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YSU FACULTY

Trustees ratify faculty contract

Administration calls contract step forward, faculty say pay could be higher

Sarah Sole
News Editor

The YSU-OEA contract, which the Board of Trustees ratified today, will increase faculty salary to make it closer to full-time salaries at peer institutions. Another change gives students a better ability to file grievances against professors.

The three-year contract will cost the university \$4.5 million dollars.

Youngstown State University President David Sweet said the contract has set a good tone for administration and faculty relations.

"I think we've taken a major step forward," Sweet said.

Sweet also said that while the university is not there yet, the contract has helped administration take steps to make sure faculty salary is

comparable to faculty salaries at other universities.

Cynthia Anderson, chief negotiator for administration, said this year the administration and faculty started a new method of negotiation.

"It was truly mutual gains," she said.

Anderson said salary compression for faculty was a lingering issue in the contract.

Stanley Guzella Jr., chief negotiator for faculty, said faculty members encountered problems when they sought major changes in benefits. Still, the contract involved a small salary increase.

The faculty increases were not comparable to other universities, Guzella said. In a sample study, salaries for full-time professors

were as much as \$11,000 behind comparable university faculty salaries.

"Our salaries invariably start to slip behind the market," Guzella said.

Faculty salaries will increase by 2.5 percent in 2008-2009, by 3.5 percent in 2009-2010, and by 3.5 percent in 2010-2011. The contract will also award faculty an equity adjustment according to rank.

Instructors will receive \$600, assistant professors will receive \$900, associate professors will receive \$1,600 and professors will receive \$1,800.

While he is optimistic about a conservative salary budget, Stephen Foley, student trustee, said students need to be aware of the process.

Foley said money to finance faculty salary raises is based upon an enrollment prediction.

"The contract is locked," Foley said.

If enrollment is lower than predicted, the university could implement cost-cutting measures that involve closing peripheral services until the budget is rectified, Foley said.

If the tuition freeze is lifted, the answer to rectifying the budget will be to raise tuition, he said.

The contract also affected students in other ways.

New grievance policy

Foley called the faculty grievance under the contract "a win."

Prior to the contract agreement,

"I think we've taken a major step forward."

YSU President David Sweet

students could only file a grievance against a faculty member if the instructor deviated substantially from the syllabus.

Guzella said. Now, students will be able to file a grievance against faculty if they fail to keep office hours, or hand out syllabi.

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Restoring Youngstown's own secret garden

Nick Young
Reporter

In 2007, with funds appropriated by the Student Government Association, a group of students and faculty members set out to restore the Wick-Pollock sunken gardens. With their time and effort the garden was transformed from an overgrown, derelict space, to a semblance of the beauty it once was. Now, thanks to SGA member Erienne Raib and retired faculty member Larry Tooker, another addition may soon be made to the gardens.

In 1930 Porter Pollock dedicated the garden to his wife Mary Wick-Pollock, but it is believed that the garden was constructed

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JOB EXPO

About 500 students, alumni attend Spring Job Expo

Samantha Pysker
& Melissa Frederick
Reporters

More than 85 employer organizations set up shop in Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room for the Youngstown State University Spring Job Expo Wednesday.

Career and Counseling Services director, Bernie Cummins said although Spring Job Expo 2008 was a huge undertaking it was well worth it.

"The event came off as a real first class quality event," Cummins said.

As Spring Job Expo 2008 came to a close, Cummins estimated that there were approximately 500 students and alumni that attended this year.

President David Sweet, who walked through the expo around noon, said it seemed like a large number of students attended, and that the community was well represented at the event.

Noticing how crowded the Chestnut Room was, Sweet said he can think of a number of bigger venues, including Beeghly Center and Stambaugh, that would suit large turnout at future job expos.

"We may have to take over other spaces in Kilcawley to be able to accommodate. Our goal should be to accommodate any and all employers," Sweet said.

He said he'll speak to Vice President of Student Affairs Cynthia Anderson about expanding space available.

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NEAR OR FAR — Employers offered job opportunities from teaching English in China to watching children as an American nanny.

OLYMPICS



With the picture of Dalai Lama leading the way, protesters shout that they will stop the Olympic torch relay during the Tibet rally and march in San Francisco, California, Tuesday, April 8, 2008. Photo courtesy MCT.

Tibet conflict raises questions for YSU students, staff

Adrienne Sabo
Editor in Chief

Shelly Zhu is a native of Beijing and excited for the start of the 2008 Summer Olympics. Zhu, electronic services librarian and instructor for the new Mandarin course at Youngstown State University is proud her country is hosting the Olympics.

"A lot of people cried when they found out," she said.

When a nation hosts the Olympics, "everybody knows that it means that country is not a small guy anymore," she said.

But the proud moment for China is becoming overshadowed by the conflict with and Tibet. This

has sparked protest around the world as the torch is carried to different countries.

China's policies in Tibet have come into question in the past few weeks after many protests in the country and Tibetan region.

The torch made its way into the U.S. Tuesday in San Francisco. Due to the large number of protests, the closing ceremony was rerouted Wednesday to a different location.

On Wednesday President Bush asked the Chinese government to begin to resolve the conflict with Tibet. According to an article from the Associated Press, Bush said "it would stand the Chinese government in good stead if they would begin a dialogue with the representatives for the Dalai Lama."

The House of Representatives also passed a resolution Wednesday calling on China to end the policies enforced on Tibetans. The resolution passed 413 to 1, according to the Associated Press.

Bush has also been asked to boycott the opening ceremonies of the games.

Zhu said the conflict between Tibet and China has been longstanding and now she believes it is at its worst.

The reason for the increased unrest is that now, China has the international spotlight on it. "They want to get people's attention," Zhu said of Tibetan protesters.

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TO THE POINT

YSU to recognize diversity at celebration

State Sen. Ray Miller will be the keynote speaker today at 6:30 p.m. for YSU's Diversity Leadership Recognition Celebration. Key Bank sponsored the event, which celebrates diversity in the community and at YSU. The celebration will be in Youngstown at the D.D. & Velma Davis Education & Visitor's Center.

Ethnomusicologist to lecture for Working-Class Studies

Aaron Fox, director of the Center for Ethnomusicology at Columbia University, will speak at YSU today. The lecture titled "Real Country: Music and Language in Working-Class Culture," will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Presidential Suite of Kilcawley.

Journalists visit YSU from South Korea

A group of South Korean journalists will hold several meetings Friday and Saturday, to discuss the presidential election. Meetings will be held Friday at the Butler Institute of American Art at 10:45 a.m. and 1:45 p.m., and Saturday at Youngstown City Hall at 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 12 p.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. The meetings are free and open to the public.

Musicians to perform at Bliss Recital Hall

The Bliss Recital Hall will house two musical performances over the weekend. At 8 p.m. Friday, the Dana School of Music's Trombone studio will perform. The Corinne Morini Voice Studio Recital will be held on Saturday at 8 pm.

Penguin softball leads recycling project

The YSU softball team will join with YSU Recycling and YSU re:Create and other community entities to host "Hit a Home Run with Recycling." During the doubleheader Saturday, used softball equipment will be collected and then redistributed to the community.

'Chill Out' to broadcast at YSU

"Chill Out: Campus Solutions to Global Warming" will be broadcasting live Wednesday in Schwebel Auditorium at 6:45 p.m. The program, presented by the National Wildlife Foundation, explores how colleges are reducing their contributions to global warming. The program is sponsored by the YSU Green Group.

YSU to hold 'Automobile' symposium

April 25 and 26, YSU will host "The Automobile and Our Culture," a symposium on America's love of the automobile, as part of the Centennial Celebration. Martin Apfel, executive director of global manufacturing and planning for GM will be the keynote speaker. Participants may also tour the GM Lordstown plant and the National Packard Museum in Warren.

Black Empowerment seminar cancelled

The seminar, Black Empowerment, scheduled for today in Kilcawley Center has been cancelled. The seminar was to be sponsored by YSU's Africana Studies Programs and the Black Chamber of Commerce

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NATIONAL

House, Senate seek more Pell Grants in bid to curtail debt

Whitney Blair Wyckoff
Chicago Tribune



BRYNNA MALEN

Brynna Malen, a 31-year-old single mother of two, was determined to finish college quickly when she enrolled at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee four years ago. She took a full course load every semester, including in the summer, while working as many as 40 hours a week at two different jobs to pay her bills.

"I lived on Red Bulls," Malen said of the energy drink. Between work, studying and caring for her children, she said she got two to four hours of sleep a night.

Attending summer school enabled Malen to finish her elementary education degree in January, two semesters early. But now she is saddled with about \$36,000 in student loan debt.

The House passed a bill in February that would allow college students to receive Pell Grants, or need-based financial aid, during the summer in addition to the normal school year. The Senate passed a similar bill last summer. Both bills would help students such as Malen.

The two chambers are now trying to mesh their versions of the legislation. The White House, while not threatening a veto, has said that eligibility for a Pell Grant should be restricted to 16 semesters, rather than 18 semesters as the bill proposes, and has criticized other provisions in the House measure.

"My biggest debt is during the summer," said Valerie Kolen, another single parent who attends UW-Milwaukee.

Kolen, 26, said tuition is just part of the burden; she also pays for day care for her two children and had \$22,000 in debt from summer school alone.

The new legislation would not only help non-traditional students attend school, but it also would enable motivated students to graduate early, said Becky

Timmons, an official with the American Council on Education. The maximum Pell Grant for the 2008-09 school year is \$4,731, based on need and whether a student is attending school full or part time. The summer Pell Grant provision, if enacted, would allow eligible students to receive nearly double their maximum allotted grant for the year, a total of \$9,000.

The House bill also would create what its sponsor, House Education and Labor Committee Chairman George Miller, D-Calif., called the College Consumer's Bill of Rights. As part of this, colleges would have to reveal any financial relationships they have with private lenders. The colleges would have to review higher education loans that students receive from private lenders and inform students whether they would first be eligible for federal funding.

"Additional disclosures are going to be a good thing for students," said Justin Draeger of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, adding that they could lead to more students taking advantage of federal aid, rather than resorting to more expensive private loans with commercial lenders.

Tonia Compton, president of the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students, said legislation that sheds light on the student loan industry would

help students. Graduate and professional students are more likely to depend on private loans than are undergraduates, she said.

"We need (private lenders), but what we really need is better regulation of the loan industry," said Compton, a doctoral candidate at the University of Nebraska.

The legislation also tackles the dramatic increase in tuition costs, requiring that colleges that raise tuitions beyond the rate of inflation justify such increases. Those that raise tuition the most in each category of institutions, such as a community college or private non-profit university, would have to create a task force to figure out why the increases surpass other schools'. Information about tuition increases for these schools would be available on a government Web site.

One provision unique to the House legislation would penalize state legislatures that cut funding for public universities and colleges. The bill would withhold federal money for state need-based financial aid programs.

We know that state cut-backs in higher education funding is one of the major causes of tuition increases in public schools," said Rachel Racusen, a spokeswoman for the House education panel.

The National Governors Association, however, said that this provision would make states less apt to approve major, or one-time, increases in higher education spending because they could be penalized if they approved lower state higher education spending the following year.

Jana Albrecht, director of financial aid at Illinois State University, said that a shorter federal aid application would make it easier for many students, including use of a new two-page application for lower-income families.

"There are a lot of different things in here that are going to help families out," Albrecht said.

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The contract also involved a formalized process of summer course offerings, meaning that students should be able to know early on which classes are available, Anderson said.

Anderson said the negotiators set up four committees for issues that couldn't be resolved quickly.

Committees, which are under different deadlines, will cover issues such as finding a better res-

olution for a situation in the nursing department, where nurses from St. Elizabeth's Hospital were brought to YSU with different work-load expectations. Committees will also discuss ways to offer merit-pay, an honorable nomination of a faculty member that involves a cash stipend of \$2,000, more fairly and feasibly. Another committee will look at shared decision-making by faculty and administration.

GARDEN from 1

even before that. The mansion next door to where the couple lived was built in 1893, was given to the university in the late 1970s, and provided classrooms and offices for YSU. In 1986, however, the mansion went under construction with a 64-room addition that transformed it into the Wick-Pollock Inn. The inn closed in 1998, which led to the decline of the garden.

Raib and Tooker are working to bring the original fountain from the garden back to YSU. The fountain was thought to be lost, but after extensive research it was located in Pittsburgh.

"The earliest pictures we've found of it, I believe, are from the '60s," said Raib. She and Tooker want to ensure that the fountain is

still in good condition. The fountain itself represents a time of economic prosperity in Youngstown, as it was molded to the liking of a steel magnate. The fountain's steel structure shows us a period in Youngstown's history when times were good and jobs were plentiful.

With all the remodeling taking place, President David Sweet has encouraged Raib to apply for a renovation award through a program spearheaded by the Mahoning Valley Historical Society to help further restore the garden. The application is in, but there will be no official word on whether any revenue will be awarded for renovations until sometime next month.

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For every booth visited students received valuable advice and in some cases free items, such as pens, food and water bottle holders.

Besides the swag, sophomore Steve Petrinjak stated that he attended the event to network with potential employers and see what jobs are available.

According to Petrinjak the company representatives were very personable and willing to answer questions.

"This is a wonderful event, and I hope that YSU continues this event for many years,"

Petrinjak added. Senior Hanan Alnicami also found the expo helpful in her search for a career as she started visiting booths on her strategically planned route.

In a letter to YSU students, alumni, and employer representatives, Sweet stated that participating employers will benefit from the event by finding potential employees. The event also helps to further develop networking and recruiting relationships between YSU and area employers.

Marketing Director for

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She said the Tibetan people are trying to embarrass the Chinese government and discourage tourism to China. Zhu is confident that the conflict will be resolved.

While some athletes have decided to either ban the Olympics or show support for Tibet at the games, most have stayed quiet on the issue.

YSU students disagreed on whether the United States should compete in the games.

Junior Rose Shaffer said no. "We shouldn't allow China and other countries to harm other people and promote that," she said. "The U.S. should take a stand and say it's not okay."

Corey Higham disagreed. "They should be in it," he said of American athletes. "They should separate politics from the game."

Senior Ben Elias agreed. "We should still go to the Olympics, because we are America and we will win everything," he said. "Our basketball team will win every game and LeBron Jams will average a triple double."

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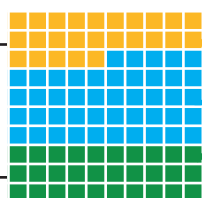


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YSU

Spring Fling prizes include \$500 at bookstore, weekend use of Hummer

Brandon Judeh
Reporter

Youngstown State University kicks off a three-day "Spring Fling" Tuesday through Thursday with free games and prizes.

First prize is a \$500 gift certificate to the YSU Bookstore and second prize is free Panera Bread for a year. A separate drawing gives students the chance to win a Hummer for a weekend from Greenwood Chevy.

YSU Has Talent

The first activity on the Spring Fling schedule is "YSU Has Talent" in Kilcawley Center's Chestnut

Room. The event hopes to showcase some of YSU's most talented singers, dancers, musicians and comedians.

"We had a solid turnout for the 'YSU Has Talent' auditions," said Student Programming intern Kollin Rupert, who is in charge of the three-day event.

Every Gamers Dream

A gaming day is set for Wednesday featuring a Halo tournament with the top prize being \$500 dollars in gift certificates to the YSU bookstore. The competition will consist of 32 teams of four and is expected to be

competitive.

"We expect a good turnout for the gaming day since there are many people interested in gaming and specifically Halo," said Rupert. Senior Albert

Schmalzried said he likes the idea and may attend.

"If I have time I will probably attend the Halo tournament, just to watch and see who wins," said Schmalzried.

Penguin Pre-Party

The last day of "Spring Fling" features a special Penguin Pre-Party held in Peaberry's. The top three students from "YSU Has Talent" will open the show before the overall winner is announced.

The White of Flight and musician Fred Shafer will also perform.

"We hope to have between 100 to 300 people show up for each activity. And we expect to fill Peaberry's, which holds approximately 250 people," said Rupert.

Students will also have a chance to enter drawings and win prizes at the Pre-Party.

Eta Sigma Gamma will also be

holding a Chinese auction during the events to help benefit Camp Sunshine, a retreat in Casco, Maine for children with life-threatening illnesses.

"We have been sending out emails, handing out flyers and bags of chips at lunch time in Kilcawley to help promote this," said Rupert.

Junior Cassie Huziak said she can imagine driving to Pittsburgh if she won a Hummer for a weekend.

"I would definitely enter the contest," she said.

"We hope people take part in all of the activities and enjoy themselves. We encourage students to come out and have a good time during the Spring Fling," said Rupert.



DOWNTOWN

Candy store hires adults with disabilities

Jeanette DiRubba
Reporter

"Five dollars will go a long way at our shop," Jimmy Sutman said, owner of Touch the Moon Candy Saloon in downtown Youngstown.

Sutman's candy store, located on Phelps Street, is entering its third year of business and is operated by a nonprofit organization that employs disabled adults.

"The primary reason for starting this store was to employ those adults with disabilities," Sutman said.

"We also wanted to add something fun and colorful to the city because we firmly believe in the revitalization of downtown Youngstown," he said.

The candy store specializes in retro candies, said Jim Shagla, store manager. Not only does less money bring you the sweet taste of your past, but all candy sales benefit adults with disabilities.

Sutman said the store prides itself on being able to find any kind of candy per request.

"If you ask for a certain candy, and we don't have it, we make it our business to get the candy in bulk," Sutman said.

"We always welcome the YSU students," Sutman said. "We've had several YSU students working here these past few years, and it means a lot to have someone able to not only run the cash register, but also work with the disabled adults," he said.

Not only does the store sell candy, but they also sell soda, hot dogs, and ice cream. The candy store also makes gift baskets.



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- Candy
- Good and Plenty
- Necco Wafers
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- Sky Bar
- Candy Buttons



THE SOFT SIDE OF HARD CANDY — Touch the Moon Candy Saloon's owner Jimmy Sutman says the store's main purpose is to employ adults with disabilities, and the Phelps Street shop has become part of downtown revitalization.

ART

American sports art always in season at The Butler

Melissa Frederick
Reporter

It's an important time of year for sports fans in Ohio. The Cleveland Indians kicked off the start of what's to be a promising season March 31. The Cavs have clinched an NBA playoff berth and the Browns have had another exciting offseason so far due to impressive moves in free agency. As if that wasn't enough, Youngstown's own unbeaten middleweight boxing champion Kelly Pavlik will likely look to defend his title for the first time this summer.

With the excitement of sports in the air, there is no better time to visit the Lester F. Donnell Gallery of American Sports Art at the Butler Institute of American Art. This exhibit is part of the museum's permanent collection.

The "Baseball Album" is one of the newer works featured in this gallery and was painted by Gary Erbe. The collage style painting, which took fourteen months of continuous work to complete, memorializes an array of old baseball uniforms, magazine covers, pennants and even a Cracker Jack box.

The artist talked about his work in a description of the painting.

"I wanted to re-create the icons of the golden age of baseball. I started by spending a considerable amount of time collecting the artifacts and researching the memorabilia at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York."

Numerous other baseball paintings at the Butler include a



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picture of Pete Rose done by Andy Warhol.

There is even a life-size realistic sculpture of a ball player created by Marc Sijan. According to museum staff, people can't seem to keep their hands off of the figure because it is so real looking. Sijan went to great lengths to capture all the characteristics of a living person including veins and eerily alive-looking eyes.

Football, hockey, cycling and boxing are just a few of the other sports featured in the gallery.

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OUR SIDE

New faculty contract starts YSU in the right direction

The YSU-OEA contract ratification comes as a welcome sign that things may be changing on this campus.

While the contract is by no means perfect, we don't miss a strike and the stress that comes along with it. The sub-committees and interest-based planning seem to have been successful, so we're glad that we finally have a positive precedent.

As students, we are obviously pleased with the improved grievance process for faculty. The change has made it easier for students to file a complaint against a teacher. Before, students could only file a grievance if a teacher substantially deviated from the syllabus. Now, teachers will be liable for not keeping office hours. Since faculty members are paid for this, we think it's a pretty good idea that someone holds them accountable.

Additionally, we're glad that the contract has made scheduling for summer classes a little more dependable.

Though the faculty greatly needed salary comparable to that of other universities, we are worried about what would happen if the enrollment numbers that the budget is based off of were to be lower than anticipated.

Where will the money to fuel salary increases come from if enrollment doesn't live up to expectations? Once the tuition freeze is no longer in effect, this will be an even bigger concern to students.

We are also concerned about those issues that did not get resolved before the contract was ratified. Will the committees that were assigned these issues be motivated to come to some sort of solution? Or will the issues simply be paved over as a new semester rolls in?

This is a wonderful step, but the walk in the right direction has only just begun. The faculty salaries, for example, are still not where they need to be. We need to make sure we don't get drunk on our success, so that when 2011 rolls around, we can say it came and went without a strike.

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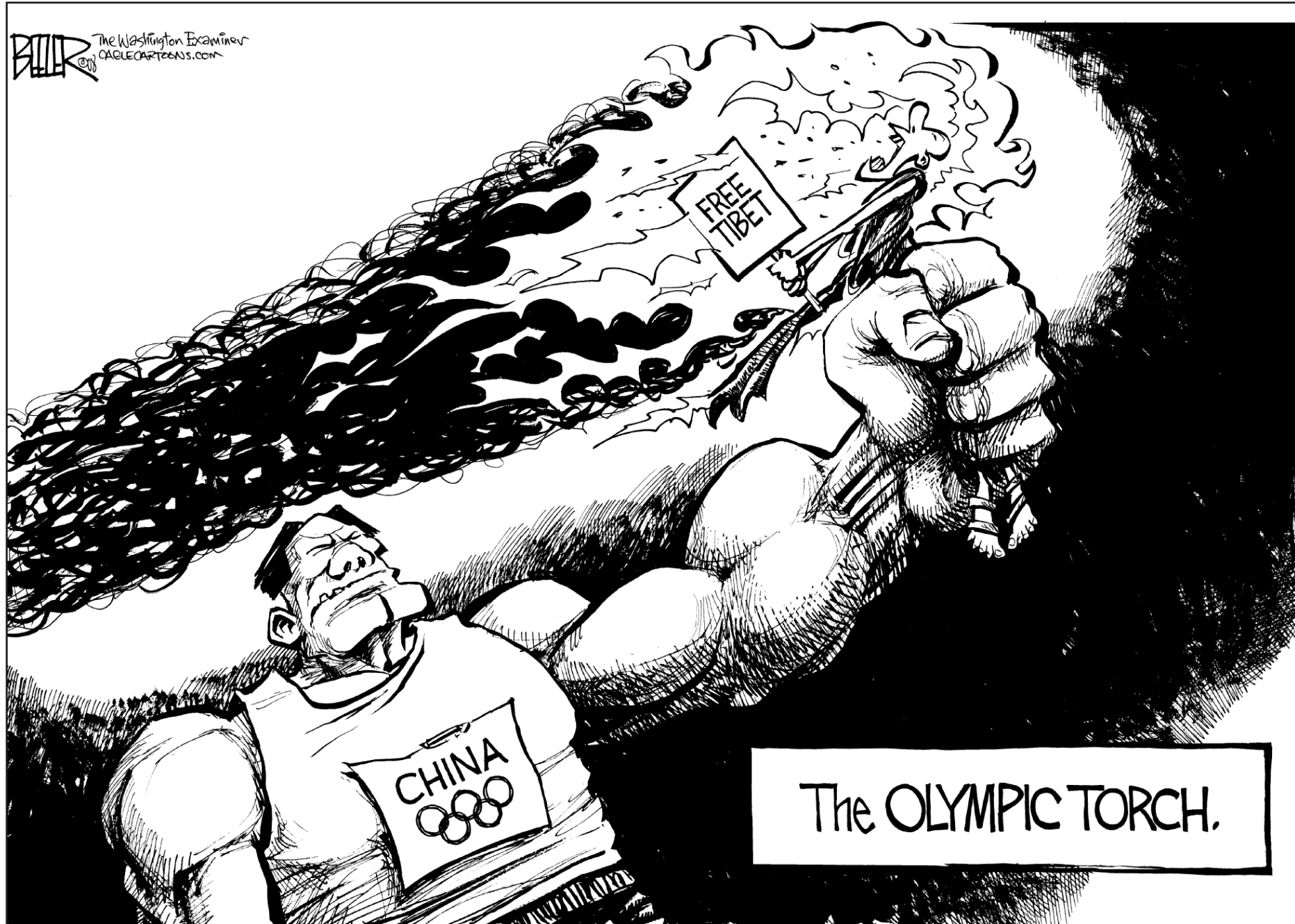
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The OLYMPIC TORCH.

COMMENTARY

Cloning wars: stem cells could save lives

Diane Platton
Reporter

Like Penicillin, therapeutic cloning holds much promise for the future. Penicillin, also known as the wonder drug, is used to treat a wide array of illnesses and infections. Before the discovery of the drug, many ailments that are now common and non-life-threatening often caused death. Therapeutic cloning, like this antibiotic once did, gives hope to many suffering from diseases for which there currently is no cure.

According to the Human Genome Project Information Web site, there are three types of cloning: recombinant DNA cloning, reproductive cloning and therapeutic cloning.

Recombinant DNA cloning leads to discoveries in other similar scientific technologies such as gene therapy that could be used to treat genetic conditions by injecting renovated copies of defective genes into an organism, while reproductive cloning could prove beneficial by repopulating endangered species. Though reproductive cloning has made great strides since Dolly the sheep was introduced to the world, therapeutic cloning has generated greater controversy and promise for the human race.

The validity of stem cell research and therapeutic cloning is a long fought dispute — especially embryonic stem cell research. Many believe that embryonic stem cell research is comparable to abortion and that it is unreasonable to perform experiments on these cells.

In reality, embryonic stem cells are formed when genetic material is removed from the donor's egg that has been fertilized in vitro. This genetic material only has the potential for human life. When a woman has her menstrual cycle, the unfertilized egg breaks down and the uterine lining is shed. Because the egg existed and had the potential for human life, does that mean every time a woman menstruates, an abortion can be argued?

The origin of stem cell research derived from embryos that were not used during in vitro fertilization routines. Participants of the infertility treatment sacrifice more than one egg and must decide in what way the remainder of the embryos will be disposed of; many of the recipients dedicate the remaining embryos to research. According to

“A Textbook of In Vitro Fertilization and Assisted Reproduction,” embryos are typically stored for up to ten years before they are destroyed or donated. These donors see the possibilities of curing diseases by giving their consent, and donating their unused embryos to science, rather than letting them just be destroyed.

The Human Genome project states therapeutic cloning, also known as embryo cloning, is the process of producing human embryos for use in research. Eggs are collected from a woman's ovaries and the genetic material inside is removed; the egg is then injected with skin cells and a chemical to stimulate division. From this procedure stem cells, which are unspecialized cells, can be harvested. These cells may be used to gen-

erate entire organs which can be transplanted to the recipient without fear of tissue rejection, or may replace damaged cells in patients with deteriorative diseases.

According to the White House Web site, “Many scientists believe that embryonic stem cell research may eventually lead to therapies that could be used to treat diseases that afflict approximately 128 million Americans.”

Millions of people not only in America, but around the world, could be freed from the captors of their diseases and lead normal lives. Diabetes, heart disease, and a number of other serious ailments could become as rare as the bubonic plague. Embryonic stem cell research may open doors to a whole new, healthier world.

Are you ready?

COMMENTARY

Supply, demand and gasoline prices

David W. Kreutzer
The Heritage Foundation

During the summer, television networks don't seem to discriminate in airing re-runs. The miserable shows get re-aired along with the good ones. Washington seems to have the same mindset when it comes to policy reruns. Failed policies are as likely to be reinstated as successful ones. Case in point: petroleum regulation and the “windfall profits” tax.

In a ritual as predictable as Donald Trump firing an eager go-getter, Congress demands testimony from oil executives and threatens additional taxes and price regulations whenever petroleum prices rise. It's an old tradition — and one based on economic ignorance.

Bowing to flawed thinking and the popular will, President Nixon (with Congress) instituted general price controls in 1973. It was a vain attempt to control inflation. After the predictable shortages arose, price controls were eliminated on everything except petroleum products and natural gas. Not eliminating those price controls created the energy crisis of the 1970s and the memorable gas lines.

Yes, the Arab oil embargo reduced the world supply of petro-

leum. Yes, worldwide economic growth created more demand. However, increasing demand and shrinking supply cause higher prices, not gas lines.

This isn't a mystery. Around chapter five in every “principles of economics” class, the impacts of price ceilings are explained. They lead to shortages. The logic is clear, and the evidence is consistent and overwhelming. When Reagan eliminated petroleum price controls in 1981, the shortages and the gas lines disappeared.

Why would politicians use such tried-and-failed policies? Maybe because the public rarely understands who's actually at fault. Surveys taken in the 1970s about the energy crisis bear this out. Who did the respondents blame? Not Washington for its Byzantine price and allocation controls. They didn't even blame OPEC. They blamed “Big Oil.”

In The Myth of the Rational Voter, economics professor Bryan Caplan exposes the discouraging gap between popular conceptions of economics and economic reality. With that in mind, it isn't surprising that the same 1970s-era surveys showing the energy crisis to be the biggest problem also showed the most popular solutions were those that would amplify the very things

causing the crisis. A large majority wanted more stringent price controls. A near majority even wanted to issue ration coupons.

Then as now, a weakening dollar and strong economies overseas led to higher petroleum prices. Then as now, the popular culprits were the oil companies. In a result especially depressing to those of us who spent decades teaching chapter five, a recent Gallup survey found that 70 percent of Americans want Washington to implement price controls to counter the high price of petroleum. Even more unnerving is the 64 percent of Americans who think you can cut the price of gasoline by imposing “a significant additional tax on oil company profits.”

In a bad-policy rerun, Congress, blaming high prices on high profits, again demands testimony from oil-company executives and threatens regulations and additional taxes. Though consumers may not realize it, none of this will help them.

Today's high oil-company profits are largely caused by high prices on the petroleum they pump from their own reserves. Anybody who owns petroleum reserves, whether it's Exxon, Venezuela, Iran, widows, orphans or the University of Texas, gets more money when petroleum prices rise.

These high prices are the result of straight-forward economics: Demand has increased more than supply. For instance, China's demand for petroleum has doubled in just the last 10 years. Unless and until supply catches up, no regulations, taxes or histrionics will bring gas prices down.

Penalizing Americans for having the foresight to buy and develop oil reserves (which an additional profits tax would do), ensures that a larger percentage of these valuable resources will be controlled by the likes of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. A political truth-in-advertising law would require disclosing this fact when legislators propose additional profit taxes on oil companies.

Expecting politicians to ignore popular opinion may be asking too much. But if our leaders are going to read the polls, maybe they should read some from the 1970s and then look at the careers of those who followed them.

None of the presidents who enforced energy price controls and windfall profits taxes was re-elected. Yet the president who eliminated them served two terms and remains one of the most respected figures in American history. Which re-run would you want?

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FOOTBALL

Spring season means fresh start

The Penguin football team is working to install a new offense and come together as a unit as the annual Red-White spring game draws near.

Andrew Berry
Sports Editor

Take a good look at last year's highlight reels and game footage. The Youngstown State University football team may not look the same way again, especially on offense in 2008.

While the team is near the end of its first full week of spring practices, it is working to install a new offensive system as the squad prepares to make a run at the Gateway Conference championship after failing to defend its title and secure a playoff spot in 2007.

After suffering four defeats with three of those losses coming in the Gateway, change could work in the favor of the Penguins heading into the new season.

What makes this year's spring practice even more crucial than previous years is the installation of a brand new offensive scheme. Senior Nhemie Theodore, who is converting to the guard position this spring, believes that the next two weeks will be important as players in new places gel together.

"It's big especially when you're putting together a new offense," Theodore said. "We need to come together, learn the steps and know what each other is going to do in certain situations."

While the new offense is put into place, head coach Jon Heacock

"We've got some guys in new places and coming together as a unit and playing as one will benefit us."

Brad Samsa, senior offensive lineman

and his staff will also have the task of finding a new quarterback to run the offense.

As the spring season continues on and the team moves through the motions of the summer and eventually the fall, the loss of starting quarterback Tom Zetts is sure to remain a headline until the first snap of the 2008 season.

Even if the annual spring game does not yield a leading candidate to take over the field general duties of Zetts, senior offensive lineman Tyler Booth believes that breaking in a new quarterback is not something to dwell on.

"I don't think we should be concerned," Booth said. "Tom's a great guy and he took a million snaps here, and we have a lot of guys that can come in and play right now, and it's going to be up to them to see who's the guy. [Zetts] is going to be

missed, but we'll get over it."

Booth, who missed the 2007 season with an injury, will rejoin his teammates on an offensive line that will be the strong point of the offense this season. Booth, Theodore and newly converted center Brad Samsa will give the offensive line three seniors with enough experience to make a new quarterback feel right at home.

Despite junior Brian Mellott getting most of the snaps at the center position in 2007, senior Samsa will move over from guard to center this season. While Samsa admits he wasn't sold on the idea of changing position at first, he came around after his coaches convinced him that it was best for the team.

"I think it's a big plus having three seniors on the line with an inexperienced quarterback," Samsa said. "It's going to give him confi-

dence knowing that he has guys in front of him that have been there and done that."

He who wins the position battle at quarterback will have several tools at his disposal: a solid line, a strong tandem at running back in junior Jabari Scott and senior Kevin Smith, and a receiving core that features the 2007 Gateway Newcomer of the Year Ferlando Williams.

Williams, who has seen time at almost every position on offense except the line, is looking forward to being a big part of the new offense in 2008 after leading the team in receiving in 2007.

Heacock primarily used Williams in the "slash" role, where Williams lined up as a receiver and quarterback throughout the game. With a year under his belt, Williams is expecting the adjustment to the new offense to be an easy one.

"Everybody is catching on, and it should be in top form by the time the Spring Game comes around," Williams said.

The team will play a scrimmage on Saturday and conclude the spring practices with the Red-White game April 18. A new offense means added pressure to execute, but the senior leadership found on this year's squad should make the transition slightly easier.

"We've got some guys in new places, and coming together as a unit and playing as one will benefit us," Samsa said.

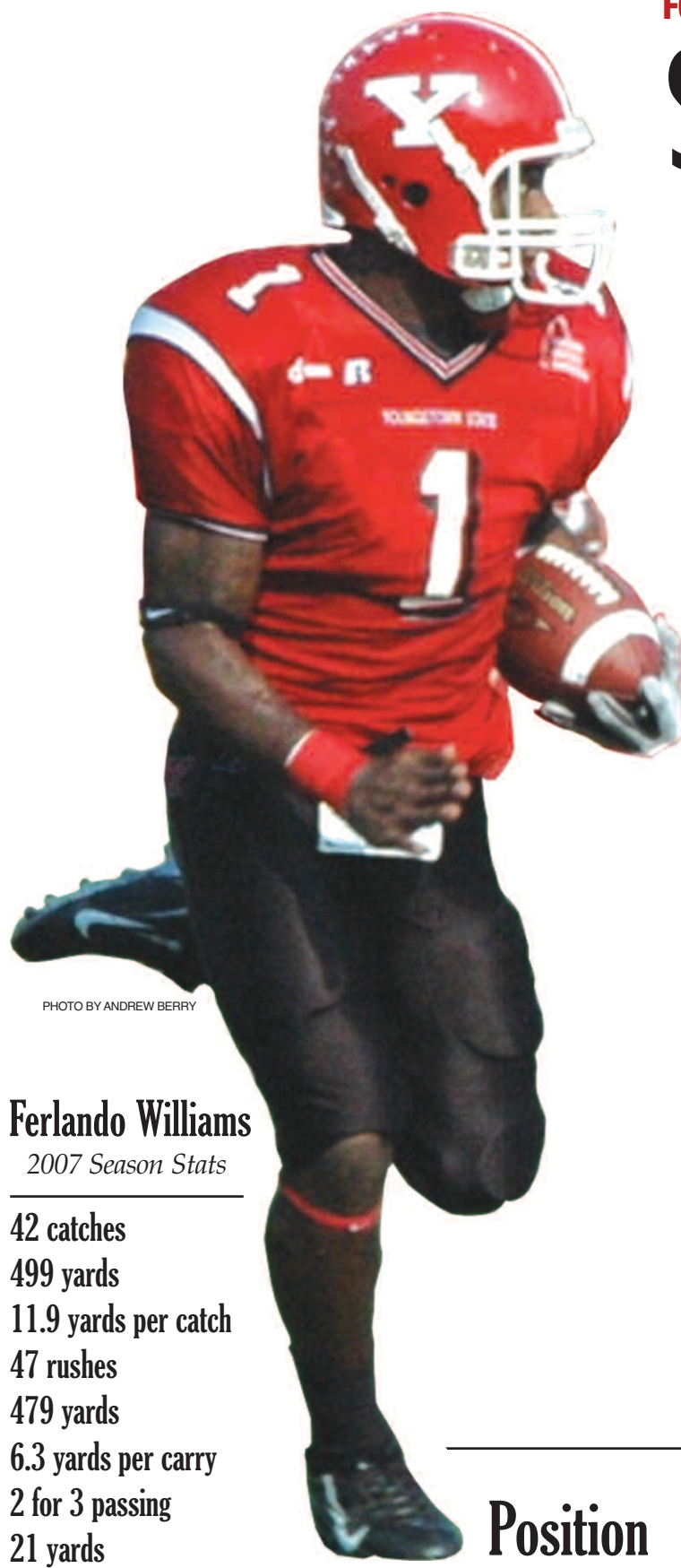


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Ferlando Williams
2007 Season Stats

- 42 catches
- 499 yards
- 11.9 yards per catch
- 47 rushes
- 479 yards
- 6.3 yards per carry
- 2 for 3 passing
- 21 yards
- 5 kick returns
- 90 yards
- 12 touchdowns

Position Battle at Quarterback

THE FRONTRUNNER

Todd Rowan
No. 15
Junior



TRANSFER TALENT

Brandon Summers
No. 6, Junior



POTENTIAL SURPRISE

Paul Corsaro
No. 14
Freshman



CLUB SPORTS

Great American pastime fails to make YSU club sports lineup

Brandon Judeh
Reporter

Across the nation club baseball has become a viable sport. Often sporting players who did not make the varsity team and sometimes those players are better than players on the actual team.

Though Youngstown State University has club bowling, hockey and lacrosse, it does not have club baseball. Many local schools such as Kent, Akron and Bowling Green have very successful club baseball teams.

"There are many teams in Ohio and the surrounding areas that have wanted YSU to get a team for years, because many times the teams pass through are area," said Kyle Buchmann, club baseball regional director.

The league is growing very fast, with more than 120 Division I teams and 20 conferences. Division II has 40 teams. If YSU were to have a team, Buchmann said it would be placed in Division II.

As far as scheduling goes, Buchmann said YSU wouldn't have trouble finding teams to play. "YSU would play a lot of Ohio, Pennsylvania and even some West Virginia teams. YSU is in fairly close proximity to Kent, Akron and Pittsburgh, just to name a few," said Buchmann.

So what would it take to get a club baseball team at YSU? Recruiting players would be the first step, and Buchmann said a good way to find recruits is to get players who did not make the varsity team, or to find students who love baseball in general.

"Find out which student organization controls the club sports and

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- Lacrosse
- Hockey
- Bowling

then ask them how to become a club," Buchmann said. "Then you need to provide them with a constitution stating the rules and such of your team. Then you must go out and recruit players."

Following that process the team will need to make a budget plan and present it to the student organization that runs club sports for review. At YSU, the go-to organization is Campus Recreation and Student Programming.

Once in the league, teams receive discounts on such things as uniforms and equipment and are also eligible to receive freebies. Buchmann said it would also be wise to contact the varsity coaches.

"It's also good to contact the varsity coach so that you can get umpire contacts and also ask if the varsity team would be willing to donate any old equipment. Coaches can also help you find students who may be interested in playing on the team," he said.

Buchmann added that it is usually a good idea to first have a trial run for the team to see how many players are really going to be dedicated to the process.

"It's not something that is going to happen right away. It's a good idea to first gather the players and hold a few meetings and practices and see if they are committed for the long haul and for the next season," he said.

Additional reporting by Eric Barone.

SOFTBALL

Penguins attempt to bounce back against Wright State

Aaron Blatch
Sports Reporter

After following a three-game winning streak with a three-game sweep at the hands of UIC, culminating in a 17-2 disastrous effort in the final game, Youngstown State softball coach Christy Cameron decided it wasn't the right time to beat her team up. The coach instead elected to stay even more positive with her team and focused on improvement.

"I still think that they feel good about everything," she said. "We're going to come out this week and work harder and fix what we've had trouble with."

Troubles have been plenty for the Penguins (5-18, 2-6 in the Horizon League), particularly on the pitching mound and in the field. The team committed six errors in the three-game series with the Flames, and allowed 29 runs. The inexperienced pitching staff has not adjusted to the graduation of last year's ace Karlie Burnell, and has a 5.39 earned run average on the season.

Still, Cameron said the staff's problems come down to basic fundamentals of pitching which are being addressed at practice. "They need to focus on working ahead of batters, hitting spots and minimizing walks," she said. "When they get ahead in counts then they can throw tantalizing pitches out of the strike zone to make batters swing at balls."

The Penguin pitchers have a tough task this weekend when they will face Wright State's high-powered offense in a three-game series at McCune Park. The Raiders are 16-16 on the season but have won five of their seven Horizon League contests and have won four consec-

utive games. Their lineup features seven .300 hitters, including Jherica Williams, who has emerged as one of the best players in the conference. The catcher/outfielder is batting .466 with nine home runs and 43 RBI already this season.

Cameron said that her team will have to play well in all facets of the game to get a series win over Wright State, who she calls "a very strong program." Improvements will have to be made in the field and on the mound, and the offense, what the coach calls the team's strong point, will have to capitalize when it gets runners on base.

"You're not going to score seven to 10 runs against good pitching so our pitching and defense will have to keep us in games," Cameron said. "And when we get runners on we have to make sure we get them in."

One Penguin who will likely have opportunities to score is right fielder Kristin Bair. The sophomore two-hitter is off to a spectacular offensive season, batting .406. The team's offense has had its share of solid contributors, with McKenzie Bedra and Jamie Fornal being solid run producers in the middle of the lineup. They will need a big series against the Raiders for the team to be successful.



FOCUS — Sophomore Autumn Grove waits for the throw from the catcher and to throw down the tag to nail the runner attempting to steal second. The Penguins return to league action with a doubleheader against Wright State Saturday and the rubber match of the three-game series Sunday. Photo courtesy of Ron Stevens.



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Christy Cameron, head softball coach