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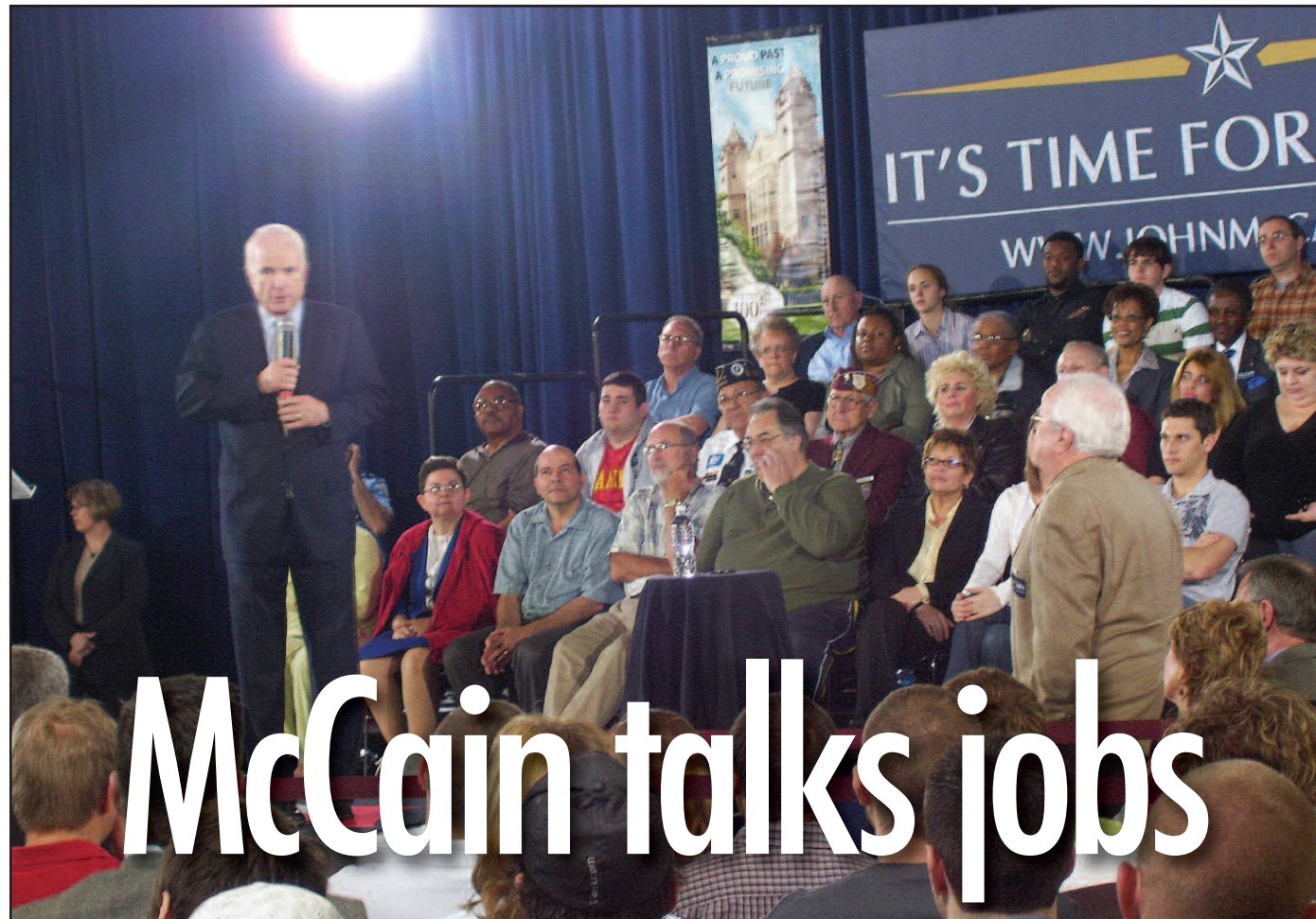
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McCain talks jobs

McCain visits YSU on tour of Democratic strongholds

J. Breen Mitchell
Reporter

Projected Republican presidential nominee John McCain visited Youngstown State University Tuesday for a town hall meeting with students and members of the community in Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room.

"He's touring areas that have hit hard economic times," said Mark Munroe, Mahoning County Republican vice chairman. Munroe said McCain will be visiting areas that Republican candidates usually avoid due to their majority Democratic populations.

The Arizona senator's remarks centered on the econo-

"Raising taxes on businesses in Ohio and elsewhere, as both my opponents propose to do, will not bring the old jobs back."

John McCain, senator

my and how areas like Youngstown fit into the future. He said that people in Youngstown know what it feels like to be counted out.

McCain laid out what he said were the differences between his ideas on how to help areas like Youngstown and those of his opponents.

United States was not one of quality, but of affordability.

"Those who support a government takeover of health care, I'd recommend that they pay a visit to Canada and see how their system works," McCain said.

On energy, the senator said the price of oil is devastating to our economy, and that nuclear power would have to be a part of any solution, adding that there has never been an accident on a nuclear submarine. He also said climate change was a major concern of his.

When asked about manufacturing jobs, McCain said that he would have to give what he calls "straight talk."

"I can't look you in the eye and tell you those jobs are coming

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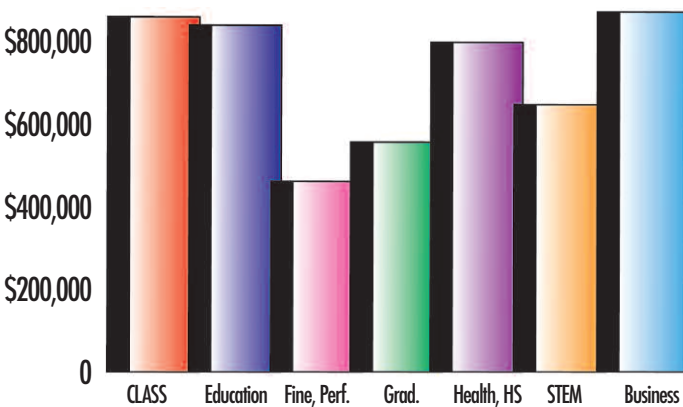
WCBA dean outspends peers in operating expenses

Sarah Sole
News Editor

The operating expenses for the deans' departments at Youngstown State University for fiscal year 2007 showed that the Williamson College of Business Administration had the largest budget, spending \$833,681.54, though it is the fourth largest undergraduate school.

The dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences came in second with \$822,874.97 for operating expenses; the Beeghly College of Education came in third for spending with \$803,183.98. The Bitonte College of Health and Human Services, YSU's largest class of undergraduates for 2007, spent \$763,392.17, the fourth highest amount. With the second largest class for 2007, the College of Science, Technology,

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Engineering and Mathematics operated on \$618,843.31. The School of Graduate Studies and Research spent \$532,328.23, and the College of Fine and Performing Arts spent \$441,487.16, the smallest amount for both graduate and undergraduate dean expenses.

While the budgets are related to enrollment, the discrepancy between the size of the colleges and the amount of money allocated to them could stem from the differences in faculty salaries across the colleges, said Neal McNally, bud-

et director at YSU. Since engineering and business professors could make more money in a non-educational environment, the university gives them higher salaries to attract and maintain them.

"Otherwise, they're just going to go other places," McNally said.

McNally said the university analyzes the budget yearly, looking at revenues from tuition and state subsidies, along with fixed costs like faculty contracts and utilities. If there is extra money, the head of each of the divisions — academic affairs, office of the president, technology, university advancement, student affairs and finance administration — figure out how to allocate the surplus.

Money from the academic affairs division is allocated to each college, McNally said. The provost decides how much money to give the deans, who in turn decide how

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SGA teams up with Defend Youngstown to promote Wick Park project

Ashley Tate
News Reporter

Student Government Association and Defend Youngstown, a movement dedicated to the city's advancement, have partnered up for the Wick Park project.

Phil Kidd, founder of Defend Youngstown, said this revitalization is a great opportunity for young people such as Youngstown State University students to become involved.

Since YSU is a big commuter school, Kidd said many students come to class and go home and don't know much about the city. This would be a good time to learn about it.

"A lot of students that attend YSU are from the suburbs and don't have a clue what the city is about. It's not their fault. It's the city's fault for not educating them," Kidd said.

Kidd said it's inexcusable for students to live on campus and be

unfamiliar with downtown. We have to teach them.

Kidd, 28, said the city is full of young leadership such as Mayor Jay Williams and Congressman Tim Ryan.

Young people are fresh and innovative, Kidd said.

"Students have to take ownership of this city, own it, get involved," he said.

With the Wick Park revitalization in the works, SGA CLASS representative Alison Kukla said

student government got involved to show that it supports the community and that the university supports the project.

"It's a way to get the university's name out there as well," Kukla said.

Kukla said one of her strategies to get students involved is through her communications class speech.

"Next week I'm giving my persuasive speech on how you should get involved in the community. For

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AFTER THE SNOW Facilities reports final figures for winter cleanup

Emmalee Torisk
Reporter

At the end of a historic winter for class cancellations and extreme weather, the cost of snow removal and other winter maintenance on campus was about the same as previous years.

According to John Hyden, executive director of facilities, Youngstown State University spent about \$162,000 this winter to keep the campus as safe and accessible as possible.

"Our primary concern is the safety of all students, faculty, staff and visitors to the campus," Hyden said.

Second to safety is student access to facilities and classes.

To accomplish this, the snow cleanup crews begin working to clear parking lots and the campus core sometime between 2:30 and 4:30 in the morning, depending on the severity of conditions. The worst conditions occur when a heavy storm hits between 6:00 and 8:00 a.m. Hyden said the most difficult part is anticipating the weather.

"Sometimes the forecast is very accurate, both in terms of timing and severity. Sometimes it completely misses the mark," he said.

"Unfortunately, our budget doesn't allow for a crystal ball and Mother Nature isn't always cooperative," Hyden said.

Although it was "hard to tell" the exact cost, the approximated total spent on snow removal labor was no less than \$100,000, Hyden said. Additionally, a firm \$15,000 was allocated to overtime pay for snow clean-up workers. Facilities has 11 full-time and intermittent employees, as well as about six or seven student employees.

In spite of their early morning effort, the crews work all day long to keep up with the weather and routinely plow the snow, as well as salt icy spots on campus, such as roadways and sidewalks.

This winter, trucks spread over 600 tons and \$27,000 worth of bulk salt, while about 36 tons and \$5,500 of bag salt was distributed near building entrances and exits.

Facilities receives little assistance from the City of Youngstown's Street Department, since all parking lots, sidewalks and any YSU-owned roadways are the university's responsibility to maintain. Additionally, YSU is held accountable for certain vacated city streets, such as portions of Elm Street and University Plaza. Sidewalks in front of any privately-owned property are the property owner's responsibility.

Even though the city does not plow or salt any YSU property, its street department has loaned equipment and supplies to the university's crews on occasion. In return, YSU frequently plows and salts portions of city streets on campus if the city is unable to keep up with the weather.

Maintenance of winter equipment, including cleaning, oil changes and lubrication, upkeep of fluid levels and replacing belts, hoses, brakes and tires amounted to about \$8,000, and \$6,500 was spent on vehicle fuel.

According to Hyden, another major problem is parked cars since just a few cars left in a lot can make plowing "very difficult." Parking lots are an initial focus in a major snowstorm since they impact the most students and require heavy equipment.

"Please be grateful to those that get out of bed in the middle of a cold, snowy night to ensure that you will be able to make your way from your parking spot or dorm room to your class," Hyden said. "It can be very demanding work, and [the crews] do a great job of it."

TO THE POINT**Awards banquet to recognize students**

Over two dozen students from YSU will be recognized at the Annual Student Awards Banquet at 6 p.m. in the Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room. Student Government Association, the Office of Student Life, Campus Recreation and Student Programming, and the Office of Student Affairs all sponsor the event.

Beeghly College to give honors

The Beeghly College of Education will honor seven individuals at its annual Alumni Awards Dinner at 6:30 p.m. in Beeghly Hall's McKay Auditorium.

Auto symposium comes to campus

The centennial celebration continues with a symposium titled "The Automobile in Our Culture" in Kilcawley Center Friday and Saturday. It will feature sessions on a wide range of topics concerning the automotive industry.

Planetarium to explore infinity

Ward Beecher Planetarium will feature "Black Holes: The Other Side of Infinity" Friday at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 12:30 and 8 p.m.

Bliss display features Ceramics from Taiwan, YSU

The International Small Scale Ceramics Exhibition, which features work done by YSU students as well as students from the National Taiwan University of Arts, is on display in Bliss Hall through the end of April. The exhibit was first shown in Taiwan in October 2007.

Walking tour to explore greater Youngstown area

Phi Alpha Theta and the Student Society for Applied History will be co-sponsoring a walking tour in the greater Youngstown area Saturday. The tour will include several historic buildings in the Trumbull County. The first stop will be in Kinsman. The tour will end in Hartford, Ohio.

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YSU political science major to run for office

Ashley Fox
Reporter

As if being a father, an assistant manager at two bars, a driver for Pizza Hut, a security guard for Eric Ryan Productions and a full-time student wasn't enough work, try adding state representative.

That is what Tim Gordon is doing.

The political science major plans to run for the 60th District House of Representatives seat as a Republican after graduation. The District represents Lowellville, Struthers, Coitsville, Campbell, most of Youngstown and part of Austintown.

When asked if he's thinking of running for anything else, Gordon replied, "Just the commissioner position in my Fantasy Football League. If I can manage to keep the peace amongst that many Steelers fans as a Browns fan, working with the Democrats should be a cakewalk."

Gordon grew up around politics and recalls his grandparents talking about the Reagan administration and Sens. John Glenn and Howard Metzenbaum, and how they all did a good job at running the country.

"Though I have always been interested in politics, they didn't become fun until I met Dr. Porter, Dr. Lepak and Dr. Binning," he added.

While Gordon wants a future in politics, he didn't think his chance at running for office would come so soon. In December, he received a phone call from the Republican



"I believe wholeheartedly that some of the 18- to 22-year-olds who are part of the College Republicans and the College Democrats are more than capable of doing an outstanding job of representing the people of this area."

— Tim Gordon, senior

House Campaign Committee, asking him if he would run.

"I initially declined, being that I'm in my last semester of school and wanted to focus on that," he said.

But then they called back a few days later to assure him that he could wait until after graduation to focus on the campaign and that it wouldn't interfere with school.

He thinks that young people should be more directly involved in politics.

"I do think that it is acceptable that young people, even 18-year-olds, run for office," Gordon said, adding that if it is within a person's legal right to run for office, they should go for it.

He said that when young peo-

ple are in office, it allows for more choice in elections. If young candidates are elected, voters will get the representation they want.

"I think it is great that younger people get involved in politics. We have a lot of brilliant minds here at YSU."

While some see youth as a liability rather than an asset, Gordon feels that what younger people lack in life experiences, they make up in passion and drive to see things out.

"I believe wholeheartedly that some of the 18- to 22-year-olds who are part of the College Republicans and the College Democrats are more than capable of doing an outstanding job of representing the people of this area," he said.

POLITICS

Clinton beats Obama in Pennsylvania

Steven Thomma

McClatchy Newspapers

Hillary Clinton won a hard-fought Pennsylvania primary Tuesday, beating rival Barack Obama in a scrappy victory that she hopes will keep her underdog campaign alive to fight another day.

The New York senator was carried to victory by whites, women, the working class and the elderly — the third time she's been rescued from the brink of political death after must-win victories in New Hampshire in January and Ohio in March.

With 82 percent of the precincts reporting, Clinton led by a margin of 55 percent to 45 percent. The television networks and The Associated Press declared her the winner based on exit polls and early return trends.

"Some counted me out and said to drop out," Clinton told cheering supporters in Philadelphia Tuesday evening. "But the American people don't quit. And they deserve a president who doesn't quit, either."

"You listened and today you chose. ... Because of you, the tide is turning."

Noting that Obama outspent her 3-1 in the state, Clinton made a direct appeal for contributions to shore up her cash-starved campaign.

"We can only keep winning if

we can keep competing against an opponent who outspends us," she said.

Clinton was desperate for a win, especially a big win, to jumpstart her campaign heading into the final stretch of primaries. She's looking for a series of victories to convince pivotal superdelegates that she's the strongest Democrat and that Obama is a flawed candidate who can't win big states against the Republicans this fall because he couldn't beat her in them in the spring.

"I think maybe the question ought to be: Why can't he close the deal? With his extraordinary financial advantage, why can't he win a state like this one, if that's the way it turns out?" Clinton said earlier Tuesday.

Obama turned his attention quickly to the next round of votes, flying Tuesday evening to Evansville, Ind., site of the next primary showdown in two weeks.

"There were a lot of folks who didn't think we could make this a race when it started," he said of the campaign in Pennsylvania. "They thought we were going to be blown out. But we worked hard, and we traveled across the state to big cities and small towns, to factories and VFW halls. And now, six weeks later, we closed thEarlier in the day, he'd insisted that he remained on his way to winning the nomination even with a loss in Pennsylvania.

"We're coming to the end of this process, and if you look, we've won twice as many states. We've won the popular vote by a fairly substantial margin. We've got a very big lead in pledged delegates, and we've competed in every state, win or lose."

Exit polls showed that Clinton won among whites, women, those with incomes below \$50,000 and no college education, those older than 65, Roman Catholics and Jews, and gun owners.

Among whites 60 and older — a solid third of the vote — she won by nearly 2-1.

More than one in 10 white voters said the race of the candidate was important to their decision, and they went for Clinton by a 3-1 margin.

Obama won among African-Americans, men, those under the age of 44 and those with incomes above \$200,000.

He won Philadelphia and its suburbs; she won everywhere else. Turnout was heavy in a state seeing its first contested Democratic primary since 1976.

One out of 10 voters said they'd changed their party registrations so they could vote in the primary, according to exit polls. They broke for Obama by a margin of nearly 2-1.

Yet late-deciding voters — including those who'd long been registered Democrats — broke heavily for Clinton.

One possible explanation was the flood of controversial news about Obama in recent weeks, as well as his defensive performance in a debate last week.

Another possible ingredient in the mix was mischief: Popular conservative talk show host Rush Limbaugh for weeks urged his loyal listeners to register as Democrats to vote for Clinton and prolong an increasingly harsh battle that might benefit the Republicans.

The Pennsylvania vote could well do that, even if it remains a daunting challenge for Clinton to win the nomination.

"Some counted me out and said to drop out but the American people don't quit. And they deserve a president who doesn't quit, either."

— Hillary Clinton, senator

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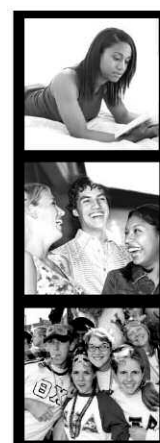
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to budget their individual departments.

John Yemma, who has been dean of the College of Health and Human Services for 17 years, said his budget has taken a couple of cuts over the years. He said he doubts whether the university considers college size when allocating money.

"Business probably has a pretty healthy budget," Yemma said.

"We don't have money for advertising," Yemma said, adding that since the job market is good for health care, students don't need advertising to be attracted to the school.

Yemma said the college is financially stable.

"We're doing just fine," he said of the College of Health and Human Services.

Joseph Edwards, dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts, said he would like more money to make his college's Web site more attractive, since prospective students usually inquire through the site.

In terms of advertising for enrollment, Edwards said the student capacity is sufficient where it is, since it allows for one-on-one instruction.

"The ratio is actually pretty comfortable where it is right now,"

he said.

CLASS dean Shearle Furnish said the college budgets don't reflect reality. However, he said though the budget isn't rational, it is fair.

"I think it works; it's not broken," Furnish said.

Since Reaganomics, the university and other institutions have been encouraged to "run lean," so that money is spent wisely, Furnish said.

Now, it may be leaner than ever.

With housing and mortgages affecting state revenue, the state in turn has less money to give institutions like YSU, Furnish said.

"You just wind up making choices," Furnish said. "It's kind of grim and sad, but we've all gotten used to it."

While Martin Abraham, dean of the College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, said he would also like to have more money, he explained that the university has to practice how to continually improve without spending additional money.

Abraham said the number of students in a college is irrelevant to the amount of money it receives. The budget follows student enrollment, but it changes a year or two

after the enrollment increase or decrease. In the case of a large enrollment increase within the college, it is Abraham's duty to ask the provost for additional funding.

Abraham said he'd like to see a budget increase for the STEM college in fiscal year 2009 to account for additional staff within the college. Other money allocated to STEM comes from the laboratory costs for the general education courses. The expense associated with running the labs is a common problem, since no money is allocated for replacements and maintenance.

The science department, however, does a good job operating effectively with a limited budget, Abraham said. The state gives universities an equipment allocation every two years.

This allocation still doesn't meet requirements.

"That's absolutely inadequate," Abraham said, adding that the college of STEM could have easily spent the money two times over just in their college alone. The lack of money means the college needs to prioritize, he said.

Peter Kasvinsky, dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research, said it's very unusual for the college to get more money for a budget.

"We basically start with what we got last year," he said, adding that though the provost's office may have extra money, this rarely occurs.

Since there is no equipment allocation to the School of Graduate Studies and Research, the money needs to come from the college's base budget.

"That really puts us behind the eight ball," Kasvinsky said of maintaining staff equipment. Ideally, there should be a systemized replacement policy for computers on campus, he said.

Like the other deans, Kasvinsky said that he's not sure whether there is any relationship between enrollment and budget allocations.

Kasvinsky said the College of Graduate Studies can be comparable to the office of undergraduate admissions. Graduate students generate \$4 for every \$1 generated by undergraduate students. Graduate Studies accounts for 10 percent of YSU's enrollment, he added.

"I'm not sure we get 10 percent of the investment," he said.


A call was placed to WCBA Dean Betty Jo Licata and to education Dean Philip Ginnetti for comment, but both were unavailable.

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back," he said, adding that education was the key to revitalizing depressed areas.

Jim Shaw, vice president of College Republicans, said he supports McCain for his stance on defense.

"The minute we cut and run is the minute we lose the war," Shaw said.

Alumna Karen Combs of Cortland said she admires the Senator's military service and character.

"The Democrats, they'll reach into your pocket, and they'll leave you with change, all right," said Combs.

A group of protestors gathered outside the event were not supportive of McCain's agenda. James Hewitt of Cleveland spoke on behalf of Working America, an

affiliate of the AFL-CIO that goes door to door talking to voters.

"One thing is for certain. McCain is out of touch with working Americans," Hewitt said. Working America is not endorsing a candidate.

Dan Rowinski, a Clinton supporter from Youngstown, said that he feels McCain's economic policies are harmful to people like him, referring to North American Free Trade Agreement.

"He must have lunch with millionaires too often," he said.

Following the event, McCain held a brief press conference in the Ohio Room.

There, he fielded questions about the Democratic primary, saying that he held no interest in the outcome. He also talked about the need to reach out to minority voters.

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however long you'll be living here to go to school you should take pride, want to build [the city] back up," Kukla said.

"Youngstown came a long way the last few years."

More than 80 people participated in the first community meeting for Wick Park, including SGA members, Kidd said.

Kukla said the members were excited about the turnout and were impressed and wanted to hear everyone's ideas.

"If everyone tells a friend, it can really help out a lot," she said.

Kidd said he is extremely passionate about the city and it once was the American dream because immigrants came here

to start there lives. We can be an example to the United States.

Kidd said he receives numerous e-mails from people across the country interested in the city and the last two years' change has been significant.

"We're always looking for new leaders coming from YSU to come help out. One percent of 13,000 is great," he said of students.

"Where's the next Phil Kidd at? He's at YSU."

Kukla said in the future there will be more projects to get involved in and she and Kidd are good friends so she is looking forward to getting things going.

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YSU's pin-up girl poses for Playboy

Chelsea Pflugh

Features Reporter

Twenty-one-year-old Lyndsy Wolff is a junior biology major with a 3.6 GPA. She has inspirations and dreams just like every Youngstown State University student and holds down a full-time schedule of classes as well as a steady job.

But there is one thing about Wolff that separates her from the rest of the students at YSU.

She's a Playboy model.

Lyndsy is appearing in three different Playboy publications this year, one of which — Playboy's Fresh Faces — has already made its debut on the stands.

Fresh Faces, the issue in stores now, shows 18 girls who represent, worldwide, the new "fresh faces" of Playboy. Wolff's motivation to start her career with Playboy and get herself out there also happens to put Youngstown on the map.

Two more of Wolff's photo shoots will be in publications this year, including "College Girls," due out soon. It will say she is from YSU, and she'll be representing the area as well as the school.

The fourth week of May, Wolff will appear as a Coed of the Week, a privilege granted to only four girls per week. On May 29, fans can cast their votes for Coed of the Month.

For photos and voting, visit <http://www.playboy.com> and Playboy's Special Editions site, <http://www.playboy.com/special-editions>. Wolff said she is hoping YSU will get out the vote for her.

"I really think it's going to work in my favor that I'm the Coed of the Week for the week of the actual voting, so my picture will be featured. But I'd like to see some students vote for me so that they can say that a student from YSU won this. I just want them to be proud of where they come from and hopefully of what I do," she said.

The dream job(s)

"It all started when I was only eight years old. I have uncles that used to have Playboy magazines, and I would just look at the models. I thought they were beautiful, and I knew then that it was something I wanted to strive to do," Wolff recalled.

But being a Playboy model wasn't the only dream she ever had. When Wolff was only six, she wasn't the typical little girl playing dress-up and asking for Barbie dolls. Instead she was interested in the way things worked.

"When I was six, I asked for a microscope. Science was all I ever wanted to do, and it's still my first priority. I guess that's the nerd in me," she said, chuckling at herself.

Wolff is working toward becoming a veterinarian. She plans to finish school at YSU and apply for the College of Veterinary Medicine at The Ohio State University. The school only accepts very few applicants per year, but she is ready to take the challenge.

"School is my first priority. I love to model and I'm extremely proud of what I have done with it, but if it were to ever conflict with school or hinder my chances of becoming a veterinarian, I'd drop it for school. No questions asked," she said.

A future veterinarian and a Playboy model, Wolff is breaking all the stereotypes. That's what she wants people to realize.

"When people think of Playboy models, they think of fake, blond-haired women with tons of plastic surgery that are just plain bimbos. But that's not me. I'm 100 percent natural; I never had to change anything. I have goals and I'm going to reach them. I just have more than one dream and I'm on my way of attaining both of them — no matter how opposite they are," she said strongly.

It was the path that made the modeling dream tangible for the first time, though, that was completely unexpected.

How it all happened

Wolff has been posing and going on photo shoots since 2006. Her friend, Kara Kochalko who attends Columbus College of Art and Design, took some pictures to use for a school project. She decided to send some of those pictures into Playboy to see what would happen.

In July of 2007, she got the call to see if she was still interested in shooting more pictures.

"They wanted me to get to a casting call in August, but I wasn't going to be able to make it because I was going to New York City for my birthday. They made me send my pictures to their office in New York City and I had my interview. I remember it exactly. I was in the Trump Tower on the 97th floor," she recalled. A month later, she went to the famous contributing photographer Billy Jim, who shoots for magazines like Vanity Fair. They FedExed the pictures to Chicago, the headquarter office for Playboy. After looking at her pictures, a producer called and commented on Wolff saying "She's cute; she's natural; let's shoot her."

Her first photo shoot was a little intimidating, getting naked in front of people she'd never met.

"At first I was a little concerned, but the crew that does your photo shoot is so professional. They never made me feel awkward, and by the end of the day it felt like I was wearing clothes the entire time," she said. "I've come to realize that we're all born naked and we die naked. No one should feel embarrassed or awkward in their own skin."

After her pictures got out there, her career started right away.

She knew that the Fresh Faces

issue would be coming out soon, but not as soon as April 21.

Through e-mail from her producer, Wolff realized that her pictures would be coming out in publications.

"I didn't even get the notice it was coming out until the day it debuted. My other pictures will be coming out this year. I couldn't be more excited!" she said.

Support, sans bra

Fortunately for Wolff, she has an extremely large support group.

"My mom has known about it from the beginning. She has always been supportive. My Dad lives in Florida, but I didn't give him the full information of all of this until I got the call that said I was actually going to be in photo shoots," she said. "My dad said, 'Lyndsy, you're a 21-year-old woman; you can do what you want.' It was really nice to hear that."

She went on to say that neither one of her parents necessarily agree completely with what she's doing, but still their support is strong. Her friends have been her rock.

"They think it's awesome. My brother, Robert Wolff said if he gets to the Playboy Mansion someday because of all of this, then its fine with him," she said.

The support she's looking for next is from her fellow YSU students. Wolff wants YSU and Youngstown to react in a positive light in all of this, even though she said she expects some to think her Playboy spotlight is "terrible."

"I'll take the good with the bad," she said. "But the negativity isn't going to change anything. This is what I love to do, and it's what I have wanted to do. I'm very proud. Everyone is entitled to their opinion. If you don't have anything nice to say, then don't say anything at all," she said.

MOVIES

The new odd couple

Robert W. Butler

McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

Director:

Michael McCullers

Cast:

Tina Fey
Amy Poehler
Greg Kinnear

Rated:

PG-13 for crude and sexual humor, language and a drug reference.

Running time:

96 minutes

Tina Fey is a limited actress who probably will never escape her inner geek — at least we hope she won't.

There's something about her combination of smarts, goofiness and integrity that keeps us coming back long after Hollywood's latest bimbos have worn out their welcome.

Fey is the main reason to see "Baby Mama," a film from the "Saturday Night Live" crowd that pairs her with Amy Poehler for a comedy about motherhood.

Fey plays Kate, a successful and single career woman who has risen to the vice presidency of a national chain of natural food groceries. But at 37, Kate hears her biological clock ticking.

"Some women got pregnant," she laments. "I got promotions."

When her efforts to conceive meet with failure ("I don't like the look of your uterus," her OB/GYN observes unhelpfully), Kate decides to take extraordinary steps. Through the very expensive services of a surrogate facilitator (Sigourney Weaver) she hooks up with Angie. One look tells us that Angie (Poehler) is a gum-snapping citizen of white-trash nation — but she's willing to rent out her womb for a chunk of cash.

Kate and Angie become reluctant roommates when the latter breaks up with her oafish boyfriend (Dax Shepard) and Kate becomes concerned for the health of the unborn baby.

No crystal ball is required to predict that the slobbovian Angie and the anal-retentive Kate will get on each other's nerves (uh, yes, we've seen "The Odd Couple"). Nevertheless they will bond, particularly after good-time-gal Angie coaxes the uptight Kate out for a night on the town.

Making his directing debut, writer Michael McCullers (his writing credits include several seasons of "S.N.L." and the "Austin Powers" movies) hasn't so much written a story as a series of comedy sketches. Occasionally he comes up with a juicy line (as when Angie, hooked up to an IV, announces: "This stuff is great. What's the street name?"). But not

often enough.

After a while the film settles into a familiar dynamic: Poehler goes over the top in search of laughs, reducing the low-keyed Fey to the role of straight (wo)man.

The cast is packed with familiar faces — in addition to Weaver and Shepard you've got Steve Martin as Kate's boss, a ponytailed New Age egomaniac who rewards employees with "five minutes of uninterrupted eye contact"; Romany Malco ("The 40-Year-Old Virgin") as a wisdom-dispensing door man; Maura Tierney as Kate's sister and Holland Taylor as their country club mom; and Fred Armisen as a baby-furniture salesman.

Most are wasted in cliched roles.

An exception is Greg Kinnear, providing the love interest as an independent merchant whose store is being displaced by Kate's latest health foods megamarket. This actor is so good at creating an unaffected, likeable and believable character that his romance with Fey's Kate provides the only genuine emotion in the movie.

Most of the time "Baby Mama" relies on the Pavlovian string-pulling of sitcom television.

SPORTS

Draft day brings parties

Melissa Frederick

Jambar Contributor

The 2008 NFL Draft will take place this weekend starting Saturday at 3 p.m. at Radio City Music Hall in New York City. As the date draws nearer there are plenty of mock drafts circulating from sports experts trying to predict what 32 teams are going to do on the clock.

The Miami Dolphins have already used their No. 1 pick, signing Michigan offensive tackle Jake Long to a five year, \$57.75 million contract on Tuesday.

Even so, anything is possible on draft day — just ask Brady Quinn. No one predicted Quinn to fall to the 22nd overall pick or the Cleveland Browns to make a last minute deal with the Dallas Cowboys for their pick with which they took Quinn.

The Browns don't have a first round pick this year and the Steelers pick late in the round at 23. Brandon Albert, an offensive lineman out of the University of Virginia, is a popular pick for the Steelers in mock drafts. The Steelers have six picks in this year's draft while the Browns have four and don't pick until the fourth round.

Despite their lack of premium picks, the Browns many fans will still be watching this weekend. Junior Marijo Yablonkia says that the Browns are her team and she plans to watch the draft from home and also attend a draft day party.

"I'll be watching all day long both days to scope out the competition," Yablonkia said.

While Browns and Steelers fans dominate YSU's campus, there are also many other teams who have fans here. Sophomore

NFL DRAFT

May 26 at 3 p.m.
Radio City Music Hall
in New York City

Jon McKelvey likes the San Francisco 49ers.

He said, "I'll be listening to the radio coverage of the draft because I have to work."

The 49ers obviously have a lot of spots to fill mostly on defense but the draft isn't that thick."

The Cleveland Browns and the Pittsburgh Steelers are both hosting draft day parties for fans. The Cleveland Browns 2008 VIP Draft Brunch is Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is already sold out. Festivities include brunch, a VIP tour of the stadium, a Browns celebrity guest speaker and gifts.

The 2008 Steelers Fan Blitz is Saturday from 1 to 7 p.m. at Heinz Field. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. A number of current and former players will be available for autographs and Steely McBeam, the mascot introduced last year, will be at the stadium all day.

Fans will also have the chance to try on some of the players' equipment in the locker room, attempt to kick field goals and participate in contests for prizes.

If you can't make it out to a draft day event ESPN will televise the draft live. The amount of time allotted to each team for their picks has been shortened this year reducing the length of the draft considerably.

OUTDOORS

ALMOST SUMMER



Graduate students Cara Kostoff (above) and Colette Mace (left) make the most of a warm afternoon on the campus green. Photos by Sarah Sole.

upcoming events

Thursday

"21 & Under Tour" starring Soulja Boy
House of Blues Cleveland
7 p.m.
'80s night with J-Scratch
Barleys
8 p.m.

Rob Little: Born 20 Inches Long
The Funny Farm Comedy Club
8 p.m.

Open Mic Night at UPIE
University Pizzeria
9 p.m.

Friday

Kowboy Karaoke
Quaker Steak & Lube
10 p.m.

Grand Fury, Turbo Lovers and Album Barleys
10 p.m. to 2 a.m.,

3AP Presents: 5 Elements and Haven
Salty Groggs
10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Wesker, Captain Braskey and User Sets Mode
Cedars
11 p.m. to 2 a.m.

OUR SIDE

We're lucky politics came to us in 2008

RELATED STORY

MCCAIN, page 1

While the bright lights from the national spotlight are no longer fixed on Ohio or even Pennsylvania, the race for the White House marches on.

Arizona Sen. John McCain's visit to Youngstown State University Tuesday takes us to two out of three for serious presidential candidates on campus this year. That's not counting Chelsea Clinton's stop in the Chestnut Room on behalf of her mother.

Not to mention two Kennedy's who visited here also.

Students who made it to all three events can proudly say they have seen the next president in person, something that not every college student can say. We are fortunate to have had this opportunity.

This election season we were able to openly talk about the issues, and for some of us it was the first time we voted in a primary or held much interest in the general election.

Or at least our gossip centered on fights between Obama and Clinton rather than squabbles between our friends. Instead of debating over less important issues of our own lives, we've found that our conversations have shifted to the election issues.

Not too long ago for many of us, health care was just something our parents provided for us, and the economy was a hazy thing in the distance. Planning to graduate and starting job searches has brought those two issues into focus.

Now we care what each candidate plans, and how their policies could help or hurt us.

When did we ever know about the North American Free Trade Agreement before this? That would be NAFTA, for those who don't know. While the endless hype and ongoing drama of primary races has made following the election draining, we've bettered ourselves by learning about politics.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor,

I believe Corey Myers article is presumptuous. In response I state that my reference was just that — a reference to a situation that needed to be addressed publicly while avoiding specific names out of respect. If you feel that IFC, GCL or your fraternity fit the mold to which I referred instead of another area of campus, then that is your own assumption and a matter that might need to be addressed.

I did not state what you suggested nor will I be held responsible for any group or person's guilty conscience. I would remind Mr. Myers that I hold multiple university positions, even though my favorite is that of Phi Kappa Tau president.

As to my fraternity, it is doing quite well and has solved most of the problems it had in the past which prevented it from growing. Our fraternity has successfully found areas in which it can be competitive, resorting back to its founding concepts, rededicating itself to hard work, service and social networking; so the notion that I need to make excuses for anything is preposterous. A great set of brothers and associates are to be given credit for this success.

If you want to talk about the Greek system so openly I would say that it is an honorable concept and I am glad to be a part of my fraternity. As to your reference to sitting on the sidelines, I doubt many at this university would say I have ever taken the easy way out, shied away from a debate or just expected problems to be solved by themselves. I have always been the one to roll up my sleeves, so if you want to assist just let me know and I'll inform you of my thoughts in a better "medium."

I believe in the Greek system and encourage everyone to join it because of the positive aspects it can add to one's life. I do however realize that there is work to be done and am striving to be the change agent I want in Greek life. I look in admiration to the sororities of YSU: AXD, AKA, AWP, DST, DZ, ZTA, ZFB and their dedication to issues such as choosing children, disabilities, speech and hearing, and breast cancer awareness.

My "solution" is: work hard, push my brothers to do the same and disregard the ignorant blathering of the intrinsically illogical.

Joe Iesue
YSU senior

Wolf in sheep clothing

Editor,

This is an absolutely necessary response to Alex Mangie's Tuesday article as to why Hillary's troop withdrawal plan is better than Obama's.

First, let me say hello to my arch-nemesis and old friend, Alex. We had our battles in The Jambar in 2006 debating point and counterpoint. However, most of the times I never even read his articles. I simply saw his name and knew the bilge water was getting deep.

And knowing Alex as I do, I

must point out that this article "Hillary better than Obama" is his under sniper fire tale, and he too, like Hillary may have been overcome by sleep deprivation since Alex forgot to mention that he is an ultra-right wing Republican. And there you have it, the rest of the story.

Alex, like all republicans, is scared to death to run against Obama and find it so much easier to run against someone as totally dishonest as the Republican.

Nice try, Alex. Return your costume to the make-up department.

Ted Williams
YSU alumnus

COMMENTARY

Micro-targeting: You are what you consume

Kevin Horrigan

St. Louis Post-Dispatch (MCT)

On April 16 I read in The New York Times that if I liked corn-fed beef hamburgers, I might well be a supporter of John McCain's presidential bid. I'd had a corn-fed beef burger the night before, so I decided to stay in Iraq for a hundred years if that's what it took.

On Wednesday evening I went home and ate pork roast. "My friend, gimme meat," I told the cook. She handed me a bottle of olive oil and told me to drizzle it on some asparagus.

I was puzzled. Olive oil is a Barack Obama food, according to The New York Times. If I ate it on my asparagus, I might start pulling out some of the troops that I was planning to keep in Iraq for a hundred years.

I ate it anyway, along with the pork roast. If I'd had some Fig Newtons, I would have eaten them for dessert, even though it would have totally confused me. The Fig Newton, according to The New York Times, is a Hillary Clinton food. I wouldn't have known what to do with the troops in Iraq. Take them duck hunting, perhaps.

I am being micro-targeted. I do not like it, Sam-I-Am.

The article in The New York Times said that in this election year, both political parties are using micro-targeting as never before. The idea is that you are what you consume. You are what you drive. You are where you shop, what you read and how you spend your free time.

As a consumer, you can be broken down into demographic subgroups and your voting behavior

predicted. In the old days, politicians wasted money by sending mail and making phone calls to entire census tracts or ZIP codes, overlooking the possibility that the 63124 ZIP code (Ladue), for example, also might include pockets of bicycle-riding, Whole-Foods-shopping, olive-oil-drizzling, New-Yorker-subscribing liberals.

Or, when you're looking for every single vote in a close election, it's helpful to know where in the 63130 ZIP code (University City) you might find pickup-driving, hunting-license-holding, A-1-Sauce-drizzling, Guns-and-Ammo-subscribing red-meat conservatives.

Micro-targeting, a concept borrowed from market researchers, correlates consumer activity with political behavior. To the extent that Americans pick a presidential candidate the way they choose a car (keep it four years, trade it in or keep driving it), you can understand why it works.

Americans like to think of themselves as rugged individualists. Marketers know better. They make their living by segmenting markets and targeting only the ones they want. Only 2 or 3 percent of the radios in a market might be tuned to a particular station, for example, but that 2 or 3 percent might include 30 percent of the 18-to-35-year-old males who buy concert tickets, watch action movies and eat lots of fast food. That radio station is going to sell a lot of air time.

Presidents now are marketed — i.e. sold — like radio stations, or pizza, or beer. You don't have to sell Budweiser to everyone, but if you sell lots of different kinds of beer to lots of different market segments, you can control more than 50 percent of the market. And all would-be presidents are looking

for is 50 percent plus one (of the electoral college).

The political consultants most closely associated with micro-targeting are Karl Rove, who engineered both of President George W. Bush's victories, and Mark Penn, who was President Bill Clinton's pollster and, until recently, Hillary Clinton's chief strategist.

After Bush's narrow loss in the 2000 popular vote to Vice President Al Gore, Rove realized that every vote would count in 2004. He signed off on a project to buy consumer databases from churches, clubs, magazines and lobby groups, correlated them with Republican voter databases and used them to find isolated pockets of GOP support.

Together with Ken Mehlman, then national chairman of the GOP, Rove created the Republican "Voter Vault," a treasure trove of arcane data that helps candidates at every level identify potential support.

Penn, meanwhile, takes credit for creating the phrase "soccer mom" for President Clinton's 1996 reelection bid. In his 2007 book "Microtrends," Penn writes, "The pattern of individual choice has never been greater, and the reasons and patterns for those choices never harder to understand and analyze. The skill of micro-targeting — identifying small, intense subgroups and communicating with them about their individual needs and wants — has never been more critical in marketing or in political campaigns. The one-size-fits-all approach to the world is dead."

Maybe so, but I don't like it, Sam-I-Am, which is why I'm considering joining both the National Rifle Association and Moveon.org. I want to be a moving micro-target.

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LEAGUE ATHLETE OF THE WEEK - YANDEH JOH
Youngstown State University junior Yandeh Joh has been named the Horizon League Female Track and Field Athlete of the Week for her efforts at the Sparky Adams Invitational. Joh was one of two Penguins to win two events, taking the top spot in the 100-meter hurdles and the long jump.

BASEBALL

Baseball squad hits the road

After a long home stand, the Penguins will pack their bags for a pivotal three-game road series with instate rival Cleveland State.

Andrew Berry
Sports Editor

Entering the home stretch of the 2008 season, the Penguins are swinging hot bats against Horizon League opponents.

The team will look to continue pounding the ball this weekend as the Penguins (16-22, 8-5) are set to travel to Cleveland State (17-18, 7-6) for a three game series against the Vikings. The conclusion of the series will have serious impact on the league standings as the Penguins are currently third while the Vikings are

the Wright State (19-16, 9-4) and Illinois-Chicago (22-16, 11-5). While the outcome of the Cleveland State series could determine the rest of the home stretch for the Penguins, the team has become a run producing machine as of late as the Penguins bats are exploding at the plate.

Head coach Rich Pasquale believes his team has been hitting the ball well as he has seen his players improve on individual batting averages from last season. Those point increases Pasquale credits to what the team does during off days in preparation for the games ahead.

"It's a continuation of practicing good situational hitting," Pasquale said. "We've been out hitting teams even if we are coming up in the loss column."

Practice has certainly been paying off for the Penguins. In the team's last weekend series with a league opponent, the Penguins slugged out three games in which the team scored 10 or more runs. Prior to those three games, the team has just two out of their previous 10 games in which 10 or more runs crossed the plate.

Scoring a plethora of runs has led to the Penguins winning more games even when the pitching staff is having a rough day on the mound. Last season, the team had trouble winning games because of the absence of either timely hitting or strong

Horizon League Baseball Standings

TEAM	LEAGUE	OVERALL
Wright State	9-4	19-16
Illinois Chicago	11-5	22-16
Youngstown State	8-5	16-22
Cleveland State	7-6	17-18
Milwaukee	5-8	13-24
Valparaiso	3-7	10-24
Butler	4-12	8-24

pitching, a problem that Pasquale doesn't believe he has this year.

With the team driving in runs left and right, the wins are increasing for the YSU baseball squad. In the team's last doubleheader with a league opponent, the Penguins swept Milwaukee by outscoring the Panthers 20-12.

Against Cleveland State, the Penguin hitters will want to look out for Drew Fronczek, a junior relief pitcher who has been the Vikings go-to guy out of the bullpen this season.

In 17 appearances, Fronczek has stifled opposing lineups giving up just seven earned runs in 26.1 innings of work. Fronczek leads the Vikings pitching staff with a 2.36 ERA and opposing batters are hitting a pencil-thin .258 off the right-handed hurler.

If the Penguins hope to keep the Vikings from leapfrogging them in the standings, the team will need to find a way to crack the tough Cleveland State pitching staff. In the eyes of the Pasquale, winning the close games is becoming second nature to his team.

The Penguin skipper has seen solid development in the savvy approach to the game of his squad. "They're starting to understand turning points in games," Pasquale said. "If you score one,

you have to go out and keep them off the board in the next half [of the inning]."

Even more importantly, Pasquale likes what he is seeing out on the field from his players in terms of playing out of position and making the adjustment necessary to contribute out of the normal comfort zone.

"The team is starting to understand roles, and that's important," Pasquale said. "We work as a team and we win as a team."

Looking ahead, the Penguins have a lot of baseball left to play and could find themselves climbing the Horizon League ranks before the end of the season. Pasquale pointed to the weeks ahead where the Penguins will play against league leader Wright State University in five straight games.

In his first season as the Penguin skipper, Pasquale is getting to know the Horizon League as the team plays through the season. What he has seen since league play began in March is a conference full of talented teams that all have a solid chance of walking away as champions.

"It's a dogfight," Pasquale said. "Whoever wins the tournament at the end of the season will be well deserved."



PHOTO BY RON STEVENS

Chuck Schiffhauer, No. 9
2008 Season Stats

- 11 appearances
- 7 starts
- 1-2 record
- 2.81 ERA
- 48 innings pitched
- 45 hits
- 20 runs
- 15 earned runs
- 26 strikeouts
- 15 walks
- .251 opposing average

"The team is starting to understand roles, and that's important. We work as a team and we win as a team."

Rich Pasquale, head baseball coach

creeping right behind in fourth separated by two games.

By winning the upcoming series against the Vikings, the Penguins can cushion their lead in the standings and gain ground on

Power Penguin



Josh Page
Infielder
No. 8
.304 average
31 hits
8 doubles
3 home run
17 RBIs
22 runs

Versatile Viking



Alex Kerins
Infielder
No. 6
.331 average
45 hits
9 doubles
9 home runs
41 RBIs
33 runs

SOFTBALL

Softball team uses nonconference schedule to make improvements

Aaron Blatch
Sports Reporter

Despite losing a game after displaying solid pitching, Youngstown State softball pitcher Cheryl Cale isn't frustrated. Although the sophomore right-hander allowed just six hits and three earned runs to Canisius on Tuesday, she lost a 3-0 decision, part of a double-header sweep by a strong Golden Griffins club.

After the game Cale did not sound like a pitcher done in by no run support, but instead spoke glowingly of the way her team has been playing of late.

"I think we've made a 180 in the past three weeks," Cale said. "We look like a whole new team and I think that it shows. We're having fun and coming together."

The Penguins' improved play has not always shown in the win column, but with the Horizon League Tournament just two weeks away team morale could be an important ingredient for success. The team is only 4-12 in the Horizon League but has won two of its last three conference contests.

Lately the team has finished up the nonconference part of the schedule, while also playing the season's final home games at McCune Park. Cale said that while the team looks to compete in games outside of the Horizon League, this part of the schedule is also used to focus on improvement.

SERIES SCHEDULE	PREVIOUS MATCHUP
Game 1 — Saturday, 2 p.m.	This weekend will be the first time the Penguins and Crusaders will meet on the field as Horizon League opponents.
Game 2 — Saturday, 5 p.m.	
Game 3 — Sunday, noon	

"We put as much emphasis on nonconference games as conference games but we look at things we've had trouble with in the league and try to improve on them," she said.

Cale said that a major area of

"I think we've made a 180 in the past three weeks. We look like a whole new team and I think that it shows. We're having fun and coming together."

Cheryl Cale, sophomore pitcher

focus has been situational hitting, saying that the team has stranded too many runners. Through 37 games the Penguins are only averaging 3.3 runs a game, a number that could be improved by moving runners into scoring position early in innings.

Further improvement must be evident if the Penguins are to compete this weekend with league leader Valparaiso. The Crusaders' 8-2 league record has put them into

sole possession of first place, led by a dominant pitching staff. Allowing just 2.49 earned runs a game, Valparaiso makes it tough for opposing batters and puts pressure on pitchers, who know they will have to pitch their best to stay in the game.

Even more attention will be paid to moving runners on the bases for the Penguins, who will need to capitalize with runners on. The Crusaders do not feature a high-powered offense, batting just .265 on the year, so Cale and the rest of the pitching staff can relax and focus on attacking hitters and limiting walks, things that the pitcher said she has worked on lately.

Cale respects the abilities of Valparaiso, but remains optimistic about her team's chances and what they can accomplish the rest of the way.

"I've heard that Valparaiso is strong all around," she said. "They're one of the best in the conference but if we don't play hesitant or timid and play like we've been playing I don't think we can be beaten."



LAYING IT DOWN — Senior first baseman Becky Hibner squares for the bunt as the pitcher winds up from the circle. Hibner and the Penguins take on the Valparaiso Crusaders on the road in the team's next series. Valparaiso currently sits as the top team in the league with an 8-2 record while the Penguins are fighting back into the mix with a 4-12 Horizon League mark. Photo courtesy of Ron Stevens.

Player to Watch



McKenzie Bedra
Infielder
No. 16
.303 average
30 hits
6 doubles
6 home runs
18 RBIs
17 runs
.545 slugging
12 walks
.947 fielding