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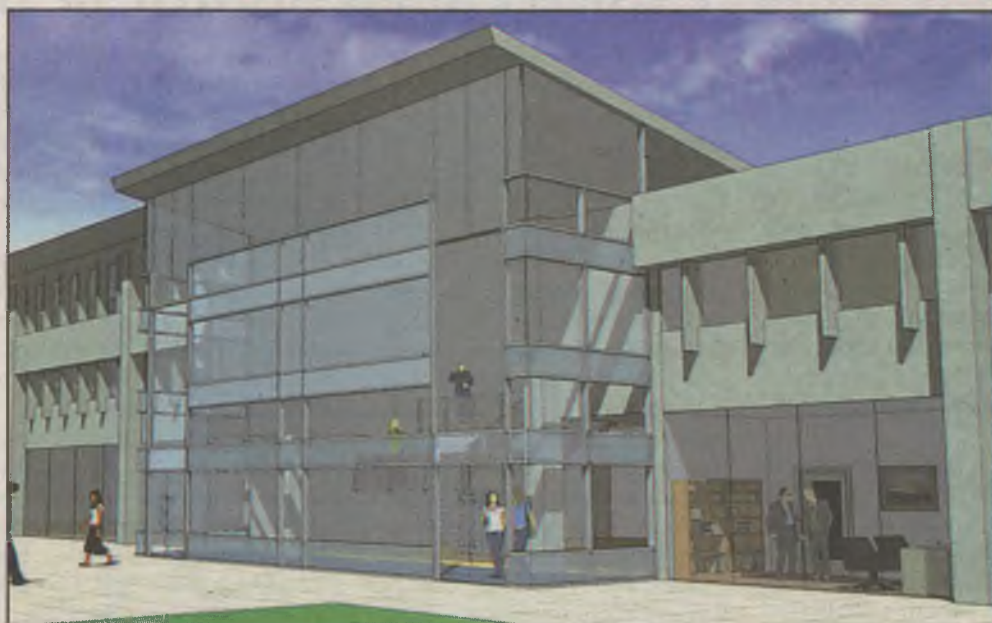
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KILCAWLEY CENTER SET FOR RENOVATION

Jennifer Tomerlin
REPORTER

After 35 years of service, Kilcawley Center is getting an upgrade. Renovation plans to improve the student center have been set into motion.

Kilcawley Center opened at Youngstown State University in 1974. The building has been offering services like the Center for Student Progress, conference rooms and dining to meet the needs of YSU students and faculty members.

The plans will not include the entire center; the first floor will have an open floor plan. There will be add-ons and changes made to the rooms already in use.

"We can help the university meet its students' needs and focus on the university as a whole. Students will have a huge impact on where spaces and renovations are going to go," said Matt Novotny, director of Kilcawley Center.

The university is going to try to balance the concerns of the faculty and students. The university wants students to have their own floor.

"Students need social spaces to have fun, relax, meet friends and do things they enjoy," Novotny said. "Also, conference and programmable spaces are important for the university to recruit."

About four years ago, the university consulted with Burt Hill to do a study plan on what renovations are able to be done and at what price.

"It's a starting point," Novotny said.

The study included three different floor plans, ranging from the most expensive and gradually decreasing in price.

The university plans to create committees consisting of members of the faculty and YSU students to finalize plans. They may even be conducting surveys on students.

"The renovations are to make what we have better and to create opportunities to enhance student life," Novotny said.

The university will be sending out notices to architectural firms for submission of their qualifications on the project. Once the firm is selected and plans are finalized, there will be a disruption of services plan developed.

"It will be a challenge. We will try to remain open all our services that we offer," Novotny said.

The new Kilcawley Center will be an upgraded addition to the university to enhance students' experiences at YSU and encourage enrollment. The university is hopeful the first phase of construction will take place in June 2010.



Photos are possible building plans for Kilcawley Center, courtesy of Burt Hill.

YSU and Clear Channel extend sports broadcast agreement

Josh Stipanovich
NEWS EDITOR

A mutual announcement made in early September by Youngstown State University Associate Director of Athletics Rick Love and Vice-President/Market Manager of Clear Channel Radio Youngstown William E. Kelly Jr. will allow for an already great relationship to further grow, Love said.

"[Clear Channel have] been phenomenal partners. They've done programming above and beyond what's called for in the contract and the promotional opportunities that they've provided to the department and the university, and we just felt that we needed to extend it," Love said.

The extension will now continue through 2013 and will allow Penguin fans from all over the surrounding area including Northeast Ohio, western Pennsylvania and portions of New York to continue to listen to numerous YSU sporting events including football, men's and women's basketball and special programming events such as the "Penguin Playbook Coaches Show," featuring head football coach Jon Heacock, men's basketball head coach Jerry Slocum and women's head coach Cindy Martin. Other special event programming includes the "Football Tailgate Show" and "The Fifth Quarter Show."

Love said 570 WKBN would only be responsible for the broadcasts of football and basketball because of scheduling conflicts, but that other sports such as baseball, softball, track & field, cross-country, swimming, tennis, golf, volleyball and soccer are available to listen to live on <http://www.ysusports.com>.

"There's certain things that you can't do ... [the athletic department] made a concentrated effort last year to do soccer here live on the Internet where you can actually watch the game itself," Love said. "We're working with our telecommunications department here at YSU and we had two interns last year that did all of our home baseball and softball games with Web-audio broadcasts."

Love said that any and all preseason matchups such as the Red/White scrimmage each spring and all tournament games would also be a part of the broadcasts.

Sports Information Director Trevor Parks said other ideas that could be recognized for the future include additional broadcasts featuring Athletic Director Ron Strollo, which could be used as a promotion tool.

"Add that show that they had with Ron on Sept. 3, which was an idea where we called [570 WKBN] up and said 'Hey let's do that,'" Parks said. "That's actually something I would like to see us do a little bit more ... try to get him on and just talk about what we're doing around here and talk about some plans that we have and plans that we might have to adjust."

Assistant Athletic Director/Marketing & Promotions Robb Schmidt said 570 WKBN gives YSU opportunities to explain all of the upcoming promotions that the athletic department and university are offering.

"It's a vehicle to promote not only your athletic department but your university," Schmidt said. "We're getting an hour of airtime on a top five station in the market, so we're able to promote what we're doing for each upcoming home game, give the fans an idea of what we're offering for each upcoming game and for the game itself, the broadcast is already from a two to three hour commercial."

Schmidt said each block of airtime costs practically nothing for YSU and 570 WKBN through the agreement.

"It's an avenue of revenue for us and for Clear Channel; to find that opportunity on a top five station, I couldn't even gauge how much money that equates to," Schmidt said.

Dave Sess, Dick Hartzell and Bob Hannon all will rejoin as the voices for the football program, while Schmidt and Clear Channel Sports Director Jim Campbell can be heard during all men's and women's basketball broadcasts.

State declares no min. wage increase

Dan Pompili
ASSIST. NEWS EDITOR

The Ohio Department of Commerce released a statement Thursday that minimum wage will remain unchanged in 2010.

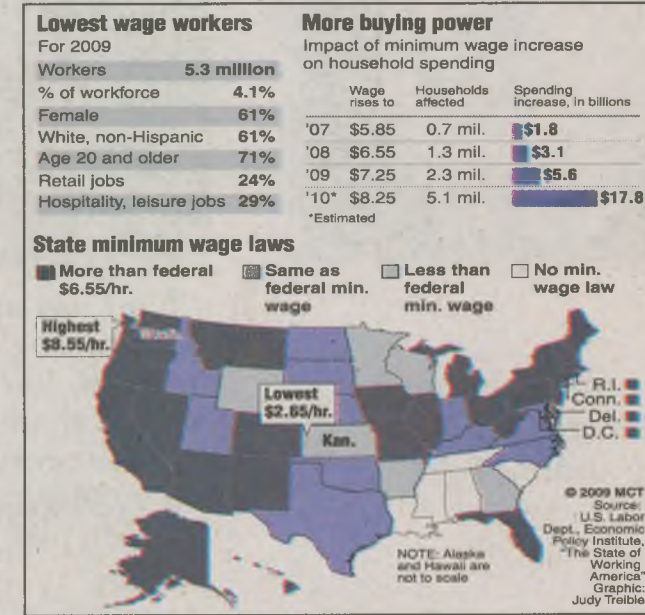
The decision results from a 0.2 percent decrease in the Consumer Price Index for urban wage earners and clerical workers.

According to Article II, Section 34a of the Ohio Fair Minimum Wage Amendment, passed in November 2006, minimum wage will increase annually by the rate of inflation as determined by the CPI.

Since the CPI dropped but minimum wage cannot decrease, the rate remains stagnant.

Dr. Tomi Ovaska, associate professor of economics at Youngstown State University, said the Index drop indicates that Ohio projects goods and services to be purchased at the same rate — if not slightly lower — in 2010 as they were in 2009.

Ovaska said the rate is calculated based on a four-person household at 40 percent of after-tax spending. He also said the average



American spends roughly \$30,000 per year on those goods and services, and that the average student is slightly less.

Student purchases are typically different from average household trends, Ovaska said, with education and gas topping the list.

While students who work off-campus may feel strain from the stagnation of wages — during a year when tuition increased by 3 percent — those employed by YSU will see little or no change.

Neal McNally, direc-

tor of Budget Planning and Resource Analysis at YSU, said the student payroll budget remains at \$1.9 million for 2010, even though the university has budgeted fewer student work hours.

YSU funded 273,746 work hours for 2008-09. The budget for 2010 is approximately 262,000.

McNally said the budget department could propose an increase in student work hours to the YSU Board of Trustees to compensate.

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News Briefs

Stambaugh Auditorium to feature assistant professor's jazz work

The world premiere of assistant professor David Morgan's work, "The Way of the Sly Man," will be held in Stambaugh Auditorium on Friday, Oct. 9 at 8 p.m. The performance will be free and open to the public. Morgan, who will be playing with guest artist Jack Schantz of the Jazz Unit, obtained the \$15,000 grant from Chamber Music America's the New Works: Creation and Presentation program. Morgan received an additional \$3,000 grant from the Bascom Little Foundation of Cleveland, which was how he was able to record the composition.

Annual Distance Education Conference scheduled

About 20 different speakers from around the world will take part in the 2nd annual Distance Education Conference on Oct. 16 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Beeghy Hall's McKay Auditorium. Speakers include Ohio Board of Regents' Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and System Integration Barbara Gellman-Danley and Director of Academic Innovations and Special Projects Kate Carey.

YSU physical therapy department to host 'Where There's a Wheel, There's a Way'

The YSU physical therapy department will host "Where There's a Wheel, There's a Way" downtown to support Disability Awareness Month and National Physical Therapy Month. It will give people a chance to see firsthand what it's like to navigate a wheelchair through campus. The event has been held for the past ten years on campus.

Police Briefs

Note discovered in Cushwa Hall office

On Thursday, a YSU police officer was sent to Cushwa Hall to investigate a note found in an office. The victim said she left her office the day prior between 11:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Upon return, she discovered a note, which said "Loser," in front of her computer; the computer had been logged off. The victim's homework and test she had been preparing were deleted.

Firearm found in M15 parking lot

A YSU police officer was sent to the M15 parking lot to investigate a suspicious car on Thursday. The boyfriend of an MVR employee had arranged to borrow the employee's car, which looked similar to the aforementioned vehicle. The doors of the car were unlocked and a black semi-automatic handgun was found inside. Upon discovery, the boyfriend realized he had entered the wrong car. The car is registered to a licensed bail bondsman who has a valid concealed carry permit. The handgun and magazines were retrieved, but later returned to the owner.

Breast cancer awareness month is in 25th year

Chelsea Miller
REPORTER

The American Cancer Society estimates there are more than 192,370 cases of invasive breast cancer in the United States. This month, they hope to raise awareness about this disease by informing others of prevention and detection techniques.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the month of October, is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, according to the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month's Web site. It is an organization composed of professional medical associations, government agencies and national public service organizations working to raise awareness and promote dialogue about breast cancer in the national forefront.

Because breast cancer life expectancy greatly increases the sooner the disease is caught, the key to survival is early detection. Breast Cancer Awareness Month was created so that Americans can learn

how to check themselves and catch the cancer early.

Dr. Pat Hoyson, chairperson and associate professor of nursing at Youngstown State University, greatly supports this concept.

"I think [Breast Cancer Awareness Month] is extremely important. Anything that brings health awareness and issues to the forefront is a good thing," she said, adding that women and men don't usually think of breast cancer in their everyday lives.

Aside from women 40 and over getting yearly mammograms, the American Cancer Society recommends a variety of other ways women can reduce their risk of breast cancer. Such examples are maintaining a healthy weight and diet, getting 30 minutes of exercise five or more days a week and limiting alcohol consumption. They also recommend talking to a doctor immediately if one notices any changes in their breasts or has any concerns.

Richard Barr, a radiologist at Southwoods X-Ray and MRI in Youngstown, recently conducted a study in his Board-

man office he said will have a positive effect in the future of detecting breast cancer. His development, called elastography, is an ultrasound technique he hopes will eliminate some unnecessary biopsies.

"[Elastography] generates images on how hard or soft the tissue is as opposed to anatomy," he said. "It will better select patients who need a biopsy."

Barr also said several new techniques are in the works that he hopes will continue to help doctors better detection and treatment methods. He said although the instances of breast cancer have increased, he feels it is due to doctors picking them up earlier. "The life expectancies for those with breast cancer have significantly increased. They are living longer and more productive lives," he said.

Barr also gave several tips for detecting breast cancer early on. He recommended that those who are "high-risk," or those whose mother or first relative had breast cancer receive earlier mammograms. He said these high-risk people

should have their first mammogram five years before the age their relative was diagnosed with breast cancer, since it is sometimes genetic, and should be receiving regular screening and ultrasounds.

To recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month, YSU will have several events on campus to raise awareness, as well as money for research. The YSU Bookstore will be selling special school supplies and bracelets with pink ribbons on them, with a portion of the money going to foundations that support breast cancer research, such as the Susan G. Komen Foundation and the City of Hope. It is the bookstore's first year selling these items.

Also, the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center will be having a breast cancer table talk Oct. 14 from noon to 2 p.m. for those who wish to learn more. Information on the signs and symptoms of breast cancer and models will be on hand to further explain how to spot cancer.

Sorority sets new goals for breast cancer awareness

Jeff Mamounis
REPORTER

For nearly a decade, Zeta Tau Alpha sorority has been raising breast cancer awareness on and off campus. They continue the trend this year with several National Breast Cancer Awareness Month activities.

"Over the past eight years, we have donated \$303,000 to the Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation, which is a tax-exempt organization to collect money for our philanthropy," presi-

dent of ZTA Jill Jonda said, adding that "the money raised is donated to breast cancer research organizations, such as the Susan G. Komen Foundation, and used for breast cancer awareness materials including: pink ribbons, shower cards, and information packs."

Zeta Tau Alpha is also partnered with the NFL and its campaign entitled "A Crucial Catch." According to nfl.com, the NFL, "in partnership with the American Cancer Society, is focused on the importance of annual screenings, especially for women who are over the age of 40." Also during Octo-

ber, NFL players, coaches and referees will wear pink game apparel to raise awareness for breast cancer.


Zeta Tau Alpha is also partnered with Yoplait Yogurt and the "Save Lids to Save Lives" campaign. The campaign promises a donation of \$500,000 to the Susan G. Komen, according to Yoplait.com.

This October, the sisters of ZTA will be hosting two on-campus events to raise breast cancer awareness. On Oct. 21, ZTA will host its second "Pink Out Day" outside of Kilcawley Center.


"We will be having a variety of pink contests and passing out information about early detection," Jonda said. "We encourage everyone to wear pink that day to help support the cause."

Oct. 25, ZTA will be hosting the 9th annual "Pink Ribbon Cheer Classic" at the Beeghy Center. "It's a cheer and dance exhibition to ultimately raise funds for our philanthropy," Jonda explained.

This year, ZTA has set a goal to raise \$90,000 for breast cancer research and education.




Are you getting the flu shot? Why or why not? How concerned are you about getting the flu shot?




"I am healthy enough and I hardly get sick, so why should I get it?"

Brittany Bueno



"No I am not getting it, and no concerns with it, but there seems to be a lot of controversy about it. They might be trying to thin out the population."

Eric Turner



"No. I don't like shots; I hate shots and needles."

Alexandria Hatosky



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Apple to leave U.S. Chamber of Commerce over global-warming views

Dana Hull
MCT

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Apple announced Monday that it is resigning from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce because it objects to the chamber's recent comments opposing federal efforts to limit greenhouse gases.

Apple is the fourth company, and the first tech company, to part ways with the powerful business federation because of global warming.

"Apple is committed to protecting the environment and the communities in which we operate around the world," Catherine Novelli, Apple's vice president of worldwide government affairs, said in a letter to Thomas Donahue, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's president and CEO. "We strongly object to the Chamber's recent comments opposing the EPA's effort to limit greenhouse gases."

The move comes as Apple tries to burnish its green image

by designing more energy-efficient products. Apple revealed its carbon footprint or total greenhouse-gas emissions for the first time last month.

Three utility companies PG&E, PNM of New Mexico, and Chicago-based Exelon announced they were leaving the chamber last month.

Environmentalists applauded the move, and there is widespread speculation that other Silicon Valley companies will follow Apple's lead.

"Apple's departure is a clear signal that more and more of the chamber's members want it to download a new tune when it comes to climate change," said Peter Altman of the National Resources Defense Council.

"There is a growing recognition in the business community that strong clean-energy and climate legislation as the way to strengthen our economy, reduce our oil imports and reduce pollution, but the chamber is turning a deaf ear to the trend," Altman said.

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However, he also said that departments can move funds from one part of their budget into the student employment budget if they need to make up for any differential.

Graduate assistants and teaching assistants are among those paid in stipends and will be unaffected by the wage stagnation.

The CPI cycle is calculated from Sept. 1, 2008 to Aug. 31, 2009. Minimum wage is currently \$7.30 for non-tipped employees and \$3.65 for tipped employees.



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University officials assess student threats with STAT

Moneka Gamble
REPORTER

The Student Threat Assessment Team is a part of the community safety initiative and has been established on campus since the spring semester, university officials said. According to the Youngstown State University Web portal, the STAT team is comprised of university personnel from the Division of Student Affairs and YSU Police, among others, and is in place to address threatening student behavior.

Executive Director of Student Life and STAT member Judith Gaines said the development of STAT evolved from M-TRAC, the Mental Health Training Response and Awareness on Campus for staff, faculty and administrators; however, the primary goal of STAT is YSU students.

"STAT is an attempt for the university to be proactive in the YSU student community," Gaines said.

The seven members of STAT meet every two weeks

to review and respond to reported incidences of threatening student behavior. The team assessments are forwarded to Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Cynthia Anderson, who communicates directly with YSU President David Sweet, Gaines said.

"Emergency situations should immediately be reported to YSU Police," Gaines said.

Gaines said reporting to STAT is anonymous, and that the reports are not related to discipline or misconduct.

Associate Director of Student Life and STAT member Dr. Martin Manning said, "We are really looking for two types of behavior, disruptive and distressed. Our goal would then be to redirect those behaviors to a positive outcome."

Manning confirmed two late spring incidents where the individuals involved received counseling; the STAT team considers the response a positive resolution.

For more information about the STAT program, go to <http://www.yzu.edu/stat>.

SGA plans fall events

David Boyer
REPORTER

During their Monday meeting, the Youngstown State University Student Government Association prepared for the fall by planning tailgating before the homecoming game and a Meet the Reps event downtown.

John Brkic, graduate student and SGA member, said the Meet the Reps event will take place Oct. 28 from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m. at Buffalo Wild Wings on Youngstown's Federal Plaza.

"This event will allow students to meet representatives in SGA," Brkic said. "There will be free food, including enough wings for everyone, \$2 drafts, and to top it off, it is karaoke night."

Tailgating starts at 1 p.m. after the parade, and Brkic said the event will last until the food runs out. They will be giving away free T-shirts

and free food, including burgers, hot dogs, chips, potato salad and baked beans.

In order to eliminate waste and save money, Brkic said there will be two cases of water and no pop.

"Last year we had way too much leftover pop," Brkic said. "Besides, I'm sure students will have other beverages."

The first 200 people to attend will receive free T-shirts. The T-shirts will be white with black print and will have a Penguin ghost logo, as well as a saying.

Tailgaters will be able to play games of cornhole and listen to music.

In order to attract more attention, SGA members said that 95.9 KISS FM may stop by to hang out with the tailgaters. Fliers on campus and Facebook event pages will soon be available, providing details about tailgating and the Meet the Reps event.

MAP provides help for campus car problems

Julianna Hull
REPORTER

If you have a dead battery, are out of gas or locked your keys in your car, a call to the Motorist Assistance Program will fix your problems. Youngstown State University Parking Services will assist students who have a valid parking permit.

"This program has been around a long time and we want to promote it a little more because not everyone knows about it. I think it's been here almost forever, probably since the horse and buggy days," said Danny O'Connell, director of support services.

MAP will assist students and faculty members in campus parking decks and lots, as well as anywhere within the police-patrolled vicinity.

"The most common situations involve lockouts and battery jumps, especially the first week of the semester," O'Connell said. "The winter is also a busy time for us. Our trucks run

constantly with the light on so we can be easily identified and more able to help."

Student Government Association President Zach Brown said, "I think it's a great service for the YSU students. Not everybody has AAA."

Senior Leah Sakacs said she had no problems contacting MAP.

"My battery died and one of them was roaming around the parking lot and just stopped and charged my battery. They were very nice," Sakacs said.

Sakacs also said she's "one of those people that lock their keys in their car a lot," and having MAP around would help.

MAP is available Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. at 330-941-3051, and will respond to jump-starts, lockouts and empty gas tanks. The vehicle must be legally parked on campus. YSU also provides emergency telephones in almost all parking lots and throughout campus; these connect to the YSU Police Department in the event of an emergency.

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Kilcawley Center is scheduled for renovations. Thus we feel compelled to offer suggestions. Here is the first one: Can we get the "student center" thing right this time?

Kilcawley Center as we know it has evolved into a pseudo-administrative office building that loosely tolerates the presence of students, and almost begrudgingly provides some environments for them in the interest of avoiding complaints.

The student organizations housed there are located peripherally, and barely accommodated in small suites that the execs find undesirable or impractical.

Geez, thanks for throwing us a bone.

Perhaps the "new Kilcawley" might offer prominently displayed student organizational offices.

Maybe those interested in Greek Life may finally hope to locate the fraternity or sorority they seek without the aid of a private detective.

Perhaps students seeking an open computer lab will find relief from their despondency.

Oh, and maybe, just maybe, possibly, if it isn't asking too much... a central campus location that is actually quiet. Some of us need to read or write once in a while.

A few lounges that appeal to the interests of a variety of students wouldn't be a bad idea either. Athletes here, artsy folks there, you know...

Oh and, we know this is off the wall but, could the Jambar perhaps find our way out of the Fedor Hall basement and have the "student voice" in the student center?

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Letters to the Editor

As a new, and probably very expensive, interactive campus map has appeared on the YSU Web site, the Department of Geography would like to focus attention on the first interactive campus map made by YSU student interns. This map was made in the GIS lab in the Phelps Building with many other contributions later made in the Geography 5814 3D GIS course. Its location is <http://www.ysu.edu/campusmap/index.htm>. Our interactive "fly through" map was made with SketchUp in GoogleEarth environment over a two year span from 2005 to 2007. Each campus building can be rotated and examined from any elevation and any angle. Building detail is incredible. Eleven student interns produced this 3D image of YSU,

gaining valuable experience. Two of those students were later employed on the merit of the 3D graphics experience gained. Two others are now employed locally in other GIS jobs. Another is employed by the federal government reading satellite images. Three others went on to grad school in geography or planning at universities in Ohio, Michigan and Canada. This project was a testament to student dedication and student training. Such are what the university is all about. Job preparation with geography skills continues in the department, but unfortunately, YSU stopped funding the Student Intern Interactive Map project at the end of 2007.

Craig S. Campbell

As a graduate of Youngstown State University, I occasionally check out YSU's website for the latest developments. This last time I saw the posting of the Second Annual Distance Education Conference being held at YSU. I thought that this was rather ironic considering that as far as I know, YSU does not offer any distance education

degrees. I recently received a Master of Education from Kent State University in instructional technology (completely online). I applaud the idea of the conference, but wonder why YSU has not developed programs yet, as they fall behind other regional universities.

Kris Doran

Petting Zoo My dad has an ambulance and yours doesn't



Melissa Mary Smith

COLUMNIST

Every family has its quirks and unique possessions. Some families own llamas or classic cars.

My dad owns a 1983 Ford E-350 ambulance.

Yes, you read correctly: An ambulance.

In 1996, he started a mobile locksmith business and needed not only a means of transportation to jobs, but a large enough vehicle to store his tools as well.

When he heard about an ambulance, formerly used as a city vehicle by North Canton, for sale at Myers Equipment in Canfield, he knew he had to buy it.

Over the course of two years, he slowly converted the ambulance into a lock-mobile.

He traded respirators for key cutters. What remains

from its past are the barrage of red lights, gurney hook on the floor, cabinetry and an excruciatingly loud air horn.

It is a behemoth. A force of nature.

Always being a topic of conversation amongst our family and friends, the lock-mobile has even been the featured vehicle in a national locksmith magazine.

My dad shows it off to people as if it's a toy.

Although no longer an ambulance as it doesn't actually save people's lives, it still rescues them in emergency situations, mainly lockouts.

Sometimes when I have to venture out into it to retrieve a tool, I get the creeps. All I can ever think about is how many people died in it before making its home in my dad's garage.

The lock-mobile is definitely an odd possession in my home and a constant source of comedy. I'm always tempted to tell people that my father is actually a Ghostbuster and often refer to the lock-mobile as the Ecto-1.

Most people are astonished when I tell them that my dad is a locksmith, as it is a trade somewhat shrouded in mystery and also because our surname is "Smith."

Whenever I start to mention the ambulance, though, they just think I'm starting to make stuff up and give a sort of "I-have-to-see-it-to-believe-it" expression.

Like his other trade of carpentry, locksmithing is a passion and is perfectly reflected in the amount of internal and external work put into the vehicle.

I guess you could say that locksmithin' makes him feel good.

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Brian Kiser, Tim Buzbee and Joseph Ognibene gathered for a master class in Bliss Recital Hall as part of a series of events during Octubafest at YSU.



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The sounds of 'Octuba'

Lamar Salter
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
EDITOR

The Youngstown State University Dana School of Music is welcoming October with one of music's most under-appreciated gems.

Whether accompanying in the symphony, lighting the spirits or setting the tone in a tense situation, the tuba and other brass instruments

play a critical role in music. However, brass is usually overlooked in the world, specifically in mainstream music, which idolizes snappy guitar solos, repetitive studio drum techniques and unreal, digitally-manipulated effects. But now, the month of ghosts and goblins becomes the days of tribute to the best of the brass.

Octubafest is a month-long event that will highlight the harmonious underdog with performances by students, fac-

ulty and guest artists.

Beginning in 1973 at Indiana University, Octubafest was carried over to YSU by assistant professor Brian Kiser, an alumnus of the college.

We wanted to highlight an often isolated instrument, Kiser said. We will be having about six or seven concerts in tribute.

Kiser said about 15 to 20 universities around the country are participating, including schools as far away as New

Mexico.

For YSU, the week already kicked off with a faculty performance and master class for students with guest artists Joseph Ognibene and Tim Buzbee.

Ognibene, the principal horn of the Iceland Symphony Orchestra, and Buzbee who is principal tuba, guided students with perfecting their craft of the brass instruments while providing tips for an enhanced, realistic and more

thought-provoking performance. The duo also participated in a recital the same day.

Octubafest will continue with student performances and a special presentation by Kiser, who will perform a composition written by a Dana student.

While the tuba may still not receive the recognition it rightly deserves, Dana plans to continue its spotlight, with Kiser hoping to make Octubafest a yearly tradition.

YSU student opens unique jewelry store

Gary S. Angelo
FEATURES REPORTER

Rust Belt artist and Youngstown State University student Amber C. Pence takes her creative efforts to the next level through her jewelry-making business, Amber Leaf Jewelry. Her business will be inside Hootenanny Vintage Guitars, and she plans to teach beading classes in the back of the store.

This gives YSU students access to unique guitars, local merchandise and classes for those who are interested in beading or designing their own jewelry, Pence said.

Pence makes unique vintage jewelry ranging from steampunk-inspired pendants to Victorian and pre-psychedelic necklaces and bracelets.

Pence began establishing Amber Leaf Jewelry when she quit her day job in 2007. She focused on her business after she began attending classes at YSU.

I was faced with the challenge of a full-time course load, so I quit my day job and went the route of a starving artist, Pence said.

From this point, Pence made college and the business her top priorities. Pence's sister introduced her to a Web community called Etsy, where anyone can buy and sell handmade items, along with vintage pieces and craft supplies.

Etsy was the perfect platform for me to start peddling my wares, and through this process, I learned the ins and outs of business, Pence said.

Pence acquired as much business knowledge as she could from sources such as marketing and accounting procedures, local news and Web design.

I became obsessed with finding better techniques from streamlining the production process and passing those savings on to the wonderful people who purchase from me on Etsy, Pence said.

Pence also became a member of the Artists of The Rust Belt movement, and has been an active vendor at local craft and art shows. She had her

displays in the many festival showcases in Youngstown, such as the Artists of the Rust Belt FolkFest and the Pig Iron Community Street Festival.

Through this development, I've met so many exciting and talented people. I'm amazed at the wealth of artists here in the Mahoning Valley and thankful to be a part of it, Pence said.

Pence said her moods inspire her.

I tend to have artist's ADHD, so the jewelry-making process varies because of new techniques I try, Pence said.

Pence said she is experimenting with incorporating strong images into her pendants. She creates pendants ranging from natural, simple works to bizarre, avant-garde pieces.

I try to imagine each personality wearing a piece and I design something for that person, Pence said.

Pence is also working with the mediums of clay, glass and images. She has also had experience working with glass etching, acrylics, sculpture and watercolors.

Regardless of medium, Pence views her art as an outlet that emerges in many forms. Visually, Pence is inspired by the textures of Salvador Dali, as well as the photography of Michael Orton and Ansel Adams. She said music is definitely a huge part of her inspiration.

When feeling inspired, I play Tori Amos, Cat Power, the Ditty Bops and Damien Rice, Pence said, adding that when musical inspiration is involved, it depends on what mood she is evoking. These artists provide an auditory sound board for creativity.

Some of Pence's handmade pendants include photographs, paintings and graphic designs from other artists. Most of the artists she features on her pendants are from Etsy, but she would love to feature the art of local talent on the pendants.

Pence's artistic journey began at 8 years old when her Aunt Cathy showed her how to macrame jute. Pence later



YSU student Amber C. Pence displays the jewelry she has created. Photos by Gary S. Angelo/The Jambar.

learned how to make hemp belts, bracelets and chokers. In high school, Pence worked at a bead store in Dayton, Ohio; this led to her interest in jewelry making and art merchandising.

I learned basic techniques of jewelry making, as well as selling and assembling beads based on customer preference, Pence said. Since then, I haven't stopped designing necklaces and creating little one-of-a-kind pieces for people.

Pence credits her super creative family for inspiring her, since they stayed creatively occupied at all times.

Pence is an English major and a creative writing minor. Still, to Pence, art is second nature, and she has always been enrolled in some kind of art program.

Sometimes attending classes presents a time conflict for Pence.

"I find I am filling orders in between writing a report or studying for an exam, Pence said.

Pence works mainly from home and enjoys creating her own schedule.

I tend to work much harder since you are your own boss. I easily put in 12-hour days from home with few breaks in



"I was faced with the challenge of a full-time course load, so I quit my day job and went the route of a starving artist."

Amber C. Pence

between, but ask me to do that on a regular job that's another story, Pence said.

Pence teaches classes at Pat Pence's Craft Center on South Avenue in Boardman. These classes range from basic beading to glass etching. She also will be teaching classes at Hootenanny Vintage Guitars to give YSU students an opportunity to learn beading.

Pence views Youngstown as a raw, pliable city with so many possibilities.

I know what the arts can do for a rich environment of artists, and I believe Youngstown can be positively impacted by influence," Pence said. "There is so much talent here; this creative resource is vital to the survival of the city."

Fillmore Jive puts drive into playing live

Gary S. Angelo
FEATURES REPORTER

Named after the classic 1994 gem 'Fillmore Jive' from the iconic West Coast indie rockers Pavement, Pittsburgh's duo Fillmore Jive add their own twist to garage punk. Listeners should not be fooled by the term 'jive' in their name; they are not a jam band by any means.

Fillmore Jive is heavily influenced by the neo-psychedelic sounds of the Brian Jonestown Massacre, The Dirtbombs and The Dandy Warhols. Fillmore Jive includes Gina Kantner on drums and Kevin Braun on bass. The band played a gig at Cedars Lounge Friday, with local post-rock act Braille.

The Jive-mates are dating and have been friends for six years. They decided to meld their extensive music ideas together to start a band in April. They put out a demo CD in the summer, recorded by Gino West of Jones 4 Revival. The band also put out a live CD.

"My all-time favorite band and inspiration to start a band is Black Rebel Motorcycle Club. We are huge fans," Kantner said.

There are also traces of The Brian Jonestown Massacre and The Dandy Warhols in the band's music, but they incorporate more fuzzed-out riffs. The

band gets a lot of Dinosaur Jr. comparisons in addition to comparisons to the Jon Spencer Blues Explosion.

"We get a lot of White Stripes comparisons, but I think we sound more like a full band and not like a duo," Kantner said, adding that her drumming style does not equate to Meg White's at all.

"Because I am a girl who plays drums doesn't mean I have a shrine of Meg White in my room," Kantner said.

Kantner said their demo is not a reflection of what the band really sounds like. She said listeners have to experience the band live to get a more accurate idea of their sound and influences.

"When people see us live we surprise them, and people who see us live who never heard us are astounded," Kantner said. "In almost all of our shows, we will start playing, and then in the middle of our set, people are drawn automatically to come up to hear us."

Kantner said the band is consistent in that they sound the same way at practice as they do live. In the beginning, the band never knew what the music experience felt like live, so they gave it a try.

"We go for a big sound. Kevin and I are weirdoes and we don't have too many hobbies," Kantner said.

Kantner imagines playing in a stadium and sees it as an electric experience. The most exciting experi-



PHOTO BY GARY S. ANGELO

ence for Kantner is playing in a small room that all of the sudden gets filled with listeners.

Fillmore Jive enjoys playing live shows on the Youngstown circuit and feels that the bands and venues warmly welcome their sound and style.

"My favorite band to play with in Youngstown is Rocket Radio; they are so original and awesome," Kantner said. "Youngstown is the friendliest place we could break into."

Fillmore Jive enjoyed a share of live experiences playing the stages of Indie Wax Records and Cedars Lounge. The band is focused on an array of live shows scheduled for the fall.

"I want to play music forever and play as many shows, make records, tour and that is how I want to spend the next decade," Kantner said.

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For anyone that has not participated in a Prayer Walk, think of the walk around Jericho prior to God giving the city to His people. We will walk throughout the campus praying aloud. The prayer order will be: Praise, Repentance, Petitions, and Thanksgiving.

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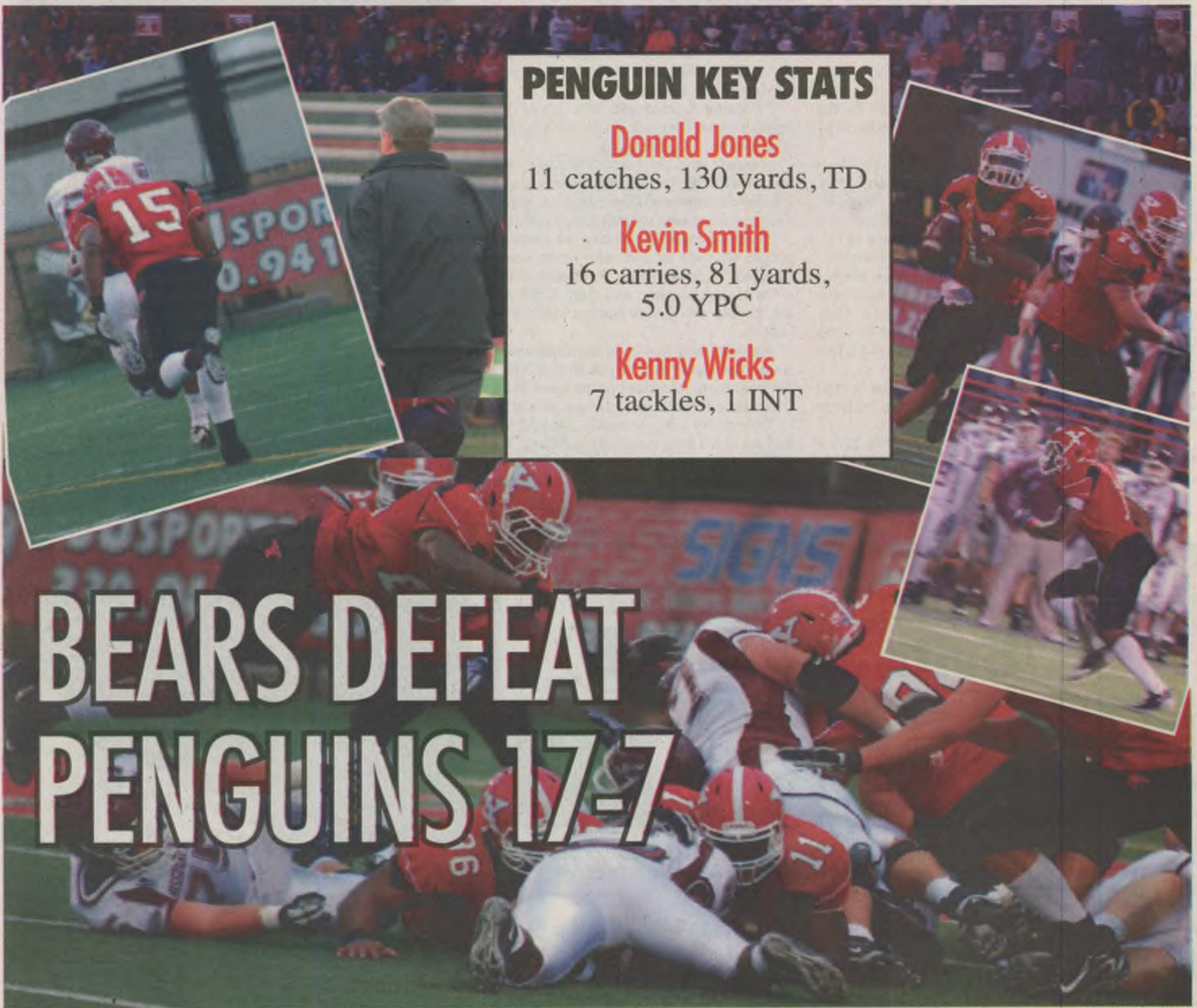
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PENGUIN KEY STATS

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11 catches, 130 yards, TD

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16 carries, 81 yards,
5.0 YPC

Kenny Wicks

7 tackles, 1 INT

BEARS DEFEAT PENGUINS 17-7

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Swim team sports Olympic hopeful

Rob Harris
REPORTER

Nishani Cicilson hopes to spend the summer of 2012 in London. But her trip will consist less of tours of Buckingham Palace and the National Gallery, and more of the London Aquatics Center, which houses the pool for the 2012 Summer Olympics. Cicilson, a sophomore swimmer for the Youngstown State University Penguins, is a native of Suriname, a small country in northern South America. She spent the past summer in Rome where she represented her country in the Federation Internationale de Natation (FINA) World Swimming Championships.

It's no surprise she had a wonderful time. "It was great, they put you in heats with people who are as fast as you are, so it's not like your gonna [sic] swim against the best (in your heats). It was awesome to watch people break world records," she said.

Cicilson competed in the 50- and 100-meter backstroke, butterfly and freestyle events at Foro Italico. She dropped her personal best time in the 100-meter backstroke from 1:10.30 to 1:07.34, which placed her 77th. Her 50-meter backstroke time dropped from 32.41 to 31.30 seconds, earning her 69th place. In the 100-meter freestyle, she finished with a time of 59.94 seconds, 92nd place, at worlds. She posted a time of 29.34 seconds in the 50-meter butterfly to place 72nd, and in the 50-meter freestyle Cicilson finished with a time of 27.22 seconds to place 78th in her final event of the competition.

Cicilson began swimming at the age of six after watching her older sister compete. Obviously naturally gifted, Cicilson still struggled in the beginning. "My first meet I

was last in my heat, but I just did it because it was fun and I made a lot of friends, but then I got better and better," she explained. After high school Cicilson decided she wanted to attend college and pursue swimming further, something she couldn't do in Suriname. "Back home we only have one college and if I went there I would have to stop swimming because classes are during practice time. So I got on an online recruiting service and I got offers from a couple of colleges and I picked YSU," said Cicilson.

She didn't experience a culture shock in moving to the U.S., at least not outside of the pool. "We are taught English in school and I kinda learned about Americans from TV, movies and stuff and I watched a lot of documentaries. The girls on the team were great, they helped if I ever had any trouble with anything," said Cicilson.

Her experience in the pool was slightly different, however. During her freshman season Cicilson met some adversity, and according to her it even worried her coaches. "The first month of the first semester was terrible. I didn't make any of the times in practice. I was way behind. I just did really bad in practice and I sucked at lifting, I was the worst on the team my coaches were worried. I think they were worried that I lied about my times or whatever ... Back home we don't train as much or spend as many hours in the pool. It's more specialized here. We use more equipment and we lift. But my teammates were really supportive, they did stuff to motivate me in practice and I survived," she said.

Last season's Rookie of the Year, Cicilson believes her decision to come to the U.S. will benefit her in the long run. She is confident she will represent Suriname in the 2012 Olym-



Cicilson

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pics. Cicilson is currently the second best woman swimmer from Suriname. Chinyere Pigot, a non-collegiate swimmer based in Miami is number one. "She's two years younger than me, but this is her fourth year in the U.S. so she kinda got a head start (in training)," Cicilson said. She is focusing on the upcoming season at YSU first though.

The Penguins open the season Oct. 10 with an intersquad meet in Beeghly Natatorium before traveling to Bowling Green for a regular season meet on Oct. 16. Cicilson spoke about her expectations. "I expect to swim personal bests all the time. As far as the team, everyone is doing all they can in practice and we have a bigger team this year so I think we'll do really well."

Hockey club welcomes new coach to lineup

Chelsea Miller
SPORTS REPORTER

After a rough start this season, the Youngstown State University men's hockey club is back to getting in a groove with a recent win and a new head coach.

The team, which defeated John Carroll University 4-2 Sunday, is looking to their new head coach, Brad Patterson, to lead them into victory once more.

Patterson will have big shoes to fill, however, after replacing the coach of over three years, Rocky Russo. Russo led the team to victory in the 2005-2006 CHA

League Championship, as well as a 29-21-0 record over the past two seasons.

Patterson is not new to the game. A Canada native, he played hockey for four years with the Huskies men's hockey team while attending school at Michigan Technological University. After, he played professionally for seven years and was a center for the Youngstown Steelhounds from 2006-2008. He recorded 65 goals and 179 assists in his 11-year career.

The Penguins will be playing in the ACHA showcase this weekend at the Ice Zone in Boardman. Patterson could not be reached for comment.

INTRAMURAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK



This week, flag football quarterback Josh Dankovich was nominated as Intramural Player of the Week after leading his team to a 19-0 victory on Sept. 27. He had four interceptions for his team, Youngstown's Finest, and had three touchdowns by either running the ball or passing. Ben Dooley, who nominated Dankovich, said he was a definite team leader.