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Spring enrollment grows at Youngstown State University

Darlene Wagner
Reporter

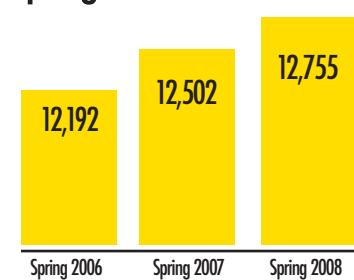
According to a report released last week by the Office of Institutional Research at Youngstown State University, spring enrollment is up.

Demand for professionalized employees caused the increase, said William Countryman, interim director of Enrollment Services.

"Jobs in health and human service are on the rise. Jobs and employers want people with specialized training," Countryman said.

Countryman commented on Governor Ted Strickland's proposed \$1.7 billion jobs package, which includes expanding access to college for high school seniors and ensuring that high-quality associate and bachelor's degrees be available on a campus within 30 miles of every Ohioan.

Spring Enrollment



Source: YSU Office of Institutional Research

"Ohio State University turns away students. YSU has an open admission policy. All applicants that meet the requirements will be accepted here," he said.

Countryman explained that the university is capable of handling the influx of additional students.

"We do have space in classrooms. The physical aspect of facilities is very tight, however, with the addition of the new business college, it should free up some room to

house other classes," he said.

Countryman concluded by saying that students target the prime hours between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. for scheduling classes.

Countryman said that "ample classes" are available in the afternoon, but many students have family or work obligations during those hours.

Countryman said this is a trend across the United States, and YSU

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POLITICS

Clinton replaces campaign manager; Obama takes Maine

Mike Dorning & Jill Zuckman

Chicago Tribune

Hillary Clinton replaced her campaign manager on Sunday, shaking up the leadership of a presidential bid that has experienced financial difficulties and fell short of an early goal to wrap up the Democratic nomination by last week's Super Tuesday contests.

The departure of campaign manager Patti Solis Doyle, a long-time aide whose tenure with the former first lady goes back to Bill Clinton's first presidential campaign in 1992, was announced hours before rival Barack Obama won Maine's caucuses.

The Illinois senator's victory follows a sweep a day earlier of votes in three states and the Virgin Islands, though the two Democratic candidates are close together in overall delegate counts.

Clinton installed as the new campaign manager her former chief of staff at the White House, Maggie Williams, who joined the campaign in early January and brought aboard a new group of advisers.

The Clinton campaign faced a financial crunch in the run-up to the Super Tuesday quasi-national primary Feb. 5 that required the New York senator to lend her campaign \$5 million. Last week, the campaign briefly asked senior staff to go without pay but reversed itself after an emergency fundraising appeal that aides said raised \$10 million by Saturday.

During January, the Obama



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campaign raised a staggering \$32 million and expanded its donor base to 650,000 contributors. The Clinton campaign lagged far behind, raising \$13.5 million.

Solis Doyle had been living on borrowed time as Clinton's campaign manager following the poor showing in Iowa and the rockiness leading up to the New Hampshire primary.

"What happened today would have happened the day after New Hampshire had we lost," one knowledgeable source said, adding that others may soon follow Solis Doyle's departure.

Initially, Williams was brought in to run the campaign even though Solis Doyle was still there. The result was confusion and awkwardness for the staff, who weren't sure who was really in charge, the source said.

But even more problematic was the campaign's money crunch. Over the last seven years, Clinton had raised \$175 million for her reelection and her presidential campaign. But Solis Doyle didn't tell Clinton that there was next to no cash on hand until after the New Hampshire primary.

"We were lying about money," the source said. "The cash on hand was nothing."

In turn, Clinton didn't tell Solis Doyle that she was lending her own money to keep the campaign afloat. Solis Doyle found out third-hand. And when she asked Clinton about it, the senator told her she couldn't

'Potomac Primary' states



Primary is Feb. 12; profiles of Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C., for 2006:

Delegates up for grabs:

Democrats 168 Republicans 113

	Maryland	Virginia	Washington, D.C.
Population	5.6 million	7.6 million	581,530
Pop. % chg. '00-'06	+6%	+8%	+2%
Percentage, U.S. pop.	2%	3%	<1%
White	64%	73%	38%
Black	30%	20%	57%
Hispanic	6%	6%	8%
Asian	5%	5%	3%
Foreign born (2000)	10%	8%	13%
Household income**	\$57,019	\$51,103	\$46,211
Poverty rate	9%	10%	18%
Home ownership ('00)	68%	68%	41%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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WEATHER

YSU stays open despite freezing weather, Youngstown schools close

The Jambor

With morning temperatures maxing out at a 1 degree, Youngstown State University students needed to bundle up for classes Monday.

Freshman Bianca Littlejohn layered for the cold weather.

"I'm disappointed that I have to even come to school dressed like this, because I have layered up and [am] still cold!"

While most of the area schools closed, including all public and private schools in Mahoning and Trumbull counties, YSU students didn't get off the hook. The university has a policy in place for

inclement weather. According to the university's Web site, "Classes may be cancelled when severe weather creates difficulty in maintaining clear access to the university and its parking areas and buildings"

The president makes the decision to cancel classes. In the president's absence, authority passes down a chain of command to the provost, vice president of administration, vice president for student affairs or executive director of facilities.

YSU's Web site states, "The essential question to be answered in making the decision is whether or not the primary institutional operations can be maintained."

Junior Bryan Nelling didn't have to face the cold between class-



"I wear a hoodie, scarf and a big jacket, with both hoods on my head."

Megan Cartwright, freshman

es Monday.

"Most of my classes are in DeBartolo. I just hide out there all day, study and stay warm," he said.

The American Red Cross offers tips for staying warm: Individuals should layer, and avoid being outside for prolonged periods of time. Individuals should take it easy, since overexertion strains the heart.

Good outerwear is also necessary. The American Red Cross suggests that people wear hats that cover their ears and mittens rather than gloves. Finally, people should wear insulated, waterproof boots.

While warming the body's core with hot fluids is a good way to shake off the cold, one should not drink fluids containing alcohol or caffeine, since they cause the body to lose heat faster.

Some students chose to follow the advice and layer.

"I wear long shirts, gloves and sometimes two jackets," junior Andrew Wilson said.

Freshman Megan Cartwright said, "I wear a hoodie, scarf and a big jacket, with both hoods on my head. Also, I wear warm shoes and fuzzy socks."



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YSU

"I'll definitely be back next year": Annual school of nursing job fair continues growth

Aaron Workman

Reporter

The school of nursing at Youngstown State University helped its students with their job searches Monday at its annual job fair in Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room.

Kim Serroka, associate professor and coordinator of YSU's Bachelor of Science in nursing program, said this year's fair had

a great turnout.

"We had some recruiters cancel because of the cold weather, but the student response was wonderful," she said.

Serroka said the fair has been growing in recent years, partly because of the nursing shortage. This shortage has a bright side for nursing students, though. She noted that most of the program's nursing students have a job lined up by three months before graduation, and are "looking at

about \$45,000 a year to start."

All this adds up to a win-win situation for students and recruiters at the job fair, which is held yearly the second Monday in February. Recruiters come from Youngstown, Western Pennsylvania, Akron and Cleveland, as well as the military. Serroka said the military response has been especially large, noting that military benefits are "unbelievable" and are a big draw for some students.

Several recruiters come to YSU

every year looking for qualified candidates, and they're not just looking for seniors.

"We have plenty of opportunities for sophomores and juniors as well. They can come to the fair to apply for Nurse Associate and Nurse Tech positions at hospitals, and we encourage them to attend," said Serroka.

These positions allow students to work alongside registered nurses and can offer experience and edge over

other candidates after graduation.

Linda Kaley, professional recruiter for Robinson Memorial Hospital in Ravenna, said she comes here every year because of YSU's quality students and large pool of prospective employees.

"The students here are great. They come prepared with resumes and looking professional. They know what they want," Kaley said. "I'll definitely be back next year."

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TO THE POINT

WYSU demos new technology

WYSU will unveil its new marketing campaign as well as new digital technologies at a news conference. The event includes demonstrations of HD receivers and Internet streams, and will be held at the Rosetta Stone Cafe this morning at 8:15.

University of California professor to lecture

Carolyn Merchant will speak in Kilcawley Center's Chesnut Room today at 12:30 p.m. on the following topic: "Reinventing Eden: The Fate of Nature in Western Culture." Merchant is a professor of environmental history, philosophy and ethics at University of California at Berkeley, as well as the author and editor of several works.

Music at noon

The Butler Institute of American Art will feature the YSU percussion ensemble at noon Wednesday. The event is free and open to the public.

YSU competes in RecycleMania

Up against 400 nationwide colleges and universities, YSU is competing in RecycleMania until April 6. The school that recycles the most in 10-weeks wins. The Ohio State University, Miami University and Yale are also competing.

Education summit to spotlight Youngstown school system

The Family Empowerment Student Institute will co-sponsor an education summit to discuss positive trends in the Youngstown school system. The event will take place 6 p.m Wednesday in Kilcawley Center's Chesnut Room.

POLICE BRIEFS

Student hawks fake purses on campus

It was reported that a male student was selling imitation handbags inside Meshel Hall Feb. 4. The student exited the building after an argument with officers and left in an illegally parked vehicle.

Sleeping woman issued warning

An officer on patrol Jan. 31 came across a woman sleeping in Ward Beecher Hall. Officers found she had been reported missing the day before and escorted her back to her residence. The woman was issued a warning for trespassing.

Wallet found empty

A male student reported Jan. 30 that his wallet had been lost or stolen and emptied. It was turned in to the front desk at Kilcawley House.

Theif steals candy bar

A Sodexo employee at Beeghly Hall reported that she and a customer witnessed what appeared to be a man dressed in women's clothing stealing Snickers from the atrium inside the building Jan. 30.

ACADEMICS

Students evicted from dorms for poor grades

Christina Hernandez
Newsday

State University of New York-Old Westbury has removed 87 residential students from their dormitories for having grade point averages below 2.0.

The policy has been blasted by faculty and students, but an administrator said Friday that the rule — which he described as an effort to raise academic standards — would continue.

"Our goal is to have students with us who are serious about their studies," said Michael Kinane, assistant to the president.

The students were removed from their dorm rooms last month. The Faculty Senate then unanimously passed three resolutions seeking to have the policy suspended, largely because that group feels it is inconsistent with best practices and disproportionately impacts freshmen, said Faculty Senate chair Maureen Dolan, a mathematics and computer science professor.

"I have not heard yet a single faculty member support this policy," she said.

Twenty-three of the evicted students did not register for the spring term, Kinane said.

Sandy Pierre, 20, who said she is a junior, said she received a letter during winter break that she would have to leave her dorm because her

grade point average was 1.9.

"It came as a shock to me," said Pierre, who wants to go into public relations and said she is on the school's dance team. "I was thinking of withdrawing from this semester, which I don't want to do."

Pierre said her mother now drives her to and from campus each day, but the travel is taking a toll. "I am enrolled, but it's really hard for me to actually have to commute," Pierre said.

About 1,000 of the school's 3,500 students live in dorms.

The policy has been in effect since at least 1994, Kinane said, but had not previously been enforced. University president Calvin O. Butts III had sought to do so two years ago, Kinane said, but didn't feel the school had communicated it well enough to students.

As the fall semester began, students received letters and each dorm had a meeting about the policy, Kinane said.

The overall grade point average for Old Westbury students is 2.83, down from 2.84 in fall 2006, Kinane said, while the freshman class score from fall 2007 was 2.87, up from 2.80 for the previous year's class. It is too soon to tell how the policy impacts grades, he said.

Professor Runi Mukherji, chair of the school's psychology depart-

ment, said the policy is "draconian" and punishes vulnerable students.

"I support the idea that we should have high standards and high expectations for our students," she said. "This is not the way we should achieve it."

Freshmen, who have taken few classes and may have trouble adjusting to college life, are the most at risk, she said.

Mukherji said some students removed from the dorms were unable to commute and did not have anywhere to go. Kinane said the college did not offer assistance for affected students to find alternative housing.

Esther Goodcuff, an associate vice president at Adelphi University, which has no policy linking grades to residential life, said in a statement: "Isolating students from campus may exacerbate the student's poor academic performance, rather than help them."

On Old Westbury's campus, students voiced mixed feelings about the policy.

"There's some people that got affected by it. They were partying," said Faith Rivera, 26, a senior. "But then there were people who were trying their hardest."

But other students, including Joseph Walker, 19, a sophomore, said the policy is fair. "A 2.0 is not really that hard," he said.

TECHNOLOGY

Microsoft mulls next step in battle for Yahoo

Riley McDermid
MarketWatch

Now that Yahoo has officially turned down Microsoft's "bear hug" offer, industry watchers are holding their breath as the market waits to see what shape the deal will take next.

Both parties have several options but the next move is Microsoft's, and it is probably going to have to pay up, analysts and experts said.

That's the leading option right now, along with some concerted effort to quietly win over Yahoo shareholders to support the deal. But the software giant is surely also mulling two other classic strategies — a proxy fight for control of the company's shares, or a straight tender offer directly to shareholders.

"The bottom line is that Microsoft will need to improve its bid by at least 15 percent to 20 percent from current levels to persuade both Yahoo shareholders and Yahoo's board to listen," Scott Keller, a founder and analyst for Deal Analytics who specializes in mergers and acquisition research, said in an interview.

Other analysts echoed that assessment, with most pointing to \$40 a share as the highest likely bid.

"We expect Microsoft to be willing to pay up to about \$35 per share, going as high as \$40, essentially valuing Yahoo! at \$50-\$58 billion," Sid Parakh, an analyst with McAdams Wright Ragen, wrote in an investor note Monday.

Mark Mahaney, a Citigroup analyst who tracks Yahoo, points out that Microsoft is no stranger to upping its bid prices, having recently paid premiums for several companies after multiple trips to the bargaining table.

"Microsoft paid very high valuations for aQuantive and for its stake in Facebook," Mahaney wrote to investors Monday.

Keller cites the Oracle/PeopleSoft and Hewlett-Packard/Compaq mergers as examples of similar cases where an initial rejection turned out to be only the beginning of longer, more complex deal dynamics. In the end, it is the price that will decide the issue, he said.

"Targets almost always cave in when the price is right," Keller said. How much Microsoft will be

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Scott Keller, Deal Analytics

able to spend is a whole other issue: Its half-cash, half-stock offer of \$44.6 billion has since fallen in value to \$41.5 billion after the company saw its share price fall on negative reaction to the deal.

The software giant's 12 percent drop in value could ultimately make the deal a problem for shareholders, analysts said.

But other experts agree that no matter how Microsoft does eventually counter, Yahoo needs to realize the clock is ticking.

"(Yahoo's) rejection is a classic tactic," Keller said. "However, this strategy will work only as long as (Microsoft's) proposal remains as low as it is currently."

Conversely, if Microsoft does decide to play hardball, it is likely to nominate its own slate of candidates for Yahoo's board of directors. This could ensure that the deal has some fans on the governing board.

Ballmer might have had this course of action in mind when he made the Jan. 31 offer. "(Microsoft) reserves the right to

pursue all necessary steps to ensure that Yahoo's shareholders are provided with the opportunity to realize the value inherent in our proposal," he wrote at the time.

This move would make sense to many investors, Keller said.

"(Yahoo) has very limited defenses as its disposal," Keller said. "Because (Yahoo) does not have a staggered board, a proxy fight to replace the entire board should be in Microsoft's longer-term plans."

Yahoo shareholders have until March 14 to put forward nominations for directors.

Microsoft may also attempt a tender offer, appealing directly to holders, including those short-term owners who bought the shares on speculation and would welcome a quick profit.

The experts said Microsoft might already be moving in that direction after some of Yahoo's stakeholders recently signaled they would be open to such a gambit.

On Sunday, activist Yahoo shareholder Eric Jackson announced that a group of 100 shareholders that own a combined number of 2.1 million shares is hoping to negotiate with Microsoft on their own.

The group, dubbed "Yahoo Plan B," is comprised of current and former Yahoo employees, who said they are also open to talking to other bidders.

"We have no desire to see Yahoo! continue independently with the current board and management team in place," Jackson wrote on his blog, Breakout Performance (breakoutperformance.blogspot.com), when announcing the group's existence.

But the group's portion of the company is but a drop in the ocean for Yahoo, which has 1.4 billion outstanding shares.

And Yahoo could block any tender offer made by Microsoft with its shareholder rights plan, or "poison pill", which allows the company to issue new shares at a greatly reduced discount if a hostile entity acquires a certain percentage of stock. Those extra shares would make it harder for Microsoft to obtain the majority it needs to force management's hand.

"(Yahoo's) only real defense is its poison pill, which is triggered at 15 percent, and would forestall a hostile tender offer by (Microsoft)," Keller said.

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is looking at combining some services at community colleges. "It has not been decided if YSU will oversee the program," he said.

What the numbers show

The 14th day preliminary enrollment summary shows that for the past three years, spring enrollment has steadily increased. From 2006 to 2007 there was a 2.6 percent increase in enrollment. From 2007 to 2008, there was a 2.2 percent increase in enrollment. The total three-year enrollment increase is 4.8 percent.

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Bulletin states that "excessive class absence concerns instructor and student, and consequently requires their mutual effort."

J. Douglas Faures, professor emeritus of the department of mathematics and statistics, said if students don't come to class, they will have to work harder to understand the material.

Professor Zara Rowlands of the human ecology department said she finds that in some classes it can be difficult to keep attendance, while in others, like her laboratory classes, attendance is mandatory.

Rowlands' attendance policy for FNURT 4860, a medical nutrition class, reads, "Students are expected to attend lectures, or obtain lecture notes/assignments/ announcements from fellow students if classes are missed."

"You're adults, and you're not in high school anymore," Russo said.

But some students said they question whether attendance policies are fair.

"No, if you don't want to go you shouldn't have to; it's your money," said freshman Corey Creamer.

Creamer said he believes attendance policies are effective, but if there isn't one, he won't be found in class.

Freshman Lindsay Drotar disagrees. Drotar said she doesn't have a problem with them and that some classes it's expected that you attend.

Whether or not there is an attendance policy, Drotar said students are not going to attend class if they don't want to.

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understand how the campaign had gotten to such a point, the source said.

Clinton said in a statement that Solis Doyle "has done an extraordinary job in getting us to this point - within reach of the nomination - and I am enormously grateful for her friendship and her outstanding work."

She added that "I am lucky to have Maggie on board and I know she will lead our campaign with great skill towards the nomination."

With 91 percent of the vote counted in Maine, Obama possessed a formidable lead, with 59 percent of the vote to 41 percent for Clinton.

Obama shared news of the victory at a rally in Virginia Beach that filled an exhibition hall the size of two football fields. The campaign claimed 18,000 people were at the rally.

He noted that he announced his presidential candidacy exactly one year earlier.

"We won by a sizable margin in Maine, and I want to thank the people of Maine," Obama said, stirring roars from the crowd. "We have now won on the Atlantic coast, we've won in the Gulf Coast, we won on the Pacific coast and we won in between those coasts."

Obama also won a Grammy Award on Sunday, defeating former President Bill Clinton, who was nominated in the same category, for best spoken word. Obama won for the audio version of his best-selling book "The Audacity of Hope."

Both Obama and the former first lady spent the day campaigning around Virginia, which along with Maryland and the District of Columbia hold primaries on Tuesday in what has been dubbed the Potomac Primary.

Obama and former presidential candidate John Edwards plan to meet early this week, said a source close to Edwards. Obama Communications

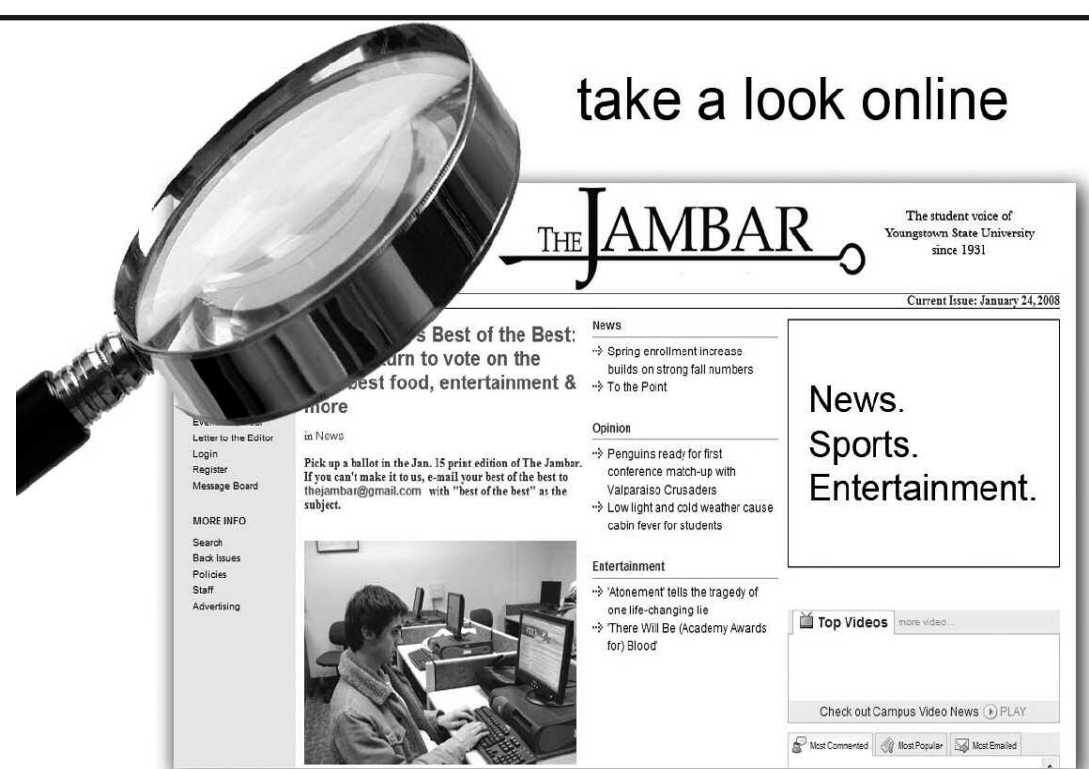
Director Robert Gibbs declined to comment. Clinton met with Edwards last week

In the contest for the Republican nomination, Mike Huckabee said he will not "walk off the field" despite a large deficit in delegates to Sen. John McCain of Arizona.

"I think we have a shot at Virginia. I think we have a shot at Maryland. I think we have a shot at everywhere we go," Huckabee said Sunday, fresh from caucus and primary wins in the Kansas and Louisiana contests on Saturday and a close fight with McCain in Washington.

"To step aside and have a coronation instead of a nomination, that's the antithesis of everything Republicans stand for," Huckabee said on NBC News' "Meet the Press."

"Miracles are still happening," the ordained Baptist minister said. "I still believe in them."



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ENTERTAINMENT

For Youngstown bars, you can always go downtown

Chelsea Pflugh
Features Reporter

Though some students mourn the temporary closing of Shenanigans Bar and Grille, downtown Youngstown offers an alternative to going deaf in a crowded club swarming with underage alcohol consumption. Better yet, downtown is within walking distance.

Many Youngstown State University students drive right past the heart of downtown on their way to distant entertainment destinations, missing a vital part of the city.

Discover the hidden treasures of Federal Plaza.



DOWNTOWN DRAUGHT HOUSE
219 West Federal St.

Also known as the D House or The D, the Downtown Draught House is one of the relics of Federal Street, especially with newer bars being built nearby, but it's proven itself as a true Youngstown bar.

It's filled with YSU memorabilia, SteelHounds gear and old Youngstown photos. It isn't the most picturesque of hangouts, but the drink prices can't be beat.

Food selections range from

Good drinks aren't cheap, and cheap drinks aren't good. And remember, drink responsibly, or have someone there to take care of you.

wings to burgers, the perfect food to eat when you're drinking one of The D's perfectly priced beers.

The Draught House has pool tables, booths and old arcade games to appeal to the drinker who likes to do more than just sit at the bar and talk the night away. This is the main hangout for hockey fans after SteelHounds games.

The Draught House has 16 beers on tap and has a choice of microbrews and imports.



IMBIBE MARTINI BAR
124 Federal Plaza West

With decor and design that could be straight out of New York City, Imbibe offers guests a variety of alcoholic choices as well as an intimate conversational setting.

The classy, chic and elegant atmosphere of Imbibe is an escape from Youngstown.

Pore over the 121 martini choic-

es on the menu by candlelight. Every flavor, combination and color of martini seems available, including classics gimlets.

Rare treats at Imbibe

- Starburst martini
- Peanut butter and jelly martini
- Grasshopper martini
- Pumpkin pie martini
- Key lime pie martini
- Java, mocha and espresso martinis

For the more adventurous, the bar serves up the purple haze and orgasmic martinis.

Imbibe also offers cocktails, wine and beer in addition to their vast martini selection. Beers from 14 countries and 10 states are available, including imports, microbrews and domestics. Beer that might be hard to find other places on Federal Street may be found here.

A word to the wise — made almost entirely of alcohol, martinis can hit a little harder. "Just one more" might be more than expected. The only thing stronger than five martinis is the hit it takes on your wallet.

Imbibe also offers a prize to the those prolific enough to try all 121 martinis within 18 months.



BARLEY'S
21 West Federal St.

Barley's could be considered a typical college hangout.

There are great drink prices and specials to save some extra cash for more books — or alcohol — and good food at decent prices.

After an ID check at the door, it's a typical bar and grille scene with dim lights, a few tables, a stocked bar, and that smell of smoke and good conversation.

Food served at Barley's is typical bar and pub food including American classics like sandwiches and fries.

With an intimate stage setting, Barley's boasts a good music scene.

Tuesday is an open mic night, Wednesday features DJ Killin, and Thursday is '80s Night with J-Scratch. Barley's offers a variety of specials throughout the week on drinks and music.

Barley's Specials

Monday — \$1.50 domestics, \$2 imports

Tuesday — \$2 cocktails

Wednesday, Flip Night — Guess the bartender's coin toss correctly, and the drink costs a quarter. Guess wrong, and it's regular price.

Saturday — \$1 beers

deserves a nice dinner now and then.

The menu consists of appetizers and soups, salads, entrees and desserts. Some highlights on the menu are the Chilean Caesar salad, a variety of steaks, surf and turf, and even some vegetarian options. Finish your meal off with lemon souffle or French cheesecake.

The cafe offers a bar menu after kitchen hours.

Live music events are also starting to pick up at Rosetta Stone. Jazz shows, including YSU ensembles, play the cafe on Wednesday and Thursday nights.



ROSETTA STONE CAFE
110 Federal Plaza West

A new addition to Federal Plaza is the Rosetta Stone Cafe, a self-proclaimed upscale dining establishment for downtown Youngstown.

Rosetta Stone is definitely a very fancy place with food on their menu that many students will never have heard of. Even if the menu may look like alphabet soup to some, there's no mistaking the product.

For college students familiar with Wendy's and Taco Bell drive-through menus, the prices may be intimidating at first, but everyone

OFF FEDERAL STREET

If you decide to take a turn off Federal Street, don't miss Cedar's Lounge and Restaurant.

Famous on campus for having a swing dance night on Thursdays, this hangout is well known for being on top of the Valley's music scene.

Musical acts as well as some YSU jazz and instrumental groups play regularly. Cedar's also has Teddy Pantela's at Cedar's on Tuesdays, and Casey and Ultimate Donny on Thursdays. Straub on tap for \$1 isn't a bad deal, either.

Closer to campus, Inner Circle Pizza and University Pizzeria and Italian Eatery both serve solid drinks from respectable bars.

Specials include \$1 bottles at University Pizza on Mondays and Bucket Night on Thursdays at Inner Circle.

Buffalo Wild Wings on Wick Avenue also offers over 10 beers on tap as well as amazing cocktails — but they cost a pretty penny.

Blu-ray may outgun HD DVD in latest format war

Brandon Judeh
Reporter

In technology format wars, popularity beats quality.

Take the Betamax vs. VHS war of the '80s. Beta was the superior format, but did not have enough studios backing it, so more movie titles were released on VHS.

While the childhood Disney tape collections of college students everywhere still commemorate the victory of VHS, the latest front in the format wars is being fought in high definition between Blu-ray discs and HD DVDs.

With the recent defection of Warner Bros. to the Blu-ray camp, HD could soon find itself outmaneuvered in terms of popularity.

News like this is not discouraging to all HD owners at Youngstown State University. Sophomore Amy Needler loves her HD player.

"It's really good; I haven't had any problems with it. It's so clear and crisp, you can see all the stars' blemishes," Needler said, "even

the ones on their souls."

So far, both sides have won some battles, with major gaming consoles each supporting one of the high def formats in addition to playing video games. Sony's Playstation 3 plays Blu-ray movies, and the Xbox 360 offers a \$180 HD player upgrade.

High def, high price

In general, standalone HD players are slightly cheaper than Blu-ray players.

HD players start out at \$299 while Blu-ray players begin at \$499. Playstation 3, perhaps, is the better deal at \$599.

There are also combo players that play both formats, but those start around \$1,000.

Most new format players will be compatible with old DVDs. DVDs in the new formats are also rather pricey, ranging from \$20 to \$28.

Brophy said that while price is an important consideration for consumers, it won't always be the deciding factor.

"I think the price difference will disappear shortly," Brophy said, suggesting that prices will drop considerably by the next holiday season.

"Early adopters of high tech gear will always pay a premium," Brophy said.

Eventually, the number of movies released on one format will outnumber the other.

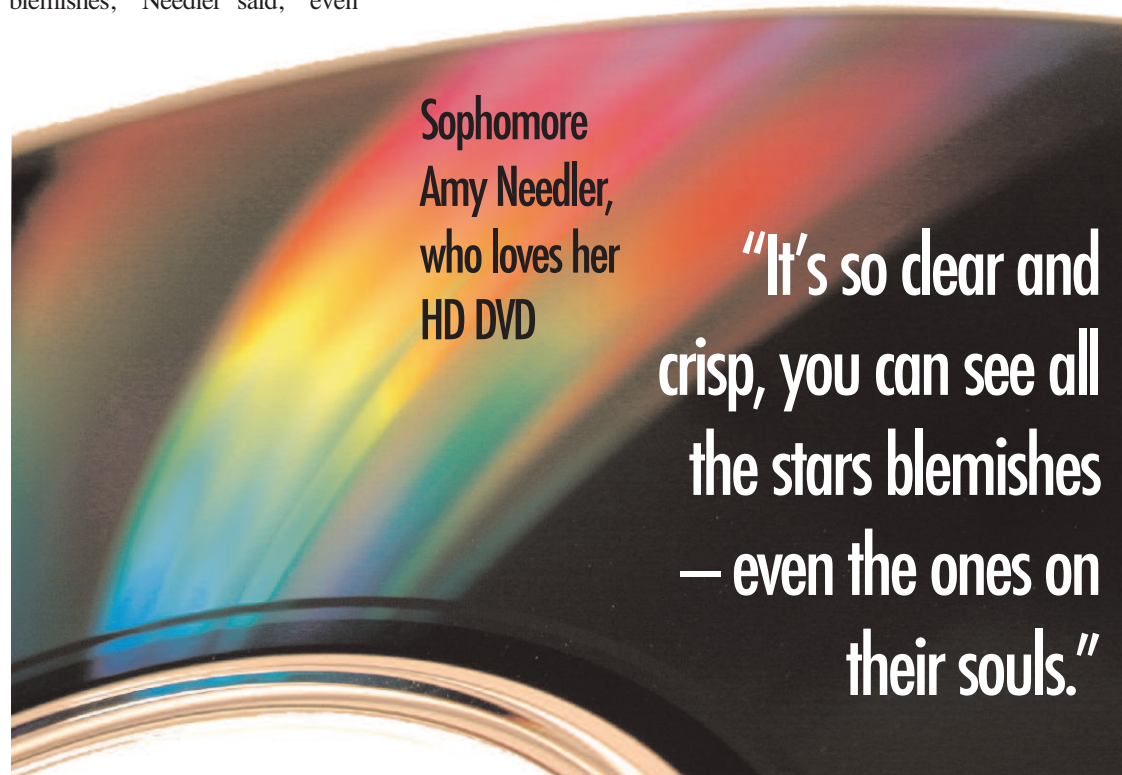
"Content is the key," he said.

More movies, less problems

As far as content goes, not only do Blu-ray disks have a higher capacity, they also have more movie studios backing them.

The Walt Disney Company, Twentieth Century Fox and MGM are just a few of the companies that put their movies out on Blu-ray.

Warner Bros. announced that it plans to start releasing its DVDs exclusively on Blu-ray starting May 2008, a switch from its current exclusive deal with HD.



Sophomore Amy Needler, who loves her HD DVD

"It's so clear and crisp, you can see all the stars blemishes — even the ones on their souls."

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OUR SIDE

Snow day gives YSU cold shoulder

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WEATHER page 1

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Akiva Academy?
 Monday morning's weather dealt a blustery blow to students' hopes of a day off — but only at Youngstown State University.

At least that's how it felt as we futilely watched for YSU on the long list of local schools that closed, only to find ourselves at the beginning of the alphabet again.

Almost a year after the historic closing of YSU on Feb. 14, we've realized that we're not getting the Valentine's Day present we got last year.

With temperatures just barely in the double digits, Monday's weather snapped us all back to reality.

Like the groundhog said, there's more winter in store.

But the worsening weather offers some perks to those who brave the cold to attend class.

For starters, parking on campus is easier. Those who chose to stay at home ultimately sacrificed their parking spaces.

It's so nice to find a parking spot at 10 a.m.

Secondly, no need to worry about being late to class.

When the rest of the students don't even show up, coming to class 10 minutes late makes you look like a hero.

Travel times between classes have never been shorter. During the cold weather we all walk like speedy super-humans, but unfortunately, super-humans who aren't immune to the cold.

The hats, scarves, coats and boots we invested in before the winter are getting put to the test. With the thermometer this low, it feels like we'll be wearing hats, scarves, coats and boots until June.

During the summer months, we take our appendages for granted. In below freezing weather, feeling in your fingers is a novelty.

Too bad we regain feeling in time for note taking.

On a chilly day like this, it seems true: Northeast Ohio is mother nature's practical joke.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to Senator Edward Kennedy's endorsement of Senator Barack Obama.

Until today, I was a strong admirer of the Kennedy family. However, this latest act by Edward Kennedy has completely changed my mind.

It really amazes me that these two limousine liberals can put ego above party at the expense of bringing back the "rising tide to float all boats."

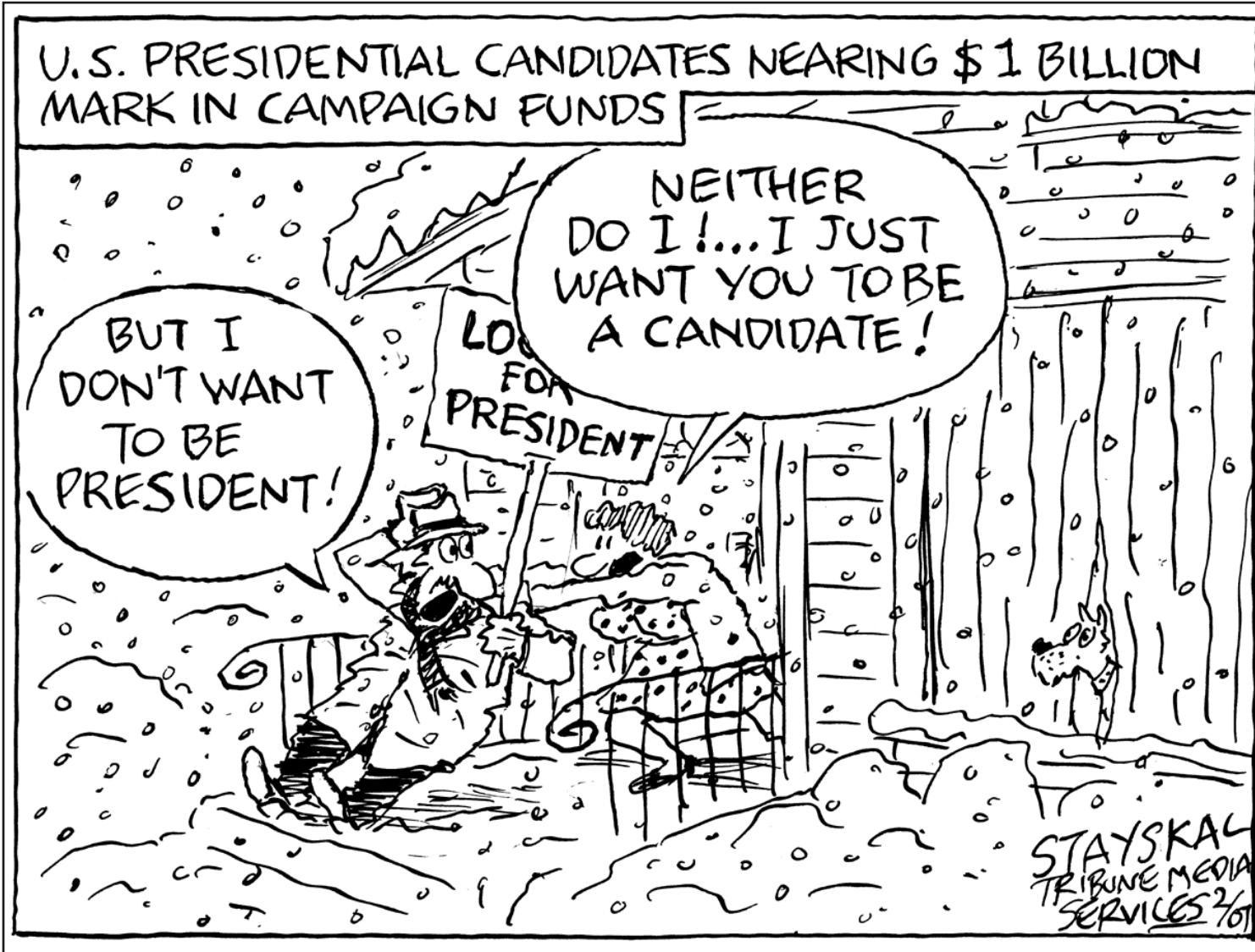
Harry Truman once questioned John Kennedy's youth and inexperience, but yet it was far more than what Obama brings to the table today.

The late senator Lloyd Bensten is probably turning in his grave with the comparisons between Obama and JFK.

Talk about hypocrisy; you never see any African Americans in those Kennedy home movies on Hyannis Port.

Perhaps it's because the closest they were allowed to come was to pick up the trash at the end of the driveway.

Joe Bialek
 Cleveland



COMMENTARY

Fighting in Chad means more misery in Darfur

Peter Eichstaedt

The Institute for War & Peace Reporting (MCT)

As the bloody fighting in Chad continues between rebels and the government forces of President Idriss Deby, it appears that neighboring Sudan is likely to emerge as the prime beneficiary of the conflict.

The fighting has served to worsen the already perilous situation facing thousands of Sudanese refugees both in Darfur as well as those who had fled into the eastern regions of Chad.

Despite Deby's claims that he had regained control of Chadian capital N'Djamena, it appeared that rebel forces were massing in the southern part of the country in advance of another assault.

Observers believe that the timing of the most recent attacks on the capital — the latest of several raids conducted in the past 18 months by the recently unified rebel groups — was no accident.

A well-armed force of some 3,700 soldiers from the European Union was due to arrive in the region within weeks with a man-

date to guard the border between the two countries and protect the vulnerable Darfuri refugee camps inside Chad.

The EU's mission looked similar to that of the United Nations peacekeepers recently deployed inside Darfur itself.

The Chadian rebels, who had in the past found safe haven in Darfur to regroup and rearm, made it clear that they did not want the EU in their country.

The EU's presence along the Chad-Sudan border would not only constitute a threat to Sudan's lawless "janjaweed" fighters, it could also thwart the Chadian rebel movements at war with Deby, whose rule has been backed by a permanent French garrison in N'Djamena.

Weeks before the latest fighting, Abderaman Koullamallah, a spokesman for the Chadian rebels, accused the EU force of being a thinly disguised attempt by the French to prop up Deby's government. Observers believe the rebels' latest assault was intended to create enough chaos on the ground to dissuade the EU forces from undertaking their U.N.-sanctioned mission.

For the moment at least, the strategy appears to have worked — the EU deployment has now been delayed, although EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana insists that the peacekeeping mission will still be launched at some undetermined date.

Experts on the region see Sudan's hand behind the latest unrest.

"There is no question that the Sudan government has been arming and protecting the rebels going into Chad," said Gerald LeMelle, executive director of Africa Action, a think tank based in Washington. "The government of Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir is very afraid of the multi-national force coming in."

If Chad is destabilized, LeMelle said, attention will be diverted from the ongoing humanitarian disaster in Darfur, and the international community will become less willing to endanger its peacekeepers either in Chad or Darfur.

"There is no question that — as Sudan understands well — the more instability they can create, the less inclined the international

community is to come in," said LeMelle.

The Sudan government has admitted responsibility for an attack on a U.N. supply convoy in Darfur in early January. The attack effectively shut down the U.N. operation there while further negotiations on the U.N. presence took place.

LeMelle argues that such tactics have worked well for Sudan in Darfur, and are now being exported to Chad.

For several years, the leaders of both countries have accused the other of supporting rebel movements meant to topple their regimes.

Chadian President Deby has actively supported the various Darfur rebel groups fighting the Sudanese government. Khartoum has responded by assisting those who want to depose Deby.

The Sudanese government routinely denies any involvement in the conflict in Chad.

"What's happening in Chad is an internal matter and Sudan has nothing to do with it," Sudan armed forces spokesman Othman Mohammed al-Agbash said recently.

Others note, however, that Sudan has historically been involved in much of Chad's turbulent political history. The difficult relationship between the two states may stem from the colonial-era demarcation of the Chad-Sudan border, according to regional expert Paul-Simon Handy of the South African-based Institute for Security Studies.

Eastern Chad and western Sudan are linked by a "complex web of cultural and commercial ties or the political affinities of population groups living on both sides," Handy wrote in a recent report.

Now Khartoum seems to be reasserting itself by using Chadian rebel forces to become the dominant force in the region.

The ongoing fighting in the area, however, ensures only one thing — more misery for the tens of thousands of refugees both inside Chad and across the border in Darfur.

"It's the triumph of the military solution to the Darfur conflict," said David Buchbinder, a Human Rights Watch expert on Chad. "I think this is a very bad time for the refugees."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Last year, a law banning smoking in public places across Ohio was activated. This was a vote by the people, yet now that it has passed, some smokers feel they have been wronged. They feel the ban should have exceptions. Among the exceptions, they feel that bars should be able to choose whether or not to be smoking facilities.

A chief argument is that making smoking illegal makes innocent people into criminals. To that I can only say that murder being illegal also makes innocent people into criminals. The point is that if something is illegal, and you do it, you can't blame the laws when you get in trouble.

The smoking ban was put up for a reason. Secondhand smoke contains many known toxins and carcinogens such as formaldehyde, arsenic and hydrogen cyanide, and was itself designated a known carcinogen by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the National

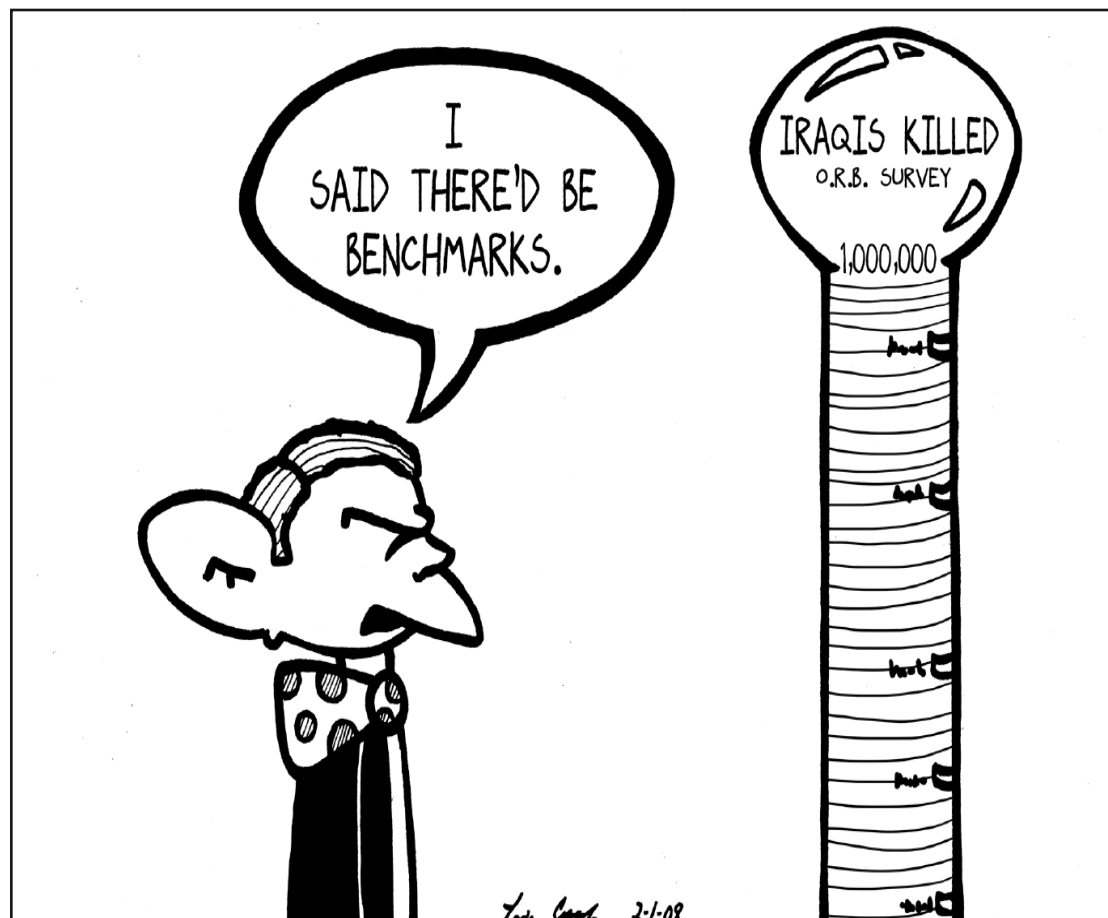
Toxicology program and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

There's no problem with smoking in and of itself. You should have the right to that choice. But as soon as you start smoking in public, you are robbing others of that choice. By purposely making the choice of poisoning innocent bystanders, you are displaying the kind of mentality that resulted in the necessity for the smoking ban in the first place.

Furthermore, to argue for the right to do so is completely ridiculous and irresponsible.

Now back to the point about bars being smoking facilities. This is an absurd proposition. A bar is a public place, so it's only obvious that smoking should be banned there, too. It doesn't matter whether bars contain a high concentration of smokers or not. As long as there is the possibility of one nonsmoker, be they employee, customer or otherwise, there should not be smoke.

Andrew Caldwell
 Sophomore



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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Off the mark

The Penguin offense struggled to find any kind of rhythm in a 50-47 loss Saturday to Wright State.

Andrew Berry
Sports Editor

Despite a wave of arms in his face and slight imbalance, Youngstown State University senior John Barber said he had a good look at the basket as he went up for a potential game-tying 3-pointer with time running out in the second half of the men's basketball game Saturday night.

After taking a timeout with just over seven seconds to play, head coach Jerry Slocum and the team drew up a play to get the ball into the hands of their star forward. After putting together his best career performance, there was no question Barber would be getting the rock for the final shot.

Barber played lights out against the Raiders all night, scoring a career high 25 points in the game. He was responsible for the Penguins' first 8 points of the night and scored 13 before the half.

But much like the rest of the Penguins' shots Saturday night at the Beeghly Center, Barber's bid to send the game into overtime wobbled disappointingly out of the rim, allowing Wright State to claim a 50-47 over the men's team.

Even though Barber played all but one minute of the game, his best effort couldn't force the two teams to play an extra five minutes of bonus basketball. Despite being the only Penguin to score in double figures, Barber didn't lay blame on his teammates.

"It's not their fault," Barber said. "I don't really like the moral-victory thing, but I think we all played well."

While the team had numerous good looks at the basket all night, the Penguin shooters were rejected more so by the rim of the basket than the Wright State defense as several shots jumped right out of the hoop.

The Raider defense did, however, do a tremendous job containing the Penguins' senior guard Byron Davis who was met with several double-teams the closer he got to

Even though the offense couldn't build around Barber's explosive night, the Penguin defense did its job to keep the score close throughout the contest, limiting Wright State to just 7 points off turnovers and two on the fastbreak.

Although the team poured all the energy it had into the game and played hard, the Penguins weren't able to come away with the win they felt they deserved.

"It's hard not to get the reward when you work as hard as we work," Slocum said.

The key to the contest for the Penguins was shooting from the free-throw line. During the first half, the team was on fire from the charity stripe knocking down five of six shots. Unfortunately, the free-throw line dried up in the second half when it mattered most.

With the score tied 47-47 and 1:03 left in the game, freshman guard Vance Cooksey had a chance to give the Penguins a two-point lead as he went to the foul line shooting two. After missing the first shot, Cooksey was visibly upset, knowing that opportunity had just clanged off the hoop. Cooksey's second shot also bounced away, a common scene for the Penguin shooters much of the night.

Slocum said the team's cold free-throw shooting in the second half was "very disappointing," but wasn't at all disappointed in his freshman standout being unable to come through in the clutch.

"Vance has been there on the line for us all season, and he's made ones where there was just seconds left," Slocum said. "This one's not on him."

The Penguins have a huge task in regrouping in time for their Thursday road trip to nationally ranked Butler University. Last time out the Bulldogs handed the Penguins a 78-69 loss at home.

"John Barber played a good basketball game, and we didn't give him any help, that's for sure."

Jerry Slocum, men's head basketball coach

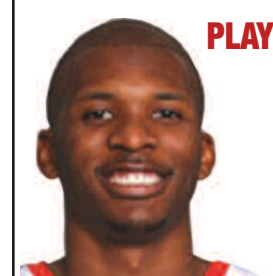
the basket. Davis was forced into having an atypical off-night, scoring just 4 points with no assists in 34 minutes played.

As a team, the Penguins finished the night shooting 33.3 percent from the field while hitting only four out of 25 from beyond the arc, three of which were contributed by Barber.

"John Barber played a good basketball game, and we didn't give him any help, that's for sure," Slocum said.

PLAYER OF THE GAME - JOHN BARBER

9 for 15 shooting
25 points scored
6 rebounds



ONE LAST SHOT — Senior forward John Barber nearly sent the game into overtime, but his off-balance trey attempt with 7.2 seconds to play couldn't find its way into the hoop. Despite missing the last shot of the game, Barber carried the load for the Penguins the entire way with 25 points. Photo courtesy of Ron Stevens.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Penguins suffer heartbreaking loss in double OT

Andrew Berry
Sports Editor

In as close as a contest as there's ever been in college basketball, the Youngstown State University women's basketball team nearly pulled out a huge game Saturday night at the Beeghly Center.

Despite having a solid outing from the offense that saw four players reach double figures and three score more than 20 points, the Penguins ran into two problems: The Penguins could not contain Milwaukee's top scorer Traci Edwards, and whistle-happy referees forced four Penguins into fouling out of the game.

The game witnessed 12 lead changes between the Penguins and Panthers, and more drama than ever as the final minutes of the game unfolded. Even though it looked like the Milwaukee squad had stolen another one after an Aubri Rote 3-pointer gave the Panthers a 71-69 edge with 14 seconds remaining, the Penguins forced overtime with an Ashley Pendleton jumper with three seconds to go.

Tied at 71 a piece, the Panthers broke open the first overtime period with a 3-pointer and a 5-point lead. After the Penguins tied the score at 77-77, they jumped out in front on Tiara Scott's 3-point play.

With 26 seconds to play and the Penguins leading 80-79, Lauren Branson went to charity stripe looking to ice the Panthers with two foul shots. Branson knocked down her first shot but was unable to convert the second. The Panthers put the ball into the hands of Edwards, who came up with the big shot to send it to double overtime tied at 81.



BONUS BASKETBALL — Junior guard Tiara Scott fights off a Milwaukee defender to advance the ball down the court. Scott and the Penguins played hard but came up short in the second overtime after the Panthers built an insurmountable 10 point lead to eventually pull away with the win in Beeghly. Photo courtesy of Ron Stevens.

That's where the miracle run for the Penguins ended as the team didn't have enough gas in the tank left to keep up with the Panthers. By the time the Penguins scored their first basket of the second overtime period, there was just 1:46 left to play and Milwaukee had built a 10-point lead. As the Penguins struggled down the stretch, the Panthers clinched the 94-85 win.

Although the game resulted in a loss, the Penguins put together a gutsy performance and maintained a close game even after losing four players to five personal fouls apiece. Including the four foul-outs, the team was whistled for 31 infractions, and both teams combined for 56 foul calls. The only Penguin not to get the whistle blown on her was Kelsey Gurganus who played 24

minutes of penalty-free basketball. Jessica Schloemp, Velissa Vaughn, Nikita LaFlauer and Pendleton all had to watch the end of the game from the bench. Head coach Tisha Hill was forced to empty her bench with just five players left to finish the game.

The scenario left Hill in a visible state of disbelief.

"No, I've never had that," she

said.

Of all the foul calls in the game, the biggest one was most likely the call that was never made.

As time expired at the end of the first overtime period, senior Heather Karner's shot went astray and was grabbed off the board by Scott, who went for the putback only to be blasted by the Milwaukee defense. Scott, who was 8 for 9 from the free-throw line on the night, would've had the chance to win the game for the Penguins.

"It's tough when calls don't go your way and things are happening that are out of your control," Hill said. "It's not being as consistent as it should be."

Having to fight foul trouble all night, the Penguin defense couldn't find an answer for the Panthers' sharp-shooting Edwards. The Horizon League's top offensive player scored 35 points and was 13 of 21 from the free-throw line. Edwards was sent to the charity stripe nearly twice as many times as any other player on either team.

But when the crucial situations arose for the Panthers, Edwards wasn't about to be left out of the picture. Her persistent shooting kept Milwaukee in the game down the stretch.

"You've got to give credit to Milwaukee for getting Traci Edwards the ball. She's a force out there," Hill said.

What the Penguins can take away from the loss is their continuous execution from the free-throw line and faith in the bench that came on to score a combined 30 points when Hill had nowhere else to turn.

PENGUIN SPORTS TO THE POINT

Track and Field has solid outing in Akron

Junior Jennifer Grayson won the high jump, freshman Jerrill Hall finished second in the 60m hurdles and Youngstown State posted season-best marks at the Roo Town Open and New Balance Collegiate Invitational this weekend.

Grayson cleared a height of 5-5 to pick up her first individual victory of the year. Hall's personal-best time of 8.44 ranks second in school history and third in the Horizon League this season.

Senior thrower Bethany Anderson also made her season debut at the New Balance Collegiate Invite and placed ninth in the weight throw. Her mark of 57-1 is the top in the league this season by more than four feet.

Sophomore Alisha Anthony also had a solid meet at the New Balance Invite, which was held at the Armory Track in New York City. The sophomore placed 14th in the long jump (18-8) and posted a personal-best 60m time of 7.92. Jennifer Roman added a season-best time of 2:21.18 in the 800m.

Sophomore Aaron Merrill also placed 14th in the shot put with a season-best distance of 53-11 1/4.

The Penguins will return to action after a short break to compete at the Baldwin-Wallace Mid-February Open Friday at 5:30 p.m.