who don't vote are not supporting what they believe in.

For some students, the decision not to vote comes from a general dislike of the candidates.

Sophomore Melissa Cardon said she feels like she isn't protesting by not voting, but rather expressing her opinions of the candidates.

"I don't know if I feel apathetic about it or not; I personally dislike the candidates and because of it I'm not voting. It's not entirely protesting either because this is the first presidential election I'm eligible to vote in. So I'm not sure if it's one or the other."

Sophomore Nathan O'Malley's decision not to vote may also fall in a gray area.

"This is the first presidential election I can vote in, but it makes no difference to me. In the 2006 election for the Governor of Ohio I put my foot down and chose not to vote, because I felt if Strickland was anything like former Governor Bob Taft I would feel like I helped put another moron in office," O'Malley said.

"It's not so much that I don't care, and I don't feel like I'm protesting, but I don't want my vote to be the one that ruins our country for another four years," he added.

Additional reporting: Chelsea Pflugh, Sarah Sole

VOTE



DON'T VOTE



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Nathan O'Malley, sophomore

CAMPUS

### Professor features students in book about fields of consciousness

J. Breen Mitchell  
NEWS EDITOR

Chris Bache, professor of religious studies at Youngstown State University, noticed a connection between his teaching and his students from the time he became a professor.

Students would approach him after class and tell him that his lesson related directly to things going on in their lives. At first, he dismissed it as coincidence, but it continued to occur with regularity over

the years.

This led him to begin to explore what he calls "fields of consciousness", the subject of his new book, "The Living Classroom."

The book is Bache's third and his previous works have been translated internationally.

These include "Dark Night, Early Dawn," on the ecology of the mind, and "Life Cycles," a study on reincarnation.

"The issue is: what is the nature of the mind?" he said.

He said conventional wisdom is that everyone's mind is separate,

but he believes this is only half of the truth.

Bache said he thinks there is a more subtle "interconnectedness", which ties everyone's consciousness together.

He compared this to light, which exists as both a particle and a wave.

Bache said the book is an attempt to demonstrate the collective nature of mind.

"If you want to be a teacher, you'll be a better teacher when you draw upon the collective nature of mind," he said.

Bache said this connection can

be experienced by anyone, but that it takes time. He said these "fields" can be strengthened, and that it took years for him to fully understand them.

Bache said he believes there is an inherent wholeness in quantum physics, which he believes is also true in consciousness. "The reason people don't notice it is because they're taught that it's not there," he said. "I gave myself permission to see it."

This theory is independent of any religion, Bache said, but it cor-

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YOUNGSTOWN

### Grey to Green Festival to be held at Wick Park Saturday

Emmalee C. Torisk  
REPORTER

Youngstown State University has collaborated with the city and numerous citizens and organizations to host the inaugural Grey to Green Festival, an event whose mission is to intensify awareness of environmental issues at the North Side's Wick Park on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The festival, in planning for nearly a year, will bring attention to the current Wick Park Revitalization effort, but will also usher in the city's "green revolution" by emphasizing and promoting the grey-to-green idea featured in the Youngstown 2010 plan, said Grey to Green festival coordinator and attorney Debra Weaver.

Released three years ago, the Youngstown 2010 plan stated, "the desire for a cleaner and greener city

was constant. A key to this 'Grey to green' transformation is the creation of a green network."

Although Weaver acknowledges the city's attempts to be "greener," mainly by zoning more land use for green space, she said Youngstown has many available and untapped resources that could enable the city to be at the head of the green movement.

"There are so many things [the city] can do," Weaver said. "It's

important to become more educated on these things because Youngstown needs to get to the forefront on these 'green issues.'"

After talking about similar topics with Defend Youngstown founder and director of downtown special events Phil Kidd, Weaver came up with the idea for the Grey to Green festival, and ultimately decided to act as coordinator for the event.

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ECONOMY

### New bill could give money to graduates

Samantha Pysher  
REPORTER

A new proposed bill will grant recent college graduates a tax credit if they agree to stay in Ohio for a minimum of five years.

Ohio State Representatives Jay Goyal and Josh Mandel are the co-sponsors of the bill, which is still in the works.

The bill would create tax credits for graduates with the following degrees: \$5,000 for associate degrees, \$20,000 for bachelor's degrees and \$30,000 for master's degrees.

The tax credit would be paid over a 10-year span, Goyal said. Participants would not receive the money any longer if they moved out of state anytime between the five-year minimum and the 10-year pay period.

He said hopes the graduates will use this program if it is implemented. "It's financial incentives," said Goyal.

Goyal said the cost of the program is still uncertain and depends upon how many people will take advantage of it.

Goyal said he and Mandel plan on presenting the bill to the general assembly toward the end of the year. If the bill is not passed this

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## News Briefs

### Youngstown State University Marching Pride featured at Parade of Bands

The Youngstown State University Marching Pride, along with six other regional marching bands, will be featured at 2008 Parade of Bands. The event will take place on Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. in Stambaugh Auditorium. The 2008 Marching Pride features 124 undergraduate and graduate YSU students. Chris Heidenreich directs the band, along with assistance from Dean Anschutz, Holly Ceci and Stanley Walters-Emch. The gates for the event open at 6 p.m. and admission is \$5, with an additional \$5 for parking.

## Police Briefs

### Student reports robbery

A student reported being robbed on Sept. 6 while walking back to her car, which was parked on Phelps Street. She said she was approached by a male asking for a cigarette. When she said she didn't have one, the subject demanded she give him her purse. She said she believed she saw the handle of a gun inside the subject's jacket. Youngstown police took the report.

### Trespass warning issued at Cafaro House

A YSU police officer was dispatched to Cafaro house in response to a call reporting a subject in the lobby asking students for money and cigarettes on Sept. 7. The subject had been issued a summons for begging a few days before, and was issued a trespass warning.

The subject said he is schizophrenic, but that he understands he is not supposed to be on YSU property. He left without further incident.

### Police respond to loud party at University Courtyard

YSU police responded to a call regarding a party at University Courtyard Apartments that refused to quiet down on Sept. 6. Upon arrival, the officers said the noise could be heard on the fourth floor. They found open containers of alcoholic beverages. Both owners said they were over 21. The party was broken up, and the two owners were arrested. They cooperated fully, and were warned that they would be issued a summons if anyone underage was drinking and they would be liable for any damage caused by the party.

## yo\* calendar

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### Fall 2008 College Success Workshops

• Thursday, Sept. 11, 1 p.m.  
Jones Hall, Room 2068

### YSU Democrats Voter Information

Thursday and Friday, Sept. 11-12, 9 a.m.  
Arcade Under the Steps

### General SGA Meeting

Monday, Sept. 15, 3:45 p.m.  
Ohio Room

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### Penguin Pre-Party: Music-n-Madden

• Thursday, Sept. 11, 6 p.m.  
• Peaberry's

### Dance Party

• Friday, Sept. 12, 10 p.m.  
• University Pizzeria

### Saturday Night Dance Party at the Wedge

• Saturday, Sept. 13, 9 p.m.  
• The Wedge  
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# SGA president hopes to reconnect with students

Adam Planty  
REPORTER

Student Government Association is planning to make their work more visible to students at Youngstown State University over the course of this year.

"It's our fault that people aren't better informed," said SGA President Michael McGiffin.

McGiffin said he hopes to remedy that this year, albeit in small steps.

"Nobody is going to come in here and make a world of change," said McGiffin, adding that anyone who says they can would be fooling themselves. Part of the problem is that although SGA does accomplish things behind the scenes, what little

"It's our fault people that people aren't better informed"

— Michael McGiffin, SGA president

does occur is away from the public's eye. The solution: let students know what their government is up to, McGiffin said.

"Our biggest concern is the atmosphere on campus for students," said McGiffin. "My goal this semester is to get out there and meet with students and let them know we are doing what we can for

them."

Currently, the responsibilities of SGA besides weekly meetings are the appropriation of funds to student organizations on campus. SGA has a budget of \$40,000 per year.

Dennis LaRue, copy editor for the Business Journal, said in the 1960s the budget was \$100,000.

LaRue, who graduated from

YSU over forty years ago, was a member of Student Government back when it was called Student Council. He said the organization was much more influential then.

"We organized everything from Welcome Week, Homecoming, and Spring Weekend," he said. "For anything to get done it [SGA] has to be more than a resume badge."

While SGA might be hampered by the amount of things they can accomplish, some students do have more influence. Dan DeMaiolo and Stephen Foley are two students who sit on the board of trustees.

"It's up to us to provide the board a unique perspective to consider," said Foley.

Everyone residing on the board, including Foley and DeMaiolo, is

appointed by the governor.

Foley, who was a member of SGA until May, believes the student organization has much to do to improve itself. "If they want to say that things are done for the students, they need to prove it," he said.

"It's something we're working on," said McGiffin.

McGiffin said one resource SGA hopes to utilize more in the future is the YSU portal.

"The portal is definitely an untapped advantage for us," he said.

McGiffin said the portal would be an efficient way of keeping students up-to-date on the happenings and accomplishments of SGA if used properly.

CAMPUS

## Data and student opinion at odds over amount of diversity in campus classrooms

Michael Bury  
REPORTER

Data from the Office of Institutional Research shows that 1 out of 6 students enrolled during the spring 2007 semester were black. Some say this is a low number that conflicts with the high amount of interest in spotlighting the diversity on Youngstown State University's campus.

"I don't think it is that diverse. The minority population is not as much as it should be," said Angalia Lyons, sophomore.

Brandon Martin, senior, feels that people are leaving Youngstown rather than going to college here.

"A lot of people want to leave Youngstown for college because the area is a dead end," said Martin.

Sophomore Melissa Reed sees the diversity on campus.

"I think there are a lot of students from different cultures here," said Reed. "There seems to be a lot of people here [in the Mahoning Valley] from different backgrounds. It's probably because of the area."

Freshman Matt Virostec also feels that his classes have been a melting pot of cultures.

"All of my classes have a pretty good cross section," he said.

Brandon Martin felt differently. "The theater department wasn't very diverse. For a while there were only three blacks and one Asian in the whole department," he said, but he added that it's gotten better.

One population at YSU that has continued to increase at YSU has been international students.

As of the spring 2007 semester, YSU had 125 international students enrolled, a majority of them from Ghana and India. Annette El-Hayek, international studies coordinator, feels international students have a positive experience here at YSU.

"They go back to their country and refer their friends," said El-Hayek.

El-Hayek also pointed out YSU's Arabic population suffered a sharp drop after Sept. 11, but has recovered. She also pointed out that nearly half of the economics department is of foreign descent.

Yulunda McCarty-Harris, director of equal opportunity and diversity, thinks that there is more that could be done to increase diversity here at YSU.

"We could do better," stated McCarty-Harris.

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some schools that have dropped WebCT in favor of other rival programs to better match the needs of the school.

Bob Kalal, director of information technology policy and services for Ohio State University, said OSU dropped WebCT for Desire2Learn, another program similar to WebCT, about two to three years ago so faculty could have an easier program to use for classes.

"The calls to our help desk have

dropped dramatically," Kalal said.

Kalal said the school had a "shoot out" with other software similar to WebCT and Desire2Learn had come out the victor. "We have been really happy with it," Kalal said.

The University of Akron also dropped WebCT their last spring semester for another program known as Springboard.

Kyle Eckhart, a student assistant in technology support, said Springboard had more capabilities

than WebCT, which was "basically old and outdated."

"It was easier functionally. That was the impression we got with Springboard," Eckhart said.

WebCT was created by Murray W. Goldberg, a faculty member in computer sciences at The University of British Columbia in 1996. It was bought out in 2005 by rival software company Blackboard Inc. for an estimated \$180 million, according to The Washington Business Journal.

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In her work as coordinator, Weaver enlisted the help of several sponsors and put together an organizational committee, which includes agencies and organizations like Youngstown State University, Art Youngstown, the office of U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan, the Raymond John Wean Foundation, the Mahoning County Green Team, CityScape, the Oakland Center for the Arts, and many others, including the city itself. Additionally, the Youngstown Environmental Studies Society (YESS) was also involved with the organization and planning of the Grey to Green Festival.

In Weaver's blog, Youngstown Moxie, it is said that the shared belief and vision of the entire festival organizing committee is that a partnership like the aforementioned one "can mobilize communities to address important issues and solve problems in new ways by moving from problem-driven solutions to vision-driven solutions in a post-industrial era of transition where many areas...struggle to cope with such change."

Weaver's blog can be viewed at www.youngstownmoxie.blogspot.com.

Weaver said she hopes that the

Grey to Green Festival will increase citizen awareness that Youngstown is really a "great place to be," mainly through a day filled with fun activities, exciting entertainment, food and numerous "green" vendors. According to Weaver, the festival will highlight and emphasize sustainable practices through minimal energy use and resource consumption. Additionally, some of the major goals of the festival are to produce as little waste as possible and to recycle profusely, Weaver said.

Upon entrance to the festival, visitors will receive programs with a listing of activities, vendors and events, including entertainment like the Market Street Muppet Show, alternative world music, drumming, speakers, a Celtic Rock band, and the Youngstown Connection. Children's activities, such as arts and crafts and nature walks will also be prevalent.

Additionally, there will be yoga, tai chi and belly dancing classes, as well as a traveling EPA exhibit, the NASA bus, leaf bag distributions, a farmers market and a Drop and Shop, where visitors can bring unwanted but usable and working household items, and take what they need in return.

Volunteers are also welcome and most definitely encouraged, said Weaver. Student volunteers are needed for setup and cleanup, relieving vendors, helping at the children's activities area, directing the public to various events and activities, handing out programs, assisting the entertainment committee in stage setup, carrying Drop and Shop items to and from cars and acting as a general volunteer to any area that needs assistance.

Weaver said volunteers are not required to stay for the duration of the event and may participate as long as they are able or willing, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. To volunteer, report to the Wick Park Pavilion the morning of the festival for further direction.

As for the future of the Grey to Green Festival, Weaver said she wants it to be a yearly event, and for it to continue and carry forth into the future.

"I think the festival will be a tipping point," Weaver said. "The festival will serve as the move to create a green revolution, and will make students more aware of what's going on in Youngstown and what the city has to offer."

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## NATIONAL

# Nominees to take break from increasingly nasty campaign to honor Sept. 11 victims

David Lightman

MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

In a departure from the increasingly nasty environment of the presidential campaign, Barack Obama and John McCain will make a joint appearance on Thursday in New York to honor the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

It's the kind of civility that the public says it wants in politics but rarely gets.

"It says that despite all the differences, they agree broadly on issues of patriotism and the need to oppose the forces that caused 9/11," said John Geer, the editor of *The Journal of Politics*.

The candidates plan to visit the site of the World Trade Center, which was destroyed in the terrorist attack seven years ago. They also have agreed to suspend television ads on Thursday.

The event will mark the first time since each was nominated that they have appeared together.

"On Thursday," McCain and Obama said in a joint statement, "we will put aside politics and come together to renew that unity, to honor the memory of each and every American who died, and to grieve with families and friends who lost loved ones."

The event's tone will present a contrast to the campaign atmosphere of the past few weeks. While presidential campaigns historically

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— John Geer, editor of *The Journal of Politics*

are full of specious charges from both sides, this year's rhetoric is unusually harsh.

Wednesday, for instance, McCain's campaign launched two new ads. One charged that Obama was "ready to smear," while the other had a warning about the Democratic nominee's strategy for dealing with Republican vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin.

"As Obama drops in the polls," the 30-second TV spot says, "he'll try to destroy her."

Obama fired back.

"I don't care what they say about me," he said at a campaign stop in Norfolk, Va. "But I love this country too much to let them take over another election with lies and phony outrage and Swift Boat politics. Enough is enough."

Four years ago, Swift Boat Veterans for Truth, a group with ties to Republican donors, misrepresented Democratic nominee John

Kerry's Vietnam War record.

The latest McCain-Obama clash was triggered by an offhand Obama remark at a Lebanon, Va., rally on Tuesday. When describing McCain's economic plans as extensions of President Bush's approach, Obama said "you can put lipstick on a pig ... it's still a pig. You can wrap an old fish in a piece of paper called change. It's still going to stink after eight years."

Though the Democrat had made no reference to Palin, McCain's camp charged that Obama had insulted the Alaska governor. Palin said in her Republican convention speech last week that the difference between a hockey mom and a pit bull is "lipstick." Obama has used the "lipstick on a pig" line for months.

Strategists and analysts are torn over whether a candidate is better served by being statesmanlike or sloshing in the mud.

Geer, a political science professor at Vanderbilt University, said Dwight D. Eisenhower, running for president in 1952 as the general who won World War II in Europe, ran an ad in which a voter says, "General, the Democrats are telling me I never had it so good."

Eisenhower replied: "Can that be true when America is billions in debt, and prices have doubled and taxes break our backs, and we are still fighting in Korea? It's tragic, and it's time for a change."

Democratic opponent Adlai Stevenson fought back with a TV ad featuring a woman singing, "I'd rather have a man with a hole in his shoe than a hole in everything he says." A photo of Stevenson with a hole in his shoe sole won photographer William Gallagher a 1953 Pulitzer Prize.

If that seemed like tough campaign rhetoric at the time, at least it was related to national issues, rather than lipstick and pigs.

The dilemma for candidates has long been that "people say they don't want candidates to attack each other, but it's been shown that attack ads work," said Penni Pier, a political communication expert at Wartburg College, in Waverly, Iowa. But not always, she added.

"If you are undecided, you need the adversarial comments, but the candidate also risks a backlash. You can go too far," Pier said. "Candidates also need the cooperative rhetoric."

## NATIONAL

# Pentagon leaves air-tanker competition to next administration

Les Blumenthal

MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

The Pentagon on Wednesday canceled its \$35 billion competition for a new Air Force aerial-refueling tanker, with Defense Secretary Robert Gates saying that because of the "highly charged environment" he had no choice but to leave the decision to the next administration.

The postponement was seen as a victory for Boeing and a setback for Northrop Grumman and its European partner, the parent company of Boeing rival Airbus. The initial contract is for 179 planes, but the contract eventually could be worth more than \$100 billion as the Air Force replaces its fleet of 600 Eisenhower-era tankers. It's potentially one of the largest Pentagon contracts ever.

The action came only three weeks after Boeing's chief executive, James McNemy, and the head of Boeing's defense unit, James Albaugh, told the Defense Department's No. 2 official, Deputy Secretary Gordon England, in a face-to-face Pentagon meeting that the company wouldn't compete for the tanker contract unless it was given four more months to prepare a bid.

After losing the initial competition earlier this year to a team of Northrop Grumman and the European Aeronautic Defense and Space Co., Boeing filed its first-ever protest involving a Pentagon contract and threatened not to submit a new bid after the protest was upheld and a new competition begun.

The Government Accountability Office, in supporting Boeing's protest, found that the Air Force had made "significant errors" in awarding the contract to Northrop-EADS and recommended a new competition. Among other things, the GAO found that there were mistakes in calculating the life-cycle costs of operating and maintaining the competing tankers, there was uncertainty over whether the Northrop-EADS plane could refuel all the Air Force's planes and that the Air Force had unfairly favored the larger tanker offered by Northrop-EADS.

The Pentagon was preparing to offer its final proposal for bids in the new competition when Gates acted Wednesday. The Defense Department had planned to award the contract before the end of the year.

"This is a major victory for Boeing," said Loren Thompson, a national security analyst with the Lexington Institute, a research center in Virginia. "It resulted in equal parts from Boeing's willingness to play hardball with the customer and Secretary Gates' good sense in seeing he didn't have time to do this right in the Bush administration."

Gates said that although his decision would delay the delivery of new tankers, the current KC-135s would meet the Air Force's needs in the coming months. The average age of those planes is

about 45 years.

In announcing his decision, Gates said, "It is my judgment that in the time remaining to us, we can no longer complete a competition that would be viewed as fair and objective in this highly charged environment."

Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama, an Illinois senator, generally had been supportive of Boeing's bid, calling it an issue of protecting American jobs. Boeing is based in Chicago.

Even before the contract initially was awarded to Northrop-EADS, Arizona Sen. John McCain, who's now the Republican presidential nominee, wrote three letters to the Pentagon urging officials to take steps to ensure that there would be more than one bidder. The letters came as Northrop-EADS was threatening not to bid. Roughly half a dozen McCain staffers and fundraisers, including his former finance chairman, have ties to Airbus, whose parent company is EADS.

Boeing builds its 767 at its plant in Everett, Wash.; the planes would be converted into military tankers at its facilities in Wichita, Kan.

The Airbus A330 currently is assembled in Toulouse, France, using French, German, British and Spanish parts. Northrop-EADS has announced plans to build an assembly plant in Mobile, Ala., but construction has been postponed indefinitely.

Boeing welcomed Gates' decision, while Northrop-EADS said it was "extremely disappointed."

In its statement, Boeing said it "welcomes the Defense Department's decision and believes it will best serve the war fighter in allowing the appropriate time for this important and complex procurement to be conducted in a thorough and open competition."

Northrop-EADS said the decision would slow the production of a critically important plane and, "while we understand, we are greatly concerned about the potential future implications of the defense acquisition process."

Boeing supporters on Capitol Hill, who'd lobbied the Pentagon to extend the competition, were pleased with Gates' decision.

"We are going back to square one," said Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., who was prepared to offer language to the Senate defense-appropriations bill Wednesday to ensure a level playing field for Boeing. "It doesn't matter who is in the White House, I will fight for a fair competition and one that will support American workers."

Northrop-EADS supporters were far from happy with Gates.

Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., called the decision "unacceptable," "irresponsible," "shortsighted" and "harmful."

"This misguided decision clearly places business interests above the interests of our war fighters," he said in a statement.

## NATIONAL

# ChaCha service raises fears of cheating via cell phone

Susan Snyder

The Philadelphia Inquirer

A new cell-phone service that promises to give free answers to virtually any question within minutes has some academics worried that it will be yet another device to help students cheat.

The Indianapolis-based ChaCha began its free service in January, and business has since mushroomed to 300,000 inquiries a day. Its 25,000 research guides respond via text message to questions on just about anything: the square root of 323 or the plot of "The Great Gatsby." Barack Obama's position on education or directions to the nearest pizza shop.

University of Delaware faculty learned of it recently when a professor heard about it from his college-age son and sent an alert to all of his colleagues. Other schools found out about it through questions from the Philadelphia Inquirer.

"Now that we're aware ChaCha exists, I can assure you that we will begin discussion of a formal policy to prohibit cell-phone use in classes," said Gerard O'Sullivan, vice president for academic affairs at Neumann College in Delaware County, Pa. He said most professors already prohibited cell-phone use in class.

But other schools, including Temple, Drexel and Rowan, say they count on cell phones to send alerts to students in emergency situations — an outcome of the Virginia Tech killings — and would not want to ban them.

"We will be using cell phones in a new alert system we will be unveiling soon," said Drexel spokeswoman Niki Gianakaris.

O'Sullivan said Neumann might just ban students from "texting out" in class. "You could have students put phones on vibrate and still have them alerted," he said.

While ChaCha is the latest service to raise classroom integrity issues, academics are becoming increasingly concerned about "digital cheating" methods, including cell-phone use.

The Cherry Hill, N.J., Board of Education is reviewing proposed revisions to its cell-phone policy,

partly driven by concerns about cheating and cyber-bullying but also recognizing that there can be legitimate reasons for cell-phone use in classes.

"There is an acknowledgment that the technology is changing rapidly, so we need to be able to address those ... situations," spokeswoman Susan Bastnagel said.

National experts say electronic cheating is on the increase, but still overshadowed by traditional methods such as using cheat sheets or copying from a neighbor.

Jason Stephens, an assistant professor of educational psychology at the University of Connecticut, said that on a recent survey he led of 1,000 high school students in Connecticut, 45 percent of students who said they cheated reported using digital methods. That was up from 15 percent three years ago, he said.

"What I imagine will happen is, we'll begin to see parity between digital and conventional forms," Stephens said.

He added that rather than trying to control the technology, schools should work harder on creating a climate of integrity in the classroom.

ChaCha agrees. "Kids just need to not cheat," said Susan Marshall, vice president of marketing for ChaCha, which touts its service as the first of its kind in the United States.

Cheating was the last thing on the minds of ChaCha when it decided to unveil its service, she said. ChaCha chief executive officer Scott A. Jones, inventor of network-based voice mail, got the idea when he was trying to write a speech and could not find information. So he called a few friends. He thought it would be great to create a network of 25,000 "friends" whom people can call for help.

"It wasn't built to be a homework helper," Marshall said. "Of course, we're recommending that students don't use cell phones in class or use this as a way to replace learning the subject."

The company recently sent out a national public-relations pitch pro-

moting the service for college students, offering them "advice on everything from where to find cheap pizza to fit their starving student budget to ... the most popular coffee shop."

Supported by advertising, the service has not heard complaints from colleges, Marshall said, but did hear from a high school in its home city that students were using the service inappropriately.

"I

don't think it's a widespread problem. We would have heard more about it if it was," Marshall said.

Guides take tests to be hired and are trained to find information quickly. They are paid according to their speed and accuracy, up to 20 cents per query for top performers, she said. The company boasts a 93 percent accuracy rate and says it answers questions in up to three minutes.

But a test of the service by Inquirer reporters shows that users may need to be careful before depending on ChaCha. Asked the name of the most populous suburban county in Pennsylvania, the service responded Lancaster County instead of Montgomery.

Of the six questions, ChaCha answered three accurately in under 10 minutes, two incorrectly, and left one without an answer. ChaCha workers should get questions right as long as the information is publicly available, "but they are human and they do the best they can," said Marshall.

Chris Stover, a senior at Temple and editor of the student newspaper, said some students had heard of the service. One student asked it why there was traffic on the New Jersey Turnpike, and ChaCha replied with a toll-free number, Stover said.

that if interconnectedness is a fact of nature, there are moral implications. These have to do with the obligations people have to one another, in terms of fairness and equality, said Bache.

He said these fields can form between all people, but they form very slowly. "I don't want to suggest that any

Academics are split on how much of a problem ChaCha could cause. Most universities say they have no policy on cell phones but leave it up to professors to set their own rules. Many say professors ban the use of cell phones during class or require them to be silenced.

"I don't see how this is going to be anything that's going to revolutionize the classroom," said Ed Streb, a communication studies professor at Rowan. "If you really are that desperate to cheat, you could probably have your roommate standing by with the textbook."

He said he was more concerned about the disruption cell phones cause. He bans their use during class and docks students bonus points or requires them to let him answer the phone if it rings.

Others were worried about potential cheating.

"I would imagine in large classes (cell-phone use) would be hard to monitor," said Arthur Hochner, Temple's faculty union president and associate professor of human-resources management.

Jim Burns, adjunct professor of English at the University of Delaware, learned of ChaCha from his son, a junior at Hofstra University on New York's Long Island. An expert in 20th-century American literature, he tested the service by asking questions about alter egos in Jack Kerouac's novels, and all the answers came back correct.

"I was pretty impressed," he said, and at the same time worried.

He emphasized that neither he nor his son was aware of any instances of students' using ChaCha to cheat.

Burns received between 20 and 25 responses from colleagues when he alerted the more than 800 faculty members in an e-mail. Most were not aware of the service. Some said they might change their cell-phone policy or add one as a result.

Burns said he does not allow cell-phone use in class.

"If it goes off in my class," he said, "I ask you to leave and count you absent for the day."

## PROFESSOR page 1

relates to certain spiritual philosophies.

"Am I my brother's keeper?" that's interconnectedness," he said. Buddhism also talks specifically about this concept, he said.

The last third of the book is composed of spiritual accounts of his students.

Compiled over the course of his

teaching career, Bache said this is probably the largest collection of student writing from YSU students ever published.

While the student accounts deal with some moral issues, such as suicide and abortion, Bache said the purpose is not to push any particular view of morality.

"I don't think of the book as being about morality," he said, but

student, or any teacher, can wave a magic wand," said Bache.

"This kind of stuff can sometimes sound new and flaky," he said, but the book is a serious intellectual effort.

"This is intended to contribute to knowledge," Bache said.

The book is available through Amazon and he said it will soon be in the YSU bookstore.

## BILL page 1

coming general assembly, they will present the next general assembly.

For their part, students have mixed opinions about the bill.

Sophomore Michael Kreatsoulas said the tax break would create a bonus for graduates to stay in Ohio.

"I feel a lot of people will take advantage of it [the proposed bill's program]," said Kreatsoulas. "Maybe they're already thinking of staying here [Ohio] but they just need a little more incentive."

Danielle McEvey, sophomore, said she wouldn't take advantage of the program. "I'm an education major and it seems like there are more job opportunities elsewhere,"

said McEvey.

"I think it's [the proposed bill] a good idea for the people it would benefit," she added. "I just don't think that the number is going to be very high."

Freshman Dustin Cover said he is concerned that recipients of the tax break would leave after the five-year minimum or the 10-year pay period.

Though freshman Kelly Pitts said the proposed bill seems like a good idea, especially because college graduates are often in debt, she too will not be staying in Ohio to receive the tax credit.

"It's probably not going to be the cure-all. People need to have jobs," said Pitts.

## RENOVATION page 1

First they eliminated loans, she said, because debt is one of the major problems facing students as they see it.

They also stopped considering home equity in determining financial aid, which Mosato said allows for those with less money readily available to them to receive more aid.

"Those were the centerpieces of aid restructuring," she said.

Mosato said other schools, such as Davidson and Amherst followed Princeton's example.

"When we did it [restructure] in 2001, we kind of stood alone for a while," she said, but there were "a fair number of smaller liberal arts

colleges to follow."

Harvard's restructuring was similar to Princeton's, also eliminating loans and home equity consideration. They also eliminated tuition for families earning less than \$60,000 per year.

"We are concerned that families in the middle are feeling increasingly squeezed as they work more hours, pay more for housing and healthcare, and face greater uncertainty in retirement," said Michael D. Smith, dean of the faculty of arts and sciences at Harvard, in a statement at the time of their restructuring in December 2007.

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**OUR SIDE EDITORIAL**

## Call to arms for the apathetic

**RELATED STORY**

VOTING, page 1

We were taught since we were in grade school that voting is a right, a right not to be taken for granted. In Monday's issue, we realized that this right can be forsaken in exchange for the equal right to protest.

While not voting out of protest is a gray area, not voting out of laziness is unacceptable.

While it may be difficult to keep up with politics and issues because of work or school, one should remember that elected leaders can affect one's very lifestyle.

In grade school, we also learned to answer when someone asked an important question. "Who do you want to be the next leader of your country?" is one of the most important questions posed to every American.

It is a question we should be equipped to answer.

The representative democracy in which we live allows for those we elect to have a massive amount of power. The only power we as citizens have is our voice, which is only amplified by our vote.

Our leaders have the power to decide on issues that affect virtually every aspect of our lives. These issues can have a bearing on how much money we make, how safe we are, and the economy through which we will need to navigate in order to find gainful employment.

In short, we give them the power to control how free we are. They are accountable through a system of checks and balances, but they are only answerable to us through our vote. They can only do what they can get away with without losing votes, and thereby losing all of their power.

History has taught us that we should have a healthy distrust of government. We must assume that, given the chance, those in power will abuse it. We must not give them that chance. We must remind them, every election and at every level of government, that we the people have our hand on the wheel of the ship of state.

This is our country. We must never let them forget that.

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John Clay, senior

"It really hasn't affected my classes all that much."

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Editor,

Senator Obama and Senator McCain's health care proposals are both forgettable bunk.

My personal view is that American medicine in its own way presents with the worst abandonment of western norms since Nazi racial hygiene and Soviet psychiatry.

The denial of health care and

subversion of medical standards to suit political ends is regarded as okay. I won't be able to persuade anyone of that. Democratic process is pretty much shot.

Look for a president about 2020 to compel health care by forcing medical practices and hospitals into Federal receivership. The accounting afterward will be horrific.

Jack Labusch

**COMMENTARY**

## U.S. election: The view from Europe

Frida Glitis  
MCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS (MCT)

LONDON—Only moments after takeoff on a flight from Amsterdam to London, everyone on board, it seemed, had disappeared into a newspaper. With front pages from across Europe held aloft, a glance down the aisle showed one story dominated the news that day in dailies across the region — with another piece of news coming a close second. Almost every cover showed a picture of Barack Obama or Hillary Clinton. Not far below the news from Denver, another dateline made the front page with unsettling news about Russia and the possibility of a new Cold War.

Once again, America and Europe stand on the same side. Once again, Europeans find inspiration from across the ocean.

Europeans are excited about America's elections. The painful wound from that once-festering dispute over the war in Iraq is starting to look like an old scar. And the combination of American politics and world events has reaffirmed the two sides' shared world view.

At this precise moment in history, there is no question about what the "West" means: It means America and Europe, together.

Europeans are not just curious about America's election; they are interested, involved and excited. Ever since the Democratic primaries heated up, European hearts have quickened at the thought of either an Obama or Clinton presidency. Everyone here sounds like an expert on American politics. Everyone has an opinion. Many women wanted Clinton to win, and many believed that choosing her as a running-mate would have assured Obama's victory. Now

Obama is the overwhelming favorite.

Europe has always had a complicated relationship with the United States. Some will always blame America for every wrong in the world. To most Europeans, however, America feels like a close cousin who grew up to become wealthy and strong and handsome. You know him well and know his flaws. He can be cocky and brash and impulsive — and infuriating. But he can also be charming, strong, generous and inspiring. Deep down, almost in spite of yourself, you feel great affection for him and hold the highest expectations. You want to be dazzled, even if he can make you feel a little small in his shadow.

Europeans have gently mocked the protracted and melodramatic American election process. But they have followed it with bated breath. Millions have fallen into the Obama trance or become passionate about Clinton, even while confessing with a mix of shame and admiration that voters here would not have allowed a non-white candidate to make it this far.

There are those who worry about Obama, preferring John McCain. But they are a rather quiet minority. For them, the wounds healed even sooner, if there were any.

Americans made it up to European critics when President Bush's approval ratings collapsed at home. Big majorities on both sides of the Atlantic now see the Bush presidency as a failure. Europeans felt vindicated by that, and by America's troubles in Iraq — the war most of them opposed. Europe did its part for reconciliation by electing staunchly pro-American leaders in France and Germany. Passion returned when America electrified the continent

with its slate of presidential candidates.

And then, Russia invaded Georgia and defied the West. Suddenly, it was not all about candidates and elections. Just as during the Cold War, America and Europe found themselves staring down an enigmatic and threatening adversary.

Common views also emerged during the Beijing Olympics, a dazzling spectacle that many in the West found a little, shall-we-say, creepy in its totalitarian perfection. You had to live in the controlled chaos of a democratic system to understand why spending \$43 billion for a sports competition might be wrong. Americans and Europeans got that. Together.

This second trans-Atlantic honeymoon will not last forever. Disappointment will inevitably break the spell.

But shared outrage over Russia's actions has kept Europe and America on the same side. That's easy for now, since neither Europe nor America have done much about it. It is often when confronting aggression that the ugly disagreements break out across the Atlantic. But not yet.

At times, it seems people here have forgotten that the election isn't over. Many talk of how the world will change now, as if Obama already lives in the White House. If Obama becomes president, inevitably the day will come when he will do something Europeans won't like. If he loses, they will again say Americans cannot be trusted to vote.

No matter how the election turns out, the worst of the spat between Europe and the United States has ended. After half a decade of anger, Europeans are again starting to like their American cousins.

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**THEATER**

## Oakland Center for the Arts brings 'Doubt' to stage

The Oakland Center for the Arts opens its 22nd season with a performance of the 2005 Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winning drama, *Doubt, A Parable* by John Patrick Shanley. Directed by Mike Hinge, the play is set in the Bronx, N.Y., 1964 at St. Nicholas Catholic Church and school.

Sister Aloysius, the long-time principal, must make painful choices in instructing her new teacher, Sister James, demanding the truth from Father Flynn, and protecting a vulnerable student from suspected molestation.



Father Flynn is approached by Sister Aloysius in a scene from *Doubt, A Parable*.



Sister Aloysius is confronted by Mrs. Muller played by Carla D. Gipson, whose child's future at St. Nicholas school is at risk, during a scene from *Doubt, A Parable*.



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**MUSIC**

## Karaoke: Artists catch the tune



Amy S. Rosenberg (MCT)

On the third interview in which you discuss karaoke as metaphor, karaoke as inspiration for high art, karaoke as a moderating force on otherwise strident political discourse, you stop yourself.

Oh, c'mon. Seriously?

Well, yes.

And no.

Karaoke, it turns out, is a fruitful jumping-off point for edgy artists. It is, you might say, the ultimate interactive performance, stripped of any pretense.

"I think karaoke shows a blend of cultures," said Veronique Cote, director of Yo Darkroom in Philadelphia and curator of its new show, "Empty Orchestras: Art Meets Karaoke."

Karaoke, she says, allows artists to grapple with big issues like authors' rights and ownership, interactive performance, and public space. She's brought the karaoke-linked work of five artists to the show at Yo Darkroom.

"It's festive and happy, but also a tool of the people, something that is empowering people," Cote said.

And so there's telephone protest karaoke, ice-cream-cart karaoke, manifesto karaoke, heartbreak karaoke, interaction of low-tech humor and politics karaoke, and "Singin' in the Rain"-misappropriation karaoke.

Ridiculous, eh? Would she perhaps be referring to dancer and artist Boris Willis' kooky karaoke film in which he sings of heartbreak to his love objects, first a still camera and then a video camera, finds solace in a karaoke bar, sings to himself in nature, and drives off into the sunset singing of being "In my socks and underwear"?

And invites you to sing along?

Or perhaps Philadelphia's Chris Barr's karaoke ice-cream cart, which he invites people to strike up a spontaneous karaoke party on the street.

"Karaoke is this odd cultural phenomenon that takes art and music, and allows the audience to have some sort of ownership of it," Barr says. "Within a lot of contemporary art these days, there's a movement to take authority off of the artist as the sole author of the artwork. It's also this weird cultural thing that we're all aware of, it's kind of goofy and fun. It's kind of vibrant."

A little Googling, and she had the work of five artists, including Amos Latteier (telephone protest) and performance artist Sarah Paul ("Singin' in the Rain") for the show, which runs through Sept. 14 at Yo Darkroom.

Artist Gordon Winiemko of California, who put his own leftist manifesto to the tunes of five of the Rolling Stones' top 500 songs, sees karaoke as "the people's tool, making everyone a participant."

"For me, for this project, that's what I'm singing about, the ideal of democratization," he said. "But ultimately what I do is say maybe democracy is the problem. Maybe if everyone has a voice, what do we get?"

"If you watch the demo, you know what you're getting into," he says. "If you don't, and you just start doing the karaoke, it's like whoa, what is this? I can even see people not making it all the way through. It just kind of plays as a thing that's entreating you to go along. It doesn't need a participant to complete it."

Winiemko likens this to the offer of people to get involved in solving some of the world's problems. Will they take up the offer?

Then there's Amos Latteier, who's bringing his "We're Not Gonna Take It" protest telephone karaoke to Philadelphia. What you do is, you dial 215-531-5063 and you can record your own lyrics to Twisted Sister's "We're Not Gonna Take It," registering complaints about any issue you wish, and designate that it be sent to any politician you wish.

"It gives people an opportunity to express themselves politically and still have a good time and not feel it has to be strident," Latteier says. "It gives them a jokey way in."

**TELEVISION**

## What's new with the old TV shows

Aaron Barnhart  
MCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

"Desperate Housewives" will be jumping way into the future, while "CSI" and "NCIS" will face a future without some familiar faces. These are some of the changes afoot on television's most popular scripted programs when the new TV season kicks off later this month.

Here's what we know (from our usual wire and Web sources) about some of the most popular non-reality series on TV. If you despise even the mildest spoilers to your stories, stop reading now.

**DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES**

Last season Wisteria Lane was the hottest address in prime time again as the mom-eddy had its best stories, and ratings, since its rookie year. Not content to rest on his laurels, producer Marc Cherry is fast-forwarding the action five years, and the housewives will be transformed into 40-somethings. But they'll still be impossibly gorgeous. Premieres Sept. 28 on ABC.

**CSI**

TV's biggest crime drama will lose its founding father, as co-star William Petersen plans to take the money and run. That makes him the third cast member (besides Gary Dourdan and Jorja Fox) to ankle "CSI" in the past year. Laurence Fishburne will join the force after Grissom rolls off, right around November sweeps. The season premiere, Oct. 9 on CBS, may be the last time you'll see Gil, Warrick and Sara together on "CSI."

**HOUSE**

After spending most of the season finale in a dreamscape, Dr. House (Hugh Laurie) awakened to find his best friend's girl dead and a lot of 'splainin' to do to Wilson (Robert Sean Leonard). I dunno; sometimes there seems like too much excitement on this show. Just once, wouldn't you like it if

House said to Wilson, "That last case just wore me out. I'm going to the shore for the weekend?" Premieres Sept. 16 on Fox.

**GREY'S ANATOMY**

Despite all the carping about this show by fans last season, "Grey's" is still the fourth most-watched scripted show on TV. The big change this season was already announced this spring, as Meredith (Ellen Pompeo) and McDreamy (Patrick Dempsey) decided they would live together. I think, though, that things won't be right at Seattle Grace until ABC puts "Private Practice" out of its misery and sends Kate Walsh back to "Grey's." Premieres Sept. 25 on ABC.

**CSI: MIAMI**

Who shot Horatio Crane? Probably not a crazed woman from Austria — though one is stalking David Caruso in real life — but we won't find out until the season premiere, which will be missing one prominent cast member, Khandi Alexander, who has left the building. Premieres Sept. 22 on CBS.

**WITHOUT A TRACE**

The big change here is that CBS is moving the show, again, this time to Tuesdays at 9 p.m., where a lot of not very good shows have lately withered ("Smith," "Cane"). Jack (Anthony LaPaglia) is still battling his demons and not in charge officially, though that won't last. Premieres Sept. 23.

**ER**

Though hardly the ratings juggernaut it once was, NBC's long-running hospital drama enters its final season and makes one last change of cast. Angela Bassett will play (tell me if you've heard this before) a tough-as-nails attending physician with a troubled secret past. Her real husband, Courtney B. Vance, will appear from time to time as her hubby on the show, too. Premieres Sept. 25.

**MUSIC**



FROM RIGHT TO LEFT: Chip Taylor- Guitar/Vocals, Matt Celio-Keyboards, Jill Harris-Bass, Ed Villabona- Vocals/Guitar, and Matt Leight- Drums.

## New ambitions on the horizon for 'November Loop'

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In 1988, guitarist Ed Villabona's band Guttersnipes, a mid-80s Youngstown hardcore band, was covered in The Jambar for playing at the YSU Amnesty International Music Festival in the Chestnut Room.

Twenty years later, he is experimenting with lush indie-pop guitar hooks, with his band November Loop that will perform Friday at Cedars.

Guitarists Villabona and Chip Taylor formed November Loop in the summer of 1999. Both played in Youngstown indie-pop act Skykin.

Bass player Jill Harris' friend worked in a video store where she picked up a tape that said "November Loop", which was a

tape of promos and trailers for November releases.

"That is how we adopted the name," Villabona said.

November Loop began their music career as a Shoegaze/Neo Psychedelic act and their 2000 self-titled release is much akin to Ride's "Waves" and My Bloody Valentine's "Loveless."

"It is more of a pure rock effort," Villabona said of the new album. "I have been listening to Dinosaur Jr's 1988 release, "Bug", which inspired me to experiment with more alternate tunings. Alternate tunings frees up the writing a bit and what you play normally challenges you."

Similarly, Taylor said that the band is never afraid to experiment.

"I have been using my capo on my guitar a lot on the new material, it gives it that Byrds-esque jang-

ly sound," he said.

Drummer Matt Leight is more on board with the new sound, Taylor added. "It's simple drumming that keeps everything together," he said.

New member Matt Celio keyboardist, has added progressive dimensions to November Loop, taking their sound into Electro pop territory.

Taylor said he feels that the keyboards provide November Loop's set with a progressive wall of sound.

Bassist Jill Harris also plays in a Columbus act, The Rosehips, who just completed their East Coast mini-tour this year.

For his part, Villabona said he enjoys playing in the band with Harris, since a woman in the band makes "songwriting more organic."



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## FOOTBALL



**PASS RUSH** — Junior quarterback Brandon Summers evades the pass rush during the Penguins game against South Dakota State. Summers will be making his first career start at quarterback for the Penguins Saturday when the team takes on Central State University at Stambaugh Stadium.

# No place like home for weary Penguins

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The first two weeks of the season have been brutal, but the Youngstown State University football team has a solid chance to begin a turnaround Saturday when the Penguins take on the Central State University Marauders at Stambaugh Stadium.

The No. 23 Penguins have dropped their first two games of the season for the first time since 1995, but playing in the comfort zone of the Ice Castle will help the team avoid its first 0-3 start since 1986.

Youngstown State is 19-2 at home since the start of the 2005 season and has won 20 of their last 22 within the confines of Stambaugh Stadium. The home-opener has always been a game the Penguins love as the team has won the first home game during the last 12 seasons dating back to 1996.

After starting 0-2, losing All-American defensive end Mychal Savage to season-ending surgery and having starting quarterback Todd Rowan walk away from the team, playing at home Saturday could be just what the doctor ordered.

"Our players are really excited,"

"Anytime you get to play a home game is great. Our players love playing here and there's no place like home."

— Jon Heacock, head football coach

Heacock said. "Anytime you get to play a home game is great. Our players love playing here and there's no place like home."

Beginning with the shocking and untimely passing of the team's video coordinator Shawn Coin before the season, the team appears to have entered a downward spiral.

Losing hurts, but losing two to start a season can cause excruciating pain to the hopes of a playoff berth. While the Penguins find themselves in a tough situation, down one quarterback and suffering from an injury plague, wide receivers' coach Dave Elliott doesn't believe its time to hit the panic button just yet.

Elliott compared the Penguins' situation to when he experienced a rough start at Washington State

University where Elliott was a former coach. Elliott said the Cougars were able to rebound from a sour start and earn a spot in the Rose Bowl.

"I've been in tough situations like this before; you just have to work hard," Elliott said.

While it's clear the Penguins have serious work to do, the team hasn't been stingy when it comes to hitting film sessions at ridiculous hours in the morning.

Being stomped 40-7 by conference opponents is a tough pill to swallow, but Heacock said he liked the determination he saw out of his players to get back to the drawing board upon the team's return home.

Heacock said the players were ready to watch the South Dakota State film when the squad arrived

back at Youngstown 4 a.m. Sunday and figure out their mistakes.

Heacock pointed out that if the adversity the Penguins have faced this season happened to a team that wasn't working together, the squad would be doomed. Having the close-knit type of group at his disposal is what Heacock believes will help the team salvage the season.

"I'm excited that I have a bunch of guys that are begging to be coached," Heacock said. "Some of our guys really improved in [the South Dakota] game."

Lining up against the Penguins will be the Marauders, a team that is also looking for its first win.

Central State is coming off a 43-17 loss to West Virginia State. The Central State defense is giving up an average of 409 yards per game this season.

Heacock said the Marauders are "tremendously athletic and have two players on defense with pro-caliber talent." Despite the solid players the Penguins will have to face Sunday, the Penguin coach said the first battle the squad must win is with themselves.

"The real opponent is us," Heacock said. "With the things we have going on we have to get regrouped and refocused."



## Penguin Offense vs Marauder Defense

Moving on without quarterback Todd Rowan will force the Penguins to change a small amount of their offensive philosophy, but junior quarterback Brandon Summers should be more than up to the challenge of taking over the offense. Summers' ability to scramble and run for big gains makes him more of a solid fit for the spread offense. With the position battle now settled by default, the offense could take off. Looking to give Summers a headache will be junior defensive end Shawn Stewart who has forced and recovered a fumble already this season.



## Marauder Offense vs Penguin Defense

Central State boasts a talented young quarterback in Jeff Brooks, but the true freshman may be a bit timid to throw directly at the skilled and experienced cornerbacks of the Penguin defense. Expect Brooks to utilize his upperclassman at tight end, specifically senior Antonio Cooperwood. His 6-1, 220 pound frame will make him a tough tackle if he is able to grab passes over the middle of the secondary. Sophomore Nick Mernedakis should attempt to jam Cooperwood at the line to force Brooks to look to the sidelines for his wideouts.

## GOLF

# Team looks to carry strong start into YSU Invitational

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The Youngstown State University women's golf team has gotten off to an impressive start in the fall portion of their season.

The team finished second out of 14 teams with only Penn State University carding a better two-round total at the Bucknell Invitational in Lewisburg, Pa. However, freshman Samantha Formeck finished as the tournament medalist. In her collegiate debut, Formeck shot a 36-hole total of 11-over-par 147.

The tournament was scheduled for 18 holes on Saturday and an 18-hole finale on Sunday, but due to inclement weather, all 36 holes were played Sunday. Unfazed by playing 36 holes in one day, the team shot an opening round best total of 314.

In the opening round, Formeck shot 73, senior Mollie Boney shot 80, junior Ana Ciavarella shot 81, and sophomore Katie Rogner shot 80 for the 314 score posted in the first round.

In the second and final round of the tournament, the Penguins shaved nine strokes off their first round total and posted a score of 305. The score was second to Penn State, who shot a score of 297. Penn State finished the tournament with 610 while Youngstown State finished nine strokes back in second place with a total of 619.

Boney showed her senior leadership

by leading the second round scores for YSU with a 73. Boney believes the strong outing during the opening weekend could mean great things for the Penguins this year.

"We only lost to Penn State by nine strokes and Penn State has a very strong team," Boney said. "If we keep practicing like we are and playing like we are, I think our chances of winning conference are very good."

Formeck followed up her opening round score of 73 with a second round 74. Ciavarella carded a second round score of 78 and Rogner shot 80 for her final round score.

Head coach Roseann Schwartz was ecstatic and proud of her team for finishing second despite having to play 36 holes in one day.

"They were determined to play well and they did. Being persistent and carrying a golf bag around for 36 holes, I am proud of them for that," Schwartz said.

Schwartz takes pride in the fact that of eight of her nine players are from the state of Ohio. "We are community minded with our golf program with keeping local golf talent right here at YSU," Schwartz said.

The Penguins golf team hosts the YSU Invitational at Pine Lakes Golf Course in Hubbard this weekend. Last year, the Penguins won the event when it was held at Salem Hills Golf Course in Salem.



**CHIP SHOT** — Senior Mollie Boney chips her way on to the green. Boney and the Penguins are set to host the YSU Invitational tournament, beginning Sunday at the Pine Lakes Golf Course in Hubbard, Ohio.

## FOOTBALL

# Injuries taking toll, Savage to have season-ending shoulder surgery

Andrew Berry  
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Only two games are in the books for the Penguins and already the Youngstown State University football team is suffering from a bad case of the injury bug.

Head coach Jon Heacock made it known at Tuesday's press conference in the DeBartolo Stadium Club at Stambaugh Stadium that All-American senior defensive tackle Mychal Savage will undergo season-ending surgery Friday to repair a torn rotator cuff.

Savage suffered the shoulder injury in the team's season-opener at the Ohio State University that was originally thought not to be season threatening. Heacock erred on the side of caution as he said he would by keeping Savage out of the South Dakota State game.

Savage, a player that hasn't missed a season since joining the program in 2004, is eligible for a medical redshirt and will return as a fifth-year senior in 2009. Heacock believes that since Savage never redshirted as an underclassman, applying for the medical redshirt should not be a problem.

To make matters worse, Savage's backup, sophomore Torrance Nicholson, is also now on the shelf with a bone fracture. Heacock said Nicholson could miss

anywhere from two to eight weeks depending on the severity of the injury.

Joining Nicholson on the injury list is Luke Matelan, a sophomore defensive lineman who also has a bone fracture and is projected to miss six to eight weeks. Senior running back Kevin Smith, while not expected to miss much time, has been bothered by a severe hamstring pull. Smith's contributions have been limited, but Heacock said Smith is slowly making progress.

While the frustrations are mounting for the Penguins and the defensive line is facing some major reshuffling, Heacock said the seniors that miss time with injuries suffer the most as "they are the ones who wish they could contribute."

Combined with the sudden departure of senior quarterback Todd Rowan from the team Tuesday, the injuries are putting the Penguins in a tough situation heading into the first home game of the season.

Senior defensive back Tom Krupko said that despite what has happened, the players haven't been taken back by the events that have unfolded.

"I don't think we've had enough time to be shell shocked," Krupko said. "Everything could be worse."