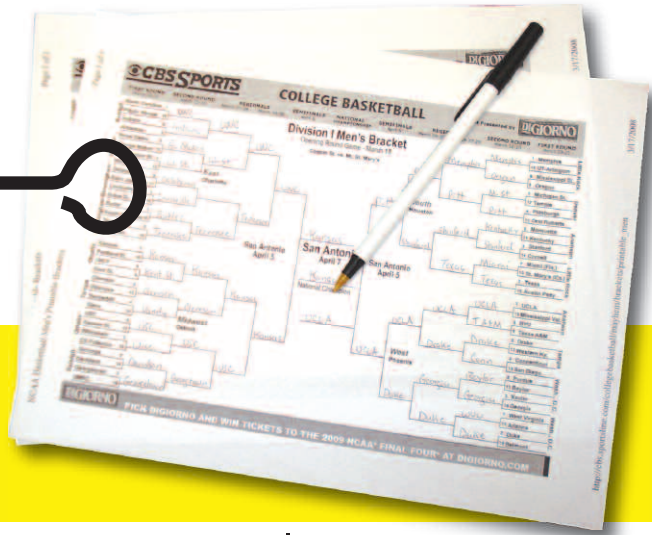




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### LABOR RELATIONS

## Administration, faculty reach tentative agreement

Sarah Sole  
News Editor

Youngstown State University administration and the YSU-Ohio Education Association have successfully agreed on a tentative negotiation for faculty contracts set to expire Aug. 17. Stanley Guzell, chief negotiator of faculty since 2003, will share the proposed contract changes with faculty during a YSU-OEA chapter meeting March 26, and within a few days faculty will vote on the agreement.

**“Both teams have sought to take, I think, a constructive approach.”**

—David Sweet, YSU President

While the traditional approach involved both teams submitting proposals and counter proposals, this time, the teams used a negotiation interest-based approach, using subcommittees to work together on one proposal, he said. Guzell said that the trauma of the 2005 strike motivated both

teams in a positive way. “I think we entered the negotiation with the determination not to let that happen again,” he said. The negotiators worked better together this year than they did previously, Guzell said. Additionally, subcommittees had a bigger opportunity to develop ideas, in a process

called modified interest-based bargaining. “That process proved to be very successful,” Guzell said. Guzell said the teams focused on interests rather than particular positions. “We kept an open mind as long as possible,” he said. For her part, Cynthia Anderson, chief negotiator for YSU administration, said the teams of the administration and the YSU-OEA were wonderful to work with. Both agreed on ways to improve the university kept the bargaining agree-

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### HEALTH

## Study shows benefits of refraining from excessive complaining

Alice DeBonis  
Reporter

Youngstown State University freshman Ciera Hudson admits she often complains about her problems to her friends. “I feel like a whiner sometimes,” Hudson said. Hudson is not alone. Venting frustrations to others is something almost everyone does, and moderate complaining can be positive, said YSU psychology professor Steve Ellyson. “The positive to this is that a person gets their feelings out,” Ellyson said.

Hudson agreed and said most of the time she feels a lot better after discussing her problems with friends.

Yet discussing problems excessively can make a person feel worse, and females may be especially at risk. According to a study at the University of Missouri-Columbia, excessively discussing problems with close friends appears to cause increased anxiety and depression in adolescent girls. In an MSNBC health article, study author Amanda Rose said that the same is likely true for adult women.

Hudson recognized that complaining can lead to feeling worse, and said there are times she complains and feels more depressed. Hudson offered an example. She recently bought a car and now has to make payments, something she never had to do before. In addition, her auto insurance increased. As a result, she has less money.

“When I complain about this, it sends me into a somber,” Hudson said.

The study also found that young men don't tend to overanalyze their problems as deeply as women.

Ellyson offered an explanation. Females are often considered to analyze and complain more about their problems than males only because they have been socialized to be more verbal about their emotions, he said.

“I think guys have complaints. They just tend to be more direct,” Ellyson said.

Sophomore Cody Ozanich related to the study's findings by saying that although his guy friends complain; they don't overanalyze their problems.

“My friends complain about stuff like classes, but not anything in-depth,” he said.

Ozanich isn't certain that girls complain as much as guys, but he said he feels that sometimes they try to find a reason for their problems, even when there isn't one.

“Sometimes things are the way they are,” Ozanich said.

Ellyson pointed out that learned socialization can easily change if society rules change, and that he doesn't completely buy into the “Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus,” viewpoint.

“Men and women are much more similar than different,” Ellyson said.

Even so, Ellyson does agree that excessive complaining has negative results, whoever the complainer may be, and warned if people complain over and over again, what they say may become background noise to others.

“You basically stop listening to them,” Ellyson said.

As a result, complainers become frustrated because they are asking for change and not getting it, Ellyson said. He also said if a person who constantly complains eventually does have a legitimate complaint, he or she may not be taken seriously because it gets lumped in with the rest.

It's important to avoid complaining too much because this par-

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## Get your green on

PHOTOS BY RICHARD LOUIS BOCCIA & BRIAN GETTNER, THE JAMBAR

**THE LOOK O' THE IRISH** — Whether they wore their Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles T-shirts or rocked the shamrock on shirts and hats, YSU students turned green Monday for St. Patrick's Day.

### YSU POLICY

## Two-year mark brings revisions to YSU code

J. Breen Mitchell  
Reporter

Youngstown State University is updating the Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct based on evaluations from several departments and other sources.

Updated every two years, the code is a document that lays out the expectations that YSU has for its students, as well as what students can expect from the university.

“The code is the type of document which deals with human behavior,” said Martin Manning, associate director of Student Life. Manning said that as the nature of human behavior changes, the code must be updated to reflect that.

For example, when the code was written, there were no rules about cell phone use.

Manning said the review process had just been completed, and that it would take most of the month of March to review all of the feedback.

The Office of Student Life is responsible for the part of the code that deals with student conduct.

According to the document, “The University student code shall apply to conduct which adversely affects the University community or interferes with the pursuit of its mission.”

The code applies to all student conduct from enrollment through graduation, not just on campus or in class.

“The code serves an important role in promoting a positive learning environment. Promoting community

CODE page 2

### Code rights

- Rights to free inquiry, expression and/or assembly
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### Basic student responsibilities

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- Adhering to established drug and alcohol rules
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### ALUMNI

## YSU grads create alternative networking site for Christians

Samantha Pysher  
Reporter

A year and a half ago, two brothers, both Youngstown State University graduates, one a lawyer and the other with a degree in computer information systems and management, had an idea to create a faith-based social networking Web site.

“We wanted a place for adults and children to be able to come to a safe Web site to social network,” said Gary Brantley, one of the creators.

Within about three months, the brothers created <http://www.thefaithspot.com>, which now hosts 10,000 users from the United States and even Japan. Brantley said the social networking site, with the motto of “the place where believers meet,” is geared toward a person's education and faith.

Brantley said he uses word tags to monitor the Web site, by tagging any inappropriate words so that



users are unable to type them in posts. “It's a safe space for a parent to have their kids on the site,” Brantley said. Another way that he and his brother have kept the site safe is to work with the police to avoid sexual predators, he said.

**“We wanted a place for adults and children to be able to come to a safe Web site to social network.”**

—Gary Brantley, creator of FaithSpot Web site

The site is for all ages, offering features like a college chat room. Another feature is a tool that converts a

MySpace or Facebook Web page to a FaithSpot page while still keeping whatever social networking page the user previously had.

“I want people to know that there is a religious social networking site for people of faith,” Brantley said.

He said there has been a big calling for the Brantley brothers' new take on a social networking

Web site. He called the site a combination of MySpace and Facebook with their own added flavor.

“I want students to know that there is someone who graduated from YSU who is making a social networking difference,” Brantley said.

One YSU student appreciates this effort. Rachel Tax, a member of YSU's chapter of Campus Crusade for Christ, said that she would use the social networking site to connect to other Christians from YSU.

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## COMPLAINING page 1

ticular behavior unnecessarily uses up a lot of energy and makes life appear more negative than it really is, Ellyson said. As a result, over-complaining can take its toll emotionally.

Ellyson offered simple advice on how to curb excessive complaining.

"Try to be more selective in what you complain about," he said.

### Tips on how to stop complaining

1. Be quiet! This is the easiest way to stop complaining.

2. Try to stop complaining aloud about anything, to anybody, for a period of time, say a week or even a month.

3. When the urge to complain arises, vent your frustrations on paper and write down whatever's bothering you.

4. Think of at least one thing you can do to change the frustrating situation. If you can't think of anything to change your situation, resist venting out loud by referring to back to number two's advice.

Source: Collaborated advice from Martha Beck from "O, The Oprah Magazine, October 2007, and ehow health writer.

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OUR SIDE

## No strike may signal better campus cooperation

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Youngstown State University students remember the failed contract negotiations of 2005 all too well. We have images of our professors and staff standing along Wick Avenue and Elm Street wielding signs and posters supporting their cause.

We remember the potential of missing out on the first few days of class. And we also remember the resentment that lingered on campus once the strike settled.

This summer promises to be a smoother transition than those previous. The tentative agreement between the university and the Ohio Education Association is a positive sign for YSU.

It is nice to see the university breaking away from traditional bargaining and creating subcommittees that promote forward thinking. The subcommittees help the university and the unions to accomplish more.

Perhaps the tone of relations between faculty and the administration has improved.

Instead of a discourse full of disagreement and remorse, it can be one of mutual agreement and common interest in student welfare. At the end of it all, students should remain at the heart of every issue on campus.

Maintaining a healthy work environment for faculty and staff lets them do their jobs and make the most of student experiences.

It is the mission of the faculty to educate us and the staff aids in that quest. Students can breathe easy that staff and faculty will likely avoid a repeat of 2005.

We do not doubt our institution's ability to provide us with a solid education, but faculty, staff and administration all need to work together for YSU to thrive. Each play an integral role in the successful running of the university.

When negotiating these and future contracts, please remember to keep that in mind.

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COMMENTARY

## Candidates need to take a strong stance on global warming

Hank Kalet

(MCT)

The three leading presidential candidates must take a stand on global warming. They all say they are committed to reducing greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, but the question is whether they plan to do enough to avert further damage.

Democrats Sens. Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton say they will reduce carbon emissions by 80 percent by 2050, while Republican Sen. John McCain is calling for a 60 percent cut during the same period.

But carbon emissions may need to be eliminated altogether to keep temperatures from rising to dangerous levels, according to several recently released scientific papers.

Emission of carbon dioxide and its concentration in the atmosphere are both rising at record rates and if they continue to grow at current levels, average

temperatures could climb by more than 7 degrees, the Washington Post reported recently. This could cause changes in precipitation that could lead to flooding in some areas and drought in others.

As scary as this scenario is, climate scientists are now saying that the Earth's temperature will continue to rise even after carbon emissions are reduced. If emissions were frozen at current levels, carbon concentrations would continue to rise, according to the Carnegie Institution's Department of Global Ecology, which sponsored one of the studies. Stabilizing carbon concentrations by making deep cuts in emissions would only slow the rise in temperature, not stop the warming, the Carnegie Institution says.

"Just as an iron skillet will stay hot and keep cooking after the stove burner's turned off," a release from the Carnegie Institution said, "heat held in the oceans will keep the climate warm

even as the heating effect of greenhouse gases diminishes. Adding more greenhouse gases, even at a rate lower than today, would worsen the situation, and the effects would persist for centuries." Several states — led by California — are moving to address the problem, passing caps on tailpipe emissions, though many of these state programs have been stymied by the federal government's unwillingness to grant waivers from federal law.

All three presidential candidates have said they would approve the state programs. And all three have offered programs that are better than the status quo but fall far short.

Bold action is needed. Global warming is real, with the effects already being felt in changing weather patterns, rising sea levels and more frequent droughts. Conditions are only going to get worse. The time to act is now.

COMMENTARY

## Illegal workers enrich profiteering employers but shortchange U.S. taxpayers

Philip J. Romero

(MCT)

As the saying goes, nature abhors a vacuum. On immigration policy, for most of the last 20 years —since the last immigration "reform" act was passed in Congress in 1986 — a vacuum is about all that has emanated from Washington.

So states are attempting what the Feds won't do. The illegal immigrant problem that was first placed on the national radar by California in the early 1990s has expanded beyond a handful of border states to almost every state in the union, with only vacuous statements from our national "leaders."

Amid the debate over how to control our borders, a simple truth is rarely voiced: Many industries have built their business models on cheap labor, and have no desire to end illegal immigration. They dress up their business imperative in politically correct language to give the politicians they support a publicly acceptable reason for opposing real reform such as a tamper-proof national ID card.

Politicians, Republican and Democrat, outbid each other in proposing supposedly "tough" immigration laws — then conveniently fail to provide agencies the

resources to enforce them. Recent highly publicized initiatives by the Department of Homeland Security to crack down on employers may change this, but there have been Potemkin village "sweeps" before.

Not surprisingly, therefore, the issue has increasingly been taken up at the state and local levels. It's now a la carte immigration policy. Some big-city councils have passed ordinances declaring sanctuaries.

More commonly, jurisdictions have grown tired of waiting for the federal government, and are mandating sanctions that the Feds can't seem to make happen. Arizona's recent law is one example: it imposes state penalties on employers who hire illegal immigrants.

Why have Arizona voters, and by extension others, taken the law into their own hands, quite possibly unconstitutionally?

First, they see it as an economic imperative. The majority of illegal immigrants come from poor rural regions of Mexico and Central America. Their average level of education is barely six years of school.

Combined with a lack of English proficiency, this consigns them to only low-skilled, low-paid jobs. Most of government subsidies are targeted to low income residents, and are mandated by federal courts, regardless of the recipient's legal status.

Illegal immigrants absorb far more in government support than what they provide in tax dollars — by a margin of at least eight to one. Taxpayers in states such as Arizona, seeing their dollars siphoned off to go to recipients they never intended, have every right to be outraged.

Second, while illegal immigrants are motivated by a desire to work, not dependence, they also are flouting the law, and ultimately our very sovereignty. Evading one legal obligation often leads to broader and more serious criminality — and in fact, illegal immigrants disproportionately populate state prisons.

Ironically, the Arizona measure that has received the most attention is Prop. 300, prohibiting in-state university tuition discounts for illegal immigrant students. Prop. 300 went into effect on Jan. 1.

It is probably not in Arizona's long-term interests to make it difficult for illegal immigrants to enter the middle class through college. But every such concession only maintains the look-the-other-way policy that has been endemic for generations.

In the absence of sincere federal action to match its brave promises, Arizona's frustration is entirely understandable. Expect more of the same from other states, absent effective, long overdue reform from Washington.

COMMENTARY

## A crude habit

Jack Z. Smith

McClatchy Newspapers

(MCT)

It was almost as startling as if entertainer Joan Rivers, a veteran of multiple face fresheners, had denounced cosmetic surgery. Or as if Keith Richards, the Rolling Stones bad-boy guitarist, were suddenly conducting seminars on clean living.

But there it was, splashed across the news wires on Wednesday. President George W. Bush, a bosom buddy of Big Oil if ever there was one, uttered this straightforward pronouncement: "America's got to change its habits; we've got to get off oil."

This is the man who for years stubbornly opposed any meaningful increase in federal fuel economy standards until finally signing a bill, passed by Congress in December, that boosts mileage requirements about 40 percent by 2020.

Bush's remark came on the same day that oil prices closed at an all-time high of \$104.52 a barrel in futures trading in New York. On Thursday, oil reached another record high, \$105.97, before settling at \$105.50.

On Monday, gasoline prices nationally averaged \$3.16. Diesel fuel, used to transport most goods, was at \$3.67.

Energy prices are raising costs for everything from combread to airline tickets. There's serious talk of \$3.40 gas this spring, and \$4 fuel further down the line.

The media have made much of the fact that U.S. oil companies have been achieving record profits, topped by \$40.6 billion in earnings by Exxon Mobil in 2007. But another trend probably should be even more troubling to Americans: The United States is losing much of its historic control over the world's oil supplies at a time when we import about 60 percent of the oil we consume.

More than 75 percent of the world's oil is owned and controlled by governments through their

national oil companies, rather than private-sector giants such as ExxonMobil and Chevron. The national energy concerns in oil-rich nations such as Saudi Arabia, Nigeria and Venezuela are driving harder bargains in terms of providing access to their oil and demanding bigger shares of production revenues.

The nationals' power was evidenced last week. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, the cartel that includes Saudi Arabia, snubbed Bush's plea to ramp up production and thereby put a damper on prices. OPEC said oil supplies are adequate. It contended that much of the price increase has been caused by speculators and U.S. economic "mismanagement."

Investors have flocked to commodities such as oil as a hedge against inflation and as a reaction to the weak U.S. dollar.

America, the world's biggest oil consumer, also has waning control over global crude supplies and prices for another reason: Fast-growing developing countries such as China and India are gobbling up ever-growing quantities of the black gold, with many of their citizens buying autos for the first time.

Fortunately, many Americans are changing their energy habits. February's sales of Chevrolet full-size pickups were down 29 percent, but sales of the compact Ford Focus were up 11 percent.

We should seek to boost domestic oil and natural gas production. But we also must heighten efforts to conserve energy on fronts ranging from autos to home heating and cooling. We must accelerate development of wind, solar, coal and nuclear power. We should embrace strong family planning programs that slow global population growth and thus lessen energy demand.

Some exciting progress is being made. For example, there are some real advances in developing plug-in hybrid and totally electric cars. Even Bush, in the waning days of his disappointing administration, realizes that we've eventually "got to get off oil." That's progress right there, isn't it?

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COMMENTARY

# Placing rules on the tournament of madness

*With a tournament field full of interesting matchups, filling out a winning bracket is sure to be tough in 2008.*

**Aaron Blatch**

Sports Reporter

Since the very name of the season suggests craziness, it is pointless to attempt to give guidelines for filling out an NCAA tournament bracket or to try to script the most fun playoff system in sports. However, when your editor tells you to write a story you must oblige, so the following is the "2008 Aaron Blatch Guide to Filling out Your NCAA Tournament Bracket." Please direct angry comments to Andrew Berry, Sports Editor at The Jambar.

Before we cover who to pick, let's go over who not to pick. These three teams are staples of March, but will likely leave favorite-choosing bracketologists disappointed.

### Run (don't walk) away from Kansas

Sure, the one-seeded Jay Hawks are loaded. There's no logical reason not to expect them at least venturing into the Elite Eight and contending for the championship. But don't forget that this is Kansas we're talking about, so no matter how good they looked in the Big 12 tournament they will find some way to screw it up in the real tournament. Pencil them in for a few victories, but don't be afraid to go with an underdog in the Sweet 16.

### Ditto for Duke

The overachieving Blue Devils' surprising season will likely end sooner than their ranking suggests.

Duke relies too heavily on threes and has no go-to guy on offense. Unlike Duke teams of the past loaded with NBA talent, this group has no standout and will dry up from 3-point range before it reaches the Final Four. This has been one of Coach K's best coaching jobs, but the ACC semifinals loss to Clemson is a sign of things to come.

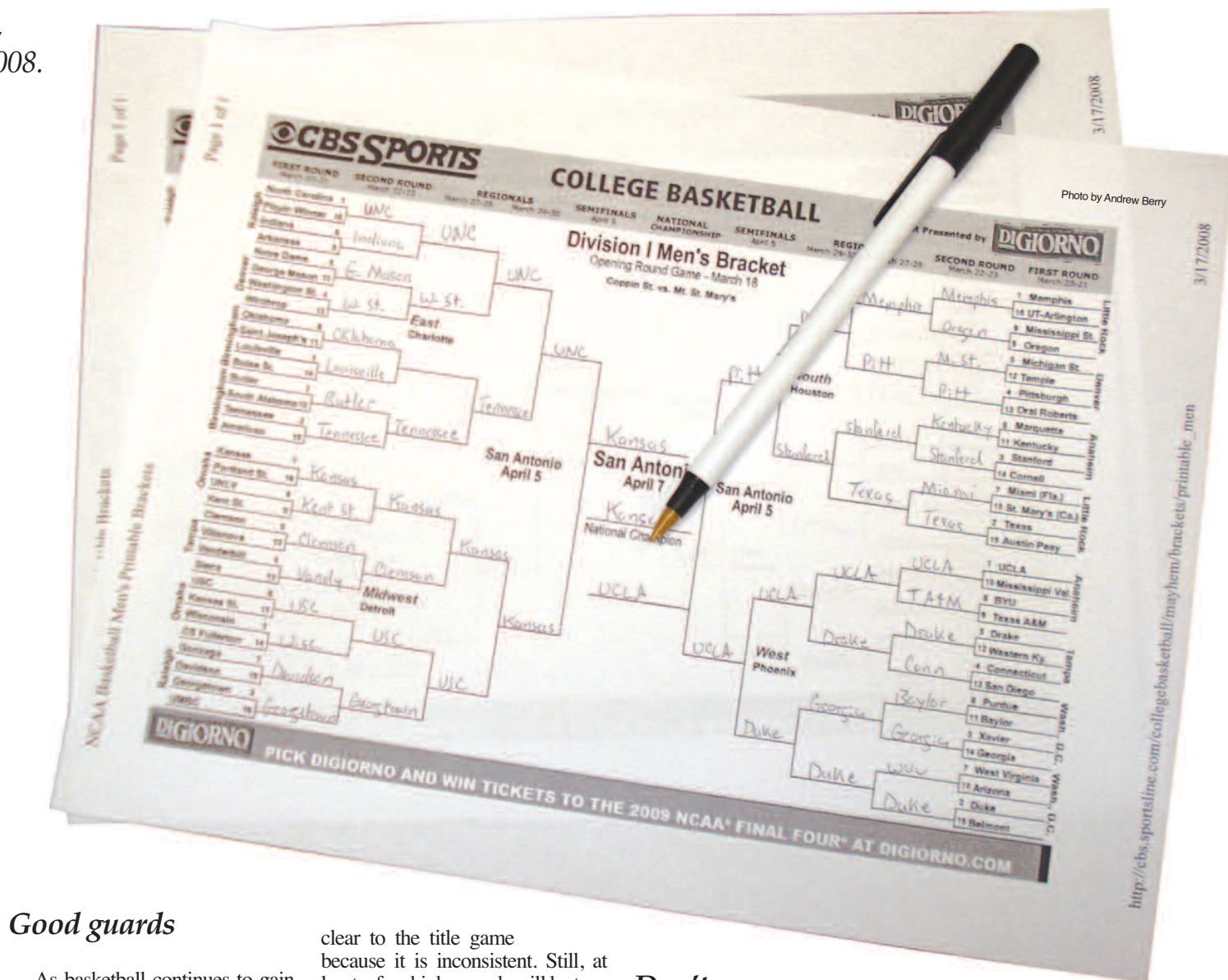
### Be careful with Tennessee

The reason that most people like Tennessee is the same reason why they scare me — Chris Lofton is their best player. Lofton is an excellent shooter who has showcased some late-game heroics this season but he is also a gunner capable of shooting the Vols right out of games. As with Duke, be careful of picking teams to go too far that struggle to get easy baskets. Lofton will be Bruce Pearl's man with the game on the line and the result will likely be a difficult jump shot. Look elsewhere for a national champion.

Now, for the best thing about March Madness: the upsets. What kind of teams are good candidates to knock off a higher seed? Well, every team is different but these are some constants traits of Giant Killers.

### Experience

Mid-majors may not have towering 7-footers and future lottery picks, but what they often have is experience. A senior-laden mid-major is often more poised and focused than a higher-seeded group of freshman counting down the days until they shake David Stern's hand. Look for veteran teams, particularly those with . . .



### Good guards

As basketball continues to gain popularity, there are more and more great guards at all levels. Lower seeds are often guard-oriented teams that may be able to neutralize a size disadvantage by limiting turnovers and knocking down threes. The biggest X-factor in March is 3-point shooting. It often leads to upsets from lower seeds, but usually does not send a team

clear to the title game because it is inconsistent. Still, at least a few higher seeds will be toppled by a barrage of long-range jumpers from mid-major guards. Guards also decide how often big men receive the ball. Kansas State may look attractive with All-American forward Michael Beasley, but his talents will mean little when opposing defenses don't guard anyone but him and his backcourt can't make them pay.

### Don't go overboard

Everyone loves to say "I told you so" when picking a big upset, but don't get carried away. No 16-seed has ever beaten a 1-seed and there have only been a handful of 15-2 upsets. Don't expect this year to be the first, although Kansas may try. Your best bet for an intelligent upset choice would be in the 5-12 games, where the lower seed seems to win at least one game each year. This year's best bet may be Temple over Michigan State in the South region. The Spartans underachieved through a weak Big Ten schedule and rely heavily on Drew Neitzel's streaky long-range shooting (see Lofton, Chris). So now that the upsets are covered we can move on to the teams with a legitimate chance at winning a national title. A look at recent history shows that these are some things to look for while filling out your Final Four picks.

### It's true, defense wins championships

Flashy, high-scoring offenses are exciting, but you have to play both ends of the floor in March. In a single-elimination tournament, defense can be there every game while shooting percentages may jump up and down. This is why UCLA may be the best choice to win it all. When their offense breaks down they can lock the other team up on D.

### Don't underestimate

Willpower is hard to measure or explain, but occasionally you witness it from an individual or team. Florida simply played harder than anyone else the last two years. Juan Dixon willed Maryland to a title in 2002 and Mateen Cleaves did the same for Michigan State in 2000. Nobody wants it more than North Carolina forward Tyler Hansbrough, who is the biggest factor for the nation's top-ranked team.

### The last word

Finally, one bit of advice. Don't let other people give you NCAA tournament advice. Tear this column up, choose your teams by cool-looking mascots, favorite uniform colors or by drawing out of a hat. The madness of March defies rules and reason every year, and this year figures to be no different.

## Jambar Staff Picks



**Andrew Berry**  
Sports Editor

#### SWEET SIXTEEN

North Carolina  
George Mason  
Oklahoma  
Tennessee  
Kansas  
Clemson  
Southern California  
Georgetown

Memphis  
Pittsburgh  
Stanford  
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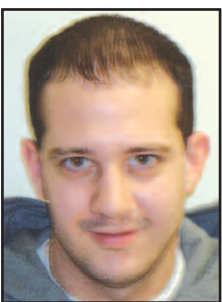
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**Aaron Blatch**  
Sports Reporter

#### SWEET SIXTEEN

North Carolina  
Notre Dame  
Louisville  
Tennessee  
Kansas  
Vanderbilt  
Wisconsin  
Georgetown

Memphis  
Pittsburgh  
Stanford  
Texas  
UCLA  
UConn  
Xavier  
West Virginia

#### ELITE EIGHT

North Carolina  
Louisville  
Vanderbilt  
Georgetown  
Memphis  
Stanford  
UCLA  
West Virginia

#### FINAL FOUR

North Carolina  
Georgetown  
Stanford  
UCLA

#### CHAMPIONSHIP

North Carolina  
UCLA

**2008 NCAA CHAMPION:** UCLA Bruins

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## PENGUIN SPORTS TO THE POINT

*Men's tennis drops home match to IPFW*

The Youngstown State University men's tennis team were not able to hold the early advantage after winning the doubles point against the Mastadons Sunday at the Boardman Tennis Center.

After a shaky outing in doubles, the Mastadons stormed back for a 5-2 win over the Penguins.

Seniors Scott Kathary and Ryan Trapp won their match at No. 1 doubles in the tie-breaker 9-8 (7-5) over Nabil Mourad Filho and Nathan Jones. Junior Diego Cerzosimo and sophomore Chris Leson helped secure the doubles point with their 8-6 win at the No. 2 spot.

YSU also picked up a win at No. 2 singles as Trapp downed Filho, 6-4, 6-3. Kathary and Cerzosimo each lost hard fought battles in the tie-breaker sets. Kathary fell 6-7(5-7), 2-6 in the No. 1 spot while Cerzosimo lost 6-7(10-12), 2-6 at No. 3.

The men's tennis team will open Horizon League play on the road Saturday against the University of Illinois-Chicago. Match time is set for 2 p.m.

## BASEBALL

# Penguins earn series split over Xavier, weather postpones first home contest

**Eric Barone**

Reporter

The Youngstown State University baseball team took two out of three games from Xavier over the weekend at Hayden field in Cincinnati. With the two wins, the Penguins split the season series with the Musketeers with each team winning two games apiece.

Freshman starting pitcher Phil Klein went 6.1 innings to pick up his first win of the season in his first-ever collegiate start in Thursday's contest with Xavier. Klein allowed four hits, walked one and struck out five in his 94-pitch winning effort. Leading the way offensively for the Penguins was senior third baseman Sean Lucas who went three for five at the plate with four RBIs. The Penguin offense came alive in a big way against Xavier's pitching by pounding out 15 hits en route to a 6-1 victory over the Musketeers. Freshman infielder David Leon also contributed with three hits and scored two runs to help the

Penguins' cause.

It took extra innings for the Penguins to earn their 8-6 victory over Xavier in Saturday's contest. The Musketeers jumped out to an early 6-0 lead, but the Penguins battled back in and cut the lead in half in the top of the third. The Penguins kept the game close long enough and eventually tied the game in the top of the eighth inning.

It was an incredible effort by the Penguin bullpen to keep Xavier from scoring another run after the second inning. Freshman Cody Dearth, senior Chuck Schiffhauer, junior Ryan Wackerman and sophomore Eric Marzec came in from the bullpen and held the Musketeers scoreless for 10 innings allowing only three hits along the way. Redshirt freshman Joe Iacobucci and sophomore C.J. Morris went deep for the Penguins in the game to put YSU over the top.

In the series finale, Youngstown State was unable to complete the three-game sweep of the weekend

series with Xavier, and fell 8-2 in Sunday's game. Sophomore starting pitcher Aaron Swenson pitched 6.1 innings, giving up four hits and two earned runs while striking out four in a no decision effort.

Tied at 2-2, the Musketeers broke the game open in the bottom of the eighth with an offensive explosion of six runs. The Penguins had several chances early on to pull away with a lead but were unable to bring home runs as the team stranded nine on the base paths. The Xavier pitching staff did a tremendous job of keeping the Penguin hitters at bay with runners in scoring position.

The Penguins will have to wait for their first home game of the season, as today's contest with Findlay has been postponed with no make-up date announced. Rainy forecasts and unplayable conditions at Cene Park governed the decision to cancel the game.

The Penguins will return to action Wednesday on the road against Duquesne University. The contest is set to begin at 3 p.m.



**SWEET SWING** — Sophomore C.J. Morris found his stroke over spring break. The 5-7 infielder from Canfield, batted .375 in the team's last five games and hit his first career home run. Morris and the team will have to wait until May 25 to play their first home game of the season but will return to action Wednesday against the Duquesne Dukes on the road at 3 p.m. Photo courtesy of YSU Sports Information.