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### WEATHER

Today	70° 47°
Wednesday	64° 51°
Thursday	62° 43°
Friday	64° 54°
Saturday	50° 42°
Sunday	43° 32°
Monday	39° 30°

Remember to recycle your copy of The Jambar.

**What are you putting in your mouth?**

**What could be in your water**

- Oils
- Pesticides
- Sewage
- Drug traces
- Viruses
- Bacteria

**Contaminants creep into water supply, tap water is safer than bottled, experts say**

**Darlene Wagner**  
Reporter

If you thought drinking bottled water was safer than tap, think again.

Bottled water actually comes from tap, said Tom Holloway, chief engineer at the Mahoning Valley Sanitary District, which is mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct specific tests on drinking water.

"Tap water is safer than bottled water because the Food and Drug Administration oversees their process, and they do not have as stringent testing requirements," he said.

Bottled water poses another concern. Holloway said some chemical plastics break down and leak into bottled water when it is exposed to heat for a long period of time.

As for other contaminants, The Associated Press concluded in March that 40 percent of the nation's water supply contains traces of pharmaceutical drugs, both prescription and nonprescription.

Holloway explained that contaminants are introduced to the water supply as runoff when oils, pesticides and sewage leak into our water supply from the pavement and soil.

Holloway said when it comes to tap versus bottled, convenient does not always mean safe. He said the water from the Meander Reservoir is tested and treated daily with chlorine to kill viruses and bacteria before anyone drinks it.

Dan Sahli, director of environmental and occupational health and safety at YSU, said the water

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## Some students say they'll vote, others plan to skip SGA election

**Ashley Tate**  
News Reporter

Youngstown has received much attention from presidential candidates Sens. Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, but YSU students have a chance to vote in an election closer to home.

Students can vote for president, executive vice president and other positions of Student Government Association today from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Kilcawley Center in front of Home Savings.

Carla Hill, commissioner of the elections board, said they are expecting more students to turn out and vote because of much publicity from the candidates.

This year's candidates are Michael McGiffin and Shanna Kelly for president and executive vice president, respectively, opposed by Ramon Ramos and Stephen Foley for the same offices.

Hill said students should vote because SGA represents students and if they need advice or are having problems, then they can contact SGA.

Although some students aren't quite sure who they'll be casting their ballots for, other students have no interest in SGA and aren't concerned with voting.

Senior Leon Edwards said he doesn't plan on voting. "I haven't in the five years I've been here and I'm not going to now," he said.

Freshman Amanda Bowlby said she isn't voting because, "I don't know anything about it."

Sophomore Mike O'Neill said he doesn't know SGA or any of the names on the ballot.

Students gave other reasons for not voting. Freshman Julie Boyce said, "I'm not registered."

Hill gave the same reason for why some students don't vote: lack of knowledge about SGA. Hill said that if students check out the Web site or talk to someone on SGA, they can learn about the organization and its candidates.

Other students have decided to exercise their right to vote.

Freshman Jeneane Crago said, "If it's a day I'm here I will."

Freshman Edward Tulanko said even though he hadn't really planned on voting, there's still a chance that he will. "I don't know a reason why I wouldn't, it's a chance to voice [my] opinion," he said.

Sophomore Chris Tamasovich is voting for other reasons. He knows one pair of candidates, McGiffin and Kelly.

If miss their chance to vote today for other reasons, they can cast their ballots Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the second floor of Kilcawley.

## Who's counting? Professors take attendance

**Alice DeBonis**  
Reporter

In a Jambar survey of 25 Youngstown State University professors, 68 percent said they figured a student's attendance into their grading system. Out of the same 25 professors questioned, 68 percent said they are willing to amend their attendance policy if a student has a legitimate reason for missing class.

Sophomore Julia O'Neal attends classes at YSU regularly, and said she hasn't missed any this semester. Even so, O'Neal doesn't think student attendance

**"There is a strong correlation with attendance and higher grades."**

*Mary Kay Bernat, professor*

should be incorporated into overall grades. She said that other obligations outside of college can prevent a student from attending classes such as a job or family, and it wouldn't be fair.

"You don't know their circumstances ... when they miss class," O'Neal said.

Mary Kay Bernat, who teaches communication at YSU, Butler County Community College in Hermitage, Pa., and Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pa., has no set attendance policy on her syllabuses.

"I handle situations on a case-to-case basis," Bernat said.

Although Bernat does not have an attendance policy, if a student misses a scheduled speech without contacting her, there may be repercussions on that particular grade.

"If they contact me ahead of time, there's latitude in it," she said.

Bernat doesn't believe in punishing for absenteeism, but she encourages attendance by rewarding students with in-class activity points.

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## Provost candidate values open admissions, sympathizes with demands on nontraditional students

**Adrienne Sabo**  
Editor in Chief

Vying for the position of provost, the second of three candidates visited Youngstown State University this week.

An open forum with students was held Monday morning in Kilcawley Center's James Galley. Santos Hernandez, who has served as dean and professor of the social work program at the University of Texas at Arlington for 10 years,

addressed questions at the open forum for students.

One of the reasons Hernandez said he wanted to come to YSU was that he's never been to this part of the country before.

"I think it's a good fit," he said.

Hernandez said with a 17-year background in academic administration, provost seems the next logical step.

"YSU is congruent with the things I value about education," he said.

He said he understands the

demands on nontraditional students. While advising at UT-Arlington he said he was surprised by how much some students juggle.

"That's what I see in Youngstown," he said.

The open admissions policy is something Hernandez said registers with his values of higher education. "Education is about investing — not to gate keep people out of an education."

During the open forum he stressed the importance of engaging students in their education at YSU.

He said studies show that the more engaged students are, the likelier it is that they'll stay around.

He said he does not like labeling students. Remedial classes carry a stigma for those enrolled.

"Even good students need the opportunity to be better students," he said.

The high population of commuter students at YSU has its dynamics, just like residential students have their own dynamics, he said. Hernandez referred again to engaging students at the university.

Hernandez addressed some of the challenges that would come along with the position, including preparing faculty to better teach students, finding resources to sustain the school, and balancing students and faculty relations.

The final candidate, Gerard Voland, will visit campus Thursday and Friday. An open forum with students is scheduled for Friday at 1:30 p.m. in Kilcawley Center's Ohio Room.

**Professor Survey Response:**

\*25 YSU professors responded to the following questions

**Do you include attendance as part of your grade in class?**

Yes 68% No 32%

**If yes, how many days do you allow before it affects the grade?**

N/A-72% 3 Days-12% 4-5 Days-8%  
Week-4% Depends-4%

**Will you amend your policy if a student has a legitimate reason for missing more than the amount allowed?**

Yes-68% No-reply-16% N/A-16%

**Do you reward for good attendance?**

Yes-36% No-56% N/A-8%

**Would you prefer a university policy instead of an individual policy?**

Yes-12% No-88%

**TO THE POINT**

**YSU to hold 'Automobile' symposium**

April 25 and 26, YSU will host "The Automobile and Our Culture," a symposium on America's love of the automobile, as part of the Centennial Celebration. Martin Apfel, executive director of global manufacturing and planning for GM will be the keynote speaker. Participants may also tour the GM Lordstown plant and the National Packard Museum in Warren.

**Ethnomusicologist to lecture for Working-Class Studies**

Aaron Fox, director of the Center for Ethnomusicology at Columbia University, will speak at YSU April 10. The lecture titled "Real Country: Music and Language in Working-Class Culture," will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Presidential Suite of Kilcawley Center.

**'Chill Out' to broadcast at YSU**

"Chill Out: Campus Solutions to Global Warming" will be broadcasting live April 16 in Schwebel Auditorium at 6:45 p.m. The program, presented by the National Wildlife Foundation, explores how colleges are reducing their contributions to global warming. The program is sponsored by the YSU Green Group.

**Penguin softball leads recycling project**

The YSU softball team will join with YSU Recycling and YSU re:Create and other community entities to host "Hit a Home Run with Recycling." During the April 12 doubleheader, used softball equipment will be collected and then redistributed to the community.

**Journalists visit YSU from South Korea**

A group of South Korean journalists will hold several meetings April 11 and 12, to discuss the presidential election. Meetings will be held April 11 at the Butler Institute of American Art at 10:45 a.m. and 1:45 p.m., and April 12 at Youngstown City Hall at 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 12 p.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. The meetings are free and open to the public.

**Many local employers will attend job expo**

Career and Counseling Services will host a job expo April 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Chestnut Room in Kilcawley Center. Nearly 90 employers will attend to distribute information and accept resumes. Professional dress recommended.

**What's news to you?**  
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# YSU slowly turning green

Sarah Sole  
News Editor

Though there is still work to be done, Youngstown State University is working toward a greener, more energy-efficient campus.

As a result of partnering with Johnson Controls, a facilities management and control company that guaranteed YSU a savings of \$1.3 million per year over a 10-year period, the university has updated its fluorescent bulbs to a more efficient model, saving a projected \$483,000 annually. The university also renovated the power plant to use more environmentally friendly coolant, saving a projected \$98,000 annually.

The original coolant in the power plant was the worst coolant in terms of its ozone depletion factor and was expensive, said David Gaffeny, performance assurance engineer for Johnson Controls. The new coolant is environmentally friendly, and has been operating in the power plant since April 15, 2007.

Despite improvements, YSU has additional options it could improve.

Since Beeghly Center was having problems with water temperature, Johnson Controls contracted an outside company, ThermRestore, to clean the heat exchangers and get rid of the calcium deposit on the inside of the pipes, Gaffeny said.

ThermRestore reported to Johnson Controls that if the heat exchangers were cleaned across campus, YSU could potentially see \$870,000 in savings over a three-year period, Gaffeny said, adding that the estimate is rough.

"Those numbers are not concrete," he said.

However, Gaffeny said YSU could have potential savings if it

**Building light schedules for night cleaning**

Cushman, DeBartolo and Moser Halls: Monday to Thursday: lights on till 4:30 a.m., Fridays till 3 a.m. Weekend class schedules and events govern weekend schedules.

Jones Hall: Monday to Friday till 10 a.m.

Ward Beecher Hall: Monday to Thursday till 11:30 p.m., Friday till 10 p.m.

Williamson Hall: Monday to Friday till 1 a.m.

Source: Michael Orto, manager of facilities

were to clean the entire campus' heat exchangers. Since the cleaned pipes would get better heat transfer, they would require less steam to heat the water.

Though the university is discussing cleaning the heat exchangers, carrying out the process would require finding the money, Gaffeny said.

"There's nothing set in stone," he said.

John Hyden, executive director of facilities at YSU, said the university hasn't examined cleaning the entire campus' heat exchangers. YSU decided to look at Beeghly Center to improve the building's recirculating lines to enable water to be hot without a wait. Before, students were turning on showers before they actually used them so water would be hot when they got in.

Sophomore Ian Peshel, member of the YSU Green Group, said the university could save money and be more environmentally friendly if it followed through with the heat exchanger cleaning. However, the likelihood of the

university actually carrying out the cleaning seems slim unless someone persistently encourages them to do so, he said.

Peshel also said he found it amazing that YSU's buildings are lit at night while they are being cleaned.

"This is something YSU could definitely save on," Peshel said.

Citing motion detectors as a solution, Peshel said the current lighting system is a waste of energy.

While most classrooms have motion detectors, the hallways do not, Gaffeny said. The university is being billed at seven cents per kilowatt-hour.

"Motion detectors have great potential," Gaffeny said, adding that the energy savings would transfer into monetary savings. Light bulb life would also increase.

The university, however, would have to look into the cost of adding motion detectors to buildings, he said.

Building lights are shut off earlier in Tod Hall, since it is an administration building. In buildings with classrooms, light schedules vary based on cleaning schedules, Hyden said.

Emergency lighting, which is stairwell lighting and every fourth light in hallways, is on all the time — even during a power outage, Hyden said.

Hyden cited cost effectiveness in the option to use more motion detectors in lieu of regular lighting, saying that the more effective the light fixtures are, the less money the university will save by making them motion detectors. The old bulbs used 44 watts per hour, while the new bulbs use 20 watts per hour.

It would take a longer time to make a return on the investment in the motion detectors, Hyden said.

## If the worst happens, how to identify a suspect

Ashley Fox  
Reporter

One of the hardest things to do when falling victim to crime is describing the suspect.

"If someone can't identify a suspect, then the police aren't able to help out much," said YSU Police Chief Gocala. "It's important to get a good look at someone, and then call us as soon as you can."

With around 13,000 students enrolled this semester, it is always a good idea to be aware of surroundings. The "How to Describe a Suspect" pamphlet available at the YSU Police Department breaks down various ways to describe how a suspect looks.

**General appearance**

- Gender
- Weight
- Height
- Age
- Neat or sloppy

**Face**

- Shape (round or square)
- Scars
- Make-up
- Prominent features
- Width
- Forehead height
- Shape of nose, mouth and ears
- Cheeks
- Teeth
- Eyebrows (groomed or arched)

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- Items of clothing
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## WATER page 1

on campus is very safe.

"We depend on the test results from the Youngstown Water Department," said Sahli.

Sahli said samples of campus tap water are taken and tested on a complaint basis.

"We test for lead or bacteria," he said, adding that there have not been any complaints regarding the water supply on campus for several years.

Martin Scott, professor and chair of Civil/Environmental and Chemical Engineering

and Lauren Schroeder, professor emeritus of biological studies, have conducted test on water samples at the reservoir and concluded that the water supply is safe. The two are currently conducting studies to identify micro-organisms and analyze algae and sediments.

According to Dr. Scott, we have one of the best watersheds. The concentration level of prescription

drugs in our water supply is very "tiny."

"We are lucky in this area because we are not downstream from any sewage treatment plants," he said.

Eugene Leson, the city water department's chief engineer, said our water is very safe.

"I'm confident it is very safe. For me, drinking bottled water is a preference, however, I do drink tap. City water has more entitled requirements and is tested more thoroughly than bottled water," he said.

According to the city of Youngstown's Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report for 2006, the MVSD treats approximately 26 million gallons of water per day. Treatment includes chemical additions for softening, disinfection, fluoridation, taste and odor control, filtration, mixing, settling and pumping.

## SURVEY page 1

She said she feels attendance is a key to success in college.

"There is a strong correlation with attendance and higher grades," Bernat said.

Sophomore Katie Bacha said she thinks it is important to attend class, but feels that non-attendance should only be a circumstance of grades. An example she gave was missing class lectures that are included in tests.

Although Bacha thinks that grading attendance shouldn't be formally applied, she said any attendance policy should be left up to professors.

The majority of the professors surveyed agreed with Bacha. Making up the majority, 88 percent of the 25 professors polled would not prefer a set university policy to

an individual policy.

Maureen Vendemia, professor of health professions at YSU, was among those who would not prefer a university policy. She explained why.

"With so many different disciplines, I do not think it would work for everyone," Vendemia said.

Even though an attendance policy is left to the discretion of professors, on YSU's Web site, a procedure is provided for students on what to do if he or she misses three or more consecutive days of classes during a semester. A student should call the Office of Register and a notice will be issued to instructors. After returning to campus, the student should contact their professors regarding any makeup work or missed tests.

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**OUR SIDE**

## Maybe they should've had a Provost Pre-Party

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In the university's search for a new provost, the candidates are each taking a few days to meet with the campus.

Their days include meetings with the president, interim provost, deans, faculty and staff, and, most importantly, students. A time is allotted in each of the three candidates' itineraries for an open forum with students.

After attending one forum and checking into another, we've found that very few students attended these forums. Unlike Penguin Pre-Parties, which often see over 100 students, the total in attendance at the forum Monday was six. That includes the candidate, members of the search committee and a staffer from The Jambar.

This time is set aside for students, yet no one is taking advantage of it. Not attending is only hurting us. We may not get to see the provost on a daily basis, and some probably don't know what a provost even does.

But that's another reason to pay attention. The provost is like the VP of the university. This person is in charge of academics, which directly affects us.

We're at the point in the semester where attending class is even a problem, but as engaged students at least a small portion should be there.

Maybe the forum wasn't well publicized. Perhaps the unusually nice Ohio weather contributed to the low attendance. But students should want to meet the candidates, who can't fully understand YSU until they meet us.

The faculty, staff and administration are an important part of the university, but students are at the center of it. Decisions made at that level will affect us, no matter what we would like to think.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Editor,

Student Government elections begin today, and we think it may be valuable for YSU students to understand our perspective of this election compared to last year. Most Jambar readers already know about last year's elections and the issues that arose with write-in candidates. But those problems hardly compare to the accusations and threats some candidates have been utilizing throughout their campaign.

Although there were many campaigning tactics that we didn't understand, we think it fair to say that we followed through with our beliefs of truth and respect to the other candidates, something we have seen broken time and again this campaign season. President and VP candidates McGiffin and Kelly should be commended for their drive to maintain a positive and personable campaign. For this, they have been publicly and privately attacked and degraded by their opponents and their opponents' supporters.

The power of connections has been mentioned multiple times throughout this election season, and while connections make accomplishments easier, it is the desire and hard work of an individual that will make change happen. McGiffin and Kelly have this desire and the connections to bring about changes that will benefit YSU for years to come.

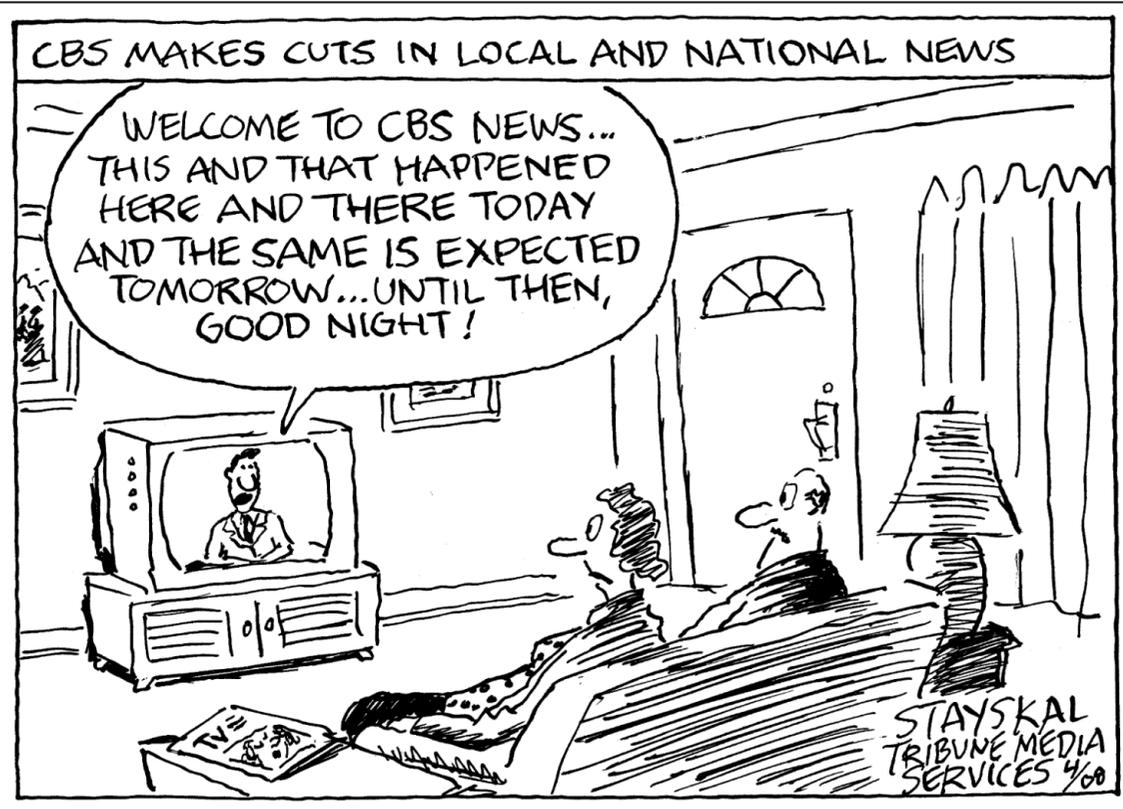
In an election where less than 5 percent of students vote, it is more important than ever to reach out and include as many YSU students as possible.

In one of the debates, McGiffin and Kelly's plans for diversity came into question. In our opinion, it was addressed with a humble reply, showing their willingness to learn, rather than an air of condescension. From the view of two minority students, as well as former candidates, McGiffin and Kelly will be YSU's strongest candidates for President and VP of Student Government Association.

Please believe it!

Erianne R. Raib  
Senior

"2Fly" Keith Logan  
Graduate Student



**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Editor,

This letter is in response to the article "Oil executives defend big profits" written by H. Josef Hebert of The Associated Press.

Per the article, "The executives of Exxon Mobil Corp., the nation's biggest, and four other oil companies said they know fuel costs are hurting people, but they argued it's not their fault and their profits are in line with other industries" and further, "the executives were pressed to explain why they should continue to get billions of dollars in tax breaks when they made \$123 billion last year and motorists are paying an average of \$3.29 a gallon at the pump."

This should make Americans ask the fundamental question: What is the difference between what a public non-profit utility company provides and what a private for-profit oil company provides? After all, they both sell energy to all U.S. citizens. The

difference is that natural gas and electricity are sold in the form of a public good whereas oil is sold in the form of a private good.

Accordingly, on the grounds of promoting national security, the U.S. Congress should convert all oil companies to utility companies.

This would eliminate the wind-fall profits and force the oil industry to earn just enough income to cover operating expenses just as natural gas and electric utility companies are required to do.

The resulting drop in gasoline prices would further stimulate the economy and lighten the energy stranglehold upon the United States by the Middle East. It would also eliminate the influence of the oil lobby. In this case, desperate times call for deliberate measures.

Joe Bialek  
Cleveland, OH

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

## Smoke ban not the only thing offensive

Editor,

To respond to last issue's editorial about smokers, I have only a few comments to make.

First and foremost, I am fundamentally opposed to Ohio's "so-called" smoking ban. I say it is so-called only because it is largely unenforceable, and actually violates the rights of individuals who smoke. Though I am not a smoker, I will defend the rights of those that do. I am, after all, a conservative. I will put my dislike for this ban up there with the ban on gambling, because as all the states around us are profiting on the business of Ohio residents, Ohio is going down in flames.

But I digress. A simple solution to the problem of keeping YSU clean is to offer ashtrays. I do not know what genius decided to remove the ashtrays on campus, but

obviously they did not consider the repercussions.

Removing ashtrays does not remove the smokers. If ashtrays are afforded to the smokers, the cigarette butt problem will disappear for the most part. And as far as The Jambar staff holding its breath among smokers, perhaps we should call for a ban on all perfume and deodorant products, as well as some hairsprays. They can be quite offensive when used improperly or in excess. Maybe we should also call for a ban on passing gas.

It is quite ridiculous, but it is quite offensive. Or maybe we should just call for a ban on commentary in general, because the hot air emanating from the mouths of people and myself are surely causing an influx in global warming.

Alex Mangie  
Senior

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

## What's good for Starbucks may be good for the country

Jonathan V. Last

The Philadelphia Inquirer (MCT)

America's corporations often function as miniature histories of the country itself. This is particularly true of Starbucks.

One of the Onion's funnier moments was a 2001 item (<http://go.philly.com/starbucks>) that "reported" that Starbucks had simultaneously closed down its thousands of retail locations in order to embark on "a Sinister Phase Two" of its corporate mission:

"Though the coffee chain's specific plans are not known," the Onion explained, "existing Starbucks franchises across the nation have been locked down with titanium shutters across all windows. In each coffee shop's door hangs the familiar Starbucks logo, slightly altered to present the familiar mermaid figure as a cyclopean mermaid whose all-seeing eye forms the apex of a world-spanning pyramid. Those living near one of the closed Starbucks outlets have reported strange glowing mists, howling and/or cowering on the part of dogs that pass by..."

I remembered this spoof in February, when Starbucks simultaneously closed all of its U.S. stores for three hours. Lucky for us, it was just an occasion for employee training. But it was also a sign of trouble for the coffee giant.

Recent weeks have seen a host of problems for Starbucks. Over the last 12 months its stock dropped 50 percent, the first sustained fall in company history. In the first quarter of 2008, its sales declined, also a company first. It will close 100 underperforming stores and cut its domestic expansion plans by 30 percent. After hyping its entry into the hot-food market with (inedible) breakfast sandwiches, Starbucks recently announced that the little hockey pucks were coming off the menu. And the company just lost a lawsuit that will force them to pay employees more than \$100 million in back tips.

Why should we care? A couple of reasons. First, it's always good to be reminded how swiftly creative destruction manifests itself in the free market. Starbucks went from tiny start-up, to all-powerful, to on the rocks in just 20 years. Again: The fortunes of Starbucks and American corporations in general may be those of the country writ small.

Taylor Clark's excellent 2007 book, "Starbucked," is a fine bit of corporate biography, detailing the rise of Starbucks from a small coffee shop in the early 1980s to a 15,000-store mastodon that does \$1 billion of business a year from Frappuccinos alone. Clark details the emergence of America's specialty-coffee craze, from 585 coffeehouses in 1989 to more than 24,000 of them in 2008. Starbucks was both a cause and effect of this new culture.

Like McDonalds, Ford and the other great shapers of America, Starbucks began almost by accident. As Clark tells it, Howard Schultz was working for a Swedish housewares company in New York in 1981 when he noticed a small coffee shop in Seattle ordering more of his drip coffeemakers than Macy's. The shop was called Starbucks. Curious, Schultz went to meet with the owners. Struck by a vision of chain coffeeshops, Schultz convinced them to hire him. A few years later, Schultz bought the company out from under his employers, added espresso drinks, and began expanding.

You know the rough outlines of the rest: Starbucks grew into the second-largest food retailer in America. Gourmet coffee went from being a trendy accessory, to an affordable luxury, to a middle-class staple. And the coffee shop became, per sociologist Ray Oldenburg, a "third-place" a cultural space replacing the Elks Lodges, social clubs, and public houses of previous generations.

In the process, Starbucks became somewhat reviled. There are good reasons to dislike the company, foremost among them being

that its coffee stinks. Also, there's something creepy about a ubiquitous company that commodifies everything, even selling ad space on its receipts.

Yet there are very good reasons for us to root for Starbucks. Chief among them is a counterintuitive effect observed by Clark: Starbucks stores do not compete with independent coffee shops; instead, Starbucks helps them.

Sounds strange, doesn't it? Yet the data are incontrovertible. Fifty-seven percent of all American coffeehouses are independently owned small businesses, and the number of indie shops has been on an upward trajectory for 20 years ever since Starbucks began expanding. And even in the face of Starbucks' ubiquity, the failure rate for new indie coffeehouses is a shockingly low 10 percent.

In fact, getting a Starbucks next to your indie shop seems to be a boon for business, as the mom-and-pop stores capture runoff from the new customers Starbucks brings and then steals customers who are ready to graduate up from Starbucks' brew. Starbucks is so good for business that one small Seattle-based chain, Tully's, has an explicit policy of opening new stores as close as possible to existing Starbucks shops.

Starbucks is the rare company that created and now sustains an industry, opening space for small businesses rather than squeezing them out.

That's pretty interesting. And Starbucks may be even more interesting for another reason: Its difficulties may be predictive. It could be that the company was mismanaged into the current decline. It could be that we are witnessing a corrective to a coffee bubble. Or it could be that "affordable luxury" companies such as Starbucks are the canary in the economic coal mine and the harbinger of a downturn more serious than the mini-recessions of '82 and '91.

Which, come to think of it, is one more reason to root for Starbucks.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

## What our university needs

Editor,

It is a dark day on the pavement of a college when student passes student with no intention of knowing the other man's place in life, and whose only desire is to leave as quickly as he came. My time at Youngstown State University has been a ride on a train whose path has been unforgettable, and whose conductor has never given me reason to ride again.

My largest concern is the lack of definitive discourse that needs to occur amongst the leadership of this institution to reach it's fullest potential.

There are clear problems faced by many students with whom I am acquainted. Some of these problems are campus safety, general commuter apathy, degree programs resulting in a poor reflection of actual student work, and countless reasons the university is not taking clear and traditional methods of improving the quality and quantity of campus living.

I may never be satisfied with the condition of something that has been such a large part of my adult development but I will never stop

trying to gain that satisfaction.

I have recently put trust into two individuals due to their genuine character and honest empathy for my concerns. Michael McGiffin and Shanna Kelly truly champion the betterment of this university. They have an accurate realization of what this institution is and what needs to happen to make it a plenary body.

In conclusion, I implore all to investigate these Student Government Association presidential and executive vice presidential candidates. I ask that they sincerely apply themselves to aid our alma mater by actively engaging in those things that will define her. I ask them to take the course of action that is in their best interest. Supporting Mr. McGiffin and Ms. Kelly in their upcoming election is my choice for changing. I hope you will agree.

Joel Robert Tyrrell  
President & Music Director of  
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity

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**PROFILE**

## Senior finds rewards in military service

Samantha Pysher  
Reporter

Senior accounting major Erin Laughlin is not the typical college student. Besides her busy schedule of classes at Youngstown State University, Laughlin is a member of the YSU ROTC and the Army National Guard.

She joined four years ago. "I joined for the challenge, adventure, whole patriotism, and it pays for college," Laughlin said. "Joining is one of the best things that I have ever done, and I love it."

Laughlin said the Army National Guard was for her when she spoke with recruiters and read the benefits that the Army had to offer.

According to Laughlin, she also enjoyed the possibility of travel. She has found herself in Louisiana, Fort Lewis in Washington, Fort Lee in Virginia, Camp Greyling in Michigan and Fort Jackson in South Carolina.

Of her stations Laughlin enjoyed Fort Lee the most since there were opportunities to venture into Richmond and other local cities.

After attending basic training at Fort Jackson, Laughlin's Army journey was just beginning.

Little did Laughlin know that a couple of years later, she and her unit would be sent to help with Hurricane Katrina for a month in Louisiana.

Her role in the relief Katrina effort was ordering parts for military vehicles that needed to be repaired.

Although she has been deployed previously, Laughlin is not concerned about the possibility of being deployed overseas until after she graduates.

"I'm sure I'll be deployed in the future," Laughlin said. "When that time comes, I'll be ready."

Laughlin's unit was deployed at the beginning of last week to Kuwait, but as a contracted cadet



**LAUGHLIN**

Laughlin stayed behind. Contracted cadet members are juniors in college who cannot be deployed. Laughlin didn't become contracted until after her deployment to Louisiana, when she was a sophomore.

When her unit returns from Kuwait, Laughlin will be transferring to another unit.

"I'm going to miss my unit. These are soldiers that I've spent the last three and a half years with," Laughlin said.

Throughout all of her experiences with the Army, Laughlin said she wouldn't have it any other way.

As for what the Army has taught her, Laughlin proudly cites improving her leadership skills, growing more responsible, being strong in all situations, meeting new people and learning how to work with others.

Laughlin advised that although the Army National Guard is not for everyone, anyone who is interested should look into joining.

"Being in the Army and going to school has set me up for future success," Laughlin noted.

Continuing her Army journey, Laughlin plans to stick with the Army National Guard for the next 20 years, then retire. Although she is in the reserves, she said she would like to work as an accountant as well on the civilian side of life.

**STUDY ABROAD**

## Student explores business while studying overseas

Jeanette DiRubba  
Reporter

After experiencing international study and travel, junior Amber Gallagher said her eyes are now opened from the realization that "there are people in other places that walk and talk and breathe just like me."

While most Youngstown State University students experienced rest and relaxation from classes during the winter break, students like Gallagher from the American Marketing Association studied abroad in London, England, and Dublin, Ireland, during the first two weeks of January.

Attorney Larry Zielke said these short two-week travel programs help students realize that more job opportunities are out there beyond Northeast Ohio.

"These programs give students the opportunity to meet with business contacts that I've known for years. These trips help students see that they can have international jobs like I did before I came to teach," said Zielke, management instructor at YSU.

Students had the opportunity to tour different businesses each day of the trip. Some of these businesses included British Petroleum, the European Bank of Reconstruction and Development, Microsoft, the Marriott and Guinness.

Gallagher said trips like these set you above your own competition.

"When applying for a job, you need to have something that stands out about yourself. Now I do have that, and I can hold conversations with other people who have studied abroad, and I have maintained connections with all of the American Marketing Association members," Gallagher said.

Senior Rob Bole said he heard about this international study abroad program through friends in the American Marketing Association who had previously attended. Bole said he thought it would be beneficial to study abroad in London and Dublin.

**"There are people in other places that walk and talk and breathe just like me."**

*Amber Gallagher, junior*

"I did this because you can't afford not to do it," Bole said. "I would do it again in a minute," he said of the trip.

Gallagher said the trip was beneficial because she was able to apply YSU knowledge outside of the classroom.

"All of my YSU business professors always say to think globally and act locally and push international economy. I never actually got a chance to apply these theories, so I went on this trip and applied what I learned from my marketing classes," she said.

Aside from the business aspect, the students were able to experience the culture of two very different countries.

Senior Stephanie Haschenburger said she was surprised that some stereotypes about other cultures proved true.

"The Irish people really do like to drink! They only sell wine by the bottle. You can't just buy one glass of wine," she said.

Bole said that seeing and experiencing a different culture proved lifestyle differences between countries.

"The European countries only refer to us as 'the States,' and not 'Americans' like we think. The Europeans view all the people in the countries connected to our borders as Americans, and we are just one small portion of that distinction," he said.

**MUSIC**



## Barely out of college, blog-rock stars of Vampire Weekend try to graduate to real-world success

Chris Riemenschneider  
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)  
(MCT)

This time last year, the fellas in Vampire Weekend had already started to feel the buzz. They were being touted by influential music Web sites and courted by record companies. Success was just one Louis Vuitton or Benetton lyrical reference away.

Only one thing stood in their way: Bassist Chris Baio still had to graduate from Columbia University, where the band had formed only a year earlier.

"We were meeting with labels while I was still a senior and still writing papers and all that," Baio recalled, calling from a tour van last week as the band traveled from San Francisco to Portland, Ore. "On some level, it was harder to concentrate, but I liked the things I was studying in college so it wasn't too hard."

"And who knows," he added, "maybe eventually when the band goes to Russia, I can use my degree in Russian regional studies."

Such has been the whirlwind for Vampire Weekend: Last March they were Ivy League college boys with a little band on the side; this March they appeared on "Saturday Night Live" and the cover of Spin magazine as "the best new band of the year — already?!"

The New York-based, Afropop-inspired indie-rockers are still on the upside of a wave of hype that started with raves from music bloggers and Brooklyn hipsters.

Vampire Weekend's rapid ascent is a true sign of the times. Music's online revolution makes it possible for an instantaneous international buzz, even before there's a record out. VW's self-titled CD just came out a month ago on XL Recordings.

"We managed to make a lot of headway without a label," Baio marveled. "We did everything ourselves for a very long time. We didn't even have a manager until, like, December of last year."

Quick breakouts such as VW's, however, often lead to even hastier waves of skepticism and backlash. Bands such as Clap Your Hands Say Yeah and Minneapolis' Tapes 'N' Tapes earned similar, blogger-buoyed excitement only to produce ho-hum record sales in the end.

Predictably, the Vampire boys are trying to brush off any negative reaction to their fast rise.

"There gets to be this sort of meta-analysis where, as soon as a band gets popular, the idea of a backlash is the first thing that comes up," Baio said. "As far as an actual form of it, we haven't seen anything other than people writing nasty, anonymous things online, but they've been doing that since last April."

"In a way, you can even consider it a privilege to have people out there hating on you. It means your music's getting out there."

The music in this case actually is getting out beyond the blogosphere. Radio stations are spinning the infectiously bouncy single "A-Punk" as well as "Cape Cod

Kwassa Kwassa," the song with the fashion-designer references and a line about copulating to Peter Gabriel. The album, meanwhile, has already sold more than 100,000 copies since its release (impressive nowadays), and it's consistently among the hot sellers on iTunes.

Both "A-Punk" and "Cape Cod Kwassa Kwassa" demonstrate the band's unique mix of typical dorm-room, book-wormy rock — the Smiths are an obvious influence — with something atypical: African music. The band half-jokingly describes its sound as "Upper West Side Soweto," referencing both their Manhattan roots and a South African musical hotbed.

Baio credited singer-guitarist Ezra Koenig and keyboardist Rostam Batmanglij (both music majors at Columbia) for bringing the African sounds into the band — particularly soukous music, one of the styles made famous in the West via Paul Simon's "Graceland" album.

"When we formed the band, Ezra was listening to a compilation of Madagascar guitar pop music called 'Madagascar Guitar Vol. 2,'" he said. "At the same time, Rostam was listening to (South African singer) Brenda Fassie a lot. As far as our sound goes, it started with Ezra's guitar playing, and particularly the inspiration came from the guitar tone. We would feed off that."

Of course, referencing African music while wearing V-neck sweaters and singing about dorm-room parties and vacationing on

Cape Cod has spawned its own bit of skepticism over the group. Baio laughed off that criticism, too.

"I'll be honest: Three-quarters of the band has never actually been to Cape Cod, just Ezra," he said. "We are who we are. If you look at a lot of rock bands that people enjoy, plenty of them are people with college degrees. I don't think there's any correlation between what kind of education you got and whether or not you're a good musician."

Baio was upfront that the band still has plenty to learn, too. When he heard that his interviewer saw the band perform at Spin magazine's party during the South by Southwest Music Conference two weeks ago (hmmmm, first they're on the cover, then they're booked at the party), he quickly conceded it was a lackluster performance.

"We did a sound check in the morning, and then right before we went onstage, every single setting got erased" from the soundboard, he explained.

Inexperience also was one reason Vampire Weekend decided to stick with smaller, quickly-sold-out venues on its current tour — but it wasn't the main reason.

"We'll definitely be back playing bigger venues before the next record's out," Baio promised, "but playing smaller venues makes sense now. It says something when you go into a town and play a smaller place first. It makes it seem like you earned it more when you take a step up."

Oh, so now the band decides to take it a little slow.

## upcoming events

**Wednesday**

Dance Lessons  
7 p.m.  
The Dusty Armadillo

Dj Killin  
10 p.m.  
Barleys

Open Mic Night  
10 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
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9 p.m. to 2 a.m.,  
O'Donald's Irish Pub & Grill-Austintown  
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**Thursday**

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8 p.m.  
Barleys  
Weekly Cornhole Tournaments  
8 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
The Wedge

James Umble Saxophone Studio Recital  
8 p.m.  
Youngstown State University

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9 p.m.

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## SOCCER

# Spring season keeps squad kicking

The regular season is long over, but that isn't keeping the Penguins soccer team from playing hard during the squad's spring schedule.

**Aaron Blatch**  
Sports Reporter

When the Youngstown State soccer team's season ended in October with a loss to Cleveland State, senior midfielder Britta Snowberger thought that her collegiate career was over. She never would have guessed that six months later she would not only be suiting back up for the Penguins, but doing it as goal keeper, a position she had not played.

The soccer team is playing its spring season, a type of exhibition schedule where seniors do not usually play, with just ten players due to injury and the inability of some players to meet required fitness standards. With just nine underclassmen able to compete, Snowberger was asked to try out a new position and she happily accepted.

"It's great because I thought when our season ended that my soccer career was over," she said. "It was saddening. When I was given a chance to play I jumped on it, even though it was at a foreign position."

The team is now 1-2-2, after

dropping games to Canisius, 3-0, and Bowling Green, 1-0, this past weekend at Cleveland State. When the team found out that they would be playing short a player for the weekend, Snowberger said that they realized it would take maximum effort from the ten players in uniform. Despite the losses, she felt that the undermanned Penguins

Snowberger said that while the games are basically exhibitions, the intensity level is higher than at a normal scrimmage because they are against teams that the Penguins will play in next year's regular season.

"We treat them more like real games because we will face these teams again next season," she said. "We want to carry confidence and bragging rights over to next season and we want to see what we can accomplish as a team."

The Penguins seem to be moving in the right direction, following a regular season that featured just one victory and one tie. Last weekend the team picked up a 2-1 win over Slippery Rock and tied Duquesne, 0-0, and Robert Morris, 1-1.

Snowberger said that the team plans to continue its spring season the next three weekends, but may also pick up extra games if possible. For her these games are more than just exhibitions, but one last chance to compete on the college level with her teammates.

"We want to carry confidence and bragging rights over to next season and we want to see what we can accomplish as a team."

Britta Snowberger, senior soccer player

gave a good effort and found something positive to build on for the future.

"We're focused on establishing a strong core of people and establishing a way to play together like we played today," she said. "We worked together and tried really hard. Everybody worked themselves to death."



SOPHOMORE JORDAN GARCZYNSKI, PHOTO COURTESY OF YSU SPORTS INFORMATION

## PENGUIN SPORTS TO THE POINT

Penguins hit NCAA regional marks in outdoor opening weekend

Youngstown State throwers Bethany Anderson and Aaron Merrill surpassed automatic qualifying marks for the NCAA Mid-east Regional in the Penguins' first weekend of the outdoor track and field season.

Anderson hit the regional standard in the hammer while Merrill qualified in the shot put. Both also improved on their own school records. Anderson posted a mark of 190-5 in the hammer to finish fifth at the Pepsi Florida Relays in Gainesville, Fla. On a list of the nation's top performances through March, Anderson's would rank her 22nd in the country.

Merrill placed second among collegiate competitors and third overall at the Relays with his distance of 55-2 3/4. Joe Lahmon was 8.25 inches shy of hitting the regional qualifying mark in the hammer with his fourth-place mark of 185-8 in his first attached meet since the 2007 outdoor season.

YSU will have a split squad again next weekend with members competing at both the Sea Ray Relays in Knoxville, Tenn. and the Northeast Ohio Quad in Akron.

## SPORTS FEATURE

# Gatorade or Powerade? Study says chocolate milk could be the energy drink of the future

**Keith Langford**  
Reporter

Chocolate milk works as good as Gatorade or water for post-exercise re-hydration according to a study published in the International Journal of Sports Nutrition and Exercise Metabolism.

The idea surfaced four years ago when top American swimmer Michael Phelps was seen between races gulping down Carnation Instant Breakfast. Until the study done in the International Journal of Sports Nutrition and Exercise Metabolism was published in February, nobody really thought much about it.

Phelps was on to something. Research showed that cyclists consuming chocolate milk versus Gatorade after riding on their bikes, resting, and then riding again works at the same level that Gatorade does to replenish your body after exercising.

The cyclists in the research rode until they were depleted of their energy. They rested for four hours. At that time some were given chocolate milk and the others drank Gatorade. When the cyclists returned to riding after the long wait, it was shown that the riders who drank chocolate milk rode just as long as the individuals who were given the Gatorade.

The research suggests chocolate milk has an optimal ratio of carbohydrates to protein so it's going to help refuel tired muscles. Chocolate milk also has the essential vitamins A and D that our body needs to maintain a



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healthy diet.

Senior basketball player Dwight Holmes says he would be open to the idea of drinking chocolate milk after he works out.

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Sophomore Lonnie McQueen has actually drunk chocolate after working out. "I feel good after I work out drinking chocolate milk," McQueen said. "It works the same as Gatorade or water."

Sophomore Larry Wylie feels drinking chocolate milk after working out or exercising can help people bulk up if they are trying to gain a couple of pounds. "It's a good protein build-up."

Whether you prefer traditional sports drinks, water, or chocolate milk, be sure to replenish your body with something after a long, strenuous work out.

## BASEBALL

# Penguins' solid pitching, timely hitting leads team to sweep over Valparaiso

**Eric Barone**  
Reporter

Youngstown State University's baseball team hosted a three game series against Horizon League opponent Valparaiso over the weekend at Eastwood Field. The Penguins started the weekend series with an overall record of 7-17 and 1-3 in league play.

The Penguins kicked off the three-game set in low gear, losing the first game on Friday by the final of 3-4 in 11 innings. This was the second time in the week that the Penguins had to go extra innings. YSU played a 14-inning marathon against Duquesne University picking up an 8-7 win Wednesday, but the Penguins were not as lucky going into extra frames against the Crusaders.

The difference in the game was the gutsy effort by the Valparaiso bullpen as Jay Clites, Steve Godawa and Jay Miller stifled the Penguin bats over the final 3-2 innings of play. Despite being slightly out-pitched by his counterpart, Valparaiso starting pitcher Elliot Gibbs kept the game close; giving up three runs in 7.1 innings.

Senior pitcher Chuck Schiffhauer got the start on the mound and pitched a solid game with nothing to show for. Schiffhauer went 7.2 innings, allowing three runs on nine hits while striking out four for a valiant no decision effort. Senior Joe Antinone went three innings in relief, taking the loss. The bases were drunk with Crusaders in the top of the 11th and Valparaiso was able to score the go ahead run after hit-by-pitch. In the bottom half of the frame, the Penguins played small ball and nearly pulled out the come from behind win only to fall 90 feet short from tying the contest. Junior outfielder John Koehnlein led off with a single and shortly after stole second. Koehnlein advanced to third on a sacrifice bunt by senior second basemen Josh Page. Unfortunately, the Penguins couldn't capitalize and bring Koehnlein across the plate, leaving him stranded at third. The Penguins out hit the Crusaders 11-9 with Koehnlein leading the way with four hits.

On day two of the double-header the Penguins made up for Friday's extra inning heartbreaker



EYE ON THE TARGET — Sophomore pitcher Cory Hornyak stares down his target as he prepares to deliver to the plate. YSU will be in action today at Toledo University. Photo courtesy of Ron Stevens.

by sweeping Saturday's double-header against the Crusaders to win the weekend series 2-1.

Pitching was the key to the Penguins' victories, as the Valparaiso pitching staff could not match the Penguins' arms. In game one sophomore Cory Vukovic and senior Adam Kalafos combined for a seven hit shut-out on the mound, as Vukovic picked up his first win of the season going 7.0 innings and allowing six hits while striking out seven. Kalafos relieved Vukovic in the 8th and was lights out, allowing only one hit and striking out two.

Valparaiso starter Bryce Shafer was tagged early and often as he surrendered six earned runs on eight hits in 4.1 innings of work. Senior Erich Diedrich was the leading hitter for the Penguins scoring one run and getting two RBI's. Sophomore Anthony Porter and senior Sean Lucas had two hits apiece in the 6-0 win over the Crusaders in the early game.

Game two was dominated by starting pitcher sophomore Aaron Swenson who went the distance in a 3-1 victory over Valparaiso to pick up his second win of the season. Swenson faced 35 batters and

scattered seven hits with one run scored. The lone run the Crusaders could muster against Swenson came in the second when Ryan O'Gara led the inning off with a double – off of Swenson and later scored on a groundout to take an early 1-0 lead for the Crusaders. But the lead was short lived for Valparaiso as Swenson settled in and dominated the Crusaders for the next seven innings. Lucas, Porter and Koehnlein lead the Penguins with their bats, earning two hits. Lucas added to his team leading 16 RBI total by driving in two RBIs in the game. Lucas, a native of Warren, Ohio, has started all 26 games the Penguins have played and is hitting .324 and leading the team with 34 hits, with eight doubles and 14 runs scored.

The Penguins improved their overall record to 9-17 with a 3-3 mark in Horizon League. There has been no place like home for the Penguins this season as the team is posting an impressive 5-2 record when playing on their home turf. But before any more home field magic can take place, YSU will travel to Toledo today.

## HOCKEY

# Kusek Named to CHMA All-Conference Team

College Hockey Mid-America announced that Youngstown State University defenseman Zach Kusek earned a place on the All-Conference 2nd Team for the second consecutive season.

This season for the Penguins, Kusek was second on the team in scoring, racking up 12 goals and 15 assists. Combined with the 42

points he scored a year ago, the Parma native has now collected 69 points in his collegiate career.

Kusek joins Tony Attanucci (West Virginia), J.L. Feely (West Virginia) Luke Wawrzniak (Duquesne) Mato Kret (West Virginia), and Ed Nusser (Pittsburgh) on the second CHMA team.

