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Martin resigns after winless season

Keith Langford, Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

After two dismal seasons at the helm of the Youngstown State University women's basketball team, Cindy Martin resigned effective today from her duties as head coach for the Penguins.

"I have decided to step down from my position because I feel in my heart it is what's best for the program at this time," Martin said in a press release.

Martin first discussed the possibility of resignation last week with Executive Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Ron Strollo.

Strollo said he wanted Martin to take a week to think about her decision and to sleep on it. He also said he wanted her to talk her

student-athletes before she made a final decision on her future.

"I was very surprised," Strollo said at a press conference regarding Cindy Martin's decision to resign. "I think she did a great job with the media and was always positive."

Martin won just three games in two seasons with an overall record of (3-57) for a winning percentage of .052. Martin just completed one of the worst seasons, if not the worst season, in YSU basketball history, finishing with a winless record.

Strollo said the resignation of Martin was mutual on both sides as Martin felt she had become a burden in terms



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Rich Center to expand in near future

Josh Stipanovich
NEWS EDITOR

As the number of autistic children grows, so will the Rich Center.

Chairman of the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees Scott Schulick said the Rich Center will be a higher priority than in years past because of its designation of excellence.

The center, which was designated one of YSU's centers of excellence, was also designated a state center of excellence nearly two weeks ago.

"This is really going to make it more academic [and] more research oriented ... because it's where we're going to invest time and resources in terms of moving forward that academic agenda that we've not necessarily [made] the main priority," Schulick said.

Before initial negotiations take place on the expansion, an updated agreement had to be presented to the board of trustees, and that took place during Friday's board meetings.

"During the Academic Subcommittee meeting, we submitted our new agreement for approval by the YSU Board of Trustees," director of the Rich Center for Autism Georgia Backus said.

Associate General Counsel Atty. Gregory Morgione presented the agreement, which contained 13 sections, all of which will play a vital part in the expansion of the Rich Center.

After discussions and questions by the board, the revised agreement was approved.

Schulick said supporting the proposal was fundamental in allowing for growth.

"This is the first step ... in sort of taking the Rich Center to the next level, as they continue to grow and expand, and as we look at alternatives in terms of support for the organization as a part of the university, I'm sure we'll be looking for how we can best accommodate this as an academic program on campus," Schulick said.

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Grant funds to connect city, campus

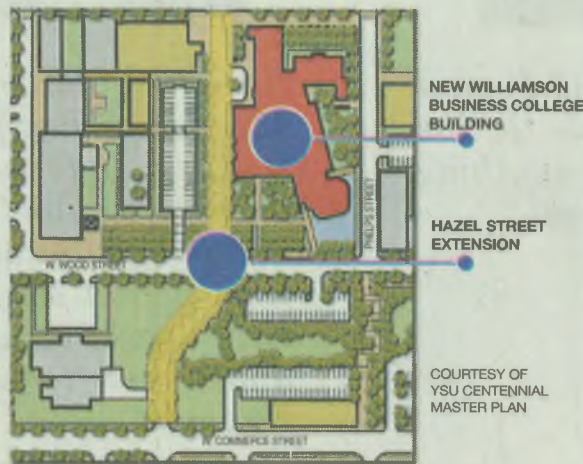
Dan Pompili
ASSIST. NEWS EDITOR

The city of Youngstown received a \$500,000 grant from the state to extend Hazel Street from its current dead end at Wood Street all the way to Lincoln Avenue.

The grant is yet another step toward the completion of the Youngstown 2010 Project and Youngstown State University Centennial Master Plan goals of integrating the campus and downtown communities.

The construction of the new Williamson College of Business Administration is already well underway. The location of that building was chosen, in part, to "bring YSU closer to downtown," President David Sweet said at a beam-placing ceremony in September.

The new Hazel Street Extension will alter the existing road, curving it prior to its Wood Street dead end, and will extend it through Rayen Avenue to end at Lincoln Avenue. It will run along the west side of the new Williamson building, parallel to Phelps Street, meeting Lincoln Avenue next to University Pizzeria and Italian Eatery.



The route requires some demolition of existing structures, all of which are empty and reside on land acquired by the city from the Youngstown Diocese and private business interests.

The Centennial Plan schematics refer to the new road as the "South Campus Gateway," and the design of the street as it approaches Lincoln Avenue

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Student-run radio in the works

Krystle Kimes
REPORTER

A student-run Internet radio station at Youngstown State University has been in the works for some time now. YSU communications instructor Adam Earnhardt will serve as lead adviser for the radio station and has been meeting with the Monus Center for Entrepreneurship to work out kinks in the plan. YSU will collaborate with the Youngstown Business Incubator for the project, and the radio station may be housed in the Incubator's building in downtown Youngstown.

Bryan DePoy, dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts, said the college is "excited about this unique collaboration."

"We are looking to close the gap through a variety of resources. I'm confident that we'll have a student Internet radio station up and running, in some form, this fall," DePoy said.

Completion of a business plan is expected within six months to a year. Student Internet radio would be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and would host occasional live programming, pre-programmed content and content provided by a vendor such as licensed music. Approximately 50 students would be required to compose content and drive the station. Eventually the goal is to involve more than 100 students in the station once it's up and running.

Students will learn a variety of skills related to message design and media production; they will work with industry-standard equipment programming features, highlighting established businesses in the Mahoning Valley to assist in connecting with businesses, education and the community. This may open lines of grant funding. The Internet-based radio station will be broadcast online and through local cable access.

YSU faculty will act as advisers. The faculty-community member advisory board would also include staff from the Youngstown Business Incubator.

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Professor discovers four galaxies will merge into one

Juliana Hull
REPORTER

Youngstown State University astronomy professor Patrick Durrell is part of a research team that says four small, rare galaxies are on the verge of merging into one.

Durrell and University of Virginia professor Kelsey Johnson are working with Sarah Gallagher from the University of Western Ontario, who is in charge of the research team. Their study was featured in the February

2010 issue of The Astronomical Journal.

Durrell and Johnson have been working with Gallagher since 2003 and Gallagher said, "started to put the pieces together" in 2006. Each member of the team has a particular expertise to add to the research; Johnson lead a number of infrared focus projects in the past and Durrell is an expert in studying old star clusters. Gallagher said she "naturally needed them" on this research project.

Gallagher is an assistant professor of physics and astronomy

at Western Ontario and has done research at the University of California, Los Angeles. Her research focuses on super massive black holes at the center of distant galaxies using X-rays and equipment from two of NASA's great observatories. Gallagher said the four galaxies are coming together for the first time and that this encounter has been going on for a few hundred billion years, "the blink of an eye in cosmic history."

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YSU hosts JA Business Challenge

The Williamson College of Business Administration will hold the Mahoning Valley Junior Achievement Business Challenge from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday. Students from Mahoning, Trumbull, Columbiana and Ashtabula counties have been invited to the event in an effort to increase their understanding of running a business. The 21 teams, each consisting of two or three students, will use an interactive business simulation to learn what it takes to compete in a competitive, high-tech marketplace. The Williamson College of Business Administration, the Home Savings Charitable Foundation and the Falcon Foundry Company will sponsor the event.

Women in science, engineering workshop this week

The 13th annual Women in Science and Engineering Career Workshop will take place Saturday at Kilcawley Center from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This year's keynote speaker is Hazel Marie, assistant professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering. The free event is geared toward young women, encouraging them to choose careers in science and technology. The workshop is open to all middle and high school students from Mahoning, Trumbull and Western Pennsylvania counties. The registration deadline is Thursday.

POLICE BRIEFS

Faulty smoke detector alarms occupants of Beeghly Center

On March 8, a YSU police officer was sent to the third floor of Beeghly Center to investigate an activated fire alarm. After surveying the floor for the source, YSU maintenance located the smoke detector that had set off the alarm. It proved to be faulty and will need to be repaired or replaced.

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SGA seeks Anderson as lecture speaker

Andrea DeMart
REPORTER

The Youngstown State University Student Government Association resumed legislative assembly Monday after a week off for spring break.

Cynthia Anderson is the proposed first speaker for the "Last Lecture" series that SGA plans to host. Members have been in contact with Anderson, who has expressed interest in presenting. The committee has not set a date for the series to premiere due to

potential conflicts with Anderson's schedule.

SGA members will be present at the Penguin Pre-Party on Thursday for a "Meet the Reps" event. Representatives will be raffling tickets for the upcoming Third Eye Blind concert.

The Haiti Benefit ad hoc committee has confirmed that two speakers will present at the banquet on April 9. The American Red Cross will provide a speaker to discuss the relief efforts underway in Haiti. Leon Pamphile, pastor, founder and executive director of the Functional Literacy Ministry of Haiti, will also speak on behalf of his organization's efforts to "empower Haitians with education, health care and hope."

Old technology blamed for Web site malfunction

Jessica Valsi
REPORTER

Recent updates to the Youngstown State University Web site have been made in response to complaints of ongoing performance issues.

E-mails from both Computer Services and Media and Academic Computing have been sent in an effort to inform users about these issues.

The major change made to the Web site is the replacement of the overworked server. Overuse of the server at peak times causes services to go down, rendering MyYSU e-mail unusable for periods of time. The university's former server, Sunfire V120 was running at 100 percent capacity, until its replacement in February. The new server now runs at 10 percent capacity.

"The Web site was on our old server, which was pretty much end-of-life at this point. So we retired it, and moved it to more robust equipment," said Mike Zupcsan, an N.M. employee.

However, the upgrade to a larger server has not alleviated all of the service problems.

In a MyYSU Personal Announcement, Doug Sewell, Systems Programmer for Computer Services, explains that there is a significant incapability with the new server and current software. Because Computer Services was unable to announce discontinuation of the incompatible software FrontPage beforehand, there will be a transition period until May 31. During this transition, there will be redirects from the old server to the new.

While log-in issues seem to be resolved, other difficulties remain.

Many students have resorted to alternative e-mail providers in order to communicate with one another.

"I've been using my Yahoo account to keep in touch with my group members for a project in one of my classes," freshman Nichole Bickley said. "It's faster, and when I try to print out my e-mails on MyYSU it cuts off words anyway."

Tech Desk employee Mike Zupcsan said complaints to his office have slowed down, but further improvements to the Web site are still needed.

"It's probably going to be a long, on going process," Zupcsan said



How do you feel about Cindy Martin resigning?



"[My dad and I] said that she needs to. She hasn't done anything for the program."

Sarah Monroe, junior



"I think it was smart. She was getting fired. It was unfortunate that she couldn't get things together in the time period she had. Her coaching skills didn't get to shine through."

Jermaine Winston, sophomore



"She was cool. This was her first year with her own team. I think she just needed more time."

Jasmine Hardy, sophomore

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Any avid or casual Penguins fan may have noticed that there's been a real concern transpiring through the athletic department. In the past year and a half, we have seen five of the 13 head coaches of our major sports be fired, resign or forced to resign.

Start with former women's head soccer coach Anthony James. James coached for five seasons before given the boot. Prior to coming to Youngstown State University, he was 55-25-3 as head coach at West Virginia Wesleyan College.

Joe Bonner ended his fifth and final season as head volleyball coach losing his last seven games of the 2009 season and with an overall record of 47-100.

Although many Penguins fans and local media recognized and, in some cases, predicted, former head football coach Jon Heckcock's resignation, it still happened.

He posted an overall record of 54-39, and did what even coaching legend Jim Tressel couldn't: win back-to-back conference titles in 2005 and 2006. But still the athletic department felt he wasn't living up to his potential.

After realizing he couldn't coach the men's tennis team alone and work at his other job, Eric Ronan decided to resign at the end of the 2010 spring season. He has only won 23 matches since the 2004-05 season and has yet to win this season.

Cindy Martin announced her resignation Monday after losing all 30 games this season even though she had two years remaining on her contract. She said her overall records since arriving two years ago have been so demoralizing that she wouldn't be able to recruit properly.

To add insult to injury, YSU saw one of its greatest men's head hockey club coaches leave after being offered a better job that ensured better opportunities. Rocky Russo left his troops behind just four days before the opening game this season.

We recognize that the athletic department has nothing to do with hiring any club sports coaches, but it deserves to be recognized that YSU hasn't been able to produce a strong athletic team in quite some time.

Is the Penguin tradition dwindling? Or are coaches leaving here because something else needs to be done? We'll never know. What we do know is all of these coaches, excluding Russo, have been hired and then resigned under or fired by executive director of athletics Ron Strollo.

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Letter to the Editor

It is hard to find people who are willing to throw out intellectual challenges about religious ideas. I congratulate Melissa Mary Smith for her article (March 2) and her boldness to proclaim her atheism. Of course it is sometimes easier to write than to speak face-to-face about these things. But I always look forward to either kind of discussion.

The atheist position seems like the harder position to hold because it requires having a reason for not believing something. Also it requires defining what is not believed. I would recommend to an atheist that it is safer to hold an agnostic position. That is what I held during my undergraduate years. An agnostic is someone who says they are not sure what is true concerning, hmmm, "God," and his, its, her existence. Even an agnostic defines some things. :)

Melissa says that she still upholds morals and will never murder someone. That is good to hear, and it shows that she believes something is true and that it will not change. That was a problem in my early postgraduate career: what actually is true and how can I make decisions in my life? Is there any framework for how to live?

An atheist can pretty much choose his/her framework and try to justify it. An agnostic can continue to say a framework cannot be known and ignore the problem.

I have found consistency in, and continue to test, the system of teaching about God, truth and the universe found in the book known as the Bible. And I always enjoy discussing these things with any who are interested in considering different positions in a serious way.

Please, just do not call me a "faith" fanatic. I am interested in thinking as carefully as possible about these things. Thanks for reading.

Dr. Phil Munro
Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

The heavy weight of free speech

Fort Worth Star-Telegram
MCT

It's gutless for purveyors of hate to try escaping legal liability by letting the expression of their religious beliefs be characterized as "figurative or hyperbolic." It's also ironic that virulent opponents of homosexuality want to hide behind a Supreme Court precedent that extended free-speech protections to smutty parody.

But for the Rev. Fred Phelps, means seem to justify ends. Phelps is pastor of a Kansas church populated largely by his relatives. He's gained notoriety by preying on dead soldiers as a platform to spread an extremist message.

Phelps and fellow church members believe that service members' deaths are God's punishment for America tolerating homosexuality and other "sins." In the name of religious speech, Phelps and his followers travel to military funerals and hold up such signs as "Semper fags" and "Thank God for dead soldiers."

Outside the March 2006 funeral of Lance Cpl. Matthew Snyder in Maryland, the signage included "God Hates You" and "Priests Rape Boys," the latter because the setting was a Roman Catholic church.

The protesters stood in a public space, 1,000 feet away from the church entrance, and left before the funeral started. But there was news coverage. And Snyder's father, Albert, was further appalled when he Googled his son's name and found a rant on a Phelps Web site that, among other things, said the Snyders taught their son to "defy his Creator, to divorce and to commit adultery."

A jury found for Albert Snyder when he sued Phelps and his church for privacy invasion and infliction of emotional distress. But the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned a \$5 million verdict, saying that the signs and online tirade were "distasteful and repugnant" but still constitutionally protected.

Now the U.S. Supreme Court will weigh Phelps' free-speech rights against Snyder's right to gather at a private religious ceremony. The justices will decide whether individuals are entitled to compensation for feeling assaulted by this kind of obnoxious verbiage.

It's not an easy answer. The appeals court reasoned that Phelps was conveying a message about issues of public concern. In that context, an individual can't collect monetary damages just because statements are offensive, if they're largely opinion or too rhetorical to be believed.

That comes from the Supreme Court's 1988 decision in *Hustler v. Falwell*. The justices said televangelist Jerry Falwell couldn't recover damages for infliction of emotional distress from the magazine over a parody ad that no reasonable person would take seriously.

A case about parody doesn't seem to cover Snyder's case, though. Phelps doesn't claim to be exaggerating for effect; he claims to be expressing sincerely held religious views.

On the other hand, he and the protesters peacefully demonstrate on public property. Even language that seems extreme and intrusive is protected under those circumstances.

There are ways to counter unpopular speech, even if it's constitutionally protected. As a result of Phelps' activities, 40 states have rules regarding protests at funerals. There's room in the First Amendment for cities and states to impose reasonable time, place and manner restrictions to maintain order and balance the rights of both protesters and those their words are directed against.



What's in a friend?

Melissa Mary Smith
COLUMNIST

I've always been sort of been a misfit. A veritable square peg.

Needless to say, making friends isn't something I've been consistently good at.

My shaky track record with friendships is wrought with alienation, rejection, abuse and flakiness.

I often asked myself why I should even try to socialize and make friends since things would eventually become strained and simply fall apart.

In a sense, looking for a true friend is somewhat comparable to the anguishing search for a soul mate. We look for someone to confide in, bulls--t with, be there for, ask for honest opinions even when they'll hurt the most.

Because of this frustration brought upon by so-called friends, I used to wonder if I'd ever meet and befriend people worth a damn.

Let's face it: No one wants to go through life without at least one good friend. While it's great to have a supportive family, having a friend is an entirely different relationship.

They help to balance you out, combat your problems and give you the piece of mind to know that you aren't entirely a loser and are worth being around.

Over the course of last year, I was fortunate enough to become friends with a group of like-minded people who appropriately refer to themselves as the Island of Misfit Toys; they, like myself, had trouble relating to most people.

So, if you have difficulty making friends, just know that at some point, someone out there will realize your worth and see you for all of the great qualities you possess. Those are the kind of friends worth keeping.

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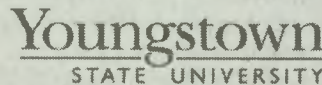
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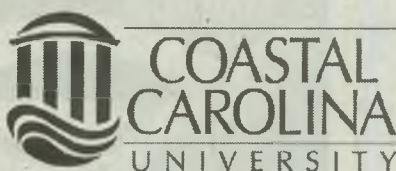


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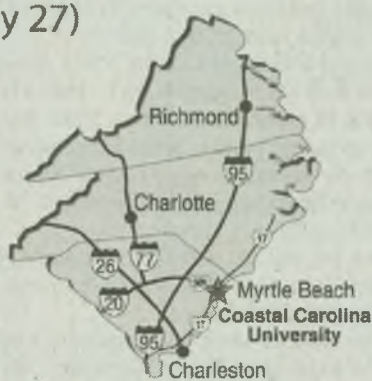
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Avenue resembles a parkway-style road with a landscaped median. Director of University Communications Ron Cole said, however, that the "gateway" will be a true through street and will not resemble the walkway-style entrance road that is now Armed Services Boulevard.

Presently, the city is working with MS Consultants of Youngstown to assemble a bidding package. The contract for excavation and construction will go to the "lowest and best bid," said City Director of Economic Development Sarah Lown.

Director of Campus Planning and Community Partnerships Hunter Morrison said that the city and YSU plan to synchronize the comple-

tion of the road with the completion of the Williamson building.

Some of the alterations to the campus and city infrastructure, including the Hazel Street Extension, were mentioned in a 1985 city development plan. Morrison said students used to be more involved in the downtown community, shopping and dining in stores and restaurants now gone. He added that YSU began over 100 years ago on Federal Street.

With new businesses opening in the downtown area, Morrison said the campus and city will benefit from the infusion of student traffic along the new road.

"We're reconnecting with our roots," Morrison said.

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of recruiting for YSU because of the records from the past two seasons.

"Unfortunately, because of the record, it was going to be very hard for her to recruit," Strollo said.

The next move for the Penguins is to find a replacement for Martin. This is a move Strollo said he always takes seriously.

"Every hire, whether it's an equipment manager or a head basketball coach, I'm going to take very serious," Strollo said.

There are two routes Strollo said he could

go in hiring the next women's head basketball coach. He could hire either an assistant coach at a Division I school or a head coach from a Division II or III school.

Strollo said that decision has yet to be made, but the hiring process will begin immediately.

Martin resigned with two years left on her contract, which she signed in 2008. Although Martin has two years remaining on the contract, Strollo said she will not be compensated for the remaining two years on her contract.

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"This particular case study is really interesting because it gives us an idea how these elliptical galaxies of the universe might have formed," Gallagher said.

Gallagher, Durrell and Johnson have been using Hubble's Advanced Camera for surveys along with the telescope to find the brightest and youngest stars in these galaxies. The Hubble telescope allows the team to calculate the age of the clusters and trace their star-formation history along with determining that the galaxies are undergoing the final stages of assembly.

"What's going on is these four galaxies are close and running into each other. They collide and we can see these star clusters as a result of that collision," Durrell said.

Durrell said the Hubble telescope was a major help to them in trying to find these star clusters. By locating them with the telescope they can tell how old the stars are.

"Many of these clusters are young," Durrell said. Something had to happen to make these galaxies run into each other, the aftermath is the star clusters.

"It takes hundreds of millions of years for these galaxies to collide so we look for things that tell us what's been going on, example is the star clusters," Durrell said. By knowing how young these clusters are the research team can tell that the galaxies will collide.

"When the galaxies collide and begin to merge, the process of rapid star formation will begin. When the merging process is complete and star formation ceases, a new galaxy about the size of the Milky Way, but more spherical, will form," Johnson said.

Other members of Gallagher's team hail from the University of Arizona, University of Toledo, Penn State University and NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, among others. Gallagher's team is currently working on other galaxies or compact galaxy groups of three or more close together but the team is "not sure what will happen."

RICH CENTER page 1

Backus said the proposal presented was just a reorganized rendering of the original agreement signed in 1997, two years after the Rich Center began.

"[The agreement] is an updated version of our original agreement that was signed in 1997," Backus said. "[It was] just a commitment from both parties to move the [Rich] Center forward."

YSU and the Rich Center are the two parties recognized in the current agreement, and Backus said the expansion would incorporate the Rich Center's "growth, research, service and academic achievements."

Backus said developing research possibilities for faculty and understanding "how to work with the population" would be the main focal points of the expansion.

"The commitment on our part is to uphold our responsibility to the university," Backus said. "Every 20 minutes, a child is diagnosed with autism so we know that the need is there. This university recognized the need, [and] they're really on the forefront."

Now that the board has sanctioned the current agreement, the next step is figuring out how to expand.

While their focus at the time is primarily internal, Backus said she would like to see an external expansion as well.

"We'd like to have the opportunity to grow the center," Backus said.

Schulick said the board has not discussed any possible locations for a physical expansion of the Rich Center, but he did say a feasible space could be the third floor of Fedor Hall

where the Youngstown Early College is currently housed.

"I don't know because it depends how we transition, [but] I suppose that could be a surmise," Schulick said. "That would really be a call for the administration to make."

The possibilities of additions to the Rich Center would allow for additional hiring as well.

"We'd certainly like to see that," Backus said. She added that it's too early to declare an exact number of new hires because of the growing needs of each child.

With a child to faculty ratio of one to three, hiring for new positions isn't the only challenge the Rich Center would be facing.

"We need to expand the number of classrooms [and] the number of children," Backus said.

There are currently about 70 children enrolled at the Rich Center, and most of them have been diagnosed with autism. Backus said there are also a small number of children who are enrolled with its preschool program, and they would need to be taken into account as well.

Money will not be an issue for the expansion because the Rich Center is an externally funded program that is responsible for all of its finances including salaries, applying for grants and scholarships, and monies it receives from fundraisers, which makes up their budget, Backus said.

"We look at multiple ways to fund, and you have to be creative, and you have to be aggressive," Backus said. "Absolutely. Without a doubt, I know that [we'll have the money]."

RADIO page 1

Representatives from Kent State University's Black Squirrel Radio, which is a student-run Internet radio station at KSU, have agreed to be consultants for the project. Earnhardt is also creating a student advisory board, and needs about 20 students for the project.

Communications student Dan Gillam is on the student advisory board. He said the student-run Internet radio station could portray YSU in a positive light.

"It benefits YSU as a way for student organizations, as well as students that want a career in radio, to receive experience in the business," Gillam said.

Short-term objectives are to develop a funding plan and stabilize funding outlets. A name, logo and mascot for the radio station will be created through student contests; the student and faculty advisory boards will also be expanded.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Adam Earnhardt is the husband of The Jambar's adviser Mary Beth Earnhardt. Due to his involvement in creating the radio station and newsworthiness of the story, interviews with him were superlative.

The station then must purchase equipment and install it. Auditions will be held to train disc jockeys. The final goal is to launch an Internet radio station that can be found on the Internet, iTunes radio tuner and other online radio tuners, as well as Time Warner Cable.

Long-term goals include incorporating live YSU sports and other local sports on the station and the move from 42 three-hour shows and 100 students to 63 two-hour shows involving 150 students.

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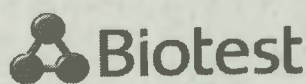
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MAY DAY GOES BLIND

Third Eye Blind set to headline campus concert

Lamar Salter
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
EDITOR

After surveys, speculation and rumors, Youngstown State University events group Penguin Productions has finally unveiled spring semester's guest musical act. Alternative rock band Third Eye Blind will headline the concert for YSU's May Day, which will be held in Beeghly Center on April 29.

Described as a post-grunge, pop/rock collective, Third Eye Blind has been mainstream for more than a decade, but has been noted for their ability to maintain a consistent '90s feel in their music. After going six times platinum with their self-titled debut in 1997, the band has since released three studio albums. Third Eye Blind has a host of popular singles including "Jumper" from their debut and "Never Let You Go" from 1999 album "Blue."

The announcement has already created a buzz among students. Sophomore Ashley Rosero expressed her anticipation for the upcoming act.

"Third Eye Blind is one of my favorite bands. They're coming to YSU and that's legit," Rosero said.

Penguin Productions

member and graduate student Brandi Veigh said the team chose Third Eye Blind based off of the results of a survey released earlier this year that included musical acts like Drake, All-American Rejects, John Legend and Paramore. Although the team tried to book the original survey choices, restrictions on scheduling and booking pushed the team to lean toward Third Eye Blind, she said.

Penguin Productions member and senior Eric Zatchok said one of the choices, the All-American Rejects, ended up rejecting YSU due to plans to record a new album.

"We try to use the student's voice as much as possible," Veigh said. "And it just came down to it that Third Eye Blind was the one that worked out best for the date and what we could afford."

With a budget of \$57,000 funded by a general student fee, Penguin Productions locked in Third Eye Blind for \$55,000, Penguin Productions member and graduate student Anthony Muscatello said.

Muscatello said that while the pay has already been or-

ganized, the band would not be compensated until the day of the performance.

The band will also be accompanied by the opening act of their choice. Members of Penguin Productions said they were not aware of who the guest(s) would be at this time.

May Day will run at a \$5 cost to students, but will not include a ticket limit. Proceeds will go toward the group's budget.

Muscatello said the price was created as a means of confirming attendance.

"We don't expect to make or even break even on the show. We set a ticket price

just to create ownership of that ticket purchased," Muscatello said. "If a student pays five dollars for a ticket, they're more likely to attend."

Penguin Productions is also offering tickets to the community for \$20. Penguin Productions member Dennis Pixley said he hoped to use concerts like May Day to help recruit and garner interest with YSU prospects, a sentiment that sophomore Tyler Sidney agreed with.

"I think it's cool a big-name band is coming here,"

Sidney said. "It can promote the school."

While the show comes at a cost, committee member Ben Dooley said that Penguin Productions would be holding special giveaways with opportunities to snag some free tickets.

"Just look for one of us with a Penguin Productions shirt on," Dooley said.

Additional reporting by Jared Buker



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YSU student takes unexpected acting turn as vampire in independent film

Lindsey Ramdin
REPORTER

Edward Cullen may have some competition. Youngstown State University student Mike Bole, leading actor in independent film "The Last Vampire on Earth," shares what it's like starring in the movie.

"The Last Vampire on Earth" was filmed in Columbia, far away from sunny California. Produced by Vitaliy Versace, "The Last Vampire on Earth" is the story of two college students who fall in love despite overwhelming odds. Bole plays teen vampire Aurelia.

Acting wasn't a career Bole always dreamed of, or one that he even planned on pursuing. Most of his dreams, he said, include "a beach, a beer and a girl in a bikini." He was interested in acting and thought it would be fun, but never considered actually becoming an actor. It's the creative writing that attracted Bole to the movie industry.

"I've always enjoyed creative writing and acting is something I thought would always be great to do too," Bole said.

Bole isn't working on any other movies, but he hasn't ruled out acting in the future. Versace plans on making several more films in the area, and while there has been some



Mike Bole poses with fellow actor Kevin Nicholas Glasser at the premiere of "The Last Vampire on Earth."

talk of Bole starring in them as well, nothing concrete has been decided.

Bole said he missed a lot of school during the filming of "The Last Vampire on Earth," so he plans on finishing school before participating in any more film productions; however, he added that "he might may try and hook up with [Versace] over summer

and winter breaks for a movie or two."

During his break from acting, Bole has been spending time doing what initially drew him to the film industry.

"I just started writing a movie that I am trying to finish over spring break. I already booked a hotel for four days and I'm locking myself in and doing nothing but writing. No

TV, no cell phones, just writing," Bole said.

Additionally, the most important thing to Mike Bole right now is to graduate. This fall will mark the seventh year Bole has been at YSU, and while he enjoys acting and the film scene, right now he just wants to concentrate on graduation.

"I've been here long enough!" he said.

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Salsa Fiesta Night
7 p.m.
Rosetta Stone



ONE LUCKY DAY

Green splendor: St. Patrick's Day in Downtown Youngstown

Gary S. Angelo
FEATURES REPORTER

On Wednesday, downtown Youngstown will be in a festive mood for St. Patrick's Day. The city's nightspots always rise to the occasion for St. Patrick's Day and are never hung over from the weekend.

Jacob Harver, owner of the Lemon Grove Cafe, said he would stick with Lemonade, but with a St. Patrick's Day twist, including a leprechaun costume contest. The event will begin at 7 p.m. with Irish fiddle music by Katie O'Neill.

Harver said St. Patrick's Day in Youngstown is a sacred day to celebrate the accomplishments of Youngstown's many Irish immigrants. To Harver, St. Patrick's Day is the

perfect combination of fun and cultural awareness.

"I believe St. Patrick's Day is a day to celebrate an appreciation for multiple cultures," Harver said.

Jim Kalneski, manager of Barley's Pub, said Barley's is offering Irish food and drink specials. During the early hours of St. Patrick's Day, Barley's will also feature traditional Irish acoustic music followed by a disc jockey at 5 p.m. until close. Kalneski said Barley's would give out beads and Irish memorabilia during the day.

"Irish drink specials include Guinness and ... Irish Car Bombs. St. Patrick's Day is a good excuse for people to go out whether they are Irish or not. Downtown offers great opportunities for those who do not want to fight the crowds in Youngstown's surrounding areas," Kalneski said.

Trish Colet, Buffalo Wild

Wings manager, said Buffalo Wild Wings is offering brand new food and drink specials that will debut on St. Patrick's Day. These specials will begin Wednesday and continue throughout the year. Colet said Buffalo Wild Wings started these new specials to provide Youngstown State University students with an affordable dining experience.

"We will have drink specials at 3-9 p.m. happy hour. This includes a dollar off all tall drafts, \$4 martinis and \$3 wines. We also have all of our draft beer \$2 pints at 3-9 during the day. Food specials include snacks for \$2.99," Colet said.

Greg Sop, co-owner of the Rosetta Stone, said they are offering happy hour specials on St. Patrick's Day, which includes \$2 domestics.

"We will offer half off for all our wines, \$2 shots and \$3 Guinness pints," Sop said.

Students go Irish for a day

Christine Keeling
REPORTER

Dust off your leprechaun hat and find your "Kiss me, I'm Irish" T-shirt, beads, big glasses and green socks. Grab a friend and enjoy.

Tomorrow is St. Patrick's Day and some Youngstown State University students already have plans in mind.

"I'm going to O'Donold's," said freshman James Koots, who recently turned 21. "I'm Irish for a day," Koots said.

"Normally I stay in with family," said Irish sophomore Heather Nash.

Other students have plans that fall more in line with the traditions of the more than 100-year-old feast and religious-rooted holiday.

Freshman Deandre Washington doesn't go anywhere special on March 17.

"I wear a lot of green because everyone else does," Washington said.

Donning green on St. Patrick's Day is common, but historically in Ireland it was unlucky. Irish folklore held that green was the favorite color of faeries, who would steal people wearing too much of it.

Whether wearing one of the colors of the Emerald Isle's flag today is linked to the look of a shamrock, the upcoming spring months or because a great number of mid-century Irish-Americans immigrants joined together to create a political power called the "green machine," Nash believes there

is a simpler explanation.

"You get pinched if you don't," Nash said.

Junior Davis Rach said that YSU athletes try to stick together and go to a friend's house. They usually play beer pong.

St. Patrick's Day and drinking beer go hand-in-hand, but the holiday originally included whiskey.

Legend has it that St. Patrick went into a tavern and got a shot that was not completely full. He warned the innkeeper that a devil resided in the bar's cellar because of the dishonesty. To banish the demon, the man needed to change his ways.

Later, St. Patrick returned to the tavern and witnessed generous portions of alcohol being poured. He rid the owner of his unwanted cellardweller and proclaimed that everyone should have some of the hard stuff.

"Patrick's Pot," or the custom of drowning the shamrock, was born, because it was customary to float a leaf of a shamrock in a shot of whiskey before drinking it.

The link between the saint's holiday and drinking doesn't go unnoticed by Nash.

"It gets a little dangerous; people do drink and drive," Nash said. She said her family celebrates with kielbasa and sauerkraut.

The feast on the March holiday falls during the Lenten fasting. In honor of the late saint, the no-meat prohibition was lifted. Dancing, drinking and meals of cabbage and bacon took hold, and continue in the United States.



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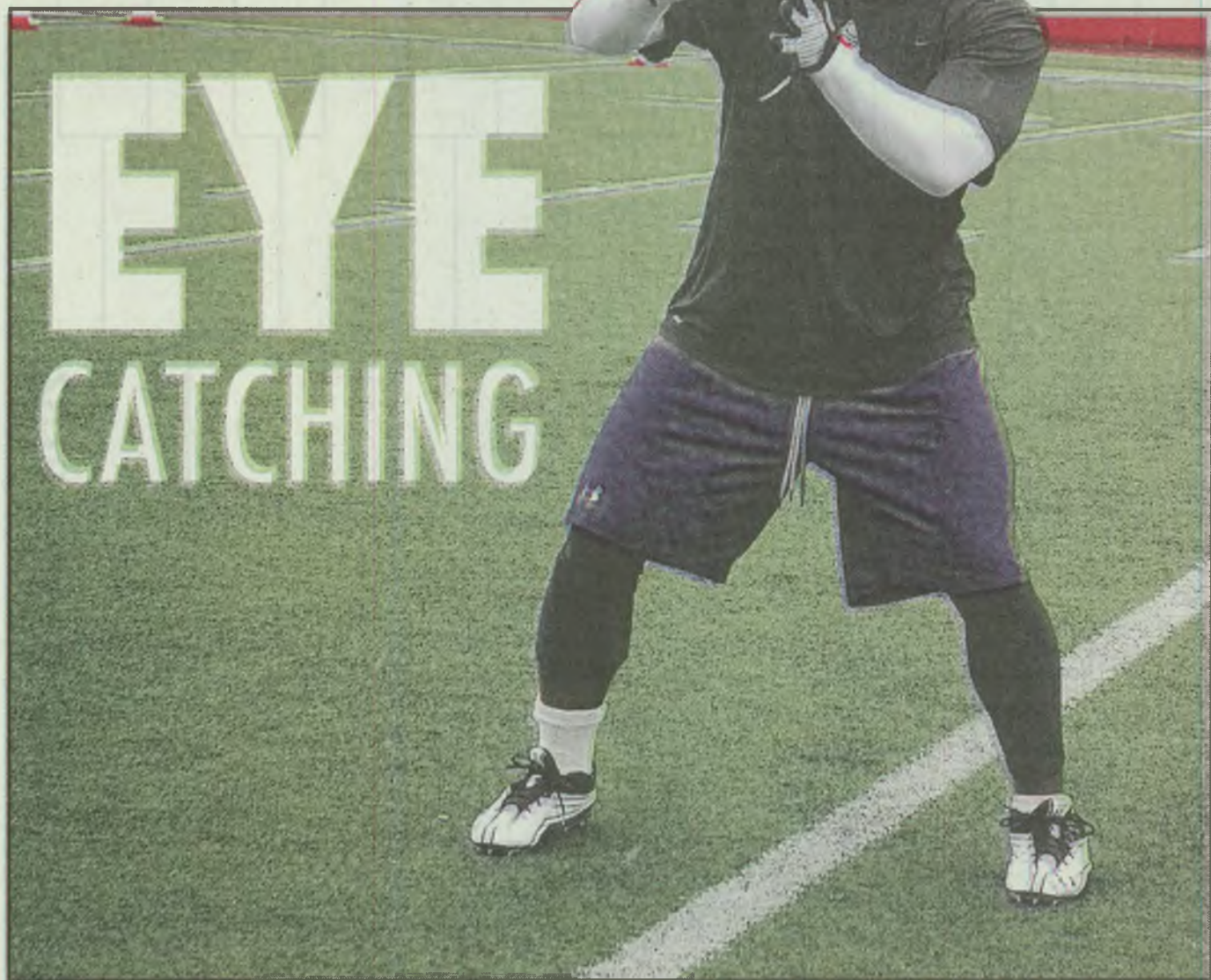
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EYE CATCHING



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Wide receiver Donald Jones works out for NFL scouts at YSU's Pro Day.

Jones preps for NFL Draft on YSU's Pro Day

Sam Marhulik
ASST. DESIGN EDITOR

On Monday, Youngstown State University held its Pro Day, which features the prospects of the school working out for NFL scouts. The Pro Day is used to see position drills run by players and to give players not invited to the combine a chance to prove themselves to scouts.

After being the first Penguin invited to the Under Armor Senior Bowl since former quarterback Ron Jaworski, as well as accepting the invitation to participate in the NFL combine, wide receiver Donald Jones used the Pro Day to try to prove to scouts why he should be a high pick in the upcoming NFL draft.

Several teams sent scouts to YSU, including the Cleveland Browns, Pittsburgh Steelers, Indianapolis Colts, St. Louis Rams and Detroit Lions. The Baltimore Ravens also sent representation in the form of offensive assistant Craig Ver Steeg.

While many senior football players performed for the scouts, most of the attention was on Jones running his position-specific drills. Jones also displayed his good hands and precise route running during the workouts.

Jones said overall he was happy with the Pro Day and is getting excited for the draft.

"It's Pro Day; it's fun. It's always fun to be able to go out and show my ability running routes and catching balls. It's even more fun to be able to do that and not have to do the workout drills like the running 40s," Jones said.

With the organized workouts out of the way, Jones said he now plans for teams to request to see his playing tape and maybe hold private workouts. Jones' playing tape includes big games against Missouri State University, Illinois State University and North Dakota State University. Overall, Jones' collegiate stats for his two seasons with the Penguins are 108 receptions for 1,300 yards and 13 touchdowns.

At the combine in late February, Jones took full advantage of the opportunity to put together an impressive workout and performance.

Of the combine workouts, one of the most talked about is the 40-yard dash. Jones managed to run his 40 in 4.47 seconds, which was faster than top receiver prospects Arrelious Benn from Illinois, Jordan Shipley from the University of Texas and Brandon LaFell from Louisiana State Uni-

versity.

Jones didn't stop at the 40-yard dash; he also was a top performer in the vertical jump, posting a 41.0-inch vertical, which was the second best of all the receivers who participated. Jones benched 225 lbs 20 times, which tied him for first in that drill with two other receivers, LaFell of Louisiana and Brandon Long from the University of Louisville.

Jones described his experience thus far as humbling and fun.

"This has been a long trip for me ... working out, and getting a chance to meet people has been a great experience for me. I got to meet all of the receivers like Dez [Bryant], Mardy [Gilyard], and Jacoby [Ford]," he said.

Seeing the recent success of smaller school prospects like Pierre Garcon, a Mount Union College graduate and sixth-round pick of the Indianapolis Colts in 2008, and Marques Colston, a Hofstra University graduate and seventh-round pick of the New Orleans Saints in 2006, Jones may be the next under-the-radar receiver to turn heads in the NFL.

"Seeing the success of players like Colston, Garcon or even Miles Austin who went undrafted, it certainly makes you feel more comfortable. You have the mindset that you can do it,

but seeing other guys do it helps," Jones said.

Jones said he likes to compare himself to the more physical receivers in the league and mentioned Anquan Boldin of the Baltimore Ravens, who also happens to be his favorite player, and Hines Ward of the Pittsburgh Steelers. He also added that he doesn't have a specific team in mind that he would like to play for, but he wants to play for a team with a veteran receiver who could act as a mentor.

"It would be nice to play for a team close to my home so my family can come see me play, but I don't have any problem going over to the West Coast to play," Jones said.

Jones said he's heard that he's predicted to be a mid-to-late round pick by scouts. He added that he plans to be home in New Jersey to watch the draft.



HORIZON LEAGUE BASEBALL

1. MILWAUKEE
2. YOUNGSTOWN STATE
3. BUTLER
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7. CLEVELAND STATE

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1. BUTLER
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- Mar. 20 @ Saint Joseph's
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- Mar. 20 @ Dayton
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- Mar. 31 @ Robert Morris
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- Mar. 17 PITTSBURGH
- Mar. 26 CASE
- Mar. 27 MILWAUKEE
- Mar. 28 GREEN BAY
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- April 3 @ UIC
- April 10 BUTLER
- April 11 WRIGHT STATE
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- Mar. 19 @ Duquesne
- Mar. 20 @ Saint Francis
- Mar. 26 @ Cleveland State
- Mar. 28 GREEN BAY
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- April 11 WRIGHT STATE
- April 18 @ Detroit

Inclement weather not a concern for women's golf team

Chelsea Miller
SPORTS REPORTER

The Youngstown State University women's golf team spent their spring break in Florida, but it wasn't all fun in the sun.

They worked on their swings and participated in the Don Benbow and the Northern Iowa University Snowbird Invationals.

Head coach Roseann Schwartz said that the team had to play through a torrential downpour for the tournaments.

"There was no sun," Schwartz said. "I felt sorry for them, but they survived and didn't complain."

The team arrived late Saturday evening and had just two days to practice for their spring opener in Jacksonville. From there they continued on to their second tournament of the season Wednesday and Thursday, with no break between matches.

YSU placed fifth overall at the Don Benbow Invitational, shooting a two-round total of 660. Sophomore Samantha Formeck excelled, placing 8th in the match and carding a 158.

Senior Ann Ciavarella and junior Katie Rogner also fared well, shooting a 163's to tie for 14th, and senior Brittany Stillwagon finished 39th overall.

Formeck also led YSU in their tournament Wednesday. Formeck missed a 1st place

finish by only two strokes, and the Penguins ended the match with a two-round total of 650, finishing in a tie for 2nd with Indiana State University. They were unable, however, to top Methodist University's 1st place finish of 645.

For her performance in the tournaments, Formeck was named Horizon League Female Golfer of the Week on Thursday. She said she first heard the news while in Florida and she was thrilled.

"It's definitely an honor anytime you're given such an honor," she said.

Schwartz said that Formeck is an asset to the team and is expected to perform well in the upcoming season.

"She's very focused and

very determined," Schwartz said.

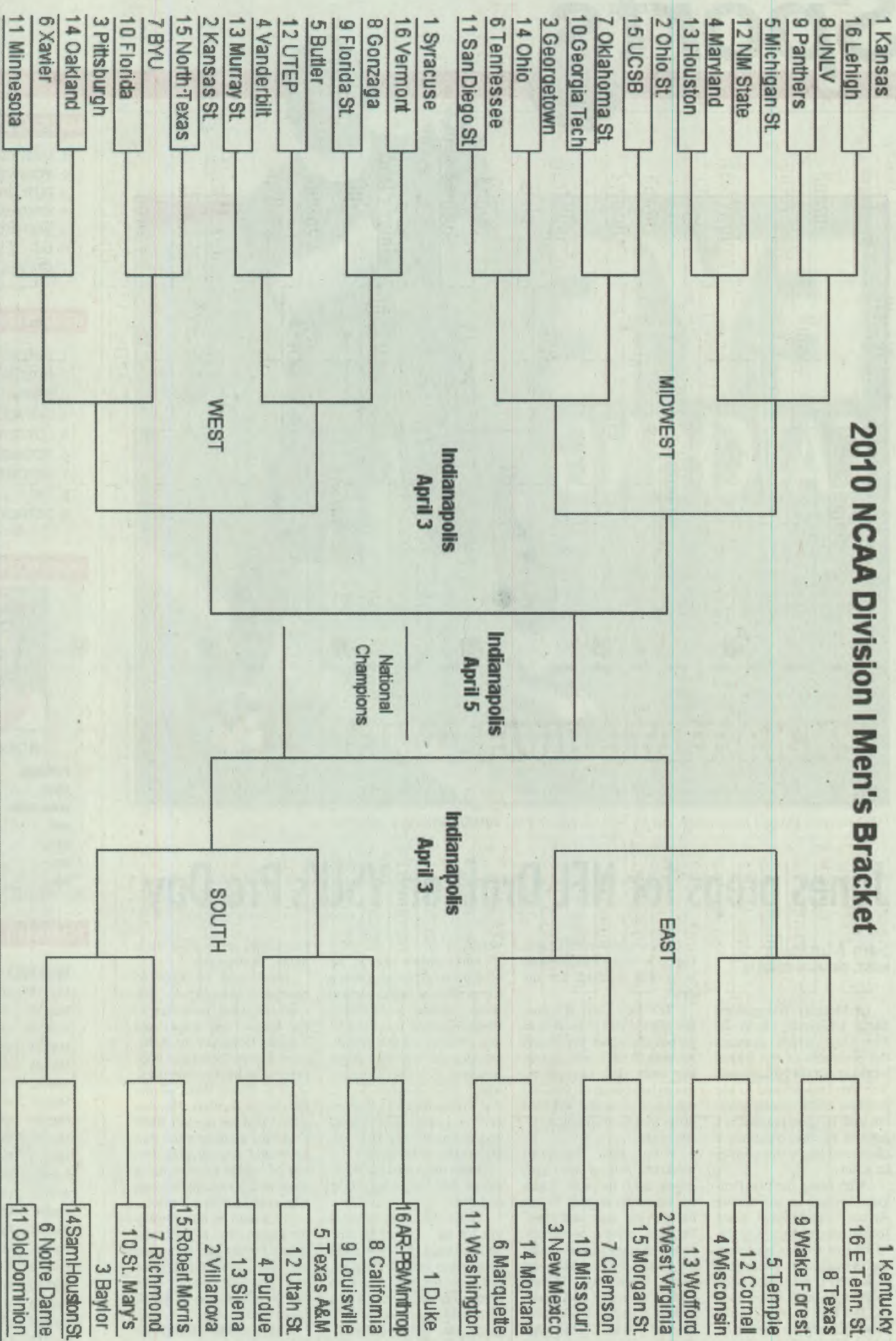
The Penguins will have time to prepare for their next tournament, the Marshall Spring Invitational, which will be held March 29 and 30. Schwartz said that Marshall is a good team, but with work on their short game, YSU should excel.

"We should do well down there," Schwartz said. "There should be a lot of competition. They're a very good team."

Formeck said the team's talent level is comparable to any team they play in any invitational this season.

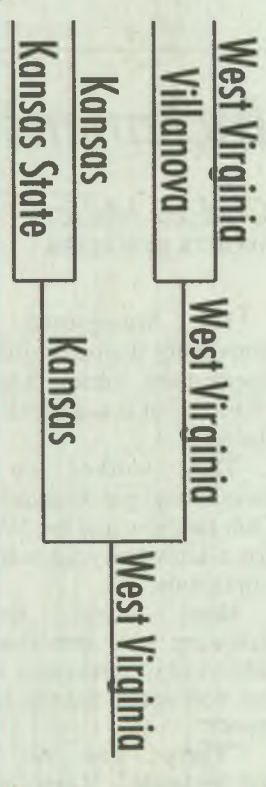
"I think we have a pretty good chance in any tournament. We have a strong team this year, so our expectations are pretty high," she said.

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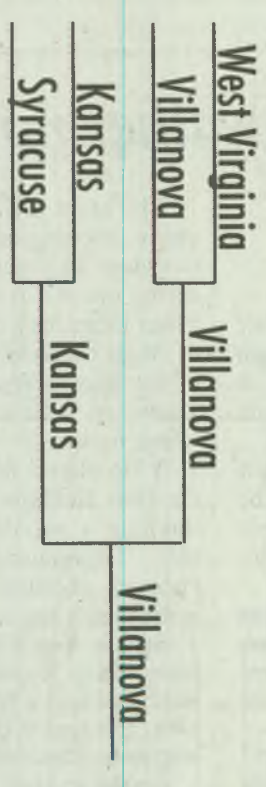


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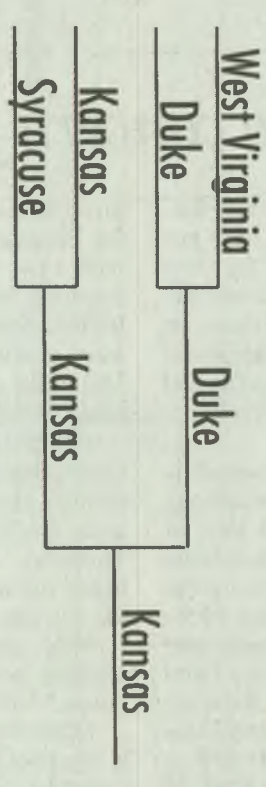
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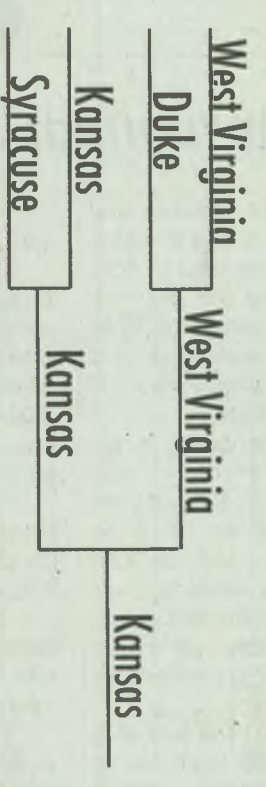
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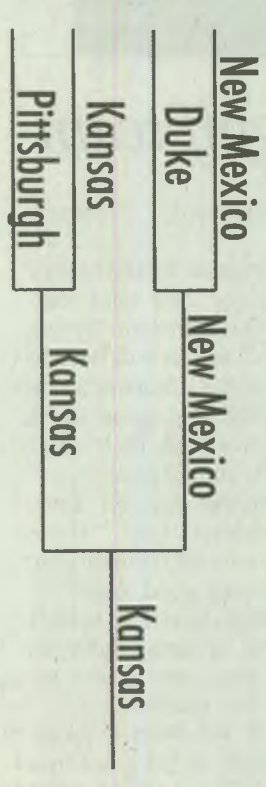
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