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YSU Republicans hold health forum

Chelsea Pflugh
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

When the College Republicans at Youngstown State University discovered neither Rep. Tim Ryan or Rep. Charlie Wilson were going to do a face-to-face debate on health care, they knew they had to act.

The group organized and hosted a town hall meeting in room 132 of DeBartolo Hall Tuesday night in front of a crowd of roughly 60 community residents, students, professors and health care professionals.

College Republican President Jim Shaw voiced concerns about raising awareness of House Bill 3200. The bill, currently moving through the House of Representatives,

deals directly with affordable health care for America.

"When the congressmen weren't going to [have public meetings], we stepped in," said Shaw, a senior political science major. "We need to enlighten students about this bill and give the community the opportunity to voice concerns and just learn about HR3200," he added.

Shaw and the College Republicans sent certified mail invitations to Rep. Wilson and Rep. Ryan to be present at the town hall meeting, but Shaw said neither responded. YSU College Democrats were also invited, but declined for various reasons, Shaw said.

"I think Tim Ryan is in Akron doing a fundraiser today, actually," Shaw said. "I guess money is more important to



Dr. Charles McGowen presents on Ohio health care.

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him than talking to his constituents."

Donald Allen, who is running for the U.S. House of Representatives 6th Dis-

trict, Bill Johnson, sales tax reform advocate, Dr. Charles McGowen, retired physician

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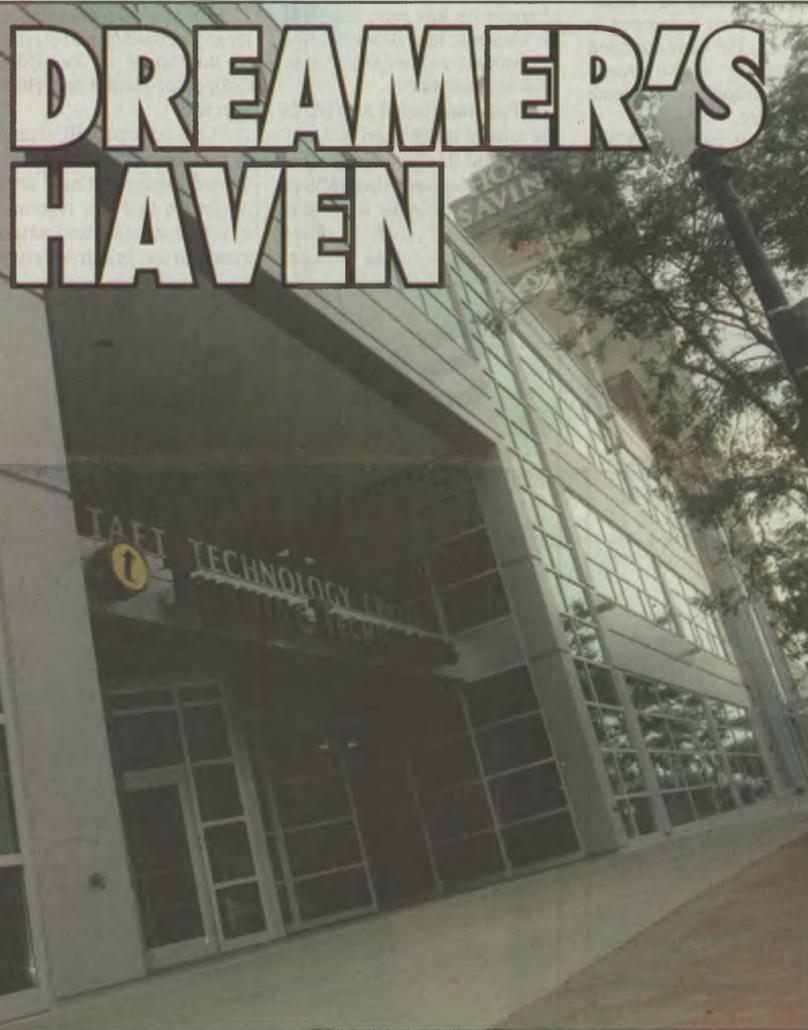


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Youngstown named one of top 10 cities to start a business

Josh Stipanovich
NEWS EDITOR

Youngstown has recently been named as a top 10 city to start a business, and holds the cover of the August issue of Entrepreneur Magazine.

Of the 10 cities selected, Youngstown ranks last when it comes to population. Youngstown, which was ranked ninth, has a total population of 73,618, while the fourth ranked city, San Diego, has just over 3 million.

The story behind Youngstown dates clear back to when it was a prominent city in the steel business.

Since that time, Youngstown has become home to the Youngstown Business Incubator, which accelerates the startup and growth rates of technology-based businesses in the Mahoning Valley, as well as Turning Technologies LLC, which develops educational technology for many schools and universities across the country, including Youngstown State University.

According to an article on www.tribtoday.com, Turning Technologies now employs 140 people, and for every \$10,000 invested with the business incubator, 50 to 70 more jobs will be generated.

The growth of both businesses has opened up opportunities for other businesses in the downtown area.

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Private firm aides search for president

Dan Pompili
ASSIST. NEWS EDITOR

In a July 14 meeting, the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees approved the independent consultant Storbeck/Pimentel & Associates, LLC to aid in the search for YSU's new president.

YSU will pay a "professional fee" of \$95,000 to Storbeck/Pimentel for "professional quality ... timely completion and coordination of all search services," according to the YSU Board of Trustees' resolution. The firm will be compensated an additional "engagement fee" of \$14,250 (15 percent of the professional fee) for communication costs and research.

Both fees will be paid in three simultaneous installments of \$36,416.67.

The first payment was made on July 29. The second will be made this month, with the final payment issued at the end of September.

The resolution also cites payment for expenses "such as candidate and consultant travel, advertising, photocopying express mail and some consulting charges ... on a case-by-case basis."

However, if the candidate chosen by Storbeck/Pimentel is not successful within the first 12 months of his or her term, the consulting firm will be reimbursed for additional expenses to find a new candidate.

YSU Board of Trustees Chairman Scott Schulick said the firm comprises essentially one third of the search process.

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New semester, same policy

Juliana Hull
REPORTER

In a nonscientific survey conducted during spring semester, 85 percent of Youngstown State University students surveyed said no one has tried to stop them from smoking on campus.

According to Manager of News and Information Services Ron Cole, students are not allowed to smoke on campus except for the surface park-

ing lots and sidewalks adjacent to the roadways. Many students ignore YSU's smoking policy and smoke freely on campus. Cole said last semester that:

"It is still a on-going process and we try to increase awareness of what the regulations are."

Student Government Association president Zach Brown advises everyone, especially incoming freshman, to "follow the regulations" and "put out your butts and throw them away."

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Police Briefs

On Monday, YSU Police were dispatched to Tod Hall after an office worker complained of a man calling her office "several times" to inquire about class information for his son.

YSU Police were dispatched to Lyden House on Sunday when a resident complained of injury from striking her foot on a metal bed slat left in an office. Paramedics arrived at the scene to inspect the injury, but the resident refused ambulance service. Her resident assistant took her for medical care. Police found the bed slat leaned against the wall with the hook exposed.

YSU Police were dispatched to Lyden House on Sunday after a fire alarm was activated. The police arrived at a resident's room where occupants admitted to setting off the alarm while using a hair straightener. Police noted an odor of burnt hair in the room. The Youngstown Fire Department, also dispatched, determined the room and building safe.

On Sunday, YSU Police pursued a white Pontiac after it ran through an OVI checkpoint at high speed, nearly striking officers at the scene. They found a vehicle matching the description in front of a Kensington Avenue residence. There was no driver in the vehicle, and the female passenger refused to comply with officers' questions regarding the driver's whereabouts. She admitted to owning the vehicle, which was then impounded pending investigation.

Engineering students' wallets hit hardest at the bookstore

Alicia Pattillo
REPORTER

Although many college students tend to believe all textbooks are expensive, most at Youngstown State University – both students and bookstore employees – agree that engineering students probably fork out the most for their books.

YSU Bookstore Sales Manager Lenny Sefcik said he thought the most expensive major would probably be "between engineering and nursing."

Sefcik said both majors seem to have greater demands. Additionally, though Sefcik said engineering and nursing take the lead in costliness, Sefcik guessed that English would be the cheapest major, mainly "because they're all

paperback books."

Other YSU Bookstore employees said they feel similarly; junior Alexa Marino said that without a doubt engineering is an expensive major. Marino uses an engineering book published by the American Institute of Steel Construction which retails for \$350 new and \$262.50 used.

Marino said education would probably be the cheapest major.

Junior Sarah Greene, Marino's co-worker, agrees with Marino.

"The books in engineering are so expensive," Greene said, adding that the prices for nursing textbooks are not far behind.

Greene, a medical assisting major, said she spent \$450 this semester on textbooks. She

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Dean Mosca optimistic about College of Health and Human Services future

Samantha Cavalier
REPORTER

With more than 20 years of experience at Youngstown State University, Joseph Mosca began his deanship of the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services on July 1.

Mosca attended the University of Illinois, Chicago, where he obtained his bachelor's and master's degrees in social work. He then attended the University of Pittsburgh where he earned his doctorate in philosophy.

Prior to his career at YSU, Mosca served as the director of clinical services at the Catholic Service League in Youngstown for five years. Additionally, Mosca was a clinical social

worker at Trumbull County Mental Health Center in Warren for two years.

Mosca has been teaching at YSU for 21 years. He taught in the department of social work for 18 years, served as chair of the department of social work for five years and was the associate dean of the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services for two years.

Mosca said he likes the changes he has seen this year on campus, and describes the atmosphere as energetic, beautiful and talented.

"Fall enrollment at YSU is the largest it has been in many years, and this has contributed to an atmosphere that is very energized. We have a diverse, multi-talented student body, as well as a beautiful physical

campus. YSU is a place that I care about deeply," Mosca said.

Mosca said many positive relationships have resulted from his time at YSU.

"I have wonderful colleagues, and have established many longstanding professional and personal relationships. I believe that the university is vital to both our community and region," Mosca said.

Mosca has an abundance of ideas to broaden and strengthen the future of the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services.

"Our college will continue to seek opportunities to develop and implement new degree programs that are responsive to regional, state and national trends in the health, safety and

human service professions," Mosca said.

Mosca said nearly 4,000 students are enrolled in the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services.

"We are dedicated to and focused on providing comprehensive advisement that will contribute to the success and ultimate retention of our majors. We want to ensure that we meet the needs of our students through the ongoing support and guidance from our faculty and staff," Mosca said.

Although Mosca is a dedicated full-time dean, he still makes time for his favorite hobbies, which include cooking, reading literature and golfing.

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When asked about the new no smoking signs, Brown commented, "I didn't know anything about it until I saw the signs, I thought there was going to be something more permanent on campus."

Brown is aware that students break the rules but is more worried "about where they put their cigarette butts."

Last December Brown and other members of SGA picked up "five black garbage bags full of cigarette butts" in front of Kilcawley Center, DeBartolo Hall and other major buildings on campus.

"I don't want trash everywhere," Brown says. "Stick to smoking where you are supposed to. There is a map that shows you where you can smoke."

Lt. Advizo of the YSU Police Department plans on enforcing YSU's smoking policy and wants students to be aware of the consequences.

"The consequences fall within the student disciplinary code for students conduct," Advizo said. "If the officers



get a compliant or see a student smoking they will take the necessary action."

"Necessary actions" include being fined or even escorted off campus by an officer.

Freshman Rachel Robison says she doesn't see why smoking is a problem if "it's away from others. It would be good to know where the designated smoking areas are," she said.

Junior Brad Lynch commented on the red signs, saying, "The signs are stupid and nobody follows them anyway."

BUSINESS page 1

Three years ago, owner Jacob Harver began producing ideas about the newest local business, The Lemon Grove Cafe which launched its grand opening earlier this month.

Harver said starting the business wasn't easy, but well worth it. "It was a lot of work and long days and a lot of bureaucracy to ship through," Harver said. Despite not placing many advertisements for the cafe, Harver said business has been "pretty good."

Good timing is key to starting a business, and considering the recent story in Entrepreneur Magazine, Harver's could not have been better.

Harver said he thinks Youngstown is in a "good position because for too long we have been stuck in the mindset of the post-industrial collapse. It is a hopeful time because we have a lot of creative people, a lot of great artists in this area that make Youngstown's future look bright."

Hanna Kassis, graduate student at YSU and an advocate of business in Youngstown, said that the incentive packages Mayor Williams has introduced have helped the city tremendously, which in turn makes Youngstown a deserving candidate as a top ten city to start a business.

"When you're [Youngstown] at rock bottom, there's nowhere else to go but up," Kassis said. "Mayor Williams

has done a lot like tax cuts in the city, and decreased tax on businesses."

Kassis said the reason for the incentive packages are to "bundle" utilities and rent into a cheaper price. Kassis compares the incentive packages to AT&T, when they allow customers to package cell phone, cable and Internet bills together at a cheaper price.

The incentive packages are in turn pulling more residents to Youngstown, which helps businesses grow, according to Kassis.

"[Youngstown has] come a long way since 2004 ... the city has grown economically in the past five years more than it has since Black Monday," she said.

Kassis also attributes the success with business in Youngstown to U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan because of the work he has done with Mayor Williams, former Ohio Governor Bob Taft (for bringing the Youngstown Business Incubator downtown), CEO of the YBI Jim Cossler and Turning Technologies LLC.

"Turning Technologies is the model incubator company ... every incubator in America would want one of those," Kassis said.

CEO of Turning Technologies LLC Mike Broderick is also its founder and has worked in the industry for more than 19 years, and played a big role

in Youngstown being selected as a top 10 city to start a business.

"It's brilliant for the community," Broderick said in regards to the article in Entrepreneur Magazine. "I've gotten feedback from contacts all over the country that have seen that article ... that is the kind of good exposure that Youngstown needs."

With a younger generation contributing so much to the success of businesses in Youngstown today, Broderick said that the role they have played has been "huge."

Of the 140 employees at Turning Technologies LLC, at least half are in their early to mid-20s, Broderick said.

Broderick said he thinks that all of the ingredients for growth are here in Youngstown.

"Ingredients meaning strong community, good quality of life ... a community of people historically with a good work ethic," Broderick said.

He also has huge hopes for the future of Turning Technologies LLC in Youngstown.

"For Youngstown, I think we're an example of what any number of companies could do with the resources available here," he said. "As a company we're seeing more and more of them ... I think there could be 20, 30 or 50 Turning Technologies around in the next 10 years."

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Other methods include individual résumé submissions and peer nominations.

Schulick, appointed by the YSU Board of Trustees as chairman of the presidential search advisory committee, said the university has used consultants to find other executives, including provosts and vice presidents. He said this presidential search is the third using a private firm.

Schulick explained that the search committee is "early in the process." The YSU Board of Trustees and committee will meet over the next two weeks to establish a set of characteristics and criteria for potential candidates.

Chuck Bunting, a Storbeck/Pimentel search consultant, will be on campus next week meeting faculty, staff, trustees and students to develop a profile of YSU for the firm's search criteria. That list of traits will help form a kind of ultra-professional classified ad

for executive candidates.

Schulick said that typically, universities hire presidents from outside, and that most schools consult private firms. He cited that the last three presidents at YSU were selected from local, regional and national candidates.

"I think it's important that the new president be a good fit," Schulick said. "By that I mean coming into the community, becoming familiar with the culture of the area and embracing that."

Storbeck/Pimentel is responsible for "creat[ing] a timetable and process that will permit the selection of the next president not later than ... March 12, 2010." The YSU Board of Trustees is accountable for reducing the list of candidates to no more than five by Jan. 15.

Schulick said the real process will not actually begin until late September of this year.

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suggested that business majors would have the least expensive textbooks because "there are not that many books, and it's not that expensive."

Sophomore Dominic Corso, biology major, said majoring in biology can be fairly expensive.

Corso said although his lab books are not that pricey, most other books within his major are more than \$120.

"If I had to guess, the least expensive major would be education or art," Corso said. "This is because the course packets are like \$5 for education, and you wouldn't need that much for art."

Freshman Karrie Sheild said she was completely shocked when she saw the cost of engineering textbooks.

"It made me rethink if this was really worth it, but I love the idea of being an engineer and I love math," Sheild said. "At the end, it's all worth it."

Senior Monica Pearse said regardless of your major, textbooks will be expensive.

"As someone who changed their major multiple times, I have found that whether it is social work, history or professional ethics, if you're buying more than one book it will be expensive," Pearse said.

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The firm Storbeck/Pimentel & Associates has been engaged to assist in the search for YSU's next president. The consultants are not here to identify or select the final candidate. Rather, they are here to help assure that the search and selection process is handled with the greatest effectiveness and that the best possible president is identified for Youngstown State University.

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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WELCOME WEEK CONCERT TO ROCK BEEGHLY

Lamar Salter
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Get set to rock with Pete the Penguin as Augustana and Matt Nathanson come to Youngstown State University on Thursday for a free concert sponsored by Penguin Productions.

The concert, part of this year's Welcome Week, will be held at Beeghly Center. Doors open at 6 p.m.

An evaluation was conducted to determine students' musical preferences and the acts they were most interested in seeing perform on campus. Some of the other choices included pop star Lady Gaga and alternative rock act Ben

Folds. Anthony Muscatello, a Penguin Productions committee member and YSU graduate student, said the bands were chosen based on the results of the evaluation, as well as the standing budget for the concert.

"We don't have limitless pockets," Muscatello said. "We looked for the most affordable."

This year's lineup includes two genre-bending rock acts.

Augustana, an American rock band formed in San Diego, is currently signed to Epic Records. The band reached platinum status with their 2005 album "All the Stars and Boulevards," which spawned the hit single "Boston."

The band's second album, "Can't Love, Can't Hurt" was released last year and included the lead single "Sweet and Low." According to their Myspace page, the band is currently working on a third album.

The band was chosen based on popularity as well as convenience.

"Augustana worked out because the band was already on tour in the area," Muscatello said.

Massachusetts-born Matt Nathanson is a popular artist in the soft rock category.

Combining rock and folk genres, the 36-year-old musician has already released six studio albums, and is known for the single "Come On, Get Higher," from his 2007 album "Some Mad Hope." Na-

thanson's live performances have been described by Rolling Stone magazine as a "comedy show peppered with good music," due to Nathanson's light-hearted personality.

The show will be opened by Tyrone Wells, a folk and pop singer based out of Wash., and currently signed to Universal Records.

Around campus, students are ecstatic about this year's concert.

When asked about the acts, freshman Penelope Hana started reciting Nathanson's lyrics.

"I like both of them," Hana said as she started singing lyrics to Augustana's "Boston."

While freshman Chelsea Bradford wasn't too familiar with the acts, she was still excited for a free concert.

"It's great," Bradford said. "I mean it's free, and they are famous."

Penguin Productions has been active with booking major acts, including rap superstar Ludacris in 2007 and pop group Danity Kane at last year's Welcome Week.

"We're offering diversity through entertainment, and we aim to set up a different show altogether every year," Muscatello said.

The organization includes volunteer committee members, and the concerts are funded using general student fees to cover the cost for tickets.

All current YSU students get free access with a valid YSU ID. Each student can bring one guest for \$5.

FUN IN THE FOAM



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Approximately 1,200 students attended the Foam and Dance Party sponsored by YSU's Campus Recreation and Student Programming on Tuesday night. Free food, ice cream and drinks were provided, and many student organizations were also present.

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THE JAMBAR EDITORIAL BOARD

Recently, YSU hired Storbeck/Pimentel, a private consultant to aid the search for a new president. The base price tag for their services is \$109,250.

While the job of president is important, so are the fiscal needs of the campus community. The firm is based in Media, Pa. just north of Philadelphia. With YSU in a period of great and rapid transition, one would have to question if students would be better served to have people assisting in the process closer to home and more familiar with YSU and its tradition and trajectory.

With YSU re-categorized as an "Urban Research University" with open enrollment, increased technology funding is more imperative than ever. As you read this, you can surely hear the screams of a student seeking a parking spot; perhaps the need for funding can be seen here, also. Improvement of campus structural integrity is still flagrantly necessary in spite of all administrative efforts.

The need for a new chief administrator is clear, but why does the Board of Trustees not feel confident enough in its own decision-making capabilities to avoid exorbitant spending? Worse, if the firm provides a president who does not meet YSU's needs, the resolution provides an option to reimburse their costs while they fix their own mistake.

Surely, the money spent on an option which may bear no fruit, with other search options available, is money spent unwisely.

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Ted Kennedy: flawed but effective champion of liberalism

McClatchy-Tribune News Service
PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

The passing of Sen. Edward Moore "Teddy" Kennedy has silenced the greatest liberal voice of the past 50 years and drawn the curtain on an epic generation of a political dynasty.

Kennedy, 77, who died Tuesday night from brain cancer, was the third-longest serving senator in the nation's history. Although his liberalism was legendary, this Democrat's true effectiveness was in his ability to compromise with Republicans to get his initiatives enacted into law.

He never quite matched the public's adoration for his older brothers, President John F. Kennedy and Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, whose lives were cut short by assassins' bullets. But Ted Kennedy's legislative achievements far surpassed the impact of his brothers in the lives of ordinary citizens.

In 47 years in the Senate, Kennedy passed more than 300 laws. Among them are the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which made public places more accessible to the disabled, and the State Children's Health Insurance

Program of 1997, which funded the largest expansion of health insurance coverage for children since the 1960s. The COBRA Act of 1985, signed into law by President Reagan, gave workers the ability to continue health insurance after leaving employment. And Title IX opened up college sports to young women.

He was a lifelong ally of organized labor and a relentless advocate for increasing the minimum wage. Kennedy also was a champion of education; in 2002 he worked with President George W. Bush to enact the No Child Left Behind law. Earlier this year, he teamed with President Obama to enact a law to encourage more national service. When he died, he was still pushing for his longtime goal of universal health care.

He was born into a family that expected and demanded greatness. Father Joe Kennedy planned for one of his sons to become the nation's first Irish Catholic president; John Kennedy realized that dream in 1961. When JFK was assassinated in 1963, the torch passed to brother Bobby. When RFK, in turn, was cut down in 1968 as he was about to win the Democratic nomination for president, Ted stepped into the spotlight. A generation of

Kennedy admirers will always remember his eulogy for his brother, in a trembling voice, honoring a man "who saw wrong and tried to right it, saw suffering and tried to heal it, saw war and tried to stop it."

But Ted Kennedy never matched his brothers' presidential aspirations. The explanation was found primarily in his undeniable flaws.

Throughout his life, there were times when it seemed the only thing that could stop Ted Kennedy's achievements was Kennedy himself. A cheating scandal got him expelled from Harvard College. A long night of drinking in Palm Beach in 1991 ended with rape allegations against a nephew, who was ultimately acquitted. The scandal hampered the senator's effectiveness in Congress for years afterward.

But the reckless act that dogged Kennedy his entire career took place at Chappaquiddick, Martha's Vineyard, in 1969. After a party, the married Kennedy drove off a short wooden bridge with a young woman passenger in the car. The car sank into the inlet below and the woman, Mary Jo Kopechne, a Pennsylvania native, drowned. Kennedy swam to safety but did not notify authorities until after her body was discovered the next day.

Kennedy pleaded guilty to leaving the scene of an accident and received a two-month suspended sentence. He won re-election to the Senate from Massachusetts the following year, but Chappaquiddick ended his presidential hopes until 1980, when he lost to President Carter in the Democratic primary.

Despite such self-inflicted scandals, Kennedy always rededicated himself to work harder in the Senate, renewing his focus on improving conditions for average Americans. Accomplishments such as the Mental Health Parity Act of 1996, which forced insurers to treat the mentally ill more fairly, and the Ryan White Care Act, which enabled low-income AIDS patients to receive better treatment, are part of his compassionate legacy.

Obama awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom in July 2009, but Kennedy was too ill to attend the ceremony. In recent months, his illness kept him from his duties in the Senate where his voice had boomed on behalf of the disadvantaged for so many decades.

For millions of Americans, Ted Kennedy made this country a fairer and better place to live. His leadership will be missed.

Results show math, science aren't out of reach

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The conflicting data coming out about schools can make your head swirl. Too few kids ready for college. Too few students mastering their subjects. Too many teens trailing their global peers in math and science.

Then great data arrives, and you want to hug a teacher.

The latest positive news comes from the National Math and Science Initiative. Set up two years ago by Exxon Mobil and led by Tom Luce, a Dallas attorney and former assistant secretary of education, NMSI has been pushing for more students to take and pass Advanced Placement classes in six states.

The organization has been training and mentoring AP teachers in Arkansas, Virginia, Alabama, Massachusetts, Kentucky and Connecticut. It also offers students in those states a financial incentive to take the college-prep courses.

Results of that work are coming in, and coming in strong.

Today, NMSI is announcing in Alabama that the AP exam scores for the 67 schools in its program show an average increase of 51 percent in the number of math, science and English exams passed. As Luce says the scores often are more than nine times the average national increase.

Passing rates by minority students are especially striking — and contradict the argument that AP courses are only for students in tony suburban

schools.

In Arkansas, the passing rate increase among minorities rose 76 percent, twice the state average. In Virginia, minority scores jumped 107 percent, about 30 percent better than the overall average. And in Massachusetts, they went up about 95 percent, close to twice the state average increase. In all, scores for blacks and Latinos rose by an average of 71 percent.

These data are so encouraging because challenging AP courses often open the door to college, and because the progress is coming in math and science, two critical areas where U.S. students trail their peers.

New U.S. Department of Education information — remember, we warned you about these head-swirling reports — shows that our students now

rank below their peers in 31 countries in math.

Like others, we worry that the demand for math and science work can overwhelm other subjects, including the arts. But let's be realistic: Our nation's economic base depends on college graduates who can think conceptually about math and science. They are tomorrow's inventors. They are tomorrow's researchers. They are tomorrow engineers.

In fact, if you are troubled by the current economic scene, think how much worse it could be if we turned out fewer students who grasp math and science fundamentals.

Fortunately, the NMSI results show an opposite trend. Students can do better in math and science. We're thrilled to add that good news to the swirl.

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These golfers are primed for the big time as they line up putts before the Youngstown State University women's basketball golf outing at Pine Lakes Golf Club.

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Women's basketball holds golf outing

Keith Langford
SPORTS EDITOR

The Youngstown State University women's basketball team held a golf outing fundraiser at Pine Lakes Golf Club in Hubbard on Wednesday.

"All the money goes to the women's basketball team," said Shannon Sword, assistant coach.

Overall, 29 teams of four constituted the outing. The 29 teams were divided into three separate divisions: men's,

women's and co-rec.

Sword said the 29 teams were up from 18 teams last year.

The format for the outing was a four-person, best ball scramble. The first-place team in each division won a \$200 prize. Side games within the scramble included longest drive, longest putt and closest to the pin competitions.

Throughout the games, coaches and players provided free food and beverages at various holes.



The YSU women's basketball team held the golf outing at Pine Lakes Golf Course.



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WATTS center could attract more athletes to YSU

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Youngstown State University athletes will be able to practice year-round with the construction of the new Watson and Tressel Training Site (WATTS) on the north side of campus.

The WATTS Center is a \$10-million project that will convert the outdoor track, located east of Elm Street and south of the Madison Avenue Expressway, to a 300-meter indoor track and field. The facility, which will be completed in fall 2010, can be used by several campus teams in inclement weather, a selling point for athletes.

Senior football player Chris Mellot said, "This is great for the team, community and the school. We've had good weather this year, but in the four years that I've played, we needed it."

In addition to the positive feedback from athletes, the project is getting some major support from the community. The Tressel and Watson families have already donated \$1

million to the site. Several other supporters, including Edward J. DeBartolo Jr., have also contributed.

The WATTS Center will be funded mostly by donations and general revenue bonds. YSU Director of Facilities John Hyden said the WATTS Center is not expected to increase tuition for students, however.

Because the WATTS Center can be used in the offseason, coaches predict the facility will give athletes an advantage when compared to their competitors.

"We're so thankful for the administration doing this for us, and Tressel and family. We play at Eastwood Field, so it's tremendous to have something like this on campus," said Rich Pasquale, YSU head baseball coach.

Pasquale said he hopes to put up netting that will descend from the ceiling; he also wants to have mounds so the baseball and softball teams can practice in the building.

The WATTS Center is also expected to bring in fresh recruits to the campus. YSU Sports Information Director Trevor Parks said coaches

have pushed this idea hard in the past. Parks said this could be the crown jewel of a recruiting visit.

"[Other schools] are moving forward," Parks said. "This will help us to keep up or even stay ahead of others."

YSU football coach Jon Heacock agrees.

"I'm excited about it ... we're really looking at progress here," Heacock said.

Although priority will be given to varsity athletes, the facility may also be used for intramural and club sports, and possibly even for non-sporting events such as concerts. Those in charge of the project are hopeful this addition will be attractive to high school students who are looking at potential colleges.

"It's great for the university, not only for [athletic] recruitment, but to bring students too," Heacock said.

Hyden said this was a goal all along.

"The main reason we decided to build the facility is that it's a huge recruiting tool, not just for intercollegiate athletes, but for students in general," Hyden said.

Women's soccer looks for change in upcoming season

Keith Langford
SPORTS EDITOR

For the 2009 Youngstown State University women's soccer team, this new season means a new coach. Prior to the start of the season, former head coach Anthony James, who had trouble winning with the Penguins, was out, while new head coach Will Lemke, was in. Through this season's two games, Lemke has the Penguins at 1-1.

The 2008 team struggled throughout with closing games. The team would play equally or better with the opponent for a half, but then, in the second half, the Penguins would give up the lead. Eight of the team's 14 losses were by one goal. This year, the Penguins will look to reverse the trend of not closing out their opponents.

"We need to increase the competitiveness and the intensity at practice. [We need to] instill that level of competitiveness to take it to the next level at game time," Lemke said. "This will help them to complete games mentally and physically."

Some key returning players who will help with the coaching transition are senior goalkeeper Mariah Snyder and senior scoring forward Jodi Bowlen.

Despite the team winning just four games, Snyder had one of the best seasons a goalkeeper has ever had at YSU. What was so impressive about her season was that all four of the Penguins' wins were way of shutout victory. Snyder's four shutout wins were a Penguin record.

The 1.51 goal per game average was also a school record. Snyder collected 131 saves for the 2008 season to add to her impressive season.

Snyder will need to be big for the Penguins as they look to improve on the 2008 win total of four.

Bowlen had a solid 2008 season. She led the team with four goals and had three assists to go along with the goals. Bowlen's durability has shown in the past two seasons; she has not missed a game. Bowlen is a reliable scoring threat. She also led the scoring attack a season ago.

A diamond in the rough for the Penguins could be sophomore Kara Cooper. Cooper, the current Horizon League player of the week, doubled her goal total from last season in one game against Howard University. Cooper had two goals and an assist to earn the distinction of player of the week.

Cooper said she feels as though she can contribute to the team this season and was thrilled and honored to receive the player of the week award.

"Last year was a tough year, balancing school and soccer. With my ACL injury, I did not contribute. To come back from injury and where I have been and where I am now with the tough teams in our conference is definitely a blessing," Cooper said.

Lemke said that once he gets his kind of players, he can move forward with the soccer program here. As for now, he wants his team to attack in the final third of the field to score goals, work on conditioning and not turn the ball over as much.

"We did some good things, but we have to build on our conditioning. We were turning the ball over on our side of the field," Lemke said about the team play in the first two games.