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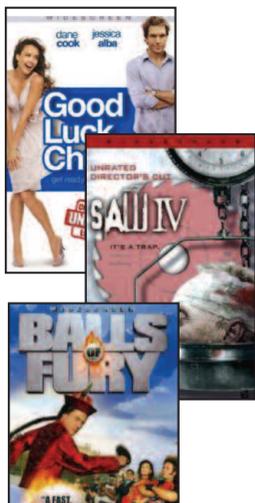
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YOUNGSTOWN

Youngstown city files suit over business school site

Darlene Wagner
Reporter

The hottest property in town is located at 128 W. Rayen Ave. Youngstown State University wants it; the owner, Joseph Grenga, is not interested in selling. Not even for \$205,000 from the city of Youngstown.

The city has filed a petition with the Common Pleas Court to take possession of said property. According to a

motion filed by City Law Director Iris Torres-Guglucello on Jan. 25, there is a need to "appropriate the real estate for making or repairing of roads open to the public without charge."

In other words, Grenga will be forced to vacate the premises and accept the money offered for YSU's new \$34.3 million business school building.

The city contends that the offer made to Grenga is fair and adequate, considering that he purchased the commercial property in October of 2001 for \$95,800.

The real estate at issue houses the small family-owned business Grenga Machine & Welding Company.

Grenga said he has spent on average \$10,000 a year on renovations and upkeep of the machine shop. In addition, he maintains that the relocation of his business' five- to 10-ton machinery would be difficult, costly and dangerous.

"The money that has been

offered is for the building only. It would cost much more to move and store the equipment than has been quoted, not to mention finding another building that can house everything," Grenga said.

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CAMPUS

Poker tournament players risk it all

Melissa Frederick
Reporter

Youngstown State University's 4th annual Texas Hold'em tournament took place Saturday and was won by Brad Susany. Susany received \$300 to spend at the bookstore for his efforts. He finished in 5th place last year and was the only final table returnee.

Brad Panak took 2nd place and earned \$100 for the bookstore, while Zach Panak placed 3rd and took home \$50 to spend at the bookstore.

Junior Justin Callow was the first player out but said he would

definitely come back next year.

"I love playing but don't have a lot of buddies that play anymore. Today was a good opportunity to get to play without losing any money," he said.

Everyone who participated in the tournament received a T-shirt. The event was sponsored by the Department of Campus Recreation and Student Programming. According to Joe Conroy, coordinator in intramurals, the idea for the Texas Hold'em tournament originated when the game was hot and being played in campus housing all night long.

The craze seems to be dying down however. There were only 60



PHOTO BY MELISSA FREDERICK / THE JAMBAR

YSU students stack 'em up during the fourth annual tournament.

participants this year as opposed to last year's 98.

The poker players who showed up Saturday haven't lost their love for the game however. Some wore sunglasses, others listened to music.

"I was listening to Rob Zombie and rock 'n' roll to keep the blood flowing. I'm an aggressive player. It's a game where you have to read people and go with your gut feeling

a lot," said junior Bryan Nelling.

Only three of the tournament players this year were women.

The decision regarding the fate of upcoming poker tournaments won't be decided until the success of Saturday's tournament has been evaluated.

Conroy wasn't sure about the future of the poker tournament but did mention a "Halo 3" tournament that will be held this spring.

FINANCIAL

Should college students invest in the stock market?

J. Breen Mitchell
Reporter

The stock market can be a very intimidating subject. There is the potential for great wealth if one is successful, but this is coupled with the possibility of disaster if one is not. So, should college students consider investing in the stock market, and, if so, how should they go about it?

According to SeekingAlpha.com, a leading provider of stock market opinion and analysis from blogs, money managers, and investment newsletters, the most popular sectors for investment right now are energy, financial, biotechnology, semiconductors, and gold. The top five most popular stocks right now are General Electric, Google, Apple,



Intel and the most popular, Microsoft.

These may not be the best areas for students considering investing their money to start out, though.

Dr. Peter Chen, a professor in the Department of Accounting and

Finance at YSU, said that it depends on a student's knowledge of the market, as well as the amount of time they have to put into it.

Chen teaches a course in which students do real world investing with the help of a \$250,000 grant

from the YSU Foundation.

"If they have knowledge, and time, they should go with more established companies, like Coca-Cola," Chen said, but that there are other, safer options for students without the time and experience with the market.

For these students, Chen said he recommends index funds, such as the S&P and the Dow Jones. These types of funds have the lowest expense ratio, and they outperform 80% of the mutual funds in the world.

As opposed to the more specific mutual funds, index funds are more broad, based on the performance of a group of stocks in a particular area, instead of just one.

Some say that investing is too risky for college students to dabble in until they get more established in

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YOUNGSTOWN

Fight the blight: 2010 plan gradually links downtown to campus

Sarah Sole
News Editor

When Hunter Morrison came to Youngstown in 2002, he wondered what he was doing here.

Rust was prevalent on a blue bridge on U.S. Route 422 and on a guard rail on Fifth Avenue by the Youngstown State University football stadium. Bricks were popping out of pavement. Trees were growing from buildings' basements.

Now, however, Morrison said the severe blight is gone.

Now the director of the Center for Urban and Regional Studies, Morrison said he thinks the Youngstown 2010 plan is moving along well.

"I think it's a work in progress," Morrison said, adding that the city still has a long way to go.

"You know it's moving in the right direction," he said.

The city has taken a significant step toward its goal of linking downtown Youngstown with YSU.

Those involved with the Youngstown 2010 plan view the location of YSU's new business college on Wood Street as a way to successfully link downtown with campus. Extending Hazel Street two blocks to Lincoln Avenue would be another way to draw university life to the edge of downtown.

"Youngstown was in many ways flat on its back for 25 years," Morrison said. But five years ago, the city made an aggressive and inclusive plan to redevelop.

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SIDEWALK SPITTERS: Mouth missiles may be gross, but not unsanitary

Alice DeBonis
Reporter

It's a good bet that most people don't enjoy the sight of a bubbling puddle of spit left behind by an unknown ejector. Even a perpetrator may look with displeasure at another's oral missile. On Youngstown State University's campus, it's likely a person may encounter this particular DNA display on a daily basis.

People spit, and they have their

"I think it's disgusting. You don't want to walk where people spit."

— Kevin Day, freshman

reasons. Children and teenagers spit, men spit when they feel it is necessary, and many others spit when angry or disgusted. Although this behavior can be found in all ages and both genders, young males seem to dominate the activi-

ty of public spitting. Steve Ellyson, psychology professor at YSU, said public spitting is a non-formative behavior, and society tends to be more lenient with young males going against the norms than with others. He pointed

out that females rarely engage in this type of behavior because society is less tolerant if they take on any unconventional conduct.

"As a result, girls tend to play by the rules better," Ellyson said.

He said young males are, for the most part, aware of social rules, but they know social rules vary by situation. He also said as young males mature, the majority of them will stop this behavior.

"Most will eventually grow up and play closer to the adult rules," Ellyson said.

Freshman Danica Burrows's husband, who is 33 years old, is among those who hasn't stopped spitting in public. Although Burrows said she gets embarrassed when her husband engages in this behavior, she figures it is a component of his background.

"He's a country boy," Burrows said.

Ellyson backed Burrows's explanation. He said what may be unacceptable in one sector of socie-

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TO THE POINT

Chelsea Clinton to speak on campus Tuesday

Chelsea Clinton will speak at Youngstown State University on behalf of her mother, presidential candidate and New York Sen. Hillary Clinton. The event, "Our voices, Our future," will be held in Kilcawley Center's Chestnut room from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

MTV's "True Life" filming on campus

A production crew from MTV's "True Life" documentary series will be on campus this week, filming a segment featuring freshman Rahsean Bridges of Farrell, Pa., for a program on shopping addiction. The reality show camera crew will shadow her as she attends classes, then follow her on a shopping trip with friends and a visit to local night spots. MTV's Web site calls "True Life" an award-winning series that chronicles "the remarkable real-life stories of young people and the unusual subcultures they inhabit."

Race relations talk held for African-American History Month

A panel discussion on race relations in Youngstown will take place Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room. The discussion is a part of YSU's celebration of African-American History Month.

Marketing group to hold etiquette lunch

The American Marketing Association will host its fifth annual Professional Networking and Etiquette Lunch from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Friday in the Kilcawley Center's Ohio Room.

DeYor performance to feature YSU, Canfield and Willoghby

The second annual Wind and Percussion Invitational will take place at 7 p.m. Friday in the DeYor Performing Arts Center in Powers Auditorium. The event will feature the YSU Wind Ensemble as well as the Canfield High School Symphonic Band and the Willoghby South High School Wind Ensemble.

Cheerleading squad welcoming high school students

YSU's cheerleading squad will be inviting junior and seniors from local high schools and other individuals interested in the spirit squads on YSU for a Cheerleading Visit Day

GAS PRICES

Gas bills burn holes in some students' wallets

Melissa Frederick
Reporter

Energy prices are on the rise, and for college students paying to gas up their cars or keep an apartment warm this winter, costs will stay high.

Graduate student Karen Stangl said she recently moved, mostly due to her heating bill. Her new bill a third the cost.

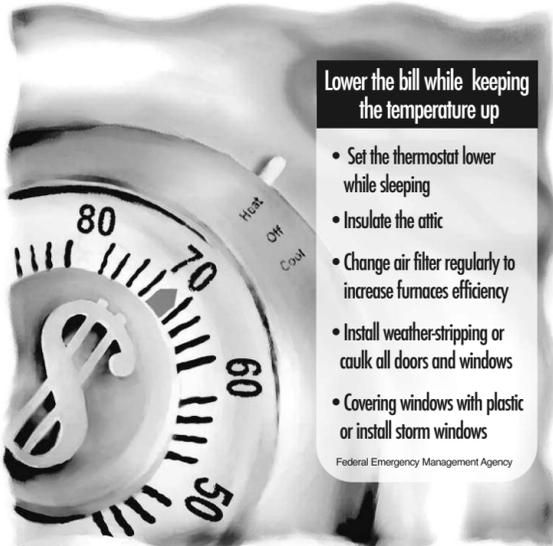
"Our bill went from \$180 to \$60 a month when we went from a three bedroom house to a two bedroom townhouse," she said.

Stangl applied for financial aid for heat.

According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, the average price of gasoline will remain over \$3 per gallon for at least another year. The administration also forecasts a 10.9 percent jump in winter heating bills from last year, with the average American household spending around \$1,000 to stay warm this season.

Energy providers such as Dominion offer programs to assist customers with high bills, like fixed monthly payments based on income and a home weatherization program.

Students living in residence halls don't have to worry about weatherizing their rooms or paying high energy bills since utilities fees are included.



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Freshman Sean Sause has recently been house hunting, and remembered to take the cost of utilities into consideration during his search.

He discovered that he could find out the amount of the last gas bill on a given property, a big help in considering cost.

Sophomore Jen Merriman said she considers the cost of utilities when shopping for a place to live and wasn't aware that financial aid programs were available for help

with gas prices.

Senior Shannon Doherty admitted she was inexperienced when it came to considering the cost of utilities while shopping for a home.

"I have no idea what I am doing," she said.

While she said she is inexperienced, Doherty was aware of the financial aid programs available.

She estimated an average gas bill would cost \$70 a month.

saying that they are offering me money and if I do not accept, [the city] will take me to court and take it to make a street that the public will not actually use."

Meet Mr. Grenga

Joseph Grenga has lunch in the Phar-Mor Building daily between noon and 1 p.m. He wears long-sleeved fleece shirts and Dickies workwear pants — his self-ascribed work uniform. He describes himself as a common man from the Fosterville section on the South Side of Youngstown.

"There's been a lot of talk about me, like I'm an anti-person or something. Nothing could be further from the truth. I'm a simple man. I'm comfortable with myself, and I like my life. I've seen several businesses pull up stakes and leave because of bad decisions by politicians. I understand that the city wants the university to be a connector to downtown,

but they don't need this land to do it," Grenga said.

The real issue for Grenga is the use of eminent domain. He said he feels the city will not use the land for true public use as outlined by the Takings Clause of the Fifth Amendment. Grenga further maintains that the seizing of his land for the purpose of YSU is not applicable when speaking of eminent domain because the general public has little or no access to university property.

Grenga does not want to have any disruption of his business, which he said has employed hundreds of people over the years. He also said he knows this matter will not be settled overnight.

"Government agencies should not be able to take private or commercial property and sell it or give it away for private use," Grenga said. "If we continue to allow this, your private property could be next."

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Deal for YSU, no deal for Grenga

"I think the article printed in The Vindicator is easily misinterpreted. The city [of Youngstown] is trying to take the property under the guise of eminent domain to build a road. They can say they are going to make a road and change their minds to do something else with it. In all actuality, they want to take the land and sell or give it to YSU," Grenga said.

Grenga's father started the family operation 75 years ago in 1933.

"This is a three-generation effort. ... I, and my two sons, still work here, in Youngstown, every day. We like it here," Grenga said of the 10,515 square foot building.

Grenga said money is not always a consideration.

"No one ever came to me with an offer," he said. "I got a notice in the mail about two months ago

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life. "I have my own opinions on whether some people should even be investing. Until you have some reserves set aside, you shouldn't be," said Jill McCullough, an instructor with the Department of Accounting and Finance.

McCullough said that students need to keep their cash ready, and

that the market is for long-term investment.

Dr. Ronald Volpe, a professor in the Department of Accounting and Finance, disagrees.

"I really feel sorry for people who wait until they're 40 or 50 to start investing, because they really don't have the time to build wealth," Volpe said. He said that a

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As a result, some people grow up thinking that spitting in public is OK.

Not every young male engages in public spitting. Freshman Kevin Day doesn't spit in public and said it should be avoided.

"I think it's disgusting. You don't want to walk where people spit," Day said.

Disgusting or not, spitting has long been part of human history.

For example, the ancient Greek and Romans believed that a vigorous discharge of spit warded off enchantments, and averted witchcraft.

Until the last century, spitting was so common in the United States that most public buildings included spittoons as part of the furniture.

Eventually, health concerns

influenced many people to view public spitting negatively.

In 1918, the United States experienced the most devastating pandemic influenza breakout in history. Over 500,000 people died in the epidemic. At the time, there was a widespread belief that influenza could be contracted from spitting, which led several states and many cities to make public spitting illegal.

According to Madeleine Haggerty, director of YSU's dental hygiene program, spitting in public may not be a health risk except under certain circumstances. As far as health hazards in dentistry, Haggerty explained, droplets in a spray of saliva are a concern, because each bead of saliva contains a large amount of bacteria. She

common misconception is that you have to have thousands of dollars to get started. In reality, he said that there are Dividend Reinvestment plans which allow investors to make optional monthly payments after an initial investment.

"I think that students should start investing, the earlier the better. Time is your best friend."

said spit on sidewalks and other places is not in this particular form, and unless the initial expulsion sprays a person during its flight, it may not be much of a health threat.

Youngstown never banned public spitting, but Cincinnati did, and the law remains in effect today. According to the Cincinnati Police Department, in 2007 a total of 48 citations were issued under this law.

Day was unaware that some cities and states have laws against public spitting, but he said it's a good idea.

"It keeps things sanitary," Day said.

Burrows said she thinks a law against spitting in public makes sense.

"In a city environment it's justified," Burrows said.

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Saturday, February 2
Noon-6:00 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center
The African Marketplace

Join us as we begin the celebration of African American History Month with the African Marketplace. The Marketplace offers everyone the opportunity to view—and purchase—art objects, Afrocentric writings and a wide variety of goods and products that represent the creative genius of Africans and African Americans. Entertainment is provided by the dynamic and festive performances of the Harambee Youth Group and the Drum Circle of the Unity Building of Youngstown.



Thursday, February 7
7:00 p.m., The McDonough Museum of Art
Art Exhibition and Panel Discussion
by Featured Artists: Elizabeth Asche Douglas and Julius Lyles
Exhibition at the Bliss Hall Art Gallery, College of Fine and Performing Arts

Elizabeth Douglas is an artist, musician and educator with degrees in painting and design from Carnegie Mellon and the University of Pittsburgh. Her professional exhibition record covers five decades. She has won many Art Awards, including the Arts Award from the Guild Council of the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts. She also performs as a jazz and gospel vocalist.



Julius Lyles is a graduate of Kent State and Cleveland State universities, where he studied graphic design and photography. His colorful, complex work has been featured at several galleries in Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Washington D.C., New York, and Chicago. (Co-sponsored with the College of Fine and Performing Arts)



Wednesday, February 13
6:00 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center
Education Summit

This event will bring together stakeholders in the elementary school system in Youngstown, to recognize and learn from those whose performance, experience and success in producing exemplary models in the system are worth emulating. This event is a culmination of earlier effort by the Family Institute to identify positive trends in the Youngstown School system, begun last year by focusing on successful classroom practices. (Co-sponsored with the Family Employment Student Institute)



Thursday, February 14
7:00 p.m., Youngstown YWCA
Panel Discussion on African Development
Topic: Are Western Organizations and NGOs an Impediment to African Development?

A panel discussion will follow a lecture by Dr. Edward Elmendorf, an economist with the World Bank with extensive experience in the United National Development Program (UNDP), and World Health Organization Africa regional office. He has taught at a secondary school in Ghana, and currently spend his time with the World Bank and the United States UN Office (UNA-USA) (Co-sponsored with Youngstown Chapter of the United Nations)



Saturday, February 16
7:30 p.m., The Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center
Keynote Lecture by Dr. Julia Hare
Topic: The State of the Black Family

Nationally recognized authority on broad range of issues in the African American community, Dr. Hare is a founding member of the Black Think Tank in San Francisco. She will address the history of black upheaval, the destruction and devastation of the black family—and how to correct it, starting with Black Male/Female Relationships, including domestic violence, displaced rage and division—and how to correct it. She will talk about the children and the thoughts behind her books, *The Miseducation of the Black Child*, *Bringing the Black boy to Manhood*, and *How to Find and Keep a BWY (Black Man Working)*, and address other relevant topics.



Saturday, February 23
7:00 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center
African and African-American Fashion Show

The runway comes alive with African and African American contemporary fashions, African hair designs, and other special features. The African and Pan African Student organizations are involved in this event.



Monday, February 25
7:30 p.m., The Ohio Room, Kilcawley Center
Selected Black Faculty Research Showcase and Panel Discussion

African American faculty at YSU will put their publications on display in the Mag Library Gallery, and participate in a panel discussion on their current and future research projects. Participants include Dr. Samuel Adu-Poku, Art Education, Dr. Crysanna Jackson, Political Science, and Dr. Tom Odey, Physics and Astronomy, among others.



Thursday, February 28
7:00 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center
Panel Discussion: Race Relations in Youngstown

Race relations in the Youngstown area have been marked by the painful struggle for economic resources, political gains, and human dignity. But that struggle goes beyond familiar stereotypes and simplistic solutions. The panel for this important discussion includes longtime Youngstown residents as well as those who have been observers of different groups. The panel includes Youngstown Clerk of Courts Sarah Brown-Clark; Dr. William Jenkins, Professor Emeritus of YSU; Rev. Kenneth Simon, Pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church; RaShaw Davis, student; Rev. Gina Thornton and Atty. Ron Miller, and will be moderated by Brother K, former host of "Let's Talk about It" on WGFT Radio and a student of race relations.



Friday, February 29
7:30 p.m., Gallery, Kilcawley Center
Poetry Competition

Participants at the poetry competition covering a range of topics that include African and African American lives and experiences, or those in celebration of Youngstown State University's centennial. Compositions must be original, and must not have been presented or published previously. The three best poetry submissions will receive prizes and will be judged on style, content and delivery by a panel of experts. The deadline for submissions is February 23rd. Open to the Public

University Centennial-Related Events
Seminar on Economic Empowerment
Dr. Claud Anderson, author and expert on Black empowerment through Poweromics
Thursday, April 10
7:00 p.m.

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MOVIES

Cinema sidelined by new home video rentals

The best movie theater is at home, students say

Adam Bickel
Reporter

With the Oscars wins and loses still fresh, one question remains. When is that movie coming to DVD or on-demand?

According to ABC News, theater ticket sales are down 12.6 percent since 2002.

"It's too expensive to see a movie unless you go to the dollar theater," said sophomore Jessica Green. Stacy Doepker, a junior sitting nearby, agreed.

"Last week I went to see 'The Bucket List,' and after the tickets and snacks it cost over \$25 for two of us to see a movie," Doepker said.

"That could fill my car up with gas," she said.

Green had another reason for

declining theater profits.

"My brother used to be the downloading king. If I wanted to see a movie that was in theaters, I got a bootleg," she said.

Pirated copies are not the only films being watched at home these days either.

Web rentals from Netflix and Blockbuster are enormously popular. A monthly price with no late fees makes DVD delivery in the mail beat theaters in terms of convenience.

Netflix said it currently has more than 90,000 titles and has mailed over one billion movies since it started in 1997.

Graduate student Jamie Durig not only skips movies in theater, but passes on DVDs too. But she still watches movies.

"I rarely ever go to see or rent movies. I have a high definition flat screen at home and movies on demand I can rent at anytime

from my couch," she said.

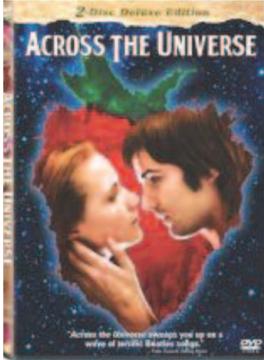
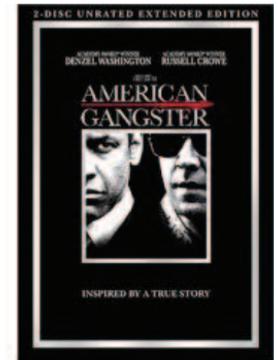
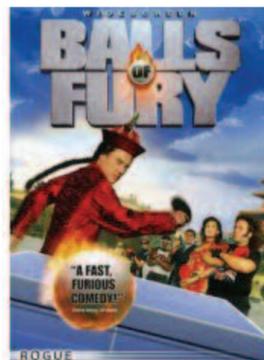
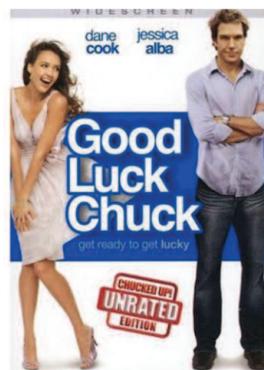
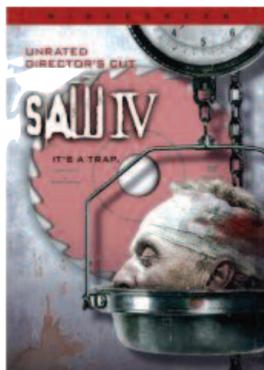
She said the advances in home theater technology have made movie theaters practically unnecessary and at times annoying.

Durig said for her, going to the theater really isn't a treat anymore.

"I am a middle school teacher, and the last thing I want to deal with on my days off are kids talking and answering their phones during I movie I just paid 20 bucks for," she said.

An online poll last year by Techdirt.com found that 73 percent of people would rather watch a movie at home. Doepker didn't find that high number surprising.

"After I spend all day at school and/or work, I am too tired to sit in a theater," she said. "If I am going to fall asleep during a movie, it is going to be on my couch."



YOUNGSTOWN page 1

The 2010 plan began in 1999 with City Council allocating funding for the process, said Bill D'Avignon, deputy director for Youngstown's planning department.

While some things have already been accomplished, such as the opening of Federal Plaza, some students hope the 2010 plan can better incorporate downtown into campus.

Senior Dave Spatholt, president of the Student Government Association, said he wants Youngstown to expand green space downtown and on campus. He also said he would like to see more lighting between the campus and downtown. An SGA survey in Fall 2006 showed that many students don't go downtown because of the lack of lighting, he said.

The results showed students also asked for a movie theater downtown, Spatholt said.

Junior Alison Kukla, member of SGA's University Affairs

Committee, said it seems many students go downtown. Growing up, she said she assumed there was nothing to do in Youngstown. Now, however, she and her friends regularly go downtown for the nightlife.

While Barley's, Cedars and summer events provide social outlets for students, Kukla said they could also benefit from more entertainment venues.

Students would also benefit from a convenience store, since they have to drive to Boardman or Austintown to get to one, she said.

Students getting involved

Students also have had the opportunity to get involved with Youngstown development.

Erienne Raib, vice president of University Affairs at SGA, said that students recently had a meeting

with Jay Williams about Youngstown's growth.

"He's very excited by the fact that students want to become involved," Raib said.

Kukla is volunteering for the Wick Park Project, a 2010 project that includes revitalizing the park by repairing walkways, planting flowers and building a playground.

Kukla is also involved in Defend Youngstown, a group of young professionals supporting the city's re-growth.

Raib also sees Defend Youngstown as a positive movement for young people.

"I see the youth really wanting and trying to help out and step up to improving downtown," Raib said.

Raib said improved communication to students, such as pamphlets could help educate students about the 2010 plan.

Though she will probably move away once she graduates,

Kukla would like to see Youngstown grow back.

"We're the next generation," she said.

Kukla, who transferred to YSU after two years at Bowling Green State University, said Youngstown has improved in the two years she was out of town.

"Two years seems like a small amount of time," she said, adding that the 2010 plan can accomplish their remaining goals and perhaps more with the two years they have left in the plan.

YSU president David Sweet said the city has made significant progress with the 2010 plan.

"You can see evidence of Youngstown being cleaner and greener," Sweet said.

Downtown, however, still has blight that needs to be cleaned up.

"When you lose half of your population, you leave a lot of houses behind," Morrison said.

upcoming events

Today

Y-Dance Club
6:30 p.m.
Ukrainian Orthodox Pavilion

Guitar Hero
8 p.m.
The Cellar

Country Night
8 p.m.
The Wedge

Simply Ed Karaoke
10 p.m. to 2 a.m.
O'Donalds Irish Pub & Grill in Austintown

Wednesday

Dance Lessons
7 p.m.
The Dusty Armadillo

YSU Concert Band and University Symphonic Band
8 p.m.
DeYor Performing Arts Center

DJ Dominic
9 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Dash Inn

Open Mic Night
10 p.m. to 2 a.m.
The Royal Oaks

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OUR SIDE

Don't pave over the little guys

RELATED STORY

GRENGA, page 1

When you have your eye on the prize, it's sometimes easy to lose sight of everything else.

In focusing on connecting Youngstown State University to downtown Youngstown, it seems we at the university — and The Jambar — have lost our peripheral vision, and failed to notice the plights of people such as Joseph Grenga, the owner of property the city wants to seize by eminent domain.

His property at 128 W. Rayen Ave. could become a street extension that would go far in linking the city with campus, but it may well be at the cost of a hardworking man's business. While there are certainly two sides to every story, hearing Grenga's side has made us wonder how ethical it is to demolish a man's private property for city gain.

Why would the city punish him for running a business in Youngstown? Grenga said the city's offer isn't enough to cover the expenses of relocating.

As students with ties to the area, we would dearly like to see city and campus improvement. We admit that we may not understand the situation as well as city officials might. But does the city take the time to see the issue from the individual's point of view? Conversely, does the individual take the time to see the issue from the city's point of view?

Perhaps, like Grenga said, there are other options for a street location to link YSU and downtown. Perhaps there are not. In either case, an unbiased view of the situation will immensely help the situation resolve in an ethical manner.

We want campus improvement, but we don't want to lose sight of the real people affected by this change. In order for positive change to take place, it must be positive for all parties involved.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
 "Shame on you, Hillary Clinton!" Sen. Clinton professes to favor discussion of the issues — but reacts with fury when called on her positions, inconsistencies and failures.

1. As co-president, she hailed NAFTA as an achievement. In her book she hails NAFTA as a success. Now that NAFTA has become politically embarrassing in Ohio, she protests the attention to her record.

2. She seeks to achieve universal health care coverage through coercion — including fines and garnishment of wages. Others would use incentives. She now protests the attention to the difference.

3. She postures as the savior of health care reform — when she is the one who killed it in 1993 by developing her own program in secret, refusing to work with the Democratically controlled Congress and rebuffing two bipartisan proposals which would have covered 85 percent of the uninsured.

4. She voted "To authorize the Use of United States Armed Forces Against Iraq." Now that the invasion of Iraq has proven to be the biggest military/foreign policy blunder in U.S. history — abusing our military and sucking financial support from domestic programs — she protests that she was voting only to reintroduce inspectors into Iraq. Time to turn the page to new leadership.

Richard Troy



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Recently, Mr. Ryan M. Jones wrote a letter to the editor. I am compelled to respond.

It is obvious that Sen. John McCain is unlikely to campaign in the Youngstown area. Sen. McCain is seeking the Republican nomination, which he has won as a practical matter, and, thus has less need to campaign during the remainder of the primaries. Furthermore, a voter may choose to vote in either primary on Election Day. However, a candidate must focus resources on those most likely to vote in their respective party's primary. For McCain those voters are Republicans and independents. The Youngstown area is overwhelmingly Democratic, so it makes little sense for him to campaign in the area.

Sen. Barack Obama was one of the "few senators who ... vote[d]" against the Iraq war? Sen. Obama had no chance to vote against the Iraq War Resolution, in 2002, because he was still serving in the Illinois legislature. Thus, Mr. Jones' statement is factually inaccurate.

Yes, I have heard about Obama's many accomplishments, but his supporters have had difficulty informing the American people about what exactly those accomplishments in the Senate were. Perhaps, Mr. Jones could have

done Obama and the voters a favor by informing us of what those accomplishments were. It is better to be specific whenever possible than to rely on broad open-ended statements.

McCain did not say he "wants another hundred years" of fighting in Iraq. What McCain said was people would not care if we were in Iraq for another hundred years, if, for example, it were similar to our presence in South Korea. How many people are complaining about our presence in South Korea? Again, Mr. Jones must rely on the twisting of McCain's words in an attempt to prove his point — similar to what Hillary Clinton recently tried to do to Sen. Obama, in regards to his remarks that the Republicans in recent decades had been the party of ideas.

Is it distasteful for people to exercise their First Amendment rights by protesting at a political rally of the opposition party? It is never distasteful to protest at a political rally. To protest at a political rally is a sign of a healthy republic. However, Mr. Jones' idea that protesting and thereby dissent is distasteful sounds strangely like George W. Bush.

Eugene G. Bernat
 YSU Senior
 Political Science

Dear Editor,
 Obama could jeopardize our national security.

Can we put our faith in a rookie politician to become president of the United States? He is someone who stated he is willing to "meet separately, without preconditions, during the first year of my administration" with Ahmadinejad of Iran, Assad of Syria, Chavez of Venezuela, Castro of Cuba and Kim Jong Il of North Korea.

Can we put our faith in a person who refuses to wear a

U.S. flag pin in his lapel because he feels he can show his patriotism in other ways? Many notable politicians, government officials, veterans and other patriotic U.S. citizens are proud to display the U.S. flag in their lapels.

Can we put our faith in a person who did not place his hand over his heart when the national anthem was played during an Iowa campaign event? The other people on the stage placed their hands over their hearts, and all the people I know proudly place their

hands over their hearts or salute the flag during the playing of our national anthem.

Can we put our faith in a candidate who stumbles and bumbles around in "the China shop" when he is not coached by his campaign staff?

Sen. Barack Obama is someone who is capable of blundering ahead and placing our national security in jeopardy.

Donald A. Moskowitz
 Londonderry, N.H.

Dear Editor,
 This letter is to explain why I am not supporting Sen. Barack Obama and am fully supporting Sen. Hillary Clinton for president of the United States.

Sen. Obama often repeats that he is the candidate for change, but what has he done to work for change? He appears to mimic the candidacy of Sen. Clinton in spirit but not with substance. Clearly he has not thought the issues through and perhaps given more time and

experience, he will emerge as a fine statesperson. But at this most crucial moment in history, our country cannot afford to gamble again with someone who is simply not prepared to take on the enormous responsibilities of commander in chief.

On the other hand, Sen. Clinton has spent her whole life working for change. Change that has improved the quality of life for all Americans by focusing on fairness. She truly cares about our country. Given the state of our economy, she may

very well represent the last chance for this country to avoid social catastrophe. For this election, it's a clear choice between those who have never had it so good and those of us who know we can do better. Sen. Clinton knows we can do better, and her track record reflects that. On Tuesday, March 4, please support Sen. Hillary Clinton for president and help get our country back on track.

Joe Bialek
 Cleveland, Ohio

COMMENTARY

Momentum? Yes; Unstoppable? No

Jonathan Last

The Philadelphia Inquirer (MCT)

For Hillary Rodham Clinton, February has been the cruelest month.

But it's too early to crown Barack Obama king.

After a strong showing on Super Tuesday, Clinton was faced with a four-week stretch of 10 contests that she had little chance of winning. Obama has won eight of them so far and could well run the table if he takes Wisconsin and Hawaii on Tuesday. His money advantage is growing, and he now holds a small but undisputed lead in both delegates and popular votes.

After Clinton's New Hampshire victory, this state of affairs was not unexpected. The calendar favored Obama, giving him four weeks of open-field running, provided he could survive Super Tuesday. The Clinton campaign planned somewhat accordingly. But as a poet and boxer once said, "Everyone has a plan until they get punched in the face."

Which is what has happened to Team Clinton. The question is: Can it recover, or will Obama build

enough momentum to overwhelm her Texas and Ohio firewalls?

The Obama campaign has reason to be confident. It has a very good candidate. And it is entirely possible that his new front-runner status will help him break through with voting groups Clinton has been winning. Obama's most encouraging result last week was his 8-point win among Hispanic voters in Virginia. (Hispanics made up only 5 percent of Democratic voters in the commonwealth, but it's a good sign nonetheless.)

Obama isn't unstoppable (yet), though, and an examination of his numbers points to some weaknesses.

First, there are the caucuses. Because of the energy of his supporters, Obama has been spectacularly successful in caucus states. He has been less successful in states with full-voting primaries.

Then there's race. Let's get the obligatory disclaimer out of the way: None of the following is meant as a value judgment, it is merely a simple observation of facts.

Obama is unbeatable in states where blacks make up a large part of Democratic voters because blacks have gone for him by staggering margins.

A few examples: In South Carolina, where blacks were 55 percent of the vote, Obama won them by a 59-point margin. Similarly for Georgia (51 percent; Obama won them by 77 points), Maryland (37 percent; Obama by 69 points), and Virginia (30 percent; Obama by 80 points). When a candidate can roll up margins of 60-plus points in a single segment that represents 30 percent to 50 percent of the vote, he is, as a mathematical matter, nearly invincible.

None of this is to say Obama cannot win white votes, too. His victories in quite-white Iowa, Minnesota and North Dakota all prove that. But those are caucus states and states with homogeneously white populations. Obama has not been able to win consistently in (a) primary states with (b) racial makeups closer to the national average. His victories in Missouri and Connecticut are important because they show that he can win this type of primary. But regression analysis suggests race is a factor in these contests.

Here's Duke poli-sci fellow Brendan Nyhan summing up the phenomenon: The theory is that "Obama's race isn't an issue in overwhelmingly white states because race isn't salient there,

whereas Obama can win in states with large black populations using a coalition built on black support. But in states with moderate black populations, race is sufficiently salient to reduce his vote totals among whites, and he can't ride the black vote to victory in the same way as he does in more heavily black states. I'm not sure if that's true, but the data are at least broadly consistent with the story." Other academics and pollsters, including the indispensable Jay Cost of Real Clear Politics, have noticed much the same.

Obama's other major weakness has been with white voters making less than \$50,000 a year. Like Gary Hart, Bill Bradley and Howard Dean before him, Obama has been a big winner among wealthy, well-educated whites. He regularly wins wide margins among those with postgraduate degrees and those making more than \$100,000. Again, the calendar has helped him: In four of the last seven contests, the median income of white voters has been more than \$50,000.

If you're in the Clinton campaign, you can survey all this and cling to four facts: (1) Only two caucuses remain, in Hawaii and Wyoming. (2) Blacks make up an outsized part of the vote in only two

more states, Mississippi and North Carolina. (3) Only a handful of small, racially homogeneous states are left on the board (Montana, Vermont, South Dakota, Oregon, Wyoming). The rest of the states on the schedule look "more like America," to borrow a phrase. (4) Perhaps most important, none of the remaining 16 states has a median white income of more than \$46,000.

If she can weather the February storms and win Texas and Ohio (and perhaps even Rhode Island) on March 4, Clinton will be within a couple of dozen delegates of Obama. But March 4 holds a binary result for her: Lose and the campaign is over; win and she goes to Kentucky, West Virginia, Indiana and Pennsylvania in a very strong position. It's the lady or the tiger.

Clinton and Obama could well head to the convention in a dead heat. If so, Clinton would have the momentum and the unseated delegates from Michigan and Florida in her back pocket. At that point, we could see all manner of mischief.

Of course, it's also possible that February's victories have given Obama a breakthrough with Clinton's coalition that he will be able to exploit on March 4. Stay tuned.

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BASKETBALL

Penguins search for spark

With little time left in the season, the Penguin basketball teams are coming off a rough weekend where both squads could not find the magic to score crucial wins.

Aaron Blatch
Sports Reporter

The Youngstown State men's and women's basketball teams' poor defensive play resulted in each team dropping games on Saturday.

Despite a career-high 29 points from senior guard



Senior forward Dwight Holmes
PHOTO COURTESY OF RON STEVENS

Byron Davis and solid offensive games from John Barber and Jack Liles, the men's team lost a high-scoring non-conference game to Buffalo at Alumni Arena in New York state.

The Penguins (9-19, 5-12 in-conference) shot 48.5 percent from the floor, led by Davis' 13-of-18 shooting, but they struggled from the free-throw line,

making just 13 of 23 attempts (56.5 percent). Barber scored 22 points, and Liles added 11, but their offensive production was offset by three Bulls scoring at least 16 points and the team shooting 28-of-31 from the foul line (90.3 percent).

The game went back and forth in a first half that had eight lead changes and ended with Buffalo leading 41-39, before the Bulls pulled away in the second half. The Penguins were unable to get their transition game going down the stretch. After an 8-0 advantage in fast-break points in the first half, YSU failed to get any transition baskets in the second.

The game was the final non-conference contest on the Penguins' schedule this season. The team finished 4-7 in those games, which included two teams ranked in the AP Top 25. The YSU men's team will finish out the regular season Saturday, when it hosts Cleveland State in the final home game for seniors Davis, Barber, George Cotal and Dwight Holmes.

The women's team suffered a major setback in its hopes for a high Horizon League tournament seed by dropping an 82-66 decision to Cleveland State at Beeghly Center Saturday.

Junior guard Velissa Vaughn led the Penguins with a career-high 28

ON THE HORIZON

Men's Basketball vs. Cleveland State Saturday, 7:05 p.m.

Women's Basketball vs. Butler University Thursday, 7:05 p.m.

points, 12 coming from behind the 3-point line, but three Cleveland State players combined for 64 points. A win would have put the two teams in a tie in a competitive Horizon League, but the Penguins are 7-7 in conference play while the Vikings sit at 9-5.

Cleveland State held senior Heather Kamer, the Penguins' leading scorer on the season, to just 6 points on 2-11 shooting, and no one but Vaughn scored in double figures. The team attempted 24 3-pointers, connecting on eight, but the lack of aggressiveness on offense contributed to just 11 free-throw attempts, compared to 24 for the Vikings.

The Penguins out-rebounded Cleveland State 33-31, with eight boards coming from forward Tiara Scott, who was also second on the team in scoring with 8 points.

The team has four regular season games remaining before beginning the Horizon League Tournament on March 10. The women's next contest is Thursday at home against Butler, who is a half game behind the Penguins in the league standings.



Senior guard Lauren Branson
PHOTO COURTESY OF RON STEVENS

HORIZON LEAGUE BASKETBALL

Men's Basketball Standings

Butler	14-2	25-3
Wright State	12-4	20-7
Cleveland State	11-6	19-11
Milwaukee	8-7	13-13
Illinois-Chicago	8-8	15-13
Green Bay	7-9	13-14
Valparaiso	6-9	16-12
Loyola	6-10	11-16
Youngstown State	5-12	9-19
Detroit	3-13	7-20



Women's Basketball Standings

Green Bay	14-1	22-4
Cleveland State	9-5	15-10
Wright State	9-5	12-13
Milwaukee	9-6	14-11
Youngstown State	7-7	12-13
Butler	7-8	17-9
Valparaiso	7-8	12-14
Illinois Chicago	5-9	9-16
Loyola	4-10	6-19
Detroit	1-13	4-12

PENGUIN SPORTS TO THE POINT

More records fall at Track and Field event at Kent State Saturday

Junior Aaron Merrill broke the shot put record for the second straight week and three runners posted personal-best times in the 800m in Youngstown State's final meet prior to next week's Horizon League Championships.

Merrill nearly hit the NCAA provisional qualifying standard in the shot put, posting a distance of 56-6 1/2 to finish third. R.D. Goodright, Harold Jones and J.D. Sheppard all ran personal-best times in the 800m for YSU, which will host the league meet at the Kent State Field House on Saturday and Sunday.

Goodright finished second in the 800m with a time of 1:53.09, Jones was third in 1:53.67 and Sheppard was fifth in 1:53.97.

Junior Katie Betts finished second in the 200m with a season-best time of 25.30, and freshman Breanne Romeo was fourth with a personal-best time of 25.50 to highlight the women's performances.

Emily Wollet also ran a personal-best 400m time of 58.62 to finish fourth, and Katy Wells' time of 9.22 in the 60m hurdles earned her fourth.

BASEBALL

Penguins suffer series sweep at hands of Yellow Jackets, open season at 0-3

Eric Barone
Reporter

Youngstown State's baseball team traveled to Atlanta this weekend to battle the 25th-ranked Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets. The last time the Penguins faced an Atlantic Coast Conference team was in 1996 when they played Duke.

YSU got off to a slow start by dropping all three games of the series. Senior Lucas Engle started the first game on the mound for the Penguins, going 4.2 innings and allowing eight hits and six runs. Only two of the six runs were earned in the loss to Georgia Tech. Senior Josh Page, freshman David Leon and sophomore Dustin Wachter all singled in the game. The Penguins were held to just three hits on Friday.

Saturday's game ended in dramatic fashion in the top of the ninth, as senior Sean Lucas was thrown out at the plate to end the game. The run would have tied the game at 1-1 with the Yellow Jackets having last at bats in the bottom half of the ninth. Pitching was the key for Penguin starter and senior Adam Kalafos, who worked five innings, allowing one run and striking out five. Chuck Schiffhauer relieved Kalafos in the sixth and held the Yellow Jackets scoreless for three



SWING AWAY — Senior Sean Lucas follows through after a hard cut at the opposing pitcher's offering. The Penguins got off to a slow start in Atlanta, dropping three games to Georgia Tech. The team returns to action Saturday against Pittsburgh. Photo courtesy of Sports Information.

innings. The Penguins out-hit the Yellow Jackets 10-7, and both teams left nine men on base. Leading the way on offense for the Penguins was Page, who had three hits, and redshirt freshman Joe Iacobucci and Leon added two hits apiece.

Lack of run support froze the Penguins in the final game of the series against Georgia Tech. Sophomore Aaron Swenson was dominated on the mound Sunday, but his efforts were not enough as

the as the Yellow Jackets broke a 1-1 tie in the eighth to go on to win 4-1. Swenson went seven innings, allowing only one run and recording four strikeouts. Third basemen Lucas led the way offensively, going 2-3 and knocking in the Penguins' only run in the second inning. The Yellow Jackets out-hit YSU 10-5 in the final game. YSU will travel to Chillicothe Saturday for a three-game series against Pittsburgh.

SPORTS FEATURE

Turn it up or turn it off

Student athletes get in the groove to a varied arrangement of pre-game music choices

Keith Langford
Reporter

From complete silence to bass-thumping jams, student athletes prefer different sounds to help prepare for performance at Youngstown State University.

Junior middle distance runner Harold Jones listens to music to calm his nerves before running.

"I use music to relax and to stay focused," Jones said. He enjoys the smoothness of R&B found in his favorite songs "Kryptonite" by Mario, "Perfect Love Song" by Boyz II Men, and "Hate How Much I Love You" by NeYo ft. Rihanna.

Senior softball star Becky Hibner enjoys pumping up the music loud with her fellow teammates to get energized before hitting the field of battle.

Hibner loves the sounds of rap and, like Jones, enjoys listening to R&B. Every now and then, country

music pops up on her iPod as well.

While some athletes favor musical motivation, freshman football player Naeem Outler prefers the serenity of silence when working out with the football team. He said he would rather focus on getting better and preparing himself for the next season. The football team's "Tressel Tradition," named for the former head coach Jim Tressel, requires that athletes to use headphones while they listen to music.

Redshirt freshman basketball player Blair Rozenblad said music "basically calms me down."

He said people shouldn't be too laid back before competition, and so he uses music to pump himself up before a basketball game. While both R&B and hip hop are personal favorites, Rozenblad appreciates the lost genre of old school rap.

Sophomore soccer player Erin Gilmour uses a variety of music to harness her focus on the competition, from down-home country to techno.

"I use music to relax and to stay focused."

Harold Jones, middle distance runner, track and field