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## Teachers union slaps university with suit 'Our only recourse is legal action'

**Josh Stipanovich**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Ohio Education Association at Youngstown State University filed an unfair labor practice charge against the university Tuesday.

The charge came after YSU-OEA members agreed that the "university's negotiating team has engaged in bad-faith bargaining," according to a press release sent by YSU-OEA spokeswoman Sherry Linkon.

"We feel that the university has not been dealing with us fairly," Linkon said. "They have not been negotiating as fully and honestly as they might."

The decision to charge the university has been in the works over the past two days, Linkon said.

In a press conference on Friday, Sudershan Garg, chairman

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## YSUPD, force to take out student felons

**Doug Livingston**  
MANAGING EDITOR

While attempting to receive his financial aid refund check Monday afternoon in



**JARRELL**

the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center, a 33-year-old Youngstown State University student was arrested for an outstanding warrant.

Robert Jarrell of North Four Mile Run Road was apprehended in a sting operation orchestrated by campus police in conjunction with members of the Mahoning Valley, YSU Police officials said.

Jarrell was issued the warrant on Aug. 2 after breaking probation stemming from the sentencing of a May 2010 theft case.

YSU Police handcuffed and transported Jarrell to the Mahoning County Sheriff's Office. As of Wednesday afternoon, Mahoning County

court records indicate that Jarrell has yet to appear before a judge for his arrest on Monday.

A YSU police officer working with the Mahoning Valley Law Enforcement Task Force informed YSU Police that Jarrell was wanted. YSU Police quickly followed up and found that Jarrell had informed the university that he would be picking up his check on Monday, Lt. Michael Cretella of the YSU Police said.

We set up "basically a little sting to get him," Cretella said. "They told us who he was. We talked to the right people, and they let us know when he came into the room."

Cretella and Chief John

Gocala have been working with the Mahoning Valley Law Enforcement Task Force to remove students with felonies and warrants.

"If we know they're looking for somebody, we keep our eye open," Gocala said.

"If they're attending class, we'll go in and remove them," Cretella said. "We'll do it in a very low profile manner as to not alarm anybody and not to embarrass the student."

The task force is comprised of 24 agencies, including local police departments, the Youngstown Police Department, the FBI, the U.S. Marshall's Service and parole agencies.

## Officials point fingers over decreased enrollment

**Kevin Alquist**  
NEWS EDITOR

With enrollment for this semester at Youngstown State University down from last fall, the administration and teachers union are pointing fingers at what or who is to blame.

Preliminary numbers released by the university reported that 14,617 students were enrolled when classes started on Monday, 372 students below the mark set at the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year. However, the official count will not be made available until Sept. 12.

"Things change over the first two weeks of the semester," said Ron Cole, director of university communications. "We anticipate that there will be movement in the numbers whether they increase or decrease."

The unofficial enrollment at YSU for fall semester shows a 2.5 percent decline in the number of students attending class. With a decrease in enrollment comes the immediate decrease in revenue gained through tuition. Drops in enrollment also affect the amount of state and federal funding the university receives.

"State funding is based on the number of students enrolled at a particular school," Cole said. "If the number of students attending YSU goes down, the amount of money coming into the university goes down."

Despite the decline in enrollment to start, the Ohio Education Association, the teachers union at YSU, anticipates that enrollment will increase over the next few weeks based on years past.

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## New ACE president dismisses union divide

**Doug Livingston**  
MANAGING EDITOR

Wednesday marked the last day of Brian Brennan's 26-year service as president of the Youngstown State University Association of Classified Employees union.

He's passing the torch to Paul Trimacco who won the July election and will begin representing the nearly 400 classified staff employees Thursday.

"When I ran for office two years ago, the election was very contentious," Brennan said.

With a controversy and scandal involving former ACE President Ivan Maldonado yet to unfold, Brennan took control of a union that was anything but unified, he said.

"It's no secret there's division in the union," Brennan said.

He described a divisive environment of Maldonado and Brennan's followers that split along a political chasm of reconciliation and confrontation.

Brennan said Maldonado accomplished great things for the union under his presidency, including one of the most beneficial contracts for ACE members, but he accomplished it by being "confrontational" and not backing down.

Brennan said his approach and presidency were bogged down with mending a tattered relationship with the YSU admin-

istration that was left in the wake of the Maldonado scandal.

That's old business, said Trimacco, who doesn't consider himself politically aligned to either Maldonado or Brennan within the ranks of the employees' union.

The newly elected president is putting away the problems of the past and moving forward. He said the union is solidified and added that the Ohio Education Association, trudging through turbulent negotiations with the YSU administration, is part of that unity.

Still, Trimacco has been left in the dark. An ongoing labor contract between ACE and the YSU administration has been put on hold, extending the previous contract

indefinitely until a tentative agreement is reached.

Brennan said pay and health care are the last issues to be resolved under the negotiations.

Trimacco was not able to comment Wednesday on the progress of the new contract talks as he and other ACE members have been given little knowledge about the negotiations, shrouded by a press blackout.

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Former ACE President Brian Brennan sits at his Maag Library desk on Wednesday. Brennan will continue his service to ACE as a member of the executive committee. Photo by Doug Livingston/The Jambar.

## Rookery Radio waddles to Kilcawley



Rookery Radio Assistant Director Brittany Jarrett and Sales Manager Pat Bascom DJ Wednesday afternoon at the KC Block Party in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center. Photo By Josh Stipanovich/The Jambar.

**Josh Stipanovich**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Last spring, the student-operated online radio station Rookery Radio could be found in the arm-pit of the Youngstown Business Incubator in a 15-by-9 room.

After a successful launch and enormous campus community support, the rookery of students involved exceeded the amount of space allotted at the YBI, which forced the radio station to find a new home.

That home is on the second floor of Kilcawley Center adjacent to the information desk.

"We outgrew our space," said Rookery Radio adviser Adam Earnhardt. "We felt like it was the right time to do it."

The YBI serves as an outlet downtown for startup companies and organizations. The aim is that they grow larger, which is exactly what happened with Rookery Radio, Earnhardt said.

"We got everything we needed together, and we had a successful start down there," Earnhardt said. "What the YBI kinda used us as is another successful launch of a portfolio company."

When Rookery Radio moved into the YBI, the hopes were that once it grew it would be given a large space overseeing downtown with speakers set up outside so anyone nearby could hear what was being aired.

While that didn't happen downtown, Earnhardt said they have that luxury in Kilcawley Center. Next to the console table in the studio sits a large window that allows students walking by to see YSU's rookery as they air live shows.

"It was kinda like the perfect storm," Earnhardt said. "We were expanding too fast down there ... and at the same time, Kilcawley, the renovations, were going offline."

Senior Jay Horkey is host of the Jay Evans Show, and he said Kilcawley Center couldn't be a better place to house a college radio station.

"I thought it was great. There's no better place to be for a college station then right in the heart of campus," he said.

Horkey added that he would be able to use the larger space to

*"I'm passionate about my city. I'm passionate about radio. I love Youngstown State University, and it's just my radio program is a perfect outlet to get information out."*

*- Jay Horkey, Rookery Radio host*

his advantage because he'll have more room for guests.

"I'm passionate about my city. I'm passionate about radio. I love Youngstown State University, and it's just my radio program is a perfect outlet to get information out," Horkey said.

Once Earnhardt heard that the Kilcawley renovations were being postponed, he jumped at the opportunity to find a space there.

"We begged for space here, anywhere, in part of the student center," Earnhardt said. "And, man, did the people in Kilcawley jump all over this."

That support led to the new space, which led to a new look.

After the space was approved, the walls were painted, carpet was

laid and the Rookery Radio logo was placed in wall panels.

However, Earnhardt said the initial early September relaunch has been pushed back to late September because of equipment issues. They're also waiting for two professional soundcards to be shipped.

While Rookery Radio is offline, Earnhardt said the main focus is marketing. They've done so on campus through many Welcome Week events.

Because Rookery Radio has grown so fast, there are talks of it having its own operating budget. Earnhardt estimates it to be around \$30,000. Money would be used to pay staff members and royalty fees, and to maintain equipment.

Senior Anthony Melone, Rookery Radio's general manager, said the move to campus is what the radio station needed.

"We were relieved and excited ... because we were so much closer to campus," Melone said. "The Youngstown Business Incubator was a great experience. We are closer to students, which is what we want ... it's a great experience that we're having so far."

## Board of trustees one student short

**Kevin Alquist**  
NEWS REPORTER

Even as fall semester classes begin at Youngstown State University, the board of trustees has just one of its two student members.

Ryan Meditz, whose two-year term will expire next year, is the sole student trustee, as Gov. John Kasich and his staff have yet to appoint another.

Traditionally, a list of students interested in serving is given to the governor's office. Students are chosen by the board of trustees in the summer and appointed to office before the start of fall semester.

The process of appointment has changed with the

transition of power in the governor's office. Under Kasich, the new student trustees, although already chosen, will not be announced until the early part of September, said Rob Nichols, press secretary for Kasich.

"All of the positions for the schools in Ohio are already chosen and will be announced at the same time," Nichols said.

On Monday, Nichols said that the anticipated announcement date would be within seven to 10 days.

Nichols said that it is not a lack of concern by Kasich that is causing the delay in action and explained that previous boards went about appointing the candidates differently.

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picks with great seriousness. Each board member receives our due diligence, and our main concern is that the process is done right," Nichols said.

Meditz said that the delay puts his future partner on the board at a disadvantage be-

cause of the loss of valuable time for him or her to get comfortable.

"The two-year term that each trustee serves is a very short amount of time to become acquainted with the board practices and responsibilities and make an impact on

the university," Meditz said.

Meditz also acknowledged that he was fortunate enough to be appointed in June 2010, which enabled him to get a head start on things before the beginning of this fall semester.

Scott Schulick, former board of trustees chairman, expressed hopelessness felt by the board because of the position they are in.

"Since May 1 we've never known what we are going to get [from the governor's office]," Schulick said.

Schulick said that the board of trustees is at the mercy of the electoral process and is disappointed that another member has not been appointed.

"All we can do is wait," Schulick said.

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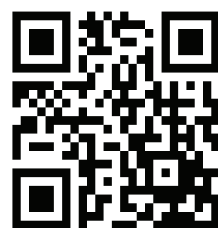
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# New faces join Student Government Association



Members of this year's Student Government Association pose for a picture at the DeBartolo Stadium Club. Photo by Patrick Donovan/The Jambar.

Patrick Donovan  
NEWS REPORTER

As the semester gets into full swing, the Youngstown State University Student Government Association is gearing up for another active fall semester on campus with several new faces.

"We had over 100 applicants this year," said Elyse Gessler, the newly appointed president. "It is wonderful to see so many students interested in SGA. It really allowed us to take a thorough look at the students we thought would serve and represent the student body effectively."

The many SGA applicants were examined and ranked by the SGA Executive Board, which takes into consideration many factors when de-

termining on an appointee for SGA.

Gessler said SGA looks for candidates with prior SGA experience, leadership experience, experience in other organizations and students enrolled in majors that haven't been represented on the SGA body before.

"I looked for individuals who are interested in improving not only the campus community but the city and the valley as well. I thought we saw a really big resurgence of that last year, and I think we chose some individuals who will continue the trend this semester," said Steve Mesik, secretary of technology.

Alyssa Dibernardi, SGA's newly appointed parliamentarian, said she believes grades are a very important indicator for SGA success.

"We have high standards. We want to make sure our members can handle their academics before anything," Dibernardi said.

After carefully examining all the applications, the SGA Executive Board members chose 19 applicants to fill the vacant seats on the SGA body.

"I think it's a great thing," Dibernardi said. "Obviously those of us who are older aren't going to be here forever and we need younger members to learn how things run and how to be an effective group."

Among the new members is sophomore Teresa McKinney. As a mechanical engineering major, McKinney's interest in SGA stems from her experience in high school.

"I became interested in SGA because I was always very active in getting students involved when I was in high school and I wanted to do the same here at YSU," McKinney said.

McKinney was class president her junior and senior years of high school and thinks her leadership experience will allow her to effectively help students at YSU.

Joining McKinney is education major Molly Rogers. Rogers is a member of the academic affairs committee at YSU and is focused on bringing new ideas to the education department.

"I am very involved on campus, especially with the education department, and I work very hard in school, and I felt with my experience I would be perfect to sit on

SGA as an education representative," Rogers said.

YSU accounting major Michael Brand will also serve on SGA for his first semester this year.

"I got interested in SGA because I wanted to be a part of organizing and helping with YSU events. I am very interested in getting SGA to sponsor a Career Fair for the university students this semester," Brand said.

Mark Sember has also been appointed to SGA for his first semester. As a junior, Sember has had time to observe his fellow students and thinks that YSU has lots of potential.

"YSU is filled with people eager to make positive changes and reinforce campus involvement so I'm optimistic," Sember said.

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## Heavy traffic despite added parking spaces

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Despite an increase in total parking spaces and a decrease in parking passes sold, heavy traffic in the morning at Youngstown State University is still an issue.

Danny O'Connell, director of support services, said it is to be expected.

O'Connell said that students arriving on campus before 9 a.m. had no problem finding spots.

"The busiest time was Monday from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.," he said. "The first week we all have to get adjusted to what is open when we get here."

Since classes started on Monday, 8,377 additional fall commuter student permits have been purchased, which is 617 fewer than this time last year.

Even so, available parking spaces were limited, leaving some students with no other choice but to park on the grass in Smoky Hollow. O'Connell said that on Tuesday, however, students did not have to resort to parking in the grass.

"We're trying to promote parking on the west side of campus," he said.

Sophomore Mike Bernard said he thought that "parking was OK."

"I went down to [the] Lincoln [deck] at 9:45 [a.m.], and there were still spots available," he said.

Bernard said his parking experience this year was similar to years past.

"It's always packed on the first day," he said.

*"It's more of a waste of time than anything. ... I understand that we're limited space here, but I would think there is something that they could do."*

- Alex Chick,  
YSU senior

YSU freshman Connor Kelly ran into a different problem with parking this year: His truck doesn't fit in the decks, so he has to park in lots.

"I had to get here super early to get into the lots," he said, adding that he thinks such problems could be solved with the creation of larger parking lots.

O'Connell said that students with cars that do not fit into the

decks should simply park in the lots, as the walk isn't much further. There are no plans to renovate the decks to accommodate larger cars, he said.

"The reality is [that] the expense of handling the bigger vehicles isn't worth the benefits," O'Connell said.

Senior Alex Chick said he knew parking this week would be difficult, but he didn't anticipate driving around campus for 20 minutes before finding a parking spot.

He arrived on campus at 11:30 a.m. and eventually found a space in the M-1 deck.

"It's more of a waste of time than anything," Chick said. "I understand that we're limited space here, but I would think there is something that they could do."

Chick said he didn't notice that more spots were available this year.

## New food establishments bring change to campus

Jordan D. Uhl  
NEWS EDITOR

Dining options on Youngstown State University's campus have flourished over the summer due to a wave of new additions.

While much remains the same on the southern end of campus, one new establishment is poised to steal business from longstanding restaurants.

Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches on Lincoln Avenue, an affiliate of the Market Street location, could lead some to believe neighboring competitors should run for cover, but managers of the other four restaurants in close proximity all believe they have nothing to worry about.

"Subway is Subway," Pam VonBurgan said about the sandwich shop she manages. "We had a record-breaking day [on Monday]. Lines out the door. We're all good."

Directly next door is University Pizzeria, where manager Kathy Vogrin said it's too early to tell exactly what impact Jimmy John's will have on their business.

"I'm sure it will in some manner," Vogrin said, although she emphasized how the two businesses were different in nature and cater to different crowds.

"We're doing a full menu. We have a bar, they don't. Some weekends we have bands," she said. "Those kinds of things impact business differently. They seem like they're doing well, and we wish them well."

Down the street, Inner Circle bartender Jimmy Glenellen said they haven't been selling as many sandwiches as usual but, again, it's hard to tell how much of an influence the new restaurant will have.

The only retailer without a cuisine counterpart is Coyoacan, where manager Stacy Fisher admitted she was "at first, a little worried."

As for an immediate impact, however, there hasn't been one.



Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches, one of the bigger additions to the campus dining selection. Photo by Jordan Uhl/The Jambar.

"Sales were really high [on Monday]," Fisher said.

If anything, she saw a benefit in the situation, and that is increased foot traffic to the south end of campus.

Aside from their economical menu, Jimmy John's is known for its quick delivery. Many are unaware that Coyoacan and UPIE also deliver, although there are minimum purchase requirements and smaller delivery areas.

In Kilcawley Center, renovations have resulted in the addition of new names to the KC Food Court.

Headlining the new lineup is Denny's Fresh Express, which boasts a mixture of classic menu favorites and new creations.

"We're thrilled to be at YSU," said Barry Wells, senior manager of business development for Denny's Fresh Express, said. "It's a great school and Sodexo is a great partner. We hope to be a great part of the dining program."

Wells said the well-rounded menu

combined with long hours would make it a frequent choice for campus eaters.

Also new to KC is Jump Asian Express, an emerging Asian-themed fast food chain specifically designed for institutions such as universities, hospitals and airports.

Pennyguins, which features pizza, pasta and pepperoni rolls, is the only establishment remaining in the food court from last semester.

The removal of Peaberry's Cafe in Kilcawley left coffee drinkers desperate for their morning cup of coffee, but, come October, Dunkin' Donuts will fill the void in what will be called the Hub. In addition, SubConnection will re-emerge after its exodus from KC.

The Simply to Go Cafe in KC is now known as the Schwebel Cafe and is located in the Williamson College of Business Administration. It offers consumers quick and convenient snacks as well as a coffee bar.

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## ACE is wild

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## ACE PAGE 1

A new chapter unfolds for ACE as incoming President Paul Trimacco sets out to pick up the shattered pieces of an imploded union.

The internal bickering among the union has been, well, embarrassing.

Maldonado's legacy has left indelible marks on the organization, and now he's suing a campus employee for tarnishing his "good" name.

Former Treasurer Carol Hovanis has been accused of "misappropriating" more than \$17,000 of union funds, but claims Maldonado is behind it all.

An entire ACE election in the fall of 2010 was nullified pending an investigation of what then President Brian Brennen characterized as "fraught with insecurity" concerning ballots.

Last year, former ACE President Christine Domhoff said the university "stepped all over the 2008 contract," undermining the power of the union.

So, as students, why should we care?

Well, the people that patch the cracked sidewalks we walk on and paint the faded walls of our aging buildings will be fighting for their careers, much like the faculty currently is.

The campus is expanding, but Trimacco says the workforce to maintain it is shrinking.

Staff will and are being spread across an ever-expanding campus, but the university has one painter and one plumber, Trimacco said.

The Watson and Tressel Training Site is near completion, but staff is downsizing through buyouts and restructuring.

We understand that unions are easy targets in this day and age of budget slashing, and we've heard administrators harp about fiscal uncertainty.

But the preservation and functionality of our campus is paramount to our learning.

What good is walking to a \$30 million Williamson College of Business Administration just to pass a neglected Williamson Hall, or visiting a \$10 million sports facility if you have to park among graffiti and falling debris (which still happens).

The president and administration will push for a leaner and meaner workforce, and the union will be remembered by ignoble actions like receiving more than \$2 million in bonuses from 2008 to 2009, during fiscally uncertain times.

We hope that in the upcoming ACE negotiations, administrators will push for what's right, and ACE will not push for too much.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Dr. Anderson and YSU Administration,

The current state of the university's future seems rather unsure at this time due to the administration's perverted priorities. Dr. Anderson, you had stated when you first started as president that you had hoped to improve the administration and union/faculty relationship in order to create a more positive learning environment, but sadly, things have only become worse. Your administration has harmed the students' learning environment by treating both the students and faculty in a manipulative manner and you have poisoned the campus atmosphere with deceit and inequality.

In your letter late Thursday night, you remarked that you were "saddened and disappointed" because of the union/faculty's rejection of the proposed negotiations but you failed to acknowledge that it was the **board of trustees** who ultimately rejected what the union had already accepted. You followed this stating that these are "difficult times" and that sacrifice by "ALL" is necessary in order to keep the university "within its means" concerning the budget. Obviously the term ALL that you are using does not refer to you or your administration, but those who you treat as inferiors. You also fail to identify which three months of the year you work for a 40 percent lower salary while undertaking the same workload as the remainder of the year and a lower-than-inflation raise of 0 percent/0 percent/2 percent as opposed to a \$25,000 raise ... and for *what exactly?* The discrepancies concerning the university's financial situation are glaring.

The students are very saddened and disappointed by your treatment and utter lack of respect for the faculty who are the people that make this university what it is. Why do you continue to villainize our faculty to the public? Without faculty there can be no classes for students to take and without faculty the administration serves no purpose whatsoever. The students' feel betrayed by the way our financial situation was handled and feel as if it was a ploy to pressure the union and faculty into making premature decisions.

Another issue is that of John Kasich's proposed Senate bill. His project, Senate Bill 5, is an utter disgrace and an abomination because it is attacking the value of our education. How can you, as the president of a higher institution of learning, state that you are neutral on a senate bill that will only, indefinitely harm the well being of this university in which you **serve** and the students whom you say you care for? To say that we as students are "disappointed" in you and the administration is a severe understatement.

Next is the issue of sacrifice. These are indeed hard times, but not for someone with a salary that rivals the President of the United States, with a significantly lower workload, but because of the complete and utter lack of true leadership at YSU from its administration. "Leadership is a potent combination of strategy and character. But if you must be without one, be without strategy." This is well said by the great Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf; he furthers this by saying, "Do what is right, not what you think the high headquarters wants or what you think will make you look good." In these areas you and the administration have absolutely failed. There is no sense of true character or integrity when an administration deliberately chooses to treat its faculty so poorly and slanders them to the public, while allowing members of the public to maliciously demean them. The students can see right through these childish, foolish tactics, and the public is beginning to see this too. You can no longer pull the wool over our eyes by using the Vindicator as your chief misinformation pawn.

Thank you for teaching the students what kind of leadership NOT to emulate in our present and future lives, for negative leadership teaches us far more than positive leadership, it has clearly taught us how **not** to do things in life. Lastly, is your statement that "sacrifice is necessary by all in order for the university to stay within its means ..." Why is this being made out as a financial crisis? The factfinder's report stated that the University was financially stable even after cuts in funding. If sacrifice is necessary by *all* then it includes you and the adminis-

tration, not just the faculty, staff and students. Please, enlighten us and the public as to what sacrifices you are making in salary and benefit cuts now and in the future so as to match the faculty's cuts and the students' repeated increases in tuition and other costs. Everybody is waiting for your explanation in regards to this matter. No explanation has been given thus far, not a word. Jack Fahey had stated last week that the administration was "working on concessions" but nobody has heard anything about what those things are. Imagine that. We are asking for a public, itemized, explanation of your sacrifices because we have a right to know.

As paying students we expect honesty and transparency from those who want respect as the figureheads of this university. Until you comply with honesty and transparency no respect can be given. We are holding you accountable to do what is right. If this is one of the top ten most economically depressed areas in the country it should reflect so at every level. If the faculty at YSU earn 10-20 percent less pay than the average professor in this country, then the administration should as well. What is good for one side is good for the other, what is fair is fair.

Unfortunately, it needs to be said that true leadership starts at the top, not at the bottom. The difference between a manager and a leader is their concerns and whether or not they lead by example. Clearly it is the YSU Administration who is concerned only with "fattening their wallets" as the Vindicator would like to say, rather than the well being of the student body and the quality of our learning experience. This is a result of failing to lead by example. You have taken our money and lost our trust, but you will not get our respect without earning it back. Ultimately, you will *never* take our memory of the way you have treated our faculty: the individuals who have given us our education. It will continue to be known in our generation and will consequently lead students away from this institution if you do not change your ways and start leading by example.

Saddened and disappointed,  
Arielle J. Mincher  
Senior history student

## This Labor Day, remember animal shelters' unsung heroes

By People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals  
MCT

Labor Day means a carefree long weekend for many nine-to-fivers, but some laborers can't just close up shop and forget about their jobs, even for a day. For animal shelter workers, the work never ends because the stream of battered and bruised animals in need of refuge never ends. Few people have a more emotionally wrenching job than those who punch in every day knowing that they will likely have to euthanize the animals they've devoted themselves to helping.

We can all help ease shelter workers' burdens by doing our part to slow the stream of homeless animals. That means always having our cats and dogs spayed

or neutered and adopting animals instead of buying them from breeders or pet stores.

As someone who has spent years volunteering at my local animal shelter, I know that animal shelter staffers are some of the hardest-working people around. They scrub down poop-strewn kennels, comb animals who are matted and crawling with fleas, and give belly rubs to dogs who have never had a bath because they've been kept chained up like old bicycles their entire lives. They get peed on, slobbered on and covered with muddy paw prints and cat hair every day.

They heft heavy dogs onto examination tables, unload vans

full of 50-pound bags of food, get bitten by petrified dogs who have known nothing but cruelty from humans, and get scratched by cats who are frantic after having gone from the home they've always known to a cage in a roomful of other crying felines. They cuddle cats, throw balls for dogs, slip treats through cage bars, speak kind words and give many scratches behind the ears. They do their best to make the animals' stay at the shelter as happy and full of love as possible.

But because shelters don't have a magic wand that they can wave to create loving homes for all the animals who so desperately need them, those who work

in open-admission shelters must also perform the thankless, gut-wrenching task of holding the animals they've played with and loved in their arms while the euthanasia needle slides into a vein and the light in their eyes softly flickers out. These people are heroes for doing the right thing for animals even though it takes such a toll on them personally.

Breeders, pet stores and people who haven't had their animals spayed or neutered put shelter workers in this tragic position. Every new puppy or kitten who is intentionally or accidentally brought into the world will take the chance for a home away from one of the thousands of animals waiting in shelters. Some of

them will end up homeless themselves. Every new puppy or kitten means another broken heart for a brave shelter worker.

Shelter workers' jobs will never be cushy, but if more people commit to spaying and neutering their animals before that first litter and if more people open their hearts and homes to the many loving, eager-to-please dogs and cats waiting in shelters, we could dramatically reduce the number of animals shelter workers must euthanize for lack of a good home. We could save thousands of lives \_ and make shelter workers' lives a little bit easier too.

## IN-DEPTH THINKING ABOUT THINKING

Kacy Standohar  
FEATURES EDITOR

On the outside, a tattoo looks like a piece of artwork displayed on the human body, but inside the heart of the tattoo's beholder there is a display of pride or sometimes even regret.

Youngstown State University student Kelly Brothers considers herself "a bookworm with ink." She is a frequent reader and is studying to be a high school English teacher.

Brothers said she feels that getting a tattoo is a great way to express yourself and show your personality.

"Getting tattoos has always been an idea I toyed around with, so I knew with teaching I had to be a little more covert about placement," Brothers said.

When reading her favorite book, "Still Life with Woodpecker" by Tom Robbins, Brothers decided to get a tattoo of a quote directly from the book on her back.

"It is in typewriter font because a typewriter plays a huge part in the book," Brothers said. "It reads, 'Love is the ultimate outlaw...' I had to have an ellipsis after it to make it grammatically correct since I'm a major nerd and English major."

Brothers' boyfriend of five years bought her the tattoo for her 20th birthday. She said the tattoo means so much to her.

"It's how I feel about love. Love can't be controlled. You can't help who you fall for. It just happens. Either you can embrace that love has a mind of its own, or you can attempt to tame something that can't be tamed. I prefer the going along for the ride," she said.

Brothers also explained that she loves her tattoo because now she feels literally like part of the book.

"My font is from my vintage copy of [the book] that was set down on a copy machine and enlarged to the size," she said.

Unlike Brothers, who gave a great deal of thought and consideration to her tattoo, YSU sophomore Megan Kredel spontaneously decided on her tattoo of a purple butterfly on her inner ankle.

Kredel's other tattoo, an upside-down treble clef and bass note that form the shape of a heart on the top of her foot, represents her love of listening to music.

"Music goes with your mood. It never gets old," Kredel said. "Tattoos stay with you forever and they symbolize you."



Drake Lenz of Artistic Dermagraphics tattoos a customer on Tuesday. Photo by Marissa McIntyre/The Jambar.

Kredel said she plans to get a tattoo for her dad who was in the army.

"My dad just passed away recently, and the army was a big part of his life. He was so passionate about it," Kredel said.

She plans on getting his dog tags tattooed on her back.

"I think it's the most respectful things I can get from his life tattooed on me," Kredel said, adding that she has no regrets about any of her tattoos.

Junior Cassandra Fonce, however, regrets the tattoo on her foot.

"I have a star with the word 'dream' written on the side. It is starting to fade. It's just a hard place to take care of," Fonce said. She said if she had the money, she would have the tattoo removed.

Some people have more lighthearted tattoos that remind them of helpful life lessons.

Student Alan Blakley has a tattoo that he considers his favorite.

"It says 'hakuna matata,' meaning no worries. That is basically how I live my life," Blakley said.

### Looking at tattoos through a Lenz

Drake Lenz has been tattooing for 13 years at his parents' tattoo and piercing shop, Ar-

tistic Demographics in Boardman.

"I was so nervous to do my first tattoo. I still get nervous, but that's a good thing," Lenz said.

Lenz said that he is always very busy and usually works on a two-month waiting period.

"Lately, I really like the new school and neo-traditional tattoos," Lenz said. A neo-traditional tattoo is taking a traditional tattoo, such as a "mom" or "dad" tattoo and adding modern touches.

Lenz also uses social networks to post his work for the public to see.

"I use Facebook and people follow my work. Some people get upset when I don't update and post pictures every day," he said.

Lenz has also had many encounters with people who regret their tattoos.

"I get people in here all the time who want cover up work. I do rework a lot on people that didn't like their tattoo work elsewhere," he said.

Lenz said that tattooing is a serious matter, and he often gets upset when he hears stories of people tattooing out of their house and not putting thought into their artwork.

"This is my livelihood," Lenz said. "It's not a hobby. It's definitely a lifestyle."



Students gathered in the Rec 5 Area behind Kilcawley Center on Tuesday for YSU's annual foam and dance party. Those in attendance enjoyed free food, music, games and prizes. An inflatable foam pit was among the attractions set up for the students to enjoy, along with cornhole and a dunking booth. Student organizations set up tables for students to get acquainted with their groups as well. Photo by Nick Young/The Jambar.

### Thursday

#### Elvis Impersonator Costume Contest

- 7:30 p.m., Chestnut Room in Kilcawley Center
- The winner of the contest receives a Flip camera at the end of the night.

#### The Upright Citizen Brigade-Comedy Show

- 7-9 p.m., Chestnut Room in Kilcawley Center
- Comedy group based out of New York City and Los Angeles putting on a comedy show and promoting their classes for aspiring artists.

#### Welcome Week Picnic

- 11 a.m.-2 p.m., University Courtyard Apartments Recreation Area.
- YSU students and staff are welcome for a cookout chicken dinner.

#### Rappelling Flad Mountain

- 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center Climbing Wall
- The experienced wall staff will be giving instructions on rappelling.

#### Rookery Radio Appearance

- 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in front of Kilcawley Center
- The station will be promoting different games, contests and prize drawings.

#### Campus Resource Fair

- 10 a.m.-2 p.m., campus core
- This event acquaints YSU students with the resources available to them on campus.

#### The Amazing Philanthropy Race

- 8 a.m., throughout campus
- The race will raise awareness of the impact that private donors and philanthropy have on the face of YSU's campus. Students who finish the race will be awarded prizes.

### Friday

#### Navigating the YSU Portal

- 10-11 a.m., Writing Center
- Teaches students how to find their schedule on the YSU Portal, attach a document to an email, join a group and much more.

#### Connected With Local Churches

- 11 a.m.-1 p.m., campus core
- Allows students to meet and connect with local ministries.
- Welcomes international students and allows them to interact with American students.

## All geeked out

YSU supports its geeks

Chelsea Telega  
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EDITOR

As a part of the Welcome Week festivities at Youngstown State University, the College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics joined forces with local businesses to support the geeks.

The second annual GeekFest occurred in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center. Arlene Floyd, director of associate degree and tech prep programs at YSU, obtained the idea for GeekFest from colleagues in the STEM department at a college in North Carolina.

"We decided to make it interactive and show the fun side of STEM," Floyd said. "It's neat to showcase STEM since it's fairly new."

Jonathan Caguait, associate professor of biological sciences, set up a station to show students how to purify DNA from their own saliva using simple household items such as dish soap, table salt, pineapple juice, 120-proof rum and a toothpick.

"It's definitely a fun way to see how science works," Caguait said.

Local technology and engineering companies accompanied the YSU professors in their demonstrations. Notify Technology Corporation, a

company focused on designing software products for the mobile computing industry, set up a table at the event to promote its company.

Rich Feezle, Notify Technology Corporation's technical support manager, spent the afternoon dressed up as a Star Wars stormtrooper to promote the company.

"We just want to show that there are companies in Youngstown that do the technical thing. You don't have to move far away to excel in this field," Feezle said.

The Youngstown Business Incubator sent representatives from its computer engineering department to motivate students to intern or possibly even start their own business. The YBI is making efforts to become more involved with the students at YSU and show them what there is to look forward to outside of college.

Parker Hannifin Corporation, a global engineering company headquartered in Cleveland, has offered summer internships to YSU students in the past.

Robert Dolwick, marketing manager for Parker Hannifin Corporation's gear pump division, said that the company hires from almost every discipline including accounting, marketing and engineering.

"The more exposure [the students] get to real life commercial subjects, the better,"

Dolwick said.

The ROTC on campus also had a station with a laser shot rifle simulator to show students how ROTC recruits are trained. The simulator assists cadets with firing techniques.

Students also set up stations showcasing what they are most interested in within STEM. Galen Hayek, a senior chemistry major and biology minor, participated in this year's GeekFest with the YSU American Chemical Society Student Affiliates.

"This gives us a chance to show people what chemistry is all about and hopefully get them interested," Hayek said.

Sophomore Andrew Vavrinak remembered the event from last year and was also impressed with what the organization has accomplished. Vavrinak, a biology pre-medical student, felt that it was beneficial for local businesses to be a part of the event.

"A business will be more likely to hire a student for an internship than someone out of the blue," he said.

Pietro Gandra, a freshman majoring in computer science, attended the GeekFest event with high expectations.

"I really wanted to know what the university would be promoting with GeekFest, and it was a way to see other people who are interested in the same thing I am," Gandra said. "They can turn this into something really big."

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**POLICE BRIEFS**

*Men admit to smoking blunt in campus parking lot*

On Sunday, a YSU police officer on campus patrol noticed a car in the R-2 parking lot near Lyden House. The officer stopped behind the car and checked to see if the car's occupants needed help. Two of the men hurriedly exited the car but got back inside upon the officer's request. Soon afterward, the officer detected the scent of burnt marijuana coming from the car. He then told the car's occupants that he knew they were smoking "weed" and asked them if the vehicle contained anything illegal. The front-seat passenger said they had smoked one blunt, which the rear passenger confirmed. The car's driver then gave verbal consent for the officer to search the car. However, he found nothing illegal inside. The officer told the three men that the YSU Student Disciplinary Board would soon contact them.

*Officer pulls over woman driving with suspending license*

On Monday, a university police officer on campus patrol noticed a car with a potentially broken taillight. The driver also did not signal her turn onto Madison Avenue. The officer pulled over the car's driver and determined that her driver's license was suspended. He issued the driver a traffic summons, and the car was released to a valid driver.

*Woman falls in M-2 parking deck*

On Monday, a diabetic woman reported to YSU Police that she had fallen onto the concrete pavement inside the M-2 parking deck. She attributed her fall to small patches and indentations in the concrete flooring. After falling, she continued to walk to Cushwa Hall for class. The university police officer who met her in Cushwa noticed injuries to both of her knees. She was treated at YSU Student Health Services and later released.

*Contractor reports a WATTS excavator damaged*

Sometime between Friday and Monday, damage to a WATTS contractor's front loader excavator occurred. The excavator, which had been parked near the construction site, had a damaged right side cab window. According to the police report, the excavator was damaged by an individual striking the window with an unknown object.

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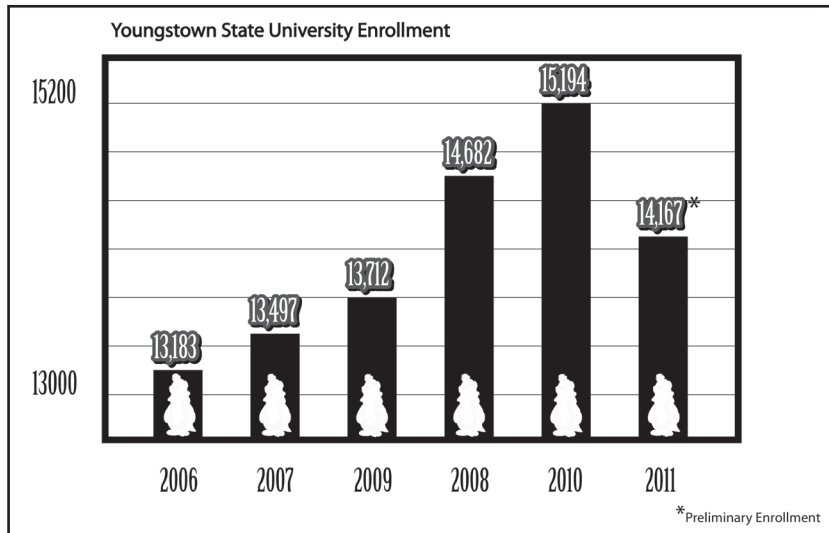
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Cole sent a press release on Monday that cited Jack Fahey, vice president for student affairs, attributing the 2.5 percent drop to "labor issues." According to the press release, "Reasons for the decrease vary, but Fahey indicated that labor issues over the summer that put into question the start of fall semester classes was a large factor."



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of the YSU Board of Trustees, said they are willing to listen to what the teachers union had to say, but reiterated the final best offer as the last offer.

"You think about the statement [the administration] made last week, that they're willing to sit down and listen but not really to talk about any further possibilities," Linkon said. "So in some ways our only recourse ... is legal action."

In an email, Ron Cole, director of university communications, expressed how "disappointed" the administration is.

"We are disappointed that the union has filed this ULP. It is totally without merit. Since this is now part of litigation, we will reserve further comment about the specifics of the charges," the email said.

The board held a special meeting Wednesday evening in Tod Hall. However, it is unclear as to why. The meeting immediately went into executive session, barring all public and media.

Linkon said the charge would be filed with the State Employment Review Board along with the evidence YSU-OEA wants to provide.

"Our hope is that they will issue a ruling that shows to the administration 'you have to sit

**ACE PAGE 1**

His position as president will afford him a seat at the negotiations table, where he said he would pay close attention to the contract's language and review all aspects.

"You need a strong union when you have a strong [administration]," Trimacco said.

Brennan, who sat on the negotiating team before Trimacco, said the union must stand united but cautioned that demands must be reasonable.

"The economy won't permit it," Brennan said. "The public won't permit it."

The negotiating team, assembled last year prior to the contract negotiations, will remain active for three years. The team is responsible for both authoring a contract to present to administrators as well as interpreting that contract should grievances or discrepancies arise in that time. The negotiating team is elected by the body and will continue its work with the addition of Trimacco.

The university is also looking forward to sitting back down at the negotiations table to finalize the new contract.

"Dr. Anderson and the administration look forward to working with the new ACE president in moving forward and continuing the good relationships that we have," Ron Cole, director of university communications, said. "We are continuing negotiations, and those negotiations are going well."

**Moving forward**

Brennan, who said he ran his 2009 ACE presidential election on a campaign of reconciliation, received the highest number of votes in July for his new position on the executive committee. In turn, Trimacco won the presidential election.

Brennan said he attributes the two successful candidacies to a balance in ideology.

"It shows that the union membership wants a little bit

of both. And they're wanting to heal the rift," Brennan said.

Trimacco is looking forward as well.

"I want transparency, communication [and] honesty with our members. I think that was a big problem, not being able to communicate openly for whatever reason," Trimacco said, adding a focus on what's good for the membership as opposed to old news.

He is concerned about the future and what he calls an expanding university with a shrinking workforce. He said classified employees often work larger areas and sometimes those areas may be unsafe to work in alone.

Ultimately, his greatest concern, like that of many other public employees, is the results of the November ballot.

"The big picture is Senate Bill 5," Trimacco said. "That's going to affect all of us, you know, faculty and classified."

sent a press release in response to the administration's accusations. The drop in enrollment was blamed on "labor unrest" by the administration, the release said, which Cole pointed out as an important factor in the decrease in enrollment in 2005 as well.

In the release, YSU-OEA chief negotiator Stan Guzella recognized the decrease in enrollment in 2005 as well.

"[Guzella] acknowledged that enrollment also declined in 2005, the last time YSU saw a strike by faculty and staff," the release stated.

In the YSU-OEA press release, YSU-OEA President Julia Gergits blamed the administration.

"They could have resolved this situation in plenty of time for students to enroll for fall term, but they chose not to," Gergits said in the release.

Gergits cited other reasons for the drops as well. She said many of the general education courses, which are common for underclassmen to enroll in, fill quickly and cause an initial dip in enrollment, but she believes it will increase over the next week.

Cole agreed but said enrollment is tricky.

"Enrollment is not a simple thing," Cole said. "There are a variety of factors that impact the enrollment numbers, one being the situation of labor unrest. The university is examining the numbers and coming up with an explanation."

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## Penguins to get 'balls-to-the-walls crazy'

Joe Catullo Jr.  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Youngstown State University Penguins will open the 2011 campaign against perennial Big Ten contender and 17th ranked team in the country, Michigan State University on Friday night.

The Spartans shared the Big Ten crown in 2010 with the Ohio State University and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. They went 11-1 in the regular season and lost in the Citrus Bowl to the University of Alabama, 49-7. YSU head coach Eric Wolford discussed what he expects to see.

"They got a pretty good defensive line," Wolford said. "I think they're aggressive up front, they're coached well, they're very athletic at linebacker, they're aggressive on the line and they're really good in the secondary. I think we'll have a nice challenge, [and] that's why you play this game."

The Penguins practiced in pads Tuesday for the final time before Friday and will leave Youngstown on Thursday. The receiving core has been working hard this season.

"The receivers have gotten a lot better," said wide receivers coach Andre Coleman. "I need a little more consistency out of them."

Coleman also described what he thinks will happen Friday and what he hopes to see as a whole.

"I think we're getting better," Coleman said. "We want to peak out on Friday. We got some guys back that were a little banged up. I think if we go in there and do what we need to do and not beat ourselves, we'll be in there."

Junior tailback Edwin Baker returns for the Spartans in the backfield. He totaled 1,201 net rushing yards and 13 touchdowns. YSU senior defensive end Daniel Stewart said the Spartans run "simple routes" and that the defense must stop the run before anything else.

"We're making reads [and] doing everything that we have to do," Stewart said. "It's going to be a big one. I feel like everybody is on the same page and ready to go. We're going to blitz sometimes, we're going to see how the receivers are [and] we're going to bring it to them."

Sophomore quarterback Kurt Hess is one of two offensive captains that will lead the Penguins on the gridiron. Freshman starting receiver Christian Bryan is excited to play with Hess.

"From watching him last year, I can say that he is a very good quarterback," Bryan said. "He's a great leader, but I knew that before. It's been awesome playing with him. He's going to lead this program to great things."

Bryan will be playing at the college level for the first time. He said he can't wait to play.

"[Bryan] has been a pleasant surprise," Wolford said. "We knew he was good when we recruited him. He had a chance to be special, but he's come in here and really raised the bar with our level of play at receiver."

Bryan said although he is only a freshman, he is expected to go out on the field and make some plays.

"I got to be very technically sound," Bryan said. "I know that I'm not the fastest or the biggest size, but it all comes down to technique and fundamentals. If we all do it right as a receiving core, I think we'll really have good success. We [have to] go balls-to-the-walls crazy out there. We can't be afraid."

The Penguins are no newcomers to the Big Ten. They faced Pennsylvania State University last season and lost 44-14. After a close score at halftime, the Penguins fell off the bandwagon as the Lions got hot. Stewart described how the team could use last year's first-half strategy against another Big Ten team.

"In the first half, we just smacked [Penn State] in the mouth," Stewart said. "We told ourselves, 'We can hit as hard as them, we can run as fast as them, we can make plays like them.'

We have to do that against Michigan State because they're big."

As for the second half, Stewart and Wolford said that the special teams let the team down.

"They hurt us on that opening kickoff, [and] we kind of lost focus in that game," Stewart said. "We went down. [If] we have that against Michigan State, it's going to be a long game. We [have to] come out knowing that we can hit them hard."

Another strategy that the Penguins are adopting is watching film on the Spartans and watching how they control the game.

"All you can do is watch film and try to find some weaknesses," Coleman said. "You work on the things that you think will be effective on those guys. We try to find what we think our weaknesses are, and we'll try to [use that] on game day."

Last year, the Spartans outscored their opponents 383-290, compiled 5,051 yards offensively and scored 49 total touchdowns. Another returning starter is senior quarterback Kirk Cousins, who threw for 2,825 yards and 20 touchdowns. Leading return receiver is senior B.J. Cunningham. He caught 50 passes for 611 yards and led the team with nine receiving touchdowns.



(TOP) YSU running-backs Jamaine Cook, Adaris Bellamy and Jordan Thompson discuss strategies during Tuesday's practice for the game against Michigan State on Friday. (LEFT) Captain and quarterback Kurt Hess looks for an open receiver during passing drills in Tuesday's practice. Hess is entering his second season as the Penguins' starting quarterback after winning the job last season as a true freshman. Photos by Joe Catullo Jr./The Jambar.

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20. MCNEESE STATE
21. SOUTH CAROLINA STATE
22. CENTRAL ARKANSAS
23. CHATTANOOGA
24. PENNSYLVANIA
25. BETHUNE-COOKMAN

# Golf back in action at Michigan State

Joe Catullo Jr.  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Youngstown State University men's golf team will begin the season at Michigan State University this weekend.

The team will start on Friday and conclude play on Saturday. The event will be held at Forest Akers West Golf Course in East Lansing, Mich., the same location where YSU competed last season. Redshirted freshman Mark Olbrych finished 37th with a final score of 155. Junior Anthony Conn (157), junior Michael Lower (160) and redshirted freshman Robert Eddy (167) all placed in the top 80.

The tournament was shortened due to inclement weather, and head coach Tony Joy hopes that will not be the case this time around. Also, Joy said that he likes what he sees thus far.

"The conference is going to be pretty wide open," Joy said. "There's really no preseason favorite. I feel like we have one of the strongest teams, if not the strongest team, in the conference. We should be in the hunt again, but a lot of things can happen between now and April. On the paper, we look as good as anybody else."

The Penguins will feature four players from Boardman, one from Canfield and one from Poland. Joy said he likes having as many local players as he can, primarily for the fans.

"It's always nice to have the local kids, especially for people that follow golf," Joy said. "There was a point when we had a lot of local talent, but things lately have slowed down. For the fall of 2011, there has been a lot of good local talent. Finding local kids and kids in Northeast Ohio is my top priority."

Some of the players played during the summer and were successful in events. Conn won the 2011 Greatest Golfer of the Valley tournament, and freshman Bryan Yeo won a junior tournament in Cleveland. Joy is looking for the players' summer action to carry over to this semester.

"We're looking forward to getting to Michigan State to start the tournament," Joy



Junior Anthony Conn zeroes in for a putt for YSU during the 2010-2011 season. Conn won the 2011 Greatest Golfer of the Valley tournament. Photo courtesy of Sports Information.

said. "You hope that the kids who have played all summer are going to be at their best. I feel pretty confident that we're going to play pretty well."

Joy said he hopes to finish strong in the tournament so that the Penguins can possibly play there again next year.

"I told my guys if we play

really well, we like to get invited back," Joy said. "Next fall, you'll see more representations of Big Ten teams in that tournament. The more competitive the schedule is, the more competitive you'll be and the better the recruiting will be."

As a special "treat" for the

players, they will be attending the YSU football game Friday night against the Spartans.

The Penguins are scheduled to play six events in the fall, one more than what Joy usually encounters. They will be playing in Ohio for the first time on Sept. 19 in

Bowling Green. Right after that, they will compete in Cleveland on Oct. 3.

The women's team will begin play on Monday at the YSU Invitational. The two-day event will be held at the Links at Firestone Farms in Columbiana.

## Volleyball looks to end long drought in Indiana

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After a tough start to the season at the Syracuse Big Orange Tournament on Saturday, the Youngstown State University volleyball team will continue its tournament tour at the Indiana University Adidas Classic. The tournament will be held in Bloomington, Ind.

The Penguins open the tournament Friday against the University at Buffalo. The teams collided last year at the West Virginia University Mountaineer Classic with Buffalo sweeping the Penguins 3-0. Despite this, YSU assistant volleyball coach Ben Rodeffer said Buffalo is, in some respects, a different team.

"From a coaching and tactical standpoint, it will be a similar team," Rodeffer said. "They have gotten younger [and they

are] returning about three to four solid players. They opened the season 2-1 and are a solid [Mid-American Conference] school, but we feel this is a team we can compete with."

The host team, IU, began its season 1-2. Last season, the team made it to the Sweet 16, and although its players are younger, IU is still a good team, Rodeffer said.

"Indiana is a great team, a tough Big Ten school," Rodeffer said. "They are a younger team from last year but return great players and will be very fired up to play in front of the home crowd for the tournament."

The final team in the round-robin tournament, Southeast Missouri State University, started its season on a three-game losing streak. Rodeffer said it is a team the Penguins can compete with and beat.

In preparation for the tournament, the Penguins worked on a

number of things — particularly serving — to help them improve from Saturday's tournament.

"We missed over 40 serves last weekend, and that's just too many," Rodeffer said. "We worked on it in practice, and we will still miss some serves from being aggressive, but hopefully we clean it up."

Offensively, Rodeffer noted that the Penguins need to play an all-around cleaner game, and the outside hitters need to play up to their capabilities.

"Outside hitters, [freshman] Lexy Egler and [sophomore] Jackie Carlisle need to play better, and they know that," Rodeffer said. "We watched some film in practice this week, and they have been working hard to improve."

One player that the team is counting on in the tournament is sophomore outside hitter Missy Hundelt. She has been solid in the beginning of the season, averaging 3.7 kills per set.

"With this tournament being our second of the season, we should probably be more relaxed," Rodeffer said. "Their nerves should be settled down and definitely be more comfortable for the upcoming tournament."

In a match on Tuesday night before the tournament, the Penguins lost at Kent State University in five sets.

Hundelt finished the match with 15 kills and 10 digs to lead the Penguins. Carlisle posted a career high with 12 kills, and sophomore defensive specialist Erika West totaled a match-high 18 digs.

Dating back to last season, the loss pushed the Penguins' losing streak to 23 straight matches.

## YSU bowling club tries out possible recruits

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In preparation for its upcoming season, the Youngstown State University bowling team held try-outs on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at Camelot Lanes.

Around 40 bowlers were expected to try out, with two teams consisting of 14 men and 14 women chosen at the end of the tryouts.

For every tournament the Penguins compete in they will be represented by both an A team and a B team.

Men's coach Brian Umstead said he was optimistic about the season, even though some of the team's top bowlers recently graduated.

"We have a couple returning guys that we expect to be solid contributors this season," Umstead said. "Graduating the guys we did, we are hoping for some young guys to step up this season and help us."

Even though the team will be young, its members still expect to compete in every tournament, particularly the American Heartland Conference. The event begins on Sept. 24 and consists of 37 teams.

"With the sectionals expanding itself to 80 teams, instead of 64, it gives us a much better chance," Umstead said. "The tournament is almost like how college basketball runs March Madness, with the top 80 teams getting a shot."

The men's team finished last season ranked 76th, which

would have allowed it to sneak in had the tournament already been expanded.

On the women's side of the team, eight starters are returning from last season. Coach Jim Hall said he believes that the team can improve upon last season's ranking of 63rd.

"I anticipate us finishing in the top 50," Hall said. "We have a very strong core returning, and I am hopeful we can step up our game this season."

A strong point for the women's team last season was its bowling in Baker games. Hall said he expects that to continue this season and help carry the team throughout.

Sophomore John Cowher said he hopes that in his first year as president he can help the Penguins improve upon some of their weaknesses he noticed last season.

"We definitely need to have better organization throughout the team," Cowher said.

One of Cowher's goals for the season is to make it to sectionals.

"I definitely want to make [it] to sectionals," Cowher said. "The guys' team is returning three bowlers from the A team, and some of the young guys are looking really strong. The girls have some really good bowlers coming back, and they should definitely have a nice season."

Tentatively, the men's roster consists of nine freshmen, three sophomores and one graduate student. The women have three freshmen, four sophomores, one junior and one senior.



Sophomore Erika West gets ready to save the ball against an opponent. Photo courtesy of Sports Information.