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Enrollment up, parking down



Director of support services, Danny O'Connell, points to the M-26 parking lot behind Smith Hall, home of parking services. The lot is one of four projects which will provide 585 to 625 much needed parking spaces.

High enrollment fuels parking problem

Doug Livingston
ONLINE EDITOR

As students arrived on campus for the first week of fall classes, a shortage of parking spaces waited for them.

Of the 15,204 students enrolled for the fall semester, 11,645 have already purchased parking permits. These commuter students will be fighting over 6,361 parking spaces offered on campus.

Since 2003, enrollment at Youngstown State University has increased by nearly 2,000 students. In that same time, more than 600 parking spaces have disappeared.

The parking spaces gave way to road projects like the Lincoln Avenue extension and buildings like the new 106,000-square-foot Williamson College of Business Ad-

ministration.

The projects cater to a growing student body, but the dismal parking situation is a painful reminder that YSU is a commuter college.

"Looking for a parking spot was rough, to say the least," said third-year YSU student Don Humphreys.

Humphreys said that with increasing enrollment, fewer parking spaces are available. Senior Jason Anderson agreed.

"It's definitely getting worse," Anderson said. "Enrollment has gone up, and inversely nothing has been done to fix the problem of parking."

Danny O'Connell, director of support services, said, "Ideally, in a perfect world, let's have everybody in a paved lot."

Parking preparations were made for the expected first-week surge of students on campus as they purchased books and be-

came oriented with the university.

"We have designed parking for the first week, two weeks, that's on the grass," O'Connell said.

Students, however, found themselves wandering campus for a place to park.

The M-2 parking deck on Lincoln Avenue filled up by 9:45 a.m., O'Connell said. The deck usually doesn't reach capacity until 11:30 a.m.

Along with the 11,645 parking permits purchased online, 526 daily parking passes were purchased Monday by students for \$5. The cost of a parking permit for the fall is \$78 or 82 cents per day.

The overfilled parking lots, decks and grassy fields are only a glimpse into future parking issues.

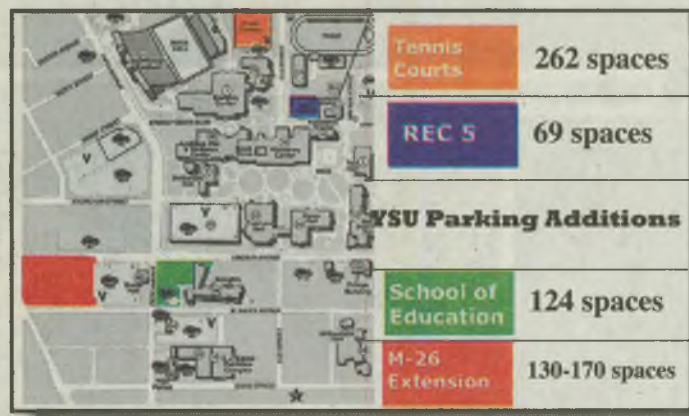
YSU spent about \$150,000 on regular summer maintenance for the M-2 deck on Lincoln Avenue. Nearly \$200,000 was spent on the M-1 deck on Wick Avenue. These costs are incurred every year.

The deteriorating condition of the 38-year-old M-2 deck has become a growing concern for YSU officials. The money spent this summer was to maintain the deck structurally not cosmetically.

"I raised the original complaint, if you recall, when they were talking about tearing down the parking deck," said YSU trustee Harry Meshel.

The demolition of the deck and

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ACE election under investigation

Dan Pompili
NEWS EDITOR

The Youngstown State University Associated Classified Employees union is starting fall semester in much the same way spring semester ended, with internal strife.

An election held during the summer for executive officers and committee members has been nullified and an investigation launched into the procedural aspects of the contest.

The election was intended to select the second vice president, treasurer, half of the executive committee, some OEA delegates and negotiating team members.

No results have been released from the election nor were results ever cited as an issue of concern.

ACE President Brian Brennan said three formal complaints were filed concerning security issues within the election process. The issues dealt with perceived "potential for fraud." Brennan said the election process was "fraught with insecurity."

One of the complaints cited insecurity in the mailroom — where the ballot box was kept — as the ballots were being prepared for transport.

Other matters concerned misplaced ballots or ballots reportedly never received.

In one case, a member who was on disability leave from the university claimed he never received a ballot and requested another.

For personnel elections — as opposed to contract and bylaw ratifications — voting is conducted through campus mail. The worker in question did not receive his mail due to sporadic presence on campus.

The elections board opted to not replace the ballot, feeling there was potential for corruption by means of members filing more than one ballot.

Brennan and Christine Domhoff, executive committee member and grievance chairwoman, mentioned that the employee's vote could have swayed one of the election's races for negotiating team membership.

Charlene Yusko, chairwoman of the elections committee, said that "in hindsight, [the decision] probably wasn't a good one." She said the employee was the only one, out of 390 ballots sent, who claimed he did not receive one. The concern that a ballot was unaccounted for contributed to the decision not to replace it.

Sandie Arnold, however, lost her ballot when her office was packing to move. Initially, the committee also refused her replacement request. However, after much ado — including calls to the Ohio Education Association (ACE's mother union) — Arnold received another ballot to cast her vote, with 20 minutes remaining.

Yusko and Arnold both contend the process lends itself to such problems. Yusko said she favors traditional ballot box voting. Arnold did not comment on preference but said some people did not have the opportunity to vote and "that's unacceptable."

Domhoff echoed Arnold's sentiment. She brought the motion to overturn the election results at a July 19 special meeting and to rerun the election.

"I felt that the people in the bargaining unit did not have the opportunity to express their desires by voting for the people they wanted to elect," Domhoff said.

Domhoff called for a roll-call vote on the motion to nullify the election because she said she wanted to make sure the decision reflected the will of the membership.

She said the union has had to rerun elections in the past and have run them "until we get it right." This year's election committee was entirely new and untrained, a fact that Yusko criticized.

"Training never happened, but they all want to bring in trainers now," Yusko said.

The nullified election is the second such election. The elections committee nullified the first election when an improper return date was printed on the ballot instructions. The OEA informed the committee that such an error could nullify the results, so the committee reran the election to the present re-

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SGA to send revised student fee proposal to board of trustees

Andrea DeMart
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Student Government Association President Nicholas Meditz intends to send a revised student fee proposal as soon as the end of this week to the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees, he said during Monday's SGA meeting.

Meditz declined to comment on the fee until further details were worked out but said it was tabled last academic year by the board of trustees because of the presidential search.

The original proposal, which was put forward by former SGA President Zachary Brown last fall, would charge students \$1 per credit hour. That money would then go to student organizations and individual student endeavors.

His proposal estimated the \$1

fee would create a \$306,862 budget, which is \$275,812 more than last year's SGA budget of \$31,050. The fee would max out at \$12 for full-time students, \$9 for graduate students and \$1 for part-time students.

Brown said he assumed the proposal was moving forward as submitted because no member of the board had contacted him or Meditz with any questions about the proposal.

Brown mentioned that outlets were available for students to express their feelings about the fee.

"We started a Facebook group, discussed it in our meetings and had information posted on the website," Brown said. "Students were more than welcome to discuss, but no formal survey was done."

In November, Brown told The Jambar he wanted the fee to be included in this year's tuition hike, though he said he knew there was a

good possibility this wouldn't happen.

"Things happen slowly," Brown said. "This was originally brought up five to six years ago."

YSU Board of Trustees Chairman Scott Schulick, who spoke at Monday's meeting about the improvements he's seen in SGA since he was president, said the fee was disregarded in June when budgets were brought before the board of trustees.

"I heard about a proposal in December and March, but it didn't come back to us," Schulick said.

Schulick said he believes that a change in administration within SGA may have caused some confusion. He added that the next budget cycle would most likely be the appropriate time to resubmit the proposal.

"If it is something that students want, I will be supportive of that,"

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POLICE BRIEFS

Flats at Wick evacuated

On Sunday, YSU Police were dispatched to the Flats at Wick apartments on the north side of campus after a fire alarm was activated. Upon arrival, university police noticed that the building was being evacuated. Officers found the room that had the fire alarm going off and knocked on the door with no answer. They then requested a key to get in, and it was later determined by the Youngstown Fire Department that the occupant of the room had set the alarm off without knowing while cooking french fries in a deep fryer.

Cell phone means for alleged harassment in Kilcawley House

On Monday, YSU Police were dispatched to Kilcawley House to look into a reported harassment. Upon arrival, the officer spoke with the victim who said on Sunday, the suspect walked the victim to her room and kissed her. On Monday around 7:30 p.m., the suspect sent a text message to the victim. After a few text messages between the victim and suspect, the victim called university police. They proceeded to interview the suspect, and he said the conversation was taken out of context. YSU Police told the suspect not to communicate with the victim.

Lost wallet turns into arrest

On Monday, a YSU Police officer was given a wallet from another officer in reference to a found property report. After receiving the wallet, the officer opened it to see if there was any identification; the officer discovered cocaine. The owner of the wallet contacted university police to find out if they had found it. They told him they did, and that he could pick it up at the station. Upon arrival, the suspect picked up his wallet only to find out he was being arrested for possession of cocaine.

NEOUCOM seeks to implement new program

Joe Giesy
REPORTER

How does entering the job market owing more than \$200,000 sound?

For those who go through four years of medical school at Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine and Pharmacy without scholarships, this is a harsh reality. However, for some who are interested in committing to primary care jobs around the area, this may no longer be an issue.

As part of new NEOUCOM President Jay Gershen's strategic plan, an education-for-service program may be implemented to allow students

entering medical school to gain funding from area hospitals in exchange for committing to a certain number of years of employment at that hospital.

Michael Kempe, financial aid counselor for NEOUCOM, said the strategic plan is still being crafted, so nothing is official at this time. He said students "would go through the hospitals they would work for" and ideally would begin working for the hospital after graduation.

Although second-year Bachelor of Science/Medical Degree students Stacey Ramey, Danielle Fontaine and Mariam Crow were initially excited about the proposed education-for-service program, after some thought they decided the cost of tuition would not

be enough to sway them into primary care if they wanted to take different routes.

"Having tuition taken care of could at least make me consider a job in primary care, but it would be hard to make that kind of decision before rotations," Ramey said.

Kempe said most students pay for medical school through loans. With the total cost of attendance at NEOUCOM projected at more than \$50,000 a year, those loans can add up.

Students will also have tuition from their undergraduate degrees to take care of. For students at Youngstown State University, who pay about \$7,000 a year, a four-year degree can amount to more than \$28,000 if no scholarships or grants are obtained.

Emilie Eberth, YSU adviser for students in the BS/MD program between YSU and NEOUCOM, said undergraduate students in the BS/MD program receive financial aid from the university package just like any other YSU students.

Jon Newsom and Moriah Pagath, second-year students in the BS/MD program, said they have not heard about Gershen's proposed program yet, but would be interested in anything to help mitigate the cost of medical school.

Some grants are offered through the NEOUCOM Foundation, and private scholarships can also be obtained.

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Patrick Donovan

MyEdu: a new tool for students

Andrea DeMart
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

If students have ever wanted to know about professors before taking their classes, they now have the opportunity.

An online resource, MyEdu, is providing students with free professor evaluations, grading information and average GPAs for more than 750 universities.

The website is easy to use. The only requirement is that a profile is created. The general profile is free but you can upgrade your membership for \$5.

The \$5 membership covers one year of the extended service, which could be helpful to high school students.

Kathryn Walker, an official in the public relations department of MyEdu, said, "The membership is for students who are not sure what to major in. [Students] can look at various universities with the same major."

Website features include an option to compare textbook prices along with ratings to help choose the best classes and professors. The website does not

post the name of the user who is posting the review. There are also degree tools, which allow students to search for a type of degree and see which classes are needed to earn that degree.

"All of the information is public information," Walker said. "The biggest part is collecting data which is provided by the universities."

The site provides many ways to search: by class, professor, courses, degrees and careers. If searching for professors, students can compare the selected professor to other professors teaching the same course.

"We have helped over 2 million students," Walker said. "It is an all encompassing resource."

Professors' reactions to the website are mixed. Melissa Smith, a professor in the foreign languages and literatures department, is one of them.

"As a professor, I don't like it," she said. "I hope that students get more than one opinion."

Though she does not fully support the website as a professor, Smith said that when she was in college, she used a similar resource for choosing her class-

es. Amy Graban Crawford, assistant professor in communications, has similar feelings.

"Information is a good thing and feedback is a good thing," she said. "My problem with websites is that it is difficult to evaluate the motivation of people."

She also looks at the students' point of view.

"I would be worried about privacy issues as a student," Crawford said. "Is my grade information on the Web to see?"

Both professors feel that the information is helpful, but it is good if students consider where the information is coming from.

Erin Senediak, a sophomore in business administration, thinks it's good.

"It gives students a chance to see what they are getting into before the first day of class," she said.

David Capp, a sophomore in chemical engineering, disagrees.

"I don't like it," he said. "It forms preconceived notions about the class and teacher."

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Heroic Harmony



Jordan DePaul & The Reputations played by the fountain outside Kilcawley Center yesterday during Welcome Week 2010's "Heroic Harmony" event. The band played mostly originals but also mixed covers like Tom Petty's "You Wreck Me" into their set.

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sult.

Domhoff maintains that the elections committee is subject to executive committee authority and that the executive committee acted in the union's best interest by nullifying the vote and calling for a rerun.

Brennan, however, disagreed with the summary dismissal of the election and called for a third-party investigation by OEA counsel.

The results of the election have never been entered into record, and the sitting members remain in their seats under OEA approval until the new election is held.

Brennan said that he felt the precedent of overturning the election was a dangerous one.

"Their concerns were valid but the precedent would have been disastrous," he said.

Brennan expressed concern that future elections could be arbitrarily overturned if the re-

sults were undesirable to some parties and that this precedent could be used as the basis for that.

Domhoff is less supportive of the investigation and said she sees it as a delay.

"If we'd followed the executive committee ruling, we'd have brought in trainers and rerun the election already," she said.

Domhoff disagreed with keeping newly elected members out of their appointments.

Domhoff and Brennan, despite not knowing the results, said they expect the next election will turn out the same, although Domhoff speculated that some contenders for certain seats could withdraw from the election "in disgust."

Brennan said the end result of the investigation will be more agreeable to all parties, even though he suspects that the OEA will call for a new election anyway.

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the construction of a flat parking lot will result in the loss of 900 parking places. YSU has \$4.5 million set aside to do just that.

The money was earmarked from \$24.5 million borrowed by YSU last year for campus improvement. The \$4.5 million parking item took a backseat to the \$10 million reserved for upgrades at Kilcawley Center and \$7 million for the Watson and Tressel Training Site.

Still, something must be done about parking.

O'Connell said students are finding their way into the extra parking lots YSU has rented for the first week.

Finding these lots has required traffic redirection by parking services from full

parking decks to grassy areas and local businesses like the gravel lot partially owned by the Mahoning Valley Restaurant behind the M-1 parking deck on Wick Avenue.

O'Connell did stress that some lots are not filling up. The lot on Wood Street next to the Youngstown Historical Center in close proximity to the new Williamson College of Business Administration is available to students but has not been fully used.

Though Meshel said a new parking deck might be 10 to 15 years away, plans are underway to create new lots around campus.

O'Connell said bids are being secured for the construction of a paved lot between

the Beeghly College of Education and Fifth Avenue and the extension of the M-26 lot next to Smith Hall, which will be extended toward Belmont Avenue as YSU has purchased land to facilitate more parking.

"We will know in the next couple weeks who is doing that work," O'Connell said.

When the tennis and basketball courts are constructed along Fifth Avenue, the existing courts on Elm Street will also become parking lots.

After the construction of these four lots, an additional 585 to 625 spaces will be available for students. Until then, leaving for class early may be the only way to find an adequate parking spot.

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Schulick said.

Harry Meshel, a former state senator who serves on the board, said the YSU Board of Trustees wasn't able to agree on the student fee.

"Most [board members] didn't want the fee for students," Meshel said. "It may not be appropriate after the board already increased the tuition."

Meshel said there was some confusion as to how money

from the fee would be distributed.

For the student fee to pass, Meshel said strong support among students is needed and that SGA needs to provide evidence they understand what the fee is about.

Meditz also talked about other subjects he's going to be focusing on, such as the SGA office renovation, parking issues and changes to the student meal plan.

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With new leadership and a new year, students at YSU can presume that there is a new hope and vision for the collective future of this campus community.

But leadership does not stop at the doors of Tod Hall.

It extends not only to team captains, academic advisers, faculty and coaches, but staff and professional organizations as well.

YSU is home to several unions. While they all have their internal workings, and presumably internal conflicts and debates, none has drawn more attention and won more headlines than the Associated Classified Employees.

This union has been the premier lightning rod for criticism on campus and a hotbed of controversy.

There have been grievances filed — some would argue in excess, arbitrations, legal battles, strikes, negotiating faux pas and a variety of other misfortunes. Some of them have been the union's fault (or that of some of its membership), while others have been unfortunate and unavoidable matters of circumstance.

Yet, where there is smoke, there is surely fire.

Undeniably, too much smoke has come from the ACE union.

It is this editorial board's contention that perhaps a fire extinguisher is badly needed and long overdue ... or at least some baking soda in the pan.

Consider for a moment that this union receives an incentive bonus for increased enrollment. The wide range of jobs performed by ACE members carries them across campus and into a variety of student interaction situations. They handle enrollment, admissions, maintenance, office management, communications, student accounts and parking, along with many other services.

They have argued vociferously that student concerns are their concerns.

Well, please listen, because we have a concern.

The borderline-anarchy is undoubtedly detracting from your collective ability to effectively serve this campus community. It may not all fall squarely on your shoulders, granted. And where the university is to blame for flawed interaction with ACE, the university must remedy that, and we promise to address them directly. But you all must be accountable and behave like adults.

Set the example for the students with whom you so frequently come into contact.

We all want this community and its members to move forward and prosper. We need everyone on board. That means you too.

Put out the fires where and when you can and preferably sooner rather than later. We challenge you to help set the tone for the success we all want.

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What's your stance on the planned mosque and Islamic Center near New York City's Ground Zero?



"I think it's a good idea but not the right time."

David Copp, sophomore



"I don't care."

Dennis Yommer, Teaching Assistant



"I think everyone deserves a church to practice their faith."

Ashley Boothe, freshman



Keeping the faith

Gregory Rodriguez
Los Angeles Times

The United States needs new immigrants to continually remind itself of its own values. That's the simple lesson I learned last week after a moment of despair.

On Monday, I watched the hilarious but depressing video of Rep. Louie Gohmert, a Texas Republican, rabidly defending his ludicrous claims that Middle Eastern women are coming to the U.S. to give birth to "terror babies" who will come back and bomb us in 20 years. On Tuesday, I saw a self-styled Christian on CNN arguing haughtily that we should not allow mosques to be built anywhere in the United States. Then, of course, there was the ranting of Holy Warrior Newt Gingrich, the moral cowardice of Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and the weak-kneed triangulation of President Obama. The contemptible political rhetoric aimed at Muslim-Americans frightened me.

But that's before I chatted with three young Muslim-American women who gave me back my faith. They reminded me that the United States is all about outsiders adhering to this country's first principles including equality and freedom of religion in their struggle to become insiders.

It's never been easy to become American. We may welcome the "tempest toss'd," but that doesn't mean they won't encounter a gantlet of exploiters and haters and a raucously free marketplace of ideas. What propels them forward is not only America's opportunities but the idealistic belief that despite the ugliness they may face, this country's ideals ultimately will triumph.

On Wednesday, I visited the tiny office of Al-Talib, the Muslim news magazine at UCLA. Three young women had agreed to talk with me, and though each of them had different stories and takes on life, they shared a fundamental resilience and optimism that impressed me. I had assumed that being Muslim in America these days was about as much fun as getting a pie in the face, but none of these women complained.

Each of them had encountered some form of overt prejudice. All of their families had had discussions about how "Muslim" one should be in public. They spoke of a "Muslimness" that had been thrust on them after 9/11 when they were only teenagers preconceived notions about their beliefs that they felt obliged to struggle against. Nonetheless, they all professed that they'd been desensitized to a lot of the ugly rhetoric that was getting me down, and they saw the blow-up over the so-called ground zero mosque as simply reflective of tensions that have been seething for years.

Nursing student Neda Momeni, 22, whose parents came from Iran, started wearing a hijab a year ago. She says she considers the source of whatever nasty things are being said or inferred about Muslims. She also puts things in historical perspective. "Every ethnic group has its struggles," she said. "Look, it's not as bad as it was for Japanese Americans. Considering the past, we're pretty lucky. I've never been denied a job or anything."

Fowzia Shareen, 24, who just graduated with a degree in English, doesn't deny that she gets mad. The L.A.-born Bangladeshi American particularly resents the implication that her religion is somehow un-American, and she feels it's important to define for herself what it means to be Muslim. "If other people are going to give me names," she says, "I might as well as name myself."

The same goes for Afghanistan-born Sayeda Fazal, 22, who professes an unshakable belief in American pluralism. "I think people are offended by the mosque because they think 9/11 was caused by Islam. Muslims haven't done a good job of teaching people about their beliefs."

After some prodding, all three women confessed that having to combat negative assumptions about them does take a lot of energy. But they all seemed to feel that somehow it was their duty, both as Muslims and Americans. They were convinced that the less the public knows about Muslims, the more they will be demonized. In order to achieve greater understanding, they thought, Islam would have to become more, not less, visible in the United States.

Just as strongly though, they thought that America had to step up. They can cope with the gantlet, but they expect this nation to adhere to its promise and extend to them equal rights and more: all the comforts of home.

"I really believe American principles will win out," Shareen said. "Every time we've been at a moral impasse, we've gotten over it."

The "we" says it all. I drove home relieved.

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YSU welcomes back Tyrone Wells

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EDITOR

As part of this year's Welcome Week, Youngstown State University will welcome special guest Tyrone Wells to perform once again on campus during a Penguin Pre-Party.

Wells, who recently released his fifth album, "Metal

and Wood," will take the stage for a second time after opening for Matt Nathanson and Augustana during last year's Welcome Week.

Student programming intern Danielle Long said Wells was chosen after overwhelming support from the student body.

"Tyrone Wells was a pretty easy one. We picked him basically because he opened for Matt Nathanson and Augustana

last fall, so we wanted to bring him back because we knew a lot of people liked him," Long said. "It just happened to be a really good opportunity as far as routing because he's going to be in Pittsburgh the night before ... it just was one of those things that just fell together."

Sophomore Susan Rowe voiced her support for the pick as well.

"I am definitely going to

see Tyrone Wells," she said. "I love everything about his music, especially his voice, and his lyrics are very relatable."

The concert will begin at 7 p.m. in Peaberry's Cafe on Sept. 16. It will be shortened to two hours, as opposed to the normal three-hour runtime, and features only the headlining band. Long said this was changed to reduce the number of students leaving before the

set is finished.

The Penguin Pre-Party is free to students. A variety of prizes will be offered during the evening.

"As far as prizes this year, we have a lot of good concert tickets we're giving away," Long said. "If you come to all five [Penguin Pre-Parties], at the end of the last one, you can get put into a drawing for a free acoustic guitar and 12 free guitar lessons."

Student groups meet and greet at organizational fair

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ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Student Organizational Fair echoed the Welcome Week superhero theme by allowing students the opportunity to choose a team.

Carrie Anderson, coordinator of programs and marketing for campus recreation and student programming, said the purpose of the fair "is to give our regular student organizations a chance to showcase what they have going on, what their group has to offer students."

Although the fair is being held during Welcome Week, students should be aware that this is not just for incoming freshmen. All students can participate and join groups they are interested in.

A new group on campus this semester, Youngstown State University Humans vs. Zombies, is trying to let students know what they are all about.

Nick Uroseva, founder and president of the group, explained that the goal of Humans vs. Zombies is a game of tag. One player is a zombie and the other players, humans, must hit the zombie with "weapons" such as rolled socks, Nerf guns or foam swords. This in turn "stuns"

the zombie for 15 minutes and the zombie cannot "tag" the humans while stunned.

Uroseva learned of the game through a friend attending Bowling Green State University and he felt it would work well at YSU. The only issue that the group has faced is where to play.

"Ideally, this game is played over seven days on campus in between classes," Uroseva said. "YSU Police will not allow the game to be played on campus."

For now, the group must play at local parks.

Another group on campus is hoping to raise awareness of its presence. The Student Nonprofit Leadership Organization focuses on preparing students for careers in nonprofit leadership.

"I am focusing on three things; raise, recruit, retain," said Classy Brown, president of SNLO. "Raise funds, recruit new people and retain people and community ties."

SNLO works with many community nonprofit organizations such as Hands On Volunteer Network, Humility of Mary, Animal Charity, Angels for Animals and Big Reach.

"I am not necessarily looking for business school students," Brown said. "I am looking for liberal arts ma-

jors, [and] science majors [as well]."

Brown explained that all students would need to be involved in volunteer service at some point in their school careers and that this is a good way to become involved. Brown described involvement in SNLO as a "good resume builder."

Both organizations stress that you do not need to specialize in anything specific, just to share a common interest in the organization and its purpose.

Anderson said feedback from this event, in previous years, has been tremendous.

"There are 60 groups currently signed up with some on a waiting list," Anderson said.

The Organizational Fair was held Tuesday in front of Kilcawley Center but there will be a smaller version of the fair tonight during the Penguin Pre-Party for those still interested in researching a group that fits their interest.

YSU's next Student Organizational Fair will be held Thursday from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

A glimpse into the study habits of YSU's finest

Marissa McIntyre
REPORTER

The dean's list; for all students it's a goal. Some strive for it more than others. Some believe that it's too unreachable to even try. Or is it?

Youngstown State University senior Jeanette Iskander, who is double majoring in psychology and political science, said some of the techniques she uses help her achieve her academic goals.

"Using a planner is extremely important for me. It helps me to know when I have exams and when I have projects due so I know when to get to work," she said. "Note cards seem to really help me. If you need to memorize material, it's an easy way to study. Plus, actually writing out the information seems to really help me retain the subject."

But what happens when you actually sit down to study, and there's a computer with easy access to distractions, people texting and the ever-important Facebook?

"If it's a more challenging class that requires my utmost attention, there can be no distractions. No TV, no cell phone and definitely no Facebook," Iskander said. "I usually have to sit at a table in a room by myself in order to not get distracted."

"If the material isn't as challenging, I can sometimes listen to music while I work," she said.

While textbooks can, at times, be a heavy burden on the pocketbook, Iskander said it's important to read the text for each class.

"I also think it's extremely helpful to read your text way before the exam. Don't wait until the last minute because if you do, you may encounter material that you don't quite understand and you might not

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-Jeanette Iskander, senior

have time to ask the professor for help," she said.

It's no secret that studying is important, but it's not the only part of a student's life that is important in order to succeed.

"I try to complete my school work as early in the day as possible so I can have time to socialize with others. However, if the work isn't done, I don't go out," Iskander said.

And she's not the only one who takes the initiative to put work before play. Emily Zehall, a sophomore dental hygiene major, agrees.

"Balancing school and recreation is usually pretty easy. When the school work is finished, rec time can come," she said.

Fear not, school doesn't have to be the entire life of a student.

Zehall said some activities that help keep her active outside of school are tennis, horseback riding, kayaking and spending time at Mill Creek Park and the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center at YSU.

"When studying, I usually pick a quiet setting, make sure the TV is off and [make sure] that I'm not lying on my bed," she said. "As well as taking breaks every hour or so, and go back to studying when I can."

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A Youngstown Staple since 1974

Robert Merz
REPORTER

He meets your gaze with a warm, firm resolve, his face eventually breaking into a welcoming smile as he grasps your hand with a firm, solid shake.

"How are you doing today?" he asks playfully.

You have just met Charlie Staples, owner of Youngstown's landmark barbecue restaurant, Charlie Staples Original Famous Bar-B-Que.

Behind his wide smile and engaging eyes is a man of many talents, a man who is more than the "Barbecue King of Youngstown."

Now 62, Staples was born in Williamson, W.Va. His family moved to Kentucky and eventually settled in Youngstown when Staples was five. He attended Elm Street School, then Hayes Middle School, then Rayen High School, before being sent to Columbus at age 15 to attend Central High School, from which he would later graduate.

After graduation, Staples joined the Marine Corps and volunteered for service in Vietnam. He had not disclosed he had asthma when he joined, and as soon as it was discovered, Staples was discharged.

"I knew I had it. They did not ask me, so I did not tell them," he said.

The humble beginnings of a self-made man

"I wanted a business with all my heart," Staples said. "I had a burning in my stomach. I had to have my own business."

Surprisingly, his first inclination was not barbecue; he first sought to open a convenience store, but the deal went south. Afterward, he approached the owner and asked frankly why the business was for sale to begin with. When it became clear that the profit margins were not what Staples had imagined, he focused on what the seller was setting his own sights on: the restaurant business.

As it turned out, fate would intervene.

Staples described how meeting Bill Robinson, owner of Bill Robinson's BBQ, was fortuitous. Robinson's eatery had been located on the corner across the street from the current restaurant since 1934.

"I was eager and hungry for something. I didn't know nothing about cookin'," Staples said.

Undeterred, Staples bought out the 85-year-old Robinson in 1974, and the restaurant was renamed C. Staples Bar-B-Que.

"[Robinson] was extremely upset about changing the name, and he let me know it in no uncertain terms," Staples said.

Staples' face grew more serious as he continued.

"He just couldn't physically do it anymore. His business had dropped to about nothing. He taught me everything I still know about the barbecue business," Staples said.

Staples paused.

"He treated me like a son," he said.

It took only a short time for Staples to make his mark.

"We were able, within a two- or three-year period, to become the barbecue king in Youngstown," Staples remarked with pride.

A short time after, Staples expanded the restaurant to Columbus where he opened two new stores, the most successful being at the corner of Livingston Avenue and Alum Creek. The location proved to be ideal.

"I leased it, renovated it...got fancy uniforms. Man, we hit with a splash," Staples said. "We literally could not handle the business. We had to cook ribs 24 hours a day. When we left at night, we'd lock the door and the rib cooks would stay in there all night. We did that every day."

At the time, Columbus was considered a restaurant proving ground of sorts, and Staples' success was noticed immediately.

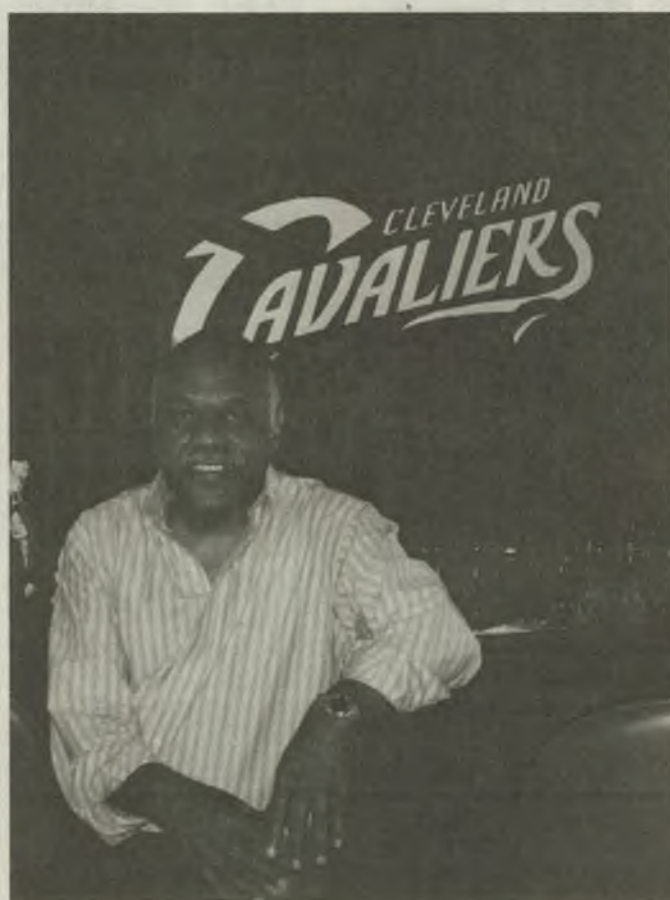
"That corner was a sleeper," Staples said. "Soon here comes Wendy's, McDonald's, Elby's. Every six months there was a new one. Bam! Bam! Bam!"

The birth of the Wing Ding?

It was not long before Staples would feel the sharp spear of competition. Elby's restaurant introduced a liver, rice and

mand. I'm thinking what kind of a can of worms did we open up here?"

The success of Charlie's paddles would eventually catch the attention of an



up-and-coming bar and grill called Buffalo Wild Wings.

"It sounds ridiculous — ludicrous — but the truth is, it was C. Staples who started that whole phenomenon with those wings," Staples said.

"Charlie, did you ever realize that a pig only has two slabs of ribs?"

This quip is attributed to Dave Thomas, famous understudy to Col. Harland Sand-

"I didn't do bad against those giants — McDonald's, Wendy's. Sister's was the last nail in my coffin in Columbus; I could not come back after that," Staples said.

A new direction

In 1981, after closing the C. Staples stores in Columbus, Staples partnered with fellow restaurant owner Carl Young, who ran the C. Staples location in Youngstown. Young died in 1993, and his wife, Emma, then oversaw daily operations. It was during these years that Staples tackled a new challenge.

"I went and got a map of the United States, opened

it up, and said, 'Marge, anywhere in the United States, where you want to live at?'" Staples said.

They ended up in Houston. Staples, not one to be idle, quickly jumped on the idea of product distribution, and opened Hair-N-Care Beauty Supply in 1981.

"We had seven stores between San Antonio and Houston, and, by 1985, we were the largest black-owned beauty and barber supply in the country," Staples said. "We never had that big item that — bam!

was going to move me off this corner."

And that corner at Belmont and West Rayen avenues has been good for Youngstown, as it has been home to the legacy that is Youngstown barbecue. Since 1934, the smoky aroma of slow cooked pork, chicken and ribs has invited, and continues to invite, the barbecue faithful.

The Sauce . . .

No story on Charlie Staples would be complete without comment on the legendary sauce.

"No, I'm not going to share what's in that," Staples said. "But I will share the story Bill [Robinson] told me about its origins."

Robinson was a furniture repairman and refinisher before his barbecue became famous in the 1930s. One afternoon, a well-off lady from the Carolinas paid him a visit. She wanted some expensive furniture repaired but was not happy with the price Robinson quoted her for the work.

She countered his estimate with a proposal that she turn over her dead husband's sauce recipe as partial payment. She said her husband had made a small fortune in the barbecue business in the Carolinas.

Robinson accepted and tossed the recipe into a dresser drawer where it sat until he pulled it out one Independence Day.

"He decided to make it for family that holiday," Staples said. "It was a big hit. Everybody loved it. For the next few years, he made it on the Fourth, and the crowds got bigger. Eventually, the furniture business died out, and he just made the barbecue."

Staples said he hasn't modified the recipe.

"It is the same, exact recipe. So is the cole slaw; it's the original recipe. That sauce recipe is for sure over 71 years old and probably over 100," Staples said. "Bill always said, 'No good barbecue man will ever sell his sauce.'"

But good news, Youngstown: Charlie plans to distribute the famous sauce locally in the near future.

"A Cup of Love"

And now for the secret: what is in "a cup of love"? Simply Charlie's love for Youngstown.

"I am a people person — I like people — I like interacting and dealing with people;

it makes the restaurant business perfect," Staples said. "I've done a lot, but the restaurant business was always my first love, and I love it here."

Reflecting, Staples said, "There was no place else — no place else — I wanted to be except in my restaurant. That's just where I wanted to be. You're gonna get all the blame, or you're gonna get all the credit. It makes me feel good to sit back and know it was my creation. We probably brought more people into adding barbecue to their diet than anyone else prior to us."

And for now Staples has no plans to retire.

"Hopefully, somebody will come along after me or my wife and put their 30 or 40 years in ... I'd love that ... let's get some real history here," Staples said.

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onion dinner at the remarkable price of just \$1.99.

"When I got off of work, I just went on over there and sat down and ate — and it was absolutely delicious! And I said ... how am I going to compete with this?" Staples said.

The answer came from Staples' chicken supplier, Farmer Brown from Lancaster, Ohio, who offered Staples a deal he could not refuse: chicken wing "paddles."

"Farmer Brown had a deal with Long John Silver's to provide 'peg legs,' the wing drumette," Staples said. "So he says, 'Charlie, I can give you that flat part for practically nothing.'"

Staples would offer the paddles as a loss leader, 15 for \$1.75.

"I had no idea what I was doing," Staples said. "We could not keep up with de-

ers and owner of the Wendy's hamburger franchise, when he broke the news to Staples that his bid to purchase C. Staples had fallen through.

"We done so well that Dave come down. He was going to buy C. Staples," Staples said.

As part of the deal, Thomas was prepared to offer Staples 15 percent revenue and the role of "goodwill ambassador."

"I'd just fly around and make appearances, like the Colonel," Staples said.

Unfortunately for Staples, the tumultuous pig market squashed the deal when Thomas' market studies showed that they simply could not keep up with demand. Instead, Thomas opened Sister's Fried Chicken.

Eventually, pressure from the fast food market was just too much, and Staples was forced to close his Columbus stores.

— took off. I absolutely loved that beauty business."

With an eye to the future, Staples again blazed a new path, this time opening Magg Productions, his beauty supply manufacturing business in 1990. Staples would later sell Magg Productions to Soft Sheen, a Chicago-based company.

In 2003, after Emma Young died, Staples moved Magg Productions back to Youngstown, and ran the business from a separate part of the C. Staples restaurant, which remained closed until 2005 when Staples purchased the current location, formerly Lightner's Auto Body, and did a complete renovation.

"Selling to Soft Sheen allowed me and my wife to put 100 percent of our time in the restaurant business," Staples said. "It was my deepest desire to stay right here. Nothing

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Penguin Pressure



Expectations high around the Ice Castle

Keith Langford Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

Another Youngstown State University football season draws near, and the buzz around Penguin nation points to the new sheriff in town, the big, bad wolf: Eric Wolford.

Many questions have been raised about Wolford since he's been in charge after Jon Heacock stepped down as head coach. Is this guy as good as he seems? Would his charisma and energy translate into wins for the Penguins?

Wolford certainly looks the part as coach of a blue-collar team like YSU, but will it bring fans, who were non-existent toward the end of the Heacock era, back to the Ice Castle? Can he put fans back into Stambaugh Stadium?

Some fans who showed up for the scrimmage Saturday certainly hope to get their money's worth come the regular season.

Allen Jones Sr. of Youngstown watched the Penguins' scrimmage; he sensed a completely different team than the one who played a season ago.

"[It] seems like a lot of fire with guys they've stirred up," Jones said.

Bob Radakovich, father of sophomore offensive tackle Andrew Radakovich, also attended the scrimmage, and he said the Penguins are doing the right things.

"We're excited and hoping things work out better than last year," the elder Radakovich said.

Even YSU President Cynthia Anderson was impressed with how the Penguins looked.

"I think Coach Wolford has done a very good job recruiting. He's very enthusiastic. I think that his values are very good," Anderson said.

The Penguins are coming off a winning season of 6-5 but now have a new coach, Wolford; a new quarterback, redshirt freshman Kurt Hess; and a new starting running back, one by committee similar to a season ago with Kevin Smith and Dana Brown.

But YSU lost an all-star receiver to the NFL.

The Penguins are starting from scratch on offense. None of this seems to faze Wolford.

"I feel confident and obviously in what our football team has as far as guys that want to work hard and to do things right. We've changed the attitude, we've changed the culture here," Wolford said.

Hess said he doesn't seem too nervous at the notion of starting the season on the road at Pennsylvania State University.

"I won't be too nervous," Hess said about the season opener in Happy Valley. "I want to go out and take full advantage and go out and get a win."

On the defensive end, the Penguins lost three of the top four leaders in tackles from a season ago. The only one who has returned from last season is senior free safety Andre Elliot.

Another key contributor to last season's defense was junior Deonta Tate. Tate had a solid season with 35 tackles in eight games played. Only a couple of Penguins had more tackles from a season ago.

"As we grow as a defense, it's about what we are willing to give up for that person next to us," Tate said about the upcoming season.

FCS TOP 25

1. VILLANOVA
2. MONTANA
3. APPALACHIAN STATE
4. WILLIAM & MARY
5. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
6. RICHMOND
7. ELON
8. STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
9. SOUTH DAKOTA ST.
10. NEW HAMPSHIRE
11. SOUTH CAROLINA ST.
12. MCNEESE ST.
13. EAST. WASHINGTON
14. NORTHERN IOWA
15. JAMES MADISON
16. DELAWARE
17. JACKSONVILLE ST.
18. EAST. ILLINOIS
19. WEBER STATE
20. PRAIRIE ST. A&M
21. LIBERTY
22. COLGATE
23. PENN
24. MONTANA ST.
25. HOLY CROSS

MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL

1. YOUNGSTOWN ST. (0-0)
2. INDIANA STATE (0-0)
3. MISSOURI STATE (0-0)
4. NORTH DAKOTA ST. (0-0)
5. NORTHERN IOWA (0-0)
6. SOUTH DAKOTA ST. (0-0)
7. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (0-0)
8. WESTERN ILLINOIS (0-0)
9. ILLINOIS STATE

PENGUIN SPOTLIGHT



BRANDIAN ROSS

POSITION: Cornerback
YEAR: Senior
HOMETOWN: Richmond, VA
HIGH SCHOOL: Meadowbrook
2009 Season Stats
TACKLES: 47
INTS: 2
FRFUM: 1

SCHEDULES

FOOTBALL

- Sept. 4- @ Penn State
- Sept. 11- BUTLER
- Sept. 18- CENTRAL CONN. ST.
- Sept. 25- SOUTHER ILL.
- Oct. 2- @ Missouri State
- Oct. 9- NORTH DAKOTA ST.
- Oct. 16- @ Western Ill.
- Oct. 23- @ South Dakota St.
- Oct. 30- UNI (Homecoming)
- Nov. 6- @ Illinois St.
- Nov. 13- Indiana St.

SOCCER

- Aug. 26- @ IPFW
- Aug. 29- @ Toledo
- Sept. 3- HOWARD
- Sept. 5- UMKC
- Sept. 12- CANISIUS
- Sept. 17- @ Oakland
- Sept. 19- @ Michigan

VOLLEYBALL

- Aug. 28- vs. Buffalo
- WVU Classic
- Aug. 28- vs. Akron
- WVU Classic
- Aug. 29- @ West Virginia
- WVU Classic
- Aug. 31- @ Saint Francis (Pa.)
- Sept. 3- HOWARD
- YSU Invitational
- Sept. 4 NIAGARA
- YSU Invitational

Lipari named pitching coach, recruiting coordinator

Jordan Uhl
SPORTS REPORTER

Dan Lipari, who spent last season as a volunteer assistant coach for the Youngstown State University baseball team, was recently named assistant coach and recruiting coordinator.

Replacing his older brother, Tom, who took a pitching coach position with the University of Pittsburgh, Lipari will fulfill similar duties.

Head coach Rich Pasquale, who made the decision, chose Lipari for his organizational skills and the quality of work he put in with the pitchers last season.

"Our players, especially the pitchers, all respected Coach Lipari's knowledge. He's an up and comer in [Division I]. He's very positive, and I'm encouraged with how he handled the day-to-day last year," Pasquale said. "He's got a passion for the game, and I can trust him. He comes from a good baseball family and gets things done. He does them the right way. When he goes around recruiting, he's a very good representation of the program. I'm comfortable with him."

Eric Marzec and Aaron Swenson, who were signed to professional contracts, contacted Pasquale and suggested the younger

Lipari for the vacant position, solidifying Pasquale's decision.

Lipari began to draw attention over the summer for his performance as a coach of the Brainerd Lakes Area Lunkers in the Northwoods Summer Collegiate League.

"That was a great experience. I wouldn't trade it for the world," Lipari said. "Brainerd was a great opportunity, but where I want to be, I eventually want to have my own college program. For that to happen, I need to stay in the NCAA, and I need recruiting experience."

The manager of the Brainerd organization offered Lipari a managerial position, which Lipari declined because he would be "unable to keep a recruiting position."

Pasquale pointed out how remarkable Lipari's performance was, given the inability to work pitchers as hard due to pitch counts and their college coach's stipulations.

Looking forward, Lipari said he's optimistic.

"From a pitching standpoint, there's a lot of young guys. Last season we had three true freshmen have over 20 appearances," Lipari said. "As for the older guys, they know what to expect. They know their time with Youngstown State baseball won't last, they will make the most of it."



LIPARI



New pitching coach and recruiting coordinator Dan Lipari looks on at last season's Penguin baseball team.

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