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## YSU closes for second time this winter

Ashley Fox  
Reporter

Students witnessed history for the second time this winter when Youngstown State University cancelled classes at 2 p.m. Tuesday until noon Wednesday. A year ago today, the university closed for the first time since Feb. 17, 2003.

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Safety was in question Wednesday when temperatures fluctuated above and below freezing. The alternation between

snow and freezing rain led to unsafe conditions on the road for commuters.

The main issue on both days

was ice. Executive Director of Facilities John Hyden said it was hard to keep up with ice accumulation on parking lots. The university president has the authority to declare the closing. He also relies on the opinions from the provost, vice president for administration and finance, and especially the director of facilities, who oversees crews on campus.

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### TAX PREPARATION

## Working for the taxman: Don't forget to file

J. Breen Mitchell  
Reporter

Tax season can be a time of confusion, especially for students. Often, students are unsure of how to file or what the best ways to do so are.

"My dad's friend usually does all of our taxes," said senior Bernadette Farina.

Others said taxes are not complicated for them, because their financial situations are reasonably simple.

"I do mine myself," said freshman Elizabeth King. "I own nothing; I get little to nothing back. I just use the easy form. I get it at the library."

Students who choose to go this route should be aware of a few tips in order to avoid making unnecessary mistakes.

A press release issued last month from H & R Block stated there are deductions, often overlooked, that can save the filer thousands of dollars.

Among these are occupational deductions for business expenses, day care costs, care for elderly parents, energy efficiency and college tuition. Deductions for tuition can be worth up to \$2,000.

A call to the Internal Revenue Service directed The Jambar to the IRS Web site, which contains tips for students filing their tax returns.

The site defines taxable income as pay for services performed, income from self-employment, investment income, and certain scholarships and fellowships.

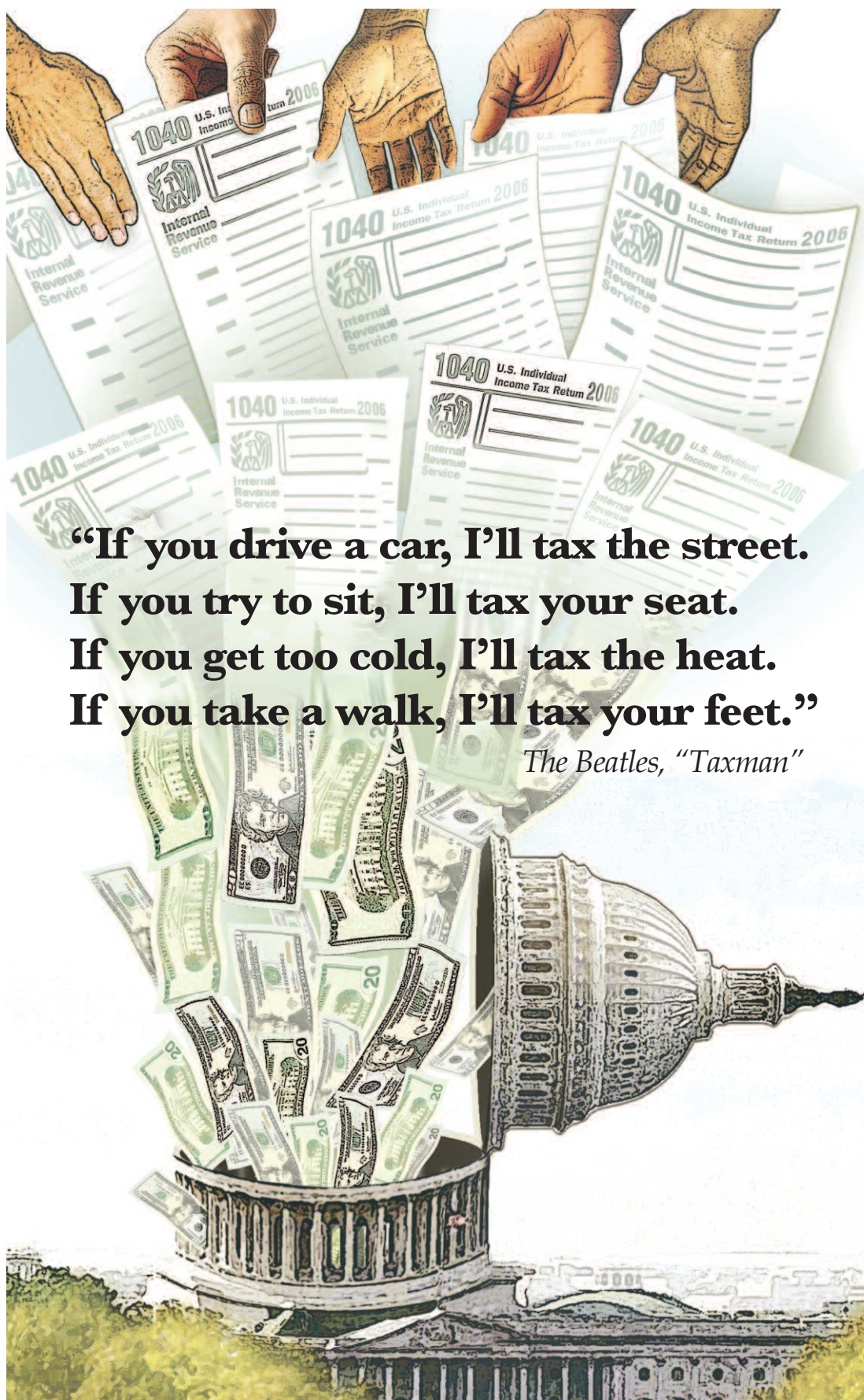
Income can be found on the W-2 form, and it should be noted that tips are considered taxable income.

Scholarships to pay for tuition are generally not taxable, but portions used to pay for room and board and other expenses are.

Specific questions can be directed to the tax law department of the IRS.

There are campus resources available for students who don't want to attempt to do their own taxes.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance is a program through which students volunteer to prepare tax returns for



"If you drive a car, I'll tax the street.  
If you try to sit, I'll tax your seat.  
If you get too cold, I'll tax the heat.  
If you take a walk, I'll tax your feet."

The Beatles, "Taxman"

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### YSU

## New tax raises campus dining prices

Adrienne Sabo  
Editor in Chief

A bottle of water from Kilcawley Center's Bagel Stop at Youngstown State University may cost more than \$1.25 soon.

Tom Totterdale, general manager of Dining Services, said the university is required by state law to tax certain items. He said since the university is tax exempt it was under the impression that the food was, too.

This is not the case. He said he has been working with the company who runs the cash registers to fix the problem.

When it was fixed, the new register program went live immediately. The staff did not have time to learn the new system, and the tax went into effect immediately, he said.

"When they did it, it was all of a sudden set live," he said.

Totterdale said the tax has been turned off for now so they can learn what works and practice on the new system.

"[There will be] no taxes at this time until we get it straightened out," he said.

When the system is up and running, students with meal plans are tax exempt and will not be taxed. Taxes will apply not only to bottled drinks, but also to dine-in options at campus-run restaurants.

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Dining Services

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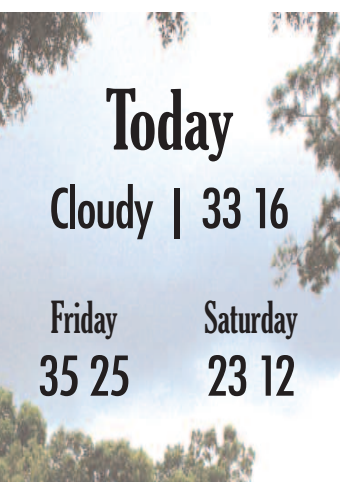
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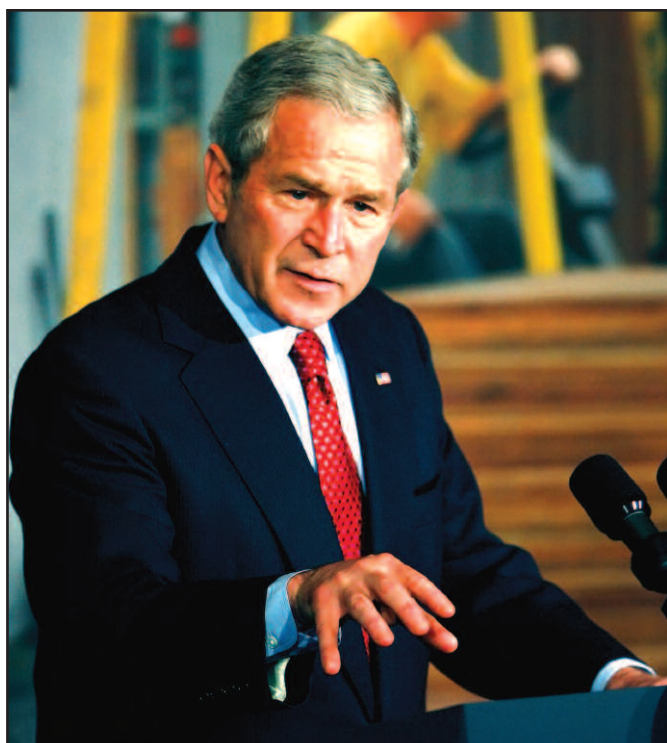
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President George W. Bush gives his assessment of the U.S. economy during a statement at Hallmark Cards during his visit to Kansas City, Missouri. Photo from MCT Campus

### NATIONAL

## Bush signs economic stimulus package

Robert Schroeder  
MarketWatch

President Bush signed a \$168 billion economic stimulus package on Wednesday that will extend rebates to U.S. taxpayers, give tax breaks to businesses and make more-expensive mortgages available through the government and government-sponsored mortgage-finance companies.

"We have come together on a single mission and that is to put the peoples' interests first," Bush said at a White House signing ceremony. He was flanked by members of Congress and his Cabinet.

Bush said the U.S. economy has clearly slowed but that the package is "a booster shot for our economy."

Approved by lawmakers last week, the package provides a tax

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rebate of up to \$1,200 per working couple, plus \$300 per child.

Businesses get tax breaks to invest in capital equipment as part of the stimulus plan.

There are also provisions to make more-expensive mortgages available through the Federal Housing Administration and government-sponsored enterprises Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

In an interview Wednesday afternoon on CNBC, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said the weakened housing market is still the biggest risk to the economy.

The package amounts to about 1 percent of U.S. gross domestic product.

Taxpayers will not have to apply for the rebate; it would come automatically based on their 2007 tax return.

Economists who have analyzed the numbers say it will give the economy a much-needed boost in the middle of the year. But almost every economist agrees that the business tax breaks will

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With signs, stuffed animals and text messages, residents ask — and sometimes forget to ask — roommates for privacy so they can get it on.

**Sarah Sole**  
News Editor

**F**or freshman Rachel Addis, making as much noise as humanly possible was the best way to avoiding the sight of her roommate having sex.

Addis, returning from “sexile,” hoped the roommate and her boyfriend would have enough time to get decent.

“I was just unlocking it slowly, so she could hear the lock,” Addis said.

This was one of the times when Addis’s roommate had her boyfriend over. Every other weekend, Addis became a stranger to her own dorm room. She knew when she should leave. It was just the returning part that was tricky.

While Addis’s situation mercifully ended with a roommate change, getting sexiled, or kicked out by a roommate who needs alone time with a significant — or not so significant — other is something many campus residents have to deal with at Youngstown State University.

For some, improvised doorknob decorations provide a subtle yet clear sign of an occupied room.

Erik Krannich, a freshman, said he hangs a pink stuffed monkey on his doorknob to let his roommate know when to give him some privacy.

AJ Giorgi, a freshman, goes with the more traditional “do not disturb” sign.

Problems can arise though, when roommates don’t communicate.

While Giorgi provided friendly warning, his roommate wasn’t always so conscientious.

“He would never warn us when he had anyone in here,” Giorgi said, of his roommate who used to nick-

name his bed “the bat cave.”

“That’s why we had to develop the do not disturb sign,” Giorgi said.

Freshman Erik Flach had a similar experience, when his roommate neglected to ask him to leave.

Flach was watching a movie when his roommate returned with a guest. Instead of asking him to leave, his roommate just turned the fan on full blast, Flach said.

The fan though, didn’t do anything to diffuse the situation.

Flach watched helplessly as his roommate stumbled out of “the bat cave,” dropped his pants and grabbed a condom out of the

ing the night in the study lounge, he said he didn’t care about getting kicked out, or walking in on the action. He had to laugh.

He could understand, however, how repeatedly playing the privacy card could wear on a person’s patience.

“I can see how it’d be annoying, though,” he said.

Communicating via text messaging helps freshman Josh Barber work with his roommate to make sure they give each other space when they need it.

“We’re a team,” Barber said, “We don’t c--- block or anything.”

Freshman Lauren Shaver said she can easily talk with her roommate about claiming the room for private time.

“We usually know when something’s going on,” she said.

And even when they don’t, sometimes that’s OK, too.

Wishing to share her excitement over discovering popcorn in the microwave, freshman Katie Stoll accidentally barged in on her roommate doing the deed.

After realizing what was going on, she said, “Oh, OK, never mind,” and walked out of the room, Stoll said.

Stoll, however, said that communication and a locked door help keep the privacy issue conflict free.

Though Stoll said talking to her old roommate was awkward because they weren’t close, she said girls are able to talk about sex even if they aren’t best friends.

Addis, however, said that dealing with sex is more difficult when a person isn’t close with her roommate.

Since she is close to her new roommate, Addis said it would be easy to ask for some alone time. Talking about sex is easier if roommates are understanding of one another, she added.

Gender might also be a factor.

Girls have a harder time dealing with privacy issues than guys do,

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**Erik Flach**  
Freshman

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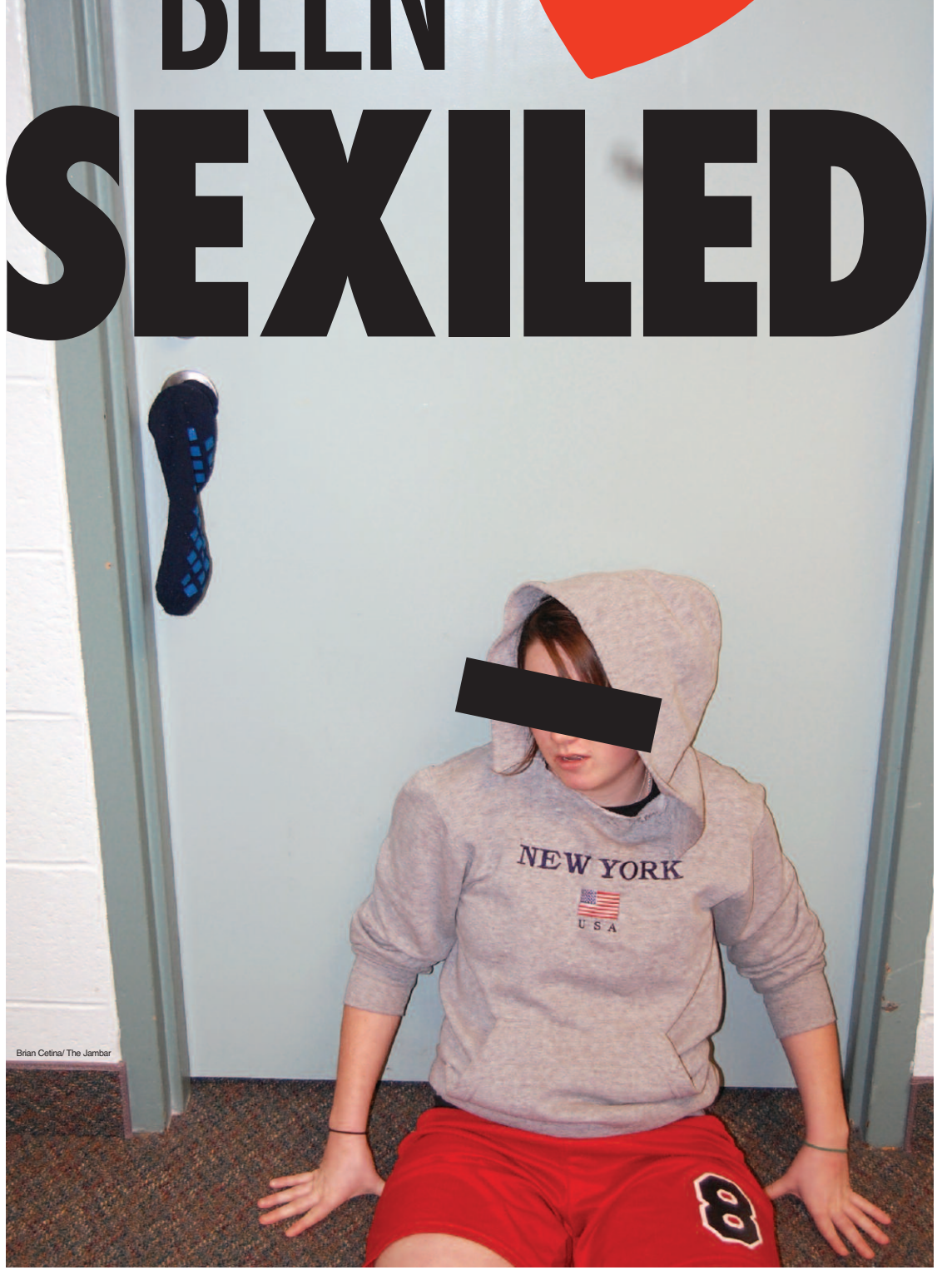
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Mike Barlak, a junior, said he didn’t mind when he was sexiled from his room once during his freshman year.

After hanging out with friends, Barlak and his roommate went their separate ways for the night. But Barlak returned to his room to find it occupied.

“I opened the door and he was there with someone,” he said.

Though Barlak ended up spend-



said freshman Sean Stewart, Addis’ new roommate.

“It’s definitely harder for girls to talk about it,” she said, adding that girls easily get labeled as sluts.

Roommates should try to be respectful of each other, she said.

“We all have needs,” she said.

There is a point though, when a roommate’s sexual activity could put too much of a strain on the continual request for privacy.

“There’s a fine line,” Stewart said.

Coming up with a system is vital for successfully giving roommates

privacy, Addis said. Hanging stuff from a door just might be a solution, she added.

“That way, you wouldn’t have to worry about getting in touch with them and bugging them,” she said, “when you’re trying to give them space in the first place.”

POP CULTURE

## Outrageous sex acts shock students

### Eiffel Tower Strawberry Shortcake Dirty Sanchez Alaskan Pipeline

**Emmalee Torisk**  
Contributor

Freshman Molly Toth will never dance to “Crank That (Soulja Boy)” the same way again.

Despite knowing both the lyrics and dance to Soulja Boy’s 2007 hit, which topped the Billboard Hot 100 chart, Toth was unaware like many other unsuspecting listeners, of the hidden meaning behind the line, “Superman that ho.”

While “Supermanning” certainly sounds like a sex act from the context of the song, the meaning isn’t obvious.

In fact, it’s too raunchy to describe in print.

When Toth discovered the exact nature of the Superman sexual act, she responded with a mixture of horror, disgust and strange fascination.

“This either says that people are really creative ... or really bored,” she said.

The Superman is the latest version of a long-running joke: outlandish sex acts with funny names.

Ever heard of the Eiffel Tower?

The Strawberry Shortcake? How about the Dirty Sanchez or the Alaskan Pipeline?

From the commonly heard of to the downright bizarre, every possible sex act has a code name, no matter how doubtful it is that they’re actually performed, students said.

Freshman Brittany Dripps didn’t know what the Superman was either, but also had no immediate interest in finding out.

“Please don’t tell me,” she said, after admitting that she usually doesn’t hear lingo like that in the majority of music she listens to.

Dripps said the code names were probably invented to keep older people out of the loop. Slang about other topics functions that way.

Toth, who was nearby, commented that she would probably never talk about strange sex acts in front of her parents.

“I can’t imagine myself ever walking up to my mother and being like, ‘Hey Mom! I Supermanned that ho last night!’” Toth said.

Other students were baffled by the abundance of codes for sex acts.

Despite being a self-proclaimed lover of potty humor, freshman Christena Weatherspoon said she wanted to scrub herself clean and then attend church after hearing about the Superman and a few others.

Weatherspoon said people talk the talk, but don’t really walk the walk.

Most of the sex acts must be quite far from reality, or simply wishful thinking, she said.

Even so, when she remembered hearing about the Dustin Diamond sex tape, her views changed.

“Yuck,” she said, acknowledging that if Screech from “Saved by the Bell” could make a sex tape featuring the Dirty Sanchez, then anything is possible.

Sophomore Nancy Weikart said most of these sexual acts are not-so-happy accidents and should not, by any means, be a goal.

Take the angry pirate for instance.

“I think it’s just an accident that got named,” Weikart said.

“I mean, can you imagine someone actually trying to do the Angry Pirate?” she said.

Still, talk of these sex acts must

## BUT SERIOUSLY

Performing any of these sex acts without the express permission of the other party could constitute sexual battery or gross sexual imposition under Ohio law. Both are felonies.

Sexual battery occurs when the other person is unaware the incident is happening.

Gross sexual imposition is the unwanted touch of an erogenous zone that the victim cannot control.

The penalty for sexual battery is one to five years and the penalty for gross sexual imposition is six to 18 months.

Source: Ohio Revised Code on Sexual Assault Crimes

have an origin somewhere.

Freshman Rick Pollo called the terms immature, saying that guys probably talk about the sex acts more frequently than girls.

He said when talking about sex, girls are much more sophisticated and mature than guys, and don’t have a need for funny code names.

Pollo said that when girls say “breast,” guys laugh and use a slang term.

Freshman Dan Centofanti said people use euphemisms because they’re embarrassed and want to be as inconspicuous as possible about “their sexual antics.”

“I just think it’s funny because

[the Superman] is in a pop song played on the radio and most people don’t know what it’s about,” he said.

Centofanti has one piece of advice for other students.

“Just practice safe sex,” he said. “We don’t need any more Supermen.”

## Try these creative V-Day dates without breaking the bank

**Rachel Ciardi**  
Reporter

Whether you’ve got a special someone or a group of single friends, your Valentine’s Day can be unforgettable this year. Youngstown State University students have unique and fun options, right on campus.

Just in time for the holiday, a love-themed exhibit opens today at the Butler

Institute of American Art.

There is no admission fee for the museum, making it affordable to hit up the gift shop and Winslow’s Cafe for a small keepsake and a cup of coffee afterward.

Or swing your loved one around at Swing Night hosted by Cedar’s Lounge and Restaurant, located downtown. Swing Night is every Thursday from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. for those 18 and older.

For those who want to celebrate a late Valentine’s Day there will be

bands playing Friday and Saturday.

From swinging to singing, University Pizzeria’s Open Mic Night takes place at 9 p.m. at the bar’s Lincoln Avenue location.

This opens up a great opportunity to plan the perfect serenade to the one you love.

A simpler, bolder and very public approach could also be taken.

Creative types might consider displaying a sweet V-Day message on The Rock outside Kilcawley Center. Brush the snow away and

try painting expressions of love to tell your Valentine how you feel.

If you can find a snow-free patch of pavement and some chalk, you can share affections without a single splash of paint.

With this year’s cold and snowy February, stargazing can get too chilly.

Finishing your Valentine’s Day date inside the campus planetarium — located in Ward Beecher Science Hall and always open to the public — is written in the stars.

## Love is in the art

**Melissa Frederick**  
Reporter

“Chinese Calligraphy 2.0 — The Love Character Abstract Symbolism Series” by Wenlan Hu Frost opens today.

The series consists of 40 acrylic on canvas paintings, with the Chinese character ai, which means love, in the center of each.

Vibrant colors and varying backgrounds make a bigger kaleidoscopic image.

Each painting has a name ranging from “Iridescent Rich Silver Love on Iridescent Rich Gold 1.0” to “The Love of The World Trade Center 2.0,” reflecting a conveyance of themes through one symbol.

This series, her first major body of art works, was created just one year after Frost began study painting under master painter Xinsheng Wang.

Frost was 48 years old at the time.

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**OUR SIDE**

## We hope Clinton's Ohio plans inspire Obama, McCain

With the Democratic ticket undecided and the future of Senators Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama still in the air, Ohio's vote once again matters.

The March 4 primary in Ohio, along with the one in Texas, will largely help to confirm the Democratic nominee. In this year's tight race, it is important for candidates from both political parties to campaign as much as possible throughout those states.

So far, no presidential hopefuls have made a public appearance in Youngstown. Cities across the state have organizational meetings planned for the candidates — minus the stars of the show.

In a WFMY TV interview Tuesday morning, Clinton accepted a Youngstown debate with Democratic rival Obama.

Clinton's in-person plans for Ohio include a rally at The Ohio State University and a private meeting at Lordstown General Motors, both today, a Lyndhurst rally Friday, and a Clinton-Obama debate at Cleveland State University Feb. 26.

A Vindicator news watch alerted talk of a Youngstown appearance by Clinton and former president Bill as early as next week, and one by Senator Ted Kennedy, endorsing Obama, as early as Saturday.

The source said Obama plans to visit Youngstown before the primary is over.

In a city with a history of labor and economic issues, what candidate wouldn't want to be here? Youngstown State University is a rich source for potential voters. Youngstown deserves the same credit as other cities in Ohio for its political influence and voters.

The people of the Valley have voting power. The race isn't over.

"We're going to work hard and campaign hard in Ohio," Clinton told Laurie Lehosky of WFMY. Youngstown is hoping all three presidential candidates follow Clinton's enthusiasm.

**POLICIES**

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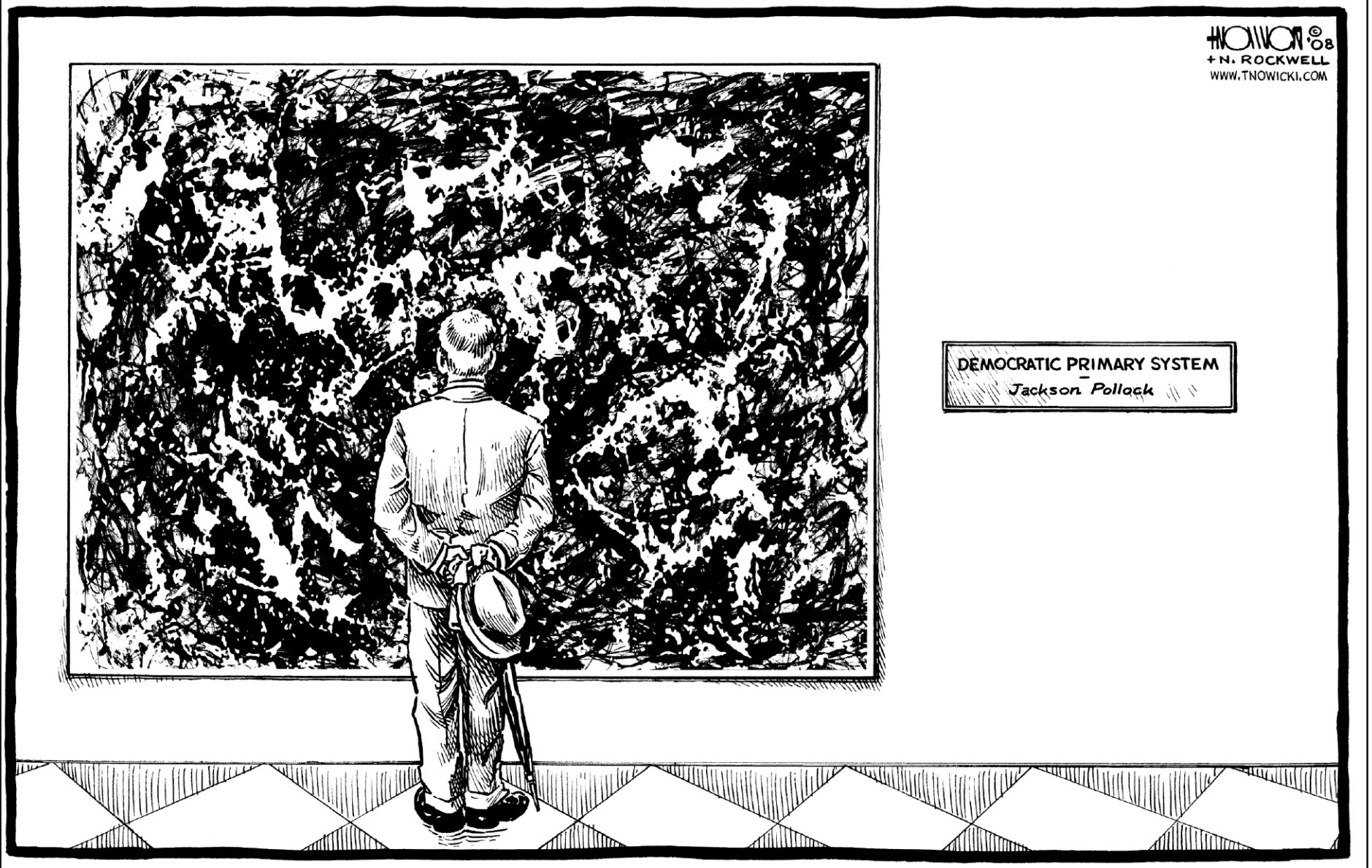
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**COMMENTARY**

## Democrats' superdelegates: Equal, only more so

McClatchy-Tribune News Service (MCT)

If you vote for a candidate for president, and your candidate receives the most votes, then your candidate wins, right?

Not necessarily in the Democratic primary. (Nor in the infamous general election of 2000, as you might recall.)

Before this year, few people knew — or cared — that a group of Democratic Party insiders known as "superdelegates" had the potential to cancel out the votes of ordinary citizens.

But more Democrats are paying attention now that the closeness of the race between Sens. Hillary Clinton of New York and Barack Obama of Illinois has increased the likelihood of superdelegates deciding who will be the party nominee. As of Monday, Obama and Clinton were virtually deadlocked.

To win the nomination, a candidate needs 2,025 of the 4,090 delegates at stake at the Democratic National Convention; among them are 796 superdelegates. A superdelegate isn't bound to vote for a given candidate, regardless of the popular vote in his or her state's pri-

mary or caucus.

(The Republican Party doesn't have superdelegates, although it does have 463 "unpledged" delegates, about 19 percent of the total.)

Most superdelegates are elected Democratic Party officials, including all of the Democratic members of Congress.

These men and women are the prizes in a parallel, less visible contest between Clinton and Obama. More than half of the Democratic superdelegates haven't declared which candidate they will support.

Democratic Party officials should get rid of this establish-

ment-friendly rule before the next presidential contest. This system, in place for decades, has the potential to undermine the collective will of voters. Who knows what deals will be made to gain a superdelegate's allegiance?

Democratic officials defend superdelegates, saying it makes sense to include people who have worked hard for the party and are passionate about its success. They say superdelegates don't ignore voters' wishes.

Even regular delegates aren't bound by law to vote for a particular candidate, although they almost always vote for the person to whom they are pledged.

Still, the very existence of superdelegates is the party's way of saying it doesn't trust the will of the voters.

This feature was created to ensure that the Democratic Party establishment could nullify a candidate deemed too risky. But it has the potential this year to deny voters the final say in a contest between two strong candidates.

Political parties, of course, have the right to create rules as they see fit. But allowing so many freelancing delegates increases the likelihood of a contest being settled in a backroom — not at the ballot box.

**COMMENTARY**

## Americans need healthy dose of government

David Boyer  
Opposition

Politicians, including the current presidential candidates, treat different health care plans as weapons to attack their opponents rather than a real problem. They all claim the ultimate government fix that would allow everyone to soak in the benefits of affordable health care.

These promises have been made before by someone. Who was it? That is right, every politician in office since I can remember. Thanks to all these brilliant plans from the past, we now have over 20 million working Americans without insurance.

According to the New York Times, over a 12-month period, 41 percent of the uninsured were unable to see a doctor when needed because of cost; 56 percent had no

personal doctor or health care provider.

All thanks to our brilliant politicians, who put our government to work for us to provide the best health insurance they know how.

My sarcasm derives from the weariness brought on from reading the presidential candidates' solutions to health care. The stand made by the Libertarian Party, that government interference in the health care system is the root of the problem we face, starts making a lot of sense after reading claims that echo past revelations.

Relief from the overwhelming cost of health care could be found by eliminating government subsidies of health care and the Food and Drug Administration. The FDA aids in raising health care cost while keeping those in need from access through countless regulations.

Pointing to Canada as an exam-

ple of a successful health care system may not be such a good idea. The Wall Street Journal reported that on June 9, 2005, the Supreme Court of Canada issued an opinion saying, in effect, that Canada's vaunted public health care system produces intolerable inequality. Canada waits an average of 17.9 weeks for surgery and other therapeutic treatments.

Enough said. Now, the next time you hear some politician ramble on about his brilliant plan for a better health care system, think of the endless waiting lines in Canada, the failures of the dozens of government plans before, or the lack of your health insurance.

The government has had their chance to provide adequate health care on both sides through Bill Clinton and now George Bush Jr. The time has come to take the issue into our own hands.

## THE JAMBAR ASKS

### What are you doing this Valentine's Day?



"Going out with a girl."  
Dominick DeMarco, freshman



"Giving a thorough extra oral intra oral exam."  
Kelly Monroe, sophomore dental hygiene major



"Out to a romantic dinner."  
Shane Merkel, senior, and Kristen Harroff, sophomore



"Going out with one of my special someones. I have a couple Valentines."  
Shyra Barclay, freshman



**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

# Upset in the works

Penguins face tall task of rebounding out of their recent slump on the road against No. 9 Butler University

**Aaron Blatch**  
Sports Reporter

The last time the Youngstown State men's basketball team faced Butler, the Penguins got big nights from their three leading scorers, shooting over 50 percent from the floor and attempting 20 free throws. There was only one problem with these nice numbers — they came in a 78-69 home loss to the Bulldogs.

Since that game the Horizon League rivals have gone in different directions. The Penguins (8-16, 4-10 in-conference) are just 1-5 since the Jan. 19 match-up, losing several close games, most recently a 50-47 heart-breaker to Wright State. Butler (21-2, 10-2), unbeaten since that game and now ranked 10th in the country, has positioned itself for a high NCAA Tournament seed and a Horizon League Championship.

YSU forward John Barber said that for his team to get a road win they must continue to capitalize on the offensive end while picking up the pressure defensively.

"Of course I think we can get a win if we focus on their main guys and stay disciplined," Barber said. "We have to recognize (Pete) Campbell, (A.J.) Graves and (Mike) Green and contest all of their shots."

That senior trio, combined with freshman forward Matt Howard, was difficult to stop in the first meeting, accounting for 64 of the

Bulldogs' 78 points. While Howard scored the majority of his 20 points around the basket, Campbell and Graves knocked down timely 3-pointers when the score got close. Barber said that those big Butler baskets came from a "great team," and that the Penguins will have to answer with baskets of their own if they want a chance to win.

The real key to stopping Butler is containing Green, a 6-1 do-it-all

Liles was a force around the basket, scoring a game-high 21 points. Senior guard Byron Davis knocked down a trio of 3-pointers on his way to 16 points and Barber added 15 and eight rebounds.

Those numbers will likely have to be duplicated for the Penguins to get a win, and someone else may need to step up and give some unexpected offense. Freshman guard Vyatas Sulskis and senior forward Dwight Holmes have each shown the ability to turn it on offensively. There would be no better time for a big performance than against the 10th ranked team in college basketball.

The Penguins' recent slump may be hardest on the team's seniors, who are searching for ways to turn their final season around. Barber said this can be done by continuing

to work hard every day in practice, then carrying this effort over to games.

"It's very important for the seniors to be leaders, especially at the end of the season," Barber said. "We need to respond to this slump and lead by example by working hard."

While Barber makes no bold predictions about beating the best team in the Horizon League, he thinks that a win is possible if his team believes.

"We have to believe in ourselves, believe in God and who knows what will happen," he said.

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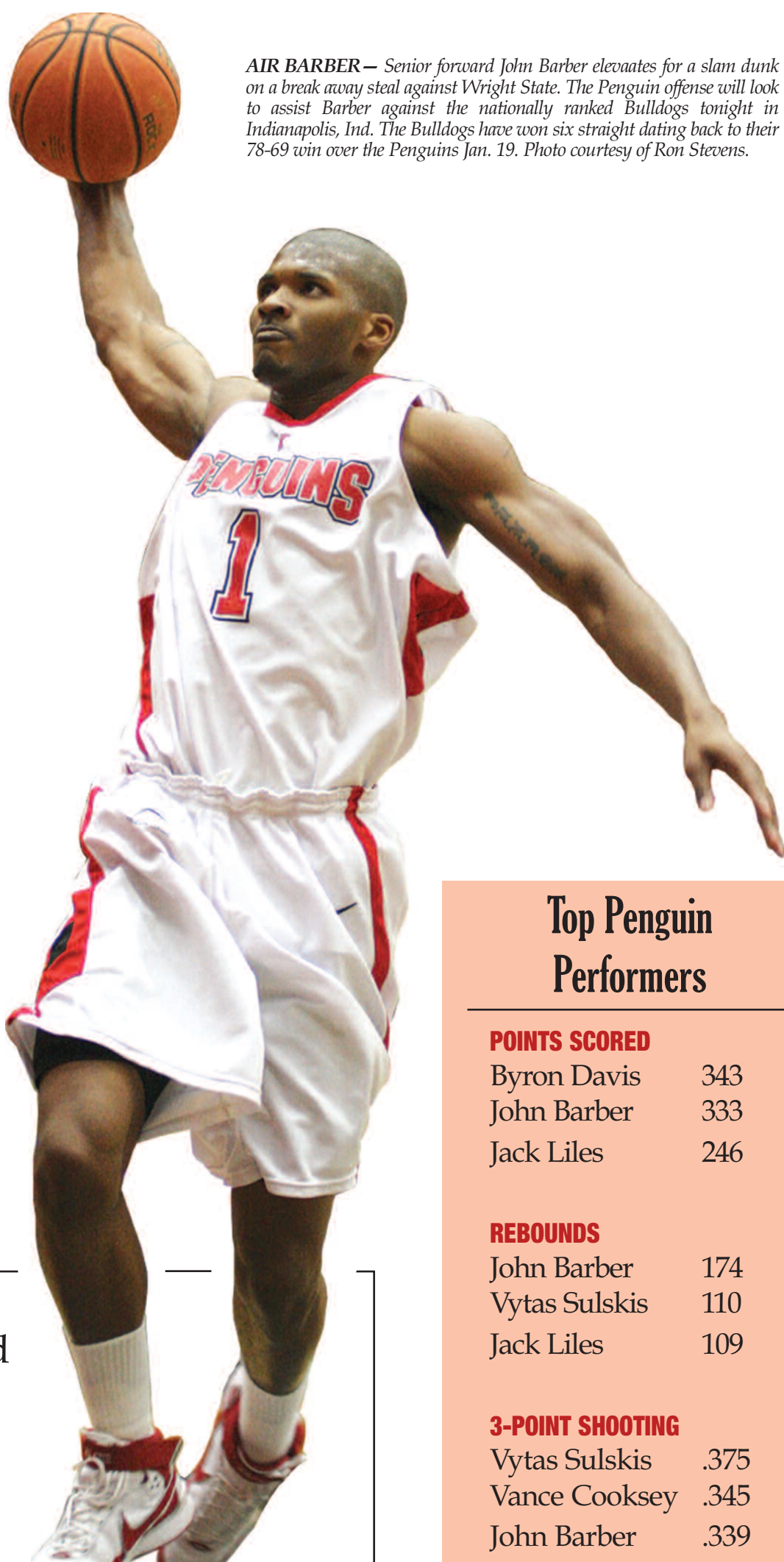
John Barber, senior forward

point guard who averages 15 points, six rebounds and 4.8 assists per game. Green's penetration often leads to open 3's for Butler's shooters. This was the case against the Penguins, when Green put up 16 points and assisted on many of his team's 11 3-pointers.

Barber said YSU has to stay in front of Green when the ball is in his hands.

"I think we have a desire to stop people off the dribble," he said.

The Penguins' three leading scorers were all impressive against the Bulldogs, helping the team to perform the rare feat of shooting over 50 percent against a tough Butler defense. Junior forward Jack



**AIR BARBER** — Senior forward John Barber elevates for a slam dunk on a break away steal against Wright State. The Penguin offense will look to assist Barber against the nationally ranked Bulldogs tonight in Indianapolis, Ind. The Bulldogs have won six straight dating back to their 78-69 win over the Penguins Jan. 19. Photo courtesy of Ron Stevens.

## Top Penguin Performers

**POINTS SCORED**

Byron Davis	343
John Barber	333
Jack Liles	246

**REBOUNDS**

John Barber	174
Vyatas Sulskis	110
Jack Liles	109

**3-POINT SHOOTING**

Vyatas Sulskis	.375
Vance Cooksey	.345
John Barber	.339

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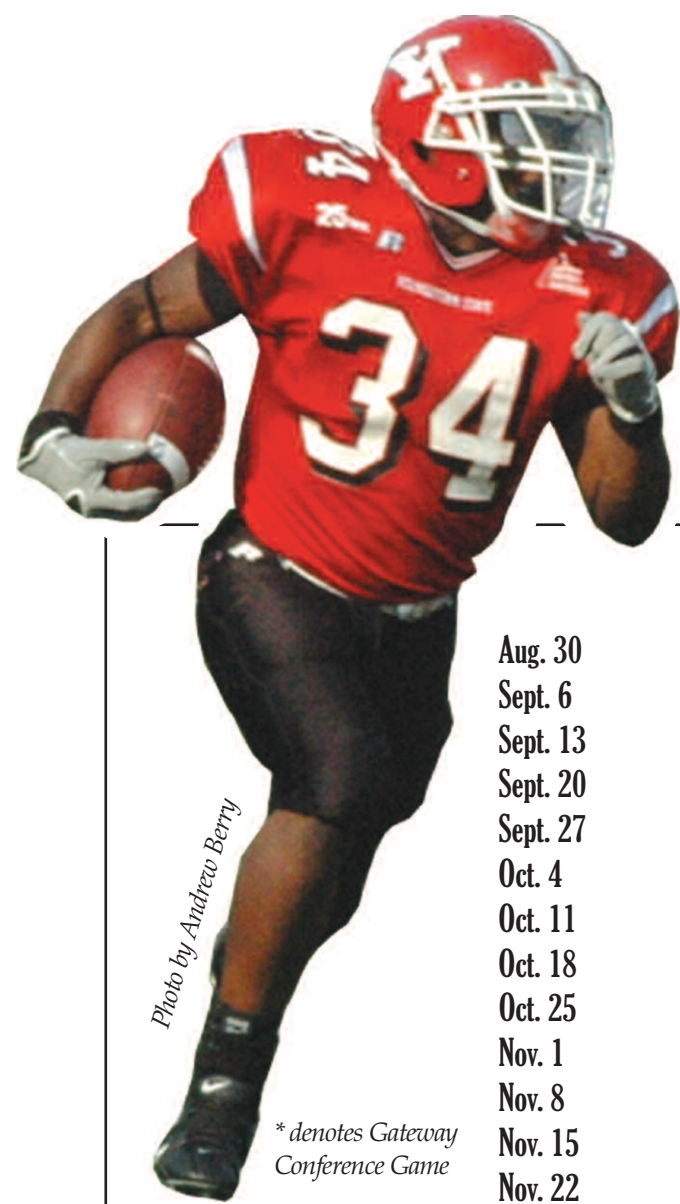


**Mike Green**  
Senior - Guard  
No. 10

370 points scored  
15.4 ppg  
152 rebounds  
119 assists  
37 steals

**FOOTBALL**

# Penguins slated to play at Ohio State, record-tying 12 total games in 2008



**Andrew Berry**  
Sports Editor

The Youngstown State University football team found out Tuesday how hard it must work to get back to the playoffs in 2008.

The new schedule released by the athletic department comes complete with big games and unusual trends that have resurfaced with the 2008 season's layout of games.

For the first time since 1993 and just the fourth time since joining the ranks of Division I football, the Penguins will play their first two

games on the road beginning with a rematch against Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

The 2008 season will also mark the second time in school history the Penguins will play a 12-game schedule. With additions of North Dakota State and South Dakota State, the Gateway Football Conference has expanded to allow more flexible conference scheduling. The last time YSU played a 12-game slate was in 2003.

The upcoming season will also see the Penguins take on several opponents the team has not faced in a number of decades.

Central State will clash with YSU for the first time since 1979 when the two teams met on the field of Austintown Fitch High School. The Marauders will be the home-opener for the Penguins the third week of the season.

Gateway newcomer North Dakota State is another opponent that has been absent on the Penguins schedule for the longest time. The two teams have only ever played twice with the last meeting coming in 1973. Last season, the Bison finished 10-1 and defeated Minnesota of the Big Ten Conference.

While the team will once again have the goal of getting into the playoffs in 2008, the road to the postseason will be a difficult one to travel. The tough games in 2008 include Ohio State (10-2), Northern Iowa (10-0) and North Dakota State (10-1).

## 2008 Schedule

Aug. 30	at Ohio State	Noon
Sept. 6	at South Dakota State*	7 p.m.
Sept. 13	Central State	4 p.m.
Sept. 20	North Dakota State*	6 p.m.
Sept. 27	Liberty	6 p.m.
Oct. 4	at Southern Utah	TBD
Oct. 11	at Missouri State*	2:30 p.m.
Oct. 18	Southern Illinois*	4 p.m.
Oct. 25	UNI* (Homecoming)	4 p.m.
Nov. 1	at Illinois State*	2:30 p.m.
Nov. 8	Indiana State*	1 p.m.
Nov. 15	OPEN	
Nov. 22	at Western Illinois*	2:05 p.m.

\* denotes Gateway Conference Game

**SWIMMING AND DIVING**



**ON THE HORIZON** — Junior Natasha Bray fights the ripple during the distance free event. After last season's 5th place finish in the League Championship, Bray and the Penguins are working to make sure their regular season success carries over. Photo courtesy of Sports Information.

## Swimmers begin training for upcoming League Championships

**Max Somerville**  
Reporter

For swimmers, training harder than ever means less time in the water.

In the world of swimming, training harder equals less exertion. In a technique called tapering, the Youngstown State University swimming and diving team swims fewer yards in a week than they would during the regular season. Instead of swimming 50,000 to 60,000 yards a week, the team might only go 25,000. This ensures that the team is rested up for the big matches and that their muscles are in top condition.

After finishing a strong season, the team is focused on the Horizon League Championship.

"It's been an exciting year," said Matt Anderson, head coach of the YSU swimming and diving team.

"We have had one of the strongest and most well-rounded teams," he said.

The penguins set five school records this season.

"Though we have played some great teams during the regular season, the Horizon League certainly has the deepest level of competition," said Anderson.

While the championship has always been known as a tough challenge for his squad, Anderson said he has faith in his team and their ability. The anticipation and the fact that the team is ready and rested has put its "confidence at an all-time high," he said.

Last year, the team placed a school-high 5th place in the Horizon League Championship.

This year's Horizon League Championship for swimming and diving starts in Cleveland Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. and continues through the last day of the event on Feb. 23.