

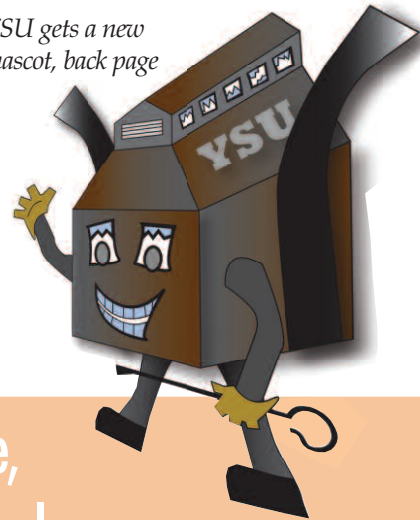
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STATE

Striving to end infighting

Chancellor submits 10-year strategic plan to keep Ohioans learning, working in Ohio

Sarah Sole
News Editor

Chancellor Eric Fingerhut has publicized his 10-year strategic plan for the University System of Ohio, which centers on raising the state's educational attainment to become more competitive with other states and nations.

In an effort to reduce competition between state universities, Fingerhut has proposed that higher education facilities be differentiated from one another by expanding upon strengths to create Centers of Excellence.

Additionally, Fingerhut has given universities freedom to set tuition at main campuses according to their abilities to give financial aid to any students who qualify. Fingerhut will recommend spending targets for each fiscal year to the governor and General Assembly.

According to the Executive

"On the whole, the plan is very positive for us."

Shearle Furnish, CLASS dean

Summary of the Strategic Plan for Higher Education, "As the University System of Ohio becomes increasingly efficient, state support per full-time student should be increased to the national average."

Under the strategic plan, community colleges will be accessible to all Ohio residents. High school students that meet the criteria of a community college and public university will be able to double-enroll in both schools.

Ikram Khawaja, interim provost at Youngstown State University, said Fingerhut would like more distinct separation

between educational organizations. This is an opportunity for YSU to see how it best fits in with other universities and colleges.

Khawaja said the Northeast Ohio Universities Collaboration and Innovation Study Commission plays a role.

"This is the process by which the differentiation will take place," he said.

While YSU offers two-year and associate degrees, it also offers master's and doctorate programs, he said. The university will have to more specifically define baccalaureate degrees and those beyond.

"We can't be everything," Khawaja said.

His only concern with the 10-year plan, he said, is that what is happening outside universities, such as the state of the economy, may affect the plan's timely implementation and success.

Khawaja said YSU should look at how it delivers education

in Youngstown and provide it in a way that mirrors what local business needs are.

The deans of each college are encouraging their departments to develop more interactive opportunities for students, such as co-ops and internships, in the region, Khawaja said.

Shearle Furnish, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, said the Dana School of Music, the College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, and CLASS are some possibilities for Centers of Excellence at YSU.

"I would hope that it wouldn't have to be one unique center for YSU," he said.

If that were the case, the provost would ask the deans to nominate their colleges, Furnish said.

"On the whole, the plan is very positive for us," Furnish said.

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REGISTRATION

Early registration nets 13 percent increase in enrollment

Darlene Wagner
Reporter

Early registration for incoming high school students for the fall semester began February 15 and ended March 20.

Sue Davis, director of Undergraduate Admissions, said there has been a significant increase of students registered for Fall 2008 compared to Fall 2007.

Davis explained that early registration targets high school seniors and transfer students.

"We are pleased with the overall success of our recruitment campaign," said Davis.

She attributes the increased enrollment to the hard work of several people and to innovative methods of getting the message out that Youngstown State University is here to help students achieve educational success.

The campaign focused on attracting potential students to the 140-acre campus by mass media advertisements, Davis said.

In addition to pointing out the low-tuition cost to applicants, YSU promoted its faculty, housing, small classes, over 100 majors, 18 Division I NCAA athletic teams.

Davis said the recruitment efforts included visiting high schools, holding open houses, visiting transfer fairs at other campuses and some nontraditional methods to create attention to the opportunities at YSU.

"Besides print media, we used commercials, peer support, e-mails and YouTube," she said.

The YouTube information ads boast of YSU success stories. To date, YSU mascot Pete the Penguin has had 1,441 hits.

Twenty-nine students are also listed on the site talking about their experiences at YSU. Over 30,000 hits have been made thus far.

Davis said they also used tele-counselors, college students who telephone high school students.

"The tele-counselors act as peers and give their perspective on college life. It's a way for new students to get to know other students and gain access to a social network before they come to college," she said, calling it a great achievement.

"It was a lot of hard work, but in the end it was well worth it," she said.

Tysa Egleton, SOAR Coordinator in the Center for Student Progress, said that 766 new applicants took advantage of the early registration for fall this year.

SGA

Veteran SGA members set to debate for top offices

Nick Young
Reporter

Every spring semester at Youngstown State University the Student Government Association holds elections for new executive members and representatives. This semester the elections will be held Tuesday and April 9.

Prior to the elections and starting today, there will be debates between the pairs running for president and vice president. Before the debates start, though, here's an inside look at these four candidates.

This year there are only two pairs running for the positions of president and vice president. The candidates are Ramon Ramos for president with Stephen Foley for vice president and the pair of Michael McGiffin and Shanna Kelly.

McGiffin and Kelly have each served on SGA for two years as representatives. McGiffin has also taken on the responsibility of vice president of student life this past year.

"As vice president I was taking on a lot of projects," said McGiffin.

This academic year Kelly held a position as chair of student life.

"Mike and I have had a good

team with him one above me," Kelly said.

She said they decided that keeping that same mold, while moving up the levels, would work well when they were deciding who was going to run for president and who would run for vice.

Ramos and Foley are running more on a platform of change than experience. Ramos has been a representative for two years and this past year was the first for Foley.

"I was someone who could make things happen," Ramos said.

He said he had been in SGA for a couple of years and decided SGA presidency was something he wanted to pursue.

"I want to make things more student centered," explained Ramos. In its platform the Ramos-Foley team also lists making SGA a driving force in making improvements to the campus as one of their priorities.

Students interested in getting an in-depth look at both platforms and backgrounds of the candidates can go to <http://www.ramosfoleyforsga.com> or <http://www.mcgiffinkelly.com>.

Or see the candidates in person at the debates at Peaberry's on campus from 3 to 4 p.m. today or in the gallery in Kilcawley from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.



Michael McGiffin for President and Shanna Kelly for Vice President



Ramon Ramos for President and Stephen Foley for Vice President

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

Career and Counseling Service offers fashion advice

Aaron Workman
Reporter

Career and Counseling Services held "What Not to Wear and What to Wear: Your Guide to Dressing for Success" in Kilcawley's Ohio room Monday afternoon. The hour-and-half seminar showcased clothing and accessories for the workplace along with feedback from a panel of local employers.

Representatives from Pittsburgh Logistic Systems,

the Pennsylvania State Police, Valley Counseling Services, Babcock and Wilcox Power Generation Group and Packer Thomas were on hand to give their opinions on the various styles modeled by students.

The seminar, emceed by WFMI-TV's Mark Monstrola and Stephanie Volpini-Hann of Something New Florist highlighted three categories of dress, with appropriate and inappropriate looks for each. The seminar offered advice in choosing interview attire, workplace attire and business

casual looks.

Leigh Ann Waring, coordinator of Career and Counseling Services, says it was employers who made this event happen.

"We organized this in response to some employer concerns about how students were dressing. Our goal was to demonstrate clothing that could be appropriate or inappropriate, depending on the field," she said. "Knowing how you should dress for your field is really the most important thing."



LEFT- Worn by Megan Wagner, this look is better for evening. The leggings and metallic jacket are too flashy for a work environment. Members on the panel said the jacket would be better suited with pants, instead of leggings.

RIGHT- Panelists say this business casual look worn by Mark Monstrola would also work without a tie. By taking off the suit jacket to this outfit, the look goes from business professional to business casual.



AARON WORKMAN/THE JAMBAR

TO THE POINT

**QUEST 2008
scheduled for today**

QUEST, a Forum for Student Scholarship runs today from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Kilcawley Center. The conference will feature undergraduate and graduate students presenting research and academic achievements.

Chemical Engineering students travel to New Mexico

Two teams and a total of 15 Chemical Engineering students will compete at New Mexico State University for the WERC Environmental Design contest. Teams will compete from Saturday to April 10. The teams choose a potential environmental problem. YSU's teams have chosen the problem of creating a cost-efficient way of removing oil from an emulsion that is made of two percent oil and 98 percent water.

University to honor Lariccia family

After donating over \$5 million to YSU over the years, the Lariccia family will be awarded the Youngstown State University's Friends of the University award at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. The ceremony will take place at D. D. Velma Davis Education Center at Fellows Riverside Gardens at Youngstown.

POLICE BRIEFS

Man trespassing at Jones Hall

On Friday YSU police stopped a man who was trying to get into Jones Hall. Police stopped the man and he told him stay off of all YSU property and was written a trespass warning.

Car stolen from Courtyard parking lot

A vehicle was reported stolen in the upper lot of the Courtyard Apartments on March 20. The man returned to use his vehicle and saw that it was gone. The vehicle was later recovered by the Youngstown Police Department.

Master key missing from Art Department

A secretary in the Art Department reported that the state of Ohio master key was missing Thursday. The key is located in room 4001 for students to sign out and use. The key was not signed out at the time it was missing.

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ROADS

Student cars feel the wrath of rocky roads

Melissa Frederick
Reporter

Though the rough, seemingly endless winter of Northeastern Ohio is letting up, vehicles continue to take a beating from winter potholes.

Senior Ceeairah VanCobb said the roads shouldn't be so bad that they damage cars.

"What are taxpayers paying for if not for roads to be in good driving condition?" she said. "It's ridiculous."

Difficulties involved in fixing potholes may make the problem all the more noticeable to students.

Freshman Katie Kreidler, who commutes to school from Columbiana said, "I'm surprised I haven't had any damage to my car yet. The roads are bad everywhere."

A pothole may have caused a car accident on state Route 165 that resulted in a woman's death. Her car was thrown left of center by a pothole and struck head-on by a truck.

Damage to cars has kept local body shops busy. In an interview for The Vindicator, Brian Krepps, an employee at Flynn's Tire and Auto Service on Mahoning Avenue said, "This has been our biggest original-equipment, wheel-replacement year. It's been crazy. Every

day we're seeing blown sidewalls and damaged wheels."

Road crews have tried their best to keep up with road repairs but haven't received much cooperation from the weather.

While many people have noticed that the roads are worse this year than most, there is an explanation for this. According to Mark Camacci of the Austintown Road Department, there are a few key components that make repairing potholes in the winter so hard.

The salt that is used when it snows causes damage to the roads. Because of heavy precipitation, many road departments used so much salt this year that there was a shortage. Most of the time road crews use a mixture of salt and slag, however, the Youngstown City Street Department uses all salt on the highways and in the downtown area where YSU is located.

Temperature fluctuation also causes potholes. Jeff Foxworthy once made a joke about Cleveland that could apply to all of northeastern Ohio.

"If you have switched from 'Heat' to 'A/C' in the same day and back again you live in Cleveland," he said.

Temperature fluctuations make it nearly impossible for potholes to remain filled.

How pot holes form

Mark Camacci of the Austintown Road Department explained that when the snow melts, some of the water remains in the bottom of existing potholes. When repair crews fill a pothole with cold mix asphalt, a mixture of aggregate and asphalt emulsion, the mix becomes saturated with water.

When the temperature drops again, the water at the bottom and in the mix freezes, elevating the patch and making it higher than the road. When the road is shaved, part of the patch is shaved off.

With warmer weather, the patch thaws, settling back down into the hole. Since some of it was shaved off, it now sits at a lower level than the road. Cars drive over the area pound the patch down until the pothole returns.



SLEEPING

Sleep-deprived students find little ways to stay awake in class

Samantha Pysher
Reporter

When freshman Ashley Hutton found herself prone to sleeping in class, she came up with creative ways to keep her eyes open.

Stimulating her senses with freshly applied lip gloss and scented lotion and texting a friend to say, "Stay awake!" is part of a routine she and a friend use to stay awake.

Hutton also kept herself from sleeping by thinking of rewards like going home, taking a nap or eating.

"I find myself doing this with my evening class," Hutton said, and the result is that she stays alert and focused on class.

If students aren't allowed to sleep in high school, college shouldn't be any different, Hutton said.

"If you go to college to sleep, than you might as well sleep somewhere else," she said.

The cost of classes motivates Hutton to stay awake. Sleeping would be a waste.

"I'm paying \$500 a class, so I might as well go and get my money's worth," Hutton said. "I don't want to miss anything in class."

Hutton suggested that students who do sleep in class may be overloaded between school, work, family and friends.

Senior Jessica Speece suggested that students drink water or coffee if they begin feeling drowsy.

Speece said it's disrespectful to teachers when students sleep in class.

"If they are going to sleep," Speece said, "I don't understand why they didn't stay in bed."

"I try to understand why they are sleeping. If it's not working late or that they have a sick family member, I think they were out partying."

Janet Boehm, Health Professions department

Junior Dave Johnson agreed with Speece and Hutton, but admitted that he can see reasons why students snooze in class.

Teaching sleeping students

Michele Jacobson of the mathematics department suggested that students try a piece of hard candy to help them stay awake.

Jacobson said while she understands that it is hard for students to work and attend school full time, the excuse isn't good enough.

Jacobson said she finds that there are more sleepers in her morning classes. When she sees a student sleeping while she's teaching, she said she ignores it and focuses on the students who want to learn.

"Usually they will come to my office hours and say that they don't understand the material," Jacobson said. "Then I explain that the reason is because they were sleeping."

At this point, Jacobson said the sleeping student will apologize.

"Embarrassing the student in class doesn't help because you will

lose them," Jacobson explained. "They will be too humiliated to attend class or ask for help."

Students that sleep during that class don't realize they are missing it, Jacobson said.

"Students who sleep in class usually don't pass the class," she said.

Janet Boehm of the Health Professions department has another way of handling sleeping students.

"I ask them to sit in the back, because there is not much you can do," Boehm said.

"I try to understand why they are sleeping," Boehm said. "If it's not working late or that they have a sick family member, I think they were out partying," she added.

Boehm, currently training in sleep studies, said many students are sleep-deprived because of the circadian cycle, the body's repeating 24-hour pattern of sleep habits.

As far as attention and memory is concerned, Boehm said college students hurt themselves if they are not getting a good night's sleep.

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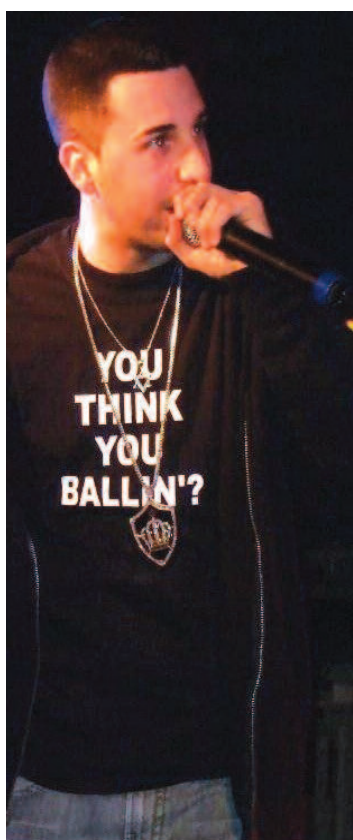
MUSIC

Throwback the Jewish King

Eighteen-year-old freshman rapper signs to New York record label



PHOTOS COURTESY OF JONOTHON TEPPER



Amy Brown
Reporter

Eighteen-year-old freshman Jonathon Tepper is working on a fashion marketing degree at Youngstown State University, but has recently successfully marketed himself to the music industry.

Tepper, aka Throwback the Jewish King, has just signed a major record deal to New York's top independent record label, Affluent Records, which has a few other artists such as Outlawz, Dead Prez and Hood Surgeon.

"It's an all-star line up, and a perfect fit for me," said Tepper.

As far as being from Youngstown, Throwback raps that people hate on the Yo', but he's proud of where he comes from. In his songs, he focuses on misconceptions of a city back on the rise.

Throwback decided to make his

dream a reality when a freak accident involving a semitruck made him realize he had to pursue his rap dream.

"It made me realize that I could die at any time, and I had to rap before that could happen."

Tepper said his family is fully supportive of him — his dad is even his manager.

Tepper describes his rap style as

You gotta be proud of where you came from.

I'm down for my block.

It's like 330 till the day that I die.

From the spoken intro to Tepper's track "Down For My Block"

unique. He enunciates his words and embraces stereotypes about Jewish people.

"I will try any type of music, whether it is a raw style or more commercialized," he said.

"As long as I wrote it, and as long as I am happy with the end product, I will do what I have to in order to get my music out

there," he said.

Throwback has done many local performances in Youngstown and the surrounding area, which has contributed to his success. He has released an album locally, but by the summer time he will celebrate his nationwide release of his first major album, "Ballin' Since Birth."

It will contain some old songs and a few new tracks he's recording now. It will also feature a few other local artists.

Throwback said his main musical inspiration was and still is Jon Bon Jovi.

Tepper would love to collaborate with him, along with Young Jeezy, Busta Rhymes and Run DMC.

Tepper said he plans to continue with school and finish this semester, but plans to take off at least one semester to focus fully on his music. He would like to put on a few concerts that might become a little tour.

ENTERTAINMENT

Penguin Pre-Party finds success with free music, magic, comedy twice a month

Brandon Judeh
Reporter

Though Penguin Pre-Parties are held every other Thursday on campus, many Youngstown State University students are in the dark about what goes on at the events.

Sophomore Chuck DeColla said he has heard of the parties, but doesn't know what goes on there.

"I have never gone to one. I would consider going sometime though," DeColla said.

Freshman Steve Suverison has also heard of the Pre-Party, but has never attended.

"I get emails about the Pre-Party all the time. I have heard they have live bands and other entertainment," he said. "I'll have to check it out sometime."

Still, the Pre-Party tends bring big crowds to campus. Student programming intern junior Kelsey Rupert calls it a successful semesters in terms of acts and turnout.

"There have been several times where Peaberry's was packed," said Rupert, although the average Pre-Party attracts 160 students, or 64 percent of Peaberry's total capacity.

Not a football tailgate

Perhaps the biggest misconception students have is that the Pre-Party is held to get students ready for sporting events such as Football and basketball. That, however, is not the case.

The free entertainment at Pre-Parties varies from live music, magicians, comedians and jugglers to open mic nights. Attendees can suggest performers or whatever kind of entertainment they want to see. Free food, prize raffles and beverage specials round out the evening.

On the name Pre-Party, Rupert said the party kicks off the night before students go out on Thursdays.

Past parties

Perhaps the biggest act to perform at a Pre-Party was the popular band Red Wanting Blue, and the biggest hit so far was YSU senior

Jason Greenamyler and his magic act.

"The crowd loved him. We also had a juggler that has performed for us before and he was such a hit that students are always requesting to have him come back to perform," said Rupert.

Junior Lea Nesbitt is a regular attendee of the Pre-Party.

"I always go to open mic night. I enjoy going to meet new people and I also sing," Nesbitt said.

"It is a lot of fun to interact with people and hang out with my friends," she said.

Future events

Nesbitt is one of many students who plan to audition for the YSU Has Talent competition, with a chance to win \$500.

This event will be a part of YSU's Spring Fling April 15 to 17. There are also plans for an outdoor May Day festival with free food and admission on the first of the month.

Rupert said the university hopes to make May Day an annual event on campus.

"We are in the process of working out a deal with a big act that would perform at the May Day festivities, so we will see what happens," she said.

TELEVISION

Beg, borrow or steal

All the new network shows are imports or remakes

Diane Werts
Newsday
(MCT)

Wow, look at all the press releases touting upcoming new shows! So much freshness, finally coming our way:

NBC has picked up a new sitcom called "Kath & Kim," about the dysfunctional relationship of a cheery divorcee, played by Molly Shannon, and her whiny adult daughter, played by Selma Blair.

Oh, wait. "Kath" was actually an Australian hit, back in 2002, and has already aired here on the late great Trio channel as well as Sundance.

So let's look at CBS, where they've announced a couple of intriguingly titled drama pilots, "Ny-Lon" and "Mythological X."

Oh, wait. "Ny-Lon's" cross-continental romance first aired on Britain's BBC with Rashida Jones as the American half. And "Mythological X," where a psychic tells a woman her future husband is somebody she's already dumped, adapts an Israeli series.

At least The CW has a new reality show, "Farmer Wants a Wife," premiering April 30. Oops. That's actually an Americanized version of a spouse-seeking competition produced in The Netherlands, Norway, Australia and a half-dozen other countries.

We could go on, and on. And on. Sad to say, American television doesn't seem to have an original idea left in its collective head. Why should it? Look how well the networks have done with imports since "Survivor's" 2000 arrival unleashed the unscripted series flood, swamping us with "American Idol," "Big Brother," "Hell's Kitchen" (back next Tuesday for another Fox season), "Deal or No Deal" and "Dancing With the Stars," to name only a few.

Yet, surely we Americans still provide our own TV fiction? Um, sometimes. Don't forget that NBC's Thursday mainstay, "The Office," was adapted wholesale from Ricky Gervais' BBC hit,

widely seen in the States on cable and public TV. ABC's "Ugly Betty" is an American version of a Colombian telenovela that also became a sensation on Spanish-language TV here. Even the weeknightly psychiatric sessions of HBO's critical fave "In Treatment" arrived from overseas, its scripts being essentially translated from Israel's original.

Which isn't to say Americans can't come up with new shows invented here. Take NBC's recent high-rated "Knight Rider" movie pilot. Of course, it was a remake of NBC's 1980s talking-car hit. And ABC has just tapped "Veronica Mars" creator Rob Thomas for a romance drama pilot called "Cupid." Which, it just so happens, Thomas has already done for the network, in 1998, when viewers failed to find his short-lived Saturday night series. So, hey, why not try again?

Here's a more crucial question: Have we seen the last original American TV idea already? Perhaps the whole going-green craze has inspired the broadcast networks, and sometimes even their cable competitors, to simply recycle everything from here on out.

And you laugh. The networks are laughing, too, all the way to the bank. We're just a week away from NBC adding two USA cable series, "Monk" and "Psych," to its Sunday night lineup. Well, why not, since CBS is airing its Showtime sibling's critical hit "Dexter" that night already. This summer, NBC is also swiping USA's country music contest "Nashville Star" (debuting June 9).

This trend isn't happening for no reason, of course. Like many businesses today, TV networks are being pummeled by competition on all sides — cable, video on demand, online video, DVDs, video games. With viewership dropping, they feel pressured to downsize budgets to match. So we get cheapola/pilfered programming that might even be fun in the short run. But in the long run, network television is sadly abdicating



Photo courtesy of MCTCampus

NBC's "The Office" is one of the many shows returning to television.

precisely what established its long-held pre-eminent place in the pop-culture landscape. Yes, TV has always had game shows and borrowed concepts. What it was best known and loved for, however, was high-quality original comedy and drama — years-long series that were wildly creative, lavishly produced, star-making and, in some way, uniquely American.

Somehow I don't think reality with Omarosa or even "American Idol" judge Simon Cowell can compete in the long-run star pantheon with TV-made icons such as "ER's" George Clooney or the funny folks of "Seinfeld." Or that viewers of TV Land 2025 will be treasuring "encores" of "Joe Millionaire," "Deal or No Deal" or "Wife Swap" over classic episode arcs from "Lost," "Heroes" or "House."

The problem when the networks stop swinging big for the fences with ambitious comedy and drama series is that the batting skills of those casts and creators wither. And if it's freshness they're seeking, you can't identify new talent if you can't see it in action, under game-time conditions.

But here's the worst of it. How will the next generation "borrow" previous ideas when this generation isn't creating any?

MUSIC

Local band vows to keep stomping

Brandon Judeh
Reporter

Where: Cellar in Struthers

When: April 19 at 8 p.m.

How much: \$5

Other acts She's in Pain, Off the Rocker, Forever We Stand

It's been "10 years of failure" for Youngstown's very own Kitchen Knife Conspiracy and there is no end in sight for the self-dubbed "stompcore" band.

"I am speaking for the entire band when I say that KKC is not over. We don't play as many shows anymore, but this is not a reunion show or a farewell show," said lead singer John Prosenjak. "There is defiantly a lot more to come from KKC."

KKC's motto has always been "KKC is not destined for fame, fortune or girls. KKC is destined to stay relentless, brutal and to never sell out."

Formed in 1998, the five piece band that consists of, John Prosenjak, vocals, Jeremy Cibella, guitar, Kevin Lewis, guitar, Johnny Kihm, bass and Fred Whitacre Jr., drums, met when they were in high school. Prosenjak was introduced to the other four members by a mutual friend so they got together and formed KKC.

"When I met the other guys we pretty much hit it off right away. We all have similar tastes in music so it worked out well," said Prosenjak.

KKC is influenced by a wide range of bands including, Six Feet Under, Faith No More, Cannibal Corpse and Suicidal Tendencies. KKC describes their sound as sounding kind of like death metal,

kind of like hardcore and definitely like "groovecore." So what is their sound called? The band calls it "stompcore."

The band had the opportunity to open up for their heroes Six Feet Under a few years ago at the Agora in Cleveland and band says the experience was amazing.

"We opened for them at the Agora and the crowd was amazing. The entire ballroom was packed, it was pretty sweet," said Prosenjak. "I would have to say that Becks Fest 2007 in Youngstown was our best overall show. We played well and the crowd was really into us."

KKC has also played along side such bands as Dog Fashion Disco, who has a heavy Mr. Bungle influence for all of you Mike Patton fans out there, Bongzilla and the Metal legend with the painted face King Diamond.

In 2003 when KKC recorded their second album, "Worse Case in Stereo," they recorded it with veteran producer Steve Austin, who has produced the likes of Today is the Day and Lamb of God.

"Working with Austin was good, he knew what we wanted to do and knew the kind of sound we were trying to achieve," added

Prosenjak.

The recording process for KKC is usually a relatively smooth process because the band writes all of their songs and lyrics before they hit the studio, that way they can get in and out of the studio at a faster pace, because as the band says, "the recording process is an expensive one."

With three albums under their belt the entire band contributes to the writing process. Prosenjak writes most of the lyrics with the rest of the band writing their own parts. Prosenjak says that he is influenced by many things when he writes his lyrics.

"I take my inspiration for lyrics from certain scenarios and also many human emotions like stress. Basically I write about everyday life," said Prosenjak.

Whitacre, who occasionally writes some guitar riffs for the band in addition to drumming, is currently in the process of having a recording studio built in his basement, which means the next time they record they can record from the comfort of their own studio.

"It will be nice to record in our own studio, in the past we have recorded in many places located throughout Ohio, but once we recorded in Boston and that was expensive," Prosenjak said.

upcoming events

Today

Guitar Hero-8 p.m., The Cellar (\$3 to \$5)

Karaoke at O'Donald's 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Open Stage at Barley's 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Teddy Pantelos at Cedar's 10 p.m. (free)

Wednesday, April 2

The Zou-6:30 p.m. Peaberry's Cafe

Karaoke at Razy's, 8 p.m.

College ID Night at The Wedge, 9 p.m. (\$5 to \$10)

DJ Dominic at The Dash 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Khaled at O'Donald's 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Karaoke at Down the Hatch DJ Dominic Karaoke 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Salty Grog Karaoke 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

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

Free Pool Wednesdays South Bridge Billiards 10 p.m.

DJ Killin Barleys, Thursday, April 3

Jason Reeves Peaberry's Cafe, 7:30 p.m.

80's night with J-Scratch Barleys, 8 p.m.

Weekly Cornhole Tournaments The Wedge 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.



PLANS from page 1

Furnish said he thought Fingerhut's proposal of a NEOUCOM board of trustees was a refreshing idea. This is a better approach than having one university become the center for the medical school, he said.

While Furnish said Ohio's higher education system probably competes well nationally, he said there is an anxiety regarding how state funds will pay for the improvements included in the 10-year plan.

Removal of duplications could be a financial solution, Furnish said. Since universities will pick centers of excellence, the state could fund different areas at different schools, rather

than the same areas at all the schools. This would not be denying funds; it would just be a way to further establish areas of excellence and lower competition between universities.

Since students would go to a particular school if they are interested in its center of excellence, theoretically, YSU would now be able to attract people outside their traditional region.

Furnish said the 10-year plan fosters collaboration between universities. If one university gets a major program, distance learning can make it possible for other universities to make that program available to their regions.

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OUR SIDE Hopefully, YSU will be a 'Center of Excellence'

In a plan set to revitalize and reform higher education in Ohio, Eric Fingerhut's 10-year master plan for higher education in Ohio will hopefully correct some of the state's problems.

Retention rates, employment and enrollment at universities across the state are of concern.

In Fingerhut's plan, Centers of Excellence will be identified at each university. These centers will work to reduce competition with other schools. The future of the other disciplines remains in question after the centers are established at these schools.

Will a student studying theatre at a school designated with a Center of Excellence in education still receive a good education? Funding for each of the college also comes into question. Regardless of students' majors, the education should be just as good across all disciplines.

Fingerhut's plan also calls for the creation of community colleges, something that YSU has taken the lead with. Creating a community college would serve a purpose in our area, and one of the master plan's initiatives is to create a pipeline to feed those students from two-year institutions into four-year institutions.

Ultimately a community college would detract from YSU's open enrollment appeal and create a more exclusive college atmosphere here. But a community college might also detract a portion of potential YSU students, and, therefore, the university would need to make up that difference.

The plan, however, is allowing YSU to create this college on its own terms without much direction from the state. Allowing the people who know this area the best, and its students, to create the best institution to serve those individuals.

Fingerhut's plan also recognizes the connection between universities and businesses. There needs to be a link between the two that will feed those students into the job market. A brain drain in Youngstown is one issue — one throughout the state is another.

Improving higher education in Ohio is beneficial to us, as the target market they serve. And by keeping Ohio residents in Ohio schools and eventually placing them in jobs in Ohio would greatly benefit the state.

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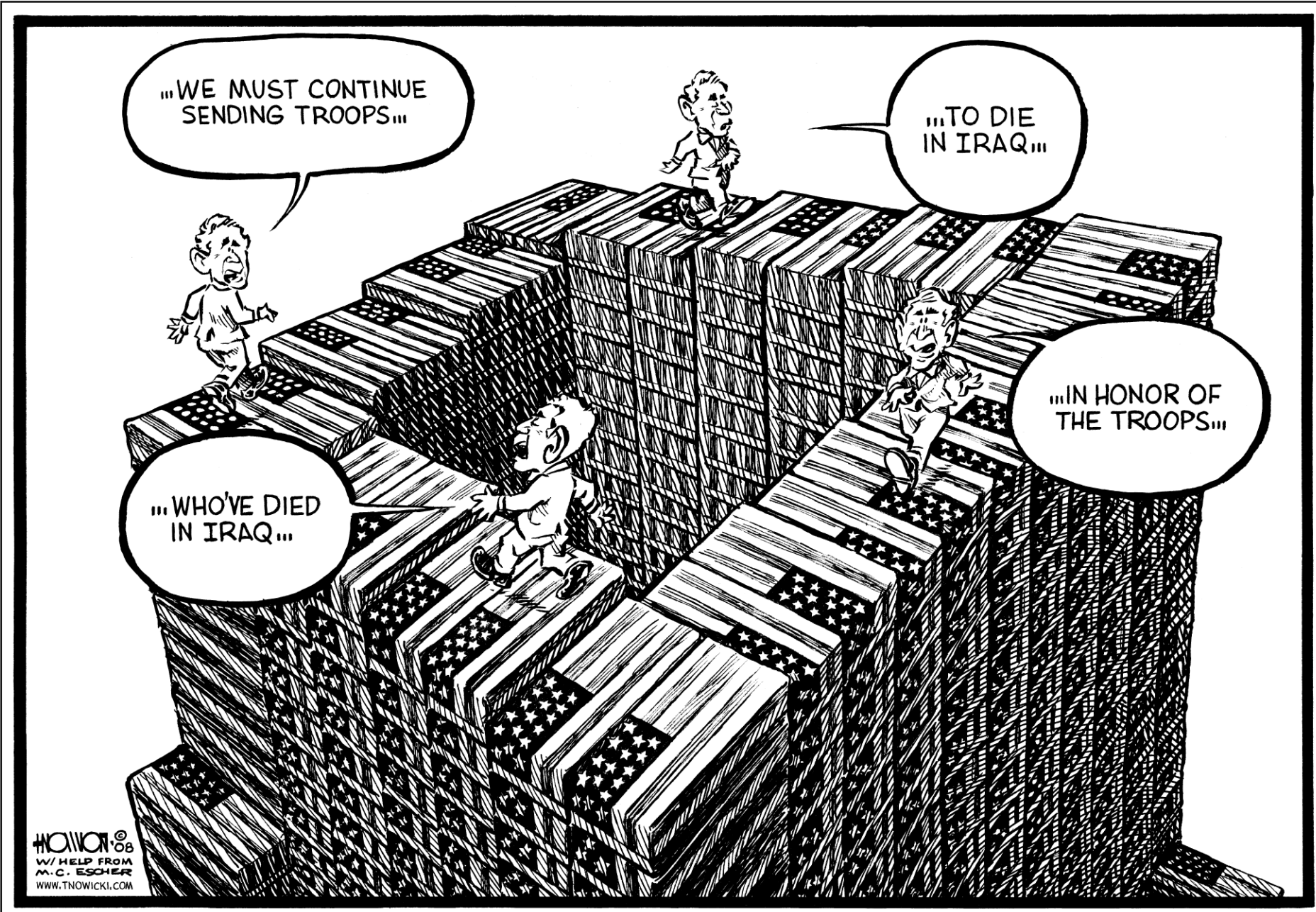
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COMMENTARY

Say no to embryonic stem cell research

Jessica Woods

Jambar Contributor

People in favor of stem cell research argue that embryonic stem cells are necessary to the cause because they have the ability to become any type of human cell. They insist that adult stem cells are less important because they do not have the capacity to generate any type of human tissue the way an embryonic cell can.

However, the average citizen who is not a professor of biology, student at NEOUCOM or scientist of genealogy does not understand the implications of embryonic stem cell research.

The facts speak for themselves. Embryonic stem cells are only viable for five to seven days post-conception. This means that in order to extract their cells, they must also be terminated. Once introduced to an adult (in this case, meaning a human that has been born, regardless of age), embryonic stem cells have a high rejection

rate and may also be the catalyst of tumors and cell dysfunctions.

To date, there have not been any human beings that have benefited from embryonic stem cells. No diseases have been cured; no rapid turnarounds have manifested with these cells. On the other hand, adult stem cells have been successfully used to treat spinal cord injuries, leukemia, Parkinson's disease and blood disorders. There is proof of their power that did not come at the cost of a human life or exploitation of reproductive rights.

It is imperative that we thoroughly investigate the facts before forming an opinion. The media touts embryonic stem cell research as the answer to all of our health problems when this is in fact a fallacy.

There are alternatives to destroying human life, and to maintain our humanity and compassion it is essential to explore the possibilities of what has already been proven to work: adult stem cells.

COMMENTARY

China crushes Tibet, again

The Dallas Morning News

(MCT)

The rise of China on the world stage is one of the monumental stories of our time. Yet despite its modernization, China is still ruled by an authoritarian communist regime, one that does not hesitate to use deadly violence to enforce its rule.

That's what's happening in Tibet today, as Chinese soldiers have reportedly killed scores of Tibetans protesting Beijing's ruthless suppression of their culture, religion and autonomy. Tibet has been harshly ruled by China since it smashed the 1959 independence rebellion and sent the Dalai Lama, Tibet's spiritual leader, into exile.

The Dalai Lama has agreed to yield to Chinese administrative control of Tibet, in exchange for religious and cultural independence — but Beijing refuses to deal. Younger generations of Tibetans are growing restless with the nonviolent Dalai Lama's accommodationist strategy and have led the recent violent demonstrations precipitating the Chinese crackdown.

This is dangerous brinkmanship. Beijing cannot afford to let Tibet go. To do so would threaten the breakup of China, whose historic curse has been instability. The recent recognition by

many in the world community of Kosovo's independence frightened China and other nations with restless minorities seeking nationhood.

But Beijing is also playing a risky game with Tibetans. The Beijing Summer Olympics will be China's coming-out party, celebrating its status as a major world power. If this week's threats by France and others to boycott opening ceremonies in solidarity with bleeding Tibet amount to anything, China will lose an enormous amount of face.

Despite its substantial material progress, the Tibet crackdown shows that the real face of China continues to be the same authoritarian scowl that massacred pro-democracy protesters at Tiananmen Square in 1989. That's a lesson not lost on neighboring Taiwan, a prosperous democracy that lives under constant threat from China, which views it as a renegade province.

Neither Tibetan nationalists nor Chinese authorities can hope to win this fight with force. While there's still time, China should talk without guile to the Dalai Lama, a man of peace whose requests are reasonable — but who, thanks to Beijing's short-sighted intransigence, is losing influence over his own angry people.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Tiger Woods pulls a Hillary

Editor:

Tiger has stooped to a Hillary-B-Clinton Low!

When the ESPN Interviewer asked Tiger about his language on the course, rather than apologizing, if not to the world (which was watching), then at least to all the little kids — especially those in the United States who were on stupid Spring Break (which never happened when I was in grade or high school) — Tiger gave a childish explanation avoiding responsibility and accountability, much like Hillary in ducking bullets in Bosnia.

I have worshipped Tiger ever since he hit the scene, but from this day forward I will be thrilled to see him lose.

When Tiger says, "You should

hear some of the language out there," well, that's just it, seldom have I heard that language other than from Tiger.

The Media is complicit for not reproaching him "ever" when he has cursed on a blown shot. They say something spineless like, "Tiger's frustrated"; as if those trailing him are not.

Don't get me wrong, I spent 15 years sailing with the Navy in the old days and well earned my right to curse just being a Deck Worker. But even I, in my copious F's, would know better on a golf course with thousands listening and watching, if I were the god of golf.

Also, know that I am a black man who once absolutely loved Tiger for what he has done for Golf and kids the world over: before Tiger you couldn't find 20 blacks in a 20 thousand mile radius that gave a hoot about golf. Tiger has brought the passion and joy of this game to

millions across the planet. And whether he likes it or not, he has a responsibility to that public. Second only to Ali as the most recognized and admired figure in the world, I doubt that anyone ever heard a curse word publicly spew from Ali's mouth.

Tiger had better learn something about hubris: soon his daughter will 5 years old standing in the crowd and should anyone F anything within her earshot, Tiger will scream louder than anyone that that person should watch their language because: "There are kids out here!"

What a chink in his armor to dance around with circumlocution just to avoid saying, "I'm sorry. I sincerely apologize to everyone." (Hopefully, he'll pull another Hillary and finally acknowledge that his decision was in error.)

Ted Williams
 YSU Alumnus, 1995

COMMENTARY

Timetable is America's best hope for ending Iraq war

Ceeairrah Vancobb

Jambar Contributor

In the famous words of James Carville, "It's the economy, stupid." It's what Bill Clinton's political strategist said during the 1992 presidential campaign when asked about issues that mattered to the American people.

Every election year needs a key issue; one of the most crucial and perhaps controversial issues of the 2008 presidential race happens to be the troop withdrawal from Iraq.

Illinois Sen. Barack Obama is one of the only candidates to have put forth a plan to withdraw troops from Iraq by the end of 2009, according to remarks made during a political debate. Obama's plan is not a pledge to the American people, but it is a start that some Americans are eager to embrace. Obama's plan is hopeful, if not idealistic, but his entire campaign has been about embracing hope.

Iraq is a murky topic. It has become an unsolvable equation that reminds us of Vietnam and the regrettable actions that resulted in American lives being lost over a disastrously long period of time. At

the helm of the Vietnam War were those unwilling to be viewed as anything other than a strong leader who is decisive and wise. Substitute Bush for the Johnson administration, and it is sadly the same war, different era.

Iraq is a quagmire that the U.S. government is reluctant to fix. The government has yet to collectively admit that invading Iraq was the wrong action. As the superpower, grandfather force of the world, the United States felt that it was our duty to retaliate for the Sept. 11 tragedy. No one can dispute that fact from either side of the political aisle; however, we are now well aware that Iraq had no direct involvement in the attack on the United States.

Furthermore, politicians have been reluctant to be perceived as unpatriotic in their voicing opposition to the Iraq war. In fact, many of the presidential hopefuls actually voted to give George Bush the authorization to go to war in Iraq, while Obama openly opposed the war in 2002 and has consistently advocated for leaving the Iraq war behind us. Some politicians have decided to piggyback President Bush's favorite term of "cutting and

running" when voicing opposition to putting a timetable in place.

Meanwhile, lives are continually lost and the financial burden is continually building. Obama estimates that the cost of the Iraq occupation will cost close to \$2 trillion. The amount of lives and money are unsustainable, Obama says.

For that reason, a clear timetable is America's best hope for ending the war. The troops have accomplished their mission. Iraq is liberated; Saddam Hussein is dead. To believe that we have to continue to police a nation that has subsequently stood on its own legs in the past is ridiculous. A timetable will gear Iraq toward policing itself, and keeping terrorist strongholds out of its borders. It is no longer up to America to govern Iraq.

Obama has said that we have no good options in Iraq anymore. He has also said that the initial case for the war was weak, and therefore the case for staying in Iraq for an undeterminable time is also weak. This country can't afford another year in a place that holds no real threat to our security. Our attention should be occupied with real and imminent threats, and Iraq is certainly not that place.

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PENGUIN PROFILE

Veteran leadership

While the softball team is looking to recover from a slow start to 2008, senior Becky Hibner is providing the experience and leadership needed for a rebound down the stretch.

Keith Langford
Sports Reporter

Senior first baseman Becky Hibner leads the Lady Penguins' softball team as they head into Horizon league play. The team has gotten off to a rocky start, but with the easier conference schedule right around the corner, the team looks forward to more wins.

Originally from Oregon, Hibner's inspiration for playing softball comes from her older sister, who got the opportunity to play college softball as a high school sophomore.

Last season Hibner batted .314 and started in all 38 games, and she stands out as one of YSU's most consistent and durable softball players.

Hibner said her most memorable moment playing softball happened in 2006 when the Lady Penguins won the Horizon League Championship and advanced to the NCAA Regional against

Michigan.

"The energy there was just surreal," she said.

Hibner bought all the women on the softball team lucky penguins when the team played in California earlier this season.

"They are little, tiny rubber things, but they are cute," she said of the penguins. Hibner said she thinks the softball team will do great even though

good thing," Hibner said.

Hibner's coach Christy Cameron said the tough start to the season had to do with the Lady Penguins not executing the fundamentals.

"Our focal points are on our pitchers and catchers and the defense not making so many errors," Cameron said. Cameron said she thinks Hibner has a good understanding of the game.

"I think experience helps," Cameron said of Hibner's senior leadership. "She has been through three years, so that helps."

Fellow Oregoaite Kristen McDonnell said Hibner is motivational as senior leader.

"She is a hard worker on and off the field," McDonnell said. Freshman outfielder Katy Potokar said the same of Hibner's leadership skills.

"She always has something

"It's great being a senior this year and hopefully a little bit of all of us rubs off on our younger girls"

Becky Hibner, senior first baseman

they are off to a rough start.

"We have tons of potential, and we are working out all of the kinks right now, but we are getting better every game and that's always a

good to say, she is always positive, and she picks us up when we are down," Potokar said.

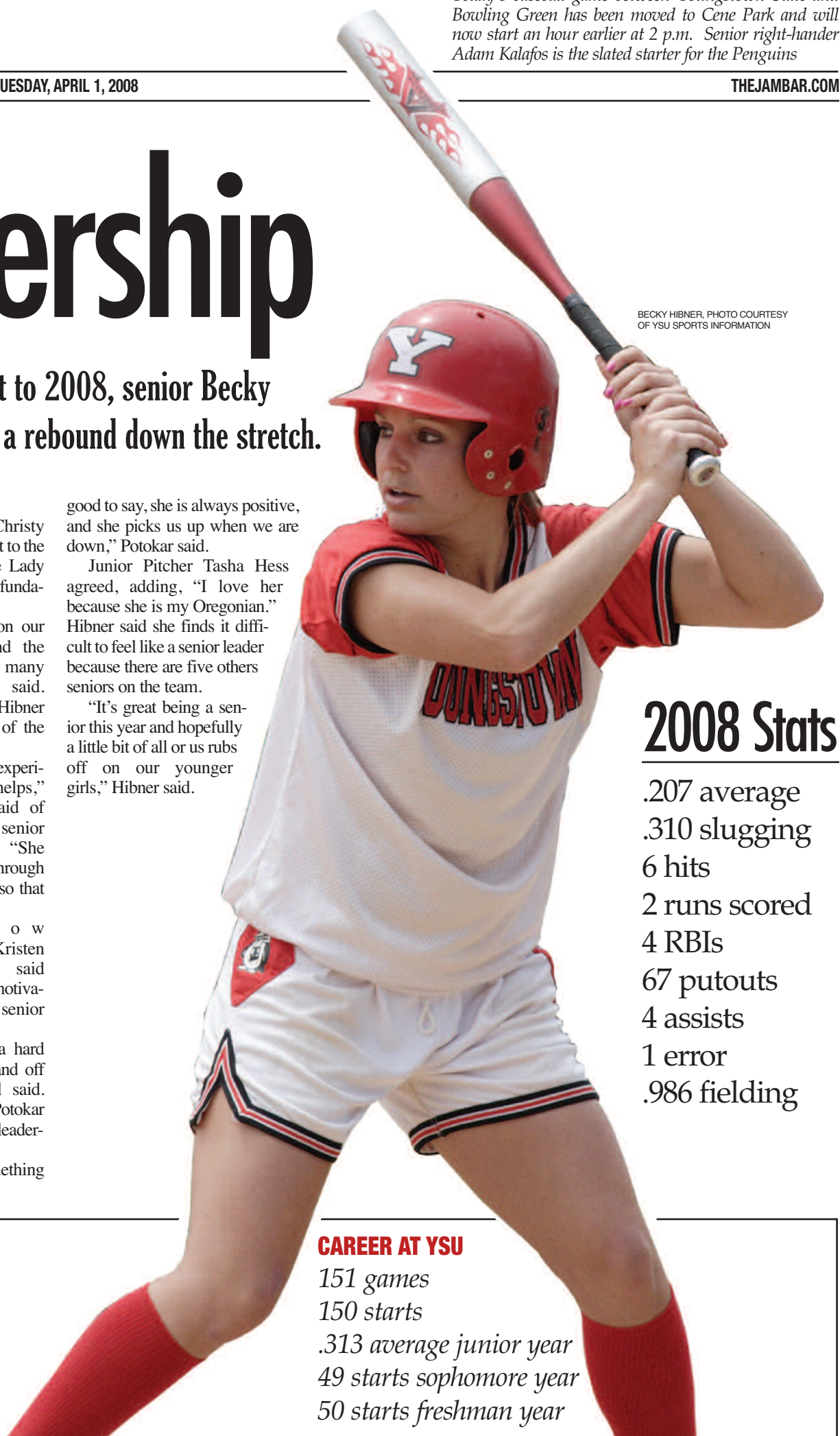
Junior Pitcher Tasha Hess agreed, adding, "I love her because she is my Oregonian." Hibner said she finds it difficult to feel like a senior leader because there are five others seniors on the team.

"It's great being a senior this year and hopefully a little bit of all of us rubs off on our younger girls," Hibner said.

BASEBALL GAME RESCHEDULED

Today's baseball game between Youngstown State and Bowling Green has been moved to Cene Park and will now start an hour earlier at 2 p.m. Senior right-hander Adam Kalafos is the slated starter for the Penguins

BECKY HIBNER, PHOTO COURTESY OF YSU SPORTS INFORMATION



2008 Stats

- .207 average
- .310 slugging
- 6 hits
- 2 runs scored
- 4 RBIs
- 67 putouts
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- 1 error
- .986 fielding

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- .313 average junior year
- 49 starts sophomore year
- 50 starts freshman year

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Players honored at team banquet, Scott named Most Valuable Player

Andrew Berry
Sports Editor

The Youngstown State University women's basketball is still reaping the benefits of the squad's solid 2007-08 campaign.

It was a senior-laden team that boosted the Penguins to 14 regular season wins, the most the team has notched in eight years since the team put up 22 in the 1999-2000 season.

The Penguin seniors were honored Sunday at the annual women's basketball awards banquet at Cassese's Mahoning Valley Restaurant.

Along with celebrating the seniors' final year in a Penguin uniform, junior Tiara Scott was recognized as the team's Most Valuable Player for this past season.

Coming over to Youngstown State as a junior college transfer, Scott was unavaible immediatly as she was forced to sit out one season to meet NCAA eligibility. But it was worth the wait for head coach Tisha Hill and the Penguins as Scott came on strong in her first season as a Penguin regular.

Scott was named to the All-Horizon League Second-Team and All-Newcomer Team after averaging 13.1 points and 6.5 rebounds per game in 2008. Scott also led the team in scoring with 15 points per game against Horizon League opponents.

Scott also led the Penguins with a .545 field-goal percentage, which ranks her seventh on the YSU single-season chart.

The four seniors honored at the banquet were Heather Karner, Jessica Schloemp, Lauren Branson and Kira Mowen.

Karner recieved the team's Dedication Award for her commitment to making her shot deadly accurate. She finished as the team's



VALUABLE ASSET — Junior Tiara Scott scored 405 points in 31 games in her first season to win MVP honors. Photo courtesy of Ron Stevens.

leading scorer with 14 points per game.

Branson, a Horizon League All-Defensive Team selection in 2007-08, was named the team's Defensive Player of the Year and led the team with 55 steals and 167 assists.

Schloemp recieved the Penguin Hustle Award after leading the

team and ranking second in the Horizon League with 7.2 rebounds per game.

Other award winners were Mowen, who played in 17 games to earn the Spirit Award, and junior Velissa Vaughn who earned the Most Improved Player Award after starting 15 of the last 16 games of the season.

SPORTS FEATURE

YSU hosts successful 13th annual "Run with the Penguins" event

Aaron Blatch
Sports Reporter

Approximately 135 runners and walkers withstood the cold temperature and took part in the 13th Annual First Place Bank "Run with the Penguins" on Sunday morning. Like every year, the event was hosted by the Youngstown State track and field team as a fundraiser.

Participants had their choice of entering the 5K run or the 1-mile walk along Fifth Avenue. There was a \$10 charge for participants who pre-registered and a \$12 charge for those that registered on the day of the race.

YSU track and field coach Brian Gorby said that he was happy with the turnout for the event, and that he enjoyed the opportunity to meet with community members.

"It was a little cold, but I was really impressed with the community support," he said. "We've consistently had between 120 and 140 runners each year."

The event consisted of more than just the race. Gorby said that nearly every participant took home a raffle prize, and Penguin track and field athletes were on hand to cheer on the runners and to pass out water and sandwiches.

Gorby said that the money generated from the event is used to support the track and field program, especially to lessen the travel costs.

Top 20 Finishes

1. Nick Kruse	15:56
2. Carlos Jones	17:33
3. Herb Cratty	17:41
4. Jeff Nelson	17:58
5. Curt Bachus	18:11
6. Rick Lape	18:11
7. Jorge Marquez	18:27
8. Jim Pitts	19:26
9. Bill Hess	19:29
10. Heath Morgan	19:45
11. Bob Henery	19:48
12. Eva Machuca	19:51
13. Jonathan Hutyan	19:59
14. Mitch Radella	20:03
15. Ernie Magana	20:09
16. Mike Marucci	20:18
17. Rick Penniman	20:35
18. Stephan Luthem	20:55
19. Nick Skoufatos	20:56
20. John Campolito	21:01

"With gas prices rising this really helps," he said. "The money raised gives our kids opportunities to compete at the national level and to do things that maybe they wouldn't have had opportunities to do financially."

The coach went on to say that he wants to devote more attention to the event in the future to up the number of participants. For now though, he was pleased.

"This was a great community event," he said. "It went extremely well."

"It was a little cold, but I was really impressed with the community support."

Brian Gorby, head track anf field coach

PENGUIN SPORTS TO THE POINT

Soccer team opens spring season with exhibition, scores win over Slippery Rock University

The Youngstown State University soccer team opened its spring season Statuary in an exhibition tournament hosted by Slippery Rock University. The Penguins drew a scoreless tie against Duquesne University and finished with a 1-1 tie against Robert Morris University. Senior forward Jordan Gapczynski contributed two goals to help lift the Penguins past Slippery Rock, 2-1.

Head Coach Anthony James said that he was pleased with the team's effort.

"It was a good way to start the spring season," said James.

James also said that the team created many goal scoring opportunities against Duquesne.

Lauren Brennan helped to tie up the match against Robert Morris after a penalty shot had the team down 1-0. James said the team also had scoring opportunities against Robert Morris, but the Colonials came up with strong defensive stops to keep the score tied.

Gapczynski's goals gave the Penguins the 2-0 advantage over Slippery Rock, before The Rock scored in second half. The Guins' defense worked to keep the team out of scoring territory for the remainder of the game and pull out the 2-1 win.

The team will continue the spring season on April 6 at Cleveland State. Along with the Vikings, the Penguins will also face Bowling Green and Kent State.

Source: Sports Information



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