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"YOUR FUTURE IS A WORK IN PROGRESS."

-Dr. Cynthia Anderson, YSU Freshman Convocation 2009



Freshmen, university begin transition

As Youngstown State University begins a new academic year, first-year students will be coming to a university deep in transition. Campus beautification is ongoing, construction is at every corner and the university president is completing his last year of a decade of service.

After the move-ins were completed and orientations were over, the YSU class of 2013 assembled in Beeghly Center for their freshman convocation. President David C. Sweet, Dr. Cynthia Anderson and Scott Schulick were among the presenters at the convocation.

"I can't tell you what your future holds, that would take all the fun out of it," Dr. Anderson told the freshman class. "Your future is a work in progress." Just as the future is a work in progress for the convocation class, the future of YSU is also a work in progress for its appearance, administration and infrastructure.

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University raises tuition by 3.5 percent

Juliana Hull
REPORTER

During President David C. Sweet's final State of the University Address, he said Ohio has cut financial aid to schools by 60 percent this year.

Youngstown State University is expected to receive \$1.5 million less in funding, but with a 3.5 percent increase in tuition, YSU will make an extra \$2.7 million.

"Our goal is the state support per student going up," Sweet said. "Next year, we have to prepare for a 7 to 10 percent cut in the state budget."

Despite the increase in tuition, enrollment at YSU is still increasing.

Maggie McClendon, assistant director of admissions, said enrollment is up by 600 students from last year because nontraditional students are returning to school due to "the economic crisis."

"We are still considered the best value in Ohio and Pennsylvania," McClendon said, comparing YSU to other nearby colleges and universities.

Additionally, YSU is also receiving many students from eight counties in Pennsylvania due in part to the Western Pennsylvania Advantage, where "students from Pennsylvania get cheaper tuition

at YSU" than they would at schools in Pennsylvania.

"It's like having all of the right ingredients," McClendon said. "Our programs here are excellent."

The YSU tuition increase is comparable to that at the Ohio State University and Akron University, both with a 9.3 percent increase, followed by Kent State University with a 6 percent raise.

Harry Meshel, finance chairman of the YSU Board of Trustees, voted against the tuition increase and wanted the university to do everything it could to cut expenses before raising tuition.

"There is no evidence that we attempted to reduce op-

erations or reduce spending. We could use some reserve money, so instead we could be talking about a 2.5 percent increase instead of a 3.5 percent increase," Meshel said.

Students on campus were aware of the increase, but did not know by how much. Senior Lorna Ngo and freshman Josh Orr each have one goal: receive their degrees.

"I knew tuition was going up, but I didn't know how much. I just want to graduate before they raise it even more," Ngo said.

"I don't really know how much tuition is now. I just want to get my degree in telecommunications," Orr said.

DeMaiolo stays active as student trustee

Samantha Cavalier
REPORTER

Senior Daniel DeMaiolo, an advertising/public relations and marketing management major, is Youngstown State University's student trustee for the Investment Subcommittee.

DeMaiolo was drawn to the idea of becoming a student trustee when he received a mass e-mail in April 2007 notifying the student body that there was a vacant seat available. The following semester, he enrolled in a Marketing Concepts/Practices course with Cynthia Anderson, a mentor of his.

"It took a phone call from Dr. Anderson and my employer, Jonelle Beatrice, the associate executive director of Student Life and director of the Marion G. Resch Center for Student Progress, to finally convince me that I would be a good fit for the position because of my experiences reaching out to a variety of campus departments and active participation in student life," DeMaiolo said.

In order to apply for a student trustee position, an application and resume must be submitted to the Office of Student Affairs along with a 500-word essay on the importance of student representation on the YSU Board of Trustees. The governor appoints the position.

As a student trustee, DeMaiolo's main responsibility is to provide student representation on the YSU Board of Trustees.

"One way I accomplish this is at quarterly subcommittee meetings. Every quarter, the Board of Trustees has a round of subcommittee meetings that cover a variety of new and ongoing topics in several different standing subcommittees," DeMaiolo said.

DeMaiolo wanted the student trustee position because he enjoys being involved on campus.

"I wanted the position because I viewed it as a challenge and a great way to represent the student body. I believe the student trustee position allowed me to effectively represent these various factions," DeMaiolo said. "It was an opportunity that let me mature as a campus leader and really understand the daily operations of a university. Also, I saw it as an opportunity to really apply my business coursework and textbook materials to a real-world setting."

DeMaiolo describes the student trustee position as unique.

"On one hand, I'm an ordi-

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Enrollment could reach 14,000 this fall, Sweet says

Dan Pompili
ASSIST. NEWS EDITOR

In his last State of the University address on Aug. 17, Youngstown State University President David Sweet said enrollment is up at YSU and could reach 14,000 students this fall. At the time of his speech, the count stood at 13,251 students.

Although the actual increase from 2008 to 2009 is uncertain, director of Undergraduate Admissions Sue Davis said when compared to last year, the number of applicants is up by more than 600, while accepted applicants are up by approximately 550.

What is pushing the increase is also undetermined, Tom Maraffa said, senior assistant to the president. Sweet did mention in his address, however, that minority enrollment increased and that the Western Pennsylvania Advantage, which dropped the surcharge for students in eight Western



President Sweet presents his State of the University address in the Kilcawley Center on Aug. 17. Photo by Adam Rogers/The Jambar.

Pa. counties, is partially driving out-of-state applications. For 2009, the first year of the program, applications from those counties are 15 percent higher than last year.

Minority enrollment at YSU is up 80 percent since 2000, Sweet said. Compared to 11 percent in 2000, minority students now comprise 18 percent of the YSU student body.

"This brings a much greater

diversity and it's good for the learning experience for the entire campus," Sweet said.

Todd Pilipovich, coordinator of admissions, attributed the minority increase to a greater diversity in the faculty and staff, as well as increasingly diverse majors.

"We offer a lot of different majors. Diverse programs lead to a diverse student body," Pilipovich said.

Davis also said the economy may be playing a role in YSU's increased enrollment. She said the bulk of new applicants are either transfers from other colleges, which may charge higher tuition or include room-and-board fees, or they are non-traditional students.

"I would say that in the last two weeks, the majority have

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Winslow's Cafe closes, to open under new management

Lamar Salter
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Winslow's Cafe, located inside the Butler Museum of American Art and famous for its serving of numerous unique entrees, is closed for renovations after a disagreement between the museum and the cafe's management.

The cafe will open again, albeit under new management, said Kathy Earnhardt, the museum's director of public relations.

Earnhardt said that the parties "couldn't reach an agreement with renewal," and that there was a fallout with the



terms of the contract.

Earnhardt said the contract was the same as before and that the problems could have stemmed from pay and menu choices.

"We wanted to have more specials and menu options for

the students, and I guess they didn't agree with that," Earnhardt said.

Some Youngstown State University students are unhappy with the changes, including junior Dan Centofanti who "liked the different coffees"

the cafe sold.

"It kind of stinks," Centofanti said about the transition. "It was a welcoming environment. The staff was very friendly there."

Earnhardt said "nothing has been finalized" for the new management of the cafe, but that there were three candidates being considered and that the cafe should reopen "within a week."

Once reopened, the cafe will have a new menu and specials for customers.

"We will be running different specials for the students," Earnhardt said. "We also want to give the students more variety in their menu choices."

University Disability Services begins fall semester in new building

Josh Stipanovich
NEWS EDITOR

Because of high enrollment numbers for the fall semester, Youngstown State University Disability Services was forced to leave Wick House and move to a new location at 36 W. Wood St.

When YSU Executive Director of Student Services and Ombudsperson Jack Fahey originally allowed Disability Services to use Wick House due to low numbers, Associate Executive Director of Student Life and Director of the Center

for Student Progress Jonelle Beatrice knew it would not be a permanent location.

"We knew it was with the understanding that at some point, we would be leaving," Beatrice said. "This is the perfect time because we can use the space."

According to Beatrice, Wick House is already filled to capacity and ready for housing use.

With the new building located on the opposite end of campus, Beatrice knows there will be some confusion for students and faculty members.

"We've gone from one end of campus to the other, and

when we first moved to Wick House, that was one of our concerns, but students adjusted well. They loved that location," Beatrice said.

To help limit the amount of uncertainty, the Disability Services staff has been sending out mass e-mails and letters to all students registered with their service. They have also posted announcements on the MyYSU portal.

"We're trying to get the word out, but I'm certain there will be some confusion initially," Beatrice said.

Despite the recent move, Beatrice said this location is

also temporary, and does not think they will have a permanent location until this time next year. Despite moving from Wick House to a one-story building that is still dealing with minor construction, Beatrice said the building would still suit Disability Services.

"It's actually lovely space...we have probably better space here than we did at Wick House," Beatrice said.

Assistant Director of Disability Services Gina McGranahan agreed with Beatrice, adding that, "If we stay here, we're happy here. If we don't, we'll be happy wherever we

move."

The construction that has already been completed includes painting, cleaned carpets, a newly-built handicapped accessible restroom and other minor decorative projects.

The building has a conference room, a technology room, a separate student testing room, office space and a large basement that will be used mainly for storage.

Even with the new move, the Disability Services staff has one goal in mind.

"Student success ... that's what our goal is all the time," McGranahan said.

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been older applicants," Davis said.

Pilipovich and Maraffa also noted the increase in transfer students. Pilipovich said the university accepted 117 transfers for 2009, compared to 81 last year.

"I think the tuition here has led them to think of YSU," Maraffa said.

Maraffa said the driving force of the increase should be pinpointed within the first month of the semester, which

is also when the university should have a final count of the student body. Sweet said the official enrollment report is filed 14 days into the semester. All sources expect a large enrollment increase in the final weeks.

"Every year it happens," Pilipovich said. "Students get financial aid coming through at the last minute, and some returning students just register late. We're open extended hours for that reason."

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-nary student trying to get my degree and stay active in campus life. Yet, on the other hand, as a student trustee, I am more or less an administrator participating in a variety of committee meetings and executive sessions filled with heated discussions, decisions and challenges facing the university," DeMaiolo said.

One major goal that DeMaiolo wishes to accomplish in his term is to strengthen the lines of communication

between the student body and administration.

"Before I became a student trustee, I really didn't think that students really had a say in the operations of the university, other than in SGA. My position is a direct voice that ultimately is a major factor in board decisions. From my experience, the trustees really do listen and appreciate the feedback provided by the student trustees," DeMaiolo said.

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Students are invited to attend a Students Forum on Tuesday, September 1, at 4 p.m. in the Kilcawley Center Gallery to provide their candid insights into the present status and future needs and priorities of Youngstown State University, as well as views regarding the kind of leadership we should be seeking.

Dr. Charles Bunting and Ms. Vicki Henderson will be conducting the meeting. They come to the campus as academic colleagues who have had many years of experience in higher education and whose firm has worked with colleges and universities of all kinds in the process of seeking and selecting presidential and senior-level administrative leadership.

Students are encouraged to express their thoughts regarding the needs and opportunities that present themselves at this significant time in the history of Youngstown State University.

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got an opinion?

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OUR SIDE EDITORIAL Words from the wise

THE JAMBAR EDITORIAL BOARD

Welcome to YSU. The next several years of your college career are sure to be filled with these things: classes, homework, studying, stress, tests, finals and tech fees for classes. Everything else you've been promised to discover, however, is up to you.

There are a few things that aren't being presented to you at convocations, seminars or orientations that we'd like to give you the heads up about as you start your first day on campus. There is a sign at the entrance of DeBartolo Hall that reads an adviser can be your best friend on campus. This is true, but choose wisely. Also, Meshel Hall, the building connected to the M1 parking deck, does house a variety of classes. Those classes, however, are not in the Financial Aid office. Although those 8 a.m. Gen. Ed. classes might be hard to endure, getting that early-morning parking spot could be the most satisfying part of the day. Don't be shocked to see sleeping bodies all over Kilcawley Center between classes. Taking naps in public is socially acceptable and encouraged in quiet lounges with inviting, comfortable couches. Wi-Fi hotspots are all over campus, but be sure to get your computer set up at the Tech Desk for YSU wireless before your online test is due that same hour. Start shopping for winter clothes and shoes now before the prices inflate, because you are guaranteed to walk through snow, slush and ice by December. Or maybe even September, thanks to unpredictable Northeast Ohio weather.

Don't be nervous. Don't be distressed. College is hard, but it's also the most rewarding experience you'll go through. Good luck.

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BACK-TO-SCHOOL SALE

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

LETTERS FROM THE PRESIDENTS

As Youngstown State University moves into its second century of providing quality education to students from the Mahoning Valley and beyond, I welcome all students to campus for what I hope will be a very fulfilling and successful academic year.

As you get back into the flow of the semester, remember that you are part of an extended YSU family that traces its roots back 101 years, starting at the YMCA in downtown Youngstown and since evolving into an institution of higher learning that has produced tens of thousands of successful graduates spread out across nearly every state of the nation and dozens of countries around the world. Our proud alumni, who once walked the campus and attended classes as you do today, are making their marks in the world and living their dreams.

I also want to remind you that the YSU family also includes more than 1,500 faculty and university staff, who are here to help guide you through your college experience. Our faculty members are among the nation's foremost experts in their fields. They are accessible and ready to help ensure your success. And our staff members — from academic advisors and housing officers to our safety forces — are committed to serving you in every aspect of your college life.

I have been a part of the

YSU family for nearly 10 years now, and, although I am retiring next summer, I will always be a YSU Penguin. That's the great thing about families — you can retire, you can graduate, you can leave, but your family is always here for you.

I invite you to make the campus your home. Visit the Center for Student Progress, where there are all kinds of services to help you succeed. Get to know your professors, both in the classroom and in the lab. Participate in undergraduate research projects. Explore a variety of courses. Satisfy your curiosity and develop new interests. Learn to speak another language. Develop international knowledge and cultural understanding. Meet people from around the world. Join a student organization. Visit the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center. Play intramural sports. Attend a Penguin football game. Go to a play in Bliss Hall. Meet people and make friends, some that you will have for the rest of your lives.

Most importantly — get involved. The next several years will move very quickly. Take advantage of the once-in-a-lifetime opportunities before you.

Welcome, and good luck.

David C. Sweet
President

Welcome to YSU! Let me tell you something — you've made a great choice by coming here! The positive strides that this university has taken, even in my short time here, are remarkable. All you need to do is take a look around to see that great things are under way here at YSU.

So, let me give you a few pieces of advice that I promise will guarantee you a successful and rewarding time at YSU.

Ask questions! Never be afraid to ask questions. Use your faculty and staff — that's what they are here for. Your professor will never turn you down if you try to ask them a question after class or during their office hours. In fact, they may even be willing to give you extra help when you really need it. And remember — your staff is just as important. If professors are responsible for all the teaching, then staff is responsible for just about everything else. See everyone as often as you can — your department secretary, your librarian, your advisor — take advantage of all these friendly resources that you have on campus!

Don't be afraid to try new things! When I came to YSU, I was a physics and astronomy major, and I did that for three semesters. I took a philosophy course as an elective in my third semester, and the following year I decided that I wanted to major in philosophy and political science.

Take a course that interests you just because it interests you. Join a student organization. Start a student organization if the one you want to join doesn't exist! Never be afraid to do something new or different as often as you can.

Get involved on campus! It's one of the best ways to try something new. Join a sorority or a fraternity, join a student organization, start a student organization, play intramural sports, find a job on campus — whatever it is that you get involved in — do something that interests you. It's a great way to learn something that isn't taught in the classroom and it's an even better way to meet new people, get involved on campus and make your stay here all the more enjoyable.

If you follow these few pieces of advice, I promise you that however long you spend at YSU, you will have had some of the best times of your life.

If you ever have any questions — about anything at all — you can always reach someone in the Student Government office on the second floor of Kilcawley Center. When I am there my door is always open, I always return my calls, and I check my e-mail frequently.

I look forward to hearing from all of you!

Zachary Brown, President
SGA

For the Record: Falling for the vinyl

Melissa Mary Smith
COLUMNIST

Those who know me personally are familiar with my standing as a record nerd.

My interest (rather, obsession) with records was first piqued the fall semester of 2005.

While perusing a rummage sale in the lobby entrance of DeBartolo Hall, I happened to discover a box of old records.

The records once belonged to a professor who wrote a thesis paper on British new-wave. I can remember exactly what I bought:

Echo and the Bunnymen, Ocean Rain

The Style Council, My Ever Changing Mood

Haircut 100, Pelican West

Modern English, After the Snow

I knew immediately that I wanted to start collecting. Call it what you want: destiny, a goofy desire to waste money on an out dated playing format. Whatever it was, it was meant to be.

As soon as I got home, I busted out my dad's old Rotel turntable and the rest is sort of

history.

Over time, I discovered this guy at Four Seasons Flea Market on the East Side named David Kleemann.

To say Kleemann has a Rob Gordon-sized record collection would be an understatement.

For the past two years, Kleemann's record stand has become my Sunday escape.

Like some sort of junkie, I rifle through old, dirty boxes of obsolete technology, but for me, it's heaven. It's pacifying.

Before Kleemann set up shop at Four Seasons, my collection was quite small and unimpressive.

Now, it's large, slightly more impressive and, to a degree, more ridiculous.

-Answer to "Why?"-

Some people collect records for the hell of it, to try to fit in to some sort of delusional, hipster scene.

I collect records because I am a fan of music. Music on vinyl is pure and sweet and magical.

Just as sorting through records is a favorite pastime, so is listening to them.

Every day, I try and fit in time to listen to my records,

especially when the house is empty.

It's become a means of unwinding and changing up the daily monotony of my life.

-Buying phases-

I'll go through hunting spurts where I'll be looking for stand-up albums, soundtracks, imports, Prince (huge fan) or Factory Records albums.

I also buy duplicates of records I already own, especially if they're in better condition than the other copy.

My inclination to share stuff with people can be seen when I lend out and give my records to people whom are attempting to start a collection of their own.

-Pipe Dream-

Records stores like those in the movies "High Fidelity" and "Pretty in Pink" have made me salivate over the idea of starting up my own shop, but I think the music community has to get over seeing vinyl as archaic and instead, timeless.

I'd first like to get my undergraduate in journalism. Then, we'll see what future my records hold for me.





New Marching Pride Director Don Linn warms up the band with musical exercises during practice. The Pride is set to perform Saturday, Sept 12.

Lamar Salter
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
EDITOR

With fall underway, Youngstown State University will be marching in a new direction. Leading that new direction is new Marching Pride director Donn Linn, who said the upcoming season will be “both interesting and challenging.”

A 2005 graduate of Virginia Tech University in music education, Linn brings a lot of experience to the band. After working as a teacher’s

assistant and band director for various schools including Ball State University in Indiana, Linn was connected to YSU’s music program and offered the job.

“I’m very excited to be here,” Linn said.

Linn has been busy, even before the start of fall semester. The week before the fall semester commenced, the band practiced from dawn to dusk to perfect their sound.

“It’s going to be a challenging year,” Linn said about his new position. Still, Linn said he is nevertheless proud of his students and their dedi-

cation.

“I’m very impressed with the band,” Linn said. “Everyone is excited about the new year.”

Linn also said he has been especially impressed with the student leadership.

“[The leaders] have a higher lever of responsibility [and] they have been fantastic with the students,” he said. “They have a lot of dedication.”

The students have also been excited about their new director. Chris Cargill, junior and Pride member said he was impressed by Linn’s youthfulness.

“He’s a cool guy,” Cargill said.

Freshman Aaron Brown said he admired the director’s ambition.

“He’s very determined,” Brown said. “I respect his wisdom and his dedication to the band.”

Linn said he hoped to follow the tradition that the Marching Pride has established, while adding some new flavor to the mix.

“Of course, the purpose of a marching band is to pep the crowd up,” Linn said. “But we



LINN

can also put on a pretty good show, too.”

As for goals, Linn said he wanted to “establish a definition for the word ‘pride’” with the band.

“This band has always been about building great traditions,” Linn said. “I want to make sure we let pride extend to the university, to the entire community at that.”



COURTESY OF CAMPUS RECREATION AND STUDENT PROGRAMMING

Foam party highlights Welcome Week

Kelli Phillips
ONLINE EDITOR

As students return to Youngstown State University this week, so will food, foam and fun. This year’s traditional Foam and Dance Party will take place Tuesday from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Rec-5 area. The party is part of the Welcome Week festivities sponsored by Campus Recreation and Student Programming.

“It’s a time for students to have fun, relax, loosen up and meet new people. It is a fun atmosphere,” Amanda Foster said. Foster is a student programming intern who has helped coordinate the event.

“The Foam and Dance Party is one of the bigger events that we have on campus. It is a large party atmosphere with a dance pit, many student organizations present, pop, food, a dunk tank and other contests. There are a lot of different things rolled into one occasion,” Foster said.

Campus Recreation and Student Programming is hoping for a turnout of 1,500 students, which is approximately 200 students more than last year.

Graduate students Caitlin Merrin and Emily Wollet are

planning on attending the party this year as well as taking part in other Welcome Week activities. This will be Merrin’s third Foam and Dance Party. She said it is the atmosphere that keeps her coming back.

“You get to meet new people and get settled in on campus,” Merrin said. She also added that the is very convenient for students living on campus.

Wollet, who has attended the Foam and Dance Party twice, said “it gets better every year. Even if you don’t like the foam, there are still cornhole tournaments, student organizations, free food and drinks.”

“It is always fun because everyone is open to meeting new people. It is also nice to relax and enjoy things the first week as you get your syllabus and adjust to your class schedule,” she said.

Wollet also advises students to “not just get involved during Welcome Week, but throughout the entire year as well. [Students] should be open to going to Penguin Pre-Parties, tailgating, athletic events and other events on campus to make the most out of [their] time at YSU,” Wollet said.

Shirts, shoes and a valid YSU ID are required for entry.

INDIE WAX RECORDS A Mahoning Valley Record-Collector’s Utopia

Gary Angelo
FEATURES REPORTER

Indie Wax Records, located on 5922 Market St. in Youngstown, carries a wide selection of brand-new indie vinyl releases. At Indie Wax, one can find new releases from artists such as Regina Spektor to the vintage reissued releases of Minor Threat. Indie Wax also offers used vinyl releases, CDs, turntables, turntable accessories and repairs.

Business partners Heather Hively-Cannon and Jeff Perry started Indie Wax Records during the summer of 2008. Hively-Cannon and Perry attended many indie rock shows in Columbus, and were inspired by the many small record shops that spread throughout the college community.

“I always appreciated record shops and wanted to start one of my own for years,” Perry said. “I have been buying records since I was 8 years old.”

Perry came from a musical background; his father is a country/bluegrass musician. Growing up in the ‘70s, Perry cut his teeth into the popular splendor of KISS, as well as his mother’s Beatles albums. In the early 1980s, he gravitated toward the liberated noise

of punk and hardcore, discovering bands such as Fear and Youth of Today.

Perry is also a veteran of Youngstown’s hardcore music scene. During the early ‘90s, he played in the bands Hoodface, Scars of Affliction and Monolith. Today, Perry listens to the alternative country sounds of Wilco and Ryan Adams.

Hively-Cannon’s story is similar.

“Growing up, my mother always had the radio on and my father listened to classic country,” she said.

It was Hively-Cannon’s brother who first got her interested in vinyl, guiding her with albums by Bob Dylan and The Doors.

“Then I met Jeff Perry and he gave me a huge crate of Dylan records. I was immediately into the vinyl listening experience,” Hively-Cannon said.

Hively-Cannon and Perry took a cue from online marketers who were distributing brand-new vinyl releases.

“I think people are getting out of the iTunes and Napster-era of music computer downloads,” Perry said. He said consumers are starting to realize the value of original pressings and music complete with original covers and liner notes.

“Our vision was to create an outlet where collectors can

buy new, exclusive, hard-to-find music and vintage releases,” Hively-Cannon said.

Perry’s vision was to create a culturally-significant epicenter for music collectors and local music scene regulars to purchase their favorite releases. Indie Wax also allows for local musicians to network, advertise and sell their merchandise.

Indie Wax also features all-ages performances during the summer months.

“We are trying to stick to early evening hours so listeners can catch good music before they go out for the night,” Perry said. He added that the shows featured at Indie Wax are an advantage for kids who cannot get into bars to catch original live music.

Much like the trend of bookstore cafes, Indie Wax is looking to create an atmosphere that allows music buyers to socialize and sample music. When looking at the future of vinyl sales, Perry said he is confident vinyl records will continue making a comeback.

“During the first part of the century, people shared music together through crowding around the radio. Now that that experience is lost, vinyl is becoming the new music social experience,” he said.

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Marching Pride Looking at Jazz, Veterans and a "Bohemian Rhapsody" this Season

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With big show ideas planned, Youngstown State University's Marching Pride has intentions on creating an exciting musical experience to complement the football season.

Donn Linn, the new director of the YSU Marching Pride, said he plans to "bring a traditional college show," but with more of a "Big Ten-style" experience. Linn said ideas

for the halftime shows would include covers of the English rock band Queen. Some noteworthy songs will include "Bicycle" and "Bohemian Rhapsody."

Linn will also be highlighting the band's versatility with a transition in October to jazz-themed performances, including the compositions "Birdland" by Weather Report and the big-band favorite "In the Mood" by Glenn Miller.

"Finishing the season, the band will conclude with a Veterans Day salute show in accordance with the holiday,"

Linn said.

Band members are excited about this year's schedule. Freshman Keith Born said he was looking forward to the lineup.

"It looks like it's going to be awesome," Born said. "We have been memorizing the pieces early to be better prepared. It's going to be a lot of fun."

Linn said he hopes to keep the crowd excited at every show.

"We want to keep the audience spirited from beginning to the end," Linn said.

WELCOME BACK WEEK BEGINS WITH A BANG

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GENERAL ASSIGNMENT

Youngstown State University has collaborated with Student Activities, Housing and Residence Life and Campus Recreation and Student Programming to provide a full week of events and activities to welcome all incoming freshmen and new and current students.

Beginning Monday, the Center for Student Progress, which appoints mentors for freshmen and new students and is located below the YSU Bookstore, is hosting a Drop-In Day Open House. Students can enjoy juice, coffee and donuts in the morning, as well as pizza, snacks and cake in the afternoon.

Throughout the week, 95.9 KISS FM will be on campus to provide background music for all outdoor events.

Additionally, video gamers can assemble from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday in Kilcawley Center's Lariccia Family Lounge where there will be several Xbox 360s set up with recent Xbox and Wii games.

In the campus core on Tuesday, a Henna tattoo artist

will be present to create personalized Henna pirate tattoos. Then, from 7 to 10 p.m., YSU will host its 5th Annual Foam and Dance Party. This event, located in the Rec-5 Area, includes food, dancing, prizes, games and foam.

On Wednesday in the campus core, the Greek life at YSU will host a meet-and-greet session from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All campus fraternities and sororities will have informational tables, while representatives will be available to answer any questions about YSU Greek life. Also, from noon to 2 p.m., a block party, complete with several prize drawings, will be held in Kilcawley Center. Students will also get a chance to taste-test campus foods and eat slices of Kilcawley Center's 35th anniversary cake.

On Thursday, the University Courtyard Apartments will host a Welcome Week picnic from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Student organizations and faculty members will be present.

Welcome Week culminates in Friday's Party on the Plaza, located in downtown's Central Square. The entertainment starts at 5 p.m., and discounts will be granted to students with valid YSU IDs.



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Senior quarterback Brandon Summers tries to avoid the oncoming pass rush. Summers completed 62.6 percent of his passes last season for a YSU record.

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The countdown to Pittsburgh begins as Penguins complete fall camp

Keith Langford
SPORTS EDITOR

The final Youngstown State University jersey scrimmage before the real thing on Sept. 5 was in place Saturday morning as the red team retained the red jerseys for the entire season by beating the white team 28-20.

The defense from both sides looked strong throughout, while the offense hit ups and downs on each side. One glaring team did not look sharp. The special teams for the Penguins were anything but. A field goal attempt fell short, two others were blocked and one extra point attempt barely went through because of a bad snap for the Penguins. On the return side for special teams, a returner muffed a punt. Coach Jon Heacock was

blunt about his special teams play.

To be honest, we weren't sharp today. We had different snappers and holders. I'm not OK with what happened today to keep it in perspective, Heacock said.

Sophomore transfer Sir Demarco Bledsoe from Texas Christian University was a little bit more optimistic about things than Heacock about his special teams. Bledsoe was not shy about exclaiming his faith in the Penguin defense.

I think we are really going to be good this season. We got Ross [Bradian] and Walker [Averick] to make plays in the secondary. We got a lot of speed on defense. We're going to be real nice, Bledsoe said.

This may be or not be Heacock's last go-around as the

head boss, depending on how his Penguins stack up this season. Heacock needs to win and he needs to win this season.

Heacock's record says he should not be on the hot seat with a 54-39 record overall. But the tradition of the Penguins, dating back to the early '90s, dictates that he needs to back up a dismal 4-8 record from a season ago into a winning record and preferably a strong playoff push.

Many fans feel from what they have seen from practices and this final jersey scrimmage are signs of a strong Penguin team who will play up to tradition.

Chester Nelms Sr. from Youngstown said the team will do better this season.

I think the team had some tough luck last year with all

the injuries. They are going to be OK, but I have questions at the skill positions, Nelms said.

Another fan encouraged by the scrimmage was Adrian Grecko from Boardman.

Last year was a bad year for the team. They got hurt early and had to rely on their backups to win. With the experienced second-team players, I think they will do a lot better this season, Grecko said.

The 2008 season was a season muddled with injury after injury for the Penguins. The Penguins could not seem to get all the key components on offense and defense healthy all last season. This year's team will seek redemption from last season as they hit the field for their first game against the Pittsburgh Panthers on Sept. 5.



STRONG SAFETY
SIR DEMARCO
BLEDSOE

"We got a lot of speed on defense. We're going to be real nice."

Intramural sports bring excitement to fall semester

Chelsea Miller
SPORTS REPORTER

It's a new school year at Youngstown State University and with it comes new activities for incoming and current students to participate in. After much demand and popularity last year, intramural sports return with a few additions.

One new sport, team handball, will be offered this year along with other favorites, such as soccer, volleyball and flag football. Handball is played similarly to racquetball. However, the player uses his or her hands, instead of a racket, to hit the ball.

Team sports, as well as individual sports, will be offered. While most are team sports, racquetball, table tennis and badminton can be played with singles or doubles.

For those who may not have an interest in athletics, video game leagues are available with some new games such as Madden NFL 10 and Halo 3. Game Crazy will be sponsoring these events and will pass out store coupons to participants.

Junior Ronnie Haun participated in intramural events last year and was pleased with the outcome. Haun played intramural dodgeball, and although his team didn't place, he said the event was fun. It was a good workout and stress reliever.

With several additions to the events, YSU's intramural program also updated its system which Joe Conroy, director of intramural sports, said will be beneficial to students.

This year, sign-up forms consist of one page this year instead of two pages. A new online system has also been implemented. Photos of the week's events can be found online, along with registration forms and schedules of upcoming games.

We have an easier system now, Conroy said. Team captains will be e-mailed if there's an emergency where the game is cancelled or delayed. The online system is also nice because it helps save paper.

Registration forms can be filled out online or picked up at the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center. These forms must be submitted with a full team roster to the Campus Recreation offices by the registration deadlines.

For team sports, a team captain must be chosen, and then must attend a captain's meeting before the event to discuss rules. All equipment is provided for the events, but those participating must present their YSU IDs.

While most sports are free of charge, some sports, like ultimate Frisbee and soccer, have a \$10 team fee. This fee has been implemented for team sports to ensure that all players attend. Conroy said if a team did not show up, several scheduling conflicts would arise.

Prizes are also offered. Those placing first will receive T-shirts, while those placing second will be awarded YSU mouse pads.

'Start strong, finish strong' is motto for 2009 women's volleyball team

Keith Langford
SPORTS EDITOR

Momentum. It can kill a season or it can carry a season.

This 2009 version of the Youngstown State University volleyball team wishes and hopes to reverse a trend from last season: Start fast and fade toward the finish line.

The Penguins started strong last season as they posted a strong out-of-conference record. The problem with their season last year was that they were not able to enjoy the success of their non-conference schedule into their conference schedule.

The Penguins finished last season with an overall record of 11-17. The out-of-conference record read 7-5, while the in-conference record tallied just a tad under par at 4-12. The Penguins finished last season 2-6 at home.

Coach Joe Bonner is confident that the home record and overall record will change this season.

Our overall record will

change because of our overall competitiveness. We have more depth and talent at every position, Bonner said.

Bonner's assessment of this 2009 team breathes a team destined to better its accomplishments last season.

Our team will be the toughest defensive team. Our ball control and attack efficiency has dramatically changed. We have two dynamic setters that have changed the speed of our offense, Bonner said.

Missing from this year's team are two players who made an impact on Penguin volleyball: Ebony Barbosa and Karla Everhart, who graduated. Two seniors looking to fill those shoes are Ruth Boscaljon and Kaitlin O'Hara.

Boscaljon has performed on the collegiate level since she stepped foot on campus as a freshman. Boscaljon has played in every game in her three seasons at YSU and started in all but three matches in her career. She ranks 10th in Penguin history with 992 kills, and 5th in total blocks with

364. Boscaljon will definitely make her mark this season as a senior leader.

"We definitely want to make conference this season. The top six make it. We want to start our pre-conference record strong leading into league play," Boscaljon said of the upcoming season. As a senior, you want to have the best season possible.

O'Hara will add versatility to her senior leadership role. She can play from both sides as an outside hitter. Her junior season was her best yet at YSU as she started 10 matches and played in all 104 sets. She posted career highs in kills (225) and blocks (51).

We have to continue to work hard all the time. As a team, we have the same goals and we all want to make it to the tournaments and the NCAAs, O'Hara said about team goals. I think you always have to show leadership, but as a senior everyone looks for your leadership.

YSU alumnus holds book signing at Barnes and Noble



David Lee Morgan Jr.

Keith Langford
SPORTS EDITOR

Former Youngstown State University baseball player and graduate David Lee Morgan Jr. was at Barnes and Noble on Saturday to sign copies of his ode to current the Ohio State University coach and former YSU football head coach Jim Tressel.

The book, titled *More than a Game*, features interviews from countless number of players Jim Tressel has touched on and off of the field.

The book currently holds the distinguished title of being ranked the number one college football book of the year by <http://www.rivalryfootball.com>. [The book] means the most to me because of message, Morgan Jr. said.