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Several setbacks in the the construction of the Watson and Tressel Training Site, shown above, have prevented adherence to either of its completion dates. Hively Construction Superintendent Rodger Shuback, pictured below, said those involved with the project plan to meet Tuesday and discuss when the WATTS will be finished. Photo above by Nick Young/The Jambar, photo below by Doug Livingston/The Jambar.

Officials unsure of WATTS completion date

Caitlin Fitch
REPORTER

The Watson and Tressel Training Site has encountered yet another setback preventing its February completion date, leaving the track and field team looking elsewhere for facilities.

Rodger Shuback, superintendent of Hively Construction, said he, the architects, Youngstown State University and other companies assisting in the project, including Roger Kreps Drywall and Plastering and Lencyk Masonry, will meet Tuesday to discuss when the building will be completed.

The track and field team practices in Kent and Geneva every day.

"We practice two times a day, morning and evening. That's about a four-hour drive every day, so we're pretty excited to be getting a facility that we can practice in, here on campus," said Brian Gorby, head track and field coach. "We're thinking it will be done in April, so until

then we'll wait patiently."

Trevor Parks, sports information director, said the track team has a back-up plan and will be competing at Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pa.

"We anticipated that things with the WATTS facility

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Maag Library adjusts for budget reductions

Joe Giesy
NEWS EDITOR

Maag Library's operating budget experienced a cut of \$101,550, which is nearly a quarter of the total Academic Affairs department reduction and 7 percent of the entire university's budget reduction.

Paul Kobulnicky, executive director of Maag Library, said the library's operating budget is responsible for print and digital issues and related services. He noted that the operational budget does not cover salaries, and fringe benefits aren't covered under operations either.

Among other services, the library purchases books, subscriptions and digital services, and also maintains catalogs and archives. But fewer books and subscriptions can be purchased this semester because of the reduction.

"We are trying to do the best we can in a bad situation," Kobulnicky said.

The administration called for an 8.5 percent reduction to the university's fiscal year 2011 operating budget last semester in response to a \$3 million cut in federal funding, which the budget originally planned for. The mid-year budget adjustments were approved at a December board of trustees meeting.

Maag Library allots each department and college a specific amount of money to recommend books, magazines and periodicals students might need for papers or research in a particular semester. Students typically can also rent some of the most popular textbooks.

Kobulnicky said the library's subscription to the digital service OhioLINK uses a large amount of available funds, but it is important to the university. OhioLINK is an umbrella agency that allows access to a variety of online services and databases.

Kobulnicky said he hopes students will notice fewer new resources and a loss of some periodical subscriptions because it proves they are using the library effectively.

Reductions to each division's operational budget are determined by individual budgets and the 8.5 percent reduction. The divisions or departments allotted a larger sum of money at the beginning of the fiscal year for operations saw a larger reduction in funds. Those allotted less saw a smaller reduction.

The Maag Library building consists of several entities that include the library itself, Computer Services, the Writing Center, the English Language Institute and the Reading and Study Skills Center.

As of now, there have been no changes to

the fourth-floor computer lab in Maag Library or the Tech Desk as a result of the budget reduction. However, Lloyd Painter, manager of tech customer sup-

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Campus Connection

What do you use Maag Library for?



"I come to Maag usually to print out papers and homework. I haven't checked out a book in a while."

Kirk Manofsky



"I use the printing and to study sometimes. I also use reference books from here. I checked out 'Fast Food Nation' for my English class."

Kendal Malsch

YSU extends health benefits to same-sex domestic partners

Andrea DeMart
NEWS EDITOR

Youngstown State University is taking steps toward becoming a more diverse campus by extending health benefits to same-sex domestic partners of faculty and staff.

In 2004, Ohio passed legislation banning same-sex marriage and banning any recognition of same-sex unions.

In fall of the same year, for contract year 2005, YSU decided to include same-sex domestic partners on health insurance plans for employees. The domestic partners are listed on the insurance plans as such and given the same benefits a dependent would receive.

"Medical, prescription drug, dental and vision are available to all full-time employees. That would be full-time faculty and full-time staff and some part-time employees, but again that is related to the bargaining unit that they happen to be in," said Kathleen Bouquet, benefits manager for Human Resources. "For domestic partners, the university only recognizes same-sex domestic partners."

Adding a same-sex domestic partner onto insurance coverage is handled in the same way that one would add a dependent. Since 2006, YSU employees are required to pay for insurance coverage.

YSU employees can choose either a single or family plan. Cost for the plans are based on base salary of the employee. Single plans are 0.75 percent of the base salary, and family plans are 1.5 percent of base salary.

Contract negotiations this year may raise the contribution percentage, but Kevin Reynolds, chief Human Resources officer, said they need to look at how the state budget cuts affect the department and costs that they will be expected to cover.

Guy Latessa, president of Victor H. Buck Insurance Agency, the company that handles YSU student health insurance, said most students covered are single and this is not an issue, but YSU does not extend same-sex domestic partner benefits to students.

Reynolds said extending benefits to same-sex domestic partners follows the standard used in other universities and business organizations.

For a domestic partnership to be recognized by the university, the couple is required to complete an affidavit acknowledging they are in a committed relationship.

"I think all of the universities have [recognized domestic partnerships] because

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Parents protest use of BMI data in PE grades

Annemarie Mannion
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Students have long been checked on how long it takes to run a mile or whether they can do a pushup. But another physical fitness assessment tool has some parents fuming one that aims at finding out whether their kids are too hefty.

A child's "body mass index," a measure of body fat based on height and weight, was one of six tests used at Hawthorne Elementary school to determine the physical fitness grade on a student's progress report.

But that practice ended abruptly Tuesday after about 25 parents met with school officials to express their displeasure with how the BMI data was being used. One broke into tears as she described how it impacted her 4th grade daughter.

Quickly responding to those concerns at a time of increased focus on health and body image issues among students, school officials said that they would stop using the index as part of a progress report grade. Hawthorne Elementary was the only school among the 13 in Elmhurst Community Unit District 205 to use the BMI that way, officials said.

"The current research does not support the use of BMI data for grading purposes," said Connie Chester, the school district's curriculum coordinator.

The district will continue BMI measurements in all its schools, but probably won't share the information with individual students at the elementary level, an official said.



Angela Gemini, center, mother of a fifth grade boy, believes it isn't the school's place to evaluate a child's health and fitness, during a PTA meeting at Hawthorne Elementary School in Elmhurst, Ill., on Jan. 18. Photo courtesy of Chuck Berman/Chicago Tribune/MCT.

The district needs to continue the measurements because those statistics are needed when applying for fitness grants, she said.

Beth Fazio has a daughter at the school, which two other daughters also attended. The BMI exam, she said, always raised concerns with them about their weight.

"They'd say, 'Am I too fat? We've got to run more and do more sit-ups,'" she said. "This (concern) is not coming from the home."

School officials said they had used BMI testing since 1986 and have not had many complaints. It wasn't immediately clear how long it has been used at Hawthorne as part of the progress report.

The BMI measurement is given to students in 4th

through 12th grades. It is measured in the fall and again in the spring to see if there has been any improvement. The BMI score is sent home with the students along with their progress report.

The measurement has raised parental eyebrows in other districts across the country even as officials try to combat widespread obesity among children. School districts in Wyoming, Massachusetts and Arkansas also have adopted the BMI, but the response is mixed, according to the Web site publicschoolreview.com

As is the case in Elmhurst, some parents have argued that health issues should be handled by a family doctor, without input from the school.

Angela Gemini said her son is a slim, tall 5th grader at

Hawthorne, who plays hockey four nights a week, but received a BMI score that targeted him as at-risk of obesity.

Gemini thinks it isn't a school district's place to evaluate a child's health and fitness.

"Who are they to be giving medical advice?" she asked.

The school district uses FitnessGram, a health and fitness assessment developed by The Cooper Institute, a Dallas-based non-profit organization.

Marilu Meredith, FitnessGram program director, said the company encourages giving the BMI measurement in private settings and doesn't recommend using it as a part of a child's progress report.

Meredith said the BMI is an optimal test for schools to do because other ways to measure body fat, such as with

calipers or bioelectric devices, are time-consuming and more intrusive.

She said students need to understand that their BMI can change as a result of them simply growing or losing weight.

"It's about learning about your height and weight and how they relate to each other," she said. "They also need to realize as they reach their maximum height and if they gain weight, their BMI will change."

In District 205, students are called in small groups of about five to the nurse's office and wait outside as others are weighed and measured, an official said.

Students are asked to develop a personal fitness plan that identifies ways they can improve their fitness levels.

One student from Elmhurst, who is now a junior at York High School, said she recalls having his height and weight measured in elementary school, but didn't find it intrusive.

"They did it, but nobody saw it but you," said Sam Baughman, who attended Hawthorne.

Bob McBride is executive director of the Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance.

He said he has used BMI as an informational guideline and tool for parents during his 34 years as a gym teacher for kindergarten to 6th grade, but never as part of a progress report.

"BMI is not an exact measurement of whether a kid is fat or not fat," he said. "It's the easiest measure that you can get without being too intrusive."

College grads enroll in Japanese assistant nurse training schools as economic slump continues

The Yomiuri Shimbun
MCT

TOKYO-Struggling to find work amid the continuing economic slump, a growing number of college graduates are enrolling in nursing schools that only require a middle school diploma for admittance.

According to a survey conducted by the Japan Medical Association, more and more graduates of junior colleges and four-year universities are enrolling in training schools for assistant nurses. They apparently believe any kind of license will help them get a job and are seeking certification as assistant nurses despite the salary gap between that position and regular nurses.

Prefectural governors grant licenses for assistant nurses, while the central government certifies regular nurses. The assistant nurse system was established to cope with the nurse shortage shortly after World War II.

There were about 370,000 assistant nurses nationwide as of the end of 2008, while the number of state-licensed nurses stood at about 880,000. Although there is no legally defined difference in the content of their work, assistant nurses are said to often play secondary roles to regular nurses.

The JMA runs many assistant nurse training schools nationwide and is actively training assistant nurses, but the Japanese Nursing Association has urged the government to eliminate the assistant nurse system and establish a single license.

A 27-year-old male university graduate in Sendai attends classes at the assistant nurse training school attached to the Sendai medical association. Upon graduation from university, he was employed by a small firm but enrolled in the nursing school in April because he thought getting a license would look good on his resume.

After graduating from the two-year school, he plans to go on to study to become a government-certified nurse.

Of 102 enrollees in the Sendai training school in April, 16 were university graduates. There were no middle school graduates. About 70 percent of the enrollees had some kind of job experience. The oldest was a 46-year-old woman.

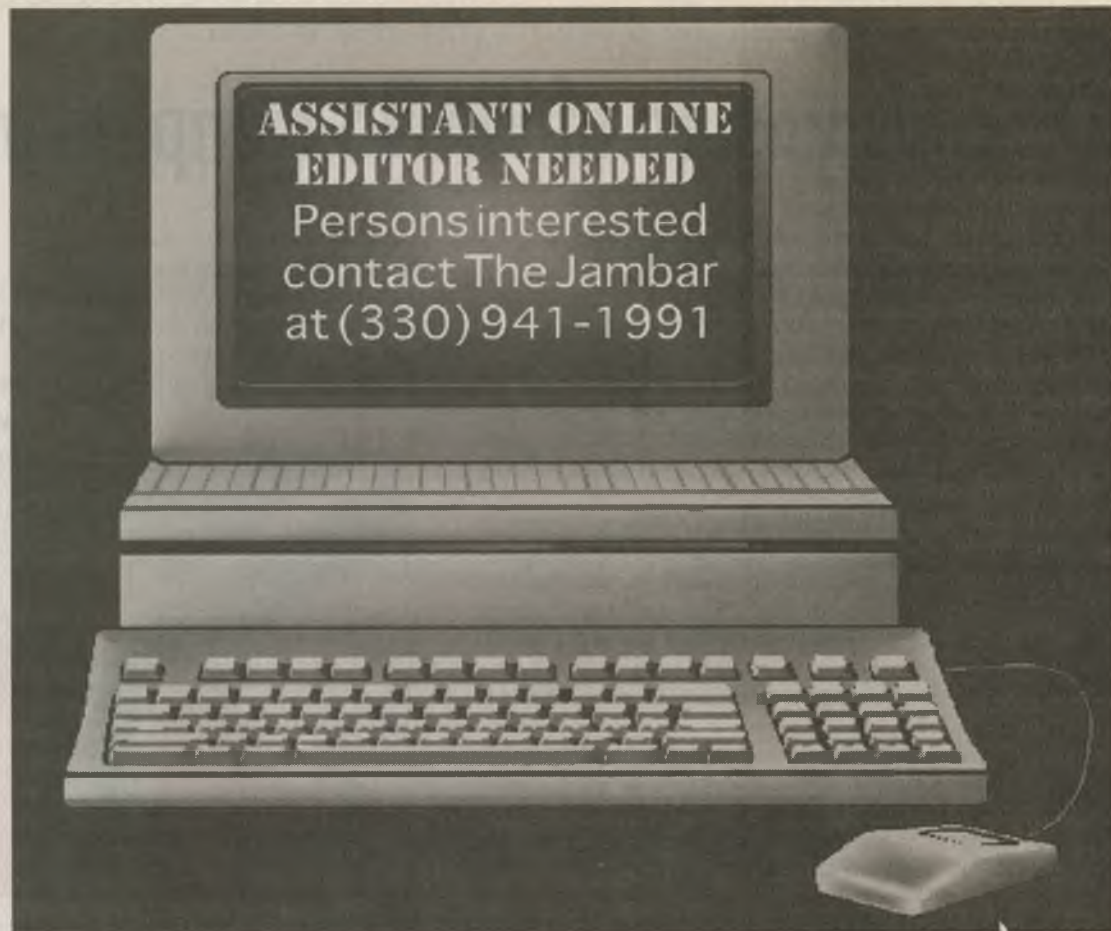
According to the Health, Labor and Welfare Ministry's Nursing Division, there were 265 assistant nurse training schools nationwide as of fiscal 2009. Local medical associations ran 77 percent of those schools as of this fiscal year.

Of the JMA-related schools, 8.7 percent of enrollees were university graduates and 10 percent were junior college graduates both record highs the JMA survey showed. The percentage of middle school graduates has remained almost unchanged over the past decade at about 4.7 percent.

In fiscal 2010, one in 2.8 applicants passed the exams nationwide the most competitive rate since JMA started compiling statistics in fiscal 1999. The most competitive area was the Kinki region, where one in 4.4 applicants passed the exams.

An official of an assistant nurse training school said entrance exams for assistant nurses are easier to pass than those for universities and vocational schools for would-be regular nurses. Furthermore, tuition is cheaper.

The demand for assistant nurses has been high mainly among private practitioners.



2011-2012

Financial Aid Awareness Week

Stop by one of our tables for information on financial aid for the 2011-2012 academic year. The priority deadline to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on the Web and the YSU Institutional Aid Application is February 15, 2011.

The following is a list of places, dates and times when staff from the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships will be available to distribute forms and answer questions:

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| Monday, January 24, 2011 | 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Kilcawley Center-1st floor across from bank |
| Tuesday, January 25, 2011 | 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Kilcawley Center-1st floor across from bank |
| Wednesday, January 26, 2011 | 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Kilcawley Center-1st floor across from bank |
| Thursday January 27, 2011 | 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Kilcawley Center-1st floor across from bank |

NEWS BRIEFS

**MATHCOUNTS
2011 schedule
released**

Approximately 250 students from 25 middle and junior high schools will compete in the 2011 MATHCOUNTS competition Feb. 10 at YSU. MATHCOUNTS, in its 28th year, is a program dedicated to improving math skills of U.S. students by making math as fun as a school sport. The top three teams, as well as the top six individuals from the local competition, will advance to the state competition. The top four finalists in the state competition will then represent Ohio in the national finals. The local contest will begin at 9 a.m. in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center.

**YSU and AT&T
work toward
wireless campus**

YSU and AT&T are working together to make wireless Internet access available across campus. Last week, at the beginning of spring semester, AT&T Wi-Fi, which supplements the current university-provided wireless network, was available in public areas. Students, faculty, staff and campus guests with qualifying AT&T Smartphone, 3G LaptopConnect and high speed Internet plans are able to access YSU's AT&T Wi-Fi for no additional charge. Other guests can purchase day passes. AT&T will directly manage this network and offer around-the-clock customer service.

POLICE BRIEFS

**Cell phone lost
at basketball
doubleheader**

A spectator at Saturday's YSU vs. the University of Detroit Mercy doubleheader basketball games reported a lost cell phone to YSU Police. However, the phone's battery died, and it could not be contacted.

**Student drops wallet
in parking lot**

On Sunday, a student told YSU Police that she likely dropped her wallet while exiting her car in the University Courtyard Apartments parking lot. The student said her wallet contained money, a debit card and a YSU ID, among other items. She canceled service to her debit card, and police told her to report any other valuable missing items to apartment management.

**Student's psych
textbook missing**

On Monday, a student told YSU Police that she left her psychology textbook under her book bag, but found it missing when she returned. Police reported no distinctive marks on the book. The YSU Bookstore and Campus Book and Supply were notified.



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port and training, said some sort of change might occur in the future.

The computer lab and Tech Desk are divisions of Computer Services, which received a \$6,116 cut to its operating budget. Computer Services is part of the technology division that was budgeted \$12,015,121 at the beginning of the fiscal year.

The Reading and Study Skills Center, part of the Academic Affairs division, experienced a reduction of \$1,050 to its operating budget.

Karen Becker, coordinator of the Reading and Study Skills Center, located on the lower level of Maag, said the center's budget was already pretty tight. Now, they are trying to be even more careful of how they spend.

"We're looking for ways to become more electronic," she said.

The center, which helps students perform better academically through tutoring and other services, is working to cut back on copying. Becker said they would also try e-mailing memos that would normally be printed and relying more on online textbooks.

"We were already so streamlined. We're just streamlining even more," Becker said.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Follow The Jambar as we follow university budget cuts closely this semester. Each week, we will have a story covering different departments and how the cuts are affecting them.

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may not be finished in time, so we planned to go to Geneva if that was the case," Parks said. "We have competed there before, and they have a good quality facility."

Gorby said track meets that YSU was supposed to hold have been canceled for the month of February.

"Now our main focus is the Feb. 25 and 26 Horizon League Championships that will be held in Geneva," he said.

Parks said he is unsure of the revenue lost due to the delay in construction.

Shuback said additions to the project have added to the delay.

"The underfloor heating

system was the biggest thing added to the project," he said. "There are always little changes made in every project, but we laid 20 miles of tubing. It was a million-dollar thing."

Shuback, along with his crew of about 20 men and workers from the assisting companies, have been working diligently on the project but have experienced setbacks due to the severe cold and snow.

"This has been the coldest stretch of bad weather we've had in a while, and it's pretty tough to work when it's 10 degrees," he said.

Shuback said most of the glass is done, but the asphalt plants where they purchase

from are closed and will open only when the weather improves.

"We've been working hard. The plumbing is almost done, and so is the electrical work. They will be finished after we paint," he said.

Shuback said a little warm weather and heat would help move the project along.

Parks said the WATTS would be a place for teams to practice, but that others are welcome to use it.

"It's basically set up for track and field competitions but will be used by other teams like football and soccer when the weather gets colder. They're looking forward to using it," he said.

| DIVISION/DEPARTMENT | BUDGET REDUCTION | % OF DIVISIONAL REDUCTION | % OF TOTAL REDUCTION |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| FACILITIES | \$149,468.00 | 37.80% | 10.50% |
| MAAG LIBRARY | \$101,550.00 | 23.90% | 7.10% |
| CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER | \$205,731.00 | 37.5% | 19.5% |
| COMPUTER SERVICES | \$6,116.00 | 1.7% | 0.4% |
| ELECTRONICS MAINT. SERVICES | \$3,101.00 | 0.9% | 0.2% |
| ENS - OFFICE MACHINES | \$351.00 | 0.1% | 0% |
| MEDIA SERVICES | \$23,299.00 | 6.5% | 1.6% |
| MICROSOFT AGREEMENT | \$17,323.00 | 4.8% | 1.2% |
| NETWORK SECURITY | \$3,349.00 | 1.5% | 0.1% |
| NETWORK TELECOMMUNICATIONS | \$40,179.00 | 11.4% | 2.9% |
| POSITION VACANCIES | \$55,772.00 | 15.6% | 3.9% |

A brief snapshot of campus reductions. All numbers taken from a mid-year budget reductions report presented Dec. 2. Info graphic by Ellen DeCarlo/The Jambar.

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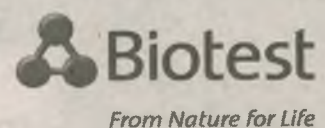
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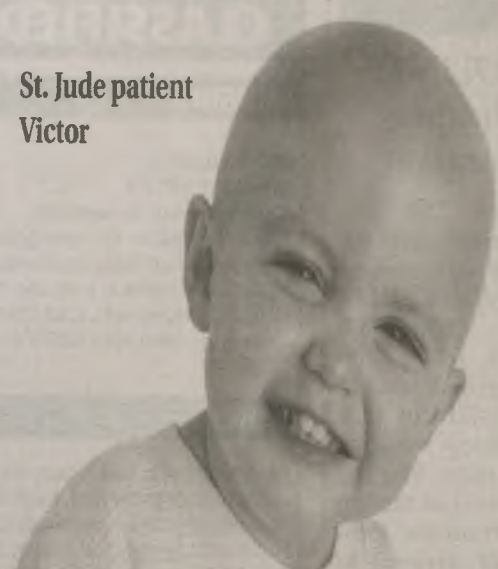
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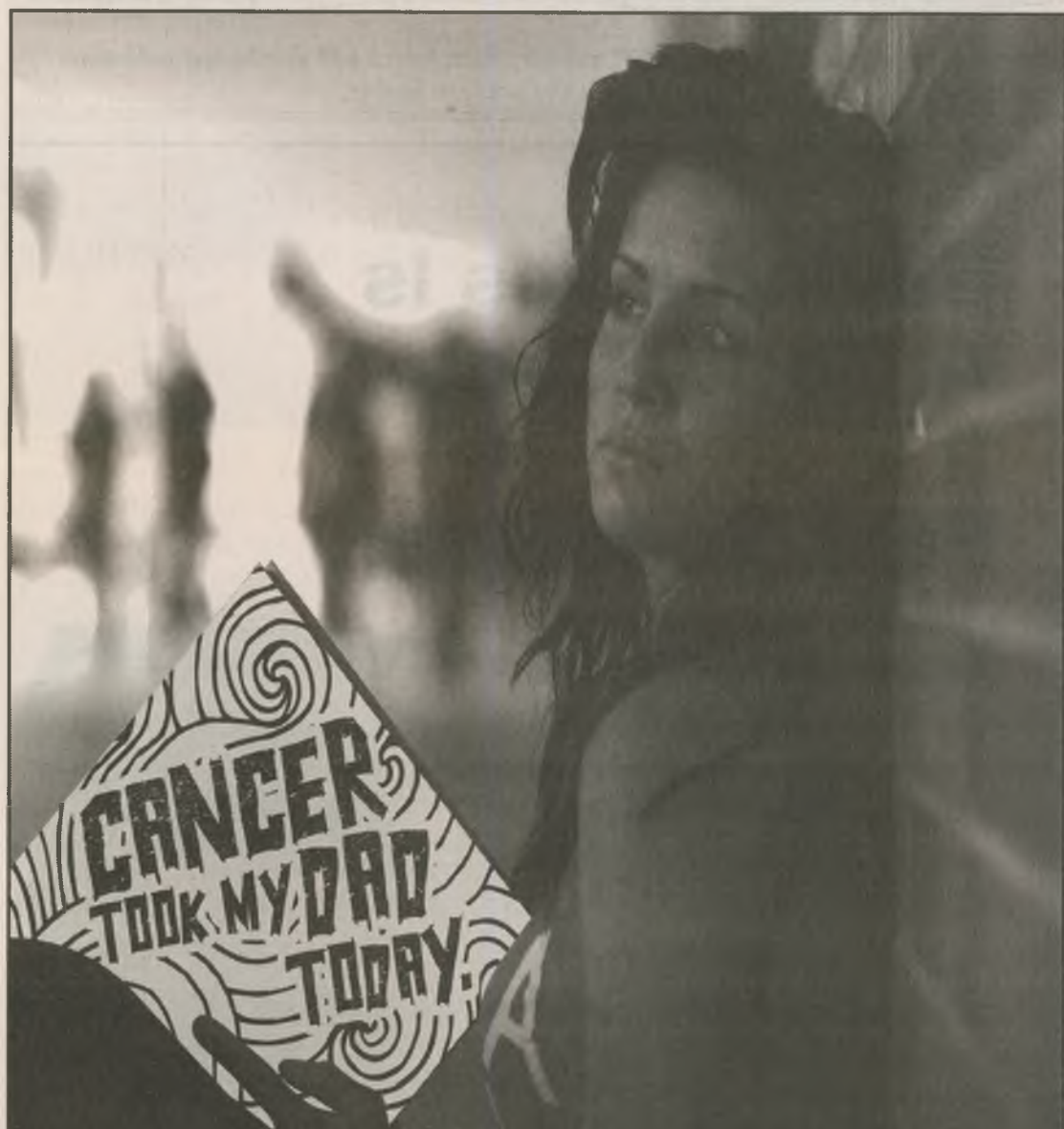
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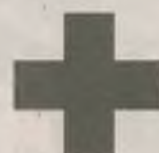
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Construction on the Watson and Tressel Training Site began last April, and officials said it would be complete in late December.

Since then, numerous roadblocks have delayed its opening.

These roadblocks, first reported in November, are now spilling over to the athletics department and embarrassing the university.

Last spring, coaches used the WATTS as a recruitment tool. Can we say false advertising? To a degree, yes, we can.

When he was recruited in June as a transfer student from Arizona, sophomore safety Will Shaw said he was excited about the WATTS because it was something he never expected.

However, he expected the facility to be completed by now.

But recruiting isn't the only issue.

"There's various needs and uses for this building, whether it's for intramurals or [physical education] classes, and to be able to now host all those things on our campus instead of other venues in our area or at Akron [University] or Kent [State University], is going to be a great advantage for our institution," said Ron Strollo, executive director of athletics, when construction of the WATTS was announced.

The indoor facility would have prevented exorbitant travel expenses, due to inadequate YSU facilities, incurred during the winter months.

Since the initial completion date for the WATTS was in December, the athletics department scheduled track and field events for February.

Instead the university and/or athletics department will pay for the track and field teams to travel to Beaver Falls, Pa., for the meet that was scheduled at the WATTS on Feb. 25 and 26.

As a university dedicated to growing its student body and infrastructure, it is atrocious to think that our talented student-athletes are training at a rival university.

YSU suffers another blemish to its already tarnished reputation for poor management of building maintenance and development.

University officials would be wise to consider this fiasco when scheduling the completion of the Kilcawley Center renovation.

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

Overdoing it on corporate rights

Linda P. Campbell
MCT

If a corporation is a "person" under the law, does it get the kinds of "personal privacy" protections real people enjoy just because the adjective personal derives from the noun person?

AT&T claims it does.

But if that's what federal law means, it will be one more way in which corporate interests trump those of ordinary Americans.

Here's why: Corporations will be able to use the federal Freedom of Information Act to keep secret all sorts of information the government collects while investigating possible wrongdoing. And companies will be able to do that under the flimsy excuse that disclosure could embarrass them.

As though corporations, which are legal constructs, have the ability to blush. Seems more like some companies are beyond shame.

AT&T has been trying to redefine FOIA to prevent competitors from getting records of a Federal Communications Commission investigation.

In 2004, before SBC Communications and AT&T became one, SBC reported itself to the FCC for overcharging the government to provide technology to some Connecticut schools through the E-Rate program. The FCC investigated and collected records from the company. In a settlement, the company paid the government \$500,000 but didn't admit any wrongdoing.

Then came CompTel, a trade group representing some AT&T competitors, asking for all documents in the investigation file. And AT&T has continued trying to block release of the records.

FOIA, originally passed in 1966, is designed to make government open by allowing anyone to ask for records held by federal agencies. The idea is to make sure federal agencies are policing tax dollar expenditures and doing their regulatory jobs. But there are exemptions under which some documents can be withheld.

Exemption 4 covers businesses' trade secrets and financial data that has been turned over to the government for licensing, record-keeping and investigatory purposes.

Exemption 6 covers personnel and medical files that would invade individuals' personal privacy.

And Exemption 7(C) covers data compiled for law enforcement investigations that would invade personal privacy if released.

The FCC didn't give CompTel individuals' personal information from the investigation files and withheld sensitive commercial data but was going to turn over other internal documents until AT&T got a ruling from the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that the company had "personal privacy" rights tied up in those records.

The FCC argues that this can't be. After all, corporations can't sue for the tort of invasion of privacy.

AT&T counters that corporations have privacy rights against unreasonable searches and double jeopardy.

The Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, representing a multitude of media organizations, insists that personal privacy refers to such intimate details as paternity and death scene photos, and setting up unreasonable barriers to disclosure would "severely inhibit the public's ability to keep a check on corporate behavior and government regulatory functions."

Journalists, after all, have used FOIA to uncover dangerous maintenance deficiencies on U.S. airlines; security problems at nuclear power plants; unsafe conditions at mines; health code violations by airline food suppliers; and evidence that a meat plant knew it was shipping tainted products.

When the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments in the case Wednesday, that business about corporations having personal privacy rights didn't sell so well.

When AT&T lawyer Geoffrey Klineberg argued that a company might have a personal privacy interest in not revealing an e-mail exchange in which corporate officers disparaged a federal regulator, Justice Antonin Scalia was skeptical.

"Anything that would embarrass the corporation is _ is a privacy interest?" Scalia asked.

Then he said, "You talk about personal characteristics. That doesn't mean the characteristics of General Motors. You talk about personal qualities. It doesn't mean the qualities of General Motors. ..."

He called the "personal privacy" of a corporation "a very strange phrase to me."

Later on, Chief Justice John Roberts offered examples of adjectives with different meanings from their root nouns: craft and crafty; squirrel and squirrely; pastor and pastoral.

Companies do have legitimate reasons to keep some information confidential. But AT&T's real argument, encapsulated in its main brief, is that CompTel tries to use investigatory records to tarnish AT&T's reputation and gain competitive advantage. But isn't AT&T seeking to distort FOIA to its own advantage?

That's surely not in the public interest.

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Touche!



Students in the YSU fencing club demonstrate a fleche, a running attack in which the back leg extends past the front. Photo courtesy of Patrick Whitely.

Fencing club established at YSU

Chelsea Miller
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
EDITOR

Patrick Whitely and Kent Billen stand facing each other in an empty gymnasium. Each of the men wears a large helmet and dons a single white glove. They step toward each other, bow and draw their blades in anticipation.

Suddenly, Billen lunges toward Whitely, his blade almost making contact with Whitely's shoulder. Whitely, however, blocks the shot, and quickly returns his own. Their frantic back and forth stabs continue for several minutes, and the sound of clinking metal echoes across the room.

Billen finally connects with Whitely's chest, pushing the tip of his blade into Whitely's jacket.

"Nice shot. You got me," Whitely says approvingly as he removes his helmet and lowers his blade.

As members of Youngstown State University's fencing club, the two men are demonstrating the sport of fencing, a fast-paced game of sword fighting, offset by safety measures such as protective clothing and the addition of rounded tips to the blades to reduce the chance of injury. While it may look as if they are performing random motions, Whitely likens the sport to a popular strategic game.

"It's basically like chess at 100 miles an hour," Whitely

said. "It's more than just hitting your opponent. There's strategy involved in it too," Billen added.

Fencing features a variety of different weapons: the foil, epee and sabre. Each weapon has various handgrips the fencer chooses from to best fit his or her fighting style. The swords also have specific target areas, and the fencer may only use certain footwork.

For example, the foil is a weapon that most beginners start with because it is the lightest and most flexible. The target area when using a foil includes only the torso, and the fencer must hit his or her opponent with just the tip of the foil.

"With this weapon in par-

ticular ... it's fashioned off the noble's weapon in the past, and that contributes to the target area because they thought it was [not noble] to scar your opponent's face," Whitely said of the foil. "That's the reason that's not in the target area, and they also went for kill shots because the nobility figured it would be honorable to give your opponent a fast death."

In tournament play, the goal is to be the first to receive 15 points in single elimination, or five points in pool play. Pool play is when fencers are seeded and compete against every other fencer in the pool. To win points, the fencer must either hit his or her opponent in one of the target spots or push

the opponent out of the space of play. Achieving these feats results in one point apiece.

Khoa Dao and Stephen Grecko formed the YSU fencing club after students in a fencing class expressed an interest in more opportunities to participate in the sport. There is a more advanced fencing class offered at YSU, but there were never enough students to take it, Whitely said.

The club holds tournaments on campus against members in the club, and sometimes sends participants to the U.S. Fencing Association's events in other cities. With 15 members, however, Whitely hopes to expand to an actual club sport in the future.

Student organization brings fashion to the underprivileged

Jared Buker
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
REPORTER

For many teen girls, prom is an exciting time. However, it can be stressful for students and parents who are low on cash and can't afford a dress. In March, though, Youngstown State University's Students in Fashion and Interiors hope to alleviate some of these pressures with a prom dress drive.

YSU fashion merchandising students will sponsor the drive to offer free prom dresses to those who struggle to afford them. SIFI President Joanne Tombo, a junior, said the drive corresponds with the time of year high school girls typically go prom dress shopping. Visitors may view the displayed dresses on mannequins or try on dresses in changing rooms. "We're using some of the techniques we learn in our classes to give people the experience they would get in prom dress store," Tombo said.

So far, only students involved with fashion merchan-

dising have been contacted about their old dresses, but the group plans to also get in touch with local area high schools and businesses.

This is the first year SIFI has conducted a prom dress drive. The event hits home for junior Jessica Loar, secretary of SIFI.

"I know what it's like to not be able to afford a nice dress for prom," Loar said.

Human ecology professor Tachibat Turel became SIFI's faculty adviser last year. She said the prom dress drive is a great way for the fashion merchandising program to give back to the community.

"I think the best thing about SIFI is that the students get more exposure to event planning and learn how to work together," Turel said. "I think it is a great learning experience for them and a way to bring out the talented ones among them."

Last spring, SIFI participated in Dress for Success, a drive to collect professional attire for disadvantaged women seeking work and sponsored by the YSU Women's Club.

The prom dress drive is an

advertising tool for a fashion show scheduled for May 6 at 7 p.m. Students in fashion merchandising will display their semester's work in styling, visual merchandising, mannequin displays and student modeling.

The show, which will be held in Beeghly Center, will be free, though donations of money or canned goods will be encouraged.

"It will be as much of a real fashion show as we can do," Tombo said.

Turel said she hopes these events will reveal the fashion merchandising students' talents to YSU.

"We have a wonderful team of students this semester," Turel said. "I think SIFI has great potential to help others know about our program in fashion and interior merchandising."

The drive will be held March 4 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. in the Common Room on the third floor of Cushwa Hall. Cookies and refreshments will be available and all of the dresses will be offered free of charge.

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Phantoms
Friday, 7:30
p.m.
Covelli Centre
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Harlem
Globetrotters
2011
Saturday, 2
p.m.
Covelli Centre
\$17-\$73

*
Old School/
Soul Skate
Sundays, 8
p.m.
Youngstown
Skate
18+

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we're competing with other employers and other universities, as it relates to faculty. For potential employees or potential faculty members, if we don't have comparable benefits, we might lose a fine potential faculty member," Reynolds said.

One of the additional benefits for domestic partners, added to the contracts in 2008, is fee remission.

Fee remission allows dependents and same-sex domestic partners to attend YSU for a reduced rate.

"One of the concerns of many of us who receive domestic partner benefits or have domestic partner benefits is that as far as the state and federal tax code goes, the benefits are considered an untaxed income," said Brian Wells, academic adviser of health and human services and adviser of YSUnity. "Up until this past year, when they made a change with payroll processing, we did not have tax unless someone elected to have extra taxes taken out ... so there was a tax penalty for most gay and lesbian couples."

Wells referenced "The Advocate College Guide for LGBT Students: A Comprehensive Guide to Colleges and Universities with the Best Programs, Services, and Student Organizations for LGBT Students."

He said the book rated how incorporating universities adapted to the gay lifestyle and listed that domestic partner benefits for employees was considered a plus.

"If the university has taken steps to move in that direction, [it] would typically be viewed as being welcoming of people who happen to be LGBT [Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender]," Wells said.

He said YSUnity was piv-

otal in petitioning the board of trustees for gender identity and/or expression.

"I would say, because Ohio tends to be a more conservative state, that steps [for recognizing partnerships] have been somewhat slow compared to some of the other states that are maybe more progressive," Wells said.

The Safe Zone program, originally handled by YSUnity, has recently been reporting to the Office of Student Affairs. Safe Zone looks to make YSU a safer place for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersex and ally students by training faculty, staff, employees and student leaders to have some awareness of LGBTQIA issues.

Although Wells acknowledged the progress YSU has made, he said the university still has areas where LGBT services are lacking.

"Ultimately, what many of us on campus would love to see happen is that we expand the Office of Student Diversity programs into a fully functioning, what I call full student center," he said. "And have that be inclusive of LGBT services."

Wells said President Cynthia Anderson has expressed interest in such a center, but thinks any further discussion has been postponed due to the recession and budget cuts. He said the most important thing the university can do is make faculty and students feel welcome in this environment.

"I feel fortunate that we have a very supportive administration all the way up to the top with our president," Wells said. "I think that as we are able to fiscally make more progress as a university with expanding services, I believe that they'll be at the forefront of making those things happen."

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2
LECTURE BY DR. GALIA SABAR
"The Africanization of Israel-Ethiopian Jews African labor migrants and asylum seekers"

12 noon the Ohio Room Kilcawley Center
Dr. Galia Sabar is chair of African Studies at Tel Aviv University. For 20 years, she has conducted research on Jews in Ethiopia and the socio-political aspects of HIV-AIDS education in Kenya. Dr. Galia has also studied African migrant laborers who started coming to Israel in the early 1990s and followed them back to West Africa after they were deported. Her academic research and social activism in several Israeli and African NGOs has brought to the forefront complex issues of public discourse in Israeli state and society. Co-sponsored with the YSU Center for Judaic and Holocaust Studies



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5
THE AFRICAN MARKETPLACE

Noon-6 pm, The Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center
The African Marketplace presents an opportunity for the public to sample jewelry, writing, goods and creations by African American and African authors and artists that are rare and hard to find. The market place, in the typical African context, is not only a place for the sampling, purchase and appreciation of things Afrocentric, but a meeting place for social interaction as well. Dance and musical entertainment will be presented by the multi-talented Harambee Youth Group of Youngstown. Co-sponsored with the College of Fine and Performing Arts



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8
ARTIST HILTON MURRAY

Panel discussion- 7 pm, The McDonough Museum of Art Exhibit through February, Bliss Hall Gallery
Hilton Murry works in graphic design, television production, advertising, art history, and creates architectural structures reflecting a diversity of cityscapes. His fascinating designs reflect the ruggedness and curvature of the land, sky and water, in the recognition of the wonders of nature. Co-sponsored with the College of Fine and Performing Arts



Valley residents unite for Hope

Jordan D. Uhl
SPORTS EDITOR

The seventh annual Game of Hope will take place Saturday, in a continuous effort to raise money for the Hope Foundation of the Mahoning Valley.

The game, which is scheduled to tip off at 4 p.m. in Beeghly Center, will pit two teams against each other. The rosters are comprised of Valley leaders, officials, celebrities and residents.

Tony Spano, director and founder of the Hope Foundation and Youngstown State University alumnus, started the organization in 2007. A brother of Phi Kappa Tau during his tenure as an undergrad, Spano had experience working with Paul Newman's Hole in the Wall Gang camp, which is the fraternity's national philanthropy.

"After I graduated, I wanted to continue helping and serving," Spano said. "[Making money and raising awareness for kids with terminal illness] helps you feel close to that."

U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan will coach Team Ryan with Dave Betras, chairman of the Mahoning County Democratic Party and attorney, as assistant coach. The honorary owner of the team is Gary Soukenik, president and CEO of Seven Seventeen Credit Union.

Highlighting Team Ryan's roster is Jason Wilson, state senator; Felix Wright, a former Cleveland Brown; Joe Aulisio, of WKBN/WYTV/WYFX; and Terry Swauger, Niles' prosecuting attorney.

On the other bench, YSU President Cynthia Anderson will be calling the shots with Frank Frattaroli of Belleria Pizza at her side. President/CEO of Farmers National Bank John Gulas is the honorary owner.



Joe Aulisio of WKBN/WYFX (in red) dribbles between Ohio Attorney General Rich Cordray (left) and YSU Facilities Engineer Ralph Morrone at last year's Game of Hope. Aulisio will be playing on Team Ryan this year. Photo by Lamar Salter/The Jambar.

Their team features U.S. Rep. Bill Johnson; Tom Day, of UAW Local 1714; John J. Gocala Jr., from the Boardman Police Department; Adam Tokash, from Turning Technologies; and Kristen Olmi Armstrong, who is the Nominate-A-Player Honoree from the United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley.

In addition to the group, John Moffett, sports writer for The Vindicator will be playing for the first time. As the youngest writer on the sports staff, Moffett was "elected" by his colleagues.

"Anytime you can do something for a good cause that raises money and awareness, it's good," Moffett said.

Moffett who, in his eyes, could be the worst basketball player born, thinks Aulisio will give Team Anderson a run for their money, and also sees him as a rival, since both work for different media outlets.

"It's out of respect," Moffett said. "It's a game that's a cool way to entertain people while raising money for a good cause."

"If it wasn't for these people, who volunteer their time out of their busy schedules, this organization wouldn't exist," Spano said. "I don't get paid for this, this organization is 100 percent volunteer based, and it's not just me."

There will be entertainment before, during and after the game by local dance teams and high school cheerleading squads, along with giveaways. Those in attendance have a chance at winning two round trip tickets from Allegiant Airlines.

Also on the agenda are the City Printing 10-point shot, and \$5 for \$50 half-court shot. Ronald McDonald, Scrappy and Phantom will be in attendance as well.

Tickets are \$6, or \$3 with a valid student ID, courtesy

of a joint partnership between Spano and the YSU Student Government Association.

Nick Meditz, the president of SGA, hopes to take from it a fun night.

"I want to [see] a positive sign for myself, inspiring me to do more with local charities. Hopefully for all YSU students, it will inspire them to do more work with charities, [and] it'll put them in that charitable mood or mindset," he said.

As for Meditz's playing, he has no plans as a student but isn't ruling out participating in the future.

"It's community leaders, so I hope to someday be a community leader [and] get selected [to play]," Meditz said.

The game will be taped and is scheduled to air Feb. 20 at 8 p.m. on local channels on Time Warner Cable and Armstrong and will reach nearly one million viewers.

"Talk about awareness," Spano said.

SPORTS BRIEFS

YSU drops opener at Michigan State

The YSU men's tennis team fell to Michigan State University in its opening game of the spring schedule. The Spartans defeated the Penguins in a 7-0 decision on Saturday. Head coach Mark Klysner said he was proud of his team's efforts since the players were allotted just one week to practice, compared to MSU's two weeks of practice. Despite the loss, Klysner said he thinks the team will be ready for its next matchup at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne. The Penguins sent out Tariq Ismail to battle Drew Lied of the Spartans in a matchup of the number ones. Ismail fell to Lied 6-1, 6-3. Felipe Rosa of the Penguins lost his singles match to Clark Richardson 6-1, 7-6 (4).

Hill wins three-meter dive against Horizon League foes

Casey Hill won the three-meter dive in YSU's Horizon League matchup against Cleveland State University and Wright State University on Saturday. Hill scored a 254.40 and placed first. CSU's Kacey Cummings came in second place, scoring a 238.70. Cummings also placed first in the one-meter dive with a score of 271.95. Hill placed second in the one-meter dive, scoring a 261.95. Sophomore Samantha Roberts placed second in the 200-yard breaststroke, third in the 100-yard breaststroke and fourth in the 200 IM. Freshman Laura Paz came in second in the 200-yard butterfly. Caitlin Cook placed third in the same event. Freshman Megan Ciampa finished fourth in the 1,000-meter freestyle. Sophomore Nishani Cicilson finished fourth in the 50-yard freestyle. Overall, YSU was outmatched against CSU, losing 206-94. YSU also recorded a loss to WSU, 202-96. YSU will be looking for a victory at University of Illinois at Chicago in a dual meet Friday.

Springing into intramurals

Joe Catullo Jr.
SPORTS REPORTER

Youngstown State University is once again preparing for another season of spring intramural sports.

The first activity that will kick off this season is the basketball league, which begins Sunday. However, the co-rec basketball league doesn't start until March 27. A new activity, a free throw contest, will

be held Feb. 22.

On Wednesday, the Xbox 360 league will begin. The featured game this year is "NBA 2K11." Fall's featured game was "Madden '11," with Terrell Jackson as the winner.

"It's nice to go compete and meet new people," said junior Andrew Skrinier. Skrinier has played arena and flag football for the past two seasons and is interested in playing softball this year.

Two football tournaments are being offered: arena football and flag football. Arena begins on Feb. 8, and flag will be held on April 10 with eight teams being the maximum. In the fall, the Wildcats were the winners of the flag football league.

Senior Tony Sferra is in his third year playing arena football and is a possible captain

for his team. He said he plays because it is a fun atmosphere.

"I met a couple of new friends since playing," Sferra said. "It's also fun and gives me something to do."

Other February activities include a dodgeball league on Feb. 8, a table tennis tournament on Feb. 17 and racquetball tournament on Feb. 24. The fall 2010 winners were team Word in dodgeball, Saad Halim in table tennis and Paul Sujka in racquetball.

The volleyball league will begin on Feb. 3, and the 3-on-3 co-rec tournament will play on March 24. In the fall, team Uncle Howie won the league, team Cow Tipplers in the b-bracket, and team Maybach music won the 3-3 tournament.

Shortfield soccer will begin play on March 28. Team Yel-

low won the men's soccer, and team Sauce won co-rec in the fall.

Wrapping up the intramural season is a new activity being offered this spring, the softball tournament on April 17.

Dennis Pixley is a senior at YSU and is working as an intramural intern. He said participation numbers are up from last season.

"A few sports saw declines, but other major sports more than made up for it," Pixley said. "We are currently offering two new events this spring in hopes of attracting more students."

Pixley added that the interns and professional staff meet after the intramurals are done to discuss what worked, what didn't and what they can improve next semester.



COURTESY OF DENNIS PIXLEY

Baseball team hosts fundraiser breakfast

The YSU baseball team will host its first "First Pitch" breakfast on Feb. 12 at the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Banquet Hall in Youngstown. Doors open at 8:30 a.m., and the breakfast will begin at 8:45 a.m. The actual program, which includes a Chinese auction, a chance to meet players and a "Home Run" prize, will start at 9:30 a.m. The Chinese auction will contain items like Belleria Pizza gift baskets, YSU baseball attire and the chance to throw the first pitch and hang out in the dugout before a May 17 baseball game. Reservations are required. For more information, contact the YSU baseball office. If anyone wants to contribute to the cause but cannot attend, a \$10 sponsorship for a student-athlete's breakfast can be made.

SCHEDULES

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Jan. 27- @ Loyola
Jan. 29- @ UIC
Feb. 3- BUTLER
Feb. 5- VALPO

Feb. 7- @ Wright State
Feb. 12- @ Cleveland St
Feb. 16- @ Detroit
Feb. 19- TBA (on ESPN)

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Jan. 29- CLEVELAND STATE
Feb. 3- @ Milwaukee
Feb. 5- @ Green Bay
Feb. 10- BUTLER

Feb. 12- VALPO
Feb. 17- @ Detroit
Feb. 19- @ Wright State
Feb. 26- @ Cleveland State