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WOLFORD BRINGS STRONG RECRUITING RESUME TO THE TABLE



Dr. Aaron Podolefsky, current president of the University of Central Missouri, visited campus Monday.

## Traffic safety proposal pending

Dan Pompili  
ASSIST. NEWS EDITOR

Pedestrians and motorists alike may soon find the roads around Youngstown State University easier to traverse. YSU is the primary benefactor of a pedestrian-safety enhancement study initiated through their 2010 partnership with the city of Youngstown.

A \$1.9 million federal grant is being used to address traffic patterns, pedestrian crosswalks and traffic signal timing, as well as landscaping.

MS Consultants of Youngstown and Behnke Associates of Cleveland (subcontracted by MS) currently have a proposal awaiting approval from the Ohio Department of Transportation. Pending that approval, MS and Behnke will likely be contracted by the city to conduct the study.

MS would oversee the traffic and engineering dynamics of the study, while Behnke would manage all landscaping and aesthetics since the Cleveland firm has had prior dealings with YSU in that capacity.

The proposal projects an estimated cost of \$500,000 for the study. However, ODOT project manager Joe Defuria said that while ODOT agrees with the steps outlined in the proposal, the projected time estimated for completion of tasks seems high, and ODOT would like to reduce the cost.

"I'd say it'll probably be closer to \$300,000," Defuria said. "That's what we hope anyway."

The remainder of the grant funds, following completion of the study, will be used for implementation of the recommended improvements.

DeFuria said ODOT expects to release their comments on the proposal by the end of the week. Initial recommendations from the consultants are projected for mid-2010 and a final report is speculated for completion by year's end.

YSU Director of Campus Planning and Community Development Hunter Morrison said that the goal is to identify and address areas of current and future concern. In the short term, Morrison said, the areas along Wick Avenue near Bliss and Meshel Halls as well as the intersection of Lincoln and Fifth Avenues are areas of great concern.

Future concerns include the areas along Rayen Avenue, especially near Phelps Street where the new Williamson College of Business Administration will be located.

Morrison said that upon completion of the study, he expects some changes will be made quickly. Items such as crosswalks "can be done with a can of paint," he said. Other items, such as signals and re-channeling of curbs may take a couple of years.

## First presidential finalist visits YSU

Chelsea Pflugh  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The first of four finalists for the presidential position at Youngstown State University visited campus Monday for various forums in an attempt to become acquainted with the campus as well as faculty, staff and the community.

Dr. Aaron Podolefsky, current president of the University of Central Missouri,

spoke at the head of a standing-room-only room in Tod Hall as he discussed his background, credentials and aspirations and goals if he were to be selected as president of YSU.

Podolefsky has been the president of UCM for five years. During his time in office, the university has "set records for the highest-quality first-year student class, highest graduate rate and the highest job placement (98.6%) in the institution's history," as stated

on Podolefsky's biography. Podolefsky has also been the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Northern Iowa, a professor and department head at Western Kentucky University, as well as an associate professor and associate chair at West Virginia University.

Podolefsky compared his time at Northern Iowa to the environment and qualities of YSU.

"Northern Iowa is similar to YSU," he said. "They're

relatively the same size, they have the same mission, there are Division I athletics, there are faculty and staff unions. For 15 years I worked with collective bargaining."

UCM, he said, was almost YSU's opposite.

"Central Missouri is not urban; it's 1,700 acres with two farms and a golf course," he said.

Podolefsky noted his accomplishments in transforming UCM from a "party

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## Valley blasted by bitter cold



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## SGA appropriations increase waiting on a vote

Josh Stipanovich  
NEWS EDITOR

The recent appropriations budget increase set out by the Student Government Association and their president Zach Brown during the fall will have to wait until March for the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees to make a final decision.

Brown presented the proposal, which would charge students \$1 per credit hour, to the board of trustees dur-

ing their meeting Dec. 5 after speaking under Dr. Cynthia Anderson for the duration of the Student Affairs Committee.

"I basically gave them the Cliff's Notes version of it, [and] they asked me a couple questions about things they didn't necessarily understand, but it seemed to be pretty well received," Brown said.

Brown recalled the meeting and said he thinks it's being perceived in a positive manner because of the importance of student organizations on campus.

"One of the trustees said that if you

were anybody else asking for money, we would laugh at you right now, but we honestly think this is a time that student organizations could be using more money and a good time to be putting the money into the students when we're losing money elsewhere," Brown said.

Former SGA President and current board chair Scott Schulick said his viewpoint of the proposal is positive, but recognized his opinion may be different from others because he was involved with SGA as a student at YSU chairman in 1993 and 1994.

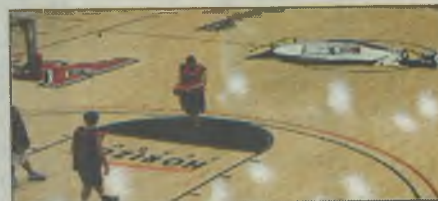
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### POLICE BRIEFS

#### Homeless man found trespassing on campus grounds

On Wednesday, officers were dispatched to the Beeghly College of Education in regards to a suspicious male who had entered the dean's office following an altercation at the WRTA bus station. The subject said he was homeless and in need of help. Officers escorted the individual to the Rescue Mission of the Mahoning Valley after giving him a verbal warning.

#### Female student arrested at Courtyard Apartments

A female student was arrested Sunday at her apartment on Wick Avenue after university police discovered she had an active warrant in Boardman. The subject was placed in Mahoning County Jail for a theft charge.

#### University police arrest man on warrant for noise pollution

Police pulled over a vehicle with expired registration Sunday. The man driving the vehicle was not the owner, but the owner was present in another vehicle on the scene. Police arrested the man on a prior warrant for prohibited loud sound devices. The subject was transported to Mahoning County Jail without further incident.

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### Rec welcomes back spring students

YSU Campus Recreation and Student Programming is welcoming back students for the spring semester by holding various events throughout the week including an organization fair, seminars and a drag show. The theme of the week is "Winter Wellness: Know Your Resolution." Prizes are also available. A full list of events can be found on the Rec Center's Web site.

#### Dana schedules January's Music at Noon performances

The Dana School of Music and the Butler Institute of American Art have scheduled the Music at Noon events for this month. Brass Chamber Music, directed by William Slocum, will take place Wednesday. On Jan. 20, the Dana Guitar Ensemble will perform under the direction of Francois Fowler, while on Jan. 27, Kent Engelhardt will present Dana Jazz Combos.

#### Editor to present twice on campus

Richard McCormack, editor and publisher of Manufacturing & Technology News, will speak in the morning at the DeBartolo Stadium Club on Jan. 28. McCormack will then be presenting "Working-Class Communities and the Future of Manufacturing" in the evening as sponsored by the Center for Working Class Studies. The evening event is open to the public, and reservations for the morning session can be made by calling 330-941-3068.

#### YSU professor wins Ohioana Book Award

English professor William Greenway has recently been given an Ohioana Book Award for Poetry for his book "Everywhere at Once." This is Greenway's second time winning this award after being honored in 2001 for "Ascending Order."



## What's on your mind?



"Dreading my next class ... trig."  
Ashten Antonucci, sophomore



"Just waiting for my next class at 5 o'clock."  
Hasper Leggette, sophomore



"Stressing out about the new semester, thinking about all I have to do."  
Kara Roche, sophomore



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"Personally, I'm warm to the idea. I'm not just committing to supporting it because I want to have that fruitful discussion with the board of trustees, but generally, having sat where I sat as a former president of student government and knowing the student government budgets in general, I understand the fight so I want to help students as much as I can," Schulick said.

Although the proposal seemed to be liked and appreciated by the board, Brown said there will always be those who are skeptical.

Brown said one of the board of trustees' main concerns was not knowing how many other schools have adopted similar ideas, and they wanted to make sure the SGA was prepared for this if it passed.

"Obviously, [the board] were all a little skeptical about certain things, [and they] asked me different questions, [and] I tried to clarify as much as possible, but the main point of that is I was only given like five or 10 minutes, and it was just to get the proposal to them and have it in their hands," Brown said.

Brown said some of the questions he received came as a surprise, which

led him to believe the board of trustees aren't knowledgeable of what SGA is and what its responsibilities are.

"It's really weird because [the board of trustees] actually are not that familiar with SGA at all it seemed like from talking to them," Brown said. "I was explaining a lot of things that we already do just to make them feel like we don't... It's a lot more well-kept than people think it is and probably the board of trustees actually think it is."

During the meetings in March, Brown and those associated with the SGA will be presenting a resolution because the proposal may not be passed as-is.

Brown said everything is done on SGA's end, and what he and Executive Vice President Abbie Twyford would be doing now is revising by-laws, which would play a role in preparing for the final resolution incase it was passed.

Brown said even if the proposal wasn't passed, the bylaws and new model would be complete for future SGA presidents and members.

"There's no instruction manual that really comes with this," Brown said.

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"We're all going to learn from this," Morrison said.

Morrison also added that student engagement in workshops would be important to the process of improving the traffic and safety issues on campus, once the study is complete.

"It's going to be an opportunity to stop complaining and start planning," he said.

Morrison was referring to complaints about crosswalks and signals. Other complaints have surfaced regarding the cost of

consultants hired to address such issues.

DeFuria stressed, however, that such studies are a requirement when state and federal funds are allocated for such projects.

Valerie Croasmun, project director for MS Consultants, said the firm has been working with Youngstown for over 40 years. Croasmun said the firm has multiple experts in various fields — including signal timing, crosswalks and traffic patterns — and all are certified at the state level to

assess such issues. Such certification is required to address any issue where state or federal money is involved.

Croasmun added that MS Consultants is responsible for the development of a traffic academy, which all ODOT consultants must attend before working for the state.

At present, MS and Behnke will only be involved with the study, and not with the implementation of recommended improvements.

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school" to a respected institution that students attend for academic endeavors rather than social. He stated that the primary reason students chose to go to UCM was for its academic reputation.

Despite Podolefsky's accomplishments at UCM, the board of trustees voted against the renewal of his contract.

"The board at UCM voted 4-to-3 not to continue my contract as president," he said. "It's not a secret; I wrote it right on the cover letter to the [YSU presidential search] board. I did it so there was not any confusion about why I was leaving [UCM]."

During the question and answer session, Podolefsky was met with questions about challenges he might face if he were to be selected as YSU's seventh president.

Dr. Victor Wan-Tatah, director of Africana studies, had concerns about the importance of diversity to the administration. Podolefsky said diversity is a core value of his, and it should be a core value for all institutions.

"There's no way to have a world-class learning environment without diversity," he said. "The president has to take a moral stance on things that are don't that aren't appropriate. You have to speak clearly and you have to get your mind straight. A university is

a moral institution."

Former presidential mentor Richard Louis Boccia asked Podolefsky how he would attempt to build relationships with YSU students. Podolefsky cited examples of other university presidents having blogs, Twitter and Facebook, but showed no emotion or ambition to start any of them.

"Some of the blogs seem way too formal, as if other people write them," he said. "I'm struggling with how to efficiently communicate with thousands of other people. I don't want to make any promises and fail because that would cause disappointment, which is worse than not trying at all."

Podolefsky also showed great concern for YSU only having one counselor on campus, saying counseling is an area he'd "be careful about being understaffed." He also said he and his wife would be willing to be seen around campus as well as the city.

At the end of the forum, audience members were encouraged to fill out feedback forms about the candidate's strengths and weaknesses.

Scott Schulick, chairman of the board of trustees as well as the Presidential Search Committee, said the feedback was important to the process.

"I can't say that [the process]

will be completely dictated by the feedback, but we wouldn't ask for it if we wouldn't use it," he said.


Schulick introduced Podolefsky at the forum, but also walked the audience through the process of creating the Presidential Search Committee and continued to describe the journey to interviewing the finalists. Schulick said the board is looking for someone who can do the job and encompass all that YSU represents.

"The bottom line is it's about fit. Does the candidate fit in the university and does the university fit the candidate?" Schulick said. "There's no question that all the final candidates are great. But what we're looking for is someone who can do the job in Youngstown. Can they expand on our mission and continue to build on our foundation?"

The schedule for open forums for the three remaining candidates is as follows: Dr. C. Jack Maynard, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Indiana State University, on Jan. 19, Dr. Cheryl Norton, President of Southern Connecticut State University, on Jan. 21 and Dr. Cynthia Anderson, Vice President for Student Affairs at YSU, on Jan. 26. Open forums are from 4-5 p.m. in the Board Room of Tod Hall.

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# Spring into the Arts



## YSU presents new and unique productions for the spring semester

**Lamar Salter**  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT  
EDITOR

A new semester means new opportunities to check out some special events at Youngstown State University. The College of Fine and Performing Arts will be presenting a slew of concerts, theater productions and art exhibitions this semester.

The Dana School of Music continues to bring a unique blend of classical, new age and jazz music to the city.

Along with student and faculty recitals, expect a con-

tinuation of the Dana at DeYor concert series as well as some other special performances.

The jazz programs will once again pay tribute to Tony Leonardi, a former YSU professor, who was instrumental in the school's jazz program and in founding the YSU Jazz Ensembles, with the Legacy of Leonardi concert.

Dr. Kent Engelhardt, a jazz studies professor, discussed Leonardi's contributions and influence.

"He would bring major jazz artists as guests to the school and they would not only play for students, but play with

them as well," Engelhardt said. "It created a major form of interaction for the students."

The jazz studies program will follow in Leonardi's footsteps by including famous jazz bassist and composer Rufus Reid as a guest performer with the Jazz Ensemble I in concert.

Opening its curtains once again, the theater studies department has a new lineup of productions including a classic Shakespearean act, comic drama and opera.

In a collaboration with the Dana School of Music, "The Mikado," a famous British opera from the 1800s by English

composer Arthur Sullivan and librettist W.S. Gilbert, will begin in April.

David Vosburgh, the director of the production, said despite the time period, the humor and subject matter of the opera reflect modern times.

"It has all the usual romantic complications and the petty corruption we associate with acts now," Vosburgh said. "It was basically poking fun at the politics of Britain at that time."

Continuing its annual spring tradition, the YSU Dance Ensemble will also be performing in April.

Having developed a reputation for a diverse combination of choreography, Mandi Fetty, ensemble president, said a mix of hip-hop, folk and modern performances were being considered for this semester's show.

The art department will be hosting exhibitions by YSU students, faculty, guest artists and younger students from around the Mahoning Valley.

Additionally, the annual Scholastic Art Awards will kick off on Jan. 16 at the McDonough Museum of Art; art awards will be presented to local students.

## Butlers continue to build bridge to Youngstown's future and history

**Gary S. Angelo**  
FEATURES REPORTER

In Youngstown's early days, the Butlers were a prominent and influential Mahoning Valley family, even founding the Butler Institute of American Art. Local historian Dorothy Butler Facciobene, great-great-granddaughter of Institute founder Joseph Green Butler Jr., is developing a photographic historical archive of her notable family.

"I have been left with large amounts of photos between 100 to 120 years old that really document early Youngstown when it was thriving," Butler Facciobene said.

Butler Facciobene is hopeful her book will help some locals reconnect with their Youngstown heritage and history. Additionally, the book will be packed with vintage photos of the original Butler gallery, which opened in 1917 and had its start in Butler's home that was destroyed by fire. Aside from being an advocate of the steel industry, Butler was also an art collector and patron of literature.

"The Butlers were like American Medicis; they were an industrious family who patronized the arts," Butler Facciobene said.

Butler Facciobene said Butler, who was born Dec. 21, 1840, in an industrial town in Mercer County, Pa., greatly contributed to the steel industry's growth in the Mahoning Valley, and helped to establish the Ohio Steel Company. He was also an avid contributor to many steel publications, putting Youngstown on the industrial map.

Joseph Green Butler Jr. was born and grew up around a blast furnace area, and this led to his interest in the iron

industry," Butler Facciobene said, adding that he began working in the iron business at a young age. "He was self-made and an integral part of the steel-making process and iron industry."

Butler Facciobene also plans to republish Butler's books, including three volumes of the "History of Mahoning Valley," "Presidents I Have Seen and Known," "Fifty Years of Iron and Steel" and "Recollections of Men and Events," where he traces the Butler family's history throughout several centuries in Ireland. Butler was also an acquaintance of every American president from Lincoln to Coolidge.

"He was the main builder of the McKinley Memorial in Niles, Ohio, and President McKinley was his childhood friend," Butler Facciobene said.

In addition to republishing Butler's books, Butler Facciobene wants to bring awareness to his good works in the Mahoning Valley with her book.

"I want the pictures to tell a story in order for the stories to be more relatable," she said.

Even though they are generations apart, Butler Facciobene felt that she knew her great-great-grandfather more through studying his works. She is excited to be a part of Youngstown's renaissance, sharing her book with the community.

"I found a treasure trove



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE BUTLER FAMILY

of old family photos, letters and books left to me by my mother, Lorinda T. Butler, who passed away from breast cancer in 2000," she said, adding that her mother was also a local historian.

Butler Facciobene said she wants to continue the tradition of documenting her family to honor her memory. Over the course of time, Butler Facciobene kept finding more pictorial and literary relics of Butler.

"I am devoted to his legacy; I am so passionate, and putting together this book is a way for me to be close to my mother," she said.

Pat Goidies, a Butler docent and gift shop volunteer, said she is supportive of Butler Facciobene's archival project.

"I am so happy to hear that Joseph Green Butler will be available to the public," she said.

Goidies pointed out that many children and adults who tour the Butler are in awe of and curious about the Butler family.

## Old Man Winter puts country on ice

**Lamar Salter**  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT  
EDITOR

No matter how much we brace for it, we never really expect the winter season.

No amount of shovels, heavy jackets, salt and de-icers can prepare us for the cold, frigid temperatures and copious amounts of snow.

The new year is proving to be no different.

According to the National Weather Service, Youngstown has experienced uncommonly cold temperatures of 21 degrees and below so far in 2010. On a good day, specifically this Wednesday, the mid-30s is the about the warmest it will get.

At Youngstown State University, David Ewing, associate director of grounds, discussed how the campus is kept free of snow.

"The process usually starts with receiving a call from campus police," Ewing said. "We usually get out there at about three, four in the morning."

Ewing said using salt helps prevent future snow buildup but usually has adverse effects on the landscaping.

"We'll usually get runoff in the grass to the curb because of the salt," Ewing said.

While Ewing said this year has been easier than last year's winter, national weather is not looking good. This is because other, more typically warm states have been getting hit with the cool as well.

Reuters reported record-breaking electricity usage in parts of Texas due to the cold air; the temperature in Waco, Texas, reached single digits.

In Florida, the cold weather has left farmers in a tough situation.

Because of the unusual temperatures, fruits and vegetables

have not been able to ripen on time; production delays have resulted, which could affect the entire production year.

With winter, usual delays can be expected, but this year has left many with the winter blues.

According to USA Today, traveling has become difficult, with thousands of flight cancellations made in the last month alone.

Reports in Chicago showed a cool 12 inches of steady snow for the month of January and 18 inches in parts of Michigan.

Winter storms this year have also been deadly.

In Cincinnati, a major car accident on a snowy Interstate 70 killed four people and injured at least seven more after a tractor-trailer lost control and collided with a bus.

Reports by the Associated Press showed the winter weather contributing to at least five other deaths across the Midwest.

At the end of December, the NWS labeled the conditions in South Dakota "life-threatening."

The American Red Cross has begun opening warming centers across the country for the homeless and families without power as more weather reports show temperatures dipping.

But even that cannot deter the effects of highway conditions, forcing cities to work around the clock to maintain manageable driving circumstances.

With Old Man Winter looking to stay for a while, The Red Cross, NWS and other organizations are advising people to stay warm and pay attention to weather reports.

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- The Fireplace
- 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 13

Mahoning Valley Singing Star

- Pal Joey's
- 9 p.m.

Party Like A Rockstar

- Downtown 36
- 9 p.m.



OUR SIDE

## Time to step up

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Don't say you never heard anything about it, because you're hearing it now, well in advance. Once the contracts are signed and the studies are underway, Youngstown State University and Youngstown city planners will be consulting the student/faculty population on how to improve traffic safety and efficiency.

At least that's what Hunter Morrison has said. He has stressed that student involvement will be important to the process of improving this campus. We've all complained about a crosswalk or a traffic light, but are we really going to allow our voices to be heard when the higher-ups are actually willing to listen?

The choice is yours.

Don't pass it off to the next person. You can't rely on them to get something done in the name of your safety. Who knows, they may not even care about their own safety. But you care about yours, right?

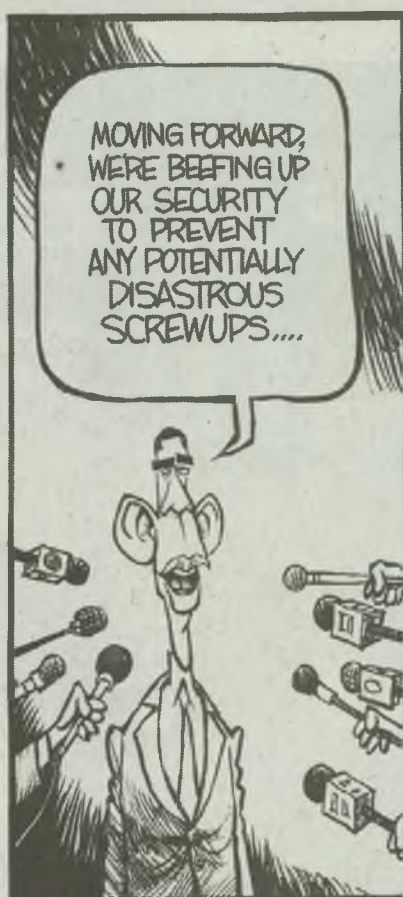
The degree of apathy and pointless complaining on campus is perpetually setting new records, but rarely accomplishing more than raising one's own blood pressure. But when the time comes, will we actually make the effort to walk across campus for a presidential open forum? Will we participate in a poll or survey? Will we pick up a pen and write a letter that will for once be read by someone who matters?

Or will we just forget again and spend the next day or week or year whining to our friends about that stupid traffic signal? Odds are, they're tired of hearing us.

They also can't do anything about it.

But you can.

Will you?



The views of this syndicated artist do not necessarily agree with those of The Jambar.

## The price of justice

L.A. Times  
MCT

The 6th Amendment to the Constitution guarantees a criminal defendant the right "to be confronted with the witnesses against him." In June, the Supreme Court adapted that principle to the age of "CSI" by requiring prosecutors who use laboratory reports to call the experts who prepared them so that they can be cross-examined by the defense.

Now, after exaggerated complaints by some prosecutors, the court will revisit the issue in arguments on Monday. It should decline the invitation to rein in or reverse its ruling. Not for the first time, a court decision has forced prosecutors to change the way they do business and incur additional costs. And rightly so; the court shouldn't put a price tag on the exercise of a fundamental constitutional right.

In its 5-4 decision in June, in a drug case from Massachusetts, Justice Antonin Scalia (joined by fellow conservative Clarence Thomas and three liberal justices) came to the convincing conclusion that laboratory analysts are "witnesses," because their reports could lead to a defendant's conviction. Now the court will review a decision of the Virginia Supreme Court that would weaken the new rule. The state court held that there is no violation of a defendant's rights as long as the laboratory expert can be called as a witness when

the defense is making its case.

This might seem a distinction without a difference. But lawyers for two men convicted of cocaine offenses based on laboratory analysis argue that cross-examination during the prosecutor's case is likely to have a greater impact than putting experts on the stand during the defense's case. That practice also undermines the principle that the burden of proof is on the prosecution, not the defense.

Taking their cue from the dissenters in June's decision, 26 state attorneys general have told the Supreme Court that requiring technicians to appear as witnesses as part of the prosecution's case — instead of appearing only when requested by the defense — is inordinately costly and already is having "an overwhelming negative impact on drug prosecutions." But the attorneys general concede that they're relying partly on "anecdotal evidence."

It's too early to judge the financial costs of a decision that is little more than 6 months old. But cost isn't the issue. At a time when television crime dramas suggest that forensic testing is infallible, jurors are likely to give prosecutors the benefit of the doubt when they introduce a scientific report whose author can't be cross-examined about the care with which a test was conducted. When it reviews the Virginia ruling, the high court should render an opinion that says, in effect, "We were right the first time."

## Petting Zoo



### Taking a bath with the TV

Melissa Mary Smith  
COLUMNIST

This winter break at Youngstown State University brought about many opportunities for many people: Chances to renew social lives, to drink heavily, to sled and if you're like me, a chance to nap.

Aside from napping and freezing my ass off, what seemed to fill up a lot of my time this break was watching movies and TV shows.

The following list is my favorite things watched over break.

1.) "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia," Seasons 1 and 2:

I remember watching a few episodes of "It's Always Sunny" about two years ago and enjoyed what little I saw. When I actually sat down and watched it this break, I never realized how incredibly wonderful it is. It's tasteless, politically incorrect, not a single character has one redeeming quality, yet its brash sincerity is incredibly refreshing.

A physiologist couldn't effectively diagnose the lengthy list of mental and social problems characters Dennis, Sweet Dee, Charlie, Mac and Frank openly and unapologetically project.

Despite their flaws, I find that with each episode, you get a chance to see and softer and more vulnerable side to the characters.

Charlie Kelly's constant battle with winning the affections of a local coffee shop waitress (who's his real-life wife) is really endearing because he says the worst things at the worst times.

An example of the lengths he goes to in trying to date her are presented in an episode titled "Charlie Gets Cancer."

Charlie: "Look, the girl, she wears a Lance Armstrong bracelet, OK? So I tell you I have cancer, right? Then you're gonna tell her, she's going to feel sorry for me, we're going to start dating, and that's the way the lie works!"

The end of the second season alludes to the possibility that Frank is Charlie's dad when it is discovered he isn't Dee's and Dennis'.

Definitely not for the weak of heart or those with a 'serious business' sense of humor, "It's Always Sunny" takes no prisoners.

2.) "Nosferatu":

I might be in the minority of people who enjoy silent film, but I like the challenge presented by there being no sound.

"Nosferatu" was one movie that I wanted to see for a long time because its inherent creepiness fascinated me.

It is a loose adaptation on Bram Stoker's "Dracula" with Max Schreck in the role of Count Orlok.

The film was released in 1922, but Schreck's make-up job and overall unsettling presence surprisingly hold up.

Silent films like "Nosferatu" teach the viewer to assume what's going on in the scene between characters when dialogue slides aren't presented.

"Nosferatu" didn't have too many slides of dialogue, yet the atmosphere and expressions of the actors made it easier to pick up on what was going on.

Fans of classic and modern horror could appreciate this because it definitely laid the groundwork for the horror film genre.

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Dom Rosselli Court, home of the men's and women's basketball teams, looks shiny and new after the old court was replaced by this current court.

## Renovations to Beeghly and Stambaugh help facilities stand out

Keith Langford Jr.  
SPORTS EDITOR

Recent renovations and upgrades to Beeghly Center and Stambaugh Stadium have made the venues more appealing to fans attending football and basketball games.

Sports Information Director Trevor Parks said despite Youngstown State University's relatively small size, the school has some of the best facilities around.

"You go to other places and you realize how nice YSU is," Parks said.

According to ysusports.com, Beeghly Center has undergone more than \$4 million in renovations. In the past year, YSU acquired the same hoops used at the 2009 NCAA Final Four tournament, while new strobe lighting for pre-game team introductions was installed. Some locker rooms were also reconstructed. Additionally, the locker room hallways were repainted to

better represent YSU's school colors.

Last year, a new Rosselli Court was installed with the late coach Dom Rosselli's name placed in big, bold black lettering on the basketball court surface. A new state-of-the-art weight room was built for the basketball, volleyball and swimming and diving programs to provide athletes with the weight training needed to perform at the collegiate level.

Stambaugh Stadium has

also gone through some renovations within the past year. The most noticeable change to the stadium is the new scoreboard on the stadium's south side. Before the 2009 season, YSU had one scoreboard on the north end in front of the 422 freeway and dormitories.

Also, a new U.S. flag was added to the north end of the stadium. After the 2009 season ended, new chairback seats were added to the reserved section on the west stands.

## Hockey Club uses winter break to fine-tune skills

Chelsea Miller  
SPORTS REPORTER

Winter vacation was a chance for Youngstown State University students to rest and relax without the stress of school. For the men's hockey club, however, it was an opportunity to get an early start on practicing for the games ahead.

Coach Brad Patterson said the team returned early last Saturday to get back in playing condition and practice for their games against Kent State University, a university whose team, according to Patterson, is ranked 12th in the nation.

"Everyone gets that break, so no one has an advantage to anyone else," Patterson said. "But our guys hit the gym hard when they came back."

Despite the practice, the Penguins fell to KSU both Friday and Saturday.

The game Friday ended with a final score of 4-2, with forwards Kyle Madison and James Fougne scoring for the Penguins.

Saturday's game ended with a score of 4-3. Scoring were forwards Dan Jech and Mike Stokar. Senior defenseman Kevin Pawlos also contributed a goal.

Patterson said despite the losses, he was pleased with his

team's effort.

"Both games could have gone either way ... and Kent is in a division with all the top teams in the nation," he said, adding that a few of his team's shots hit the goal post and that these games were the best his team has played this season.

Patterson said there were some challenges due to the break and losing a few players to ineligibility and injuries.

"We'd all be in the NHL if we didn't have something to work on, but they all did great and worked hard," he stated.

YSU's next match-ups will be Friday against Duquesne University and Saturday against Washington and Jef-

erson College. The Penguins defeated Duquesne earlier in the season, but have yet to win against Washington and Jefferson.

Patterson said that an advantage of playing Washington and Jefferson again, however, is that his team now knows their opponent better.

"They have a pretty good team, systems-wise," he said. "We didn't know much playing them before, but now we know how they play and can adjust. I see no reason why we can't come out with a win."

His hope is that the Penguins can pull off another championship appearance.

## Wolford brings strong recruiting resume to the table

Keith Langford Jr.  
SPORTS EDITOR

Confidence for any profession helps, especially when the profession is coaching. The newly hired sixth coach of Youngstown State University football, Eric Wolford, fills the room with his confidence.

Wolford's excited at the opportunity to lead the Penguins. As a Youngstown native and Ursuline High School graduate, he certainly understands the great football tradition here at YSU. However, Wolford's success will depend upon his ability to bring the Penguins back to the playoffs and beating conference opponents they have struggled with.

The job now before any attempt at a playoff run lies in the recruitment process. Wolford is not shy about wanting tough, hard-nosed steel town recruits. Wolford wants to recruit the Mahoning Valley, Akron, Columbus, Pennsylvania and Florida.



ERIC WOLFORD

"We've got to cultivate this area," Wolford said intensely.

Wolford maintained he wants local talent and statewide talent over national recruits, mainly Florida recruits, unless the Florida recruits are simply better. Speed athletes at the skill positions are a must and Florida's a hot bed for fast recruits. When recruiting where he likes his recruits to come from, Wolford says he does not like California recruits even though a couple of impact seniors from the 2009 season (Defensive end Crispin

Fernandez and tailback Kevin Smith) hail from California.

"Historically, I have taken kids who weren't recruited by anybody and then turned them into All-Americans," Wolford said about his ability to discover the diamond in the rough with his recruits.

Wolford expects to sign between 22 to 25 recruits for the upcoming 2010 season. Wolford expects for some Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) recruits to sign, but doesn't rely heavily on a recruit from a big school falling into his lap. The number of transfers he obtains will reflect how many recruits he ultimately lands.

"Just because you have a Division I guy doesn't mean he's the right fit," Wolford said about transfers and not relying heavily on transfers but on his recruits.

One of the biggest obstacles Wolford says he faces is to change the culture with the team. He wants to make sure his players are doing the little things many casual fans

may overlook such as eating properly and working out in the correct way. Wolford also added he wants players who practice and play hard. He hates the notion of a "gamer," or a player who just shows up for the game but does not work hard in the week leading up to the actual game. Wolford wants tough, blue-collar recruits who resemble the city of Youngstown.

Wolford's experience at the FBS level as an assistant coach should immediately help out the Penguins who are at the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) level. Wolford has coached in the Pacific-10 conference, the Southeastern Conference, the Big Ten conference and the Big Twelve conference, four of the elite conferences for college football at the FBS level. All of this coaching experience and his local ties as a Youngstown native should help Wolford succeed as the new head coach. Time will tell.

### HORIZON LEAGUE

1. Butler
2. Wright State
3. Detroit
4. Green Bay
5. Cleveland State
6. Milwaukee
7. Loyola
8. Youngstown State
9. Valparaiso
10. UIC

### NCAA TOP 25

1. TEXAS (56) 15-0 1,616
2. KENTUCKY (9) 16-0 1,569
3. KANSAS 14-1 1,441
4. VILLANOVA 14-1 1,426
5. SYRACUSE 15-1 1,353
6. PURDUE 14-1 1,317
7. MICHIGAN STATE 13-3 1,191
8. DUKE 13-2 1,178
9. TENNESSEE 12-2 1,030
10. WEST VIRGINIA 12-2 1,006
11. GEORGETOWN 12-2 934
12. NORTH CAROLINA 12-4 844
13. KANSAS STATE 13-2 746
13. WISCONSIN 13-3 746
15. CONNECTICUT 11-4 633
16. PITTSBURGH 13-2 565
17. GONZAGA 12-3 559
18. BRIGHAM YOUNG 16-1 456
19. TEMPLE 13-3 388
20. GEORGIA TECH 12-3 342
21. MISSISSIPPI 12-3 326
22. BAYLOR 13-1 301
23. MIAMI (FL) 15-1 189
24. CLEMSON 13-3 167
25. FLORIDA STATE 13-3 155

### PENGUIN SPOTLIGHT



VYTAS SULSKIS

POSITION:	Guard
YEAR:	Junior
HOMETOWN:	Vilnius, Lithuania
PPG:	10.1
RPG:	3.2
APG:	1.8
FG%:	.408
BPG:	0.7

### SCHEDULES

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

Jan. 14	@ Valparaiso
Jan. 16	@ Butler
Jan. 22	MILWAUKEE
Jan. 24	GREEN BAY
Jan. 27	NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL
Jan. 30	@ Cleveland State
Feb. 4	@ Loyola
Feb. 6	@ UIC
Feb. 11	BUTLER
Feb. 13	VALPARAISO
Feb. 15	@ Milwaukee
Feb. 20	@ ESPN

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#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Jan. 14	VALPARAISO
Jan. 16	BUTLER
Jan. 22	@ Cleveland State
Jan. 28	@ Detroit
Jan. 30	@ Wright State
Feb. 4	LOYOLA
Feb. 6	UIC
Feb. 11	@ Butler
Feb. 13	@ Valparaiso
Feb. 20	CLEVELAND STATE

#### SWIMMING & DIVING

Jan. 16	@ Saint Francis (Pa.)
Jan. 23	@ Wright State
Jan. 24	@ Butler/Ball State/ Eastern Illinois
Feb. 6	@ Cleveland State/ UIC

#### INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Jan. 16	@ Doug Raymond Invitational
Jan. 22	@ Jane Herman Invitational
Jan. 30	@ Tom Wright Classic
Feb. 5-6	@ Notre Dame Meyo Invitational
Feb. 5-6	@ New Balance Army Invitational
Feb. 12-13	@ Akron Invitational
Feb. 19	@ Zips Invitational
Feb. 20	@ Kent State Tune-Up