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Budget cuts may run deeper for some

Kevin Alquist
NEWS REPORTER

After an 8.5 percent cut to all campus departments, experts in charge of Youngstown State University's finances are bracing for future decreases in revenue.

"Instead of a few departments taking a 50 percent cut or being eliminated, everyone is taking a small cut to spread the pain evenly," said Neal McNally, budget director at YSU.

However, YSU is considering cutting funding for specific departments. Those departments could be selected for strategic cuts if they produce a low number of majors.

Departments that produce many graduates bolster overall graduation rates, which is a determining factor in how much YSU receives in state contributions.

The difficulty in making those cuts involves making sure the needs of the specific major are met while extra money is not being spent.

"We may be reaching a point with the enrollment decline that we need to instead focus on what the effectiveness of each department is and give them the resources more strategically," McNally said.

Gene Grilli, vice president for finance and administration, insisted that just because a department has fewer majors does not mean the university does not need it.

Still, the state will disburse

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Administrative and Faculty Salaries by College



Cynthia Anderson
(\$349,999.92)

Cabinet

Average Salary Comparison

President	\$349,999.92
Cabinet	\$128,361.22
Dean	\$152,194.32
Faculty	\$85,270.11

Information for this graphic was gathered from the YSU budget office.



Jack Fahey
(\$139,999.99)



Holly Jacobs
(\$135,672.96)



Ikram Khawaja
(\$184,278.96)



Mike Hrishenko
(\$116,248.08)



Yulanda McCarty-Harris
(\$95,562.96)



Ron Strollo
(\$131,766)



Shannon Tiron
(\$94,999.92)

Deans



Martin Abraham
(\$179,451.12)



Betty Jo Licata
(\$170,924.88)



Bryan DePoy
(\$142,458.96)



Mary Lou Dipillo
(\$133,999.92)



Shearle Furnish
(\$143,872.08)



Joseph Mosca
(\$142,458.96)

	College of Science, Technology, Engineering Business Administration and Mathematics	Williamson College of Business Administration	College of Fine and Performing Arts	Beeghly College of Education	College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	Bitonte College of Health and Human Services
Total faculty salaries	\$10,184,043.11	\$3,185,019.06	\$4,980,507	\$5,407,669.65	\$6,130,059.03	\$9,336,951.62
Average faculty salaries	\$84,867.03	\$81,667.16	\$81,647.66	\$108,153.39	\$80,658.67	\$81,903.08
Number of faculty	120	39	61	50	76	114

GRAPHIC BY PARIS CHRISPOPOULOS/THE JAMBAR

Anderson asks for administrative concessions

Jordan D. Uhl
NEWS EDITOR

Youngstown State University President Cynthia Anderson made a request last week suggesting that all exempt, professional administrative workers make voluntary concessions.

"[They] have been asked to voluntarily give up either vacation time or schedule furlough days in which they would not get paid," said Ron Cole, director of university communications. "Or [they could] make a monetary contribution to the university as a way to help with the financial issues that are facing the institution."

The president and her Cabinet have adopted the plan, unofficially dubbed the "voluntary cost containment plan."

Cole said they have pledged to take part in

the program as a leadership example for the rest of the staff.

Concessions, both voluntary and imposed upon the faculty, was a constant during the recent contract negotiations. Gary Salvner, chairman of the English department, sympathized with them.

"I know there's a deficit. I know faculty made concessions, and I think it's only right that administrators look at it as well," Salvner said. "I think it's at least worth our while."

Cole stressed that it's entirely optional. "They were careful to explain it was voluntary," Salvner said.

Salver sees this as a personal decision. "I truly have had no intention to talk to anyone about it because I think this needs to be an individual decision, and I respect my colleagues' responsibility to make this decision on their own."

The call for administrative contributions or voluntary pay cuts comes just weeks after

grueling contract negotiations with campus unions.

Faculty salaries average \$85,270.11, with summer pays included. This is a number faculty members attempted to increase by 1 and 2 percent during the second and third years of their new contract.

The resulting contract yielded a 2 percent raise in the third year with no raises in the first two.

Likewise, members of the Association of Classified Employees took a pay freeze over the next three years.

Personnel expenses, including salaries and benefits, account for nearly 72 percent of the university's total expenses. Those personnel expenses have increased 1.2 percent, or \$1.3 million, since last year, while the university's revenue has decreased.

Anderson and her Cabinet of seven make an average of \$156,006, with the president's salary at \$349,999.92 in fiscal year 2011.



Soldiers say goodbye to family members in Chestnut Room

Nearly 100 soldiers held roses they received to give to their loved ones on Wednesday inside the Chestnut Room of Kilcauley Center. Wednesday was the last day the soldiers had with their families before departing for Camp Shelby in Mississippi. Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

Dustin Livesay
REPORTER

The Chestnut Room in Kilcauley Center hosted the National Guard's Call to Duty ceremony on Wednesday.

Nearly 100 soldiers and their families congregated for the ceremony of the Bravo Company's 237th Support Battalion as it prepares to embark on Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan was also in attendance. He used a football reference as he spoke to the troops.

"Soldiers are there to do whatever is asked

of them even if it isn't always what they want to do," Ryan said. "You might want to be the quarterback, but sometimes you might be asked to snap the ball instead."

Capt. Shawn T. Robinson is commander of the 237th Battalion, and he spoke from his heart as he addressed his battalion.

"It honors me to be surrounded by these people," Robinson said. "As long as we put the country before ourselves, then the United States will always be the greatest country in the world."

1st Sgt. Michael Coss said he is prepared for his second deployment in five years with the

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The WATTS' final countdown

Marissa McIntyre
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Watson and Tressel Training Site at Youngstown State University is open to athletic teams after eight months of postponement.

The final figure for the WATTS stands at \$11.5 million.

Gene Grilli, vice president for finance and administration, said the university would not incur additional labor expenses. The university will pay a fixed rate as safeguarded by its contract with Hively Construction, general contractor for the project.

"That was the contract we had with them. As far as I know, it wasn't overrun," Grilli said.

Grilli said only one circumstance exists in which the university would be required to pay any extra on the project: if YSU wanted anything added to the original contract.

John Hyden, executive director of facilities, said that despite the eight-month wait, the WATTS is a worthwhile investment.

"[The wait] was frustrating. But it's one of those things

where now that it's open we can put that frustration in the past and appreciate that we have it," he said.

Hyden said the WATTS would be a useful tool in recruiting high school students.

"Even if it's not for football, to get those students to the campus will hopefully bring them back in the future," he said.

The WATTS is being used for team practices; it will be used for sporting events in the near future.

Ron Strollo, executive director of athletics, said track meets are being planned for January and February.

"I think the WATTS will be a great success," Strollo said.

He added that athletics was lucky the postponement didn't affect practices or recruitment.

"We were still able to bring recruits to see the building and see what would become of the building," he said.

He said since construction was done in the summer, the postponement didn't affect practices because teams wouldn't have needed the facility at that time.

"In no way did the [delay] affect our student-athletes," Strollo said.

YSUnity seeks equality on campus

Patrick Donovan
NEWS REPORTER

Although Pride Week concluded on Friday, YSUnity continues to provide a year-round outlet for those of various sexual orientations.

Throughout Pride Week, group members sponsored activities focused on building awareness of Youngstown State University's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersex and ally/asexual population.

"The message of Pride Week is to show the united presence of LGBT people in our community," said Kenneth Holt, YSUnity president. "National Coming Out Day [on Oct. 11] was the primary day of our Pride Week at YSU, but we encourage LGBT community members to come out, to be happy and to be proud of themselves every day."

He said turnout for Pride Week events was large, especially when compared to previous years.

"Many students who saw our events asked us positive questions and expressed genuine interest," Holt said.

One of the week's primary events was Friday's Safe Zone training for faculty, staff, administrators and students.

Hosted by YSUnity and the Safe Zone Advisory Council, the training educates participants about issues faced by LGBTQIA individuals. Upon completion of Safe Zone training, participants sign the Ally Pledge and receive a small sign to display in their place of work.

Brian Wells, academic adviser within the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services, serves as YSUnity faculty adviser and is in charge of Safe Zone training at YSU.

He said Safe Zone training is an important bridge for YSU students.

"I hope students who are looking for a safe place or a place to belong will know they are welcome here," Wells said. "Often people will say, 'Students know I am supportive,' or 'They know they can speak openly in front of me,' but to have the visible symbol to all people declaring the space to be safe is important."

Wells said although people are becoming more accepting of different sexual orientations, LGBTQIA individuals can face many challenges when dealing with their families and communities.

"Coming out is not a one-time deal, and that can be challenging," he said. "Students may have to gather the strength to come out to friends, family, co-workers, classmates and community members. The fear of rejection from the people who matter most can be crippling and is often the main reason people choose not to come



Members of YSUnity draw with chalk in celebration of Pride Week at Youngstown State University. Photo courtesy of Kenneth Holt.

out."

Although six states have granted same-sex marriage rights, YSUnity Treasurer Tim Bortner said he feels that federal laws label same-sex couples as second-class citizens.

"The Constitution states that all men are created equal," Bortner said. "However, the laws that are in place at this time prove to make that invalid. I find it very discriminating to be denied a right that all other people are allowed."

The issue goes deeper than just the right to be married. Making decisions for a dying partner and having hospital visitation in a time of crisis, plus is-

suces concerning insurance and taxes, are all on the table.

"The recognition by our government that our love is just as legit and worthy of marriage as a heterosexual marriage is important," Holt said. "Sure, civil unions allow similar rights. However, civil marriage is a civil right, and our government should allow and acknowledge equal marriage rights."

While he respects the equal rights of same-sex couples, YSU junior Scott Brand said the word "marriage" carries a specific connotation.

"I believe that same-sex unions can exist, but I do not believe it is the same as marriage,"

he said. "I'm fine with people of the same sex who want to live together and raise a family and live a happy life. However, marriage is a sacred union between a man and a woman and is a sacrament sanctified by God."

Same-sex marriage remains a divided issue, but groups like YSUnity remain positive.

"I would say at least half of people on campus are open and accepting of the LGBT community," Holt said. "The majority of people I interact with on campus are very intelligent and open-minded individuals. I think our campus is doing an excellent job in making LGBT people feel safe and valued."

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Skeggs speaker 'moves' Youngstown

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Brooklyn-based designer and architect Vito Acconci spoke as part of the Skeggs Lecture Series in Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room on Friday night. He outlined the stages of his career, taking the audience through the entire history of his artistic work since the 1960s.

"I don't consider myself an artist," Acconci said. "I design spaces for people to move through. The thing that I dislike about art is that it treats people as viewers. Couldn't people be something more?"

Acconci began his career as a poet and performance artist in the late-1960s, but his focus was always on movement.

He became fascinated with "the way words move you through a page," and his poetry began to take on a structural framework centered on involving the reader.

However, he began to have second thoughts about whether his poetry truly allowed readers to create their own experiences.

"I wondered if ... my input was coloring their experience," Acconci said. "I saw the page as a field over which I as a writer could move and you as the viewer could move too ... [so] why was I limiting myself to a piece of paper when there is a street or a park to work with?"

Acconci began designing installation pieces for art galleries. He approached his installation pieces in the same way he wrote poetry.

"The focus was always on moving you through the space. I don't like to design anything until I've seen the space I have to work with, and I try to visualize how I want the viewer to move within the space," Acconci said.

Acconci said he began to feel that even his installation pieces were exert-



Photo courtesy of Carl Leet.

ing too much of his personal influence on the observer. After founding Acconci Studio in Brooklyn, Vito shifted his focus to architecture and landscape design that incorporates both public and private space.

"It's hard to do private space in public art because as soon as you put a roof over something or hide it from view, you create the environment for crime and misbehavior," Acconci said. "I like the challenge of giving people in public some measure of privacy or interaction with the people around them."

Acconci said he knows many of his designs will never become reality. Although a few have been built, many are conceptual designs that push the boundaries of what is capable with modern materials and practices.

Some of his studio's designs can be seen at the convention center in Milwaukee and the Coney Island subway station in New York City, but many of the more obscure concepts exist only as digital renderings or scale models.

Leslie Brothers, director of the McDonough Museum of Art, contacted

Acconci and invited him to lecture.

"Vito said he would be happy to participate in the lecture series, but he was also interested in doing a project in Youngstown. We had the idea to make a connection with what's been happening in the Valley," Brothers said.

He added that Acconci would like to use his work to help make local non-profit organizations' work known to the public.

"Vito was a pleasure to work with. He met with the heads of several local organizations and neighborhood associations when he was here," Brothers said.

Acconci Studio is participating in the McDonough Museum of Art's "Dreaming Awake: the Town Hall Project" until Nov. 11. The exhibition showcases projected animations of Acconci's designs.

"We feel quite lucky to have had this experience at the McDonough, but I think YSU and the city of Youngstown have also benefited from this rare opportunity," Brothers said.

The Acconci Studio installation was funded in part by the Ohio Arts Council.

GM funds student scholarship

Marissa McIntyre
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The university will be releasing the UAW Local 1112 GM Lordstown People's Store Scholarship, which is available for children and spouses of General Motors Lordstown employees.

The scholarship awards \$1,000 to 12 students for an academic year.

"It's a privilege to be a partner with General Motors Lordstown," said Cynthia Anderson, Youngstown State University president.

Catherine Cala, university director of development, said this amounts to \$12,000 in aid to students each year.

The GM scholarship has provided more than \$150,000 in financial aid to students since 1991.

Scholarship funds come

from the GM People's Store, which sells T-shirts, mugs, jackets and other sporting event-style paraphernalia.

GM team members run the store.

"They do a great job in our community and for our students," Anderson said.

Tom Mock, communications director at GM Lordstown, said the scholarship continues because they are "firm believers in education and firm believers in our

partnership with the university."

"We encourage it to be used for education," Mock said.

To be eligible for the scholarship, recipients must be in good academic standing. The GPA requirement varies from year to year but is normally between 2.5 and 3.0. Recipients must also be full-time students for two semesters and remain citizens of Mahoning County.

NEWS BRIEFS

'Green' business expert to speak downtown

On Thursday, Andrew Winston — founder of Winston Eco-Strategies — will present "The Greening of Business: Why It's Unavoidable and How Companies Can Profit From It" in the Ford Family Recital Hall at the DeYor Performing Arts Center. The lecture is free and open to the public, and it is part of the Paul J. and Marguerite K. Thomas Colloquium on Free Enterprise. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Bocce Game of Hope planned for homecoming week

The Hope Foundation of the Mahoning Valley — which supports chronically and/or terminally ill children — will present the third annual Bocce Game of Hope on Monday. The game will begin at 5:15 p.m. at Cassese's MVR, located at 410 N. Walnut St. The registration fee is \$20 per person or \$7 per person for YSU students with valid ID. Prices include all non-alcoholic beverages. The maximum number of people per team is eight. The winning team will receive four tickets to the Pittsburgh Steelers vs. Cleveland Browns game on Jan. 1. Other prizes will be offered. For more information or to register, visit <http://www.hopemv.org> or call 330-746-7067.

Students enter competition for international scholarship

YSU students Mario Sracic (senior mathematics major from Hermitage, Pa.) and Kevin Hulick (senior political science and economics double major from Austintown) have been nominated for the Marshall Scholarship. The scholarship funds graduate study in England, and up to 40 American scholars are selected annually. Sracic's and Hulick's application packets were endorsed by the university. The two now enter the Chicago regional portion of the process, where their applications will be judged for the interview round. Candidates to be interviewed for the national selection process will be announced in November.

POLICE BRIEFS

Open 24-pack found as door opener

Early Sunday morning, YSU Police spotted an opened 24-pack of beer wedged in the north set of exit doors at the University Courtyard Apartments. The university police officer counted 12 unopened cans of beer in the pack; he then placed the beer in a property locker at the police station.

Students try to open elevator door with hands

On Oct. 13, YSU Police arrived at Kilcawley House after a housing coordinator reported that students forced open the elevator doors. A camera in the dorm's sixth floor lounge shows the students opening the doors from inside and outside the elevator with their hands. Maintenance was called to check the elevator for damage.

Group assignment angers student

On Friday, a business professor filed a police report after a male student became enraged during group work in Thursday's class. The professor said the student made angry comments like, "I can't control my anger. This is what happens when I get angry." The professor added that others are afraid of the student. The college's dean discovered that the student is ineligible for the class due to a lack of prerequisites, and advisers administratively dropped the student from the class.

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nearly \$1.3 billion to all universities, but not all will receive an equal share of those funds.

In receiving state funding, the Ohio Board of Regents looks at the value of the credits each department produces and the cost to produce those credits. Those numbers are weighed into a formula and the result is the state's share of instruction to each university.

Each state university in Ohio is measured to the same standard in terms of allocation of state funding. That means even if a university increases its enrollment and graduation rate, it has to keep up with all of the other schools in Ohio to realize any benefit from the state.

State contribution has been cut in half over the last decade. State funding that once made up nearly 50 percent of YSU's general fund now constitutes only 25 percent.

"At one point the support for state universities was fairly great," Grilli said. "Since that has been declining over the last several years, it has left us to look at YSU's budget in terms of other sources."

Those sources include investments and student enrollment. But student enrollment is down, and investing YSU's \$50 million in cash assets produces only 1.6 percent of the university's revenue.

Grilli said the 4.5 percent decrease in enrollment that YSU experienced this fall caused a \$5 million drop in revenue.

The tuition decrease has put pressure on the university to grow its flexible funds.

"To be more aggressive with investments means we are putting the university at a greater risk," McNally said. "There may be potential to increase our income, but there is also the chance it will go downward."

McNally said when dealing with public dollars, that is too great a risk.

As revenue decreases, the university attempts to guard academic standards. But other areas — such as capital improvement and maintenance of campus facilities — begin to suffer, Grilli said.

However, officials said YSU is in an ideal position to weather the financial storm because of salary cuts and vacancies in faculty positions. The vacancies will provide more than \$550,000 in savings for fiscal year 2012, according to the YSU budget.

"We are in a unique position because the number of people we have to figure out how to use is shrinking," Grilli said. "Because of that we can be more creative and more resourceful as we move forward."

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237th Battalion.

"We are a support mission, so we will be supporting the entire Battalion consisting of over 4,000 troops," Coss said. "Part of our mission will be training the locals on how to self-sustain their own country long after we pull

out."

The troops will report to Camp Shelby in Mississippi and then the national training center in California for more specialized training before deployment to northern Afghanistan.

They will be working on

a NATO mission under the German command doing maintenance on equipment and recovery operations.

The ceremony ended with the troops giving flowers to their loved ones as they embark on their yearlong mission.

YSU takes control of charitable trust

Jordan D. Uhl
NEWS EDITOR

Paul McFadden, chief development officer, had to sift through stacks of Jambar archives to figure out who the latest donation to Youngstown State University was coming from, but when he did, it became a name he'd never forget.

Erskine Maiden, the late Mahoning County Common Pleas Court judge, left a trust with guidelines that the remainder would be given to YSU 20 years to the day after his wife's passing.

That day came Tuesday. Cynthia Anderson, YSU president; Jan Strasfeld, director of the Youngstown Foundation; and other representatives including McFadden held a news conference in Jones Hall on Tuesday to announce the gifting and receiving of the trust, worth \$450,000.

With this, the university will take control of the charitable fund and will continue to award the Honorable Erskine Maiden Jr. Scholarship.

"This scholarship will help many students pursue their educational and professional aspirations," Anderson said. "I want to thank Judge Maiden, as well as the Youngstown

Foundation, for this generous gift."

Born in 1891, Maiden graduated from the Rayen School and received his degree from Harvard College. He earned his law degree from Case Western Reserve University.

Maiden served as a professor at the Youngstown College School of Law for nearly 30 years, and the building he taught in was Tod Hall.

"It is appropriate that we are here, in this building, on this day to celebrate the generosity and the foresight of Judge Maiden," Strasfeld said. "With this scholarship, he will continue to make his mark in the 21st century."

McFadden said the gift was unlike anything he'd seen in his 19 years with the university.

Maiden specified that it was only for financially disadvantaged students that live in Mahoning County.

"What's important is, it's for perpetuity. This \$450,000 will be there forever and the interest each year alone will be awarded to students," McFadden said.

McFadden and Elaine Ruse, director of the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships, plan to award scholarships off 5 percent investment returns.

"And, of course, we're

fortunate in the stock market, [so] let's hope the \$450,000 is going to grow above the 5 percent [awarded]," McFadden said.

Should the economy make an upswing, resulting in returns creeping back to the 7 and 8 percent level McFadden desires, the amount will accumulate, leading to larger 5 percents.

Ruse said interested students need only complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form and apply on the office's website.

Despite the formal announcement of the gift, it is not a new scholarship at YSU.

"The primary change in the program is who is holding the endowment," Ruse said.

Twenty-one recipients have been awarded for fiscal year 2011, with each recipient receiving \$1,000 total, or \$500 per semester.

"[It's] going to be based on market conditions," Ruse said. "We've had years where we've been able to award a lot more."

When considering future recipients, those who have received it in the past will be given preferential treatment.

"It's a great gift. It's long term. It's going to affect students for generations," McFadden said.

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Backing away from blacking out

National alcohol issue draws campus attention

Chelsea Telega
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Students have been stumbling across campus this week, and it's because of beer goggles.

During Black-Out Week, students learned responsible ways to live above the influence.

Throughout the week, organizations such as Students Against Destructive Decisions, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Speak Out Loud joined forces with the Residence Hall Association to inform students about drinking responsibly.

A drunken driving simulator, mock-tail party and runway fashion show were some components of on-campus awareness efforts.

Breanne Romeo, residential education graduate assistant, said almost 300 students used the drunken driving simulator. The majority of them also signed a "key pledge," vowing that they would give up their keys over the weekend if intoxicated.

The mock-tail party served non-alcoholic beverages like Jell-O shots and Cosmopolitans.

"The students had a nice environment to learn how to drink responsibly," Romeo said. "It's a fun event to engage students and educate them."

On Tuesday, a tailgate event was held outside of Christman Dining Commons. Students played "root beer pong" and participated in cornhole tournaments.

William Mays of the Youngstown Police Department conducted mock sobriety tests, making students walk in a straight line with beer goggles on.

Clear indications of failure during the sobriety test include swaying before initially walking the

line or miscounting the number of steps taken. If someone messes up twice, the test is failed.

"I think it's important to know that the campus community cares about the students not just ... on campus but [in] their everyday lives," Mays said. "If this program saves one life, then it's well worth it."

Nearly 200 people attended the tailgate. The athletic department donated shirts and decals as a part of the fall sports theme.

"We're not naive in the fact that we don't want people to drink. It's drinking responsibly," Romeo said.

Freshman Tina Hamett performed the mock sobriety test offered at the tailgate.

"I couldn't stand up," Hamett said. "It was weird. I was spinning in circles."

Hamett said the event was effective because some people don't learn a lesson after putting themselves in a dangerous situation.

"I know a lot of people who have gotten in accidents and do the same thing again," she said.

The sobriety test was much more difficult than Hamett expected. She intends to stay away from alcohol while driving.

"I like being a [designated driver]," she said. "If I had to pick between drinking and being DD, I would definitely pick DD."

Sophomore Gregory Satmare said the beer goggles didn't just distort his vision.

"[They] confused me a little," he said.

On Thursday, the RHA will host a poker night from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of Cafaro House.

The week's events will conclude with an interactive spinning class, held in the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center, at 12:15 p.m. on Friday.

YSU and Valley celebrate Italian-American History Month

Darla Conti
REPORTER

Sophomore Paula Schaefer has visited Italy twice to connect with her Italian roots and to better appreciate her heritage.

"You understand how different things are here and there," she said. "You learn why your family is the way it is."

She hopes to visit Italy again some day. Meanwhile, Youngstown State University and the Mahoning Valley celebrate Italian-American Heritage Month throughout October.

To conclude the month's events, award-winning author Pamela Schoenewaldt will host a book signing of her novel at the Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor on Thursday evening. The "steel museum" is located at 151 W. Wood St.

Schoenewaldt will read passages from her novel, titled "When We Were Strangers," that chronicles the story of an Italian immigrant named Irma who settles in Cleveland.

The story depicts the hardships and poverty of an Italian immigrant as she attempts to create a new life for herself in the U.S.

The book signing is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Admission is free to all.

Although Schoenewaldt is not of Italian descent, she

lived in Italy for a decade. Subsequently, she has written various short stories inspired by her time there.

She has taught writing at the University of Maryland-European Division and the University of Tennessee.

"For this area, a recognition of Italian-American history is important," said Martha Pallante, chairwoman of the history department at YSU. "[Novels like Schoenewaldt's] emphasize value of stories and make us conscious of our own story."

Carla Simonini, assistant professor of foreign languages, said that celebrating Italian-American Heritage Month during the 150th anniversary of Italian unification and the end of the American Civil War is especially important. It offers a unique opportunity to reflect upon the themes of nationhood and identity.

"Our area hosts a particularly large and vibrant Italian-American community, many of whom probably do not know much about the historical context from which their ancestors emigrated," she said.

Also in celebration of Italian-American History Month, the steel museum is exhibiting "Giuseppe Garibaldi and the Expedition of the Thousand."

The YSU Bookstore is also featuring a special display of Italian-American books for the rest of the month.

Student organization 'Rips the Runway'

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Youngstown State University students gathered to show off their talents on Wednesday night. However, they congregated for a more important cause: promoting diversity and building lasting friendships.

YSU students who specialize in modeling and dancing performed in the Rip the Runway fashion show at the DeBartolo Stadium Club in Stambaugh Stadium.

Speak Out Loud, a new student organization, held its first event in collaboration with housing and residence life's Black-Out Week, intended to raise alcohol awareness.

The show started at 7 p.m., and models and performers gathered at 5 p.m. for a dress rehearsal.

Delmara Harris-Daniels, a freshman studying vocal performance, modeled three different styles for the show: casual, swimwear and a new style called sexy dress.

"I have done fashion shows and banquets back home in Warren, but I'm still a little nervous," she said.

Another model, senior Nikki Burrelli, modeled four looks.

"I modeled a rock look, animal print, workout wear and a fall look," Burrelli said.

She became aware of the event after seeing a flier. Burrelli then spoke with graduate assistant Breanne Romeo about the show.

"We had a tap dancer to

open the show, and after the models, we will close with a hip-hop group's performance," Romeo said.

Romeo teamed up with Speak Out Loud creator Devon Marbuary and invited two guest speakers to relay their personal experiences with alcohol.

"They are here to share their life challenges and how they overcame those challenges," Romeo said.

Alteeka Vanwright, a sophomore and a member of the hip-hop group Style, was thrilled to perform in the show as the closing number.

Style, made up of four YSU students, started practicing at the beginning of the fall semester and plans on competing in the future.

"We've practiced for a long time, and I am anxious and pumped," she said before making her way to the catwalk.

The formal event included food and appropriate dress. Romeo, Marbuary and the rest of the group expected a good turnout between 100 and 150 people.

YSU ID was required to attend the show, and a portion of the donations and proceeds will go to Students Against Drunk Driving.

Fashion merchandising major Shantal Edwards served as a stylist, a makeup artist and a backstage helper. She also performed as a model.

"I do shows all the time, and the rush comes with the territory," Edwards said.

Edwards modeled a rock star look, animal print and sexy dress.

"And the rest of the show, I

run around like a mad person," she said.

Edwards said she hopes there will be events like this one in the future.

"It adds diversity to this campus, instead of the same old, same old Penguin Pre-Party," she said.

Male model and sophomore NacDaniel Flanigan was confident the show would be great.

"It's fun and for a great cause. It sends a positive message telling people to drink responsibly and take care of themselves. I'm happy they put something like this together," he said.

Although Marbuary was nervous before the show, she said she was proud to be part of this event.

"It's something bigger than a group of friends or a party. Anyone at school can come," she said. "When I was setting up the chairs earlier, I was like, 'I really put something together.'"

Marbuary said she is extremely grateful for all the help she has received.

"I would have been going crazy without everyone ... but I also wouldn't have done this if it wasn't for the help," she said.

Opening tap dance performer Eri Raib said she was pleased with the energy and effort that was put into creating the event.

"The energy and coordination of all the other groups coming together really makes me proud of YSU ... to go the extra step and extra mile to make something great," Raib said.

Scholars let out inner child at fall festival

Rachel Lundberg
REPORTER

Children bustle from station to station, collecting the makings of a magnificent sugar high, sticking fingers into a bowl filled with "eyeballs" and running in dizzying circles as they mummy-wrap friends in toilet paper.

This scene plays out every year as the Leslie H. Cochran University Scholars treat the Boys and Girls Club of Youngstown to a night of fun and games at the honors program's annual fall festival.

The fall festival is a volunteer project that will be held Wednesday.

"It's kind of like a let-your-hair-down day" for the kids involved, said Melanie Costello, unit director of the Boys and Girls Club.

"Oh, they love it. They love it when we come," said Luke Politsky, junior member of the University Scholars and organizer of the fall festival.

Costello, who works with the kids daily, said they look forward to the fall festival every year. She said the Boys and Girls Club is a place for kids to go after school and work on homework, do community service and participate in sports and art.

This year, nearly 30 University Scholars are volunteering for the event, and 50 to 60 kids are expected to attend.

Each student is assigned to work a certain station where there will be face painting, scary story telling, mummy wrapping, crafts or musical chairs. For older kids, activities like basketball and dancing are available.

Politsky, who has been involved with the fall festival for three years and heading it for two, said what he remembers most is how excited the kids get from sugar.

This year, he said the freshmen are the most excited of the college students.

"We rely on a lot of the freshmen to come out and provide us with some new ideas because some of ours are old and stale," Politsky said.

The option to dress in costumes appeals to both new and old University Scholars.

"I have a pretty sweet costume," said Justin McIntyre, a senior political science and history major.

This is McIntyre's fourth and final year volunteering at the fall festival. In the past, he has helped with mummy wrapping and crafts, but this year he will go wherever he's needed.

"Volunteers are impacted by how quickly the children bond with them and want their attention," said Amy Cossentino, assistant director of the honors program. She said it's what keeps volunteers coming back.

The fall festival originated in 2002 when four students in the Introduction to Honors Seminar class came up with the idea to partner with the Boys and Girls Club and set up stations throughout Cafaro House. In later years, the event was moved to the Boys and Girls Club to allow for a greater variety of activities.

"I think it's kind of because we're still kids, too, but we're older kids in bigger bodies," Politsky said. "But we act very much the same, so we can relate to them and we can have fun with them."

Nowhere to hide

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If administrators choose to voluntarily contribute their time and money to assuage the financial turmoil the university faces, it will be the only action in the past year that was truly voluntary.

Faculty is foregoing a pay raise for two years, staff for three.

Neither union volunteered to the concessions imposed by contracts, but they took them and moved on.

Departments across campus took an 8.5 percent hit to their operating budgets. No one was singled out, but no one was left unaffected.

Students are among those affected. We had no say in it.

So, what we're suggesting is that voluntary is a polite way of saying responsibly.

It's responsible for our leaders to walk the talk. They rode the "dire situation" bandwagon all throughout the negotiation talks. Before that, they used the same rhetoric to forego renovations to student-centric facilities like Kilcawley Center.

President Anderson donated \$100,000 of her \$350,000 salary to sponsor YSU scholarships before she took office. It was the right thing to do.

Her call for others to do the same is more of the right thing.

Anderson took office as an optimistic and humble advocate for the students. We believe she's still that same person who once garnered support for us from the office of student affairs.

A question remains: Who else will support us? Coaches? Cabinet members? Deans?

When the university faces fiscal emergency this time around, administrators will have no one to hide behind but one other.



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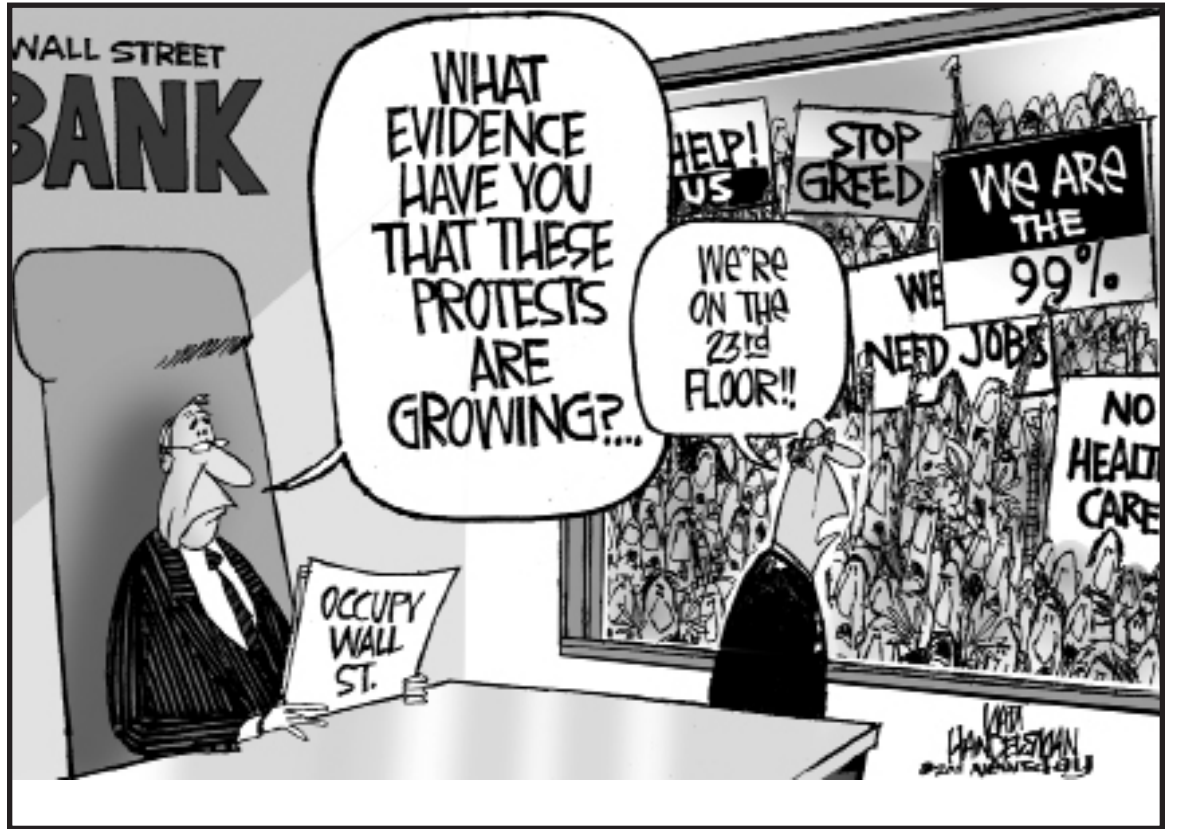
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How Hollywood will make birding cool

National Audubon Society
(MCT)

The story of "The Big Year," which opened in theaters over the weekend, lifts off when three rental cars screech to a halt in south Texas. Owen Wilson steps out, lifts his binoculars — and gasps. Ditto Jack Black. And Steve Martin.

Then we see what they see: a sky boiling with birds. Hundreds of thousands of birds.

I know that look because it washes over me regularly. When a Golden Eagle swoops down in front of our 4x4 in California's Tejon Ranch; when a hundred thousand hawks and turkey vultures soar over Veracruz, Mexico; when I'm on the bayous of Louisiana, surrounded by Great Blue Herons, prehistoric looking White Ibis and Audubon's symbol, Great Egrets — I'm filled with wonder and humility.

Unlike most of my predecessors, I didn't come to Audubon as an experienced birder. But from the moment I arrived a year ago, I've looked at the sky with different eyes.

And what I've seen is just awesome.

Don't take it from me. Listen to the 48 million bird enthusiasts in the United States. They come from

all walks of life — from the birding veterans in floppy hats to passionate teen-age Latino guides to "Scream" creator Wes Craven and even Mark Salling, the guy who plays Puck on "Glee."

Even if you're not a birder, you're probably a lot more into birds than you know. Who hasn't been amazed by that slow-motion video of a bald eagle grabbing a salmon out of a lake? And if you remember one image from last year's BP disaster, it was probably a brown pelican covered with oil.

"The Big Year" is about three guys competing to see the most bird species in one year. To be sure, they're to birding what ultramarathoners are to jogging. But from start to finish, the movie is about birds and the people who love to look at them.

One of the joys of "The Big Year" — for birders and non-birders alike — is watching Wilson, Martin and Black riff on birds. Even if this isn't a true send-up like "Best in Show" was for dogs, the idea of "competitive birding" is a built-in punch line.

But the actors don't just play it for laughs. They — and director David Frankel, who gave us "Marley and me" — seem genuinely interested in capturing the connection birds make between people and nature. In the film, no char-

acter does it better than Rashida Jones' Ellie, who follows the birds because she is so taken by their songs.

The first trailers for the movie were bird-free zones, instead highlighting the bucket list story line in the film.

But even that captures something important about birds. One of the joys of birding is the people you meet, the relationships you build with fellow birders.

The best relationship moment in "The Big Year" is a scene where Black and his father spot a great gray owl in the fading light of a snowy forest near their home. I won't give it all away, but the presence of the spectacular bird highlights what's happening between Black's character and his father.

Hyper-critical birders, the keepers of birding's flame, will no doubt find flaws in this film (some of the details around an elusive pink-footed goose will likely fill blogs for years). But I'd like to offer a little advice for these people: Lighten up. The last time Hollywood released a non-animated movie about birders, it was set on Alcatraz and it was in black and white.

While Burt Lancaster earned an Oscar for it, things didn't end so well for his birds or for the bird guy. This one does.

Charles Darwin the economist

Los Angeles Times
(MCT)

With good reason, most contemporary economists regard Adam Smith as the founder of their discipline. But I would instead accord that honor to Charles Darwin, the pioneering naturalist.

Although Darwin had no formal training in economics, he studied the works of early economists carefully, and the plants and animals that were his focus were embroiled in competitive struggles much like the ones we see in the marketplace. His observations forged an understanding of competition that is subtly but profoundly different from Smith's. The celebrated invisible hand theory that Smith developed holds that unfettered markets will ultimately channel self-interest to serve the common good. But this idea is really just an interesting special case of Darwin's more general theory.

Smith did not claim that markets always channel greed in socially productive ways. For him, the remarkable thing was that they often appeared to. Although his account of how that happens lacks the generality that many of his most enthusiastic modern disciples ascribe to it, it will endure as one of mankind's most impressive intellectual achievements.

Consider his description of product design improvements or cost-reducing innovations. The entrepreneurs who introduce them hope to steal sales from rivals. They often succeed spectacularly in the short term, which pressures rivals to mimic the innovations.

The ultimate beneficiaries of this competition, Smith explained, are not businesses but consumers, who enjoy ever better products at ever lower prices.

In Darwin's theory, natural selection favors traits and behaviors that promote individual reproductive success. Many of the examples he observed were closely analogous to Smith's account of product design improvements. But Darwin also recognized that individual and group interests often conflict sharply and that, in those cases, individual interests generally trump group interests.

The evolution of keen eyesight among hawks is an example of the former type. A mutation that led to slightly improved vision benefited the individual in which it first occurred. By enabling that individual to catch more prey and feed more offspring, it spread quickly. Similar mutations accreted, with the result that virtually all modern hawks have astonishingly acute vision by human standards. Like Smith's product design improvements, these mutations no longer confer relative advantage to individual hawks, but their ultimate effect was to make hawks more effective as a species.

In many other cases, however, mutations that promote individual reproductive success prove costly to the larger group. A vivid case in point is the prodigious antlers of the bull elk. Like males of most other vertebrate species, these animals take more than one mate if they can. But if some succeed, others are left with none, making them the ultimate losers in Darwinian

terms. It was thus inevitable that bulls would fight bitterly for access to females, and also inevitable that natural selection would spawn an arms race in the antlers that promoted success in those battles. But while the massive antlers of surviving bulls, which often span more than 4 feet and weigh more than 40 pounds, help them prevail in battles for mates, they are a serious handicap when bulls are chased into densely wooded areas by predators.

Because it is relative antler size that matters in battle, bulls would have good reasons to favor a proposal to trim each animal's antlers by half. The outcome of every fight would be the same as before, and each bull would be far better able to escape from wolves. Yet bulls are stuck with their handicap because any individual bull with smaller antlers would never win a mate.

In short, Darwin's understanding of competition makes clear that there can be no presumption that the process promotes the common good. Often it does. But success in Darwinian terms typically depends heavily on relative performance, and attempts to occupy scarce slots atop any hierarchy inevitably provoke wasteful, mutually offsetting arms races.

It's an important point, since the modern conservative's case for minimal government rests on the presumption that competition always promotes society's welfare. But our best understanding of how competition actually functions, as Darwin's work makes clear, supports no such presumption.

Men's tennis works to improve for spring

Nick Mancini
SPORTS REPORTER

The Youngstown State University men's tennis team wrapped up its fall schedule at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Midwest Regionals, held at Ohio State University.

During the ITA Midwest Regionals on Oct. 13, the Penguins qualified three participants for the tournament.

"I thought we played pretty well overall," said head coach Mark Klysner. "I thought we could have played better, but it was a tough transition from playing all outdoors all fall to playing this tournament indoors."

Freshman Dawoud Kabli won his first match during the qualifier, besting Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne junior Junya Saruta. Kabli fell in his next match, however, to Illinois State University sophomore Mud-

dappa Appaneruvanda.

"Dawoud [Kabli], as a freshman, impressed me a lot," Klysner said. "I had coaches asking me at tournaments where I found him because they were so impressed with his play."

Kabli said he was anxious to start playing in his first college season.

"I was pretty satisfied with my play, not knowing what to expect," he said. "I really have to give major props to Coach [Klysner] for doing such a great job this fall. ... He did a great job just organizing and keeping everything rolling along."

Now is the time for spring preparation, he said.

"I think we can improve on our doubles by just getting at it in practice and working hard," Kabli said. "I think we can really improve as we head into the spring."

Other YSU singles participants — senior Tariq Ismail and sophomore

Max Schmerin — lost their matches. Tariq Ismail fell to Michigan State University sophomore Drew Lied, while Schmerin lost to Cleveland State University sophomore Matt Ford.

In the doubles portion of the tournament, Tariq Ismail and Kabli won their first-round match over University of Toledo junior Bryant Dudzik and freshman Grant Adams.

However, the YSU duo lost their next match to University of Notre Dame sophomore Greg Andrews and senior Casey Watt.

Klysner said he was happy with the team's doubles performance.

"Unfortunately, we ran into a very good Notre Dame team, but we did better than any other YSU team ever did at the ITA, which is great," he said.

As a result, Klysner said the team played "pretty well for the season." However, he added that there is always room for improvement.

"This fall season showed some of the things we need to work on for the spring," he said.

Klysner said Zeeshan Ismail has impressed him.

"From last year, Zeeshan [Ismail] is probably the most improved player on the team," Klysner said. "I can definitely see him playing higher in the spring."

Zeeshan Ismail said he wants to improve his serving and forehand.

"Also, the mental aspect of my game can improve as well. Sometimes I think I lose focus," he said.

Klysner said the team would be adding some players for the spring. He is excited about this prospect.

"We play in one of the toughest regions in the country," he said. "We go up against some tough schools from the Big Ten. We had some good wins and held our own. Hopefully that carries into the spring season."

Golf teams wrap up fall play

Nick Mancini
SPORTS REPORTER

The Youngstown State University golf teams finished their fall seasons this week.

The men's team competed at the Dayton Flyer Invitational, which was played at the NCR South Course in Kettering.

Throughout the season, the Penguins played in six tournaments with their best finish coming at the Bowling Green State University John Piper Intercollegiate. They finished fifth in the event and placed three golfers in the top 10.

Individually, senior Anthony Conn and sophomore Mark Olbrych both had season-low scores of 221. The season lows were scored at the Michigan State University Fossum Invitational and the BGSU tournament.

The women's team wrapped up play Tuesday at the University of Akron's Zippy Invitational at the Rosemont Country Club in Fairlawn.

The Penguins won two tournaments during the fall season, including the season-opening YSU Invitational. They also won the Robert Morris Holiday Inn Golf Classic.

Freshman Aislynn Merling shot a team-low 152 in two rounds at the YSU Invitational. Fellow freshman Allison Mitzel shot 157.

At the Robert Morris event, junior Sarah Heimlich led the charge for the Penguins, earning medalist honors. Her two-round score of 157 won the tournament by four shots.



The Penguins' offensive unit runs over plays during the Oct. 8 game against South Dakota State University. The offense is averaging 453.8 yards a game and 35.8 points a game this season. Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

Joe Catullo Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

The Youngstown State University Penguins (3-3) defeated Southern Illinois University (2-4) on Saturday, 35-23, in head coach Eric Wolford's first career road victory, but he is not ready to hand out awards.

"We're not ready to crown anybody," Wolford said. "Things take care of themselves at the end of the season. I think things really come down to us in our maturity level and our ability to prepare, our ability to focus."

Wolford added that his team must be ready to play every game.

"It's not scheme, it's not plays, [and] it's not play

calls," he said. "It's our ability to execute the play that's given."

"We just got to go out and execute, and realize anybody can play with anybody. We see that time and time again in college football. You can't take anything for granted."

After trailing 17-7 at halftime, YSU scored 28 points in the second half against the Salukis. Senior Josh Lee said it was a major turning point in the season.

"It's always good to win on the road; that's what championship teams do," Lee said. "I feel a sigh of relief a little bit. [It] boosted everyone's confidence."

With happier players in the locker room, YSU will host Saint Francis University (1-6) on Saturday in the teams' first

meeting since 1953. Junior Lamar Mady — named Saturday's Offensive Lineman of the Game — said the team would not take anyone lightly.

"We can't go in there and expect to blow them out," Mady said. "We just [have] to be the type of team that plays like it's your last."

Wolford agreed with Mady, adding that it does not matter what team the Penguins face.

"I think it's really about you," Wolford said. "You got to look yourself in the mirror. I think we are capable [of playing] with anyone. We are still in the infant stages of building a program for the long haul. We're getting to the point where we got depth in every position."

One of the team's concerns resides in the defense, mainly

in the secondary. The Penguins are allowing 27.2 points per game and 363.8 yards. Wolford said he wants to see more consistency.

"I had to repeat the same mistakes over and over again," he said. "I think we solidified some things coverage-wise, and those guys are getting more and more comfortable. Are we perfect right now? No, by no means, but we're making that progress. I think that will come in time."

The Red Flash average 24.9 points per game and 357.4 total yards while allowing 47.1 points and 494.6 yards. Junior Kyle Harbridge has rushed for 924 yards and eight touchdowns thus far. Wolford said he is a tough running back who runs hard.

Intersquad games prepare Penguin baseball for spring

Joe Catullo Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

Intersquad games are the site of what head baseball coach Rich Pasquale calls "fall training."

Pasquale said this is likely the best fall he's ever encountered.

"The players have definitely got a lot of information," he said. "[We] give them as much game-experience plays as much as we can. I feel we accomplished a lot of that, and we haven't done that a lot in the past."

The Penguins feature 12 freshmen heading into the 2012 season.

"At first, I felt like they were trying to do too much, impress their new teammates or their new coaches," Pasquale said. "I've already told them, 'You've already impressed us; you're already here.' They've really been progressing well."

One incoming player is

junior catcher Jake Kucek, a transfer from Cuyahoga Community College who is battling an elbow injury.

"I just hope to bring my talents to the team and help out any way I can personally to achieve more victories," Kucek said. "The guys are great. We're all putting a lot of hard work into it, so hopefully it pays off."

Kucek, a second-team All-American last year, said Pasquale offered him multiple options.

"I'm from Canfield, so I have a lot of friends up here, and I liked everything I saw,"



The YSU baseball team stretches before the season gets underway in February. Coach Rich Pasquale refers to the fall as "spring training." Photo by Joe Catullo Jr./The Jambar.

Kucek said.

He finished last year with a .481 batting average, 52 hits, 12 doubles, 30 runs and 32 RBIs.

Pasquale said he has his eye on several returners, one

being senior Jeremy Banks.

"Players follow how [he] represents his family and how he represents this program," Pasquale said. "He's really stood out as far as leading, and we're looking for a big year out of him."

Banks finished last season with a .300 batting average, three home runs, 26 RBIs, 64 hits, 83 total bases and a .390 slugging percentage, all team-highs.

On the pitching side, the club will have to do without

Phil Klein who was drafted by 2011 American League champion Texas Rangers in the MLB draft.

First-year pitching coach Ed Marko said the pitchers work hard. However, he expects them to work harder.

"I like Pat O'Brien because of his transfer," Marko said. "He's come on real strong. Pat Shedlock, the newcomer, has done really well. Kevin McCulloh is finally healthy [and] working hard, and he's got a chance to be pretty good for us this year."

O'Brien sat out last year to fulfill NCAA transfer requirements. During his 2010 season at Bowling Green State University, he went 12-5 with six saves.

Last season, Shedlock posted a 3.82 ERA with 28 strikeouts and four wins in 33 innings pitched.

McCulloh went 4-9 last season with a 5.29 ERA, 49 strikeouts, 30 walks and one save in all 22 games played.