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### Students grow tired of lengthy political process

Adam Bickel  
REPORTER

Senior Chad Maconald wants to vote and get it over with.

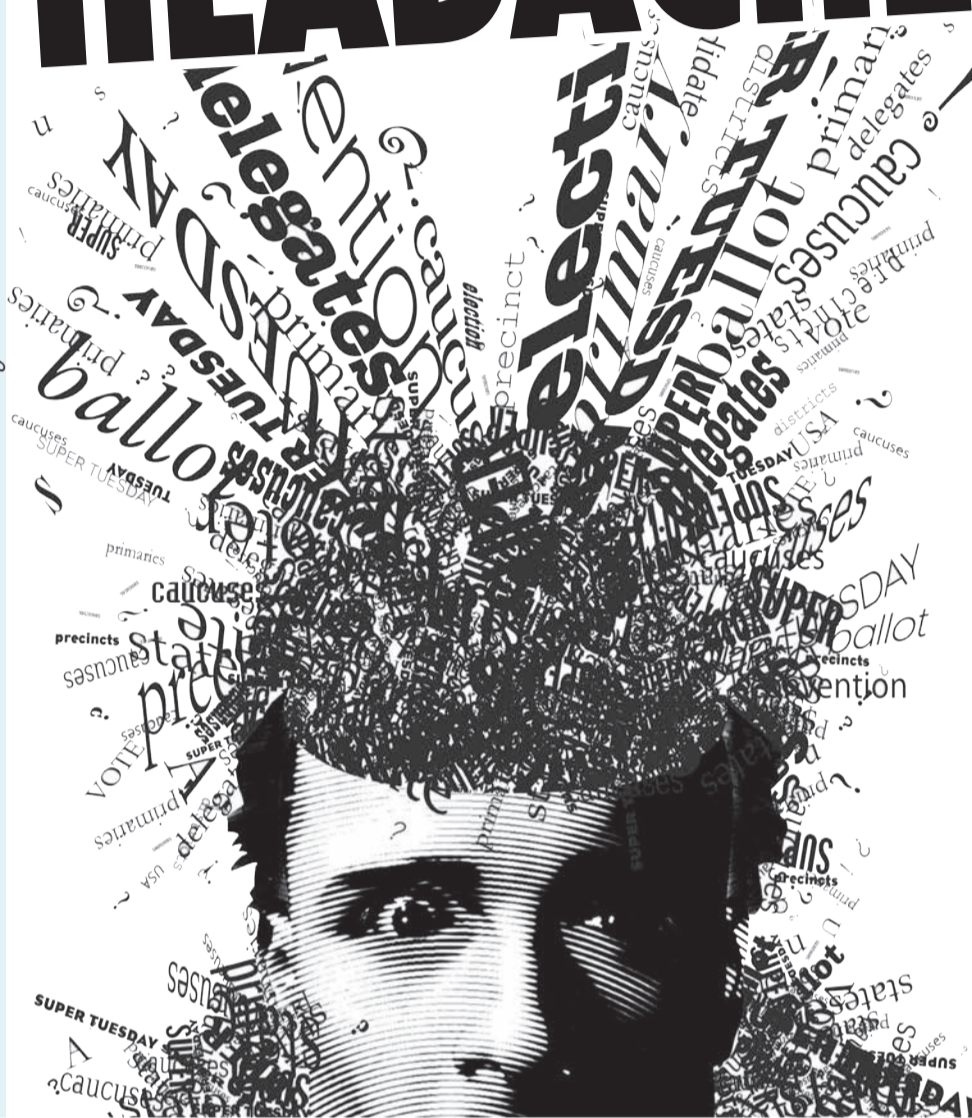
"I love politics but the primaries ran extra long and now it is all that people can talk about," Maconald said when talking about the most recent debate. "I have known I was voting for McCain for months... aren't most people just tired of this whole thing by now?"

It seems voter fatigue has set in among many young people at YSU. With the primaries lasting longer than usual and the election coming down to its home stretch people seem to be overwhelmed with the politics everywhere they go.

"The yard signs are everywhere, I am getting phone call after phone call, the commercials are all over the TV; I am just getting to the point where I can't hear about it anymore," Madonald said.

Sophomore Jordan Bologh agreed. "Personally by the time Hillary was out I was done, but now I see Obama or

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### Candidates find common ground with foreign policy

Samantha Pysher  
REPORTER

Although presidential hopefuls John McCain and Barack Obama have different views on the majority of their platforms, their foreign policies are similar.

Both McCain and Obama want to expand economic ties and honorably draw out of the war, said Keith Lepak of the political science department. While McCain wants to be known for a tough approach, Obama wants to market diplomacy as something that is not so closely related to military force, he said.

Whoever does receive the presidency will also have to make difficult choices on how to rebuild the military, Lepak said.

"It's apparent that the current operation in Iraq, Afghanistan and Africa have strained the military," he said. For example, all of the military vehicles will need to be rebuilt, replaced or fixed, Lepak said.

"We're spending so much money on the economic crisis that defense spending will be difficult," he added. "Choices made about military spending will affect the way both allies and adversaries will look at us."

Though Junior Ben Cervone said he believes each candidate has interesting points, he tends to favor McCain's foreign policy because the worldwide issues would be dealt with in a way he feels comfortable with.

"I tend to think either one could be flawed based on my personal morals and ideas," he said. "My morals tend to be similar to McCain's."

Cervone said one thing that he doesn't like about Obama's foreign policy is how Obama wants to meet with foreign leaders of adversarial countries and allies. The meetings with the adversaries should not be done without conditions, he said.

"One of the biggest issues in my mind is the potential problem that is Iran and the problem with Pakistan," Cervone said. Whoever receives the presidency needs to know how to appropriately deal with countries that harbor terrorists, he continued.

Another difference between Obama's and McCain's foreign policy is their stance on the war in Iraq.

In reference to McCain's Web site, the senator wants to continue with the war on terrorism, while Obama wants to withdraw from the war as soon as possible.

Some students have scrutinized these issues when deciding who to vote for.

Although sophomore Danielle McEvey wants the war to end, she said withdrawing all of the troops within the four-year term would not be very likely.

The Iraq war isn't McEvey's only concern. She is worried that the new president will get the U.S. involved with the conflict between Russia and Georgia.

Senior Tim McNickle said he thinks both candidates have good ideas for their foreign policy platforms, but he's leaning more towards Obama's policy because it has a more rational approach than McCain's policy.

"I don't trust McCain," said McNickle. "I think other countries are sick of looking at the rich white republican. I truly feel that he doesn't have my

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### Affordable abroad: YSU tuition attracts international students

Courtney Denen  
REPORTER

While the total number of international students attending Youngstown State University has increased by less than two percent in the last year, the number of graduate students has increased by almost six percent.

Despite this increase, about 160 international students are enrolled at YSU. The reason for this low number is because YSU has done very little recruitment, said Jef Davis, director of the center for international studies and program.

"The graduate program has worked with us to recruit graduate international students," Davis said.

The main source of recruitment has come from international faculty members and alumni. Davis has been working to increase recruitment activities with a new international student view-book and a centralized application process. A formerly part-time position has been increased to full-time to focus more on stream-

It's been quite an experience studying here, I have met people from more countries that I can remember."

Aamir Iqbal, president of the international studies association

lining the admission process.

"The total cost for out of state students, including international students, has dropped 40 percent," Davis said.

He said the cost per credit has gone from \$244.29 to \$8.34.

"You definitely cannot disregard that as a reason for the increase in graduate students," he said.

Affordable tuition and a low cost of living draw international students to YSU, Davis said. In-



Ruoyo Wang and Xifan Yang both of the Beijing University of Business and Technology and Xshsuen Ying Tai and Yiling Ho of Lung Hua University of Science and Technology have been at YSU for two months after their schools chose YSU for the student exchange program.

ternational students want to experience "first rate professors who give individual attention, with a strong focus on classroom teaching. Those faculty who have the most active research programs go to great lengths to involve students in hands-on research opportunities," he said.

Davis said students choose a university based on factors such

as academic programs, professors, and tuition and living situations. He believes that YSU has specific traits that contribute to the draw of international students.

"I believe that along with our faculty and welcoming university and Youngstown community, our international programs provide

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### Alum inspires confidence in community during Peace Corps post

Sarah Sole  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After serving for two years in Thailand for the Peace Corps, Rebecca Neuman's landlords there became a second set of parents to her. She attended funerals and weddings in her community, and cried for a day and half when she left.

Neuman, who graduated from Youngstown State University in 2002, says interaction with the community is a vital part of getting the most out of a Peace Corps assignment.

"If you're in there for two years and you have the door shut all the time, you might as well be there for a week for everything that you get from it," the 29-year-old said.

Starting January of 2003, Neuman, of Niles, spent three months of training and two years on post in Thailand for the Peace Corps

### Peace talks

• Neuman will speak at an information session for the Peace Corps at YSU Wednesday at 6 p.m. in Kilcawley Center's Presidential Suites.

as an education volunteer for the new project Teacher Collaboration and Community Outreach. In addition to advising local English teachers on how to implement a more interactive classroom, Neuman also participated in community outreach, giving teachers and students more confidence speaking the English language.

Though Neuman had traveled with her family since the age of five, she knew that something was missing from the vacations.

"It seemed really one-sided. I feel like I was getting all the benefit and not leaving anything behind," Neuman said.

After her mother read an article about someone who had returned from the Peace Corps, Neuman was sold on the idea.

"It just clicked. It sounded like the answer to what I had been missing on all my trips before," she said.

Having never been away from home for longer than three weeks, Neuman was ready for a change, though her parents were a little worried that their daughter wouldn't be able to handle it.

During the two and a half hour layover in the Narita Airport in Tokyo, Neuman and the other 33 members of her group wandered around the airport. The jet-lagged bunch looked like something out of a shantytown, as they watched sumo wrestling on TV with their baggage scattered around them.

After 24 hours of travel in humid, uncomfortable conditions that didn't allow for showering, Neuman made her way from the plane to be bused to the terminal.

There, she had a surprise.

The bus, with its air conditioning, plush seats, and complimentary trays was the nicest she had ever been on.

This brief luxury, however, stood in contrast to the conditions that Neuman found in the Northeast part of Thailand.

"It was all around me," she said of the poverty.

The average education level was the sixth grade. Seventy-five percent of the population was field hands, as no one owned the land on which they worked.

Though most provinces there could only harvest once a year, Neuman's province had enough rain to enable communities to harvest three different times per year. The hilly area, oddly enough, reminded her of Northeast Ohio.

While Neuman had a volunteer position, she worked the same 40 hours per week as the

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## News Briefs

*YSU Homecoming Week features variety of activities*

Beginning this week, YSU is celebrating the 2008 Homecoming game with a variety of activities. The events culminate on Saturday with a 2 p.m. parade, which will feature two fuel cell-powered Chevrolet Equinoxes to celebrate the 100th birthday of General Motors and YSU. The football game against Northern Iowa will commence at 4 p.m.

*YSU hosts wind energy workshop for area business*

On Oct. 23 at YSU, the Great Lakes WIND network is hosting a half-day workshop where Mahoning valley manufacturers can learn about business opportunities in the wind energy market. The event is scheduled for 8 a.m. at the McKay Auditorium in the Beeghly College of Education.

*Professor plans winter study trips to China*

YSU geology professor Ray Beiersdorfer is making plans to lead a three-week student trip to China during winter break, Dec. 15 through Jan. 5. The tour will be offering in conjunction with a spring semester 2009 geology course, "Geologic and Human History of China." The participating students will earn science general education credits. The tour group will spend its time in the Yunnan Province, visiting other sites in Shanghai, Xi'an and Beijing.

*Flu shots available at Student Health Clinic*

The YSU Student Health Clinic and the Youngstown Community Health Center will sponsor a flu shot clinic on campus from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Oct. 28. Members of the university community, as well as friends and family over the age of 18, are encouraged to participate. Appointments are not necessary and the vaccination fee is \$20 by cash or check. The Student Health Clinic is located on the first floor of Kilcawley Residence Hall.

## Police Briefs

*Underage drinking citation issued*

On Oct. 17, a student told a resident assistant said her roommate was escorted to her room by an unknown student. The roommate appeared intoxicated and YSU police were called. The student admitted she was intoxicated, and was issued a citation for underage drinking.

*Altercation occurred on corner of Lincoln and Phelps*

A YSU police officer witnessed an altercation between a male and a female in a car at the corner of Lincoln and Phelps Street. The female was striking the male and yelling that the male had tried to rape her and threatened to kill her. The officer took the keys from the male and told the female to stop hitting him. The female said he had crashed the car into a guardrail. The car was towed. The male was cited for driving under suspension and was released to walk home. The female was cited for wrongful entrustment and driven home.

*Student injured at Andrews Recreation Center*

An incident report was filed on Oct. 15 when a student was injured at the Andrews Recreation Center. The student said he had been playing basketball and knocked heads with another student and was cut between his eyes. When the bleeding stopped, the student was transported to St. Elizabeth's hospital after refusing an ambulance.

# College hopefuls take to sabotaging fellow applicants

Jodi S. Cohen  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

In the competition to get into the most selective colleges, some students and their parents are resorting to a tasteless tactic: bashing other applicants.

The letters, mailed to college admissions offices, typically arrive without a signature. They say that rival applicants cheated on exams or got suspended for underage drinking. Sometimes, they include an unflattering newspaper clipping or a sly suggestion to check out pictures on a student's Facebook page.

At Northwestern University, one letter was written in crayon.

"I guess they thought we couldn't trace it if it were in crayon," said Christopher Watson, Northwestern's dean of undergraduate admission. "The grammar was too good to be a little kid. ... We see everything. Nothing shocks us anymore."

This year's high school seniors should plan for another year of fierce competition to get into the most elite colleges and universi-

"People think if they disadvantage one student, it may advantage theirs."

Stacey Kostell,  
University of Illinois

The number of high school graduates is expected to peak at about 3.3 million this year, with more of them choosing to attend college.

And if a recent discussion on a listserve for college admissions professionals and high school counselors is any indication, the competition could lead to some shocking behavior.

The e-mail exchange began with a simple query: "I just heard a horrific story from one of my students, and I wanted to see if

there is any validity in it," Sue Moller, a high school guidance counselor on Long Island, New York, posted on a message board for the National Association for College Admission Counseling. She wrote that a student told her that parents were writing letters about the "bad" conduct of other students "to help the chances of their student gaining admission."

She asked whether any of the college officials had received such letters. She wasn't expecting much of a response, but got more than a dozen replies.

"This is a lot deeper than I thought it was when I posted this silly question. You should have seen me running around the office saying, 'You won't believe this one,'" Moller said. "I can't believe how widespread it is."

College admissions officials said they do not track how many of these letters, calls or e-mails they receive, and said they are unsure whether they're getting more of them. But with competition fiercer than ever, and technology making it easier to communicate, several experts said they wouldn't be surprised to see more of this behavior.

"If it is more competitive than before, then perhaps more of it is going on," said Bill Fitzsimmons, Harvard's admissions dean. "People are willing to lie in order to do better in what they consider to be a difficult competition."

Fueling the behavior, in part, may be the perception that the competition is toughest among applicants from the same high school, perhaps leading some families to target classmates.

"People think if they disadvantage one student, it may advantage theirs," said Stacey Kostell, director of undergraduate admissions at the University of Illinois. She said the university has received anonymously sent newspaper articles about applicants' criminal activities.

Fitzsimmons and several other officials said anonymous allegations typically get thrown in the trash. If the letters include specific allegations or a newspaper article detailing criminal activity, officials might follow-up with a call to the applicants or their high schools.

But Dan Saracino, University of Notre Dame's director of admissions, said he'll investigate

allegations even if they're provided anonymously.

"If the person is saying something that might have some credence, you don't want to dismiss it," he said. "We will contact the student who is being maligned and ask them if they care to respond."

Gloria Mueller, the college counseling coordinator at Glenbrook South High School, said it's the school's policy to verify only students' academic records, not disciplinary information. She described anonymous letter-writing campaigns as "absolutely, totally sleazy."

Mabel Freeman said Ohio State University has received letters from disgruntled families after their children were denied admission but other students from their high school were admitted.

Freeman, the assistant vice president of undergraduate admissions, said it's unfortunate that the efforts are primarily orchestrated by adults.

"It is one more indication of the high anxiety that seems to be out there, the inability of some families to deal with a rejection," Freeman said.

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McCain on TV and I switch the channel. I am over it all," Bologh said.

In the past voter fatigue may have affected voter turnout.

In 2004 the media targeted young voters and had many ad campaigns urging young people to vote. It was seemingly everywhere, from MTV commercials to P Diddy's "Vote or Die."

Despite the effort, college aged voters aged 18-24 still had the lowest turnout with only 47 percent voting according to the Washington Post.

As far as this election is concerned, Bologh has had enough.

"I just don't care anymore. It has dragged on too long. I don't

want to hear them talk anymore and I don't want to vote for either of them," he said.

Freshmen Kassi Simeon feels similarly.

"I just can't stand to see it anymore. It is getting out of control. The election is everywhere you turn," she said.

Some of the fatigue may be caused in part by the fact that the campaigning has largely been up close and personal.

"The fatigue factor may be connected with all of the attention that has been focused on the valley," Lepak said. "All of the visits by candidates, which are largely rallies, become a blur. People slowly come to realize, if they don't already know, that

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strong support for international students, which contributes to our very high retention of these students," Davis said.

Some international students in leadership positions appreciate the international student program at YSU.

This is Phaneendra Kolli's fourth semester here, and she described the international studies program as an innovative program that promotes diversity.

The staff at the international program always looks forward to helping out every international student and plans programs that help students to mingle and share their cultures, Kolli said.

As the president of the Indian

international student organization Kolli takes part in planning events that help students understand Indian culture and food.

"We are promoting diversity. We are trying to be a part of YSU success. As a student I am trying to learn as much as I can from professors and classmates, because everyone is unique in their knowledge aspect of YSU," said Kolli.

The price and size of YSU may also work to the university's advantage.

The university is a bargain for international students because of the low out-of-state tuition charge, said Aamir Iqbal, who has been at YSU for three years.

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local teachers. Her job didn't end, however, when she returned home from school.

As part of her interaction with the community, Neuman attended business meetings, got to know members of her community, and met with the mayor. She spent 16 hours per day learning Thai.

Besides attending Peace Corps meetings, Neuman was also required to attend teachers' meetings that sometimes lasted three to five hours after her eight hours of teaching.

Because of social norms that call for people to respect those at the top of the social ladder, Neuman found that students needed instructions. Teachers, for example, were supposed to be late for class as the students waited for their superior to give them directions. Because of the position's top status, the principal always arrived

at least an hour and a half late.

The transition from a teacher to student-centered training was awkward for many of the students.

"Everyone's waiting for someone else to tell them what to do," Neuman said.

Students still had motivation, however.

While covering a chapter on occupations, Neuman asked her students what they would like to be when they grew up. Two girls who were at the top of their class told her they wanted to be a nurse and a teacher.

Though the motivation was there, Neuman recognized how difficult it would be for these girls to achieve their aspirations. After 8th and 9th grades, girls become scarce in classrooms as most get married before they reach high school.

"All their plans, everything

campaigning is an activity distinct from governing."

The two last weeks are also when people try the most to get out the vote, making phone calls and pounding on doors, Lepak said. He believes this area is getting the brunt of the effort because of the fight for Ohio in this election and the determination of the Obama campaign not to let the "Hillary supporters" sit out.

"In other words, I suspect that many people around here are just sort of tired by all of the attention and activity, which, whatever happens on November 4, may have very little bearing on what happens in Washington and the economy," Lepak said.

Iqbal, president of the international studies association, also said he feels YSU has more to offer than other universities.

"YSU is quite small compared to other universities," he said, adding that despite this, the quality of education is great, and the environment is more relaxed.

Aqbal also had positive things to say about the international program.

"The staff at the Center for International Studies is very supportive, like your guardians in a foreign country. It's been quite an experience studying here, I have met people from more countries that I can remember," he said.

they wanted to do stops," Neuman said.

Neuman also found that it was easier to talk to her students outside of school where they felt less inclined to give formal responses to questions. While students were often afraid to speak in English to expatriates who had been living in the area, after Neuman's stay, the students were no longer afraid to approach them.

Neuman reminds those interested in the Peace Corps that they will find more potential in themselves than they originally thought they had.

"Until you do it, you won't know that you can do it," Neuman said.

This Neuman knows from experience. At the end of two years, she was fluent in Thai.

"The next day gets easier; the next hour gets easier," she said.

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## The Harvest is cause for celebration for those at YSU

Melissa Mary Smith  
REPORTER

For some YSU students, the autumn months are a time of celebration, whether it's because of the leaves changing into an endless variety of colors, or the approaching popular holidays, Halloween and Thanksgiving.

During this time of year though, many may overlook another notable celebration: the harvest.

YSU religion professor and director of Africana studies, Victor Wan-Tatah, explained how Kwanzaa, a December holiday, is an example of religious celebration of the harvest.

"In Africa, when it's the season of the harvest, people recognize the value and the importance of food, the earth from where the food comes from and celebrate that in thanksgiving, so to say," Wan-Tatah said.

Wan-Tatah also said Kwanzaa is broken up into seven days and deals with faith, community cooperation and responsibility for

each other and the environment in which we live.

The harvest also is significant for some students.

Senior Kelsi Garwood said this time of year has always been her favorite and that the harvest has had significance in her life while growing up on a farm in Leetonia.

"You don't have to be a farmer, but when you work the land, you have a greater respect for it and its powers," Garwood said.

Although her family stopped farming five years ago, Garwood's schedule is packed this fall, from having friends and family over to pick and decorate pumpkins and gourds to inviting family over for a large Thanksgiving feast.

Freshman Kyle Metzger, who is Wiccan, said he celebrates the harvest and approaching Pagan holiday, Sam Hain, by spending time alone, remembering past family and friends, meditating and wearing fall appropriate colors.

"It's kind of the end of things, time to tie up loose ends, time to

finish what you started," Metzger said.

Junior Torrey Derda, also Wiccan, said there are three Pagan harvest holidays: Lughnash, occurring in August which is a time for giving thanks for the harvest, Mabon, in September which is a holiday of mourning and celebration and this month is Sam Hain, which is a day for remembrance of the dead.

Derda said paganism and these holidays have their origins in ancient farming and herding cultures where holidays are set up around equinoxes, solstices and cross quarters.

Sam Hain is a major holiday for Derda, who says he tries to get everyone together to celebrate.

"It's a time of just remembrance," Derda said.

Derda and his friends gather together to have a feast in complete silence as Sam Hain is believed to be a time when the dead, namely friends and family, return to life to join their loved ones amongst the living.

## Google's drunk e-mail protection is nice, but won't save you

Wailin Wong  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

There's a flaw in Google's new program designed to keep you from e-mailing something you'll regret in the morning.

Yes, the new Gmail feature, Mail Goggles, requires the solving of five math problems in 60 seconds before sending a message. That should cut back on one ill-advised form of digital correspondence: drunk e-mailing.

Get the math problems wrong and Mail Goggles generates this admonition: "Water and bed for you."

But even if Google deems you too inebriated to correspond with your boss or your ex, what about all the other ways to communicate something stupid in the digital age?

For starters, Mail Goggles isn't available for Gmail on cell phones, so bar-hopping BlackBerry and iPhone users are on their own. There's no mention of whether the feature will be on the T-Mobile G1, the mobile phone

with Google's software platform that will go on sale at the end of next week.

As one person in an online discussion group for Google Labs pointed out, "This needs to be considered, cuz really, when would someone do this? At the bar, from a phone!"

Other companies have tried to tackle drunk dialing in the last few years. In Australia, Virgin Mobile let customers block outgoing calls to certain numbers during late-night hours. LG introduced a cell phone in Korea with a built-in breathalyzer.

But there's still no technological catch-all solution for drunk dialing and texting, or other activities like consuming a gross burrito at 3 a.m. or standing outside that girl's house with a boom box in a foolhardy attempt to channel John Cusack in "Say Anything." So be careful and watch out for your drinking buddies. Remember, friends don't let friends send their exes e-mails like "OMG i miss u plz take me back."



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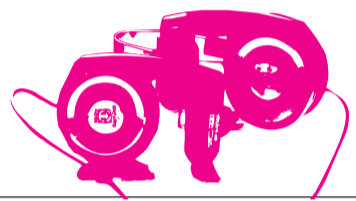
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## Apple rolls out revamped laptops

Troy Wolverton  
SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS

Apple refreshed its notebook computer lineup Tuesday, introducing faster, greener machines and cutting the price of an entry level model to about \$1,000, all in time for the holidays.

The new computers, which Apple announced at a press event at its Cupertino, Calif., headquarters, take their design cues from the lightweight Macbook Air notebook that Apple unveiled in January. Apple expects to start shipping the updated computers on Tuesday and have in its retail stores on Wednesday. The computers have rounded cases like the Air's and are made using a similar manufacturing process that helps to reduce weight and internal parts while adding rigidity.

"This is a tour de force of en-

gineering," company CEO Steve Jobs told attendees at the event.

That it may be, but some analysts questioned whether Apple's emphasis on design over price was out of touch with the times, given the ongoing economic crisis and wide expectations of a recession. Other manufacturers have been cutting prices, and one of the fastest growing PC segments has been the so-called netbook market, where machines often sell for as little as \$300, analysts noted.

That's a market that Apple doesn't play in and the company moved in a different direction than its competition. Except for its entry-level notebook, which sports an older design, Apple maintained its prices on other notebook models and even raised the price on one model.

The updates will help "Apple maintain its image of ... atten-

tion to detail and overall focus on the end-user experience," said Bob O'Donnell, an analyst with industry research firm IDC. But, he added, "The price points are a little high."

Wall Street analysts had speculated prior to the announcement that Apple might cut the price of its entry level Macbook even further to \$899. Investors on Tuesday seemed disappointed that Apple chose not to go that far, analysts said. Apple's stock closed regular trading off \$6.18, or 5.6 percent, to \$104.08.

At the event, Apple announced updates to its entire notebook lineup. The consumer level Macbooks, which formerly came in a plastic shell, now will sport an aluminum enclosure, except for the \$1,000 low-end model. The company is replacing the Intel chipset but not the Intel microprocessor itself in all of its

notebooks with one from Nvidia. Apple is also replacing the integrated Intel graphics chip in its Macbook notebooks with one from Nvidia that Apple says will run 4 to 5 times faster.

Additionally, Apple has removed a wide range of hazardous chemicals such as PVCs and arsenic from its new notebook computers or their manufacturing process. The notebooks have earned a gold rating from the Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool, a service sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency to help consumers judge the environmental impact of particular products.

Apple's computer sales have outgrown those of the broader PC industry in 14 of the last 15 fiscal quarters, noted Tim Cook, Apple's chief operating officer, at the event. The updates should help the company maintain that

### Apple revamps

Apple Inc. updated their laptops and will switch the supplier of their graphics chips from Intel Corp. to Nvidia Corp.

### Changes and features

1. LED backlight technology; glass display
2. Multitouch trackpad, no click button; understands multi-finger navigation like iPhone
3. Unibody, seamless enclosure case; allows for lighter laptop
4. Made from single piece of aluminum

Source: Apple

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momentum at least in the near term, analysts said.

Apple's event may not have answered questions about its pricing strategy, but it did confirm without a doubt that Jobs is indeed alive and kicking. Apple's stock plunged earlier this month on a false rumor that the iconic CEO had experienced a heart at-

tack, one of a series of rumors or reports about Jobs' well-being in recent months.

Jobs, whose gaunt appearance hasn't noticeably changed in recent months, declined to take questions about the state of his health, but noted that his blood pressure is a healthy 110 over 70.

## Couple take brainy word game outdoors

Mary Beth Breckenridge  
AKRON BEACON JOURNAL

For Jane and Keith Crane, Scrabble is an outdoor sport. The Cranes installed an 8-foot-square game board in their backyard earlier this summer, so now their Thursday night Scrabble tournaments take on outsized importance.

The Cranes are both Ohio educators: She teaches second grade at Firestone Park Elementary; he retired after 36 years teaching government at Tallmadge High School.

And both, not surprisingly, are aficionados of the word game. So when Keith Crane saw a smaller version of a game board installed on an HGTV show, his interest was piqued.

He fashioned the board from pavers laid in a bed of sand — 225 of them, to be exact. He installed them all in one day and had the back pain to prove it.

Jane Crane painted the bonus square in the proper colors and made letter tiles from craft-store wood plaques.

She took apart shelves and re-configured the pieces to make tile racks, and pavers and tiles were sealed to prevent water damage.

Now Scrabble games at the Crane house are a physical as well as mental pursuit.

The players have to get out of their seats to place their tiles on the board and pick new ones from the selection spread out face down in the grass.

They usually play on Thursday evenings, when Jane Crane's mother, Nancy Johnson, can get in on the action. She lives near

Malvern, Ohio, and typically spends the night between her Thursday volunteer stint at Akron City Hospital and her Friday morning tennis match in Manchester, Ohio.

Sometimes other relatives or friends show up.

A couple of weeks ago, neighbors who'd seen the Cranes playing came by, driven by curiosity.

"You know, it's fun because we get outside," Jane Crane said. "... It gives us a good excuse to be out."

They haven't faced many challenges, other than having to light patio torches when darkness falls or dealing with the few times their dog, Maggie, has run across the game board. If it rains, they just take the game inside — on a regulation Scrabble board, that is.

"But you know," Jane Crane said, "it's not as much fun."



Keith Crane and his wife Jane built this large scrabble game in their backyard in North Canton, Ohio. The scrabble game is made from paving stones. (Ken Love/Akron Beacon Journal/MCT)

OUR SIDE EDITORIAL

## Enough already

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THE JAMBAR EDITORIAL BOARD

The 2008 election will be held in two weeks, thankfully. This almost seems hard to believe, since this election cycle began in earnest about two years ago, and speculation about who may run in it began immediately after John Kerry conceded in 2004.

This never-ending campaign has had a detrimental effect on the nation at all levels.

Congress and the White House have been so bound by political allegiances and concerns that they have been unwilling to do much of anything for fear that it could harm their party's chances in November, not to mention the fact that the two candidates haven't been in the Senate doing the job they were elected to do for all of this time.

The horse race aspect of the campaign has distracted leaders and the public from the economic crisis which has become a major national issue, in part because the candidates have made it an issue to bolster their campaigns.

The campaign also may have played a small part in worsening the crisis, because a portion of it is due to a lack of investor confidence in the economy. In an election with no incumbent candidate running, both sides have a vested interest in drilling it into the heads of voters that things are terrible, and that only they can fix them.

People are exhausted. They get involved in the electoral process because they believe they can make a difference in the course of the country. This is a positive thing. Good ideas are born of idealism. Elections that last as long as a presidential term breed cynicism, which can ultimately destroy this idealism.

We are sick of hearing the media dissect every issue down to a juicy pulp. We are done caring how the candidates' breakfast choices will affect their chance at the presidency.

At a certain point, there's nothing new left to say, and all that's left is sensationalism.

We've seen the debates. We know the issues. We've practically memorized the blue and red map of the country, and we're pretty sick of hearing about Joe the Plumber.

Just let us cast our votes in peace.

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## Dierkes deliberated



# Hacked into pieces

Doug Dierkes  
COLUMNIST

I thought the hackers were the antiheroes of our time. I'm not alone in this belief by far. Hollywood productions like "Hackers" and "Johnny Mnemonic" portray the hacker as a futuristic Robin Hood, liberating information from the corporations and sharing it with the world. For years I thought the epitome of cool was borrowing experimental weapons data from the Department of Defense and then forcing every government computer to play pong, all done to the music of the Beatsteaks.

And then I started playing hacking simulation games.

That killed the fun pretty fast.

I'm not saying that deploying code from the shadows isn't a worthy achievement, it's just not as entertaining and sexy as my William Gibson novels led me to believe. Games like "Uplink" and "Slave Hack" present the life of a hacker as insanely boring. Mostly you wait for password crackers to find the proper combination, wait for files to download, wait for viruses to infect other systems ... It's a lifestyle built around waiting. Not very amusing when you have the attention span of a toddler on Red Bull.

And then I started thinking: If these games cut out the "boring" bits of the hacker lifestyle, then being a hacker sucks. I still have PTSD-flavored flashbacks of visual basic programming class where I would spend hours furiously banging at my keyboard, trying to get my glorified calculator program to spit out something besides "ERROR." The thought of spending my waking hours coding weapons out of the same bits of binary waiting for my hot pocket to finish in the microwave ... That stopped my criminal urges better than any government-funded "hacking abstinence" program ever would.

So I may never desire to conquer cyberspace after reading "Snow Crash" ever again, and watching "The Matrix" no longer sends me running to the nearest computer, but I can still enjoy a good swashbuckling adventure. And the pop culture image of hacking still has plenty of pulpy, deep-fried stories for me to digest.

Me, I'll keep my intellectual warfare limited to Uno at its worst.

And yes, the only reason I wrote this article was to make a Beatsteaks reference.

[For those of you still interested, you may find "Uplink" at <http://www.introversion.co.uk>, and "Slave Hack" at <http://www.slavehack.com>]

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CORRECTION

Thursday's article "Biden returns to valley to attack McCain ticket" quoted Sen. Joseph Biden as saying "a voter voting for McCain is like a chicken voting for Colonel Sanders." The quote should have been attributed to Richard Trumka, Secretary-Treasurer of the AFL-CIO.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor,  
This election season is very important and is not one we can sit back and watch. We must get out and vote. Our country appears to be falling apart from the inside out, and we must bring about change. I used to be a registered Republican and voted for George Bush in 2004. However, I re-registered as a Democrat a couple years ago due to the disgust with the Republican Party. The Re-

publicans have become the party of wasteful spending, and it is going to cause our country to fall apart. If you enjoy giving all of your money to the oil companies for four more years, vote for John McCain. If you want a strong country with a higher standard of living, vote for Barack Obama. I know Obama has my vote.

Albert Schmalzried Jr.  
Graduate student

Editor,  
In Emmalee C. Torisk's Bliss High, which appeared in the Oct. 14 issue of the Jambar, her attempt to put a human face on Bliss Hall has trivialized the dedication, hard work, and camaraderie that exists between the four departments in Bliss Hall. True, there is a certain degree of chafing that goes on amongst the departments, but Bliss hardly holds the patent on personality conflicts. I had hoped that reporting was more than just leaping from the springboard of conjecture into the dismal abyss of sensationalism.

The fact of the matter is that for fine and performing arts majors, a large percentage of our work is done outside of the classroom. Homework is not done in the comfort of a coffee shop sipping on lattes while we puzzle away at our calculus homework—no offense to those who do participate in coffee shop calculus. It's just that more often than not our calc time comes in between scenes on stage, in the practice room when Mahler has given us a migraine, in front of the canvas when our attempts at realism look like an Escher print gone awry, staring at a computer screen wondering what sadist deserves our ire for inventing Avid. This happens 24/7. A more appropriate name would be The Building That Never Sleeps.

If it seems that we're a bit off-kilter compared to the business majors—well, we are. We're artists. We lack sleep, appreciation, and all we have is a solitary "hot" beverage machine that emits a brownish substance we're told is coffee. It is possible that this puts us a bit on edge. Yes, students in Bliss Hall experience a sort of Brady Bunch effect in having disparate personality types forced to accommodate one another for extended period of times under one roof. Yes, there will be disagreements and gossip, but that's all part of the human condition. To judge us for exercising something that is ultimately part of human nature is simply disingenuous.

Could we instead see a story or two of substance? Sean Jones, alumni of YSU and former lead trumpeter for Lincoln Center Jazz held a concert at Stambaugh Auditorium, NYC playwright of 'How His Bride Came to Abraham' Karen Sundt was here for a symposium about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, yet The Jambar was speechless. I'm no journalist, but those stories seem more befitting of "The Student Voice of Youngstown State University."

Joel Stigliano  
Senior

## Banking bailout: Hang on

McClatchy  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

The federal government's infusion of \$250 billion for major banks, with very few strings attached, should help restore confidence in the financial industry.

But it's become increasingly clear that the broader economy faces more pain, more job losses, and a longer recovery. That means policymakers in Washington must focus more attention on struggling families and job creation.

The nine large banks receiving Treasury's initial outlay will now be better able to lend and borrow. But the fact that the government has given them nearly a blank check compels these institutions to follow through on the expectation, as Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson Jr. put it, to "deploy" capital.

Community banks don't like the plan announced Tuesday by President Bush, saying their larger competitors are being rewarded for irresponsible lending. Small banks, meanwhile, don't need as much help because many of them didn't buy into risky subprime mortgages.

As drastic as this step was, Treasury probably didn't have much choice. The panic in the credit market was preventing even the most profitable of companies from obtaining short-term loans to finance their operations, such as making payroll.

European governments led the way by making similar investments in their banks to ease the global credit crisis. Treasury will buy \$250 billion of preferred stock in banks, using part of the \$700 billion bailout approved by Congress and the president two weeks ago. The government's preferred stock will pay a 5 per-

cent dividend for the first five years.

As part of the deal, banks will be restricted in what they can pay their executives as long as the government is an investor. The idea is to discourage CEOs from making risky investments. That feature was needed to allay public anger as well.

This plan is intended to spur lending, not to reward bank shareholders with lucrative dividends. But more assurances that taxpayer dollars will not end up in the pockets of shareholders are needed. Paulson hasn't addressed that concern.

He also insists this rescue is temporary. But weaning the financial industry off this free milk could be difficult in the years ahead.

Nor has this plan soothed the stock market. The Dow fell more than 800 points in the last two days, largely erasing the gains from Monday's huge rally. It's a sign that investors are still worried about the health of the wider economy.

There's good reason for that investor skepticism. Nearly nine out of 10 people think the country is on the wrong track, and consumer confidence has plummeted. Consumer spending accounts for about two-thirds of the economy.

Congress is talking about passing another stimulus package, this one aimed at Main Street. Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., is advocating as much as \$300 billion for infrastructure, job creation, food stamps, unemployment insurance, and health care for children and seniors.

These are costly steps, but they may well be needed to help people through an economic downturn that looks to be prolonged and severe.

## THE JAMBAR ASKS

### What's on your mind?



"I was thinking I need to feed my cats, play with my dog, and clean my kitchen."

Heidi Moser, transfer student



"I'm thinking a lot about the election and trying to balance out school and work the best I can."

Jim Kusowski, junior



"Going home. Getting something to eat."

Keith Stephens, freshman

"I'm working full time and going to school part time. I'm just trying to get done."

Mark Austalosh, senior



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## PENGUINS SPORTS TO THE POINT

Cross country team tunes up prior to championships

The Youngstown State University women's cross country team took fifth place while the men's squad finished sixth at Bowling Green Falcon Invitational on Saturday.

The women's squad beat Horizon League foes Cleveland State and Detroit at the event, and were led by sophomore Kayla Witmer and junior Lauren Blase.

Witmer finished the 6k course with a time of 22:56, finishing in 12th place. Witmer's time was in the top 10 all-time best in a 6k race. Blase finished in 21st the event, with a time of 23:18.

In the past three weeks the women's team has beaten UIC, Wright State, Green Bay, Detroit, and Cleveland State.

For the men's team, it was a day of personal best as all five scorers finished with a personal best 8k time. The squad was led by sophomore Jake Lape who ran an 8k time of 25:50 and finished in 19th. Lape improved his personal best time by 40 seconds at the meet. The second Penguin to finish was junior Justin Dickman. Dickman finished in 23rd, running a 26:00, his personal best time.

## Volleyball suffers sweep at UIC

A .117 attack percentage and seven receiving errors doomed the Youngstown State volleyball team to a 3-0 defeat at UIC on Saturday.

Kaitlin O'Hara had a team-high eight kills while Ruth Boscaljon had seven.

Casie Sullivan had a match-high 12 kills for the Flames while Epiphany Davis had 10 finishes on a .643 percentage.

The Penguins led by three four times early in the second set and had the score tied at 12 before UIC went on two big runs.

The Penguins also led early in the final set at 6-4, but UIC scored six straight to go up four and never led by less than three the rest of the way.

YSU returns home Friday for a three-game stretch.

Information from Sports Information.



PHOTO BY ANDREW BERRY / THE JAMBAR

**FORCE OUT** — Senior wide receiver Ferlando Williams reels in the pass from freshman Dailyn Campbell before being forced out by the Southern Illinois defense.

# Downward spiral continues for weary Penguins

Andrew Berry  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Youngstown State University football had its hands full with the No. 14 Southern Illinois University Salukis.

In a season that has been loaded with misfortune for the Penguins, the Salukis showed no mercy Saturday as Southern Illinois powered its way to a 33-0 victory. After four straight defeats and their first shutout loss at home in 13 years, the Penguins are now in a hole that may be too deep to climb out.

It was a game where the Penguins couldn't buy a break as the Southern Illinois jumped on top early and never looked back despite only leading 17-0 at half-time. Head coach Jon Heacock felt his team squandered early opportunities to get back in the game.

"I felt like they were trying to let us back in the game," Heacock said. "They gave us a little window and we didn't take any advantage of it whatsoever."

But the deficit quickly in-

creased as the Salukis tacked on two more touchdowns and a safety in the second half and the energy was quickly sucked out of Stambaugh Stadium.

By the start of the fourth quarter, the Penguin offense was stuck in neutral and the team was left for dead as a majority of the 14,679 in attendance dissipated following a safety forced by the Southern Illinois defense that made it a 19-0 score.

Following the loss, Heacock and the Penguins are headed back to the drawing board after the team was unable to engage the running attack. The team managed just 70 yards on the ground on 29 attempts with freshman Kamryn Keys contributing all but two yards of the team's total.

Heacock reiterated what he has been saying all season: a solid running game is necessary to win games in the Missouri Valley Football Conference.

"You can't play this game without running the football," Heacock said. "If you can't block them up front, if you can't run it, it's going to be a tough day."

Senior offensive lineman Ty-

ler Booth said after the game that his unit was not up to par. A week after paving the way to a 268-yard rushing performance on the road against Missouri State University, the offensive line was only able to provide enough push that resulted in the team's second-lowest rushing total of the season.

"I put this game on us, we didn't get it done," Booth said.

With no balance on the ground and having to play from behind the entire game, true freshman Dailyn Campbell was met with a brick wall of adversity in his first career start.

Campbell finished the game 15-of-29 for 102 yards but also suffered from inconsistent play up front as he was sacked four times and did more scrambling than most signal callers would like. Heacock said Campbell, who was noticeably limping throughout the contest, took a beating early on and finally had to pull him out of the game late with the score out of reach.

Despite the off-day for the offense, Heacock was impressed with Campbell's play and won

the hearts of more fans as he opted to lower his shoulder and take on defenders rather than safely slide out of harm's way. Bulldozing through defenders has quickly become Campbell's trademark in his young career.

"He's a young guy that's competitive and wants to do well," Heacock said.

The Penguins turned to freshman Marc Kanetsky, their last remaining quarterback on the roster, to close out the contest. Kanetsky was throwing passes for Hubbard high school this time last year and managed to complete four of his 11 first passes at the collegiate level.

Handcuffed by inexperience at quarterback, Heacock has been impressed by the play of his young field generals.

"I thought they hung in there tremendously," Heacock said. "They have some young decision issues, but as far as courage and character and the stuff it takes to play quarterback, they both have it."

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# FCS Top 25

Teams YSU will face in blue

1. James Madison
2. Appalachian State
3. Elon
4. Wofford
5. Northern Iowa
6. Cal Poly
7. Villanova
8. Montana
9. Richmond
10. New Hampshire
11. McNeese State
12. Western Illinois
13. Central Arkansas
14. Southern Illinois
15. Northern Arizona
16. Weber State
17. Massachusetts
18. Furman
19. Tennessee State
20. Liberty
21. Jacksonville State
22. Hampton
23. William & Mary
24. Lafayette
25. Harvard

**Others receiving votes:** South Carolina State 119, North Dakota State 97, San Diego 83, Tennessee-Martin 75, South Dakota State 73, Eastern Washington 57, Georgia Southern 45, Colgate 42, Grambling 32, Florida A&M 30, Texas State 25, The Citadel 24, Maine 20, Sam Houston State 13, Eastern Illinois 12, Prairie View 12, UC Davis 10, Sacred Heart 8, Delaware 6, North Dakota 6, Albany 5, Eastern Kentucky 3, Butler 1, Central Connecticut State 1, Holy Cross 1, Penn 1.

Information from the Sports Network.

## Men's basketball game scheduled to appear on ESPN

Andrew Berry  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Penguins are headed for the big show.

The Horizon League announced Monday that the Youngstown State University men's basketball team will be featured on national television on Jan. 29 against Cleveland State University.

The game is slated as part of the Horizon League's first national basketball game-of-the-week package on ESPN networks.

In a press release from the the Horizon League, commissioner Jonathan B. LeCrone said he believes showcasing the Horizon League will be a prime addition to the college basketball coverage of ESPN.

"We are excited to expand our ESPN partnership with our first national basketball game-of-the-week. More fans will now be able to follow our teams on a regular basis during the regular season. This is another important step in the growth of the League," LeCrone said in the press release.

Beginning Jan. 9 with a game-of-the-week matchup featuring Milwaukee and Green Bay, 17 Horizon League games will run through the end of February.

The Penguins will have a chance to appear on ESPN again as a wildcard contest for the season finale to be aired Feb. 28 on ESPN2.

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# Home season for soccer squad, seniors end in victory

The team's senior players were honored following the win over Wheeling Jesuit.

Keith Langford Jr.  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Youngstown State University's women's soccer team posted their first home victory with an easy 8-0 shutout over the Wheeling Jesuit Cardinals for senior night on Friday.

The Penguins got the game started with a goal in the seventh minute by sophomore Lauren Breenan. Only three minutes later, junior Jodi Bowlen connected on her first of two goals in the game. Senior Alex Lee scored her first career goal and freshman Geneva Strelka also found the back of the net for the Penguins. Senior Carrie Wack scored on a breakaway goal to increase the YSU advantage to 5-0. A goal by freshman Kelsey Kempton and a second goal by Bowlen had the Penguins with a comfortable 7-0 lead at the half.

In the second half, coach Anthony James sat most of his starters so that younger players on the team could see some valuable game experience. Freshman Cara Cooper capped off the scoring for the Penguins with the only goal scored in the second half by either team. The Penguins outshot the Cardinals 27-3. Junior Mariah Snyder continued her stellar play in goal with her fifth shutout of the season, which is a YSU record.

Coach James was happy his team got a win in their last home of the season.



"It felt really good. I mean, it was my only career goal and it was nice to end that way."

Alex Lee, senior midfielder

"I guess its bitter-sweet. It's been a great four years and I am going to miss it a lot,"

Caitlin Lee, senior defender



"It's good. I'm happy the kids were able to finish the home season with a win," James said.

Senior teammates and identical twins Caitlin and Alex Lee reflected on the game with a sense of sadness that this was their last time playing soccer at their home field.

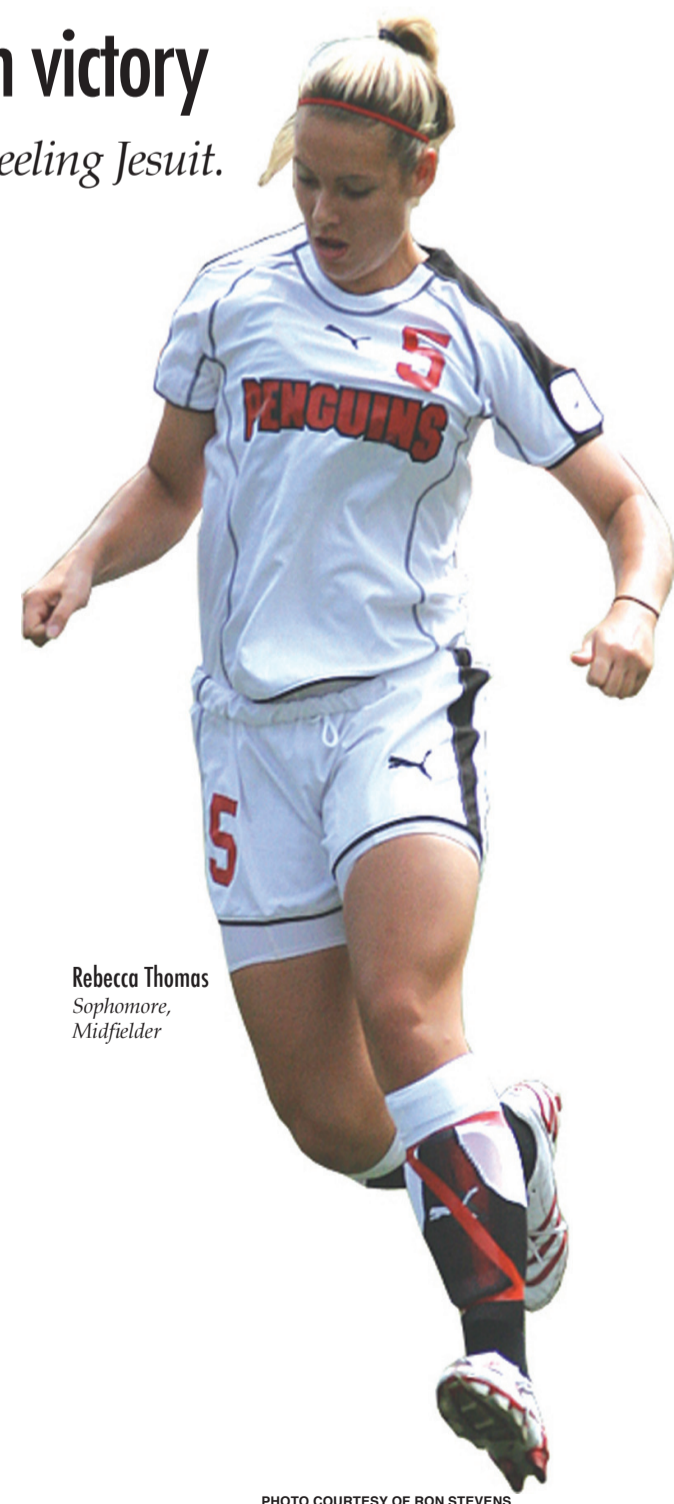
"It felt really good. I mean, it was my only career goal and it was nice to end that way," Alex Lee said of her first career goal.

Lee's twin, Caitlin, reflected on her time as a Penguin. "I guess its bittersweet. It's been a great

four years and I am going to miss it a lot," Caitlin Lee said.

On Sunday, the Penguins traveled to Wright State University. The Raiders posted a victory over YSU with goals by two freshmen. Wright State freshman Bekah Bonny scored in the 14th minute of play to post a 1-0 lead in the first half. Freshman Morgan Butler scored a goal in the 61st minute of play to conclude the scoring at 2-0 in the game.

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