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Football team to be shorthanded for first game

Josh Stipanovich
NEWS EDITOR

According to Sports Information Director Trevor Parks, an undisclosed number of players for the Youngstown State University football team have been suspended for Saturday's game against the University of Pittsburgh for violating team policy.

"I cannot confirm a number, but I do know that we will have some players that will not play Saturday for various

violations of team policies," Parks said. "We're still trying to figure out where we're going to go from here."

Head coach Jon Heacock said that the suspensions would not affect his strategy heading into the 2009 season opener at the University of Pittsburgh.

"I don't think it will affect us ... we're going to play our game," Heacock said. "We've got guys that are ready to play and that have been practicing ... our guys want to go play, and we're going to go play." Although which policy was

violated and the names of suspended players are unknown, Parks said they would be allowed to travel and dress with the team for the trip to Heinz Field.

Heacock said he isn't worried, about the game this week and he's going to just follow the team rules and move on.

"I'm not mad at anyone, we just have rules and regulations, and we're going to follow them," Heacock said.

Additional reporting by Chelsea Pflugh.



HEACOCK

SWINE FLU HITS CAMPUSES

Dan Pompili
ASSIST. NEWS EDITOR

Although two Ohio colleges and universities have confirmed cases of the H1N1 influenza virus, and two report several cases of "flu-like illness" out of season, students at those colleges and at Youngstown State University will have to wait for immunization against the pandemic bug.

The YSU Department of Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety released a statement Aug. 24 recommending students, faculty and staff should follow the recommendations on the university web site.

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Sen. Brown to speak on health care

Josh Stipanovich
NEWS EDITOR

The Center for Working-Class Studies kicks off its 2009-2010 lecture series at 7:30 p.m. in Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room with an appearance by Sen. Sherrod Brown.

The lecture, titled "The Health Care Crisis and Working-Class Communities," lands on the eve of Congress' debate over the projected health care reform of President Barack Obama.

The series, which was first discussed last April to bring Brown to campus, wasn't expected to prosper at a time when the country is in a heated debate over health care reform, said John Russo, co-director of the Center for Working-Class Studies.

"At once, we're very grateful that [Brown has] honored his commitment to be here," Russo said.

The fact that the lecture is being held at YSU in a city where the unemployment rate is at an all-time high of 14.2 percent, according to an article in the "Business Journal Daily," makes Youngstown a central location for the health care reform debate, Russo said.

"The access, the health care issues for poor and working people stretch a long way back in this community, and so I think it's very central to this whole discussion about the future of health care," Russo said. "Youngstown plays a very important role in the American imagination because of its role in industrialization and de-industrialization."

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Search committee for next president focuses on candidate qualifications

Chelsea Pflugh
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After two days of open forums for the Youngstown State University community, representatives from the Storbeck/Pimentel & Associates, LLC independent consulting firm have gathered over two legal notepads full of observations to aid in the search for a new university president.

Scott Schulick, chair of the YSU Board of Trustees and the presidential search committee, said the forums and meetings have "gone extraordinarily well" and he is "excited about the upcoming process."

The presidential search committee members had the

option to sit in on all of the forums over the past two days to evaluate the discussions and agree on qualifications they will be looking for in an ideal presidential candidate.

"The forum days for this university have been more extensive than is typically the case," Bunting said. "It was important to have everyone share their opinions so that [the search committee] can be fully aware of what we are looking for."

A common subject topic from the forums was trying to determine the importance and definition of "urban research university."

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"Even though we won't find someone to walk on water, [they] better be able to swim with the sharks."

Harry Meshel

Search committee consults students for next president

Chelsea Pflugh
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Representatives from the Storbeck/Pimentel & Associates, LLC independent consulting firm have been at Youngstown State University gathering facts and anecdotes to use for the upcoming presidential selection process. Scott Shulick, chair of the YSU Board of Trustees and the presidential search committee, gave the opening statement at the beginning of two rounds of all-day forums presented by the representatives.

"We have begun the process to select a new leader," Schulick said.

Chuck Bunting and Vicki Henderson, along with the presidential search committee, held open forums on campus Tuesday and Wednesday to gain a personal and better understanding of campus and community needs. Bunting said the purpose of the meetings was to take the notes from the forums and create a "five- to 10-page statement of priorities and challenges ahead for the university as well as a list of qualities for the kind of person the university needs."

"The ideas shared [at the forums] are more genuine than just business meetings."

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Scott Schulick addresses students at the open student forum for the presidential search.



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News Briefs

Business College Classrooms named for donors

The Youngstown State University Board of Trustees will be naming classrooms and other areas of the new Williamson College of Business Administration building after people and organizations that have made significant contributions to the university's Centennial Capital Campaign.

The campaign, which is the largest fundraising effort in university history, has hit the \$50 million mark. The building is expected to be finished by fall 2010.

YSU staffer displaying art at Mill Creek Park

Noreen Yazvac, an administrative assistant at YSU, is exhibiting her collection of floral paintings. The collection, titled "Floral Series," runs now through Sept. 27 in the D.D. and Velma Davis Education and Visitor Center at Mill Creek Park's Riverside Gardens. The exhibit features a range of materials and mediums.

Lucky Penny's Family Reunion

The 2nd annual Lucky Penny Family Reunion will be held Sunday at Noon. The event, held downtown on Federal Plaza, is free of charge and open to all ages. The all-day family festival is sponsored by JAMZ 101.9 FM.

Police Briefs

Student struck by visitor's car

On Monday, a YSU police officer was sent to the corner of University Plaza and Bryson Street to investigate a traffic accident. A university visitor hit a student with his car, causing the victim to fall onto the pavement. The victim was taken to the Student Health Clinic and refused transport to St. Elizabeth Health Center.

Department reports missing keys

A YSU police officer was dispatched to Cushwa Hall on Monday in response to a report of missing keys from the physical therapy department. Several offices were searched over the weekend. Nothing else appeared to have been stolen from the area.

Items stolen from Lyden resident

On Sunday, an officer was sent to investigate a Lyden House theft. A resident discovered his Xbox 360 and some food items were stolen; authorities reported no signs of forced entry.



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Handful of professors putting textbooks online

Juliana Hull
 REPORTER

A handful of professors at Youngstown State University are opting to put class textbooks online instead of requiring students to buy them at the bookstore.

Ana Bobby, Maag Library operations manager, said the library cannot put anything online it does not own; the decision to place material online is up to the professors, due to "copyright issues."

"We do offer electronic course reserves, as long as [the book] is owned by the library," Bobby said, adding that she is hopeful online material "usage will increase by students and

faculty" in time.

Professors may also choose to put class notes online along with textbooks. Bobby said there is "generally a fee" to gain access to textbooks via an access code. Still, reading class textbooks online costs "much less" than purchasing textbooks, Bobby said.

Junior Ben Endicott said online versions of textbooks would be a "great" idea.

"You're cutting off the printing and distribution cost," Endicott said.

Not everyone wants to put class textbooks online even though it is "becoming a common trend," said Bruce Waller, chair of the department of philosophy and religious studies.

"We experimented with

that a couple years ago in hope of doing an online text," Waller said. "It turned out at the time it would actually be more expensive. If the cost is right, then we would be inclined to do it."

Director of the Center for Judaic and Holocaust Studies Helene Sinnreich said she has always "offered courses with the textbook available online." Sinnreich said this does not always work, however.

"There is always a contingent of the class which complains," Sinnreich said, adding that these students would rather have a print copy of the textbook. "As a result, I generally just order traditional books for classes."

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Russo said he is hopeful the lecture will impact students and young people. In a recent study done by Peter D. Hart Research Associates, it was concluded that about one-third of people under age 35 do not have health insurance because either they or their employer cannot afford it.

"I think it's important to be speaking on campus to students who may have better health, but the reality of it is, that as they become older ... and they have children, they are not getting the health care that they need, which adds to their own personal bankruptcy that happens at a very early age," Russo said.

The lecture itself will not be held in a town hall format, but rather as a discussion session where attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions following Brown's lecture.

Russo said students could become more educated by filling out the Center for Working-Class Studies' latest survey on health care, which can be found online at <http://cwcs.ysu.edu/>.

President of the YSU College Democrats Kenneth Oyler said he thinks it is immense that Brown is speaking about health care.

"It's great that the senator is coming to the university to speak out and express the need for health care reform," Oyler said. "I think that many students on campus are concerned about what the future will bring and have strong opinions when it comes to the fundamental debate."

The College Democrats have plans for the future as well so that students can become more involved and informed on the issue.

"As a political organization, we're working to plan events to raise awareness and support for this fundamental need of health care reform ... We're hoping the senator's visit will help spark momentum on campus and get students talking about the issue," Oyler said.

Students at YSU have mixed feelings on the topic.

"I probably wouldn't be interested since I'm still on my parents health care plan," junior Brittany Bueno said.

Freshman Eric Heugel said he doesn't necessarily agree with the proposed plan.

"I don't agree with the proposed health care plan because of all the job losses that would come with it. I don't think it's practical at all, and that's why people from Canada come down here when they need something done," he said.

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Dr. Bill Binning, chair of the political science department and search committee member, expressed concern about the phrase for recruitment purposes during a Wednesday faculty forum.

"I don't know what an urban research institution is. I don't know why we use the term 'urban.' I question if students will even care about it when they look into coming to YSU," he said.

Schulick said the YSU Board of Trustees had "pondered over the exact meaning" and draw of the phrase as well. The committee agreed to advertise YSU as

a research institution with little or no reference to the word "urban."

"We came to the conclusion that the phrase is not a transition from what we are to what we will become, but rather just an addition to what we as a university already are," Schulick said. "We are a research institution, and that's not changing because of our branding from the state."

The search committee had also noticed a lot of references to the University of Akron about faculty and morale. Search committee member and CEO of the Youngstown Business Incubator Jim Cossler accredited these ref-

erences to Akron's administration. "The students here want a visionary leader," Cossler said. "If you want to keep going back to Akron comparisons, I think it's because Luis Proenza is a visionary leader."

Committee members also tried to agree upon the type of person they envision in the president's office. Mary Slaven, administrative assistant in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, said the next president needs to be able to delegate and create a team of key players for their administration.

"The president, as a leader, has to prove his ability to sur-

round themselves with key people to fill the voids of any weaknesses they may have," she said.

Zach Brown, Student Government Association president, said it might be unattainable to find someone who possesses all the qualities that participants at the forums are seeking, but agreed that the president's team should be able to cover the gaps.

"We need to find someone that is well-rounded, but we need to accept that there will be voids," Brown said.

Henry Meshel, former state senator, stressed that the candi-

date needs to be well-rounded and not just have expertise in one subject, but all of the subjects that are required from a university president.

"If they're scientists and scientists only, then let them fly to the moon," Meshel said.

The next step for the consultants and the presidential search committee is to start searching for the ideal candidate, though they realize an ideal candidate may not be attainable.

"Even though we won't find someone to walk on water, [they] better be able to swim with the sharks," Meshel said.

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There have been no cases of H1N1 on campus, however the Mahoning County Board of Health reports four confirmed cases in the area.

Xavier University and the University of Cincinnati have recorded a total of nine cases between them, two at Cincinnati and seven at Xavier. Miami University of Ohio and Cedarville University in Cincinnati have reported in total 71 probable cases, 69 and two respectively. Sources at the colleges said students exhibiting symptoms of "Influenza A" are most likely infected with H1N1, since the strain falls under the umbrella of the "A" variety.

In all cases, the universities have stopped counting. The same has happened in Mahoning County.

County Health Commissioner Matt Stefanak said that the H1N1 strain has not been as severe as originally expected. "People who are ill should treat H1N1 the same as a normal flu," Stefanak said. He explained that the symptoms and severity are the same and testing for H1N1 is expensive. For these reasons, it is no longer deemed necessary to test each suspected case.

Mahoning County stopped testing in late August. The University of Cincinnati stopped testing after its first two cases were confirmed, simply adopting a "go home" policy. Miami of Ohio did not test because the number of suspected cases became immediately overwhelming.

All four institutions have implemented an isolation approach to containment and prevention. Students who can get home are urged to convalesce there, while those who cannot are isolated in private dorms or specially designated health centers.

This approach is supported by the Centers for Disease Control, which recommends that those with the H1N1 virus do not return to work or school until their fever has dropped below 100.6 degrees for at least 24 hours without the aid of medication.

Across campus, notices have been posted urging students to wash their hands frequently, which is preferred to instant hand-sanitizers, although they are also helpful.

Dr. Lisa Weiss, Medical Director at YSU, said students exhibiting at least two of the five major symptoms (usually fever and severe muscle

aches) would be urged to go home or would be isolated in the same fashion as the other colleges.

"We would give them a mask and urge them to stay in their dorms," Weiss said. "Obviously, if they could go home that would be best." Services would be designated to deliver food for isolated students, she added.

While regular Influenza B vaccinations are already being administered in some places, the projected release date for the H1N1 vaccine is mid-October according to most sources.

However, Dr. Julie Aultman, Assistant Professor of Behavioral and Community Health Sciences at Northeast Ohio University College of Medicine, says the vaccine may be released as late as Nov. 1.

Aultman says the key to preventing swine flu is promoting social responsibility. "Simple things like washing your hands," she says, "and seeking medical help as soon as you feel sick ... We need to remember that this is a strain of the flu."

She explained that the time involved in developing a vaccine is not as long as the time required to ensure all strains and mutations are considered, as well as the possible side effects among some demographics.

Aultman says it is important that those with H1N1 are tested because vaccines are formulated based upon the strains of the virus prevalent among the population.

Stefanak said when the vaccine is released, doctor's offices, hospitals and outpatient clinics will be primary recipients. Weiss said YSU Student Health Services has registered for direct shipment of the vaccine, although it will be determined by the Board of Health whether YSU is eligible. Stefanak said it would primarily depend on whether YSU can properly store the vaccine.

Those most at risk for H1N1 are pregnant women and children under six months of age. Those under 24, a demographic including a majority of YSU students, also have a low resistance to the virus and should seek immunization as soon as it becomes available. The full list of those included in the "first wave" of vulnerability can be found on the CDC web site.

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The people here are the ultimate consumers for the next president," Bunting said. "The anecdotes from students can be told to potential candidates to give them just a flavor of the university they may end up at."

The open forum for students Tuesday afternoon brought in few students and faculty members, but Bunting said it was one of the largest crowds of students he could remember compared to other universities for which he had consulted.

Students shared concerns about the future of the university and discussed what they would like to see in the next president at YSU. A common theme among participants in the discussion was that the next president needs great communication skills, technological literacy and strong visibility.

"We know [the president] is in Tod Hall, but he's not getting down with the kids," senior Karen Cooper said. "I'd like to see him in a polo and jeans getting down and dirty with the kids."

Abbie Twyford, Student Government Association vice president, agreed that the next president needs to be visible on

and off campus.

"We're essentially paying them as president, and as their employer I want to see who's working for me," she said.

Another quality students said they felt strongly about was the need to be involved in the Youngstown community. Junior Steve Mesik said his reason for attending YSU was his love for the city.

"I love this community, and we need a president who is interested in working with the city to bring the future city leaders to the university," he said. "The president also needs to bridge the gap between the city and the campus."

Wilson Okello also said that beyond being interested in the community at large, the main focus of the president should be on the students.

"The president needs to be interested in the recruitment, retention and graduation of minority students," he said.

Though Youngstown and YSU may be going through changes in administration, sophomore Roy Johnson said students need to look past it and appreciate what is going on is for the benefit of the future.

"It's true; Youngstown is a changing, dying city. The good about a dying city is that something new will come of it," Johnson said. "We need a president who's excited about that."

Zach Brown, Student Government Association president and member of the presidential search committee, said we should be searching for a well-rounded individual for the next president.

"We need someone who provides opportunities for diverse backgrounds and capitalize on what YSU already has to offer, so that five to 10 years from now, the list of opportunities at YSU is so large and overwhelming that prospective students will have to actually take time to read them," he said.

Above all, the students who attended the meeting saw YSU moving toward a positive future, but with the right help and the right person.

"We just need to not settle for mediocrity," Cooper said. "Let's not be satisfied with just the way things are. Let's dream about what could be for this institution."

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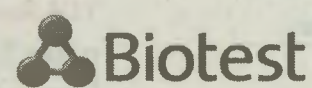
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Warm up with style

Compiled by Lamar Salter & Jennifer Tomerlin

As the winds change, so do fashion trends. Autumn sees an explosion in style as heavier clothing means better opportunities to show off creative tastes. Check out some of this fall's trendiest fashions where you can find ideas on how to define your individuality.



In the cool weather, jackets are a must. While blazers remain the epitome of style, [HTTP://www.Askmen.com](http://www.Askmen.com) said that track suits are also in, pushing out the cotton hoodie fad.



From Augustana to Lil Wayne, the "punk" look has leaked into urban appeal, polarizing the traditional baggy influence of the early days of hip hop culture.

Old school once again redefines the new. Vintage T-shirts continue to create trends in expressing today's college student.

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Penguinettes show stoppers of Penguin Pride

Gary Angelo
FEATURES REPORTER

The Youngstown State University Penguinettes are bubbling with spirit, adding pep to the YSU football season. Penguinette captain Angela De Simone has tremendous faith in the line as she embarks on her third year of involvement with the Penguinettes.

"It's been a lot of hard work because there is a new group of girls on the Penguinette line, and only two of us are returning from last year," De Simone said, adding that the biggest challenge is working with a new band director.

The Penguinettes said they sacrifice a great deal of time practicing, but they all agree that putting on electrifying performances is a great experience.

Penguinette and YSU junior Angelina Radilovic said, "We practice with the band sometimes and sometimes we practice by ourselves. Before the semester began, we were at band camp practicing 12 hours a day."

The girls all agreed that band camp was a difficult venture, but that it really strengthened their performance. Freshman Penguinette Cassandra Fonce said,

"At band camp, there was a lot of blood, sweat and tears."

The Penguinettes are excited about this weekend's game, when the Penguins will play at Heinz Field against the Pittsburgh Panthers.

The Penguinettes enjoy being in the spotlight, adding that special element to every game. This year, the girls are doing a medley of the classic Queen songs "Bohemian Rhapsody" and "Fat Bottomed Girls." Penguinette and YSU junior Meghan O'Neill said, "We are practicing for the Pitt game, and we are very nervous because there will be a lot of people at the game."

Freshman Jordan Williams said, "It's different from high school because just like any other aspect of college, we have to take it upon ourselves to learn dances, rather than having adults standing over us, telling us what to do."

Radilovic said the best part of being a Penguinette is getting dressed up for the game. She said entertaining game fans gives her an adrenaline rush. De Simone adds, "I love going out there, standing on the yard line with the lights shining on me, and seeing the crowd. It's so awesome."

The Penguinettes are invigorated



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about their new routines that will be featured at this season's halftime shows. Freshman Penguinette Erica Auiliza said, "Our performance this year will feature a lot of leaps, kicks and turns. We have to make up our own choreography, but our adviser adds elements to our routine."

Fonce said, "We create moves, and she tells us if it looks good or not."

Junior Penguinette Caitlin Hjerpe said some of the Penguinettes struggled in the beginning because four girls quit during band camp, which threw their practice routine off balance.

"It has been hard transitioning. We spent a lot of time in the beginning practicing on our own without the marching band," De Simone said.

Hjerpe said, "We practice inside a lot,

and practicing with the band outside on the turf is difficult."

Outside of the stress and the hard work, the girls share a close friendship and a number of inside jokes. Williams agrees.

"We are really close friends with each other. We did this secret sister thing where we bought presents for each other. It took a lot of time and thought to select the right gift," Williams said.

YSU Marching Pride Director Don Linn said the Penguinettes animate the halftime show with vibrant choreography.

"The Penguinettes add a great visual element to the marching band's music, and they add to the excitement of the halftime show," Linn said.



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Dr. Bill Binning, chair of the political science department and search committee member, expressed concern about the phrase for recruitment purposes during a Wednesday faculty forum.

"I don't know what an urban research institution is. I don't know why we use the term 'urban.' I question if students will even care about it when they look into coming to YSU," he said.

Schulick said the YSU Board of Trustees had "pondered over the exact meaning" and draw of the phrase as well. The committee agreed to advertise YSU as

a research institution with little or no reference to the word "urban."

"We came to the conclusion that the phrase is not a transition from what we are to what we will become, but rather just an addition to what we as a university already are," Schulick said. "We are a research institution, and that's not changing because of our branding from the state."

The search committee had also noticed a lot of references to the University of Akron about faculty and morale. Search committee member and CEO of the Youngstown Business Incubator Jim Cossler accredited these ref-

erences to Akron's administration. "The students here want a visionary leader," Cossler said. "If you want to keep going back to Akron comparisons, I think it's because Luis Proenza is a visionary leader."

Committee members also tried to agree upon the type of person they envision in the president's office. Mary Slaven, administrative assistant in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, said the next president needs to be able to delegate and create a team of key players for their administration.

"The president, as a leader, has to prove his ability to sur-

round themselves with key people to fill the voids of any weaknesses they may have," she said.

Zach Brown, Student Government Association president, said it might be unattainable to find someone who possesses all the qualities that participants at the forums are seeking, but agreed that the president's team should be able to cover the gaps.

"We need to find someone that is well-rounded, but we need to accept that there will be voids," Brown said.

Henry Meshel, former state senator, stressed that the candi-

date needs to be well-rounded and not just have expertise in one subject, but all of the subjects that are required from a university president.

"If they're scientists and scientists only, then let them fly to the moon," Meshel said.

The next step for the consultants and the presidential search committee is to start searching for the ideal candidate, though they realize an ideal candidate may not be attainable.

"Even though we won't find someone to walk on water, [they] better be able to swim with the sharks," Meshel said.

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There have been no cases of H1N1 on campus, however the Mahoning County Board of Health reports four confirmed cases in the area.

Xavier University and the University of Cincinnati have recorded a total of nine cases between them, two at Cincinnati and seven at Xavier. Miami University of Ohio and Cedarville University in Cincinnati have reported in total 71 probable cases, 69 and two respectively. Sources at the colleges said students exhibiting symptoms of "Influenza A" are most likely infected with H1N1, since the strain falls under the umbrella of the "A" variety.

In all cases, the universities have stopped counting. The same has happened in Mahoning County.

County Health Commissioner Matt Stefanak said that the H1N1 strain has not been as severe as originally expected. "People who are ill should treat H1N1 the same as a normal flu," Stefanak said. He explained that the symptoms and severity are the same and testing for H1N1 is expensive. For these reasons, it is no longer deemed necessary to test each suspected case.

Mahoning County stopped testing in late August. The University of Cincinnati stopped testing after its first two cases were confirmed, simply adopting a "go home" policy. Miami of Ohio did not test because the number of suspected cases became immediately overwhelming.

All four institutions have implemented an isolation approach to containment and prevention. Students who can get home are urged to convalesce there, while those who cannot are isolated in private dorms or specially designated health centers.

This approach is supported by the Centers for Disease Control, which recommends that those with the H1N1 virus do not return to work or school until their fever has dropped below 100.6 degrees for at least 24 hours without the aid of medication.

Across campus, notices have been posted urging students to wash their hands frequently, which is preferred to instant hand-sanitizers, although they are also helpful.

Dr. Lisa Weiss, Medical Director at YSU, said students exhibiting at least two of the five major symptoms (usually fever and severe muscle

aches) would be urged to go home or would be isolated in the same fashion as the other colleges.

"We would give them a mask and urge them to stay in their dorms," Weiss said. "Obviously, if they could go home that would be best." Services would be designated to deliver food for isolated students, she added.

While regular Influenza B vaccinations are already being administered in some places, the projected release date for the H1N1 vaccine is mid-October according to most sources.

However, Dr. Julie Aultman, Assistant Professor of Behavioral and Community Health Sciences at Northeast Ohio University College of Medicine, says the vaccine may be released as late as Nov. 1.

Aultman says the key to preventing swine flu is promoting social responsibility. "Simple things like washing your hands," she says, "and seeking medical help as soon as you feel sick ... We need to remember that this is a strain of the flu."

She explained that the time involved in developing a vaccine is not as long as the time required to ensure all strains and mutations are considered, as well as the possible side effects among some demographics.

Aultman says it is important that those with H1N1 are tested because vaccines are formulated based upon the strains of the virus prevalent among the population.

Stefanak said when the vaccine is released, doctor's offices, hospitals and outpatient clinics will be primary recipients. Weiss said YSU Student Health Services has registered for direct shipment of the vaccine, although it will be determined by the Board of Health whether YSU is eligible. Stefanak said it would primarily depend on whether YSU can properly store the vaccine.

Those most at risk for H1N1 are pregnant women and children under six months of age. Those under 24, a demographic including a majority of YSU students, also have a low resistance to the virus and should seek immunization as soon as it becomes available. The full list of those included in the "first wave" of vulnerability can be found on the CDC web site.

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The people here are the ultimate consumers for the next president," Bunting said. "The anecdotes from students can be told to potential candidates to give them just a flavor of the university they may end up at."

The open forum for students Tuesday afternoon brought in few students and faculty members, but Bunting said it was one of the largest crowds of students he could remember compared to other universities for which he had consulted.

Students shared concerns about the future of the university and discussed what they would like to see in the next president at YSU. A common theme among participants in the discussion was that the next president needs great communication skills, technological literacy and strong visibility.

"We know [the president] is in Tod Hall, but he's not getting down with the kids," senior Karen Cooper said. "I'd like to see him in a polo and jeans getting down and dirty with the kids."

Abbie Twyford, Student Government Association vice president, agreed that the next president needs to be visible on

and off campus.

"We're essentially paying them as president, and as their employer I want to see who's working for me," she said.

Another quality students said they felt strongly about was the need to be involved in the Youngstown community. Junior Steve Mesik said his reason for attending YSU was his love for the city.

"I love this community, and we need a president who is interested in working with the city to bring the future city leaders to the university," he said. "The president also needs to bridge the gap between the city and the campus."

Wilson Okello also said that beyond being interested in the community at large, the main focus of the president should be on the students.

"The president needs to be interested in the recruitment, retention and graduation of minority students," he said.

Though Youngstown and YSU may be going through changes in administration, sophomore Roy Johnson said students need to look past it and appreciate what is going on is for the benefit of the future.

"It's true; Youngstown is a changing, dying city. The good about a dying city is that something new will come of it," Johnson said. "We need a president who's excited about that."

Zach Brown, Student Government Association president and member of the presidential search committee, said he should be searching for a well-rounded individual for the next president.

"We need someone who provides opportunities for diverse backgrounds and capitalize on what YSU already has to offer, so that five to 10 years from now, the list of opportunities at YSU is so large and overwhelming that prospective students will have to actually take time to read them," he said.

Above all, the students who attended the meeting saw YSU moving toward a positive future, but with the right help and the right person.

"We just need to not settle for mediocrity," Cooper said. "Let's not be satisfied with just the way things are. Let's dream about what could be for this institution."

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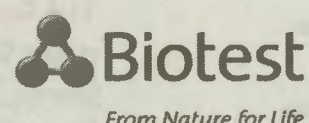
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At an open forum with representatives from the presidential search consulting firm Storbeck/Pimentel, fewer than ten students were present to discuss the qualities Youngstown State University would like in a new president.

Last year, surveys showed that a very low percentage of students even recognized President David Sweet. If these figures are any indication, less than one percent of the 14,400 students on YSU campus even care about the next president to occupy the office on the second floor of Tod Hall.

While President Sweet's popularity has been in question in recent months, it does not mean that his office is unimportant.

If students, provided with an opportunity to voice their opinions about issues that matter, do not care enough to avail themselves of it, then they will have little room to complain if an undesirable candidate is chosen to lead YSU into the future. This university, as has been mentioned ad nauseam, is in a period of great transition. The state and national economy and job markets are in a state of flux. The need for higher education is great and the time for higher education is now. YSU students need a leader who will lead the university, community and individual students to new horizons. Yet, only ten people show up to provide perspective on the kind of person who should have the job.

Students must realize that the fate of this university is in their hands, and failure to take advantage of that strength and authority is failure to take our own futures seriously.

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Letter to the Editor

I'm taking six classes this semester, and two of them will involve WebCT. Every semester, I end up with at least one class that uses WebCT. Most students don't like using WebCT, and while there's nothing wrong with it, it's about as outdated as the SOLAR registration was until YSU finally replaced it with MyYSU last fall. Meanwhile, some departments are cutting costs. One class I'm taking (NOT one of the ones that uses WebCT) has the professor e-mailing us the syllabus because their department wouldn't print them as a way to cut costs. Yet I can only imagine how much it is costing the university to use

WebCT.

On the other hand, just about everybody on campus has a Facebook account, and a growing number of people have Twitter accounts as well. I have both, and I think the university should cut its ties with WebCT and try to use these sites to inform students better. Obviously, Twitter can't replace WebCT, but if professors need to have a last-minute class cancellation, or if there are updates about assignments, they can post tweets on their Twitter account and have students follow them for the semester. The accounts can be set up to require approval before someone can follow them and

can be set up as "private," so this way only students who are taking those classes can follow them.

As for Facebook, that could function more as a replacement for WebCT. The professors can create groups for their classes that can feature class materials. Plus, it can be used to contact a professor when needed. In addition, the groups on Facebook can be set up so that if anyone wants to join, they have to request approval, and the groups can also be set for "private," so that their group pages can't be seen by non-group members.

In the Facebook and Twitter cases, the professors can

remove students from their groups/followers/etc. once the semester is done, or if they drop the class. Now this is mostly a moot point for me since I am planning on graduating next fall, but long term, I think this would improve student learning overall. It could save the university a lot of money which could be put to other good uses, like a permanent replacement for the M-2 parking deck. The university needs to use these popular services to help educate students better.

Joseph Gerard
Student

Leave it to the voters

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Politicians learned long ago that one of the privileges of power is rigging the system to help your party and hurt the other. What they never seem to learn is how easily that trick can backfire. The shackles you fashion for your opponents can wind up on your own wrists.

Republicans learned that lesson back in the 1980s. After Franklin D. Roosevelt won four consecutive terms in the White House, they decided to make sure that could never happen again by pushing through a constitutional amendment saying that no one could be elected to the office more than twice. Revenge was sweet — until Ronald Reagan came along and some conservatives yearned for the chance to keep him in office beyond eight years.

Democrats, of course, re-

jected any notion of repealing the 22nd Amendment. They in turn lived to regret their approach — when Bill Clinton, the first Democrat since FDR to win a second term, was foreclosed from a third.

Illinois lawmakers had the chance to strip Rod Blagojevich of the power to appoint a replacement for Barack Obama in the U.S. Senate and give that power to voters. But they stalled and we all got burned by Blagojevich's appointment of Roland Burris.

Massachusetts Democrats are suffering their own self-inflicted wound. In 2004, when Sen. John Kerry was running for president, they wanted to block Republican Gov. Mitt Romney from choosing a successor if Kerry won. With control of the legislature, they passed a law taking away the governor's appointment power and requiring special elections to fill vacancies. It was political gamesmanship, though it

also had the virtue of empowering the people to choose their own senator.

But today, many of those lawmakers are not content for virtue to be its own reward. The death of veteran Sen. Edward Kennedy opens up a vacancy, and this time the governor is Deval Patrick, a Democrat. So Patrick and some Democratic legislators want to restore his power to appoint a replacement to serve until the special election, which by law must take place from 145 to 165 days after the vacancy appears (Jan. 19 being the date chosen by Patrick). Kennedy himself endorsed the appointment idea in his final weeks.

The rationale of supporters is that they don't want the state to be without two senators for five months. But that prospect didn't bother them back in 2004. If Romney were still in office, Democratic lawmakers in Boston would be happy to leave the seat open until the

voters could have their say.

Massachusetts Republican Party Chairwoman Jennifer Nassour had it right when she said, "If legislators go through with this, they are gigantic hypocrites." Even some of her usual foes seem to agree. Democratic state Sen. Brian Joyce, who supported the 2004 change, says authorizing an appointment by the governor "would be wholly undemocratic." The change might be politically unwise as well because it would taint Democrats running in the special election.

Come January, Massachusetts Democrats will have the chance to persuade voters to elect one of their own to Kennedy's seat. In the meantime, they may be reminded of what H.L. Mencken observed: "Injustice is relatively easy to bear; what stings is justice."

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Penguins set to battle Panthers

Keith Langford
SPORTS EDITOR



Brandon Summers leads the Penguins into battle at Pittsburgh. Photo by Nick Young/The Jambar

The last time the Penguins squared off against the University of Pittsburgh Panthers the outcome was not pretty, as Pittsburgh thoroughly dominated the Penguins with a 41-0 win back in 2005.

The Penguins will have a chance at redemption Saturday as they make the short trip to Pittsburgh to play the Panthers once again.

The venture into playing Football Bowl Subdivision opponents is not a new phenomenon for the Penguins as they have done battle with the Ohio State University the last two seasons. In 2006, the Penguins traveled to Happy Valley to play the Penn State Nittany Lions as well. All three of these games were lopsided victories for their opponents.

Head coach Jon Heacock feels his team did not handle themselves well at Pittsburgh the last time they played. Heacock said it's a great opportunity for his team to play the Panthers for the second time in five seasons.

The Penguins will have to battle a team coming off of a successful 2008 season. The Panthers went 9-4 and earned a trip to the Sun Bowl. Even though the Panthers lost a close game to the Oregon State Beavers in the Sun Bowl, they carry the momentum of a nine-win season.

A huge loss in the running

attack for the Panthers is all world running back LeSean McCoy. McCoy, a current Philadelphia Eagle and Heisman trophy candidate, rushed for 1,488 yards and scored 21 touchdowns last year. McCoy is a headache the Penguins will not have to worry about this season.

The Panthers moved the ball efficiently last season, scoring 27.1 points per game. They held their opponents to just over three touchdowns per game with a 21.5 point average.

Heading the offensive attack under center for the Panthers will be senior quarterback Bill Stull. Stull did not have a great last season, as the team relied heavily on departed running back McCoy. Stull threw nine touchdowns but threw 10 interceptions last season while throwing for 2,356 yards. Stull will need to impact the game more this season as the Panthers will have a new starter at running back.

"We have four players back with starting experience and they will need to be building blocks for us," offensive line coach Tony Wise said in an interview for the Panthers media guide.

Defense looks like the stronger of the two sides for the Panthers. On defense, the Panthers intercepted 16 passes in 2008. Leading the attack in the secondary was senior Aaron Berry. Berry intercepted three passes and lead the team with 10 pass break-ups. Berry, an All-Big

East 1st team preseason pick, will spearhead the defense for the Panthers.

The Penguins have a tall task on hand as they go into the game against Pitt as a heavy underdog. The Penguins will have to establish their offense early and put points on the board or it could be a long day against another FBS opponent.

Senior quarterback Brandon Summers needs to be huge for the Penguins Saturday. Summers was one of the bright spots for the Penguins last season, as he set school records in completion percentage (62.6 percent), passing efficiency (152.18), and tied the touchdown mark in a single season (18).

Another key component on the offensive side of the ball was senior wide receiver Donald Jones. Jones caught 31 passes for 510 yards with seven touchdown grabs. Jones thinks the 2009 team has more senior leadership and overall leadership than in 2008. We're going to go out and play to the best of our ability, Jones said of the Pitt game.

Defensively 2008 was not an A typical defense the Penguins are used to. The Penguins allowed their opponents to score 29.2 points per game. One of the main reasons the Penguins had a down year was their inability to stop their opponents' offense.

The 2009 season for the Penguins will be one of redemption as they try to erase the memory of the subpar 2008 season.

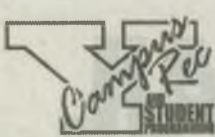
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Hockey team preps for another successful season

Chelsea Miller
SPORTS REPORTER

Coming off of a successful 2008 campaign, which included a tournament appearance, the Youngstown State University hockey club is preparing for another championship run.

Last year's season ended with a heartbreaking loss to Indiana University of Pennsylvania. The Penguins led going into the third period, but were defeated after a surprise comeback by the Crimson Hawks for a final score of 4-3.

This year, YSU hockey has been working hard to make up for last year's defeat. Currently, the team is preparing for their first game of the season Sept. 25 against Ohio University, one of their tougher opponents. Coach Rocky Russo is optimistic, however.

"Things are looking very strong this year ... We have strong goal-tending and a large team."

Another opponent Russo said would be a challenge is Duquesne University. In two contests against the Dukes last season, the teams split the series 1-1. On October 25 last year, the Penguins bested the Dukes 4-3. In the second match, though, the Dukes dominated the Penguins as they unleashed 10 goals to the Penguins' four.

"[Duquesne's] coach is very good at recruiting," Rus-

so said. "They have a strong team."

Russo believes YSU can match up however, with a powerful upper-class team featuring returning players Matt Jacob and the team's leading scorer and current captain, Naaman Moorman, who had 20 goals and 27 assists last year.

"I expect the same things [from Moorman] this year and then some," Russo stated.

New additions to the team are freshmen Ryan Dryer, out of California, and Ian Hardenbrook, of Chicago, whom Russo said will be players to watch this year.

To prepare for the challenges ahead, Russo has been holding open skates during the first week of school to help the players "shake the rust off," and get to know their teammates.

"The thing is," Coach Russo said, "they're student athletes. They need to get comfortable with their school schedules first. After the first week of school, we started hitting the rink hard."

Goalie Adam Chudnofsky shares Russo's work ethic. "I skated a lot over the summer [to prepare]," he said. "I'm feeling pretty confident...we got a lot of new talent this year so there's no reason why we can't make it to the end this year."