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Q2 connects campus



Jason Rakers, director of network telecommunications and security, shows a diagram of the Legacy network system. A new system, called Q2, will replace the outdated Legacy system. Photo by Christopher Kochera/The Jambar.

Project will improve campus telecommunications, officials say

Christopher Kochera
REPORTER

Sophomore Tim Taumoepeau is too familiar with fighting for a wireless Internet connection on campus.

"On the core of campus, I can get a pretty good connection," Taumoepeau said. "But when I go farther out, it's pretty hard to connect, especially in the Rec or in Beeghly Center. There's like zero connec-

tion there."

Thanks to a project known as the Q2 migration, students, faculty and staff will experience a better telecommunication experience at Youngstown State University.

The project will transfer campus communications, such as wireless Internet and campus telephones, to a new network called Q2.

"The old network, Legacy, was not designed to scale with the increasing size of campus,"

said Jason Rakers, director of network telecommunications and security. "There was always performance problems."

Q2 will help to resolve network instability issues associated with the Legacy infrastructure, Rakers said.

The Q2 migration will also include the implementation of IP telephony services — the integration of voice and data networks. Current campus telephones have separate data and voice networks.

And the new network will save the university money.

"The financial savings of the Q2 network is the elimination of external expenses related to either building or maintaining of a separate voice and data network," Rakers said. "If it would have cost \$100,000 to put voice and data services into a building, we effectively reduce that to approximately

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Members of the Youngstown State University National Electrical Contractors Association listen to the advice of YSU alumnus Chris Jaskiewicz regarding their entry for the Green Initiative Contest. Photo by Marissa McIntyre/The Jambar.

NECA announces Green Initiative Contest winners

Marissa McIntyre
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Junior Mark Meffan's proposal, which suggested that campus buildings should be properly ventilated and equipped with LED and energy efficient lighting, won first place in the Green Initiative Contest on Saturday.

The National Electrical Contractors Association at Youngstown State University has run the contest for two consecutive years. This year, 44 students submitted their greenest ideas.

The initiative challenged students to find energy conserving alternatives on campus.

"The purpose is to spur a little bit of thought and to get feedback, and to make sure students are aware that there are things that can be done,"

said Dave Wright, YSU NECA president.

Wright said the time and effort Meffan spent on the project contributed to his win.

Meffan suggested that YSU use his idea to improve parking decks and other facilities. He also entered a small audit of the M-2 parking deck on Lincoln Avenue and provided figures to determine how much energy could be saved.

According to Meffan's research, the university could conserve energy and save more than \$17,000 by switching to LED lighting in the parking decks.

He determined this by comparing the costs and longevity of different lighting fixtures.

Danny O'Connell, director of support services, said an idea like Meffan's would be taken into consideration, especially because the second phase of the M-2 parking deck

renovation will involve replacing the lighting.

"We're working with a consultant to find out what lighting fixtures will give us more bang for our buck," O'Connell said.

He said lighting is the biggest expense in the second phase, so YSU is looking into lighting that would save money and be more energy efficient.

In his contest entry, Meffan said he aspires to open a green consulting firm, and he's interested in a greener future.

Senior Jessica Valsi won second place for her campus energy monitoring system.

Valsi's research found that the installation of Visualized Energy's software, which records energy use in 15-minute intervals, saved energy and money at other facilities. It de-

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YSU to follow new path toward accreditation

Jordan D. Uhl
NEWS EDITOR

To maintain accreditation, Youngstown State University must take a different path, Higher Learning Commission officials say.

The HLC, the accrediting agency for the Midwest, notified the YSU provost's office that it would now need to seek such distinction through one of two new "pathways."

Bege Bowers, associate provost at YSU, attended a conference about the new ac-

creditation process last week in Chicago.

While there's some flexibility as to how YSU can seek it, maintaining accreditation is mandatory.

"We must maintain institutional accreditation for YSU to be eligible for Title IV financial aid," Bowers said.

YSU was first accredited by the HLC in 1945. Now, it is accredited through the HLC's program to evaluate and advance quality, which is also known as PEAQ. Before the

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Student discounts galore

Kevin Alquist
NEWS REPORTER

The Student Government Association compiled a list of 16 area businesses — eight of which are national corporations — that offer discounts to students with a valid Youngstown State University ID.

Area locations offering discounts range from restaurants, like the Lemon Grove Cafe and Charlie Staples Bar-B-Q, to retailers, like Charlotte Russe and the Limited at the

Southern Park and Eastwood malls.

Some students were surprised to hear what they could have been saving, for many were unaware of the available discounts.

Jennifer Terek, a YSU senior who commutes from Pittsburgh, is one of those students.

"While I'm in town, I might have taken advantage of the savings had I known," she said.

Freshman Andrew Stamp

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Remembering Malcolm X

Chelsea Telega
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
EDITOR

Deandre Radcliffe, president of the Black Student Union at Youngstown State University, is using the accomplishments of local black high school students and the lessons of a late activist to educate the community.

As part of the experience, university leaders and students gathered to pay tribute to Malcolm X, a historical leader who dealt with African-American equality, community empowerment and social development.

Radcliffe said he wanted to remind the current generation of Malcolm X's efforts to advance racial equality in America.

"When people forget their past, it tends to repeat, so we want to keep that recognition going," Radcliffe said.

William Blake, director of student diversity programs, said that many people in Youngstown can relate to Malcolm X's grassroots approach to organizing.

"[Malcolm X] dealt with people from all different social and economic backgrounds. That's what we're trying to help and train young people to do today," Blake said. "Deal with people from all different situations and particularly deal with issues that are impacting our communities."

The Black Student Union, YSU's Diversity Council and the YSU Office of Student Diversity hosted the dinner on Friday in the DeBartolo Stadium Club in Stambaugh Stadium to commemorate the activist's achievements.

Blake said it is important for community members to empower themselves and be a part of an economic and social movement.

As a prisoner and activist, Malcolm X knew how to deal with problems in a progressive way, Blake said.

Blake said his mission is to ensure that young people react similarly when faced with adversity. He said he wants students to learn from history in order to reach a future of peace and tranquility.

"Right now, we fight each other about everything. Everything is so important, even to the point where we kill each other. In this community, we really have to stop that because violence has truly gotten out of hand," Blake said in response to a visit from the mother of a YSU student who was killed in an off-campus shooting last year.

Malcolm X led young people in his movements to boycott and protest in order to be a more dynamic part of their community.

Leonard Martin, a former YSU student who attended the diversity dinner, said it is imperative to recognize younger students for their accomplishments because the positive feedback encourages them.

Martin said everyone needs to hear a good word, and the younger the recipients are, the better.

"If they're a passionate writer, recognize that so it's going to make them a better writer. You never know, they could be one of the best-selling authors out there," Martin said.

Melvin Lomax, who will attend YSU in the fall, went



Dewayne Cross sang "Lift Every Voice and Sing," which is regarded as the African-American national anthem, to begin the Malcolm X diversity dinner on Saturday. The YSU Black Student Union sponsored the event. Photo by Chelsea Telega/The Jambar.

to the dinner to support Radcliffe and the cause.

Lomax said it's a great feeling to know that someone Radcliffe's age, 21, is concerned with past events and making an impact on the future.

"Having this dinner just shows respect and appreciation for things that have happened in the past," Lomax said. "There's substance here, and that's what it's all about."

The presentation highlighted the importance of voter registration for the prospective voters in attendance.

"The youth is the future; that's the bottom line. Our older parents and grandparents are not going to be here for that long," Martin said. "So it's up to us as young adults, young children, coming up to start getting the world to where we want it to be at."

Radcliffe and Blake both said they hope to make the diversity dinner an annual event to keep reminding students to be active in the community — like the late Malcolm X.

"Many of our students want to sit back on their hands and say that 'the problems aren't mine; they belong to someone else,'" Blake said. "But the problems are ours. They belong to all of us."

GAMING FOR A CAUSE

Josh Medore
REPORTER

Illuminated by the glow of five projectors and two TVs, Sigma Alpha Epsilon began the first of 24 consecutive hours of gaming in Kilcawley Center's Ohio Room.

Buttons were mashed in a four-man "Super Smash Bros." brawl. Passes were being sent deep to win the Super Bowl in "Madden NFL 12." Plastic guitars were strummed, sending virtual crowds into a frenzy.

And it was all done in the name of charity.

Friday marked the first SAE gaming marathon, which raised money for the Akron Children's Hospital of the Mahoning Valley. Jon Guy, SAE's philanthropy chairman, said the fraternity selected the hospital because of SAE's affiliation with the Children's Miracle Network.

He explained that when money is donated to the Children's Miracle Network, it is given back to the area from which it came.

"It all stays local," Guy said.

"We don't really have a set amount — just as much as possible because it all goes to a good cause," said Patrick Baskins, the recorder for SAE.

SAE President Josh Intagliata said fraternity members chose to play video games because they knew gaming was something people could get excited about.

"I think it's because of our generation. A lot of us played video games, even just for fun, so I think a lot more people will be interested," Intagliata said.

Intagliata said he expected about 50 people to show up during the eight-hour session in the Ohio Room on Friday. After Kilcawley Center closed at 9 p.m., Intagliata said, the marathon continued at the SAE fraternity house and with those playing at home.

As of 12:30 p.m. on Monday, the event had raised more than \$1,300, Guy said.

Among those in attendance was Jeff Bash, president of Hardcore Urban

Gaming, a student group that meets once a week to discuss and play video games. Bash said the group attended in order to help the cause and to loan equipment to SAE. The Hardcore Urban Gaming club loaned SAE several gaming consoles and four TVs.

"It's great. It helps us get out and get involved in the community," Bash said.

Senior Frank Loffredo said he went to the event because he knew members of the fraternity. He also wanted to see what "it [was] all about."

"I think it's a pretty good idea to get people on campus, and if people want to donate, it goes to a good cause," Loffredo said.

This is the first year that SAE has hosted a gaming marathon, but Guy said he hopes to hold more in the future.

"We tried to come up with something that could create interest and something we had the resources for," Guy said. "Now that we've done it, we think we could do it pretty easily again."

Mild winter brings cheers and tears

Nicole Novotny
REPORTER

Surprisingly mild winter weather brought with it the early blooming of trees and flowers — and, with those blooms, allergies.

According to a localized 30-day pollen count history, which is available on Pollen.com, Youngstown's pollen has, continually increased over the past month. It reached a 9.6 out of 12 on Sunday.

Youngstown State University senior Alyssa Leith said she suffers from seasonal allergies. This year, she began having symptoms at the beginning of March.

If she wants to go outside, Leith said she just has to deal with her allergies.

"I take nasal spray and eye drops with me," she said.

Leith said she has dealt with allergies for the majority of her life, so she doesn't visit the doctor often for them. She said she "knows the drill" and takes Singulair, as prescribed by her doctor.

YSU senior Kristen Wermuth also deals with allergies.

"They aren't too bad yet, but they aren't easy to keep under control," she said.

Wermuth said she experiences symptoms like

a runny nose and sneezing, but her eyes bother her the most. They become sensitive to the sun, which makes it unpleasant to stay outside for long periods of time.

"I heard before that the pollen count is worse in the morning than later in the day. I'm in school in the morning, so I don't have to worry too much about my allergies, but if I'm going to do something outdoors, I usually wait until the evening," she said.

"As with any year, the pollen count goes up as new trees blossom in the spring," said Craig Ziobert, a senior and an assistant teacher for a weather course at YSU. "This year was no exception, except that the pollen started being noticed in early March instead of April."

Many parts of the country are already experiencing moderate pollen counts, according to an article by New York Times reporter Anahad O'Connor.

The official counts on Pollen.com are collected with a tool called Rotorod.

Ziobert said warm, dry and breezy conditions cause high pollen counts in the spring. He added that when storm systems move in, the levels decrease and wash away the pollen that collects on different surfaces.

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only 60 percent by building one network designed for both services.”

The project received funding through 2004’s information technology master plan. YSU is pursuing a \$500,000 grant to use toward the Q2 migration project, sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

The Q2 network was first installed in Coffelt Hall during its 2009 renovation, followed by Williamson Hall during its construction.

Rakers said the system is installed during building construction and renovation to save money and eliminate unnecessary construction.

The new network serves

as a basis for upgrades for other systems on campus.

David Kitt, principal systems engineer in media and academic computing, said although the new network is more complex, fewer problems should occur.

“It’s a big change for us,” Kitt said. “It’s a lot more to keep track of, but we’re seeing good things in the places we are already using it.”

Kitt said the Q2 network would affect the performance of network printing and network-based file sharing — saving a file to a YSU computer and opening it on another YSU computer.

“The system utilizes a redundant Internet connec-

tion, meaning if something goes down on the wired or wireless Internet, there is another network to back it up,” Rakers said. “We’re trying to minimize the impact of an outage. If you ever experienced it, you know how annoying it is.”

The Q2 project will also provide faster Internet connections.

“From an end-user’s perspective, it’s a whole different experience,” Rakers said. “Students, staff and faculty will notice faster wireless performance and faster performance in the computer labs.”

The university is working on minimizing campus Internet network outages.

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procedural change, YSU was scheduled to go through another two-year evaluation period in 2017-2018.

A three-year transition period for institutions already accredited in the PEAQ will begin in September.

Two new options exist for YSU: the “standard pathway” and the “open pathway.” YSU qualifies for the latter, as it has been accredited for more than 10 years.

To take the open pathway, the institution must not have experienced a massive overhaul in leadership in the previous two years or a “dynamic change” — such as a large flux in enrollment or openings or closings of campus buildings — and be free from commission monitoring or sanctions, the open pathway booklet states.

According to the HLC’s website, the pathways were introduced in March.

“YSU is likely to choose the open pathway,” Bowers said.

She said this was a more flexible option, but not all universities meet the criteria for it.

The open pathway calls for two comprehensive evaluations in a 10-year cycle, in years four and 10. Accreditation-seeking bodies must submit annual reports, a project report and two assurance reports to the HLC, so progress can be monitored.

Bowers said this looks like a lot of work, but it’s simply different work.

“The assurance reports are electronic and limited to 35,000 words; there will be no more long, multivolume paper self-studies,” Bowers said.

“It will provide us relief from the enormous amount of paperwork through committees and self-studies,” said Ikram Khawaja, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Institutions must issue a proposal for a quality initiative and complete it in years five through nine. A QI is a large, campuswide project, which the HLC must approve before the university undertakes it.

“The project will involve substantial campus participation, must be judged by the HLC to be of significant scope and seriousness and must in some way focus on academic matters,” Bowers said.

The QI focuses “on institutional innovation and improvement,” the booklet states. Each university evaluates its greatest needs and

addresses those problems through a QI.

Bowers said increasing retention and graduation rates are likely QI’s for YSU. She said YSU might incur additional costs in the process. However, as they’re similar goals, they’ll coincide with costs associated with adhering to the 2020 strategic plan.

“Alignment with the strategic plan makes perfect sense,” Khawaja said. “But what we [choose], I’m reluctant to identify.”

Jack Fahey, vice president for student affairs, has already been spearheading retention efforts.

“We’re already working on that stuff like crazy because it’s part of the strategic plan, and it’s the stuff we’re emphasizing,” Fahey said. “It’s a perfect project to pick for the HLC.”

“Succeeding in implementing goals and initiatives in the strategic plan will require adequate resources and would do so even if we were not participating in an accreditation project,” Bowers said.

Fahey is excited about the prospects of accreditation efforts aligning with existing university initiatives.

“The pressure’s already there. It certainly does give an increased impetus,” Fahey said. “It’s a really important reminder that we all need to be focused.”

No specific project has been isolated or discussed yet, but Bowers said the vice presidents who are presiding over those specific areas of the university would oversee the efforts.



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He spent the first 18 years of his career at Schlumberger where he was involved in such pioneering areas as the first fiber optic cable for high speed transmission of geophysical data, early development of massively parallel computing models and global deployments of satellite networks.

After Schlumberger, Capellas held executive positions at SAP and later Oracle where he led sales and development. Following Oracle, he went to Compaq where he held the positions of CIO, COO and ultimately chairman and CEO.

As CEO of Compaq, he transformed the predominantly PC company into being the world’s largest server company and incubated the broad adoption of server blade technology. He became the president of HP after the merger between Compaq and HP.

In 2002, he was recruited by Worldcom’s board to restructure the company following its bankruptcy filing. He oversaw the transition of the company from the second largest carrier of long distance to the world’s largest carrier of IP traffic. In 2004, the company emerged from bankruptcy and was relisted on the NASDAQ under the name MCI. Worldcom remains, to this day, the largest turnaround story in corporate history. He left MCI after the wave of mass consolidation in the telecom industry with SBC acquiring AT&T and Verizon acquiring MCI.

Capellas has been a senior adviser to private equity firm Silver Lake and most recently served as Chairman and CEO of First Data Corporation, a global leader in electronic commerce.

Capellas has been a member of the Cisco board since January 2006 and currently chairs the acquisition and investment committees.

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Retired professor's documentary to debut Thursday

Former YSU professor Saul Friedman's documentary, "Ash and Smoke: The Holocaust in Salonika," will debut Thursday on PBS Channel 45.1 at 9 p.m. The documentary examines the town of Salonika, Greece. Salonika was home to more than 56,000 Jewish citizens before the Holocaust began; only three citizens remained by December 1944. Other contributors include Robert D. Ault, a serials/microforms librarian; Dan McCormick, a network administrator at YSU; and Brian Bonhomme, an assistant history professor at YSU.

Guest guitarist to perform at Bliss

Johannes Moller will perform at the Bliss Recital Hall at 8 p.m. on Tuesday. Moller began performing in public concerts at the age of 13 and has now performed more than 500 times across the globe. After winning the Guitar Foundation of America Concert Artist Competition, Moller received a 50-concert tour and a record deal with the Naxos label. For more information, call the Dana School of Music at 330-941-3636.

Dana to present five recitals this week

The Dana School of Music will present five recitals this week, beginning with the YSU Percussion Studio on Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Bliss Hall's Room 2326. On Thursday, the Saxophone Studio Recital will perform at the First Presbyterian Church of Youngstown at 7:30 p.m., while the Trombone Studio will perform at 8 p.m. in the Bliss Recital Hall. On Friday, the Clarinet Studio will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Bliss Recital Hall. The final show will be Sunday, with the Horn Studio performing at the Trinity United Methodist Church at 4 p.m. For more information, call 330-941-3636.

POLICE BRIEFS

Domestic incident occurs outside of Pete's Place

YSU Police reported to Pete's Place in response to a verbal argument between a male student and a female student on Thursday night. No physical altercation had occurred. The male student told officers that while arguing with the female student in the car, he decided to exit the car and call YSU Police. He added that the female student continued to yell and scream while following him in her car. The female student told YSU Police that the argument concerned rent money and items of hers that she had left in the male student's dorm room. YSU Police told the students that they should not speak to each other, and added that if they need to exchange property, they should first contact the police department.

Student suffers seizure in Beeghly Center weight room

An ambulance transported a YSU student-athlete to St. Elizabeth Health Center after he suffered an epileptic seizure following a weight-training session. According to the police report, the student struck his right shoulder and neck area on a barbell weight rack in a men's basketball weight room in Beeghly Center. He was unconscious for about 90 seconds.

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livers an electronic feed of energy usage.

Valsi researched the Youngstown Business Incubator's installation of this device, and she discovered that the YBI saved its clients money by pinpointing areas where they could be more energy efficient.

Other colleges and universities that have adopted energy monitoring systems have saved upwards of \$7,000 a year, according to Valsi's research.

She began her research as a part of the sustainability and society course she's enrolled in this semester. When she heard of the contest, she decided to enter.

Promoting energy efficiency is important to Valsi. She said that if people saw the effects of wasting energy, they would be more likely to take steps to save it.

Third-place winner and senior Mike Wittenauer had an idea similar to Valsi's. He also suggested incorporating an achievement level for the buildings on campus.

Wittenauer proposed a color-coding system to illustrate the green-friendly buildings on campus and buildings that need to improve. In it, the color green would represent maximum energy efficiency, while black would indicate the least energy efficient buildings.

"The purpose of our group is to promote [green] awareness and to also give students the chance to have a better understanding of the industry," said Jason Nutt, YSU NECA vice president.

While overseeing the Green Initiative Contest, YSU NECA has been involved with a similar contest on a national level.

The Green Energy Challenge takes students from colleges across the country to comprise a theoretical plan of action to make their campuses more energy efficient.

After winning second place in the nation last year, YSU NECA members said they hope their evaluation of the Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor will bring them a first-place prize.

Theodore Bosela, professor of engineering technology, has advised YSU NECA since January.

He said the group's variety would help in the competition; YSU NECA is made up of electrical, mechanical, and civil and environmental engineering majors.

"We have a lot of students that have experience working with this competition in the past," Bosela said. "I just let them do their thing. If they have any technical questions, I'm here to answer them."

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was most surprised to hear that he could be saving money at Quaker Steak and Lube, where he often eats.

"It surprises me that there is no way of them letting us know — through a sign or something," Stamp said.

He added that if YSU made a list available to students, he would keep current with it.

Ron Cole, director of university communications, said he's unaware of any action taken by the university, past or present, to market the discounts to students.

Jack Fahey, vice president for student affairs, said SGA has always handled the discounts. He said SGA has, in the past, printed and passed out loyalty cards to students.

Travis Battiast, SGA vice president for university affairs, said a list of locations offering discounts to students will be posted on SGA's website this week.

He encourages companies that offer student discounts to contact SGA to ensure that they keep up to date with the discounts.

"We will be updating the list as needed because the list is subject to change," Battiast said.

Battiast said the discounts reflect YSU's importance to the community.

"Business owners are willing to give discounts to students because YSU is such a big part of the city," Battiast said. "Its students live in the area and benefit the economy."

He also stressed the importance of students' supporting local businesses.

"College students are a whole sector of the market," he said.

Denny's in Liberty and Boardman will take 20 percent off a YSU student's bill.

Ellen Gallo, manager of Denny's in Liberty, said the discount is a great asset for students and the businesses that provide it for them.

Great Clips in Liberty takes \$2 off haircuts for students.

Gina Fortune, assistant manager at the Liberty salon, said the student discount is one of her most used coupons.

pons.

"We try to bring the community to us and then give back to them," Fortune said. "The student body makes up a big part of that community."

The Youngstown Phantoms hockey team also enjoys the benefits of a healthful relationship with YSU students, partly because of the student discount for Friday night games.

Phantoms regular season game tickets range from \$10 to \$15. YSU students pay half price.

"Some of our most passionate fans are Youngstown State students," said Bart Logan, media relations coordi-

nator with the Phantoms.

Nationally, wireless service providers like AT&T and Verizon Wireless give discounts to students enrolled at a university.

Both companies take 10 percent off the monthly bill of students. Verizon also gives a 25 percent discount on all accessories.

SGA is looking into strengthening its relationship with local businesses and hopes to keep students informed.

"Youngstown has a lot of potential to be a great college town," Battiast said. "It is certainly heading in that direction."

STUDENT DISCOUNT LIST

Great Clips (Liberty)- \$2 off w/ student ID

Denny's- 20% off bill w/ student ID

Lemon Grove- Monday nights 15% off food

Charlie Staples Bar-B-Q- 10% off bill w/ student ID

Quaker Steak and Lube (All Locations)- 10% off bill w/ student ID

The Limited- 15% off w/ student ID

Charlotte Russe- 10% off w/ student ID

Banana Republic- 10% off w/ student ID

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Malcolm and Youngstown

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MALCOLM X PAGE 2

Deandre Radcliffe has responded to adverse media coverage of black men following a shooting and an alleged hazing.

His efforts to educate Youngstown's black youth are admirable. Founding a black student union was long overdue.

His efforts also made us reflect on our coverage.

So we'd like to tell you why we won't let these events rest until a jury reaches a verdict and the guilty are identified.

Radcliffe hosted a dinner on Friday commemorating Malcolm X. The YSU junior said it's important to never forget.

Malcolm X was admittedly a drug addict, criminal and a womanizer. But he has inspired us to never cower from what makes us who we are — black or white, right or wrong.

His rebirth during incarceration has inspired us to never turn a blind eye to injustice — whether committed by black or white society.

"And if I can die having brought any light, having exposed any meaningful truth that will help to destroy the racist cancer that is malignant in the body of America," Alex Haley wrote in "The Autobiography of Malcolm X," "then all of the credit is due to Allah. Only the mistakes have been mine."

While our editorial staff is white, we understand these words, and while we may never fully empathize, we share a common creed as journalists.

It is our duty to expose the truth.

It is our duty to ensure that students stay informed.

We couldn't imagine letting the memory of Jamail Johnson fade away.

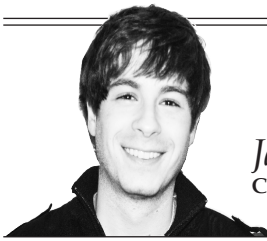
That is why we continually cover all updates in the ongoing shooting trial, the alleged hazing trial and any other act made against one of our Penguin brothers or sisters.

We agree with Malcolm X when we say — as Radcliffe does — that "the problems are ours. They belong to all of us."

THE Jambar *Kahrtoon*



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Jared Buker
COLUMNIST

'The Big Picture' Bountygate

Where is the line between being paid to hit someone and being paid to hurt someone?

In a sport where killer instinct is encouraged — a sport where the players who hit the hardest, force the most fumbles and play with the most aggression are the ones most sought after — is there really that much of a difference between being paid to tackle hard and being paid to hurt someone?

Well, the New Orleans Saints' coaching staff certainly toed the line with their support of a bounty program that rewarded players for injuring specific opponents.

Evidence showed that, since 2009, the Saints had targeted such players as Kurt Warner, Brett Favre, Cam Newton, Reggie Bush and Aaron Rogers, providing thousands of player-donated dollars for "cart-offs" and "knock-outs."

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell concluded his two-year investigation of this program by lowering the hammer on the Saints, fining them \$500,000 and taking away their second-round draft picks for the next two years.

Goodell suspended Saints head coach Sean Payton for the 2012-2013 season and general manager Mickey Loomis for the first eight games of the 2012 season. He based these suspensions on evidence that they both knew about the bounty system and turned a blind eye, even when ordered to extinguish it by team owner Tom Benson.

Goodell also told Saints defensive coordinator Gregg Williams, the mastermind behind the slush fund that financed these bounty rewards, that he would never coach in the NFL again.

I support Goodell's decision to boot Williams from the league, especially after hearing the audio clip of him encouraging his defense to "kill Frank Gore's head" because "if you kill the head, the

body will die."

A difference certainly exists between telling your team to play with passion and telling your team to play with a dirty and blatant disregard for someone else's life.

Williams seems a bit too disturbed and sadistic to be coaching at such a high level anyway.

But the events, now being referred to as "Bountygate," seem to have the sports world reeling, and I don't know how anyone could be surprised by it.

It's football; with all the injuries that occur every year, are you really surprised that a team was rewarding their mammoth linebackers for inflicting pain on opposing star players?

If a defensive coordinator were to incentivize forced fumbles — say, providing \$5,000 for the player with the most bone-shattering blindsides that strip the football — it's sort of the same thing without identifying a specific body part like Williams had been known to do.

Youngstown State University head football coach Eric Wolford said the incident is unfortunate.

"A lot of that stuff has been going on, and I don't think it's ever been a significant amount of money," he said. "But like anything right now in football and all athletics, you have to really watch everything you say and do."

When asked about the locker room speech by Williams to his players, Wolford said that people who have never been involved with football and don't understand its intensity may take it out of context.

"I'm not going to say I haven't heard those types of things before," he said. "I don't think it's meant deliberately to hurt someone. It's just meant to get people riled up and get them frothing at the mouth and passionate. I think some of it is over-exaggerated."

Joe Conroy, coordinator of pro-

grams and facilities at YSU, was a linebacker for the University of Toledo from 1974 to 1978. He said he agrees that the sport of football is difficult to understand without having played it at a high level.

"Football has always been, 'Kill the opponent,'" he said. "Football is not a contact sport; it's a violent sport."

Conroy said the Saints' suspension has a lot to do with money.

"Football is resorting to flag football," he said. "They're trying to save the star player and ticket revenue."

Junior Danny Fernback played YSU football in 2010 and 2011. He said the punishment issued by Goodell was appropriate.

"The big reason against a bounty is because the bounty is created to take cheap shots and purposely injure other players," he said. "That doesn't fall under the category of 'tough player' or 'hard-nosed football'; that falls more under the category of 'douchebag.'"

Though I don't agree with incentivizing the intentional injuring of important players, I agree with Conroy that the motivation for this ruling's being so harsh is probably based on the need for star players to be on the field in order to attract fans.

I would agree more with Goodell's ruling if he were to admit that fact. Without it, I think the penalties given to Payton and Loomis seem to be a bit brash because they weren't the ones verbally telling their players to attack other players' heads.

But, in the same way Joe Paterno was punished for the actions of Jerry Sandusky, it seems inevitable that Payton and Loomis will be unsuccessful in their appeal of Goodell's ruling because they made no attempt to thwart Williams' bounty program.

Hopefully, "Bountygate" won't tarnish Payton's career.

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Reality TV shoveling for show

McClatchy-Tribune
News Service
(MCT)

Hunting for buried treasure — whether it's in the ground, in an abandoned storage locker or at the bottom of the ocean — seems to be a primal urge. But when does digging up your backyard cross the line into sullyng the study of history and culture?

According to some archaeologists, two cable TV reality shows have done just that. National Geographic's "Diggers" and Spike TV's "American Digger" follow the exploits of the archaeological equivalent of bounty hunters who, with property owners' permission, dig and occasionally blast their way to underground artifacts, which they hope to sell to collectors for profit. The issue here isn't so much the legality of what the diggers are doing, but the ethics.

In the U.S., numerous federal and state laws protect Native American and other historic burial grounds, as well as archaeological sites designated as landmarks. But, there is no cultural patrimony law in this country that gives authorities the right to take possession of any finds on private property because they are historically significant.

Archaeologists who have criticized the shows aren't particularly worried that Ric Savage, the former professional wrestler turned star of Spike TV's "American Digger," is going to unearth another La Brea Tar Pits or vestiges of Pocahontas' 17th-century wedding attire. Most significant historic sites in the U.S. are already under federal or state control. In fact, some say that the bullets and belt buckles and shards of pottery that the diggers find are of meager value to collectors and almost no value to museums. Nevertheless, there is a real danger, they contend, in damaging the sites

and essentially destroying the historic record of where and how the items are found.

Savage says he is a lover of history, but he is also a lover of entrepreneurship and making money, as are the Spike TV executives. That's fine. We believe that people have a right to do whatever lawful excavating of their own flower beds that they want. But we do wish the producers of shows that glorify it would seek out schooled archaeologists to cast a watchful eye and make records of the finds. National Geographic TV is already heading in this direction, airing at least temporarily stopped having its show until it has further meetings with archaeologists. Spike TV has vowed to continue without changes. The science of archaeology, with continually evolving techniques, is about research and discovery and is often about leaving things in the ground. As such, it's at direct odds with artifact diggers.

QUEST CONQUEST

Playhouse aims for pre-adolescent audience

Shannon Watson
REPORTER



Justin McIntyre shows off his award winning research endeavor, "Arriving at Justice and Retribution: A Comparative Study of the Treaty of Versailles and the Nuremberg Trials." McIntyre won the award for best overall undergraduate project at QUEST. Photo by Jordan D. Uhl/The Jambar.

Sarah Perrine
NEWS REPORTER

Senior Justin McIntyre received the award for best undergraduate project at QUEST: A Forum for Student Scholarship.

His project, "Arriving at Justice and Retribution: A Comparative Study of the Treaty of Versailles and the Nuremberg Trials," won the grand prize of a \$1,000 scholarship, funded by the YSU Foundation.

McIntyre, who is double majoring in history and political science, and about 320 other students and faculty members presented research at the event, held on Tuesday at Youngstown State University.

QUEST, which is held annually, allows members of the YSU community to present their research. Judges evaluate the presentations and

award cash prizes.

This was McIntyre's second time competing in QUEST. His first time was as a sophomore, when he presented under YSU's honors program. This year, he competed as a College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences undergraduate student.

After presenting at QUEST, McIntyre said he felt confident about his project and was satisfied with his effort.

"Because it was a capstone project that I worked on for nearly an entire semester, I am very familiar with the material, and I believe that this came through in my presentation," McIntyre said.

McIntyre said he enjoyed this year more because he was within his own field.

"I feel honored. I put a lot of work into my research for the project. It actually took place last semester, so it's turned into a yearlong thing, and it's really fulfilling that my work [has] paid

off," McIntyre said.

McIntyre was not the only one to win an award at QUEST.

Approximately 170 projects were presented, and \$2,900 in scholarships was awarded.

The largest awards were for the best undergraduate and graduate projects, which gave out \$1,000 and \$500, respectively. Additionally, 14 projects — two selected from each of YSU's seven colleges — received \$100.

"Everyone who submitted a project to QUEST should be very proud of their accomplishment," said Jeffrey Coldren, QUEST director. "This year, I had several judges tell me how impressed they were with the quality of the projects and the presentations."

QUEST had an 11 percent increase in student participants from last year, he said.

Even so, Coldren said he would like to "get more students and faculty involved" next year.

Quest award winners

Best Undergraduate Project	Justin McIntyre	Fine & Performing Arts	Abigail Sequin, Stephanie Ruozzo
Best Graduate Project	Stacey Pavlik, Laura Kosiorik, Sean Satterlee, Heidi Hall	CLASS	Danilo Comichista, Gregory Such, James Hamilton
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Student group faces stigma and stereotypes

Kacy Standohar
FEATURES EDITOR

Deandre Radcliffe, a political science major and president of the Youngstown State University Black Student Union, said he and his peers want to get rid of the stigma that haunts the black youth at YSU.

YSU BSU members plan to counteract perceptions of violence with positive action, including book drives, human trafficking awareness events and tutoring.

"The black community has been getting a lot of negative attention with the hazing and shooting trials," Radcliffe said. "We want to get back to the positive community efforts."

Cryshanna Jackson, adviser of the YSU BSU and assistant professor of politi-

cal science, said stereotypes often arise when a minority group is involved.

"All of those comments on The Vindicator's website after the hazing trials ... about thugs and 'What do you expect from those kids?' ... doesn't represent us at all," she said. "That's not necessarily true for the thousands of members of that fraternity."

Jackson said the organization is using positive energy to counteract what she calls assumptions.

Radcliffe started the group in the fall as an outreach for the black population on campus.

"Many other colleges have a black student union, and it was needed for the culture, history and population it serves," Radcliffe said.

The YSU BSU is taking

steps toward overcoming the black community's current reputation in the media.

In an effort to improve the image of the black community, the organization launched a yearlong book drive. It is collecting books in Cushman, DeBartolo and Meshel halls.

Both Radcliffe and the YSU BSU's 35 other members are sending all kinds of books to impoverished countries.

Radcliffe added that the organization just sent 500 books to children in Malaysia.

The organization wants to help locally as well. The organization believes that positive press and reinforcement will enhance student retention rates at YSU while integrating black culture.

According to the YSU Office of Institutional

Research and Policy Analysis, black students have the lowest retention rates at YSU — 44.4 percent between 2010 and 2011.

In response to Gov. John Kasich's executive order and task force to battle human trafficking in Ohio, BSU will host a Child-Trafficking Room of Silence in the Gallery Room in Kilcawley Center on April 16 and 18.

BSU plans to make handprints on posters to signify awareness and help.

While Radcliffe said the city of Warren is a top area for human trafficking, Warren Police Chief Timothy Bowers said he disagrees.

"We have massage parlors that are regulated, but there is no evidence of any human trafficking," Bowers said.

The department of theater and dance is digging through a chest of props for an idea that will engage the community, while providing theater majors with a unique stage experience.

It's called Penguin Playhouse.

Frank Castronovo, chairman of the department of theater and dance at YSU, said the program will engage 5- to 9-year-olds.

"Currently, our theater offerings are for adults," Castronovo said. "But there's a big market for younger audiences, and we need to move into that."

The Penguin Playhouse satisfies the theater department's need to create an inexpensive program.

All of the shows that will be performed are required to have props fit inside of a trunk.

"It involves basic street clothes or costumes, a few minor set pieces and can be taken anywhere, ready to go," Castronovo said. "It can be performed in a classroom, a community center or even in one of the theaters here."

Keeping things simple and low-key in the productions allows expenses to stay low. With the regular season of theater not leaving much money, the Penguin Playhouse is able to work with a lower budget and be more flexible.

Penguin Playhouse is considered a subset of the university theater programming. Show themes and ideas come from faculty or students. With only "Cinderella" under its belt, the program is expected to grow.

"Cinderella" was performed a year ago as the test run for Penguin Playhouse.

"['Cinderella'] was very quickly thrown together and was a little haphazard," Castronovo said.

Penguin Playhouse is prepping for "Hansel and Gretel," an interactive show.

"We're doing a little more focused work this year, as it's going to be our first fully developed Penguin Playhouse production," Castronovo said.

It isn't the typical "Hansel and Gretel" story. It's a bit more comical. And because of the interactive component, students will engage the audience in dialogue with the kids.

Anyone, including faculty and staff, can be involved with the shows.

"A lot of students in our theater honorary society were involved with this," Castronovo said. "People contribute to the limits of their ability or desire, and you end up getting this thing together to go out and perform."

Penguin Playhouse wants to perform at least one show a year, but they haven't ruled out additional productions. Even though the props and costumes seem simple, the entourage rehearses as much as a full-fledged production.

"We rehearse every day to get them ready," Castronovo said. "We have five weeks of rehearsal, five days a week for three hours. So, it is a lot of work."

To maintain the young audience's attention, the children's shows span only an hour.

But Castronovo said he wants that hour to inspire the young audience.

"We want to prepare students to enjoy theater as part of their entertainment life," Castronovo said. "If you don't start young, you're not going to do it, and we want to make it a lifelong habit."

"Hansel and Gretel" is set for one showing on April 28 in the Spotlight Arena Theater in Bliss Hall.

"When kids go to see live performers, they know there is an experience there that you are not going to get going to a movie," Castronovo said. "It's not better, it's not worse; it's just different, and it's something we want to expose students to."

College seniors face better job prospects but continued angst

The Hechinger Report
(MCT)

Meredith Ballard is an economics major at Colorado College. But when she began her senior year last fall, she started feeling she was spending more time traveling to job interviews than going to class.

"It got stressful," said Ballard, 22, of Green Oaks, Ill. "I had to work on my thesis on top of having a very difficult class while trying to land a job."

The employment market may be picking up, but graduating seniors like Ballard — who landed a job with a Chicago advertising agency and will start next month — have in many cases known nothing during their college careers but economic turbulence and high unemployment.

"Nowhere has the economic impact been as traumatic (as) for college seniors graduating in the last four years," said Richard Berman, director of career services at Oberlin College.

To forestall entering the job market, many soon-to-be graduates are taking unpaid internships or social service work, going to graduate school, or even trying to start their own businesses.

Those who are searching for jobs are making it a higher priority than schoolwork. Gone is the luxury of taking it easy senior year.

There are some glimmers of hope. The unemployment rate for recent college graduates is 6.2 percent, lower than the overall rate and the lowest since the start of the recession. And employers surveyed by the National Association of Colleges and Employers said they planned to hire 10.2 percent more new graduates this year than last year.

Still, the odds for job-seekers in many fields remain long.

"This year's seniors are landing more interviews, but I think it's more a function of their tenacity" than an increase in the number of jobs available, said Lisa Kastor, director of career services at the College of Wooster in Ohio.

Jacob Meyers of Elyria, Ohio, for example, applied for 35 jobs and got three interviews, but no offers.

"I just don't want to be floating around after college," said Meyers, 22, who is job-hunting while finishing requirements for his triple major in English, theater, and gender, sexuality and feminist studies at Oberlin. "There just seems to be this pressure from everywhere. Ev-

eryone is looking for a job. Even my mom is dead set on me finding one. She's scared, too."

At Washington and Lee University in Virginia, 15 students applied to meet on campus with a recruiter for an investment bank. Six got interviews. The bank has one position available.

"The employers are doing a lot more screening," including remotely by Skype before even entertaining the idea of an in-person interview, said Beverly Lorig, director of career services at Washington and Lee. "There's less willingness to consider a 'maybe' candidate."

Meanwhile, students and their families have been subjected to unrelenting bad news from the job front.

"It bruises the psyche of your graduating class," Lorig said. "There's stress with seniors, and there's stress with parents. It's really important that we teach students to be resilient in these times. I fear that a lot of seniors withdraw after they get roughed up a bit with the rejections."

Many students have reason to be worried. Those who took out loans for college are graduating with an average debt of more than \$25,000 — twice the 1996 figure — according to the U.S. Department of Education.

Some students say they are beginning their job searches a year before graduation, and they are networking more often with college alumni.

"Just because the front door to an organization is tighter, and therefore harder to open, doesn't mean that there aren't side doors into it," Berman said. "One has to build networking opportunities through recent grads and alumni."

For Lauren Martinez of Redmond, Wash., the time she took to job-hunt last semester paid off: The senior economics major at Macalester College in Minnesota found a job at a financial consulting firm in California.

But Martinez said the offer came at the expense of time and energy she could have applied toward schoolwork.

"My grades suffered at the beginning of the semester when I was spending so much time traveling to interviews, practicing interviewing and filling out applications," Martinez said. "It was all so overwhelming."

Still, she's glad she has a job. "It's definitely a relief to know that I'll have a paycheck," she said. "With that in mind, the rest of my senior year will be a lot easier."

High schoolers in Japan relatively reluctant to study abroad

The Yomiuri Shimbun
(MCT)

TOKYO — Japanese high school students are less interested in studying abroad than their counterparts in China, South Korea and the United States are, according to a recent survey, underlining their tendency to be inward-looking.

The Japan Youth Research Institute conducted the survey on a total of 8,000 high school boys and girls in the four countries.

Asked why they are not interested in studying abroad, 53.2 percent of Japanese students said it is easier to live in their home country. The high figure suggests a decline in the spirit of adventure at a time when companies are accelerating advancement overseas.

Among South Korean students, 70.7 percent said they are interested, either very much or a little, in studying abroad, followed by 69.5 percent of Chinese students and 64.6 percent of U.S. students. Only 57.2 percent of Japanese high school students are interested, either very much or a little, in studying abroad.

The survey found 15.9 percent of Japanese students are not interested at all in studying overseas, more than double the figure for Chinese or South Ko-

rean students.

Asked why they do not want to study abroad, 48.1 percent of Japanese students cited "language barriers," while 42.7 percent said they were "not confident about living abroad alone." Students were allowed to give multiple answers to this question.

Thirty-eight percent of Japanese students said, "It's tiring," the highest figure among the four countries' students who picked this reason.

There were clear differences regarding what the students in the four countries wanted to learn in a foreign country.

More than 50 percent of Japanese students said they would like to study language, while less than 30 percent of American, Chinese or South Korean students said the same.

Among non-Japanese students who took the survey, popular subjects were in the arts, engineering and science.

The institute said the survey results show the proportion of students who think "it is easier to accept the current situation rather than to change it" increased to 56.7 percent in the latest survey from 24.7 percent in a 1980 survey.

Japanese high school students seem to prefer to be comfortable in Japan rather than taking on difficulties that may come with studying abroad, the institute said.

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UC Davis pepper spray report slated to go public this week, minus some names

Los Angeles Times
(MCT)

LOS ANGELES — The University of California and its campus police union reached a tentative legal settlement Monday that could allow the public release Wednesday of most of UC's much-anticipated investigative report into the pepper spraying of campus protesters at UC Davis, officials said. However, the tentative agreement calls for the names of most of the UC Davis police officers involved in the November incident or interviewed about it to be removed from the document.

Under the settlement, only the widely known names of Lt. John Pike, the officer shown spraying students in a highly viewed online video, and that of UC Davis Police Chief Annette Spicuzza would be included.

In exchange, the police union has agreed not to appeal a Superior Court decision last month that rejected most of the union's arguments seeking to block release of portions of the report; the judge had granted the union a preliminary injunction keeping most of the names confidential temporarily and gave the union

several more weeks to file an appeal to block larger chunks of the report.

A Superior Court hearing is scheduled for Tuesday in Oakland on the tentative agreement. If it is approved, the UC task force that investigated the controversial pepper spraying plans to present its findings at a UC Davis forum on Wednesday afternoon, officials said.

UC spokesman Steve Montiel said the university agreed to the settlement because UC wanted to get the substance of the report out to the public as quickly as possible and did not want that delayed by the months that a union appeal could take. He emphasized that the policy recommendations and other policy matters in the report would not be affected by cutting out those names.

John Bakhtit, the attorney for the police union, could not be reached for immediate comment.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California, which is also a party to the lawsuit, said it may still proceed at a later date to seek the public release of all the officers' names under the state public records law. But the ACLU will not block the settlement, one of its attorneys said.

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Olympic-sized goals

Grace has sights set on bigger things after YSU



Junior Bobby Grace practices his throwing abilities during practice. Grace holds the indoor and outdoor shot put record and ranks in the top three in the outdoor discus and hammer throw. Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

Nick Mancini
SPORTS REPORTER

When Youngstown State University junior thrower Bobby Grace was at Midpark High School in Middleburg Heights, Ohio, he was a member of the football and track teams.

But those weren't his favorite sports growing up. Grace's passion was hockey.

"My dad started me at that when I was 2 and a half years old," Grace said. "I was pretty serious about it until I was about 13. Then I got too big and started playing flag football."

Grace said he would play year-round. In the summer, he would play street hockey. Even at a young age, he was able to skate on the ice — sort of.

"Pretty much, they would put skates on us, and we would run into each other," Grace said. "I was pretty good when I was 4 or 5. You just kind of cruise around."

Now, Grace cruises around the record books at YSU. He holds the indoor and outdoor shot put record and is in the top three in the outdoor discus and hammer throw.

Grace said it isn't a mistake either. It's his bread and butter.

"Shot is my main focus, and hammer is probably my second," Grace said. "I kind of just learned hammer last year, and it just picked up for me kind of randomly. But shot has always been my better event, even since high school."

His training partner and roommate, junior John Seaver, who trails Grace for the indoor shot put record, said being able to train together has been a huge advantage.

"It is great to train with someone who is able to push you every day," Seaver said. "Some days I win, and some days he wins. It just definitely pushed us. We came in as freshmen, and we were pretty timid. But after we got used to each other, we

kind of just pushed each other, and now we are pretty high up there."

Grace said he wouldn't be where he is without Seaver.

"It is good to compete with him because we constantly go back and forth," Grace said. "It has been a big help with him being here to be able to push me along."

Brent Shelby, assistant track and field coach, said Grace's improvements have been tremendous.

"I think his first official indoor meet he threw 44 feet in shot put," Shelby said. "He had a lot of technical stuff to work on, but he has worked hard, and it has paid off. He has gone from 44 feet to 18th in the nation. I would say that is pretty good."

Grace said it is definitely a nice feeling to see his name on a national board, but he wants to shoot for something higher: the Olympics.

"That's my ultimate dream," Grace said. "In the indoor, I hit

the 'B' standard for the Olympic trials. It is sort of a descending order list. The top 25 in the nation go to that, and right now I think I am 28th. If I can move up a little bit, that would be cool."

Shelby said if Grace keeps putting in the work, anything is possible.

"When you start playing around in the numbers he is playing around, it is possible," Shelby said. "Basically, the top 24 go, and at the end of indoor, he was 28th in the U.S. If he can get in that top 24 bracket, and he already has that Olympic 'B' standard, he can go."

The Olympic "B" standard is where the athletes have to pay their own way to the trials.

But, before that, Grace still has another season at YSU. He said he would like to accomplish a few more things.

"I'd like to do something nationally in the U.S. before I leave here, but I don't know," Grace said. "I just kind of take it all in stride."

Sports Briefs

Football luncheon scheduled for Wednesday

On Wednesday, YSU's football program will host its annual Bob Dove Red-White Spring Game Luncheon. Admission is \$5, and the event will begin at noon in the DeBartolo Stadium Club. The menu will include pizza, wings and salad from Belleria Pizza. To make a reservation, call YSU's sports information office at 330-941-3192, or email Trevor Parks, sports information director, at tparks@ysu.edu.

Penguins tee it up at NYX Hoosier Invitational

The YSU men's golf team continued its spring season at the NYX Hoosier Invitational, hosted by Indiana University. The first two rounds took place on Saturday, while the final round concluded the event on Sunday. The Penguins finished last out of 16 teams, shooting a three-round score of 922 (310-302-310). Mark Olbrych led the way for the Penguins, shooting a three-round score of 230 (79-77-74). The Penguins will hit the links again on Friday and Saturday when they compete in the Detroit Titans Invitational in Highland, Mich.

Penguin Spotlight



Marta Burak

Year: Freshman
Hometown: Lviv, Ukraine
High School: First Degree

Freshman Marta Burak has yet to lose to a Horizon League opponent in her collegiate career. She defeated the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay's Jennifer Bradfield, 6-1 and 6-1, on Saturday at the Boardman Tennis Center. Burak also won in the doubles competition with sophomore teammate Caroline Jesko, defeating the team of Bradfield and Morgan Weuve, 8-0.

'Jack Up The Rev'



Sports Editor Joe Catullo Jr. recaps the football team's second scrimmage on Saturday and the women's tennis match against the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. Also, Catullo reveals how the softball and baseball teams fared on the road.

Football preps for Friday's Red-White Spring Game

Joe Catullo Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

Last year, sophomore wide receiver Christian Bryan walked onto the field at Stambaugh Stadium with butterflies in his stomach as he practiced at the collegiate level for the first time.

"I didn't know what to expect," Bryan said on Saturday. "I thought I was going to war in camp because it felt so serious, and it is serious. But when you get out there, you're just relaxed, you're calm, and at the end of the day, it's still football."

Bryan played and started 11 games last year, catching 46 passes for 722 yards and six touchdowns.

In his second season at Youngstown State University, Bryan, who took three passes into the end zone on Saturday, knows what to expect of himself and of junior quarterback Kurt Hess.

"Kurt's a really smart player," Bryan said. "He understands each and every one of us receivers differently. He knows the playbook so well that he feels comfortable with each and every single one of us."

Hess completed 186 passes in 287 attempts last season for 2,460 yards and a school-record 26 touchdowns while throwing eight interceptions.

Head football coach Eric Wolford said in a press conference on Saturday that Bryan and Hess are becoming familiar with each other.

"Those guys are throwing a lot of balls at each other," Wolford said. "They've got some chemistry together."

On Saturday, the Penguins competed in their second spring scrimmage, the last before Friday's 40th annual Red-White Spring Game. Wolford said the team is deep into spring practices.

"I think we got about 55 to 60 [reps] with each group, but got a chance to work on some important situations," he said. "[We] got a chance to work on some two-minute



Sophomore quarterback Patrick Angle fakes the handoff to freshman running back Demond Hymes during practice at Stambaugh Stadium. Angle completed six out of seven passes for 70 yards and a touchdown in the first portion of practice on Saturday. Photo by Joe Catullo Jr./The Jambar.

[drills], which we haven't had a chance to do a bunch on. I was encouraged with what I've seen on both sides of the ball."

Wolford added that third downs were another focus on Saturday.

"We did a good job early on, on third and one," Wolford said. "There's still some missed tackles that I think we'll be frustrated about. I think we've got to continue to find a way to defend the middle of the field a little bit better."

Tom Sims, assistant head football coach, said in the conference that third downs are vital.

"Third down is a key down in college football," Sims said. "If you can win third down, you win the game."

Defensively, Wolford said the team looked better than in earlier practices, but the secondary — cornerbacks and safeties

— still need improvement.

"We're still not playing where we expect us to play," Wolford said. "We need to be more physical, we need to be more consistent, and that's coming, but it's not where we expect it to be."

The Penguins are scheduled to practice on Monday and Wednesday before Friday's game, where Bryan said he wants to put on a show.

"I hope we run up the score on them," he said. "Not trying to be overconfident or cocky, but that's what we need to be on offense. We want to score in every single possession we can."

Sims said he wants to see the team finish by the end of the spring game.

"What I mean by that is playing with great effort, practicing with great effort and finishing every play," Sims said.