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Weather conditions create parking, campus chaos

Juliana Hull
NEWS REPORTER

The M-2 parking deck next to Cushwa Hall has had complaints about piles of snow taking up parking spots on the entire top level. Along with this problem, students are complaining about the lack of salt on downhill walkways.

"Its obnoxious ... I don't enjoy it," said Heather Vicola, a sophomore psychology major.

Junior allied health science major Courtney Slusher said she is sick of being late for class because there are not any available parking spots due to the top level being blocked off.

"We are paying to park here. They should do something to have more parking; I was late," she said.

Daniel O'Connell, director of Support Services, said there is a very good reason for the top level of M-2 to be blocked off.

"In the morning, we are parking the cars so we block off the top levels and fill the lower levels. As the level fills up, we unblock the next one," O'Connell said.

In regards to snow covering the top deck and reducing available parking spots, O'Connell said the reason is safety.

"It's very difficult because there is nowhere to put the snow. After school hours, we plow the top deck then dump the snow off the side of the deck. Our number one concern is safely getting the snow off the decks," O'Connell said.

Support Services usually tries to clear off the tops of M-1 and M-2 on the weekends or early in the morning, but they make sure to clear the surface lots first. O'Connell said Support Services has planned out beforehand where to put the piles of snow to minimize the number of parking spaces covered so students shouldn't worry.

"You have to pile the snow somewhere," O'Connell said.



PREPARING FOR THE FALLS

Rebecca Steh
REPORTER

With ice and snow on campus, slips and falls are not far behind. The stairs, the ice-covered walkways and the wet floors even indoors can become hazardous. The Department of Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety has released some helpful information about how to be safe on campus and avoid sliding and falling.

Susan Viglione, Associate Director of Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety, said, "Awareness and action are the key components to reducing slips and falls." The Health and Safety Department itself recommends to "avoid routes that have not been cleared or appear to be glazed over." However, most students realize to get to any number of their classes requires walking through less common areas that may not be as clear.

Avoiding falls in the winter can start with changing simple things like the type of footwear most appropriate for wet grounds.

The department recommends alternatives to regular shoes, like boots, which are more likely to prevent falls on rough concrete surfaces whether they are wet or dry. Another alternative to boots would simply be shoes with nonskid soles.

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YEC under scrutiny, funding future uncertain

Dan Pompili
ASSIST. NEWS EDITOR

On Jan. 25, the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees received an update on the status of the Youngstown Early College Memorandum of Understanding.

Since the December status report on YEC, several events have transpired relating to the prospective future of the program. YEC's future at YSU may be in question, however, as several financial matters remain unresolved.

Perhaps the most prominent factor in the dealings is a memorandum signed by YSU President Dr. David C. Sweet and Youngstown City Schools Superintendent Dr. Wendy Webb.

The memo extends the deadline to March 31 for either YSU or YCS to notify the other if it does not wish to extend the Early College program beyond May 31.

On Jan. 13, a meeting was held with representatives

from YSU, YCS, Eastern Gateway Community College and the Wean Foundation.

At that meeting, YSU Provost Ikram Khawaja, said new academic space easements due to impending vacancies in the current Williamson College of Business Administration building will allow for YEC to remain on the YSU campus.

Dr. Laura Meeks of the EGCC said the college is prepared to work with partners to support YEC, and specifically mentioned the area of academic development.

YEC was awarded a bronze ranking from US News and World Report in its 2009 list of the nation's best high schools for their education of minority and disadvantaged students and how well they are prepared for college.

Webb said the YCS Board of Education is 100 percent supportive of the program and its continuation. She said she is committed to financial support of the

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Transfer enrollment up, expected to improve

Josh Stipanovich
NEWS EDITOR

While the economy slowly continues to improve, one would think the number of transfer students at Youngstown State University could decrease.

That theory has yet to be proven at YSU.

During the fall of 2008, 1,072 transfer applications were received, and 81 percent of those prospective students were accepted. That number continued to climb, and during the fall semester, 1,212 applications were received, and YSU accepted 85 percent of them.

Director of Undergraduate and International Admissions Sue Davis said these numbers are not going to stop.

"For 2010, we're above where we were last year at this time," Davis said.

Although transfer applicants have been slightly increasing over the past year, there is one problem: maintaining those students while the economy improves.

Coordinator of Transfers Sharon Mika said what the university has to focus on now is preserving what they've been able to uphold with transfer students.

"With the economy getting better, colleges in general are going to have to do a better job at marketing themselves to keep the students that they actually have and not allowing them to transfer out, and also they're going to have to improve the students' experience while they're here," Mika said.

One way to hold that market audience is to take advantage of the Western Pennsylvania Advantage, which was implemented last year.

Mika said this is an excellent recruiting tool for her, and she uses it frequently when trying to convince students in western Pennsylvania to attend the university.

This is one aspect of her job she loves the most. Not only does Mika work as a transfer coordinator, but she likes to think of herself as a mentor to her transfer students as well.

"The student is everything. The student is why I have this job. If I don't take care of this student, I'm not doing my job. I'm not going to have this job," Mika said. "We go above and beyond to try and get the questions answered for students. That's not hype. That's fact."

The economy isn't the only reason for the success. The abundant amount of universities and community colleges in the tri-county area play a significant role as well, Davis and Mika said.

Mika said Kent State University is the biggest feeder school for YSU and vice versa. Because of this, students from KSU tend to transfer to YSU for a term and then transfer back to KSU. She said the same goes for YSU students.

Since 2002, 884 students from KSU's main branch and its suburb branches have transferred to YSU.

This could lead to a never-ending transfer loop trend among students in this area.

Davis said she agrees that this occurs but disagreed that the trend is normal.

"I wouldn't say that's common. It happens, but I wouldn't say that's a big trend. It's not abnormal," Davis said.

She added that students tend to do this because of proximity between campuses, but she doesn't necessarily think it's the best route for students to take.

"I don't think it's a good option to take because even though there is an articulation agreement and the courses transfer, when you get into a major, that may not be the appropriate class for that major," Mika said. "Transferring back and forth can be problematic. There's no doubt about that, but those who transfer here tend to stay here."

Mika said students do stay at YSU because of there are a number of assistance programs that are available, unlike some universities.

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Miniature bridge competition comes to Kilcawley Center

The third annual Mahoning Valley Miniature Bridge Building Competition will be held Friday, Feb. 19 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center. The yearly competition promotes civil engineering and features teams of Mahoning Valley high school students who design and construct balsa wood bridges. The event coincides with National Engineers Week.

Professors to present "Women in Judaism and Islam"

Dr. Mustansir Mir, YSU professor of philosophy and religious studies, and Dr. Helene Sinnreich, director of the YSU Center for Judaic and Holocaust Studies, are set to present "Studying Judaic and Islamic Traditions: Women in Judaism and Islam." The presentation will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Jones Room of Kilcawley Center.

POLICE BRIEFS

Home near campus robbed

On Feb. 2, YSU and Youngstown police officers responded to a home on Ohio Avenue after a report of a robbery in progress. The victims stated that two males entered the house and robbed them at gunpoint.

Fire alarm sounds at Kilcawley House

On Thursday, the Youngstown Fire Department responded to Kilcawley House after a fire alarm was activated. The building was evacuated. Firemen at the scene determined that a female resident using a straightening iron triggered the alarm.

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Renting textbooks becoming a popular option for saving cash

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The start of a new semester comes with the responsibility of finding and purchasing all necessary texts for a slew of classes. The hit that textbooks can take on a student's wallet can be astronomical, so alternatives are always something students take time to investigate. Textbook rentals, it seems, have become a popular trend with students at Youngstown State University looking to save some cash.

The Washington Post has reported Chegg.com a leader in this new trend in student education. The newspaper said, "Chegg.com considers itself to be the Netflix of textbook rentals," and that the Web site has reportedly rented 2 million books to more than 6,000 schools since their national launch in 2007.

Here's how textbook rental works:

Students find a textbook on the Web site, and typically the rental price is half of the retail price. After purchase, the student receives the book in the mail, uses it for the class and then returns the book free of charge by the end of the semester. The Web site offers a full refund within 30 days and guaranteed delivery date and book quality.

To rent an expensive book for cheap seems impossible, but YSU junior Liz Agahi has become a believer quickly.

"It's amazing. When my friend told me about it I didn't believe her," she said. "I rented all my textbooks last fall and this spring."

After paying less than \$100 for all her rented books from Chegg.com last fall, Agahi compared book prices to the YSU Bookstore, where her total approximated \$300. She said she was at a "loss for words."

"It's robbery what the bookstore is do-

ing. I saved \$200," Agahi said.

For senior Sarah Liggi, Chegg.com and other Web sites like BookRenter and CampusBookRentals have saved her money.

"I always have a difficult time when it comes to buying textbooks, but after renting my books, I have saved so much money," Liggi said.

Sophomore Steve Chappmann agrees that textbooks are far too expensive and that renting is the best option.

"Books are so expensive. YSU doesn't always buy my books back, renting is cheap and I don't care about getting the money back," Chappmann said.

Though senior Jasmine Price prefers OhioLINK instead of Chegg.com, she said they both "get the job done."

"At OhioLINK I rent books for free; it's like a worldwide library. It's great, but if OhioLINK does not have it, I use the next best thing: Chegg.com," Price said.

SGA addresses concerns of members, students and YSU PD

Andrea DeMart
REPORTER

At the Youngstown State University Student Government Association meeting held Monday, facilities engineer Ralph Morrone addressed concerns brought to him by students, SGA members and campus police.

Their main concern was campus lighting. Students have complained that there are too many dark areas and they feel uncomfortable walking around campus during the evening and night hours.

Morrone said the facilities department is looking to put up LED lighting around campus. The orange lights now in use

are comprised of underground conduit wiring; switching to the white LED lighting will help reduce utility payments and keep tuition costs down.

After comparing the Gmail and Live@EDU e-mail systems, the University Affairs Committee has decided to support YSU and its efforts in working with Microsoft and Live@EDU as the new e-mail system for the university. The committee feels this system will be in the best interests of YSU students.

The ad hoc committee designated to handle the Haiti relief effort is working to finalize the details of the fundraising event. A banquet and raffle will be held at end of March or in early April. The committee is working to provide big-ticket items as well as speakers and dinner entertainment for the event. All donations raised will go to the American Red Cross.



What was your favorite Super Bowl commercial?



"The Doritos throwing star. It was different and they dressed someone up in Doritos."

Drew Metzger, freshman



"The T-Pain commercial. Just because it was funny."

Josh Cattoi, freshman



"The Dorito commercial with the baby. That was just funny."

Matt Smith, sophomore

6 must-know nutrition facts for college students

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The dreaded Freshmen-15 is real. Legend has it freshmen college students gain 15 pounds in their first term. Fact is this is no legend. Going to college doesn't just mean changing schools, it means changing lifestyles.

Chances are, you'll be less active than you were in high school. This, combined with bad dining hall food, dorm-room junk food, endless frat parties with bottomless kegs and a slowing metabolism, inevitably leads to one thing _ weight gain.

Gaining a few pounds isn't the only thing you need to worry about, though. Without home-cooking, you'll probably lack the necessary nutrients your body needs to thrive. On the bright side, it's possible to stay healthy in college.

By adapting the following tips to your current lifestyle, you can make healthy changes that aren't so over-bearing you won't be able to stick with them.

1. You need calcium
Consume about 1,000 mg of calcium daily. Women are at higher risk of developing osteoporosis, a disease which decreases bone density. This develops gradually with age, but adequate calcium intake reduces the risk. Bone density accumulated when you're young is all you'll have for the rest of your life, so make sure your bones are as strong as they can be. One eight-ounce glass of milk has about 300 mg, so drinking three glasses of milk a day will provide all the calcium you need. Other foods that are high in calcium include yogurt and cheese. Low-fat dairy products have as much calcium as whole-fat products.
2. You need folic acid

Folic acid is one of the B vitamins. It's important to intake 0.4 mg of folate a day, especially for women in their child-bearing years. Folate reduces birth defects by regulating DNA synthesis and cell division. It's also needed for normal red blood cell synthesis. Folic acid can be found in green, leafy vegetables, orange juice and fortified breakfast cereals.

3. Get your daily servings of fruits and vegetables
I know it seems like fresh fruits and vegetables are more expensive than other grocery store items, but they really aren't. Buy the fruits and vegetables that are on sale. Seasonal items usually cost less. Even if they do cost a little more than a bag of chips, ditch out on the junk food because fruits and vegetables are much more nutrient-dense.

4. Be active
Half an hour of moderate physical activity on most days is recommended to stay healthy. However, longer and more rigorous activities can provide greater health benefits. You're probably paying a fee to use the student recreation center, so you might as well take advantage of that. Plus, it's a great way to meet people.

5. Lose a pound a week
One pound equals about 3,500 calories, so reduce your calories by 500 each day and, by the end of the week, you will drop a pound. However, instead of dropping 500 calories from your diet, try dropping 250 and working off the other 250 at the campus recreation center. This way you're not starving yourself and you can get your recommended amount of activity each day.

6. Eat right in the dining hall
Keep these concepts in mind when choosing foods, whether it's in the dining hall or at home. Developing these habits now will help to continue a healthy life-style in the future.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

THE AFRICAN MARKETPLACE

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kikorey Center
The African Marketplace offers a wide range of clothing, jewelry, artwork, and objects to view, appreciate, and purchase, including art objects, jewelry, Africanic writings and literature that are scarce and hard to find in regular stores. The entire inventory of goods, products and people represent the creative genius of people of African descent. Dance and musical entertainment will be presented by the dynamic and multi-talented Harbison Youth Group.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

DIVERSITY ROUNDTABLE

8:00 p.m., The Ohio Room, Kikorey Center
A discussion and mediation of diversity initiatives and programs of the University, involving administrators, staff, faculty and major stakeholders and constituents, including the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity, the University Diversity Council, the African Studies Program, Black Faculty and Staff Association (BFSA), Office of Student Diversity, and others. Participants will include deans, department chairs, and other administrators.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

PANEL DISCUSSION ON AFRICAN AMERICAN CONTEMPORARY ART: "TRUTH AND FEAR"

7:00 p.m., The McDonough Museum of Art Auditorium
A panel discussion on contemporary African art featuring Ronald D. Clayton and John Lyles. Through their art, Clayton and Lyles provide the critical dialogue and needed transformation toward social reconstruction and a new approach to cultural identity.

Ronald Clayton is a mixed-media artist and painter from Cleveland Heights, Ohio. He was accepted into the Art Students League of New York in 1962. Clayton's experience in the Vietnam War has shaped his ideology and understanding of human nature. John Lyles II, a painter and artist from Richmond Heights, Ohio, began studying art at the age of eleven at the Cleveland Institute of Art summer workshops and later studied graphic design at Kent State University and photography at Cleveland State University. His creative work has been featured in several galleries throughout the East and Midwest.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

LECTURE BY DARYL DAVIS: "GANDESTINE RELATIONSHIPS"

7:30 p.m., Presidential Suites, Kikorey Center
A lecture by Daryl Davis on the activities and the inner workings of the Ku Klux Klan and how best to dismantle it. Davis gained insight into the KKK through years of contact with members in a newspaper attempt to reveal its stereotypes, myths, and strategies. His lecture is based on his book on the subject, which has been featured on major media outlets CNN, CNBC, Good Morning America, and National Public Radio.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

LECTURE: "MIRACLE INVENTIONS BY MIRACIE PEOPLE"

7:30 p.m., The Ohio Room, Kikorey Center
Greg Mills, writer, comedian, poet and humor sees reporter, presents a multi-media program about lesser and not-so-well-known African American inventors and scientists throughout the history of the United States.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

BLACK HISTORY STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST FINALS AND COMMUNITY POETRY COMPETITION

7:30 p.m., The Gallery, Kikorey Center
African American students of Youngstown State University are invited to submit essays related to the African American experience. The deadline for submission of five-page essays that follow essay prompts guidelines and documentation, is Friday, Feb. 19.

Faculty and staff at YSU and the community at large are invited to submit original poems on subject matter or themes related to the African American life, including slavery, the Civil Rights Movement, religion, politics and leading African American figures in the shaping of American democracy. Deadline for submissions is February 19. Prizes will be awarded the three top winners of both competitions. Co-sponsored by the Black Faculty Staff Association (BFSA).

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

THE BLACKACADEMIC CHALLENGE

6:00-9:00 p.m., The Chestnut Room, Kikorey Center
The Black Academic Challenge is a trivia contest aimed at challenging students' knowledge of Black history. Throughout the month of February, teams of four YSU students will represent their class, student club, or organization in answering a series of questions related to African American history. The championship round will take place on February 26. Categories to be covered include Black Facts, Inventors/Scientists, Authors/Literature, Civil Rights History, Sports, Youngstown Black History, Art, and Politics. Co-sponsored by the Black Faculty and Staff Association (BFSA) and the College of Arts and Performing Arts.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: CLOTHING AND FOOD ASSISTANCE DRIVE

12 noon - 3:00 p.m., The Chestnut Room, Kikorey Center
Throughout the month of February, beginning with the African Marketplace on February 6, citizens in the African American community and the community at large are invited to bring gently worn clothes and unused funds to designated locations in each of the colleges to assist those who need help during these hard times. At the end of the drive, the clothing and food will be distributed to community organizations that serve the neediest among us. All donations will be brought together in the Chestnut Room from different locations for distribution. Major participants include members of the Black Faculty and Staff Association (BFSA) and faculty members of the Advisory Committee of the African Studies Program.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

MOVIE: "CONTRADICTIONS OF THE HEART" BY WALTER ALLEN BENNETT, JR.

8:00 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kikorey Center
The movie presents subtle and least-expected aspects of living relationships in the African American community. Starring Cuba Gooding, Jr., Vernon Williams, and Christopher E. Chaney, the highly acclaimed film invites the audience to go beyond frequently suggested stereotypes. After the screening, the audience will be able to interact with the film's creator and director, Walter Allen Bennett, Jr.

Bennett has written and/or produced more than 200 episodes of series television, beginning with the 22 Cosby Show and Norman Lear's 204 Home Sweet Home. He went on to produce the hit comedy The Home was executive producer of The Steve Harvey Show.

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program and its continuation. She said she is committed to financial support of the staff and operating expenses that total \$405,000.

Webb also said YCS has established a foundation that will contribute funding to YEC. The Wean Foundation offered additional support from foundations and granting agencies unspecified.

Concerns were raised at the meeting about a five-year plan and contract proposed by YEC that included, among other items, a model to reduce the tuition costs for both YSU and YCS.

For the 2009-2010 year, YEC funding was calculated based upon a \$290 per student tuition cost that amounted to \$685,000. That amount has been split 51-49 between YSU and YCS, with YSU paying the lesser portion. That amounts to \$349,000 for YCS and \$336,000 for YSU. YSU's portion is paid from unrestricted scholarship funds.

The new model would reduce the cost per student to \$90, thus lowering the costs for both parties. The justification for the reduced cost is that YEC students consume YSU services at a significantly reduced level compared to average full-time college students. Not only do YEC students enroll in lower-division courses, but they also take fewer credit hours.

The new model would reduce the total cost to \$213,000, with YSU paying the lesser share at \$104,000 and YCS providing the majority at

\$109,000. The report of the meeting said that both parties are seeking additional external funding to reduce those costs even further.

The frustration at the meeting stemmed from concerns that the financial issues have remained unresolved for an extended period, and the board has expended considerable time to YEC-related issues, which detracts from addressing normal university concerns.

Trustee and former state senator Harry Meshel said that YSU has also had to take additional monies from the scholarship fund to compensate for YCS financial shortfalls.

"It was a few hundred thousand the last time," he said. "We've dipped into that a couple of times, and I don't know that we've ever paid it back."

Meshel said that while he believes all students should have an opportunity at college and the YEC program is important, he feels YSU's primary focus should remain with the training of college students in areas where jobs exist. Meshel cited science and technology specifically.

"We don't focus enough on the students of YSU," he said.

Meshel added that any help YCS can get "will be welcomed," but finished by saying that "the troubled record that the Youngstown school system's got is not something we can overturn overnight at YSU."

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When it comes to walking indoors, snow can be tracked in easily, creating slippery floors. The department recommends a couple of ways to avoid falling: "Walking with the feet pointed slightly outward," and "Make wide turns at corners." It is also good to report extremely wet halls to help other students and faculty members avoid slippery areas, around corners especially, which they may not see.

The most important thing to remember when walking in the winter is pretty much the same as driving. Be cautious and aware of hazardous conditions. Viglione stated, "My number one recommendation, which is applicable in many situations, is to focus on where you're going, what you're doing, and what lies ahead." This is the best way to avoid falling and to enjoy the winter season.

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"Here at YSU, with regard to the parent's perspective, we offer so much more remediation, we offer so much more help [and] there's no reason a student should fail at YSU," Mika said.

While KSU has played a significant role in the past, the consortium program agreement between YSU and many of the community colleges in Northeast Ohio is also a reason for the continued improvement, Davis said.

The partnerships between schools are what appeal to transfer students who are majoring in either criminal justice or allied health at YSU because they are able to complete certain courses without having to physically attend YSU.

"The consortium agreements with the Cleveland schools, Loraine County

Community College, Cuyahoga Community College, Lakeland and now Eastgate [Community College.] are integral to our transfer program," Mika said. "It would be a dramatic effect [if these schools weren't here or in agreement with YSU.]"

But Davis said attending more than two schools at once is unlikely.

And since 2002, Cuyahoga Community College, Lorain Community College, Butler Community College, Jefferson Community College and Lakeland Community College have attributed to 346 transfer students to YSU.

"I think YSU is on the verge of doing something really great," Mika said.

Additional reporting by Christine Keeling.

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Call it snowmageddon, snowpocalypse or the end of the world, but winter has turned on full-blast over Northeast Ohio and the entire Mid-Atlantic region.

Over the weekend, the regions encountered a snowstorm that dumped more than 20 inches of snow in some areas.

Like it or not, we're going to have class during subpar weather conditions. The roads will be icy, wind chills will be unbearable and sidewalks will be slippery. Grounds should be commended on trying to make the best pathways possible on campus, as well as Support Services with their work on the parking lots.

Granted, we'd all love for the parking lots to be clear, but with almost a record snowfall, any clear spots should be good enough to park and walk across the street to campus. Upon arriving to a snow-blanketed campus Monday, a number of students complained of the snow piles throughout the parking decks and lots.

What most students do not realize is that while we were all sleeping in our warm beds early Monday morning, crews on campus were working overtime to make campus less hazardous so classes could continue as usual.

After all, conditions could always be worse, yielding a better result for all of us: staying home and being safe. And we hope that if conditions do worsen, as expected this week, we can be woken up at 7 a.m. by that YSU Alert message: "Classes for today have been canceled."

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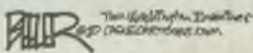
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Attack unemployment

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
MCT

President Barack Obama wants to spend \$100 billion to stimulate the nation's economy even as the federal deficit soars and the nation's long-term fiscal outlook increasingly looks grim.

But in a time of persistent unemployment, it has to be done. The economy shows signs of life output was up more than 5 percent in the fourth quarter and a leading index of manufacturing is climbing but unemployment remains chronically high.

Nationally, 10 percent of the labor force was out of a job in December, and the rate of underemployed is much higher 17.3 percent nationwide.

It's clear to us that Obama's focus must be helping to get people working, and the final bill should include these elements:

A public service jobs program: It perhaps could be modeled on the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act from the 1970s or the Job Training Partnership Act from the 1980s. Both programs combined training with employment. The programs should be stop-gaps until the economy starts to produce jobs at a faster clip.

Small business help: Obama is asking Congress to divert \$30 billion of bailout money that the big banks have repaid to community banks for small business loans. The idea has merit but hinges on the ability of banks to find qualified borrowers who want the money. A survey of senior loan officers by the Federal Reserve Board, released Monday, found that demand for credit by small businesses continued to weaken in the last three months of 2009. The president also has proposed two other, more promising, ideas: eliminating capital gains taxes on small-business investment and raising the limit on Small Business Administration loans from \$2 million to \$5 million.

Job creation tax credit: Obama wants to give employers a \$5,000 tax credit for every new worker hired during 2010. The credit could help push some businesses into the hiring market, but if orders don't justify taking on the cost of new employees, a tax credit isn't likely to be enough. Still, a carefully crafted plan is worth a try.

Other aid: The bill should include extensions of unemployment benefits and more aid to the states. Without that aid, states will likely make even deeper budget cuts, including massive layoffs of workers and that hits the private economy hard.

There are no quick fixes, and there is only so much the government can do. Unemployment will likely remain high throughout 2010. But Congress and the president must keep trying to juice the job market.

End of the road for Mars rover

Miami Herald
MCT

Oh mighty Spirit, you soared over a mountain as tall as the Statue of Liberty and outlived your predicted demise by five years and nine months. You sent reams of useful data and illuminating images back to us Earthlings while you chugged sturdily through plains and plateaus, enduring the harshest of winters and cruelest of summers on Mars.

But now, you're stuck in a sand pit. A lowly outcome for a plucky contraption that looks a bit like the loveable waste-collecting robot WALL-E. While your brother rover Opportunity continues sallying forth, you will remain mired, still relaying back intriguing information on the mysterious Red Planet.

Your handlers at NASA have striven mightily to free you, but they tossed in the towel in January. But NASA's got nothing to

be ashamed of in this space exploration endeavor. The president's NASA budget proposal may deal Florida a blow a topic to discuss another day. Today is your day, Spirit. You and Opportunity are two of the agency's great achievements.

Parachuted to opposite ends of the Mars equator in 2004, you two rovers were expected to last all of three months. Instead, here you are six years later alive and well, if, in your case, no longer mobile.

Thanks to you we now know that water once flowed on the Martian surface. By drilling into rocks and peeking into craters the two of you have given us a clearer picture of what our extraterrestrial neighbor is like.

We salute you, Spirit, and your brother, Opportunity. Your intrepid exploration and amazing endurance are tributes to the ingenuity of your creators and the faith of the taxpayers who underwrote your fantastic journey.

Petting Zoo



Hi. I'm winter.
Have we met?

Melissa Mary Smith
COLUMNIST

I have a little bit of information to share with everyone reading this week's column: Right now, it's winter.

Winter is known as a season and happens once a year.

You see, during the wintertime in many states like Ohio and several countries around the world, it's sometimes cold and snowy.

Anyone who has a pulse can understand the dynamics and intricacies of seasons.

Despite this common knowledge, all I've heard in the past few days are people complaining about winter as if it's some new, magical concept.

Yes, the snowstorm on Friday was horrendous; my car got stuck in the driveway and I had to dedicate an hour the next day to shovel it out.

Thanks to the snow, I've now developed biceps so large that they can smite any man who comes near me.

Even though Friday's blizzard (I feel embarrassed using that word) was a pain and made the roads treacherous, I truly feel that in the realm of Ohio's winter, we've had it pretty easy.

Sure, over the years it's been bitter cold and YSU has closed a few times, but I think we need to toughen up and stop constantly griping about how awful the weather is.

The Inuit people and others who live in cold climates put up with these freezing and dangerous conditions year-round and you don't hear them complaining.

So instead of spending your time pointing out all of the downsides of winter, try doing something constructive like exercising.

Or shoveling my driveway for me.

I'd do it myself, but it's too damn cold outside.

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LOG ON FOR THE LATEST...

FIVE MUST-SEE MOVIES

Tyler Landis
REPORTER



"Iron Man 2" (May 7): The first major sequel of the summer movie season comes with "Iron Man 2." Robert Downey Jr. is back to play billionaire playboy/superhero Tony Stark who must pursue a love interest and battle multiple villains. There is no reason why this can't be as good or better than the first installment. Mickey Rourke, Don Cheadle and Scarlett Johansson are all new cast members, which should elevate the material. This franchise will remain a hit as long as it has the ever-charming and likable Downey at the helm.



"Toy Story 3" (June 18): Pixar can do no wrong, and this will be their yearly hit. It's been a long time since the second "Toy Story," and all of the regulars are back. Since both previous "Toy Story" films fared well, this third installment may end up being Pixar's most successful film. Look for youngsters and adults to take part in the summer fun.



"Inception" (July 16): Want to know why you haven't heard of Batman since "The Dark Knight"? It's because director Chris Nolan has been making this sci-fi mindbender. Leonardo DiCaprio, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Ellen Page and many others star in what looks to be a trippy and brainy action flick. Written by Nolan himself, "Inception" has kept itself in the dark about its plot. Only the teaser trailer revealed bits and pieces of the probable euphoria viewers may have after seeing this film.



"Shutter Island" (Feb. 19): Legendary director Martin Scorsese takes a much anticipated U-turn in his career as he directs a prison thriller based upon the novel of the same name by Dennis Lehane. The film has been delayed for some time, but early word points to a box office success. Leonardo DiCaprio, Scorsese's recent muse, heads the all-star cast.



"Alice in Wonderland" (March 5): If you saw "Avatar," you more than likely saw the trailer for the upcoming "Alice in Wonderland." Johnny Depp stars as the Mad Hatter, in what looks to be one of his loopy roles. Tim Burton, who has directed Depp many times, will bring a new vision to this fantasy story, which will also be shown in 3-D come March.

Year of The Tiger: celebrating a historic tradition

Lamar Salter
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
EDITOR

While Feb. 14 usually involves cards, candy and socially awkward romantic moments, this Sunday will be adding a culturally important celebration to the holiday mix.

As one of the most significant holidays in Chinese culture, the Chinese New Year is a multiple-day festival that emphasizes peace, luck and family heritage.

Once regarded as culturally exclusive, the holiday has reached far across the globe as Chinese culture expands and cities like New York City, Los Angeles and London will be lit up with fireworks and other Chinese festivities.

In terms of longevity though, the holiday is different from the mainland, which usu-

ally has a 15-day celebration, while places outside China traditionally hold a weeklong celebration.

Besides oriental food and fireworks, some special traditions of the include red envelopes, which are monetary gifts given during holidays, and the Lantern Festival in which children carry paper lanterns with riddles written for other children to solve.

Xiaolou Yang, associate professor at Youngstown State University and member of the Chinese Association of Youngstown Area, talked about the role of Chinese New Year and its importance to Chinese culture.

"It is the biggest festival of the year," Yang said. "It is very family

oriented."

Yang said that more traditional Chinese people celebrated at home with family, in comparison to Thanksgiving, while

followed more closely to the American New Year with festivities and traveling.

CAGYA will be having its own celebratory dinner on Saturday in New Castle, Pa., at the First Assembly of God Church.

Grace Chan, president of CAGYA, said the celebration would include traditional Chinese clothing, food and performances.

In its second year at The New Castle Church of God, Chan said they picked that location for their events because of its "large size and availability." The dinner was hosted at YSU years earlier, but Chan said YSU was not an option this year.

"YSU was not available this year for our date, but we do hope to return soon," Chan said. Her hopes to cel-

brate at YSU are shared by Yulanda McCarty-Harris, the Director of the Department of Equal Opportunity and Diversity.

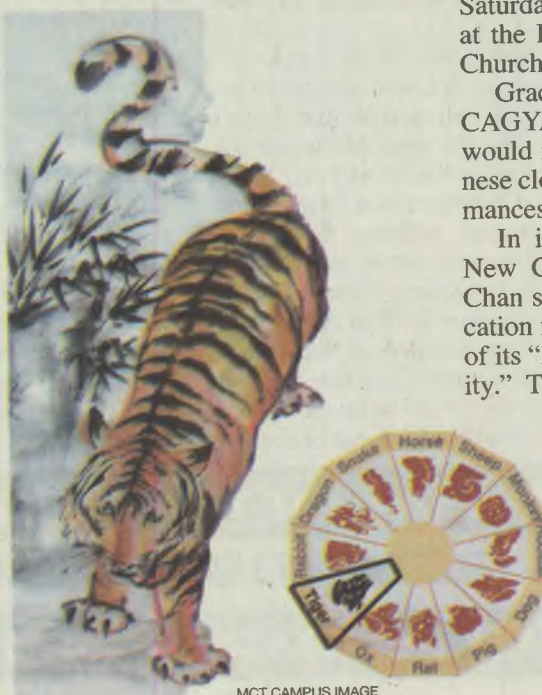
"We are definitely willing to work with them," Harris said.

With messages of peace and love, Yang said that the holiday welcomes "the spring season" and emphasizes "hope and luck" for the Chinese people.

"It is a time to look forward and celebrate another year alive," Yang said.

The year 2010 marks the Year of the Tiger. The Year of the Tiger is the third symbol of the 12 animal symbols of the Chinese Zodiac.

People born between specific years, the most recent being 1986 to 1987, fall under The Year of The Tiger and are described in traditional Chinese astrology as lucky, engaging and brave.



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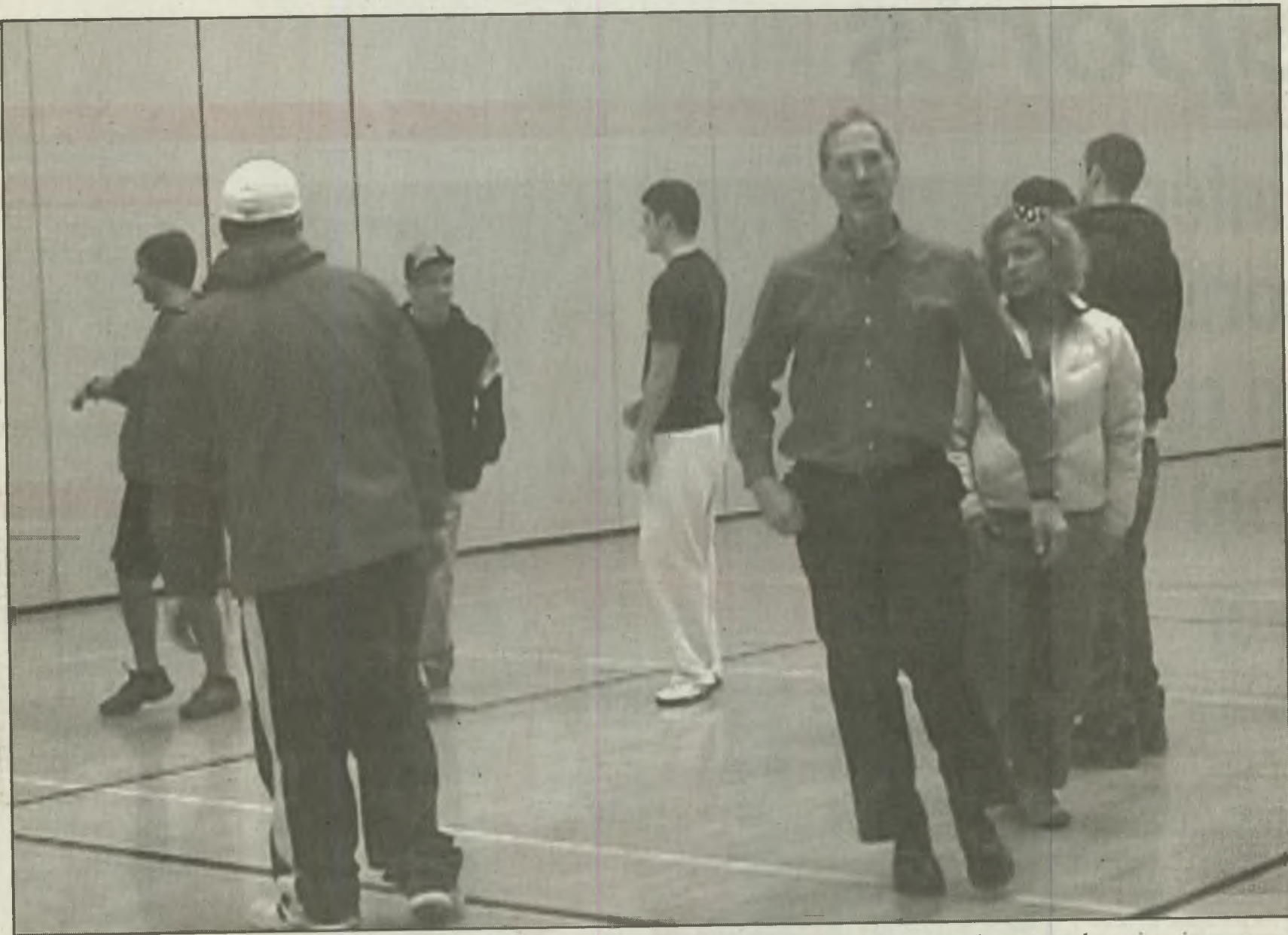


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Dr. Stephen Ausmann dances with students during a session of Rhythmic Movement for Children, a human performance and exercise science course

Learning step by step

Course helps Physical Education majors find teaching rhythm

Lindsey Shaffer
REPORTER

Songs, dances, rhymes and games. Dr. Stephen Ausmann's students do it all. With a greeting of "Good Morning Kindergartners!" Ausmann uses a unique approach to get through to his college students.

Ausmann is the instructor of Rhythmic Movement for Children, a human performance and exercise science course at Youngstown State University. The course is designed to teach physical education majors how to interact with future students of all age groups.

Ausmann's goal is to get his students to find their own rhythm. "It's that whole self-esteem, 'I'm comfortable enough in my own skin,' that I can teach this," he said.

With a male majority in his classes, Ausmann said his students may be wary at first, but in the end he is

pleased by the positive response he receives.

"We have a good time," Ausmann said. "I think at first they come and are like, 'This guy, what's he doing?' because it's all foreign, but after about one or two days they were totally into it."

Scott Fabry, a freshman student in the class, said his thoughts after the first day of class were something similar to, "What did I sign up for?" However, after just a few sessions Fabry changed his mind about the course.

"I would recommend this class to anyone; it's probably the most fun I've had in a class here at YSU," he said.

Ausmann's unique approach to teaching allows his Rhythmic Movement for Children students to step into the shoes of their own potential students. He takes them through different activities and explains why certain activities are

ideal for certain age groups.

Sophomore Brandon Wick said he enjoys Ausmann's approach to teaching.

"I actually look forward to it. It's fun and I laugh a lot," he said. "But I'm also able to understand better by stepping into someone else's shoes."

When asked what he hopes his students will learn from his class, Ausmann said, "I hope they develop, first of all, positive self-esteem that they can move rhythmically no matter what their experiences were like as children. Also the skills to teach, I'm hoping they gain their own pedagogy of how to teach."

Students taking Ausmann's class should expect to get in touch with their inner child. Wick offered advice to prospective students.

"Just participate and have fun with it," he said. "It's enjoyable and you're learning how to relate better to your future students."

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Dr. Stephen Ausmann

YSUnity looks to lip-dub video to get group more views on campus

Richard Queale
REPORTER

If you've visited YouTube in the past few months, then you've most likely run across lip-dub videos. They have become an Internet sensation, and high schools and colleges around the world have wasted no time developing their own.

For those who don't know what a lip dub is, it's a music video that combines lip-synching and audio dubbing.

YSUnity, a student organization at Youngstown State University that promotes the awareness of issues relating to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, inter-sex students and their allies, has decided to make a viral video. The event has been named Project Lip Dub and is run by YSUnity Vice President Nick Iacobucci.

After weeks of consideration, YSUnity members have decided to use Blue October's "Jump Rope" for their lip dub. Iacobucci said the lip dub will be filmed April 5 at the M-1 parking deck, the pedestrian bridge and Kilcawley Center.

Lip-dub videos have been popular online lately with many receiving millions of views and even garnering media coverage.

The University of Quebec-Montre-

YSUnity
A GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE



al's communications department did a lip dub to the Black Eyed Peas' song "I Got a Feeling" in 2009. More than 172 students were involved in the lip dub, and since its debut on YouTube it has received more than 4.5 million views.

YSUnity hopes the event will have similar success on the YSU campus and help draw more attention to the group.

"We're basically trying to get widely noticed on campus," Iacobucci said. "That is our main focus."

YSUnity will be holding sign-ups for Project Lip dub all month and will have tables set up in Kilcawley Center on Feb. 18 and 26. Also, anyone who can't make it to Kilcawley Center on those days can go to

http://www.ysu.edu/stu_org/ysunity/ysunity_007.htm and fill out a form.

YSUnity encourages individuals, groups and organizations to take part in this event.

"Our sign-ups are open to anyone interested," Iacobucci said. "We are aiming to get other student organizations and individuals to join the lip dub."

YSUnity President Javonne LaFontaine said the group holds meetings in Kilcawley Center's Cochran Room on Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.

"If people want to participate, we are very open and welcoming to anyone that can contribute to our meetings," LaFontaine said. "Our overall goal is to make YSU's campus a more understanding and safer place."

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TONIGHT

RockBand Tuesdays
8 p.m.
Slim's Bar & Grille
21+

The Guilty Pleasures
10 p.m.
Cedars Lounge

Open Stage at Barleys
10 p.m.
Barleys

WEDNESDAY

Sweaty Betty Blues Band
8 p.m.
Five Points Wine & Bar
21+

Karaoke with live band
9 p.m.
McMenamy's
21+

Lip-Sync for Your Life
10 p.m.
Utopia
21+

Winter sports can cure cabin fever

Chelsea Miller
SPORTS REPORTER

As the snow continues to fall this winter, students look to the slopes for skiing, snowboarding and other outdoor activities. In a recession, however, such activities can put a strain on pocketbooks. To help ease these financial woes, several businesses now offer discounts to college students.

Peak'n Peek Resort and Spa in Findley Lake, N.Y., holds a College ID Night where lift tickets are discounted after 4 p.m. for students with valid college identification.

"You have to go to the main ticket office to purchase it, and it's for a night lift pass," said Peak'n Peek employee Nikki Cerrie. "It's \$25 and it's normally \$34, so you're getting a deal."

The lift ticket includes the price of using the ski lift until 10 p.m. when the park closes. Customers would still have to rent skis or snowboards, or have the option of using the tubing hill that is located in the park.

Located in Ellicottville, N.Y., Holiday Valley offers college discount nights from Sundays through Thursdays. Customer service representative Adam Boe said college students receive \$5 off a lift ticket from 4 to 10 p.m. Holiday Valley offers skiing, snowboarding and tubing, as well as lessons.

For something a little different, Cleveland Metroparks features Chalet Toboggan Chutes. The chutes are open from the day after Thanksgiving to the first week in March; snow is not needed for the chutes to operate. According to the Cleveland Metroparks' voice messaging system, tickets are \$8 for adults and toboggans are provided. Each toboggan can hold up to four riders. Toboggans are propelled down two twin refrigerated ice chutes. Season passes and group discounts are available.

Additionally, for those who aren't the thrill-seeking type, the Ice Zone in Boardman holds open ice-skating time several days of the week. Although the Ice Zone does not offer a discount to college students, it offers \$3 ice-skating on Sundays, including skate rentals, from either 1 to 3 p.m. or 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

ICE ZONE OPEN SKATE HOURS

Tuesday, February 9
Noon -2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 10
Noon -2:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 11
Noon -2:00 p.m.

Friday, February 12
Noon -2:00 p.m.
7-11:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 13
2-4:00 p.m.
4:30-6:30 p.m.
7:30-11:00 p.m.

Schedule courtesy of <http://www.IceZone.com>



Senior Lauren Blase competes in a cross-country meet to prepare for the indoor and outdoor distance events she competes in for the Youngstown State University women's track and field team.

YSU track and field teams poised for upcoming Horizon League indoor championships

Keith Langford Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

As the Horizon League Indoor Track and Field Championships draw nearer, the Youngstown State University track and field teams try to run and throw their way to an indoor championship.

Head coach Brian Gorby said trying to win the indoor title on the women's side of the equation wouldn't be easy. A couple of key components are being redshirted to preserve the outdoor and next season rosters such as senior Alisha Anthony, last season's Horizon League Most Outstanding Field Performer. She also has two more years of eligibility remaining for the outdoor season.

Thrower Danielle Curry is also sitting out this indoor season. Curry was a key component for the Penguins in the 2009 Horizon League women's indoor championship.

Senior Lauren Blase will be one of the athletes the women's team will rely on to win the Horizon League indoor crown.

"She's on a record-break-

ing tear," Gorby said of the senior.

Blase broke the mile record at the Penn State National, which features a heavy-hitting field of elite runners from all around the country. Former Penguin Emily Cicero held the previous mile record at 5:01.41 for six years. Blase bested the time with a mile run of 5:00.99.

Gorby says Blase has trimmed a significant amount of time off her mile run since she's been a Penguin. Gorby pointed out that when Blase was a freshman, she ran a mile time of 5:14. She now runs a time of almost five minutes flat.

Gorby strongly feels Blase will hold every single Penguin record.

"She's one of the best long-distance runners this program has ever seen," Gorby said. "You have to be dedicated to run 10, 12, 14 miles on your own or with teammates in this kind of weather to be that good."

Another key athlete on the women's side is freshman Symona Gregory. Gregory has posted times of 7.97 in the 60-meter dash and 25.95

in the 200-meter run. She finished first in the 60-meter dash at the Tom Wright Classic in Bowling Green.

On the men's side, a key component to the success of the Penguins is Aaron Merrill. Merrill, a top-30 thrower in the nation, has placed in the top five in every event this season. Merrill will be a key component on the men's side to try to dethrone the champion, the University of Milwaukee-Wisconsin, at the Horizon League indoor championships.

"It's going to be a challenge to compete on the men's side because we have a bunch of redshirt freshman," Gorby said.

Gorby said the new indoor facility would be a key equalizer to re-establishing dominance on the women's and men's sides. The women and men finished second to the Milwaukee Panthers in the indoor season. The Panthers are the only team to have an indoor facility for track and field. Gorby said once the Penguins get the facility, it would be a fairer fight to the top of the indoor standings.

"She's [Blase] one of the best long-distance runners this program has ever seen."

Brian Gorby, head coach

HORIZON LEAGUE

- #18 BUTLER
- CLEVELAND STATE
- GREEN BAY
- WRIGHT STATE
- DETROIT
- VALPARAISO
- MILWAUKEE
- LOYOLA (IL)
- YOUNGSTOWN STATE
- UIC

NCAA TOP 25

- KANSAS
- SYRACUSE
- KENTUCKY
- VILLANOVA
- WEST VIRGINIA
- PURDUE
- GEORGETOWN
- DUKE
- KANSAS STATE
- MICHIGAN STATE
- WISCONSIN
- TENNESSEE
- OHIO STATE
- TEXAS
- NEW MEXICO
- GONZAGA
- BRIGHAM YOUNG
- BUTLER
- NORTHERN IOWA
- GEORGIA TECH
- TEMPLE
- VANDERBILT
- UNLV
- BAYLOR
- PITTSBURGH

PENGUIN SPOTLIGHT



VANCE COOKSEY

POSITION: Guard
YEAR: Junior
HOMETOWN: Chicago, Ill.
PPG: 5.7
RPG: 2.4
APG: 2
FG%: .447

SCHEDULES

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Feb. 11 BUTLER
Feb. 13 VALPARAISO
Feb. 15 @ Milwaukee
Feb. 20 @ ESPN
BracketBuster
Feb. 25 WRIGHT STATE
Feb. 27 DETROIT
Mar. 2 Horizon League
Tournament
First Round
Mar. 5 Horizon League
Tournament
Quarterfinals

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Feb. 11 @ Butler
Feb. 13 @ Valparaiso
Feb. 20 CLEVELAND STATE
Feb. 25 WRIGHT STATE
Feb. 27 DETROIT
Mar. 4 @ Green Bay
Mar. 6 @ Milwaukee
Mar. 8 Horizon League
Tournament
First Round

SWIMMING & DIVING

Feb. 24-27 Horizon League
Championships

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Feb. 12-13 @ Akron Invitational
Feb. 19 @ Zips Invitational
Feb. 20 @ Kent State
Tune-Up
Feb. 27-28 @ Horizon League
Championships
Mar. 5-6 @ Alex Wilson
Invitational
Mar. 13-14 NCAA
Track and Field
Championships