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Crimes against classroom civility

Students say they text, talk, sleep in class

Sarah Sole

News Editor

Junior Erin Hill, a music major, was watching students perform Mozart's opera "The Marriage of Figuro" when the unthinkable happened: In between sets, someone's cell phone went off, as everyone turned and glared at the perpetrator.

"If there's one thing that you don't do, it's leave your cell phone on something audible in the recital hall," Hill said.

Though some may share Hill's opinion, rules governing classroom etiquette at are not set in stone anywhere, at least figuratively speaking. In The Jambar's nonscientific survey, however, 150 students at Youngstown State University weighed in on their opinions regarding student activity during class such as text messaging, talking on cell phones, sleeping, or whispering or talking to others.

While text messaging proved to be the most rampant action in classrooms, students deemed it acceptable. On the other hand (with cell phone attached), the most disturbing action in a classroom setting is talking on cell phones, according to 65 out of 130 surveyed students.

Hill agreed, labeling phone chatter as the rudest action in class.

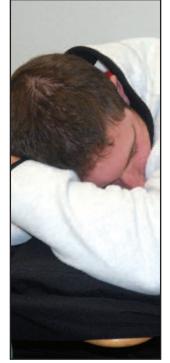
"That makes me glad I never see it,"

Hill said she understands if students have to ask questions about things during class via text messaging, and said she doesn't find classroom text messaging as bothersome as talking on the phone. Most people have the touchtone turned off on cell phones, she said, which is fine.

Dan O'Neill, professor of communication at YSU, said text messaging is popular because it can be done without being easily detected. If he were to see a student

In the survey, more than half of students admitted to texting in class.







55% **Etiquette in YSU classrooms** 26% 17% 2% Talking on Cell Phone Text Messaging Talking or Whispering "Which of the follow

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ADMINISTRATION

Dean candidate promises to create vision together

Adrienne Sabo

Editor in Chief

The second candidate for the dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts visited campus Tuesday and Wednesday. At an open forum with students, faculty and staff, candidate Dennis Rich said he was "a bit overwhelmed."

Before addressing any questions, he said Youngstown State University is an exciting place to be and has interesting challenges ahead. As dean, Rich said he would be involved in making art or making art possible.

When it comes to having an understanding of other disciplines in the college, Rich said he thinks he does.

"Any dean who can say, 'I understand every one of the disciplines in the college equally' is lying.'

As for his vision of the college if he were hired as dean, Rich called vision a collaboration and not something done by one person.

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"The way we create vision is together. I don't want to be the guy who says, 'This is what I see, and this is what we do."

Dennis Rich, candidate for dean of College of Fine and Performing Arts

who says, 'This is what I see, and this is what we do."

Rich said he hopes the college would be on the forefront with its vision and still committed to excel-

"I wouldn't be sitting here at this moment if I didn't see opportu-

Funding for the college was another issue Rich addressed. He said it is an issue that all of the arts and all colleges have faced. He acknowledged that it is an issue that he would be confronted with, if hired.

"I don't want to say we keep doing miracles on a shoestring," he said.

As for why he wants to come to YSU, Rich said the challenges are what intrigue him about the position. "I think I'm ready for a new challenge, in all honesty.'

A part of YSU's mission is community engagement, and Rich said it is something the college already does well. YSU has a "huge responsibility to the area," but the problem is still funding for some of these initiatives.

An instructor at the forum asked Rich if he would work to maintain

the college the way it is, or work to transform it into something better.

Rich responded, "Maintaining is one of the most boring things I can imagine." He said he would like to settle into the position and then work on improving the college, but only with the help of the faculty and staff.

"Yes, I want to talk to you before

making any changes.' During his two days at YSU, Rich said he noticed passion, commitment and opportunity here, and that is something for the university to **ACADEMICS**

Withdrawal deadline looms today

J. Breen Mitchell

Reporter

Today is the last day Youngstown State University students have to withdraw from classes without penalty. Those who withdraw by today will receive a "W." Anyone who withdraws from a class after that date will receive an "F" for the course or courses they drop.

According to the Office of the Registrar, today marks the point in the semester that students should be able to determine whether or not they will be able to complete the required coursework for any classes that they are taking.

"They have 60 percent of each semester to withdraw with a 'W'," said Jeannie Herman, associate

registrar. If students try to withdraw after today, they will fail any classes that they drop.

"On March 28, if you try to withdraw, it's an automatic 'F," Herman said. But getting a "W" on a tran-

script may be as bad as getting an "F" for pre-law students. "If you go into law school a

withdrawal transmits as a zero, so we are still penalized for it," said junior Mark Petiya. Students may withdraw

through the SOLAR system for the rest of this semester, until the switch over the summer to Banner, a new software system.

Herman said that the 60-percent mark has worked well as a deadline for withdrawal.

"I don't think we've ever had a student complain that it's not enough time," she said. "Sometimes students will physically withdraw, stop going to class and never get around to actually making the withdrawal."

Herman said she has seen students forget to withdraw in time because they are too busy with other things.

Sophomore Corie Baker is one of those busy students, but she withdrew in time.

"I basically had to withdraw last week because I didn't have time for the class along with all my other classes," Baker said. "I transferred from Kent State and didn't realize the math class here was so much harder. Everything was messed up financially because of transferring.'

Herman said that most students who withdraw from classes do so because of changes in their work schedule, or for academic reasons, because they don't feel they will be able to pass the class once they see what the workload will entail.

"Students sometimes feel they are in over their head and they just need to lighten their load."

Employers say they look at professionalism, even in your voicemail, e-mail

Ashley Tate

News Reporter

Inappropriate or unprofessional voicemail greetings or e-mail addresses can be a deal breaker between employers and potential employees.

"Hey, this is Jarrod. Leave me a message or leave me alone. Either way, it don't matter.'

That's the message callers get when Jarrod Garcia, a junior at Youngstown State University, doesn't answer his cell phone.

Bernie Cummins, director of Career and Counseling Services, said tact is an important part of the

communication process between students and potential employers. "Employers respond to the qual-

ity of an answering machine. They can be cute or clever but that doesn't work to your advantage. You want it to communicate a sense of maturity and professionalism on your part," he said.

Cummins said employers still talk about voicemail greetings and e-mail addresses that aren't business savvy during panel discussions, but employers say they aren't as big of a problem as they used to be.

Garcia said he would change his voicemail if an employer wanted him to but he would still try to make it "not boring."

He said he previously had a greeting on his phone from the Cartoon Network show "Aqua Teen Hunger Force.'

He said there was a special feature on the DVD where one could choose voicemails for his or her phone and the one he chose was from the character Master Shake.

"My mom hated it. It was, like, three to five minutes long. She would want to leave a message and she didn't," he said.

Garcia said employers shouldn't take voicemails so seriously.

"Honestly, if they get offended by something that stupid then they need to lighten up and have fun," he said. "If you can't have fun at what

you do then you shouldn't do it. Life's not all black and white."

E-mail addresses can pose problems as well.

Junior Sarah Eskay said she has a few e-mail addresses, but there's one she definitely would not use to send resumes and cover letters to employers.

Don Lorenzo, a brand of rum, is part of one of Eskay's e-mail addresses. She said she chose it because she thought it was a funny name for rum that someone can buy in the Bahamas.

When it comes to her voicemail, Eskay's greeting is, "Hey, this is Sarah. Can't pick up my phone right now. Call ya back."

completely different. "I used to have something from

But before, it was something

Family Guy' on there but I changed it because my dad yelled at me and said no one wants to wait a minute or longer to leave a voicemail," Eskay said.

She said her voicemail was from a scene from the cartoon where Stewie, a baby, was trying to get the attention of his mother, Lois, by repeatedly saying, "Mama. Lois. Lois. Mama.'

voicemail greetings and e-mail addresses that are career appropriate so that they aren't overlooked

Some students try to maintain

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THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2008 THEJAMBAR.COM

TO THE POINT

Human Resources speaker to present at Stambaugh

The president and chief executive of the Society of Human Resource Management, Susan R. Meisinger, will be visiting YSU today as part of the Williamson Symposium. The presentation titled "The Evolving Role of HR in Today's Global Knowledge Economy" will start at 7 p.m. in the DeBartolo Stadium Club. Prior to the presentation, networking will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by a buffet dinner at 6:15 p.m.

Physics teachers to meet at YSU this weekend

The university will host a meeting Friday and Saturday between the Ohio Regional Section of the American Physical Society, the Ohio Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers and the Western Pennsylvania Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers. It will include speakers and workshops and will be held in the Ward Beecher Planetarium and Moser

Nursing program seeks nomination

The department of nursing is accepting nominations for the First Annual Nursing Distinguished Alumni Awards. Awards will be presented to four alumni at the YSU Nursing Centennial Celebration in May. Nominees must be graduates of any one of YSU's nursing programs. Deadline for nominations is Tuesday.

'What Not to Wear' seminar to show students how to dress

"What Not to Wear and What to Wear to Interviews and Beyond: Fashion and Feedback" will be held at noon Monday in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center. The YSU Office of Career and Counseling Services is sponsoring the seminar. Students from YSU will model appropriate and inappropriate examples of interview and business attire. A panel of employers will be on hand to give their feedback on the models' attire and discuss how dress influences the success of a job search. Meteorologist Mark Monstrola from Channel 21, WFMJ-TV, will be cohosting the event and broadcasting live from YSU.

Dietetics alumni to discuss careers with students

A panel of professional YSU Dietetics alumni will discuss their careers and give job search tips and strategies Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Kilcawley Center's Ohio Room. "Careers in Dietetics" provides students the opportunity to meet YSU alumni working in the field, get tips on the job search process and learn how to prepare for a career.

POLICE BRIEFS Car accident leads to arrest

Officers were called to the M2 Deck Wednesday in response to two subjects hit by a car. Police discovered one of the subjects had an active arrest warrant and turned him over to Mahoning County Jail.

Three arrested for drugs on campus

Three male subjects were arrested for possession drugs and paraphernalia in the R3 parking lot. Two of the men were students and will also be receiving disciplinary action from YSU.

Residents evacuate apartments after accidental fire

A kitchen fire caused an evacuation Thursday in three levels of University Courtyard Apartments. Police determined the fire was an accident. There were no major injuries.

NATIONAL

School athletes embracing yoga

Lini S. Kadaba

The Philadelphia Inquirer

The hard-muscled men of Haverford College's lacrosse team were primed for a fierce, preseason

So they did a Happy Baby, lying on their backs, grabbing the soles of their feet, and rocking back and forth with glee.

For an hour, the 30 players stretched into Downward Facing Dog, Tree, Frog, and a dozen other yoga positions. Not exactly pushups or wind sprints.

"It's a little shot at the masculinity," joked Joel Censer, 22, a defenseman with tight hamstrings who struggled with a contortion or two. "But, nah, it's great."

Long a fixture in spas and health clubs, yoga is winning over campus jocks. A growing number of college teams have rolled out the yoga mats to augment training regimens and improve flexibility, strength and mental grit, coaches and instructors say.

Haverford took up the ancient Eastern discipline in 2006, and other teams that have adopted it include football at Villanova and Princeton, women's soccer at Penn, women's crew at St. Joe's, and, since the fall, men's soccer at Swarthmore.

Training with yoga appears to have little downside other than, perhaps, the time it can take away from traditional workouts. Researchers also point out that the most-touted benefit - better performance - has not undergone rigorous scientific study.

That hasn't slowed the flow of followers. While no one tracks the number of college teams that supplement training with stretches, deep breaths and meditation, a new Yoga Journal survey indicates nearly 16 million Americans pursue the discipline – 8 percent of them in the prime college age range of 18 to 24.

Yoga has had U.S. adherents since 1893 when Swami Vivekananda introduced in Chicago the hatha form, which stresses physical aspects. Some pro teams, including the Eagles, have used the poses in workouts. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar has been a O'Neal, Kyle Korver, the Williams

text messaging, he wouldn't per-

mit it, and would ask the student

O'Neill said that text messag-

ing, however, is better than cell

phone use. Many professors he

knows will ask students to turn

sisters and other sports stars also train with yoga.

College and high school teams have adopted the exercises more

"That influence trickles down," said Yoga Journal senior editor Diane Anderson said.

In many cases, the activity is stripped of its traditional Hindu flavor. Some instructors avoid Sanskrit names for poses in favor of English or no names at all, and add movements from other exer-

"If I started to use yoga-speak, they'd shut me out," said Cara Bradley, owner of Verge Power Yoga in Wayne, who began training the women's soccer team at the University of Pennsylvania last month. "We don't 'om', or anything." She even gave the class a more sports-appealing name: Balanced Athlete.

At Haverford, instructor Claire Brandon, 22, who is majoring in art history and Romance languages at Bryn Mawr College, interjects the occasional chaturanga (a pushup). But instead of the typical New Age music, she uses rock and reggae. The yoga appeals to enough players - who organize the weekly sessions themselves - that they come on Sunday (the only day off from practice) and pay the cost out

"It makes us a little more in tune with our bodies," said attackman Mike Distler, 21. "It definitely stretches us out more than we ever would during the week."

On this day, the men squatted (Frog) and then moved to the aptly named Happy Baby before finally meditating for a spell.

"I'm all yogified," goalie Jake Mendlinger, 22, said with a grin as he grabbed his stick. "I'm ready to

Whatever the style, the goals are similar: Improved flexibility. concentration. Fewer injuries.

"We bring stability to the entire body," said Adam Marcus, cofounder of Enso Studio in Media. "It's not just about having strong quadriceps."

Over eight sessions at a cost of \$1,600, Marcus trained the Swarthmore College men's soccer team in Budokon, a new form that fuses voga, martial arts and Zen meditation. "You get that full-body

training," Marcus said.

A favorite was the Komodo Dragon, for which players assumed a push-up stance and moved opposite legs and arms across the field-house floor to build strength and agility.

"It's a push-up unlike any you've seen or done," head coach Eric Wagner said.

By season's end, his men had captured an Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference championship, a feat Wagner attributed in part to the mental focus those Budokon lessons built.

Experiences like that boost yoga's appeal. But, said Ralph La Forge, a physiologist at Duke University who specializes in mind-body exercises, "no trials have shown improved athletic performance.'

Hatha yoga does help flexibility, he said. "Hypothetically, it should improve performance," La Forge said, "but I can only say hypothetically.'

At Penn, Darren Ambrose, head coach of women's soccer, was betting off-season training with yoga would pay off on the

"As a coach, I want to give my kids every competitive advantage I can," he said while the team bent and twisted under Bradley's guidance. Soccer is "absolutely about mind, balance and agility.'

Elite athletes marvel at the challenge. Some of the women began shaking as they tried to hold positions. "It humbles them from the first pose," Bradley said. "I rock their world a little bit."

Junior Debbie Bateman was skeptical, she said, when she encountered yoga training three years ago as a varsity rower for St. Joseph's University, where instructor Ed Harrold from Lewes, Del., shares his Flexibility for Athletes program.

Then the nostril breathing (in one side, out the other) and belly pumping (quick, short breaths) helped her push past pain and stay competitive while various poses strengthened core and lower-back muscles.

"I started to shed some of the doubt," she said.

Added Harrold: "There really isn't any separation between the ancient vogic warrior and the warrior you see on the athletic field."

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their cell phones off. One professor will confiscate ringing cell phones and make their owners pick them

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to please put it away.

up at the dean's office. "He just really flips out about

that," O'Neill said. Since some technology is so new, society hasn't established standards for it yet, O'Neill said.

"We should be able to use those tools without it affecting our faceto-face communication," he said. Some students find text mes-

Senior Kaveri Sharma, a tutor at the Center for Student Progress who caught a student text messaging during a session, said that the action makes her feel neglected or

Senior Brandon Sinn, botany lab assistant, said he often sees students text messaging when he

assists botany classes. "You feel like just ripping the cell phone out of their hands sometimes," Sinn said.

As a member of a class, when he's not teaching, Sinn said that talking is the most distracting action. Like Hill, he said that text messaging is largely silent.

Junior Bruce Ciccone agreed with Sinn, saying that the volume involved with talking draws his attention during class.

Ciccone said he also finds some naturally-generated sounds distracting.

Repeated sniffling and coughing are bothersome, Ciccone said.

"I can hear them decaying, so it's really distracting," Ciccone said of snuffling students.

Sharma agreed, saying that coughing during class is a pet peeve for her. In addition to being annoyed by

some sounds or actions during class, students are annoyed with actions during the end of class. Out of 147 students, 65 percent of students said they think putting books and supplies away before the instructor is done teaching is rude, while 81 percent of 150 students said they think standing up before

the instructor is finished teaching is

For his part, O'Neill said he doesn't take offense to students getting their stuff together near the end of class. Instead, he points out to his class that their actions are a non-verbal cue to him to rap things

Additionally, O'Neill said he understand if students stand up during class if he is running overtime, since he knows they need to While Sharma said she waits

until her instructor is done talking before gathering up her things, she said others should keep any gathering discreet.

"People do need to get to places," she said.

However, Sharma draws the line when it comes to standing up before an instructor ends class.

'Standing up is a little inappropriate," she said.

The action depends on the class size, Ciccone said. With eight or nine students in a class, for example, "It's very distracting when someone picks up and walks away," he said.

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by employers.

Graduate student Albert Morar said his voicemail is professional "because I take career-related calls and I take that in a professional manner.'

'Someone who wants to hire you doesn't want to listen to some stupid song," Morar said.

But Morar did admit that his voicemail is the "most boring." His e-mail is just as appropriate

and always use his initials and last name, Morar said. 'No gonzogiraffe@yahoo.com," he said.

Voicemails and e-mails can help employers decide on whether to hire a candidate or not, but social networking Web sites such as Facebook and MySpace can be "much more detrimental," Cummins said.

Cummins refers back to previous articles and reports about how employers check potential employees' personal pages and use

these to differentiate them from other candidates.

"We've had employers directly say during panels that they weren't further considering a candidate because of that. They question the candidate's judgment," Cummins

Cummins said students have to be careful when posting on their personal pages because items on the Internet aren't really private anymore no matter how much one tries to alter privacy settings.

"You can't 100 percent control the access to that," he said. "Employers wouldn't go there if they didn't find it helpful in making decisions.'

Cummins said one's page says a lot about his or her maturity level and professionalism. Employers can use this to differentiate between two strong candidates.

"Even though it's on your own time, your page says something about you as an individual. It

shows qualities of a person where an employer might say, 'We don't want to go there," Cummins said.

When entering the business world, Cummins said there are other ways that students can make themselves stand out besides having flawless resumes and appropriate voicemails.

Students can create electronic portfolios that highlight their achievements, accomplishments and leadership skills, Cummins

Portfolios that are well put together and constructed show a professional approach and representation, he said.

"Employers won't take you as a weak candidate. What you do throughout the job search can differentiate you throughout the competition. Employers want evidence that you've been a productive individual," Cummins said.



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President and Chief Executive Officer Society for Human Resource Management Alexandria, Virginia

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Meisinger, who has served as President and CEO since March of 2002, previously held the position of Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of SHRM from 1999 to 2002. She also served as Senior Vice President from 1997-1999 and as Vice President of Government and Public Affairs from 1987-1997.

Meisinger frequently serves as an expert on workplace and business issues in the national media and has appeared on CNN, CNNfn and NBC Nightly News. She has been quoted in the New York Times, Washington Post and the Wall Street Journal, among other leading national publications.

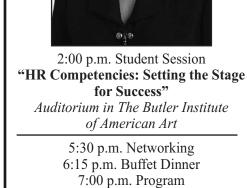
In addition, Meisinger—with former SHRM President and CEO Mike Losey and University of Michigan business school professor David Ulrich—co-authored and edited "The Future of Human Resource Management," which was published in June by John Wiley & Sons. In the book, 64 thought leaders explore the critical HR issues of today and tomorrow.

The Williamson Symposium Series is free and reservations are required. The 2 p.m. session is open to walk-ins. Please RSVP by registering for the evening presentation at www.wcba.ysu.edu at Williamson Symposium Meisinger registration or call the Office of Dean at 330-941-3064.

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TELEVISION

We now return to your **SCHEDULED SEASON**

Adam Bickel

Reporter

The Writers Guild of America has finally come to an agreement with contracts and many television shows are due back soon after months off the air.

"Thank god," Youngstown State University freshman Ashley Himes exclaimed. "I have been dying. I am addicted to 'Grey's Anatomy,' and when that was on break I got hooked on 'Army Wives."

Himes said that without either show she has been forced to do homework.

"My grades are better I guess, but I miss Meredith and McDreamy," she said.

Other students said they were similarly affected by the strike.

Senior Chris Simon admits similar symptoms.

"I never knew how obsessed I was with the shows I watched until they were taken away," he said. "I admit it - my name is Chris and I'm a 'Lost' addict."

Other students didn't seem to mind the lack of new episodes over the past few months.

"There was a strike?" joked sophomore Jon Brown.

"Tell you the truth, it really didn't bother me. I work and go to school," he said. "The only TV I have time to watch is sports, and that is because I care to keep up

Brown confessed, however, that he would have protested had college football been on strike.

A project called TV Turnoff Week is calling for Americans to cut back on those shows we just can't live without. They report that the average American watches over seven hours of TV a week.

Leanne Sandroff said that number is low.

"I know I am a busy person with little time to watch TV, but even I will admit to watching between 12 to 17 hours of TV a week," she said.

"I may not be just sitting on the watching 'Desperate Housewives," she said, "but the TV is on in the background whenever I am home."





PROFILE

Student journalist tries her hand at art photography

Melissa Frederick

Reporter

For most of us spring break was spent partying, being with friends and family, or just relaxing. Senior Katie Libecco, on the other hand, was setting up her first art show in the Oakland Center for the Art's Star Gallery. The exhibit, "Their Song, Their Scene," features over 30 postersized and 8-by-10 photographs of local bands and the venues they play.

"I want people to understand how beautiful the local culture and music scene is here," said Libecco in a press release. "I'm trying to convey how vibrant our culture is with these photographs. Digital photography has given me the ability to capture these beautiful moments in time to share with others."

Libecco worked for The Jambar before she was a rock photographer. She works for Vindy.com and Valley24.com as a writer, photographer and videographer.

"I want to do everything

because I know exactly what my vision for each story is. I want to go out and document the world," said Libecco, describing herself as a one-man-band journalist.

The photographs in her exhibit are described as futurist color metallic prints and are of local bands such as The Zou and First in Space. The idea to do something different happened after taking pictures at a concert at Cedars one night. The lighting hadn't been great and Libecco described the photo-

graphs as boring. "I just wanted pretty pictures to look at so I started experimenting," she said.

She found that she could capture movement with one to ten second exposures and also through camera movement. Libecco said that her method is all in the act of taking the picture, and she does not edit the photographs after the exposure is made.

Libecco said, "I come from the world of photojournalism where you don't edit photos. Why would you?"

She e-mails the photographs

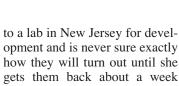


LIBECCO

later.

Libecco already has some offers from other galleries that would like to display her rock photos, one of which she sold on the spot at the Oakland. There are other buyers lined up for more of the photos in the

For now, Libecco is keeping the topic of her next show a



of high school. The dark comedy starts out with CB, based on Charlie Brown, writing to his never-heard-from pen pal about Snoopy being put to sleep, due to rabies. Contemplating what happens after we die, CB tries to go to his friends and family about his problems, but unfortunately everyone is too self-involved to really help him. Matt, adapted from

Pigpen, is a sex-addicted neat freak;

Michael Bury

If you ever wondered what hap-

pened to Charlie Brown and the

gang, director Robert Dennick

Joki's production of "Dog Sees

God: Confessions of a Teenage

Blockhead" at the Oakland Center

for the Arts in Youngstown is the

behind-the-music sob story of the

The play is an unauthorized par-

ody that takes the Peanuts charac-

ters from the Charles Schulz comic

strip and places them 10 years into

the future, smack dab in the middle

beloved Peanuts crew.

Reporter

best friend Van, based on Linus, turned to pot after someone burned his security blanket; Tricia and Marci (Peppermint Patty and Marci) are alcoholic mean girls; and CB's sister is searching for her own identity. CB ends up re-establishing contact with his old friend Beethoven (Schroeder), who may or may not be a homosexual. Don't let the old Peanuts comics fool you. With such topics as drug use, suicide, eating disorders, teen violence, rebellion and sexual identity, this play is not for children.

'Dog Sees God': the Peanuts parody

Gary Shackleford is excellent as the loveable loser that Charles Schulz created and playwright Bert V. Royal adapted into CB. Shackleford's scenes with Greg Mocker, who plays Beethoven, are riveting. Their parodied portrayals leave audiences on the edge of their seats wondering what is going to happen as they explore their sexuality.

Another standout performance comes from Amato D'Apolito, who is hilarious as CB's best friend Van. D'Apolito captures the clueless,

Charles Schulz doesn't want you to see WHEN 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday WHERE The Oakland **HOW MUCH** adults \$15, seniors

> \$12, students \$10 philosophical stoner we have all

> known from high school days. The drawback of the show is its spurts of preachiness, condemning the audience for the problems teenagers face. At other times it feels like the playwright is trying to be a little too "in-your-face" with

> the characters. For instance, Van's sister Lucy is pyromaniac institutionalized for lighting the Little Red-Haired Girl's hair on fire because CB used to have a crush on her.

> This is community theater at its best. The cast and crew do an excellent job of bastardizing Charles Schulz's saccharine creation. And with the power being harnessed from Schulz's spinning dead body, you'll be doing your part for the environment. Either way it's win-win.



ALL A BLUR — One of Libecco's photos from Maynstream's Hip-hop for Hip-hop Heads 3 at Barley's showcases her rock photography. She experimented with her camera setup until she found the right effect to capture the "vibrant" culture of the music scene in Youngstown. Photo by Katie Libecco.



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OUR SIDE

Let's stop crimes against dassroom civility

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Civility, page 1

In middle school we couldn't chew gum in class or go to the restroom without permission. In high school we weren't allowed to use our cell phones. In undergrad, there are far fewer rules, but common courtesy should still be in effect. After all, it's still a class, isn't it?

From some of the classroom behavior we're seeing, we wouldn't think so. We can understand extenuating circumstances. Bad habits, not so much. Somewhere we lost both manners and understanding of proper classroom etiquette.

To the students who talk excessively in class: Having a 50-minute heart-to-heart with your best friend during a lecture isn't appropriate.

To the students who can't wait to leave: We all want to cut out early sometimes, but there's the right way to do it — quietly, with minimum disturbance and the wrong way. Loudly shuffling all your books, papers and personal belongings into a book bag before the professor is done speaking is rude. Standing up to leave is worse.

After 10 weeks of class, everyone should understand when classes begin and end. And no, class does not end five minutes early every day. Packing up your things early will only make more noise and make others angry.

To the students with loud cell phone keypads: Somean in-class text is warranted. But even if the phone is on silent, feverishly punching away at your keys for an hour might disturb the person sitting next to you.

To the students curled up on their desks: Nap time ended in pre-school (or high school). We've all nodded off from time to time, but snuggling with your books and snoring in class is aggravating because the rest of us could probably use a nap too.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dropping out of the Presidential Race

As many of you'll recall, I announced my candidacy for president in 2006 under a new party called the "F" You Party (sort of like what Ralph Nader does). However, at this time, I sadly announce the end of my campaign because of recent revelations advanced by the Honorable Congressman Steve King of Iowa who has said that because of Obama's middle name (Hussein), Islamic terrorists would be rejoicing in the mid-east if he's elected and pulls out of Iraq.

Well, there you have it. My middle name (a long kept secret) is "A-h--," and not only would the wacko-religious zealots of the mid-east be celebrating my triumph (as they are the biggest of $^{\circ}A-h-s^{\circ}$ in the world, so would Congressman King as he himself was born an "A—h—-.'

Thus, to thwart giving him any euphoric joy in my victory or vicariously giving joy to those jerks who danced in the streets when our towers came down, or those right here amongst us who smugly rejoiced while proclaiming their American citizenship to be as loyal as the next guy's while criticizing America because it's rich. An obvious myopic oversight when compared to all the kings and sheiks and emirs throughout the mid-east living high on the hog while the general population sucks on it.

Considering all this, I bow out to Obama's absolute destiny of being the next president (truly elected) and one who can speak at length with stumbling or becoming somewhere from rigidly stubborn to stupid.

Admittedly though, I wanted the Nobel Prize that will be Obama's honor as he brings peace to the mid-east, unifies Korea, has Chinese jobs shipped to America (where they left from), stops Putin from farting around with his megalomania ego, and absolutely proves Congressman "the a—h—-

'King to be a prophet in that not only will they be rejoicing all over the Arab world, the world will be rejoicing all over for the great tranquility and prosperity to come under Obama's eight years.

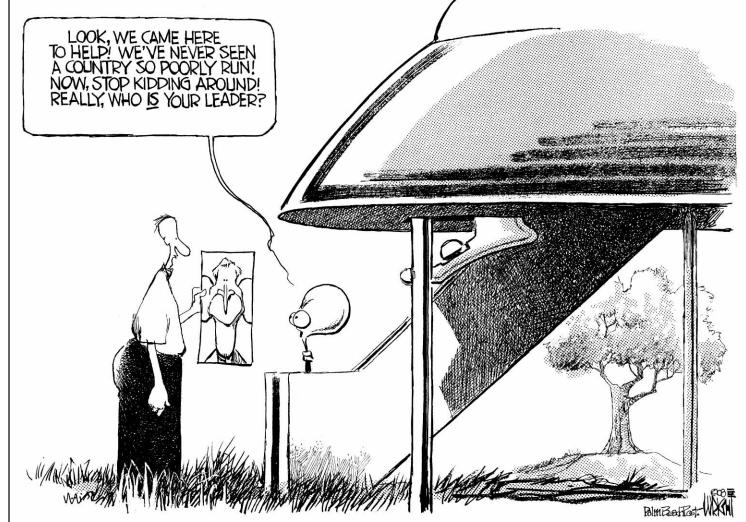
But still, frankly, I would not be dropping out if not for the advice of my campaign manager, my Pet Maggot, who happens to be a Republican, and we know Republicans are always correct.

Ted Williams YSU alumnus, 1995

"Dude, where's my tree?" No, this is not the title of the sequel to a forgotten stoner movie, but rather the question that's been asked all week around Ward Beecher Hall. What happened to the lovely (and healthy) flowering "star" magnolia that once graced the planting bed off the northwest corner of our building?

Well, the answer is all too obvious: it was ripped out by our campus administration, soon to be replaced by, you guessed it, an inanimate object, namely a statue of Howard Jones, the first president of YSU.

While this university's de facto founding father is certainly worthy of the honor, we must ask, Was



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there no paved location for this statue? The cluttered brick circle 200 feet to the east seems a markedly superior location and would have required no tree removal. This spot is currently occupied by an unneeded light standard, two unstylish information kiosks, and several concrete planters that all could be removed or relocated.

The tall single-stemmed honey locust tree nearby could stay, and would pleasantly frame and shade President Jones's statue. This prominent site occupies high and level ground that is a visual focus of one of YSU's nicest architectural spaces. It welcomes multitudes of pedestrians from the Wick Deck bridge and also visitors to Maag Library and Tod Hall.

Fittingly, the Jones statue itself would be a meaningful element at the entrance to the administration building.

In contrast, the location where our tree was removed gives a feeling not of being within a space, but more of having just passed through a space. Further, it is completely disconnected spatially from the entrance to Tod Hall. Worst of all, and what I think will be downright silly, is that the statue is to be located 25 feet from and directly in line with the serpentine wheelchair ramp that winds down from Ward Beecher's northwest entrance. The impression from our building will be of some academic miniature golf hole.

I can just picture our irreverent coworkers and students stroking putts down the zig-zagging ramp and through Jones's legs! It is obvious, however, why the present location was chosen, and why our tree was sacrificed - it was cheaper and easier. My advice to this university is to apologize for cutting down this tree, replace it at once, and put President Jones's statue in a more worthy, even if less convenient, location. Thomas Diggins

Associate Professor of Biology Tree lover and miniature golf enthusiast

Editor,

I don't know if anyone is paying attention to the green cost of these monuments, memorials and other tributations. It just seems that every few years another spot of green or another magnolia tree gets sacrificed in the name of progressive growth on our campus. It's difficult to object to the worthiness of the causes each one of them seeks to honor.

Maybe we could remember one of the reasons why our most recently implemented campus plan, with the "rolling green hills" and 150 various trees, received national recognition as a environmental gem - an oasis in middeclining urban neighborhoods.

Our campus created quiet spots where small microcells of relaxation and communing with our natural environment could break the view of one concrete and brick structure connected by concrete paths.

These latter are of course necessary to any university, but the setting is critical — even to the point of attracting future students a heavy contributor to our bread and butter. A high stress, high tech, set of concrete boxes connected by concrete aprons does nothing to balance our natural world with a necessary one. If the education we sell is supposed to be balanced, why shouldn't the setting in which it is delivered be so as well?

In past few years we have seen a steady erosion of these green spots and quiet zones as our campus gets more and more concretified and stripped of trees the weather takes away, but are never replaced.

How long can this continue before we become an urban desert, and it will be too late?

For years I have urged my colleagues that if we represent a part of Ohio's higher education system here in Youngstown, we should represent the State of Ohio here as well. And if a tree is native to Ohio, it should have at least one example live, here on our campus. But where are the buckeyes? Where are the willows? Where are the birches? One could do worse than be a swinger of birches!

Howard Mettee Professor of chemistry

Editor,

I was so discouraged by the University's unannounced (clandestine?) decision to destroy the magnolia tree near Tod Hall to make room for a statue that I made a donation to the Arbor Day Foundation. This is an organization dedicated to the welfare of trees and forests. Their mission statement says that they "inspire people to plant, nurture and celebrate trees.'

I urge anyone else who was similarly affected by this destruction of a perfectly good tree when other space was available to consider making a donation. The organization's web address is http://www.arborday.org. They can't force YSU to keep its trees, but at least they can help to replenish trees destroyed elsewhere by similar folly.

Bob Hogue Associate Professor Computer Science and Information Systems

Editor, Through the four years I have

served in leadership positions at YSU, I have watched as organizational presidents strive to accomplish grandiose agendas, and fight against a system that seems to be against them in many ways. Even now as I serve as President of my fraternity I fight YSU's old, outdated, and unyielding system; striving to better my fraternity, increase membership, go outside the box, all while sadly trying to appease the incompetent and the mediocre. Yet this year's SGA election cycle offers me hope if not for a revamping of how Greek Life is run, then surely to better our campus involvement organizationally.

I think both sets of candidates bring with them personal charisma; however good manners and great social skills do not alone get the job done. It takes connections, a willingness to be outside the mainstream, able to fight for the students no matter the consequence, and knowledgeable beyond just one year as an appointed SGA official. The only candidates to discuss diversity and have the connections to make their platform a reality are Ramos and Foley.

I have not always agreed with either however their passion, knowledge of SGA's current shortcomings, understanding of diversity (which does not even appear in their opponent's platform), connections within the University to hit the ground running on day one, and knowledge of the plight many student organization and Greek Presidents face makes them not only the best choice, but also the most important choice to an SGA which has run on the same agenda for the last three years, accomplished little of it, and now faces the greatest apathy from its members since my time here. Over all every major council at YSU except maybe for those dealing with diversity have faced great hardships with numbers, and effective, competent leadership.

McGiffin/Kelly although seemingly good people offer no plans, just promises...no solutions...just mediocrity. We need more substance in our leaders. Now is our chance to elect those who have been involved long enough to recognize trouble areas, and utilize their resources and leadership styles effectively, while not learning on the job. Since knowing them both in class, through Student Government, and many other organizations they are apart of. I have come to learn that both Ramos and Foley will state their opinions and fight for what they believe in, showing a drive, tenacity, and spirit that has been lacking from SGA.

Joe Iesue Senior

COMMENTARY

Fashionably stupid: Obama tests America's cult of ignorance

Kevin Horrigan

St. Louis Post-Dispatch (MCT)

Early on in Robert Harris' new novel, "The Ghost," a literary editor says to an author who ghost-writes celebrity memoirs, "Tell me. When did it become fashionable to be stupid? That's the thing I don't understand. The cult of the idiot. The elevation of the moron."

I worried about this question last week as I listened to Sen. Barack Obama's speech on race. I wondered, is America going to get this? Isn't this speech way too carefully constructed and nuanced? Shouldn't he have explained what he meant by "Jim Crow"? Shouldn't he have explained who William Faulkner was?

What's he doing giving this speech at 10 o'clock on a Tuesday morning? Doesn't he know about prime time? Why did he write this speech himself? Doesn't he have speechwriters and focus groups who can test this stuff? Shouldn't he be shouting and waving his arms

instead of standing coolly behind a lectern and talking in measured cadence? Why isn't he pandering?

In what surely ranks as, among other things, one the boldest political gambles in modern times, Sen. Obama decided that the American people were willing to wrestle with complex ideas about the most divisive issue in nation. If it turns out he's right, it will be a signal moment in recent intellectual history.

The trend surely has been in the other direction. In her controversial new book "The Age of American Unreason," author Susan Jacoby argues that the "scales of American history have shifted heavily against the vibrant and varied intellectual life so essential to functioning democracy. During the past four decades,

America's endemic anti-intellectual tendencies have been grievously In other words, she argues, it's

room for contemplation or logic."

exacerbated by a new species of semiconscious anti-rationalism, feeding on and fed by an ignorant popular culture of video images and unremitting noise that leaves no

become fashionable to be stupid. Here is a nation founded by an

eerily atypical cadre of intellectuals Jefferson, Adams, Madison, Franklin and their ilk - who not only had read the Greeks but also had absorbed them, who had read Locke and Voltaire and were building a nation along Enlightenment principles.

Here is a nation that has been led by that archetypal American hero, the self-made man: the Lincoln who strides out of the backwoods with an ax on his shoulder and a book in his hand; the Truman who failed as a farmer, failed as a haberdasher but somehow, because he read widely and deeply, had the wisdom to help rebuild a shattered world.

And now, here is this same nation, led by a man who can't correctly pronounce the word "nuclear" and who once told an interviewer that he avoids reading newspapers because they're full of "opinions."

This is not to say that President Bush is stupid, only that he is profoundly intellectually incurious, willing to substitute belief for science, ideology for fact. And in this,

he is typical of his age.

"Just before the 2004 presidential convention," Jacoby writes, "the journalist Ron Suskind reported a chilling conversation with a senior Bush aide who told Suskind that members of the press were part of what the Bush administration considers 'the reality-based community' - those who believe that solutions emerge from judicious study of discernible reality."

The aide bragged that "when we act, we create our own reality."

These "realities" – that the Iraq war has been a stunningly successful response to 9/11, that FEMA did a heck of a job in responding to Hurricane Katrina, that tax cuts for the rich benefited all Americans, that tapping telephones in Tuscaloosa stops terrorists in Timbuktu – speak for themselves.

Oh, and the choices TV offers! You don't ever have **t**o watch anything hard or unpleasant if you don't want to.

If you choose, you can watch people getting tattoos for an hour or two each day. You can devote yourself 24 hours a day to sports news or

celebrity news or news that you agree with, and commentators who tell you only what you want to hear. And when they make fun of egghead professors and book learning – global warming, what a joke! - you can revel in your own antiintellectualism.

Politicians know all of this, of course. That's why they use 30-second attack ads that pander to short attention spans and that reinforce distorted beliefs.

TV news directors know it, too; to avoid driving off any more of their dwindling audiences, they try not to use any more than 10 seconds of any candidate's remarks. In 2000, Jacoby reports, the average political sound-bite was down to 7.8 seconds.

So there was Barack Obama, making a 37-minute speech on a very unpleasant subject, replete with literary and historical allusions, in the middle of a Tuesday morning, trusting that Americans somehow would stop and pay attention to it. Even if you don't plan to vote for the man, you have to hope he was right.

Youngstown State University sophomore Aaron Swenson has been named the Horizon League Pitcher of the Week for his complete game victory against Butler on Saturday. Swenson, a right-hander from Twinsburg, Ohio, held the Bulldogs to one run on eight hits to earn his first victory of the season in the series finale. He also struck out four and did not issue a walk in what was his first career complete game.

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FOOTBALL

Back to the gridiron

Spring practice begins for the Penguins as the team looks to fill major holes at the quarterback, linebacker and safety positions.

Andrew Berry

Sports Editor

Youngstown State The University football team returned to the gridiron this week as the squad held its first spring practice Wednesday.

As the team moves through the spring schedule culminating with the annual Red-White spring game on April 18, head coach John Heacock and the Penguins will have to decipher where some of the puzzle pieces are going to fit in

Following the team's slightly disappointing 8-4 campaign from a year ago, the goal for the Penguins

KEY RETURNING PLAYERS

WR Ferlando Williams

HB Kevin Smith

HB Jabari Scott

TE Derrick Bursh

OT Tyler Booth

OG Brad Samsa

DE Mychal Savage

LB Rashon Simons

CB Jarvis Richards

DE Torrance Nicholson

CB DeAngelo Williams

FB Ben Lane

will be to not miss out on the playoffs in 2008. But first, the squad has to address the needs at some of the more important positions on the

No longer will quarterback Tom Zetts line up under center on Saturday for the Penguins. After never missing a start since taking over the job in 2004, Zetts leaves the team with very little experience at the quarterback position.

Of the options available for Heacock and his staff, Junior Todd Rowan is the most likely candidate to take over for the departed Zetts next season. Rowan has been with the YSU program for three years but has just completed one career

BIGGEST LOSSES

OB Tom Zetts TE Louis Irizarry LB James Terry LB Jeremiah Wright

SS Vince Gliatta FS Dorian Chenault

SS Bob Perez

FILLING THEIR SHOES

OB Todd Rowan TE Bruce Palmer LB Adam House LB Mike Barlak SS Brandian Ross FS Nick Gooden

SPRING GAME

April 18, 7:30 p.m. Stambaugh Stadium

Despite Rowan's limited time on the field during his tenure in a Penguin uniform, Heacock may feel most comfortable plugging Rowan into the system. Junior transfer Brandon Summers of Toledo has not seen action since 2006, freshman Paul Corsaro redshirted last year, and junior Ferlando Williams has shown more productivity from the wide receiver

"Todd's a guy that's been around and had some great spring games and we just need to keep him healthy and let him compete," Heacock said. "He's the guy with the most reps.'

What will make breaking in a new quarterback easier for Heacock will be the loaded backfield the Penguins will feature in 2008. Returning to carry the rock will be junior Kevin Smith, junior Jabari Scott and Brandon Nicholson. The three-headed monster from the trenches combined for 1,302 yards and 18 touchdowns in 2007.

With the rest of the offense intact, the other glaring holes for the Penguins are on defense.

What was once a strength for the Penguins is now a weakness as the departure of James Terry and Jeremiah Wright has left the linebacking core depleted. Junior Rashon Simons takes over as the most experienced player and will have a to lead a unit that hasn't had much playing time.

Also damaging to the Penguin defense is the loss of veterans Dorian Chenault, Vince Gliatta and Bob Perez in the secondary. While the squad returns three main players at cornerback, defensive coordinator Jeff Mills will have to look to a younger group to find a successful tandem at the safety position.

Mills is looking to his veterans at cornerback - junior DeAngelo Wilson, sophomore Lenny Wicks and junior Jarvis Richards - to anchor the secondary as the younger talent of the Penguin depth chart merges into starting roles. Mills is excited to see what the young group has to offer.

"The focus a year ago was the concern at corner, but going into the spring now the corners are the experienced part of the secondary and we're putting it on them to take leadership positions and push the rest of the group," Mills said.

"The starting point is the older guys showing the younger guys how to practice and how to play and after that it's repetition," Mills said. "It's just old fashioned going to work, that's the bottom line.'

On special teams, Heacock believes that with the group of players available to trot out on the field, the Penguins have a chance to be very solid in the kicking, punting and return games.

While the Penguins muscle through the spring practice schedule, Heacock is confident that the new faces will step up and make an impact. Every spring Heacock goes through the motions of replacing graduated talent, making this spring no different. Heacock feels the staff is looking forward to seeing the players compete for jobs on the field and evaluating the spring performances as the team works toward finding its identity in 2008.

"It's exciting," Heacock said. "I think all the coaches will tell you that spring ball and summer camp and the season are the best part of what we do."



P Ben Nowicki

K Brian Palmer

QB Brandon Summers (Toledo)

NEW FACES

HB Dana Brown (Iowa) LB Draye Ersery (Junior College) SS Andrew Elliot (Garden-Webb)

SOFTBALL

Softball squad prepares for league series with talented Loyola Ramblers

Aaron Blatch

Sports Reporter

With some improved pitching and defense and star third baseman McKenzie Bedra breaking out of her slump in a big way, the Youngstown State softball team finally got into the win column and gave the team something to build from heading into the Horizon League schedule. The Penguins (1-10) went just

1-3 at the Miami Invitational last weekend, but head coach Christy Cameron was happy with her team's progress.

"We took steps in the right direction, but we aren't satisfied," Cameron said. "We improved our defense and pitching — areas that we needed to improve in. We've

started working ahead in counts and minimizing walks, and the bats started to come around, too."

The improvements were showcased in a 6-2 victory over Michigan State, the highlight of the weekend. Danielle Chase picked up a complete win, game Penguins made no fielding errors, and Bedra stole the show offensively. The senior, who had struggled offensively before the tournament, hit her

second homerun of the weekend and drove in four runs in the game against the Spartans.

Next, the Penguins will turn their attention to the Horizon League schedule, which Cameron expects to be extremely competitive. They will play a three-game series with defending regular-season champion Loyola on Saturday and Sunday. Loyola has not had the

SERIES SCHEDULE

Game 1 — Saturday, 2 p.m. Game 2 — Saturday, 5 p.m.

Game 3 — Sunday, noon

LAST TIME OUT

The Penguins ended the 2007 regular season on a two game winning streak after losing game one of the Loyola series at McCune Park.

same success as last season, entering with a 6-11 record, but Cameron still lists them among the league's elite.

Last season the Penguins accounted for two of the Ramblers' five league losses, winning the season series 2-1. However, Cameron said the team is not drawing from last season's success against Loyola for confidence.

"We can't look at last year for confidence. Our confidence comes from preparation and from the way we put some things together Sunday at Miami."

Christy Cameron, head softball coach

"We can't look at last year for confidence," she said. "Our confidence comes from preparation and from the way we put some things together Sunday at Miami."

For a repeat of past success against the Ramblers, the Penguins' pitching and defense must continue to improve. Cameron said her team must keep the opposition off the bases, because of Loyola's quick, aggressive style of play. They have stolen 36 bases already this season, led by left fielder Ellen Kresl. The sophomore has stolen eight bags and leads the team with a .386 batting average, hitting near the top of the order.

VERSUS LOYOLA IN 2007

Outscored Loyola 6-5 in three games

Won season series 2-1

Offensively, Cameron said situational hitting will be the biggest key to winning the series. The team is hitting just .253, so the coach said

that those hits must come in big moments and the team's outs must be productive, moving runners into scoring position.

The Penguins will likely have to do this when up against reigning Horizon League Pitcher of the Year Amy Solava, who took those honors after a freshman season in which she posted a 1.83 earned run average in league play. Statistically, the two

teams have had similar offense production so far, with each averaging

around three runs per game. The Ramblers have allowed one run less per game than the Penguins, but their pitchers have often had trouble finding the strike zone, with 66 walks so far. The difference in the series will likely be which team does the little things to turn around its slow start at the beginning of the league season.

PENGUIN SPORTS TO THE POINT

Baseball team picks up huge win over IUP in home opener

Battling cold weather and high winds, Youngstown State's baseball team took the field at Cene Park and took home a 12-4 win against Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Tuesday's contest was the first home game for the Penguins (5-11) who have been on the road for the

past 15 games. In the first inning, seniors Sean Lucas and Josh Page led the game off with hits. Redshirt freshman Joe Iacobucci singled, clearing the bases and jumpstarting the bats for the Penguins. YSU added another run in the third when Page drove in sophomore Anthony Munoz to take the lead 3-0.

The Crimson Hawks rallied in the top half of the fourth to tie the game at three runs a piece. But senior starting pitcher Adam Kalafos settled in going eight innings and allowing four earned runs on nine hits and striking out 11 to earn his first win of the season.

The Penguins took the lead in the fifth on a small two out rally. Anthony Porter and Iacobucci added RBI hits to keep the Penguin offense breathing. Munoz added a two-run home run in the sixth, and the Penguins never looked back. Senior Ryan Sellman pitched a scoreless ninth to hold onto a 12-4 victory for the Penguins. Youngstown State had a season high 19 hits and 12 runs.

Youngstown State will travel to Bowling Green over the weekend for a three-game series against Western Kentucky (11-9). It will be the team's final road series before coming home for five straight home games at Eastwood Field.

CLEAN PLAY - Sophomore infielder Autumn Grove fields the hit and steps into her motion to throw the runner out at first. The Penguins will look to turn their early season woes around as they open the Horizon League portion of the schedule with Loyola. Photo courtesy of Ron Stevens.

Softball Horizon League Standings

TEAM	LEAGUE	OVERALL
Wright State	1-0	10-12
Butler	1-1	9-8
Loyola	1-1	6-11
Valparaiso	0-0	14-7
Cleveland State	0-0	10-5
Green Bay	0-0	6-10
Illinois Chicago	0-0	9-20
Youngstown State	0-0	1-10
Detroit	0-1	5-11

LEAGUE UPDATE

Valparaiso and Wright State won both games of its respective doubleheaders on Tuesday. The Crusaders defeated Northern Illinois 5-2 (game one) and 5-1 (game two), while the Raiders got past Rio Grande 15-4 in the opener and 12-0 in the night cap.