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Provost candidates come to campus

Sarah Sole News Editor

Students will have an opportunity to meet the first of three provost candidates Friday during an open forum in Todd Hall's Board of Trustees Meeting Hall 1 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

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"We encourage them to be a part of this," said Joseph Edwards, dean of fine and performing arts and chair of the search.

Edwards said the students he is familiar with don't understand the provost's responsibilities and the faculty and administration chain of command. This part of the provost position that is relevant to students, he said.

For example, faculty members report to chairs, who report to deans, who report to the provost, who makes all final administrative decisions regarding academics. If students were to request a new class, their request would go the chain of command, Edwards said.

When asked by The Jambar, 10 students said they didn't know what the provost's position was.

"I think I've heard of it, but I don't know," said sophomore Bobby Coates, who added that he wasn't sure if he would go to a forum for provost candidates.

Freshman Bryon Infant, however, said that he might go to a forum, depending on its date and time.

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SGA candidates show

similar platforms



Santos H. Hernandez

Education

Institute for Management and Leadership in Education, Harvard Institutes for Higher Education Management Development Program, Harvard Institutes for Higher Education Doctorate of Social Work, University of Denver

Work Experience

Professor and Dean, The University of Texas, 1998 to present

Professor and Dean, Worden School of Social Service at Our Lady of the Lake University, 1991 to 1998 Program Associate, California State University, 1990 to 1991 Associate Professor and Director, California State

QUEST

Ashley Tate

News Reporter

University, 1987 to 1991



Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education Visiting Scholar in Science, Technology & Society,

Dean, State University of New York at Oswego, 1997 to present Chair & Professor, State University of New York Oswego, 1993 to 1997 Peace Corps Coordinator, 1977 to 1978



Gerard Voland

Education

Doctorate of Engineering Design, Tufts University

Work Experience

Dean, Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne 2003 to present Dean, Illinois Institute of Technology, 1999 to 2003 Interim Director, Northeastern University, 1998 to

1999 Special Assistant to the Vice Provost, Northeastern University, 1996 to 1998

These provost candidates visit campus Friday.



YSU Opportunitybased crimes outnumber others on

campus

Amy Brown & Michael Bury The Jambar

When Ryan Llewellyn returned from class to his car one day, he never expected to be robbed at gunpoint.

On Nov. 6 Llewellyn was walking through the M24 parking lot when someone wearing a hood approached him and muttered something that Llewellyn didn't understand. When Llewellyn responded, the person pulled a handgun and demanded his wallet. Llewellyn laid the wallet on the ground and the person took it and ran off toward Lincoln Avenue. However, Llewellyn was one of the lucky ones that had his property returned, minus the money.

The police recovered my wallet. The suspect threw it away. The police searched the surrounding area and questioned people, but the person was never caught," Llewellyn said.

Fortunately for students at Youngstown State University, Ryan's story is not the norm. An analysis of crime reports since Sept. 1 shows that most thefts are opportunity based. Typically valuables disappear from public places or open rooms. In early January a laptop was stolen from the office of Pat Durrell, assistant professor in physics and astronomy. The laptop was normally used for a telescope on top of Ward-Beecher Hall and stored in the back room of his office. Durrell couldn't say how long that laptop had been missing because it was not used often. Due to the theft, Durrell has changed the way he protects valuables, and now he's more watchful when he lends them out. 'I also make sure to lock my door if I am going to be away from my office for more than a few minutes," said Durrell. "It's maddening but I don't even have a hint to who might have done it." The crime analysis report shows that most of the thefts occur in Kilcawley Center, Cushwa Hall and DeBartolo Hall. Out of the 88 cases of theft, burglary and robbery, 32 percent happened in these three buildings. Luckily for YSU students, crime was down in 2007. Sgt. Bryan Remias said that were about 130 cases of robbery, burglary or theft on the campus, as opposed to 155 in 2006. In fact, YSU had the lowest amount of these types of crimes last year since 2002. YSU Police Chief John Gocala offers some tips to help keep crime to a minimum here on campus. "Mark your books somehow. Even if you don't write your name

Linda Rae Markert Education Institute for Management & Leadership in

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Doctorate of Education, University of the Pacific

Work Experience

Professor, San Jose State University, 1978 to 1993

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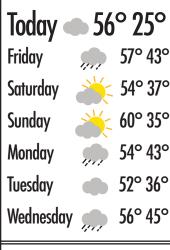
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Amy Brown

ELECTION

Reporter

In the race for student body president and vice president, candidates debated Wednesday for the second time this week in Kilcawley Center's James Gallery at 7 p.m., a day after a 3 p.m. debate in Peaberry's Cafe. Both sets of candidates had their high points as they touched on topics such as cigarette butts on campus, how they will make themselves visible to the student body and how to interest students in Youngstown State University's Centennial Celebration.

Student Government Association presidential candidate Ramon Ramos and running mate Stephen Foley discussed how they have to get out and get personal with students of YSU. They said it's an issue to find out how students feel not only about their professors but about their classes, grading schedule and course loads.

Michael McGiffin, running for SGA president, and vice presidential hopeful Shanna Kelly made it known that they feel they must also follow this procedure, while pushing SGA representatives to do their jobs. They said they want to work with all organizations to bring more interest to campus functions and events.

When it came to the topic of campus beautification and removal of cigarette butts, both pairs said it was a major problem to them, and discussed where designated smoking areas are located.

Ramos and Foley agreed that when it came to bringing interest to students about YSU's centennial, it is important to go to the administration and work with them to organize events so that students can enjoy the celebration.

An important issue to McGiffin and Kelly is finding events that would interest students, to celebrate how students have contributed to Youngstown State.

Other topics were discussed, including diversity on campus, textbook problems and whether or not SGA represents the student body. Both sets of candidates had similar views for solving problems.

CAMPUS

J. Breen Mitchell

Reporter

red and black Youngstown State University has stayed sufficiently green.

YSU's Centennial Master Plan calls for maintaining green areas on campus, as well as creating new ones where possible, according to Hunter Morrison, director of campus planning and university development. Morrison said that the efforts the University has made so

Undergraduate and graduate students at Youngstown State University researched and presented scholarly projects during QUEST, "A Forum for Student Scholarship."

Students presented on topics ranging from health professions to English and chemical and civil engineering to computer science.

With YSU's centennial celebration still underway, junior Lindsey Faith presented on "Current Food Trends and Eating Habits in the Mahoning Valley." She said she and three other presenters chose the topic because of YSU's 100 years.

Food history

Faith said she was excited to see when some of their favorite foods were invented.

"I was shocked to read things like the 1970s sleeping beauty diet where people would sleep instead of eat, or the 400 calories-a-day diet in the 1940s," she said.

After conducting research, Faith said most consumers are focused on overall lifestyle changes that will improve the quality of their diets as opposed to quick fix, temporary diets.

Reviewing literature was a perk for Faith, who said it was the most interesting aspect of the project. Overall, Faith said the presentation went very well.

During the presentation, Faith said the judges asked them good questions like, "How do consumers obtain nutrition-related knowledge?"

Based on her group's findings, Faith said 71 percent of women chose print media versus 50 percent of men. However, 57 percent of men chose the Internet versus 48 percent of women as their source of obtaining nutrito read things like the 1970s sleeping beauty diet where people would sleep instead of eat." – Lindsey Faith, junior

tion knowledge.

Faith said Zara Shah-Rowlands, assistant professor of food and nutrition, aided in their research. "Without her, our research wouldn't have been as great as it was," Faith said.

Equal rights

Senior LeRonica Bolling went down a different path and presented on "Equal Rights for Women.'

Bolling said her presentation first originated as an assignment in her Critical Methods class. She and two other members chose a speech and then applied a style of analysis to it. Her group chose a speech given by the first black congresswoman, Shirley Chisholm.

Chisholm's speech addressed Congress in 1969 and Bolling said her group used

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Centennial Master Plan calls for preservation of green spaces on campus

In addition to being known as

"The core of the campus is fabulous. It's like Sea World."

John Hyden, executive director of facilities

far to keep the campus visually pleasant are plain to see.

"You need only to look at the Spring Street entrance," he said.

John Hyden, executive director of facilities, also said that the campus is continually making progress

towards beautification. "When [students] left campus

last summer, University Plaza was an old, empty street," he said. Hyden said that green areas were something that the University

tries to maintain and create as much

as possible, but because YSU is an urban campus, it will retain a downtown look.

Hyden said that he believes that real strides have been made.

"The core of the campus is fabulous. It's like Sea World," he said.

There was a time when the entire campus core was comprised of gravel lots, according to Hyden. Restoring what Hyden called

Victorian lawns would create green from buildings to the street. Hyden said that YSU's efforts ought to be apparent to everyone.

'You take a structure like a park-

ing lot, which is not what you think of with regards to greenery, and you see what we've done there," he said.

Hyden also cited the F1 parking lot on University Plaza as an example of the YSU being at the forefront of new technology not found on any other Mahoning County campus. The landscaping functions as a bioswale, which catches pollution and silt from runoff water. It also features a heavily vegetated rain garden.

Hyden said that this landscaping **GREEN** page 3

NEWS

TO THE POINT

No one injured in Kent State fire

No students were seriously injured in a fire at Kent State University April 1 campus police say started when a lamp fell on a beanbag chair in Prentice Hall. According to a Kent State police press release, one person needed to go to Robinson Memorial Hospital for smoke inhalation. Betsy Jones, director of residence services said sprinklers caused most of the damage, though second-floor flames were as high as the roof.

YSU to award Lariccias

Tonight at 7:30 YSU will be presenting philanthropists Tony and Mary Lariccia with the Friends of the University award at the D.D. and Velma Davis Education Center at Fellows Riverside Gardens. The award originated in 1997 as a method for YSU to recognize alumni, friends and donors who have made a serious impact on the university. The Lariccias, lifelong residents of the Mahoning Valley, have donated over \$5 million to the university, including \$4 million to the Centennial Capital Campaign, the largest gift by a private donor in YSU history.

Beeghly Center to host civil engineers' student conference

Over 300 engineering students from 14 Ohio, Pennsylvania and Kentucky schools will be on campus as YSU hosts the annual American Society of Civil Engineers' Ohio Valley Student Conference Saturday. This year's conference will feature a steel bridge building conference in Beeghly Center on Friday and a concrete canoe race at Columbiana's Pine Lake on Staurday, both of which are open to the public.

WYSU-FM offers big prizes in pledge drive

WYSU-FM 88.5 will hold it's annual spring pledge drive. This year their goal is a record-setting of \$100,000. Everyone who pledges will be entered into a drawing to win a trip to Greece valued at \$6,000. HD radios will also be given out daily.

Allergies increase with temperatures

Alice DeBonis Reporter

YSU

Warmer, longer days are nice, but for allergy sufferers, spring can bring changes that are not welcome.

Buds form on the trees and green grass appears, and with them come many dreaded allergens. According to the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, Youngstown was listed at number 78 in their top 100 Spring Allergy Capitals in 2007.

Youngstown State University junior Tonya Miller experiences seasonal allergies firsthand.

She said her symptoms range from a runny nose, sneezing and coughing to itchy ears and eyes.

"Spring allergies bother me the most," Miller said.

Sophomore Robert Giles also suffers during the spring. His symptoms typically are a runny nose, puffy eyes and a sore throat.

"I feel miserable, but I get by," Giles said.

Outdoor allergies, also known as seasonal allergic rhinitis, arise when allergens that are typically found outdoors are inhaled through the nose and the lungs, causing allergic reactions.

Dr. Anthony Deramo, an allergist at the Allergy Associates of Youngstown, said tree pollen and grass are the chief contributors to allergies during the spring.

Deramo offered tips in avoid-



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ing outdoor irritants.

Deramo said allergens are worse in the morning because pollen falls and settles in the evening.

He said keeping windows closed or having air conditioning on during this period can be beneficial.

Also, for those who spend a lot of time outdoors in the evening, washing their hair will help.

Deramo also warned that spring, summer and fall allergies overlap, and sufferers who have to seek medical attention should be prepared ahead of time.

Fortunately for Miller, she doesn't have to see a doctor for her allergy symptoms because over-thecounter medicines work for her. "As long as I have my allergy medicines, I'm OK," Miller said. Deramo said that over-thecounter medicines will help about one out of three people affected by

seasonal allergies. He said that if low-grade medicines aren't effective, the next step is to get a prescription from a physician.

"If none of these work, seek an allergist, because you'll need injections," Deramo said.

There may be good news for those who require allergy injec-

tions. Deramo said within the next two to three years, if approved, there will be a pill that will dissolve under the tongue and will be as affective as an injection.

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Global warming can start in Youngstown

Jeanette DiRubba Reporter

Youngstown's climate change, aside from other worldly weather disruptions, is just a portion of the clear evidence that the Earth is in a state of global warming, said William Buckler, geography professor at Youngstown State University. A piece of Antarctica, estimated to be a 160-square-mile chunk which is about seven times the size of Manhattan — collapsed March 25 due to global warming, according to an article from The Associated Press. "Just like Antarctica, all models indicate that Youngstown is also warming, and we are seeing a lot of weather changes," Buckler said. "These weather changes could potentially be dangerous over time because the warmer weather causes new insects to appear and may start causing new diseases in our area which were previously more prevalent in other weather regions," he said. Buckler said for global warming to occur, data needs to be looked at and evaluated over a long period of time. More than just a region's temperature needs to be checked. "You have to look for the trends," he said. "You can't just look at temperature for even one or two years. There will be variations, but global warming consists of a total environmental change," Buckler said. Global warming can be the onset of more droughts or more floods, depending upon the area's locality. Some regions may be cooling, while others may be

"You can't just look at temperature for even one or two years. There will be variations, but global warming consists of a total environmental change." Are you living YOUR LIFE YOUR WAY?



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YSU to hold free enterprise lecture

Economist and entrepreneur, Dr. Sylvia Ann Hewlett will be featured at YSU's Paul J. and Marguerite K. Thomas Colloquium on free enterprise. It will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Holiday Inn in Boardman. The Lecture is free and open to the public.

YSU to recognize diversity leaders

YSU's Diversity Leadership Recognition Celebration will be held at the D.D. and Velma Davis Education & Visitor's Center Thursday. State Sen. Ray Miller is the keynote speaker. KeyBank is sponsoring the event, which is held to celebrate and embrace diversity at YSU and in the community. The social hour will begin at 6 p.m. and will cost \$25.

Black alumni to celebrate 10 years

YSU's Black Alumni Chapter will host a centennial reunion celebrating YSU's 100 years as a university and the alumni chapter's 10 years. There will be a kick-off reception from 6 to 9 p.m. in Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room on April 11. The registration and reception is \$25, the proceeds will benefit the YSU Foundation Black Alumni Scholarship Fund.

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— William Buckler, geography professor –

warming up. Changes in storm tracks will alter, and the regions of the world experience patterns of precipitation change. Places that are moist become dry, and vice versa, Buckler said.

What can YSU students do about global warming?

"Every little bit we can do will help," Buckler said.

For starters, politicians need to begin investing in a greener world, Buckler said, but the process for change doesn't need to commence with them. YSU students can help make a difference, Buckler said.

According to an article written by the Union of Concerned Scientists and the Ecological Society of America, "Scientists are now convinced that human activity, primarily burning fossil fuels to produce electricity and drive our cars, is changing our climate. These activities emit gases, principally carbon dioxide (CO2), that blanket the planet and trap heat." YSU commuter students should think about carpooling whenever possible to "lessen the carbon dioxide in the atmosphere," Buckler said.

Buckler advises students to stay away from plastic and even paper bags from stores.

"When you go shopping, bring your own sacks instead of getting paper or plastic bags," Buckler said.

Plastic is made from petroleum and is the most predominant litter in the world, Buckler said. Plastic doesn't break down and decompose. It stays in the environment for years. Paper, on the other hand, leads to fewer trees in the environment and soil erosion, said Buckler.

"It costs us money and environmental effects to produce paper," he said.

Students should also take note of the various recycling bins located all over campus.

"Anything we can do, even by recycling on a daily basis, will have an impact on our region," Buckler said. Live "Your Life. Your Way." in a community designed exclusively for students. Hurry - space is still available for Spring & Summer 2008! Call or visit today!



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three different styles to analyze the speech.

Bolling said the style of analysis she chose was a method that studied the use of the speaker's words to form attitudes and persuade others in action. The Women's Movement was the driving force behind the speech.

Bolling said Chisholm was very passionate about women in society and wanted them to be held at the same standards as men. She wanted them be treated on the same level.

One assumption about women, Bolling said, was that when applying for jobs, they were often asked if they could type, assuming they were applying for secretarial work instead of a management position.

Bolling agreed with Faith and

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in books because of buyback prices, pick your favorite number, go to that page and draw a heart, a star or something around the number so you know it is yours. Don't leave CD's, wallets, or any valuables in cars. Always lock your doors," said Gocala.

Gocala also urged students to buy the club, a vehicle steering wheel lock, for older model cars, "because they are easier to steal."

said her presentation went well. She said she was glad to speak and present information to other people and learn about other research.

While listening to other students, one presentation "definitely" caught Bolling's attention and she said it was very interesting.

The presentation was about a subculture in the U.S. known as "Furry Fandom." This group has been shown on shows such as "CSI" and portrayed as sexual deviants who favor having sex in animal costumes.

Marking its 18th year, the event was held in Kilcawley Center Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Jeffrey Dick, associate professor and director of undergraduate research, has been overseeing QUEST since 2004.

Remias also gave some tips to help protect students. Remias suggest never leaving your itens alone, being aware of your surroundings and never leaving valuables on tables while using the bathroom.

As for Llewellyn, he hasn't let the robbery at gunpoint make him feel unsafe.

"I still feel safe in the decks. I mean I do park there every day. I was just in the wrong place at the wrong time," said Llewellyn.



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"It was well worth the effort,"

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provost searches.

he said.

Linda

"I've never even heard of it until now," Infant said of the provost position.

Though freshman Karmen Brown said she was unfamiliar with the provost position, she said she was willing to go to a forum for prospective candidates.

Edwards said the committee evaluated the candidates based on their success in education, administration and research. Leadership played an important part.

The three candidates include a woman, a white male, and a Hispanic male, Edwards said, though "there was no intention to purposefully divide it that way. These were truly the top three," he said.

Initially, 39 applicants qualified for the criteria, Edwards said. The committee then narrowed down that number to 13 candidates, and then met with the 13 at the Pittsburgh airport. The committee

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allows water to be slowly absorbed into storm sewers,

reducing the risk of flooding. "Some people want to portray us as Paul Bunyan," he said, referring to a tree that was removed in March outside of Ward Beecher Hall.

Howard Mettee, of the chemistry department was upset with the removal of the tree. Every time landscape is taken, we eat away at our campus landscape legacy, Mettee said. "Once it goes, we can't get it

back," Mettee said.

"Gradually as the institution grows, the campus's natural environment will diminish," Mettee said.

In order to prevent too much green from completely disappearing, Mettee suggested that YSU needs an organization to advocate for preserving the landscape.

"There is no organized voice on campus that I know of, whose mission it is to speak on behalf of

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the natural campus environment," Mettee said.

weaknesses, Edwards said.

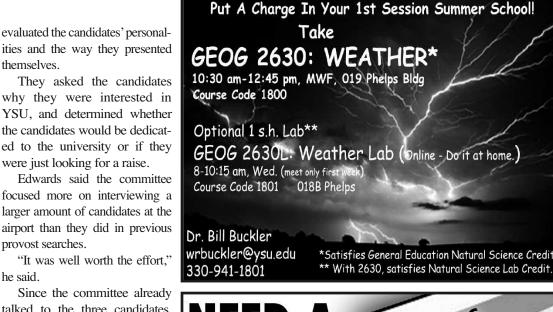
Hyden said that the tree was directly above a steam tunnel and was actually only the remnant of a tree that had fallen over years ago. YSU students had differing

opinions on whether YSU needed to improve the campus grounds. Freshman Ashley Whitflield

thinks YSU already has enough green space. She said, "it's just spaced out and separated by walkways. There are just to many hills.

Freshman Eleni Hazimihalis disagreed, but said she isn't sure where the university would put it. "That would be nice to have a little hangout outside," she said. Josh Hobby, a freshman, agrees that there might not be a place for more green space on campus.

Additional reporting by Amy Brown, Keith Langford and Samantha Pysher



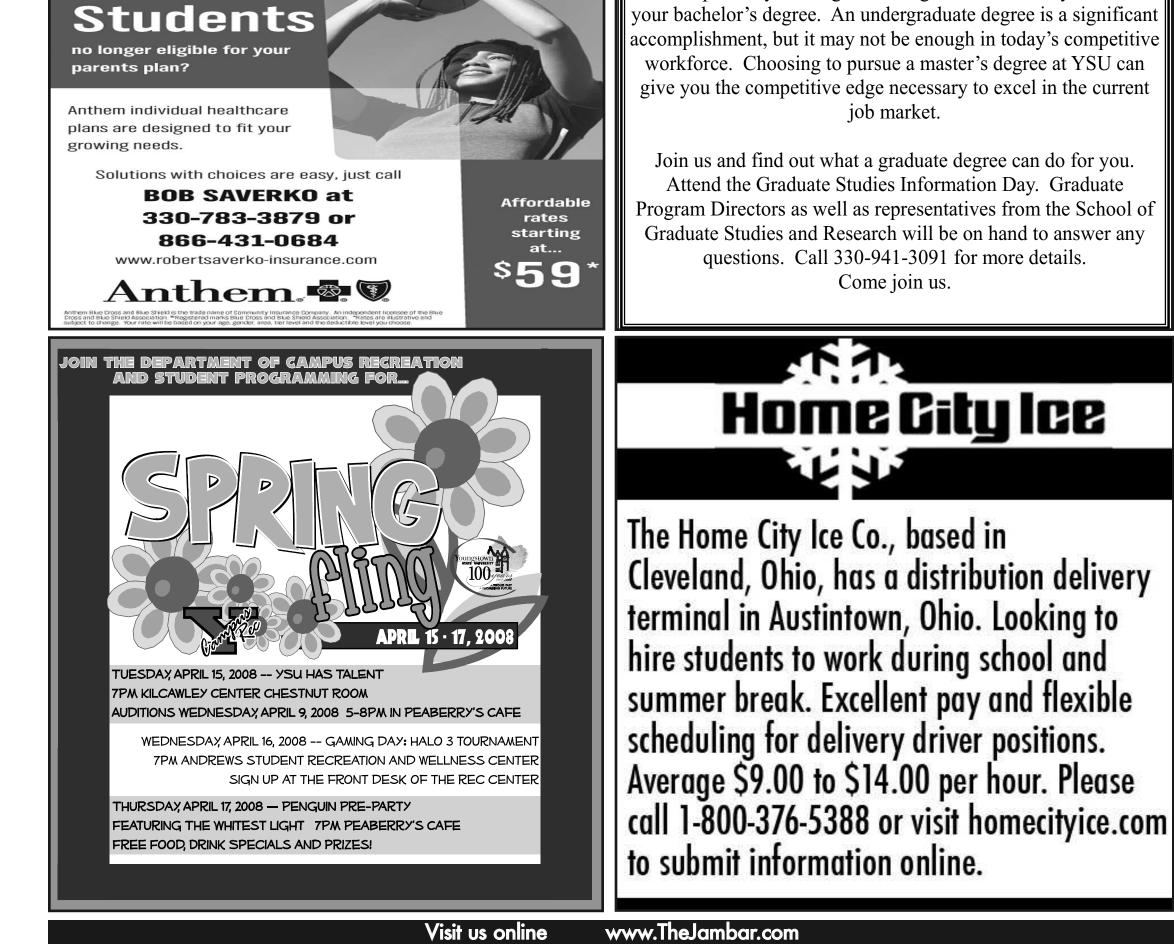


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OUR SIDE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES RAISE ALMOST \$1 BILLION Looking for TO FUND THEIR CAMPAIGNS more green, HEY, I'M NOT BEGGING...I'M WHY DIDN'T less smoke on YOU SAY SO? ... LL WRITE YOU A CHECK! RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT! campus All that's left to remind us of salt stains on our shoes and jeans is the gravel and dirt collected by the snow. The ice and snow that once took up that essential last parking spot have melted away. But the best part of all is yet to come - the time when everything that died during the winter gets to bloom again. Well, at least what's still around to bloom. Youngstown State University has its reserved green spaces of campus. We have the green of the campus core: patches of grassy hills running through the center of YSU. Then there are the tree lined cement slabs - aka walkways that crisscross between buildings. And the newest paved areas on campus added some wellsprinklered flower beds and naturally wet rain gardens. What more can be done?

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COMMENTARY



Anita Creamer

McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

Anything to distract us from what's really serious. It's a clever nickname, but I for-

get which disgraced politician from

Shame on her. Americans will simply never attain the world-weary sophistication of the French about extramarital flings if we're stuck dealing with the likes of Dr. Laura and ex-Gov. Spitzer, moralizers without much in the way of real morality.

Editor,

At first, I was surprised. I wasn't surprised that a letter's subject was centered around the forthcoming Student Government Association presidential election, but I was concerned with the

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

claims it made mostly because they were largely unresearched and unquestionably false. I work in Student Programming and was so unnerved by the stu-

dent's comments that I feel compelled to respond. I would like to offer corrections to the claim that involvement in student activities has plateaued in mediocrity and to the suggestion that presidential can-

I can assure you that McGiffin has worked alongside me in Student Programming to develop diverse programs that reach out to all students.

As for the supposed decline in student activity, we have in fact seen a significant increase in campus Greek Life and enrollment in various student organizations. I truly question the validity of the source from which this claim originated.

Perhaps the most obvious fabrication came when it was asserted that McGiffin's position as the vice president of Student Life was appointed, rather than elected. Again, I would like to submit a correction to this statement. In reality

McGiffin was elected to his execu-

tive position by his peers on SGA.

tion, he worked with organizations

like Penguin Productions and suc-

cessfully bridged the consistent gap

between SGA and other student

groups. McGiffin planned a foot-

During his tenure in this posi-

ball tailgate that garnered more students than active members in the withering Pete's Posse, which has plummeted to near extinction and is led by McGiffin's opponent, Ramon Ramos. The latter sounds more "mediocre and incompetent" to me, but the voters will be the judge of that.

It startles me that the same narrow mind that birthed such an "incompetent" piece of propaganda is in support of Ramos and Foley.

It doesn't speak highly of them and it makes me wonder what kind of voters they are attempting to attract, as they continually focus their energies to sabotage their opponents' campaign, rather than

that direction.

and some trees.

included.

Lastly, in honor of the state smoking ban that voters passed 11 months ago, why not enforce the law? What happened to those stricter private rules that should have banned smoking on nearly all of campus?

The parking lots that line the

Since the university is trying

to create a link to downtown,

why don't we put our best face

forward there? At 10 minutes

till the hour students fill Lincoln

Avenue and all the greenery we

see is a YSU sign in a flowerbed

Extend some of the greenery

Why should cigarette butts still cover the ground in some places, joining the other litter in parking decks and lots? When smokers break the rules and pollute the air at doorways, the only thing that might get greener is everyone else's face as we struggle to hold our breath.

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the Northeast is supposed to be the "Luv Gov."

Is it Eliot Spitzer, who resigned as New York's governor almost two weeks ago in the midst of scandal after he was linked to an alleged high-priced call girl ring?

Is it his replacement, David Paterson, who spent his second day on the job confessing publicly to running around on his wife while saying that she'd been unfaithful, too? (Way to overshare, governor. And now he's giving interviews about the drugs he's done, as well.)

Or is it former New Jersey Gov. James McGreevey, who left office in 2004 after confessing to gay affairs and was last week alleged to have had three-way trysts during the marriage that ended after he came out of the closet as, in his words, "a gay American"?

Honestly, it's all gotten so confusing.

You can see why women are so drawn to men in power: They're genuinely decent, courageous and honorable people who focus above all on the greater good and will do anything to protect their wives and families from public humiliation.

Right? Unfortunately not.

There's nothing like a politician to turn sex into something that's really too icky to discuss in polite company. They're dragging us all down in the muck with them, the narcissistic monsters.

They use their wives as damage control, and even more appalling, their scandalous behavior results in panels of TV commentators speculating not only on the political fallout but also on the psychological subtleties of the infidelity at hand.

This is precisely what led us not long ago to the expert analysis of syndicated radio scold Dr. Laura Schlessinger claiming on "Today" that it's really women's fault that the men in their lives cheat on them.

Also, try as we will, we lack the Gallic flair for wearing scarves really, really well.

Sanctimony so often hides sin, as we were reminded last summer, when Idaho Sen. Larry Craig who went on TV in the late 1990s to chastise President Clinton as "a bad boy, a naughty boy ... a nasty, bad, naughty boy" - was arrested on suspicion of public indecency in an airport men's room.

He subsequently pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct, announced that he would resign from office, tried to withdraw his guilty plea and then refused to resign.

A foolish consistency, as Emerson said, is the hobgoblin of small minds.

Sometimes, people in power are a little too fascinated by all that nastiness and naughtiness, and not in a particularly interesting way.

And because sleaze is quite a bit easier for the public to comprehend than potential avenues for government intervention in the foreclosure crisis or policy differences in the presidential candidates' positions on health care, we dive right into the latest scandal along with them.

It's like we're a nation of badly socialized 12-year-olds fixated on sex to the point that we don't mind peeking through the blinds into other people's bedrooms.

We're living in a culture oversaturated with scandal, more interested in degradation than intimacy, and the best we can do is speculate about politicians' marital transgressions.

Surely, there will come a time when Americans grow tired of the sideshow of sleaziness, this exploration of the fine line separating the lurid from the cheesy.

Until then, we might do well to elect more women to public office.

For some reason, power doesn't seem to make women more appealing to men. To the contrary, it just frightens men away.

didate Michael McGiffin's competence in this area is deficient.

To begin, our department's programs have made constructive progress in the last year. We have spearheaded evening programs, like Penguin Pre-Party, which have never before enjoyed a substantial existence on this campus.

COMMENTARY

Obama's plan for Iraq is true holy war

Melinda Grav

Jambar Contributor

Attention all American citizens: Mark your calendars! If Sen. Barack Obama is elected as our next president, then March 31, 2009 will be the beginning of the end.

Sen. Obama has stirred frenzy among his supporters similar to what some recall as the "Beatlemania" phenomenon. Although he does elicit hope with his upbeat and idealistic speeches, he has yet to prove that he is anything but a great motivationalist.

According to the Wall Street Journal, Jan. 7, issue, Obama stated that in the first 16 months of his presidency he would pull all troops out of Iraq. Yet in another

speech addressed on the ABC news web page, Obama denies supporting a "cut-and-run" maneuver. It is no secret that Sen. Obama does not support the war in Iraq, and a great majority of Americans would agree with his reasoning.

Nevertheless, as an American who enjoys all of the freedoms afforded to me by the soldiers who fought for them, I don't support any strategy that would further harm our military. With the death toll nearing 4,000 troops, the situation should not be left in haste, only to make matters worse.

Predictions made by several think tanks and voiced by Sen. John McCain claim that not only will a withdrawal date give our enemies a leg up, it will also provoke terrorism here at home. It's comparable to a school board telling students, "On Friday there will be no teachers, principal or adults in general, present to watch over you, but you are expected to be on your best behavior."

No matter what George W. Bush said or did to get us involved in this unholy war, we are in it up to our eyeballs. Pulling out now would only give the enemy the shot of adrenaline it needs to attack the United States again. It would also be a slap in the face of every person who lost a loved one fighting for our country. Finally, it would unite every last militant Islamic faction in the Middle East under one banner to crush us underfoot, and then begins the true holy war.

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developing their own.

I will close by saying that it is unapprised and negative dispositions like these that will continue to poison our campus and will never contribute to the betterment of it.

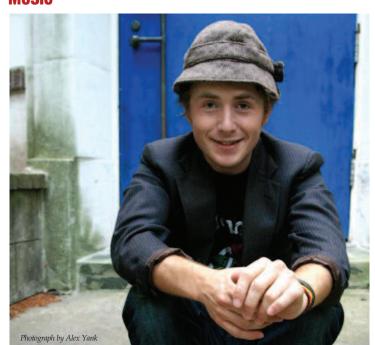
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MUSIC



Writer of 'Bubbly' comes to YSU

Max Somerville

Jambar Contributor

Best known for cowriting Colby Caillat's smash hit single "Bubbly," Jason Reeves is catapulting into the spotlight as one of today's biggest songwriters. He's playing his first show in Youngstown tonight.

Reeves' new album, "The Magnificent Adventures of Heartache (and Other Frightening Tales)," is filled with catchy hooks, beautiful melodies and warm vocals. He handles common subjects such as love, loss and hope with a sophistication that brings his music far beyond the realm of radio-friendly pop.

Reeves has come a long way since he began writing songs at the age of 17. The 23-year-old Iowan dropped out of college to pursue his dreams, taking a huge risk and moving to California.

While recording, he befriended Caillat. Reeves and the platinum selling artist got together and wrote Caillat's debut album, "Coco," which has so far produced two huge singles, "Bubbly" and "Realize."

Reeves' love for folk music is apparent in his work. A self-taught guitarist, his beautiful approach to the acoustic guitar is the perfect match for his warm voice.

However, his passion has no

Jason Reeves at the Penguin Pre-Party in Peaberry's from 7 to 10 p.m.

musical boundaries.

"When I was younger my biggest influences were Bob Dylan and James Taylor. Nowadays I'm influenced by even my friends who play," Reeves said. "Everything I hear is an inspiration."

Being a solo artist and a writer for other artists has given Reeves many outlets for people to hear his work. Whether he is writing a song for his new album or writing a hit for someone else, he has the same musical philosophy.

"No matter who I'm writing the song for, it doesn't change it," he said. "The song still exists. I'm still writing the song for the same reason.'

In support of his new album, Reeves is touring the country, joining Caillat at some venues.

"There are a ton of pros and cons in touring," Reeves said, "There's the constant adventure and change, but then there's never being able to relax. I guess there's just a balance you have to find."

Nice weather springs students from class

Adam Bickel

AROUND CAMPUS

Reporter

"Of course it is harder to make it to class after spring break," junior Jeana Stevens said. "I went to Florida on spring break and had a blast. Now I am back to reality."

Stevens is one of many students who have trouble focusing when the weather breaks.

"When it is nice out I just don't want to sit in a classroom!" she said.

Kelly, a senior at Sara Youngstown State University, feels similarly.

"I even dropped a class. It was a night class, and I just couldn't do it anymore." It wasn't laziness that shifted Kelly to drop, but rather restlessness.

"I had a three-hour break before

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my night class. When I am sitting around campus thinking of what else I could be doing, taking my dog to the park seems like a little taste of heaven," she said.

This idea also seemed to be the consensus among a small group of students sitting nearby. All five of the students agreed that when the weather is better and your memories of spring break are fresh, it is tempting to skip some classes. Sophomore Robert Pederson said, "I love to play sports, so when my buddies wanna play basketball I know I am not going to turn them down whether I have class or not."

While the idea of slacking off a little when spring has sprung seems popular, there are still a few students who feel that making it to class and getting their work done are the top priorities.

Ross Miller, a senior, explained why he is one of those students.

"I am going to graduate in less than a year. I just want to be done with school. I did screw around in past semesters, but now that I have my degree in sight I am not going to let a sunny day or two (mess up) my grades."

Madonna Pinkard, a communications professor who teaches an afternoon class, said she doesn't believe that the weather interferes with class attendance.

"It doesn't seem to be problem

want to sit in a classroom!" Jeana Stevens, junior

"When it is nice out I just don't

in my class. Tonight there was only one presentation, and we had a full house," said Pinkard.

She said she has the occasional students who miss class, but they almost always send an e-mail.

"I don't know if you saw all the students just leaving, but the change of weather has never been a problem in my classes," she said just after a full room of students made its way out the building - some already wearing shorts because the weather finally permits it.

Gil Mantera set to party once more at Cedar's

Michael Bury

Reporter

After a year-and-a-half absence in its hometown, Gil Mantera's Party Dream has returned to play at Cedar's Lounge Friday night.

Western Fresh off the Brotherhood and a stint at South by Southwest, brothers Gil Mantera and Ultimate Donnie are returning to play to what they feel are their biggest and best fans: the residents of Youngstown.

The band's live show featues dancy music.

'We love playing Youngstown. This is our hometown," said Ultimate Donnie Gil Mantera's Party Dream played its last show in Youngstown at the former Nyabinghi on Thanksgiving night 2006. Since then fans have been asking them when they will play again. The members of Party Dream were reluctant to play here, as the only venue large enough to hold the audience that they feel that they are able to draw was Cedar's Lounge. Party Dream felt that the sound system wasn't as good as should be expected.

"The sound system is kind of s---, but what convinced us was the fact that Chris (Cedar's Lounge's sound technician) was going to use his own equipment. We were loyal to the Nyabinghi. We'd still be playing there if it was open," said Mantera.

Party Dream has added a drummer to update its live sound. Drummer for the Pittsburgh band Zombi, A.E. Paterra helps fill out the sound the band feels it needs for its live shows. And they did it for the fans.

"People like drums," said Mantera.

Unlike the band, which isn't exactly excited about playing Cedar's, fans couldn't be more thrilled. YSU student Justin Hite has seen the band at least 20 times in the past eight years.

"(Party Dream) is a fun band, and it's always a good time when you see them live," said Hite. "There's a lot of flashing lights, people dancing and drunken debauchery. No one cares if you act like an idiot."

Hite isn't the only one excited about seeing Party Dream at Cedar's. YSU student Bill Rodgers said he has just gotten into the band recently. He has only ever seen the band play at the Beechland Ballroom in Cleveland.

"I wish they would play more shows here. It's nice that they haven't flaked," said Rodgers.

As for the band members, success might have gone to their heads a little, but deservedly so.

"Out of the Youngstown bands, we're probably the biggest thing in town at the moment," Mantera said. "F--- that. We're the baddest

mother f---ers in town. No one else is as big as us," said Ultimate Donnie.



'Shine a Light' combines Martin Scorsese's two greatest loves

Roger Moore

The Orlando Sentinel (MCT)

ENTERTAINMENT

Oscar-winning director Martin Scorsese is knee-deep in his new film, an adaptation of Dennis Lehane's thriller "Shutter Island" starring Leonard DiCaprio and Ben Kingsley, among others. And he's stumped. Just a little.

"This new movie is set in 1954," he says in comic exasperation. "No Rolling Stones!"

Fans of the filmmaker will understand his consternation. Long before directing the new Rolling Stones concert documentary, "Shine a Light," which opens April 4, Martin Scorsese was associated with their music.

"In my formative years, before I made 'Mean Streets' (1973) even, the Rolling Stones created a well of inspiration that became a part of my consciousness," Scorsese says from his New York office. "Their music shapes the images I see when I'm planning a movie – camera movements, lighting, tone, attitude.

"What they say in their songs has really affected the attitude that turns up in characters in my movies over the years. So they've been something that's fundamental to the films I make."

Scorsese, 65, has long been his film generation's "critical darling," notes Marc Raymond on the online journal Senses of Cinema. With films such as "Mean Streets," "Taxi Driver" and "Raging Bull" acknowledged as among the greatest ever by the American Film Institute, the influential Sight and Sound magazine and pretty much everyone else, his Oscar for "The Departed" wasn't just overdue. It was superfluous.

Music has been an important corner of that storied career. Scorsese made not only the failed musical" New York, New York" but the seminal concert film "The Last Waltz," about the final concert of The Band, as well as definitive TV documentaries on the blues and Bob Dylan.

"The first time I remember visualizing music was when I was 4 years old, listening to my father's

Reinhardt/Stephane Django Grappelli and the Hot Club of France 78s," he says.

By the time Scorsese went to the NYU Film School in the mid-60s, the Stones had taken over his musical fantasies. His breakthrough film, "Mean Streets," featured not only an undiscovered director and a couple of undiscovered stars (DeNiro and Harvey Keitel). "Jumping Jack Flash" and "Tell Me" were on the soundtrack.

So naturally the director felt a little invested in what tunes the Stones would play for "Shine a Light," which was shot at a benefit concert for the Clinton Foundation in New York in 2006.

"There were a few songs I just had to hear in the film Sympathy for the Devil' and 'Jumping Jack Flash,' key songs," Scorsese says. "But the band had other ideas. They had a way of looking at the flow of the concert, the tone, what it would start with, what

it would end with, when ballads would be heard, when the blues would come in, when country music would come in and that sort of thing.

"That makes what they do a two-hour piece of music, from start to end, that they determine just by arranging the songs and picking the songs they would do.'

He wanted to hear "Jumping Jack Flash" and "As Tears Go By," and Mick and the lads obliged. But Scorsese shot "Shine a Light" on film, which meant he had to back up each of five cameras with two others in the same spot, in reserve, for when the film magazine's 10 minutes of footage was spent. And



all that planning didn't prepare him for what he actually saw on stage. "Their passion surprised me,"

the 65 year-old director says o f Jagger, Richards, Wood and Watts, his sixtysomething contemporaries in the band. "I mean, they've been doing this forever.

By the time they hit `She Was Hot,' the third number, something happened ... Mick's dancing has something to do with that, but the back-up singers, the guitar solos, the percussion, somehow, on that third song, the machine of the concert is ratcheted up."

But it isn't helping him with his problem, that director's block facing him as "Shutter Island" goes before the cameras.

"I have some classical music in mind for this one. There's also popular music of the early `50s that can find its way into the picture that would help me out.

"But you know, it's pre-rock `n' roll," he says, as if still mystified. "Pre-Rolling Stones. So I don't know, it's tough."

upcoming events

Today

Yoga at Fellows Riverside Gardens in Millcreek Park from 8:30 to 10 a.m. and from 5:30 to 7 p.m. (\$10)

Hot Yoga for Advanced Students at Fellows Riverside Gardens in Millcreek Park from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. (\$10) Wine Tasting at Winestyles of Howland from 6 to 8 p.m. (\$8-\$12)

Jason Reeves at Peaberry's Café at 7:30 p.m.

'80s Night with J-Scratch at Barley's at 8 p.m.

Friday

72nd Annual Student Juried Exhibition at YSU from 11 a.m to 4 p.m.

"Stormin' Norman" at Timberlanes of Salem from 6 to 9 p.m.

Throwback Performance at The at 8 p.m. (\$5 to \$20) Wedge from 6 to 9:30 p.m. (\$15)

Dance Lessons at The Dusty Armadillo at 7 p.m.

"Lobby Hero" at YSU

Drew Hastings at The Funny Farm Comedy Club at 9 p.m. Kowboy Karaoke at Quaker Steak and Lube in Austintown at 10 p.m.

Erins Vineyard, Amplexus and Grey Dealer at Barleys from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. (\$5)

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Sports



TRACK ATHLETE OF THE YEAR – BETHANY ANDERSON Youngstown State University senior thrower Bethany Anderson was selected as the 2008 Horizon League Indoor Track and Field Athlete of the

selected as the 2008 Horizon League Indoor Track and Field Athlete of the Year, the League office announced Wednesday. The league's head track coaches voted for the athletes after the season was completed.

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Penguins ground Falcons in slugfest

The Penguin offensive pounded the Bowling Green pitching staff for a record-tying 21 hits in a game that saw a combined 31 runs scored.

Andrew Berry Sports Editor

Fans of offense and high-scoring games weren't disappointed with Tuesday's contest between the Penguins and the Bowling Green University Falcons at Cene Park in Struthers. The Penguins (6-15) were able to pull out a victory over a rolling Falcon squad (11-8) that has only lost one in its last 11 games.

From the first inning to the final frame, the Youngstown State University baseball team slugged it out with the Falcons as both teams put on a hitting clinic to combine for 37 hits and 31 runs. Out of the 37 total, 11 went for extra bases.

Sophomores Eric Marzec, Cory Hornyak and senior Sean Lucas had three hits apiece and combined for eight RBIs.

Right fielder Marzec had a career day at the plate going three for five with four RBIs and scoring two runs with a walk, but it was what he was able to do on the mound late in the game that allowed the Penguins to slam the door on the Falcons.

Senior starting pitcher Adam Kalafos went an admirable 4.1 innings giving up 10 hits and

SENIOR MIKE TURJANICA, PHOTO COURTESY OF RON STEVENS seven earned runs. Senior reliever Joe Antinone was able to calm the Bowling Green bats slightly, surrendering five earned runs on six hits over three innings.

After the Penguins scored two in the bottom of the eighth on a two-out error to increase their advantage to five runs, Marzec stepped in with one out already recorded in the eighth and shut down the Falcon offense to give the Penguins the 18-13 win. Marzec retired all five batters he faced in 1.2 innings of work to earn the first save of his career.

Despite falling behind on scoreboard early, the Penguin bats exploded to keep pace with the Falcons with seven runs in the third inning and six runs in the seventh.

Head coach Rich Pasquale credited the team's win Tuesday to aggressive base running and not holding anything back at the plate. The Penguin skipper liked what he saw as his players came through in two-out situations and fought hard to regain lost leads.

Pasquale believes his team is making solid progress, but there is still room for improvement.

"I've had some of the players' parents approach me and tell me that this is the best they've seen the team play early in the season," Pasquale said. "That's nice to hear, but we still

Penguin Player to WatchJoe lacobucci.314 batting ave.22 hits

Outfielder No. 18 .314 batting average 22 hits 4 doubles 1 homer run 10 RBIs 6 runs scored Horizon League Baseball Standings

TEAM	LEAGUE	OVERALL
Illinois Chicago	5-1	15-8
Cleveland State	2-1	7-9
Butler	3-3	5-14
Wright State	2-3	8-13
Valparaiso	2-3	6-18
Milwaukee	2-4	5-16
Youngstown State	1-2	6-15

have to win games."

With a slate of home games on the horizon, it could be time for a turnaround for the baseball squad.

Beginning with today's home contest against Tiffin University, the Penguins will only have to travel one time before April 23 with 14 of the team's next 15 games at either Cene Park or Eastwood Field.

The Penguins have taken the aspect of home-field advantage to a new level in 2008. In just two games played at Cene Park, the Penguins are 2-0 having outscored their opponents a combined 30-15 in those two games. The Penguins defeated the Indiana University of Pennsylvania 12-4 in the first home game March 25.

The first of the team's next 15 home contests will pit the Penguins against the Tiffin Dragons at Cene Park with a firstpitch time of 1 p.m.

The Dragons (8-6) have had a roller-coaster season to start but are on the rise after starting the 2008 campaign with a 1-5 record. The team has won seven of its last

eight games including a 6-0 road win over a nationally ranked St. Joseph's squad.

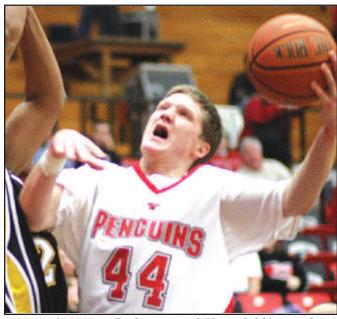
If the team hopes to avoid having to slug its way to a win, the Penguins' pitching staff will want to keep freshman infielder Kyle Leggett on ice. Leggett has started and played in all of the Dragon's 14 games and is hitting .429 with 21 hits and seven RBIs.

If Leggett reaches base, don't expect him to stay put. The talented freshman has a knack for getting into scoring position for the Dragon's big hitters, as he has swiped three bags on five attempts.

Even if the Penguins don't have to score a plethora of runs to slay the Dragons, the Penguin offense will not want to wait until the last minute to put crooked numbers on the board. Tiffin's closing pitcher, sophomore Trevor Woodjetts, has been dominant in the final frame.

Woodjetts is 3-3 in save chances and has not allowed a run to score in any of his four appearances. Losing late in the game could spell doom for the Penguins.

MEN'S BASKETBALL



TOP RECRUIT — Freshman guard Vytas Sulskis scored 270 points in his first year at YSU. Photo courtesy of Ron Stevens.

Sulskis named to College Insider Mid-Major All-American squad

Andrew Berry Sports Editor

Freshman guard Vystas Sulskis of the Youngstown State University basketball team was named to the Freshman Mid-Major All-American team by CollegeInsider.com Tuesday.

Sulskis joins two other Horizon League players on the 16 player team. Matt Brown of Butler and Rahmone Fletcher of Wisconson-Green Bay also made the freshman All-American squad. Sulskis, who also earned a spot on the Horizon League All-Newcomer Team, scored 270 points and grabbed 131 boards in his freshman campaign. His 46 3-pointers set the record for most 3-point shots made by a freshman during the regular season.

In 18 league games he scored 192 points, averaging 10.7 per contest, while grabbing 89 rebounds, an average of 4.9 per game. He was second on the team in rebounds during conference play.

2008 Season Stats – Vytas Sulskis

Points Scored	270
Rebounds	131
Points Per Game	9.0
Steals	32
Blocked Shots	7



Records fall as Penguins spilt double-header with Niagara, face Titans in league contest

Andrew Berry Sports Editor

The Youngstown State University softball team hosted its first home games of the season Tuesday with a wild double-header against Niagara University at McCune Park in Canfield.

While the first game of the home-opener resulted in a 10-4 Niagara victory, game two of the double-header was the explosion of offense the Penguins (3-15) had been looking for all season.

The Penguin offense set singlegame school records with 19 hits and five home runs in a 14-6 pounding of Niagara in the doubleheader finale. Prior to the offensive explosion Tuesday, the most runs the Penguins had been able to muster in a single game this season was nine when the team lost a hard 9-14 contest to Toledo in the Oxford Tournament at Miami March 23.

Trailing 3-1 in the bottom of the third, freshman outfielder Katy Potokar drew a two-out walk and stole second to set the stage for the offensive onslaught that was about to occur. With Potokar

SERIES SCHEDULE

Game 1 — Today, 1 p.m. Game 2 — Today, 3 p.m.

LAST TIME OUT

The Titans put an end to the Penguins' 2007 season as YSU was defeated in the second round of the Horizon League tournament 5-8 at the hands of Detroit. YSU is 2-3 against Detroit dating back to the 2006 season. on second, senior McKenzie Bedra blasted a two-run homer to tie the game at 3-3.

After surrendering an unearned run in the top of the fourth, the Penguins went back to work at the plate and put up four to take the lead 7-4. Freshman infielder Rochelle Vanyi kicked off the scoring frenzy with an RBI single that was followed by senior Becky Hibner's two-run homer that sailed over the right field fence for her first long ball of the season.

Sophomore starting pitcher Cheryl Cale went the distance against Niagara, scattering seven hits and allowing five to cross the plate in a solid complete-game performance. Cale was given adequate run support late in the game as the Penguins put the game out of reach with four more runs scored in the bottom half of the fifth, allowing Cale (1-4) to pick up her first win of the season.

Along with Bedra, and Hibner belting home runs, Potokar, Vanyi and junior Kristen McDonnell also went yard for the Penguins.

With the win, the Penguins will look to carry their newfound momentum into today's doubleheader with Horizon League opponent Detroit-Mercy.

The Titans (6-12) are struggling against Horizon League opponents despite having won their most recent league contest 7-4 against the Valparaiso Crusaders. In the team's other three league contests, the Titans are 0-3 and were outscored 28-4.

The biggest threat on the Titans' roster comes in the form of freshman catcher Courtney Gill. She has started and played in 18 games and has compiled an intimidating batting average of .429 with four home runs and 15 RBIs. A complete package player, Gill is also a wizard with the glove and boasts a perfect



WINDING UP — Sophomore Danielle Chase winds up like a spring to get maximum force behind her pitch. Chase and the Penguins return to Horizon League play today against Detroit. Photo courtesy of Ron Stevens.

fielding percentage of 1.000 with 70 putouts and three assists.

While finding a way to stifle Gill's bat will be key for the Penguin pitching staff, keeping runners off base ahead of the Titan slugger will also be crucial. Other than Gill and freshmen Ellen Sinclair and Breana Sesoko, no other player on the Titan roster has a batting average above .300 with the next closest player being junior Jacqueline Nortman, who is hitting .231.

To take down the Titans, the Penguins will need to take advantage of their youthful roster by disrupting them mentality and causing frustration on the field. Of the Titans' 14 players, the team claims just one senior and one junior. If the Penguins use their senior leadership to their advantage, the Titans could fall.