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## High school students get early start

Josh Stipanovich  
NEWS EDITOR

The College in High School (CHS) program at Youngstown State University, which is a dual enrollment program that allows high school juniors and seniors to earn college credit classes, was created three years ago and will be expanding for the upcoming school year.

CHS will provide opportunity to earn college credits in calculus, chemistry, physics

and English literature for high school juniors and seniors who live in Trumbull, Mahoning and Columbiana counties.

Currently the program offers college credit in calculus for 89 students in 10 different districts in only Mahoning County.

CHS enrolled 54 total students in its first year. The following year, in 2008, that number grew to 71. Just last academic year, CHS enrolled 89.

The director of Metro Credit at YSU Karla Krodel said that the addition of Trumbull and

Columbiana counties will help increase enrollment for next year.

"We're hoping to see at least 200 students enrolled by the end of spring semester," Krodel said.

The program is funded by the Ohio Department of Education through grants and has been since they began in 2007. Krodel said that they [Metro Credit at YSU] are still waiting to hear if their grant for the next year will be accepted, as it is still pending.

Sharon Schroeder, assistant director of Metro Credit said that the expansion would benefit YSU because it is one way the University can increase their enrollment in the future.

"We'll [YSU] be able to, not only take these classes into the districts, to show the high school students first hand what YSU has to offer," Schroeder said. "And hopefully, in turn, turn that into additional enrollment for us here at the university."

CHS makes it easier on YSU

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## 'America's Museum' celebrates 90 years

Danielle Dietz  
REPORTER



The Butler Institute of American Art, known worldwide as "America's Museum," is celebrating its 90th anniversary this year.

Officially established and dedicated in 1919, the Butler Institute features 20,000 individual works and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The institute is a nonprofit museum that relies solely on fundraising, such as the annual holiday craft show held every December and contributions from museum-goers and benefactors.

"The Butler has free admission every day," Kathy Earnhart, public relations director at the Butler said.

The institute has two other facilities located in Salem and Trumbull counties. The Salem branch houses some of the Butler's more permanent collection, while the Trumbull branch holds contemporary works and talents by international artists.

"People come back again and again to see the permanent collection," Earnhart said.

The museum is currently featuring a number of new and exciting exhibits in accordance with their anniversary celebration. The displays include a Steven Cartwright phase transition gallery located in the south wing of the Butler, a Bob Potts kinetic sculpture showcase in the Bermant Gallery as well as an entire exhibit by actress Jessica Lange, featuring 50 of her photographs.

The 90th anni-

versary celebration officially began May 28 with a black-tie optional gala, featuring Jessica Lange as the guest of honor.

"Three-hundred people attended; it was a kick-off for the anniversary," Earnhart said.

The museum's official anniversary is Oct. 15 and will be adding more exhibits toward late summer, and fall. A pastels exhibit by Sam Lieberman will be added on June 28, and Jasper Johns, America's most famous living artist, will be at the Butler for a film and lecture this fall.

Along with future shows and lectures, the Butler has been planning a tentative proposal to add to the museum. The proposal entails an outdoor canopy, connecting the museum to the church next door, which is used for classes and lectures. The addition will also feature an exterior elevator and an elevated walkway, much like the one that runs across Wick Avenue from Meshel Hall.

"People need to check butlerart.com," Earnhart said on keeping the public informed on the happenings at the Butler Institute.



IMAGE COURTESY OF THE BUTLER INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN ART



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## YSU now an urban research university

Kelli Phillips  
WEB EDITOR

A recent study by the SimpsonScarborough research firm now gives Youngstown State University's Office of Marketing and Communications the data to investigate, analyze and market the university's reputation.

The study, which began in February 2009 and was completed in June 2009, was the first phase in a market research project designed to help YSU transition to an urban research university.

"We're at a pivotal moment in the history of the university," Mark Van Tilburg, executive director of marketing and communications, said. "This is part of Chancellor Fingerhut's plan for the university to move from an open admissions institution to an urban research university of regional and national excellence ... This is a major time of change for YSU."

Van Tilburg said the "major market repositioning" will take approximately 10 years and will consist of several phases.

By using data obtained from in-depth interviews with 43 prospective traditional and

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## WPA hopes to attract more students

Cherise Benton  
REPORTER

A new-fangled combination of instant messaging, school counselor schmoozing, post cards, school visits and college fair displays have worked together nicely to promote Youngstown State University's Western Pennsylvania Advantage, a \$2,500 cut to the out-of-state surcharge for Western Pennsylvania residents. The process is fairly new, but Vice President for Student Affairs Cynthia Anderson said these recruitment initiatives have been "very successful."

Thomas Maraffa, senior assistant to the president, said the university budgeted for the tuition cuts offered, and the additional students will absorb the lost revenue. Between 150 and 160 additional WPA students are needed to completely cover the cost. Sue Davis, director of Undergraduate Admissions, estimates it will take a few years to recruit that many students.

Todd Pilipovich, coordinator of Undergraduate Admissions, has been working on

## Excellence center finalists presented to Sweet

Lamar Salter  
REPORTER

Youngstown State University has chosen four centers of excellence programs for approval from the Office of the Chancellor in attempts to focus and expand upon specific subjects and fields of research.

Presented this month at the Board of Trustees meeting, the proposals fall under recommendation from the state in its attempts to expand higher education.

The Rich Center of Excellence in the study of Autism, William College of Business Administration Center of Excellence in International Business, Applied Chemical Biology and Materials Science and

Engineering have all been recommended to YSU President David Sweet.

The four centers were chosen from a list of 11 applicants, each focusing on specific criteria. The applicants had to provide details of the centers and their purpose as well as an estimated budget for funding. Upon final approval, the centers will focus largely on research and study in each individual field at YSU.

The Center of Excellence for Applied Biology will be a heavily research-based program according to professor Chet Cooper, the proposed director of the center.

"The idea is to use the tools in the field we call 'applied biology' to make new discoveries," Cooper said.

Cooper added the center will focus on studying infectious diseases and stem cell research.

"Basically, it's applying what we know in chemistry and biology to solve biological problems and [to] discover new ways of implementing diagnostic tests, or developing new products that can be commercialized," Cooper said.

The center's proposed budget currently stands at \$41,428,874, which is more than double the amount of the other applicant's budget combined.

In response to the high budget proposal, Cooper said the center originally asked for only 12 million and that the

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## News Briefs

### YSU Board of Trustees to hold meeting

The Youngstown State University Board of Trustees will meet on Friday. The Academic and Student Affairs, the Internal Affairs and the Finance and Facilities committees will meet in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center between noon and 2 p.m. At 4 p.m. the entire Board of Trustees meeting will take place in the boardroom of Tod Hall. A reception to welcome new member John Jakubek will be held directly after.

### "Rust Fest" shows off works from graduate students

The McDonough Museum of Art is housing Rust Fest until July 24. This digital arts and new media festival has works from eight universities. It includes animation, computer games and other screen-based art forms. Works from graduate students in master of fine arts programs from Rhode Island School of Design, Transart Institute, Alfred University, New York University, University of Texas at San Antonio, University of California at Santa Cruz, Carnegie Mellon University and University of Minnesota are on display. The museum is open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### YSU Women's Club gives Scholarships

The Youngstown State University Women's Club honored students by giving scholarships. Four \$1,000 Women's Club scholarships were given to sophomore Jodie Kluchar and juniors Christina Burrows, Natalie Kirlazis and Joyce Cwright. The Martha Kryston Shuster Memorial handed out three \$1,000 scholarships. They were awarded to graduate student Nicole DelQuadi and juniors David Patrick and Matthew Jaykel.

## Police Briefs

Youngstown 06/14/09 - Officers were dispatched to the 200 building of the Ambling Hall Apartment Complex in response to a fire alarm evacuation and a fire extinguisher that had been set off in room 2404. The on duty CA received no response from inside the room. Upon keyed entry, the CA found the room vacant but full of fire extinguisher dust. Upon further investigation of the fire and police departments, a water bong and PVC tube with brass bowl fitting were found in the apartment. Marijuana and unknown residues were found throughout the apartment.

Youngstown 06/15/09 - An unknown male was spotted on campus near Cushwa Hall. When asked if he was a student and had an ID, the man stated yes and claimed that he forgot it at home. Stating that he was coming from Kilcawley Center after using the computers. The man became very nervous after being asked to give his name and did not do so until another officer arrived on the scene. He then gave the officer false address information, and began putting his hands in his pockets. A pat down search was conducted and 2008 tax returns were found in the man's possession. Another officer then arrived on the scene, confirming that the man was not a student but that there were no warrants against him. He was detained until identity verification could be made. After identification was verified, he was issued a trespass warning.

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because they do not have to supply professors to teach these classes. According to Schroeder, each department chooses high school teachers, based off of their existing requirements, and who teach advanced-level classes.

The new additions to the program for next year will benefit all students as well who enroll, and Krodel said that she hopes they take advantage of the opportunities because it will allow for her and her staff to build close relationships with each student.

"By getting a closer relationship with these students earlier

on, we hope that they'll be going to school ... Of course we hope that they come to school here [YSU], but I just want them to go to school, because if they go to school anywhere, they'll be a benefit to our valley," Krodel said.

Krodel also said that helping these high school students realize that going to school is beneficial, especially today with our struggling economy.

"There's a lot of students out there that we want to get on the college track, and we needed to get into more schools with more subjects," Krodel said. "We're real excited about it."

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adult students, 20 YSU alumni and more than 50 current faculty members, the marketing and communications department is "trying to look at our current reputation among students, parents, alumni and civil employers ... from this, we can determine and correct any misinterpretations," Van Tilburg said.

The benchmark data from the study showed YSU's positive attributes include its affordability, academics, facilities and class size, while its negative characteristics include its location and association with Youngstown.

However, a majority of prospective undergraduate students viewed YSU as "a great university within reach" as opposed to "an urban research university," "a metropolitan technical university," or "a technical institute." Reach will be a core word for marketing, Van Tilburg said, as it "became an underlying theme in geographic location, affordability, and accessibility to first generation students."

The second phase, tentatively set to begin in early fall, will be completed within six months and survey more than 500 students. This phase will include shorter questionnaires that will "probe areas of concern," such as campus safety, student life and academics, as well as provide hard numbers and specific data sets.

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total budget was the combination of an ongoing period.

"We kept rolling things over until we received that number," Cooper said, citing the amount of costs to cover faculty pay, research funding and program maintenance over about a five-year span were included in the budget.

The Rich Center for Excellence for the Study of Autism is being designed by the Rich Center for Autism. The center will focus on working in research and faculty training for autistic students according to J. Georgia Backus, director of Rich Center of Autism.

"Autism isn't something you just learn from a book," Backus said as she talked about the importance of the center. "We're the only university in the state of Ohio that has a centered-based program for the study of autism."

The center is in a unique position based on qualifications. As outlined in the Board of Trustees agenda for its June 2 meeting, the center may not

qualify based on the need for "economic development" and lack of potential for research publication. However, the agenda goes on to suggest that a national center of excellence for autism could greatly enhance the program and strengthen research.

Backus said the Rich Center has played a major role of being the only autism research center fully supported on a campus in the state and is supported both regionally and nationally. She also said programs such as NEOUCOM and the Akron's Children's Hospital are providing support.

"We are hoping that the Chancellor clearly will recognize that if you only have one university-based center in the entire state that the potential is there," Backus said.

The center's budget is proposed at \$3,437,505. Backus said the funds would provide funding for "additional faculty engaging" and program support in terms of facility.

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these enhanced recruitment methods since January. This past spring, he visited over 90 high schools, speaking with area counselors and prospective students. In the fall of 2008, 68 transfer students applied, while 51 were accepted. In the fall of 2009, 94 transfer students applied, and 69 were accepted, which led to an overall increase of 44.2%.

"So far, we have had more than 50 applicants from this region, which is more than what we expected," Pilipovich said. "The main goal is to have more than 165 students from this area to offset the costs... so [recruitment] efforts will continue in the fall."

The university is expecting another round of late applications in late July and early August, Davis said.

According to Davis, no more than 25% of YSU students are out-of-state residents. As stated on the WPA website's information page, "more than 650 students from the eight-county YSU Western Pennsylvania Advantage region" are enrolled. This region includes: Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Crawford, Erie, Lawrence, Mercer and Venango counties.

Maraffa said YSU has been looking to establish a reciprocity arrangement with Pennsylvania schools where Ohio residents attending Pennsylvania schools that are a part of the agreement and Pennsylvania residents attending YSU would not be charged out of state fees, but "Pennsylvania has historically refused to cooperate."

This Western Pennsylvania Advantage is YSU's independent effort toward reaching that goal. Maraffa also said the university is considering collaborating with Community College Beaver County on a two plus two program which will allow CCBC alumni with associate degrees to receive their bachelor's degree at YSU.

Additional reporting by Kelli Phillips.

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#### OUR SIDE EDITORIAL

## Push the positives to prospects

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You screwed up. This is a phrase commonly uttered by many Youngstown State University students and the Office of Marketing and Communications hopes that results of a recent study will help them "reach" out to prospective students in an effort to improve the university's overall reputation.

The data found that affordability, facilities, class size and academics were positive qualities of the university while the city of Youngstown's negative reputation and the open enrollment status were listed as areas of concern.

The university will have to work hard to overcome the negative stereotypes, especially when it comes to safety and academics.

How many out of state students are willing to move to an area known for its high murder rate and organized crime past?

YSU's open enrollment policy is also a double-edged sword that could hinder any attempt to market on the basis of academics.

It's hard to persuade prospective students into believing that we are an academically challenging university when essentially anyone who would like to attend college is accepted.

On the other hand, as a state university, we may be doing more of a public service to the taxpayers who fund us by remaining an open enrollment university.

With a struggling economy, affordability will continue to be the key attribute that will convince students to forgo their travel plans and stay close to home and attend YSU.

It won't be easy for the university to accentuate the positive and completely eliminate the negative with the new marketing plan, but if we're able to land somewhere in-between, we will likely win over a higher number of prospective students in the process.

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#### COMMENTARY

## Sad? Watch better TV

McClatchy-Tribune News Service

What is a necessity in your life? That's the question the Pew Research Center asked 1,003 Americans.

The poll found that in the last three years, people downgraded many things that they once considered necessities but now considered optional, or luxuries. Those included microwaves, clothes dryers, and — are you ready for this? — television.

When people were asked if a television was a necessity, only 52 percent said yes. That was down from the 2006 results, when 64 percent said yes.

From this poll we conclude:

—Half of Americans think that having a television is absolutely critical to their mental and emotional well-being.

—The other half are lying.

Yes, we know there's a recession on and that people are cutting back. But television ... not necessary? Come on. For many people, that's like saying oxygen is optional.

Want proof? On Friday, the nation's television networks stopped broadcasting an analog signal. Translated into non-techie, that means the old antenna-only televisions won't work, unless they're hooked to a digital converter box or a cable or satellite service. Most Americans were ready. But we expect we'll be hearing from those who missed the news and are outraged to find they're sans television. Believe us, they won't be reassured to know that half their fellow citizens allegedly don't think television is a necessity.

We understand how people can live without a dishwasher. You can still wash and dry your dishes in the sink, after all. Or a clothes dryer. There's

always a clothesline. Or even air conditioning. Buy a fan.

But let's admit that television has become an unbreakable habit for many people. The rise of cable has sapped the market dominance of the networks, but we're still watching. We just have more options.

You could, instead, read a book, take a walk, talk to a friend.

But you don't.

Some people brag that they never watch television. That it's a vast wasteland, to borrow Newton Minow's famous phrase. They could point to a recent study published in the journal Social Indicators Research, which found that people who described themselves as "not too happy" watched more television than their more contented counterparts. On average, the glum ones reported an extra 5.6 hours of tube time a week.

Researchers were careful not to say that watching television caused people to be unhappy. But rather that there was a "link" that was not yet understood.

Link is a scientific term for stuff that scientists don't understand.

We wonder: Isn't it possible that those who watch more television are unhappy because they're not watching enough good TV? They're getting depressed by watching bottom-feeder shows like "I'm a Celebrity ... Get Me Out of Here!"

Our advice: Admit your addiction, find a few quality shows and stick with them. Maybe that means spending time with coach Eric Taylor and his team on "Friday Night Lights," or Paul Weston and his fascinating and infuriating patients on "In Treatment" or Liz Lemon and the gang on "30 Rock."

Then turn it off.

#### COMMENTARY

## Obama needs just a bit of Truman's courage

Dick Polman  
PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

When will Barack Obama tap his inner Truman and take the initiative to end the ignominious ban on gays serving openly in the military?

Actually, he needs to exhibit only a fraction of Harry Truman's political courage. When FDR's successor announced in 1948 that he intended to integrate the armed forces racially, Americans recoiled in horror. Gallup reported that only 13 percent of the people endorsed the notion of blacks and whites serving together. Yet Truman signed the executive order anyway; as he liked to say, "I wonder how far Moses would have gone if he'd taken a poll in Egypt."

Truman stood tall even though the wind was in his face; Obama, by taking the lead on ending the gay ban, would actually have the wind at his back. National resistance to open service has melted during the 15 years since the enactment of "don't ask, don't tell." Gallup now reports that 69 percent of Americans support gays and straights serving together without the caveat of the closet — a six-point hike since 2004, fueled by big gains among conservatives and weekly churchgoers.

We've reached a rough consensus on this issue for mostly practical reasons. With the military stretched by two land wars and the twilight struggle against terrorism, it seems a tad counterproductive to keep firing people who want to put their lives on the line for their country. Hundreds have been Arab linguists. Dan Choi, an Iraq vet who is fluent in Arabic, received his firing notice last month after he came out on national TV.

Yet Obama seems unwilling to make even the easiest move. He has the authority to sign an executive order suspending the forced ousters of gay service members. That should be a no-brainer. But, unlike Truman (who seized the reins on civil rights despite being broadly unpopular), Obama is clearly averse to spending even a cent of his considerable political capital on this issue.

I've heard various rationales for his reluctance to lead: He doesn't want to antagonize the military brass, with whom he is still nurturing relationships; he already has a full plate of issues, ranging from health care

to energy, and he doesn't want to distract Congress (ending the gay ban will require congressional approval); and he doesn't want to fight another culture war that could imperil the dozens of Democratic congressmen who hail from conservative districts.

But this issue is far more benign than gay marriage; this issue no longer triggers a culture war. The aforementioned Gallup poll reports that 58 percent of conservatives, 58 percent of Republicans, and 60 percent of weekly churchgoers now believe that gays should be allowed to serve openly. The conservative percentage has jumped 12 points since 2004; the churchgoer share by 11 points.

It's true that some military leaders and retired flag officers still oppose lifting the ban. But Truman had it far worse when he sought to integrate in 1948. Southerners in the service warned that recruitment and morale would suffer. World War II icon Omar Bradley publicly declared that the military should not be forced to conduct "social experiments," and Truman had to tell him to zip it.

Here are just some of the weighty matters that plagued the president during the first half of 1948: Soviet aggression in Hungary, Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Bulgaria; China, on the verge of falling to the communists; a severe domestic housing crisis; a Republican-led Congress that was fiercely resisting his pitch for national health insurance, a higher minimum wage, stronger pro-labor laws, and expanded education aid. Moreover, all the polls predicted that, when Truman stood for reelection in November, he would be toast.

Yet somehow he found the time to touch the third rail. It took another six years for the military to fully desegregate, but the point is, Truman had the guts to make it happen.

And as another tough guy has said, "Lifting the ban on gays in the military isn't exactly nothing, but it's pretty darned close. Everybody knows that gays have served honorably in the military since at least the time of Julius Caesar. . . . It's time to deal with this straight on and be done with it."

So said Barry Goldwater, father of the modern conservative movement, 16 years ago. But we'll never be done with it unless Obama starts the clock.

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## STAY REC'D WITH SUMMER PROGRAMS

Robyn Musgrove  
REPORTER

While the sidewalks of campus are mostly barren during the summer semesters, the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center at Youngstown State University is still buzzing with students who keep their workout regimens on tap during their summer vacation.

The Rec Center is open during the week through Aug. 21 under special summer hours. Monday through Thursday, the Rec Center is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Fridays from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. The workout center is closed on weekends.

Ryan Monti, grad student in physical therapy and Rec Center personal trainer, said less people come to the Rec Center in the summer time because they simply don't know the resource is available, even if they're not taking summer classes.

"It's so important to stay physically active," Monti said.

There are even regularly scheduled instructional classes during the summer hours, including spinning, Zumba, Butts and Guts and flexibility. The classes will take place through Aug. 9.

"We have less classes scheduled in the summer time, but spinning is still offered. It's definitely the best cardio workout because it burns so many calories in just one session," Monti said.

Spinning is an indoor cycling class that combines biking techniques, sound training principles and coaching to build mental and physical strength. Because the work-

out is such a great cardio exercise, it immensely increases endurance. The intensity is regulated and determined by the participant, which allows for beginning and advanced spinners like to benefit from this class.

Zumba fuses Latin dancing and interval training to create a dynamic class. The workout uses dance steps to a combination of fast and slow rhythms to help maximize total body toning.

The Butts and Guts class is strictly a toning workout. The hour-long sessions focuses on abdominal and lower back stabilizer muscles. The flexibility course depends strictly on the instructor. The main focus is on static and dynamic stretches and increases one's flexibility.

The climbing wall is also open for all students and staff from noon to 5 p.m. It is one of the tallest climbing walls in Ohio. The 53-foot tall "rock" wall has five different lines and 11 individual runs. Experts are available to help interested participants.

The Rec Center will be closed Aug. 11 to Aug. 14 for facility maintenance.

### SUMMER CLASSES

#### Monday

Spinning 12 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

#### Tuesday

Spinning 12 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday

Spinning 12 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Zumba 12 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

#### Thursday

Spinning 12 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Flexibility 12 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

#### Friday

Spinning 12 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.



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## Scrappers give Valley some bite

Sam Marhulik  
REPORTER

Founded in 1999, the Mahoning Valley Scrappers brought professional baseball to the area. The Scrappers, who play in the Pickney Division of the New York-Penn League, have won three division titles, along with one league title in 2004.

The Scrappers are a Single-A short season Minor League affiliate of the Cleveland Indians.

Since the 1999 season, the Scrappers have seen numerous players called up to play in the Major League. Among those players are notable names such as New York Yankees pitching ace CC Sabathia, New York Mets right fielder Ryan Church and Cleveland Indians first baseman and catcher Victor Martinez.

General manager Dave Smith said that he is excited that the Scrappers have had the privilege of seeing many former players make it in Major League Baseball.

"We take pride in the talent that we are able to have here. By having players proceed into the Major League Baseball Players Association (MLBPA) we are legitimizing our trade and proving that we are in a top notch developmental league," Smith said.

Smith also said that he is excited at the opportunity to have some of the Indians top draft picks play for the team.

"Last year we had 11 of the 12 Indians draft picks played at some point last season here with us, and this year we are excited to have the 2009 draft picks play with us," Smith said. "Two players to watch are pitcher Alex White, who is currently playing in the College World Series and outfielder Jason Kipnis who is also playing in the College World Series," he added.

For the 2009 season, the Scrappers are returning last season's manager, Travis Fryman, former all-star third baseman of the Cleveland Indians.

Fryman made his MLB debut in 1990 with the Detroit Tigers but spent his last five seasons with the Cleveland Indians.

Fryman, whose patience was called into question in his first season with the team last year, is looking forward to this season with a more realistic idea of patience and development.

"Most people wondered if last year I had the patience to be the manager of this organization," Fryman said. "This season I am hoping to be more patient. These players are the future of the Cleveland Indians, and we as a team are looking forward to the season," he added.

GM Dave Smith acknowledged the criticisms on Fryman, but had his own remarks on the subject. Smith said having someone who was able to play in the Majors and play well is going to make our guys more apt to pay attention and learn something from him.

"It's been great having Travis here, he is a huge asset here, and he has a lot of knowledge that he can pass on to our guys," Smith said.

Among the young players on the roster is 18 year old pitcher Clayton Cook. Cook, who signed to go play college ball at Oklahoma University was drafted in the ninth round of the 2008 MLB draft out of high school and is used to being the young guy.

Cook said being young is something that he has gotten used to over the years; he said he has always been the youngest on teams, and that he is always having to put up with the pranks from the older guys, but is looking forward to the season.

"I'm excited to be playing professional baseball, and I'm looking forward to trying for a solid year and seeing how far we can go," Cook said. "We have a lot of pitchers here and it's good because we get to challenge ourselves and try to out do each other. I never thought I was very athletic, I can't run fast, I don't jump high, but I always knew I had a good arm," he added.

The Scrappers open their season Friday night at home against the Jamestown Jamers. Returning pitcher Guido Fonseca said that he is looking forward to the game, and hopes that it gives fans a good look at what to expect this season.

## The power of the Palm

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Apple iPhones and BlackBerry Tours beware: The Palm Pre has hit the shelves.

The Palm Pre made its highly anticipated June 6 debut and surpassed many expectations. The Sprint Nextel Corporation is the exclusive provider of the phone, and the launch gave the company the boost it needed.

Sprint Media Relations Manager John Adams works in the Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee areas and said the phone is selling very well. He said Sprint opened their doors early on release day and had great customer reception.

"It was the top-selling sales day ever," Adams said.

The features included in the new palm smartphone are touchscreen control, slide-out keyboard and operating systems for Web services. People can use the phone to access social networks such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter.

"This phone is great for any type of consumer," Adams said.

The Palm Pre has a 3.1-inch touch screen with a high-resolution display and a 3-megapixel camera with an LED flash. It also has 8 GB of memory and a built-in GPS system.

Jame Faucette, Pacific Crest Securities analyst, said consumer sales have been higher than anticipated. Many analysts recorded that Palm sent out over 50,000 units in its first weekend of release. Palm is expected to release an earnings report on June 25.

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John Adams, Sprint Media Relations Manager

Sprint commented on the rapid sales, saying the company was restocking phones as quickly as Palm could make them.

"The phone has been a very popular seller," Adams said.

The Palm Web site introduces the new Palm Pre as a phone that thinks ahead for its users. The phone's main quality is that it brings several different applications into view at once. The activity card allows users to keep multiple applications open at the same time.

"It is a lot like a home computer," Adams said.

The phone also offers a Universal search at 3G speeds that enables quick searches on sites such as Google, Wikipedia and Twitter. Palm Pre is also designed to give easy access to e-mail, Wi-Fi hotspots and GPS. Users can also get applications by browsing the catalog for things such as music and ticket purchases.

Sprint is selling the new Palm



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Pre for \$199.99 after a \$100 mail-in rebate. There are some provisions for purchasing the phone. A new line or eligible upgrade is required with a two-year contract. A data bundle plan is also mandatory. Adams said with the \$99 Simply Everything plan, consumers can save up to \$400 a year over the iPhone or BlackBerry.

"This phone is good for anyone looking to save money," Adams said. "In these times, I think that is something people are looking for."