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WOMEN'S SOCCER SLOW START ATTRIBUTED TO INJURIES

Campus repairs, renovations greet students



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Several construction projects on YSU's campus were recently completed, while others are underway. Tod Hall, which houses university administrative offices and is located off of University Plaza, received a facelift this summer in the form of the Eastern Gateway entrance. Additionally, Coffelt Hall, once the home of the Writing Center, has been transformed into the new home of graduate studies and research.

Lindsey Ramdin
NEWS REPORTER

Students were greeted on campus this semester with new buildings, freshly paved sidewalks and the promise of a more student-oriented campus.

Many construction projects that began last spring were finished during the summer, including the new Williamson College of Business Administration, the Eastern Gateway entrance at Tod Hall, Coffelt Hall and the Flats at Wick.

Students walking toward campus from University Plaza are met by the new, aesthetically pleasing Tod Hall entrance. Construction on the Eastern Gateway entrance began last year and was finished mid-way through the

summer.

Across the street, Coffelt Hall, former home of the Youngstown State University Writing Center, was also under construction, but is now finished and running as the new center for graduate studies and research.

"It's easier to work on buildings during summer semesters because there are fewer students on campus," said Rich White, associate director of planning and construction. "The summer is the perfect time to get in and fix these hazards because there is less traffic on campus."

But, despite progress, White said construction would still occur during fall and summer semesters.

Deconstruction of the former Wick Pollock Inn has begun. The president's new residence is scheduled to be com-

plete by mid-July.

Money from state funding has helped with repaving sidewalks throughout campus.

"Every year we allocate funds toward concrete replacement," White said. "The concrete crumbles or cracks, which creates a safety hazard for students."

Junior Alyssa Krohn didn't notice the construction while she was on campus in the summer.

"I park in the M-2 deck and stay close to that building, so I didn't really see any

of the construction, besides the work being done on the parking decks," Krohn said.

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Students wait in line at the YSU bookstore, which has implemented a textbook rental program that is awaiting federal grant funding.

Federal grant could expand textbook rental options

Andrea DeMart
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Youngstown State University Bookstore is hoping to receive grant money to support its new textbook rental program.

The U.S. Department of Education is making \$9.9 million available to institutions of higher education to support

pilot programs and expand services that would create the option of renting textbooks.

The program was created by U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan of Niles, D-17th, and U.S. Rep. Jason Altmire of McCandless, D-4th, to save students money.

Ryan's office in Warren made schools in his district — Kent State University, the University of Akron, YSU and Eastern Gateway Community College

— aware of the grant program.

Since the grant is competitive, each school had to apply for the

funds.

"We don't know [which schools applied] until deadline passes, but we do know YSU applied," said Heather McMahon, communications director at Ryan's office. "YSU let our office know they applied."

Though award amounts are not available, the U.S. Department of Education estimated individual awards to range from \$900,000 to \$1.1 million for the 24-month program.

Leonard Sefcik, sales manager of the YSU Bookstore, said he thinks this new service will be helpful to students.

"If they are not going to major in the subject, I would

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Witness list includes several YSU officials

Dan Pompili
NEWS EDITOR

On Friday, the Mahoning County Prosecutor's office released a list of 20 witnesses in the criminal trial of embattled ex-union boss Ivan Maldonado, including 11 Youngstown State University employees.

Maldonado was named in a 24-count indictment in March along with his nephew, Anthony J. Maldonado, and former YSU payroll manager Ron Granger. Maldonado is accused of records tampering to obtain free tuition for his nephew and unspecified benefits for Granger.

The indictment cites Maldonado for 10 counts of theft, two counts each of theft in office and falsification, and one count each of records tampering and grand theft.

In March, Robert Bush, chief of the criminal division of the prosecutor's office, sent letters of notification to 10 individuals who allegedly would

have received unauthorized pension credit from Maldonado's alleged acts of theft. They were notified that their names were mentioned in the investigation and advised to contact attorneys as needed.

Those individuals were named as witnesses Friday.

They include six members of YSU's union of Associated Classified Employees, of which Maldonado was president: Raymond Cruickshank, groundskeeper; Sheila Maldonado, human resources benefit management representative and Ivan's wife; Richard Sweany, administrative assistant in registration; Mark Welton, data security supervisor in network telecommunications; and Bernice Hamrock, administrative assistant in payroll.

Four others, Cory V. Carforo, Michael Pieton, Frank Richards and Marie Volpe are former employees but have not been at YSU for at least four years.

Other YSU employees were

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Cultural Arts Series will feature YSU Jazz Ensemble

The Jewish Community Center Cultural Arts Series will feature the YSU Dana School of Music Jazz Ensemble on Sept. 21 at noon at the Jewish Community Center, 505 Gypsy Lane. The cost of the performance is \$10 for non-members and \$7 for members. The admission cost includes lunch. The YSU Jazz Ensemble will be playing big band favorites, and the performance marks the beginning of a new partnership between the community center and the College of Fine and Performing Arts.

YSU alumnus stars in 2010 Emmy Award-winning comedy series

YSU alumnus Ed O'Neill and the cast of the new hit TV comedy series "Modern Family" took home the 2010 Emmy Award for Outstanding Comedy Series. O'Neill, who was born in Youngstown, attended Ursuline High School and played football at YSU. He is widely known for his role in the TV show "Married With Children," which was nominated for two Golden Globe Awards.

POLICE BRIEFS

Person barricaded in house

On Thursday, YSU Police responded to an off-campus location at the request of the Youngstown Police Department, in reference to a person barricaded with a weapon. The suspect was taken into custody by the university police. A weapon was not found when the house was searched.

Breathing problems at Courtyards

On Thursday, YSU Police and Rural Metro ambulance services were dispatched to the University Courtyard Apartments to assist a student with breathing problems. Oxygen was administered to the student and no transport was necessary.

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President Anderson, Cabinet look to pave roadway to success

Alicia Patillo
REPORTER

Youngstown State University President Cynthia Anderson and her Cabinet have been diligently at work preparing for a clear direction to attain student, faculty and staff success.

With the addition of a few members, and the previous administration from former YSU President David Sweet, Anderson is confident in her goals for the academic year and future of the university.

"I have much faith in our university, the faculty, staff and our wonderful students. I believe we have a bright future ahead of us," Anderson said.

Anderson said it is the responsibility of the faculty, staff and her to provide each student with a "roadmap for success."

"This means the proper courses, advising, counseling, mentoring, both for academic growth as well as developmental and social growth," Anderson said.

In addition to improving the path to academic scheduling, Anderson and her administration plan to work on "organizing all of our enrollment services together in one building, making the enrollment process more accessible and efficient."

Anderson said it is important to "identify the varying individual needs of our students and do the best to provide services which meet those needs."

With many goals for YSU students, Anderson said she believes it is part of the university's job to "prepare students for the jobs of the future."

"We will need to propose and provide

our students with the appropriate academic programs for the 21st century," Anderson said. "Many students would like to remain in the Mahoning Valley or nearby after graduation. Thus, it is incumbent upon us to both initiate and participate in economic development efforts throughout the Valley."

Anderson said she has great faith in this university and wants to spread word of the success that comes with YSU. With the accomplishments throughout the years at YSU, Anderson said; "We have much to brag about."

"I want to showcase the achievement and successes of our wonderful students to the entire country and world," Anderson said. "It is absolutely time that we show and tell the world that our graduates are second to none. Our graduates have made phenomenal accomplishments. They have been accepted at very prestigious graduate schools."

Anderson said "technology is a major part of our daily and professional lives." She would like to keep technology fresh and available for students, faculty and staff.

"Our computer science and information systems department, in collaboration with the many technology services on campus, must take the lead and guide us in the technology area," Anderson said.

For students who enroll at the university level and are in need of "remedial and developmental work or courses with deficiencies," Anderson said she would work to provide a "success process" for those students.

"Student success and academic excellence need to be inherent in everything

that we do at YSU," Anderson said.

Anderson and her administration plan to keep university diversity an ongoing priority.

"We need to embrace diversity in all that we endeavor and represent," Anderson said.

By December, Anderson and the members of her administration will have developed a strategic plan to guide them through 2020.

"That strategic plan will identify goals, objectives [and] priorities of YSU," Anderson said.

The plan will also include funding issues in relation to the university's priorities.


"I look forward to working with my colleagues on these and many other initiatives and goals," Anderson said.

Ikram Khawaja, a member of the Cabinet and provost and vice president for academic affairs, said he plans to pursue the goals of the university's strategic plan.


"[The plan is] to participate and develop a robust institutional strategic plan. The process is underway and will be implemented as soon as feasible," Khawaja said.

Jack Fahey, interim vice president for student affairs and new Cabinet member, plans to "support President's Anderson's theme of the student success by leading and supporting the division of student affairs."


Fahey added that he hopes to reach success in the goals set for growth of an enrollment center in Jones Hall, interacting with students and to represent "cooperation, support and positivity."




What was your reaction to Welcome Week?



"Welcome Week helped me learn about all the organizations and clubs on campus. I enjoyed the music by the fountain."
Britany Singleton, freshman



"They had some fun things to do. The free nachos outside the library was very cool."
Elizabeth Boggs, sophomore



"I checked out some of the programs outside Kilcawley. [I'm] looking forward to now getting involved with the chess club."
Harold Shuler, freshman



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One of the largest future construction projects will be the renovation of Kilcawley Center.

WTC Architects from Pittsburgh have designed the renovation to make Kilcawley Center more inviting to students.

The renovation will be a unique project because the construction will span two summers, taking approximately 18 months to finish. The construction will be continuous, but the major portions of construction will be done during the summer to avoid interrupting the functions of the building. Architects are focusing on making the building more approachable.

Right now, White said Kilcawley Center is "blocky" in sections. He hopes to move the Chestnut Room to the second floor next to the kitchen to improve the building's usability.

"The current adjacencies don't work well," he said.

"There needs to be more organization in the placement of rooms."

White added that there are plans to renovate the north and south entrances because when students walk by Kilcawley Center, they cannot see what is going on inside.

By opening these entrances, White continued, students will be able to see inside the building from the walkway and be encouraged to come inside and make use of the building's gathering space.

The entire project will cost an estimated \$10 million. The funds for this project will come from state of Ohio capital funds, bond funds and YSU funds.

"It will be worth it," White said. "It will look nice."

In addition to the Kilcawley Center renovation, other future construction plans include the M-2 parking deck, athletic fields west of Fifth Avenue and building system upgrades.

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suggest it to them," he said.

Sefcik added that the YSU Bookstore may have an advantage over other textbook providers such as Campus Book and Supply, which does not offer rentals.

"Maybe a little," Sefcik said, "[We] are attracting more students. [We] hear students talk about it."

Kelsey Wickline, a freshman majoring in criminal justice and forensic science, was unaware that renting textbooks was an option.

"I knew I could do it at the library. I didn't know they did it here [at the bookstore]," she said.

Wickline had already purchased her textbooks but said if she had known about the rental program she might have rented some textbooks.

Jess Nerone, a freshman in business, cited cost as the reason she chose to rent.

"[The book] was \$40 cheaper," she said. "It was in better condition because it is a brand-new book."

Nerone said she would rent textbooks again.

Sefcik said he thinks there has been a good response from

students and also is hearing staff members talk about the program.

"It will help us stay competitive in the market," he said.

There are stipulations students must follow and agree to before renting text.

Students must complete a store contract and agree to the terms. The text must be returned one day following the semester's end in no worse condition than it was rented, though normal highlighting and writing is permitted.

Sefcik said the rental price is discounted on top of the new and used prices, which creates a bigger cost savings for students.

Fewer than 20 titles are available for renting at the YSU Bookstore, but Sefcik said the bookstore may expand its selection.

Students can refer to the YSU Bookstore website for the complete list of titles available for rent, or they can stop by the bookstore. Books available for rent are marked with a large tag, which includes a breakdown of the various price points.

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named on the list also. Beth Ann Yeatts, a certified public accountant with the department of student accounts and university receivables; Elaine Ruse, director of financial aid and scholarships; Eileen Greaf, executive director of financial services; and Lt. Mike Cretella of the YSU Police.

The list does not specify the nature of their involvement, but they were not mentioned as people of interest in the indictment or the periphery thereof.

Other notable witnesses include John P. Donchess, a CPA with Packer-Thomas, an investment and accounting firm that handles many YSU accounts. Nicole Naples-Ferraro of Packer-Thomas was also named. Lisa Rodriguez of the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System was men-

tioned as well.

OPERS handles the private retirement accounts, investments and legal interests of public employees. Andy Barkley is a certified marketing executive with the Associated School Employees Credit Union office in Warren.

The remainder of the list includes a records custodian with Simco Management Corp., an apartment management company; an assistant manager from The Meadows of Boardman, a Simco property; a records custodian with PNC of Pittsburgh; an independent tax accountant; a Girard Municipal Court clerk; an attorney; and an Ohio State Highway patrolman.

Only Hamrock and Sweany could be reached for comment, but they refused. Yeatts, Ruse and the university had no comment as well.

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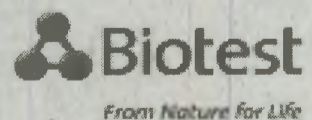
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The purpose of a college education is to prepare you for the workforce.

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College is, whether we realize it or not, intended to break down students' theocentricities and ethnocentricities. Its actual student-focused purpose is to promote knowledge and expand our understanding of the world around us.

Students are encouraged to be empathetic and compassionate through general education courses. Knowledge is no substitute for compassion, but understanding is the first step toward intelligent discussion.

The proposed construction of a Muslim mosque at ground zero puts a fresh time stamp on an age-old debate.

While the Big Apple balances religious freedom and American sensitivity, the conversation has spilled over to YSU with the Muslim Student Organization.

The university is Ground Zero for pragmatic debate in the Mahoning Valley.

While churches, synagogues and mosques outside campus clearly define the religious beliefs of the community, the lines become blurred when students attend the same classes, participate in the same discussions and accept each other's existence for the sake of civility.

College affords the tools needed to continue vibrant discussion; tools that will only rust with indifference.

The greatest societal challenge upon graduation will not be finding a career but rather sustaining the knowledge we have attained and the tolerance for healthy debate.

Never falter in your beliefs. While submission to a sensitive issue will never extinguish a heated debate, irrationality will only fan the flames.

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

Letters to the Editor

Parking is a pain. There are not enough spots for too many students. You know what makes it worse? People who can't park and take up multiple spots. There's no reason that some a--h--- in an Audi should take up two spots. In fact, that a--h--- should either be ticketed or towed. Especially given that everyone knows how much of a pain it is to park right now. Taking up multiple spots is the ultimate d---- move. While I was parking this morning, I counted the number of spots that I could have parked in had someone not decided to take multiple spots. I counted a half a dozen in one circuit of the deck. Six people taking up 12 spots. Seriously?

Jay Beane
Cuyahoga Falls

As a freshman here years ago I was required to take an intro to philosophy class. At the time, fresh out of high school, I didn't have a clue what the word encompassed or how the term related to religion, mainly because in our household the only philosophy emphasized was that of the Bible.

I truly struggled with the subject and did not understand the concept at all.

Now fast-forward 42 years later and the subject fascinates me. My reading material is mostly books on philosophy and religion.

The reason for this is my love also of history and the way that ideas are formed over time that shape our societies, some good and some bad.

For me I believe life experiences are the most important factor in one's development as a member of society, and we each have our own paths.

What has shaped my worldview over the years has been many things including books, poems, songs, art, movies, speeches, conversations, observing people and just being curious about the world around me.

This curiosity about the world or thirst for knowledge is important to us all in order to live a meaningful life. For some, this idea of a virtuous life comes from revelation or sacred texts. This is limited and not reliable because of leadership agendas, unreliable evidence and ideas that are frozen in time.

Fortunately there is an alternate way, which is humanism, a philosophy of those who love life. Humanists take responsibility for their own lives and relish the adventure of being part of new discoveries, seeking new knowledge, exploring new options.

Instead of finding solace in prefabricated answers to the great questions of life, humanists enjoy the open-endedness of a quest and the freedom of discovery that entails.

Currently I'm reading "Good Without God: What a Billion Nonreligious People Do Believe" by Greg M Epstein. Another good read is "God is Not Great: How Religion Poisons Everything" by Christopher Hitchens.

Unfortunately Mr. Hitchens is dying of brain cancer, and I truly admire his courage and dignity by not resorting to prayer and recanting his atheist views. Mr. Hitchens, like myself, knows that this extraordinary, fragile life we are given is the only one we have and so we should not waste it.

James Rogers
Youngstown

Tear down your altars and lifeless idols



American Journalism

Chris Cotelesse
COLUMNIST

The right to a free press is the oldest Jonas brother of the Bill of Rights. It's not as dreamy as the right to bear arms or as funny as the right to a public trial. We forget that it has just as much talent. Objectivity in a newsroom, while never perfect, is essential to the democratic exchange of ideas.

Walter Cronkite earned the informal title of Most Trusted Man in America for a career of more than 40 years. He covered every major happening, including WWII, Nuremberg, the Cuban Missile Crisis, JFK's assassination, Vietnam, Apollo 11 and the Iran hostage crisis, all without mention of his personal ideology.

The journalist who holds the title for the new millennium, the most trusted newsman in America — according to a Time magazine poll — is Comedy Central's Jon Stewart. I'm a juvenile commentator in collegiate news and that shames me. What should the big, serious names feel?

Conservatives watch Fox News. Liberals watch MSNBC. No one watches CNN. I blame CNN. They should take advice from Stephen Colbert (pronounced "coal bear"), a rising star of American journalism: "We're at war. Pick a side!" Despite the claims, most of America's news heads inhabit zones unfree of spin.

There is a place for commentary, for opinion. It's under a section titled as such. When commentators masquerade as "tell-it-like-it-is" informers, the void — those unable to independently formulate ideas and opinions — are taken in by the pied pipers.

Newspapers are another failing enterprise, leaving cyberspace as the new forum for seekers of information. Unfortunately, the most readily available information is tabloids and propaganda. Every point of view, whether based in reason or not, has a website dedicated to its truthiness.

The public has an abundance of opportunity to choose the information they like and ignore the rest. However, people can't make rational decisions about their lives or political fates if the information used to make them isn't reliable.

You won't find any delusions of legitimacy here. I'm a columnist. I know I'm super cool, but don't idolize me. Keep in mind that I'm paid to feed you my opinion. In the interest of full disclosure, I am a bleeding-heart liberal heathen.

Our nation's youth are becoming more politically involved with each passing month. That is good for America. What concerns me is that they are being led by party mouthpieces like Keith Olberman and Bill O'Reilly. At least Jon Stewart can hide behind his position as a comedian. What's Glenn Beck's excuse for slapstick journalism?

Good news first: The landscape of our news media will change as soon as the public demands it. Bad news: We'll be relying on the same consumers that made "Twilight" into a best-selling book series and multimillion dollar films while completely overlooking Christopher Moore, whose vampire book series is, like, way awesome.

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Breaking barriers

YSU student reforms religious organization

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(STARTING AT TOP LEFT) from left to right: Tachibat Turel, Abdulaziz Almoajil, Omar Alhadi, Tanveer Alam, Jessica Valsi and Zakayah Mohammed pose for a picture at their Iftar dinner for the Student Muslim Association. The group held the dinner Monday night to raise funds for their organization and for the flood victims of Pakistan.

(left): Alhadi, president of the Muslim Student Association, was active in reforming the group that had previously disbanded.

When Muslim student Omar Alhadi enrolled at Youngstown State University, he wanted a place where he could meet others on campus with similar beliefs and discuss his religion.

He attended a meeting of the Muslim Student Association but the club disbanded shortly after. Alhadi decided to take action to get the organization up and running once again after approval from his peers.

"I spoke to many Muslim students on campus and they were all in favor of [reforming the organization], so I went ahead and started to set it up," Alhadi said. "A few months later, the organization was registered and the recruiting process began. After holding a few meetings, we started the planning phase and now we are moving into the implementation phase."

Alhadi, president of the organization, said approximately 20 students have joined and he hopes to gain the interest of others.

"[The Muslim Student Association] is important because it provides other Muslim students the opportunity to network and become involved in charitable causes," he said.

Such charitable causes in-

clude canned food drives and trips to nursing homes and homeless shelters. The group also plans fundraising events to support dinners and guest speakers. It holds a weekly Friday meeting where prayer is held.

Although group members are mostly of the Islam religion, Alhadi said others are welcome to join, regardless of their beliefs.

Jessica Valsi, vice president of the organization, was active in spreading the word of its rebirth as well. She said she hopes that they can reach out to other Muslim students on campus and to others as well.

"It's important to reactivate our chapter because there's a Muslim community at YSU, and we want a place where people can talk freely about any issue, whether it's about religion or non-religious," she said. "We would like to have events that clear up the misconceptions about Islam and about Muslims and invite people to come have a good time."

Tachibat Turel, professor at YSU, said she hopes the organization will help bring a new light to previous misunderstandings. As a graduate student of Auburn University and former member of the Muslim Student Association there, Turel said she offers guidance to students with her former experience in the organization.

She said some of the major misconceptions people have of Islam make it hard for Muslim students to incorporate themselves into the community. She added that the Muslim Student Association would help Muslim students reach out to others and help the community better understand the Muslim faith.

"Islam is the most misunderstood religion in the country, and sometimes it makes it very hard for students ... There are so many misconceptions, especially nowadays you hear so much in the news about Islam, but the problem is that whenever you turn your TV on you hear about the Muslims who probably don't even make up 0.001 percent of the entire Muslims in the world," Turel said. "I've never met any extremist Muslims in person in my life and I grew up in Turkey which [is] 98 percent Muslim."

She said many misconceptions involve the religion they practice.

"The general misconception is that everybody thinks of Islam as a strange religion and its very different practices, but if you look at it there are so many similarities between Islam and Christianity and Judaism," Turel said. "There are so many similarities between those three religions but unfortunately, some certain political issues always get in the way."

Radio service gives sight to the visually, print impaired

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EDITOR

Mike Bosela busily shuffled in and out of his newspaper-littered office, various novels stacked high on the shelves lining the hallway outside, before he returned to his phone call.

"Sorry," he apologized. "I'm scheduling."

Jack McGowan stood next to Bosela's desk and gestured to a pile of newspapers.

"As you can see, they've been pre-taped this morning," McGowan said.

The two men help run the Youngstown Radio Reading Service, a non-profit radio station that caters to a wide sight-impaired audience. McGowan is one of many volunteer readers who read a variety of local newspapers, magazines and best-selling novels to listeners over the air.

The first radio reading service was founded in Minnesota in 1969 and expanded to Youngstown in 1976.

Today, the station operates over the SCA (sideband) of WYSU-FM and reaches a viewing audience in Mahoning, Trumbull, Columbiana and Ashtabula counties, as well as areas in Western Pennsylvania.

It's funded through the eTech Ohio Commission, the United Way, Lions Club, and underwriting and private donations. Specialty tuned radios are provided free of charge to those who qualify to receive the station.

As Bosela ended his phone call, the two men began discussing the show and plans for the year ahead.

"We might go from the sports show, which is live, to a general discussion radio show ... Mike, what are the chances of talking from a sports show to a talk show?" he asked Bosela.

"Oh, we do a talk show,"

Bosela said. "We interview people. Uh, we just interviewed a guy who was a commentator for the Steelers... that was a big one for us."

However, Bosela said his most listened to section of the program is, oddly enough, the obituaries.

"Generally, the majority of our audience is older so they want to hear the vital statistics like the obituaries ... Not that these people are any more gruesome than the general population, but if you have parents and grandparents, they'll grab the paper and that's the first thing they go to," Bosela said. "Blind people are the same way."

Bosela, being sight-impaired himself, became involved in the program in 1979 after graduating from Ohio State University in the mid-1970s. He was studying political science at the time, but he said he didn't go in the direction he initially hoped.

"It just didn't work out," he said. "We already had one student that was visually-impaired, and maybe that was more than they could handle," Bosela said. "This was 35 years ago and, you know, you're disabled and they're like, 'What the hell do we do with them?' ... so I don't know, things work out for a reason."

And for Bosela, it did work out. After coming home from OSU, he became involved in the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act program, a federal government program that assisted the economically disadvantaged and unemployed to find jobs.

Bosela was trained in broadcasting through the program, and after a few years, he was hired as an employee for the Radio Reading Service where he worked his way up to the program's coordinator in Youngstown.

Bosela has several staff members including Youngstown State University intern Steve Hodge. Hodge, a



Jack McGowan, volunteer at Radio Reading, reads *The Jambar* over the air to sight-impaired listeners.

junior telecommunications major, decided to apply for an internship at Youngstown Radio Reading Services after seeing a brochure for the job.

"It was really the only [job] that offered the line of work I [wanted to] get into," Hodge said while he worked the control board, which was airing a pre-taped reading of the newspaper.

Hodge works audio producing and announcing for the station but occasionally reads too.

"I love it," he said of the job. "It's going great so far."

Bosela enjoys his job as well and recognizes the impact his work has on members of the community. When asked the importance of the service, he speaks excitedly.

"[It's important] because of the people we serve, the print-impaired ... Basically, we're their access to the world of printed materials that's otherwise unavailable to them," Bosela said. "Now, I always like to say, if a person is older and they can't see, there's probably a family member like, you know, a granddaughter ... that would be willing to read to grandma or grandpa, but they're [going to] read it when they have the time,

which makes sense. You can't skip a class to read the paper to your grandparents, but if you have this radio, our private channel, the Youngstown Radio Reading Service, you can turn it on at certain times ..."

He said the availability is what propels the service.

"They can turn it on and count on that being there every day. That's important," he said as he pounded his fist on the desk. "That's why it's important, so they still feel connected. They have an emotional connection to the community."

Despite being visually-impaired, Bosela is an avid reader and struggles to pick his favorite author.

"I like some topical guys like Dean Koontz. He's kind of bizarre ... Of course, I like King. A lot of people who are blind like Stephen King. He's very popular because he's so vivid in his writing," he said before deciding on Lawrence Sanders as a front-runner. "I love Lawrence Sanders. I think I've read about 70 of his stories."

Barb Huberty, Bosela said, is the resident Jodi Picoult reader. Huberty, a retired schoolteacher at Canfield High School and current docent for

the Butler Institute of American Art has been working for the organization for over a decade.

"Well, I think [I've been working at Radio Reading Service] like what, 10 years or more?" she said.

Huberty smiled and chuckled.

"Well, I've always loved reading and valued my eyes, and I was looking to do something, I wasn't just going to sit and retire and do nothing, so I thought this was a good fit for me," she said.

Bosela said that they are lucky to have her and that she does a great job.

"Ordinarily, she does the books for the bookshelf, but when we need her in a pinch, she'll read. She's very good about that," Bosela said. "Like if the reader of the newspaper cancels, Barb, at the last minute, will switch gears and read for us."

"Oh sure! No problem," Barb said, but added she prefers novels. "Well, I started reading the little local newspapers, and you can only read so many stories about the spaghetti dinner and this and that ... so I got to the point where I thought I'd do something else."

Retraction: The Jambar incorrectly printed the date of the Tyrone Wells concert as Sept. 16 in Thursday's newspaper. The correct date of the concert is Sept. 9. We regret the error.



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Volleyball looks to improve game for next match

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SPORTS REPORTER

With a young team led by a first-year coach, the Youngstown State University volleyball team isn't the least bit discouraged.

Head coach Krista Burrows, leaving behind an impressive six-year stint at Walsh University with an overall record of 164-59, said she felt it was the "right decision" to return to the Division I level of competition.

"I was not sure with how much more I could do there," Burrows said about WU. "There was some internal turmoil, this was the best for me. It's close to where I live, and I felt I could create a successful program."

Strategy-wise, Burrows said she is looking to create a squad balanced on both sides of the net. When it comes to evaluating team success, she holds an unconventional approach.

"We're looking past wins and losses as far as goals. Stat-wise, if there's a loss, can they close the gap? Can they win more sets than they lose? Can they progress throughout the year?" Burrows said.

These questions are ready to be answered on the court by two ambitious juniors, Kelsi Bitter and Dani Soubliere. They share similar team goals such as making it to conference, but falling in line with Burrows' fresh agenda, the ladies are keeping an eye on their individual stats as well.

Bitter expressed her desire to be the player other teams scout, while attaining a hitting percentage of .200 and service at 2.0.

Soubliere is devoted to being the top setter in the Horizon League, which would harmonize with Burrows' expectations of Soubliere being the vocal leader on the roster this season.

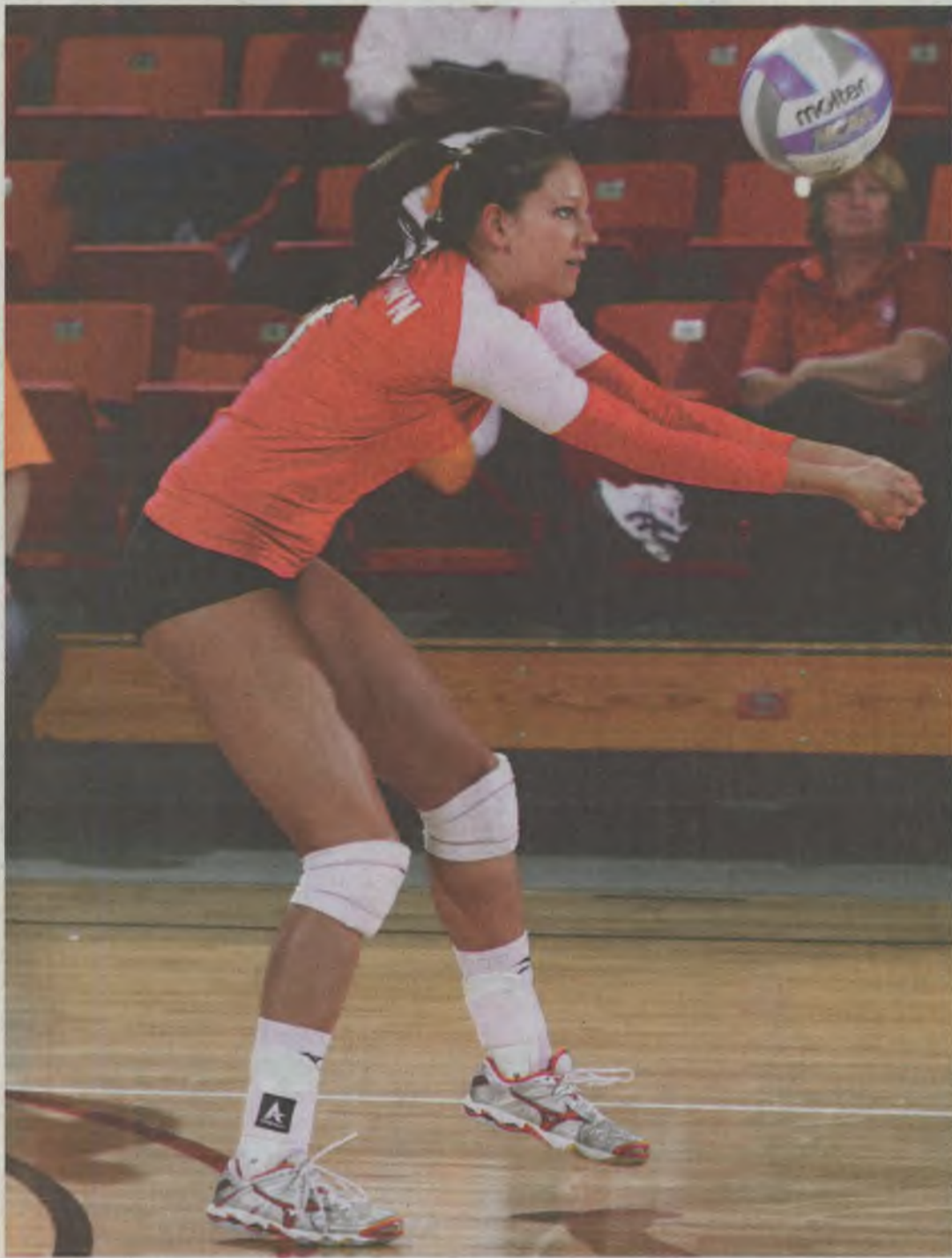
Both Michigan natives, they chose to play for YSU due to its proximity to home.

"I'm used to my parents coming to every game; it's only a four-hour drive," Soubliere said.

In addition to location, Bitter was attracted to YSU after witnessing the team chemistry.

"They meshed well," Bitter said.

Last weekend marked the start of the season and the Penguins traveled to West Virginia University to take on Buffalo, the University of Akron and



Junior outside hitter Kelsi Bitter puts herself in prime position to help out her team with the dig.

WVU in the WVU Classic.

After two days of play, the Lady Penguins finished 0-3. Burrows attributed the losses to a lack of effort and energy on the floor, and she stressed the need for someone on the team to step up in crunch time.

YSU lost 24-26 in its first game against Buffalo.

"Miscommunications cost us the game. We lost momentum," Burrows said.

They went on to lose the next two matches 20-25 and 16-25.

Later that day, they were pitted against Akron. The ladies came out flat, losing 18-25, before turning up the intensity in the second game. Although a great effort, it was to no avail, ending in a 26-28 loss.

"It's showing how young the team is, even returning players. It's bringing out our youth. We need to learn how

to win in crunch time and find someone to put the team on their shoulders and carry them," Burrows said. As of now, no player has stepped up to the challenge.

The final game, which was full of ups and downs, lacked consistency and effective communication. Akron came out on top 19-25, closing out the match in their favor, 3-0.

"They're not listening to each other, it'll come with experience and the only way to gain experience is by playing," Burrows said.

Sunday, the Penguins took on their toughest competitor of the weekend in WVU. They lost all three games 15-25, 10-25 and 18-25.

Going into the match, Burrows said she knew WVU was simply the better team.

"They ran a faster offense; our blockers were confused and lost out there. Our passing

was OK. We're looking for a combination that will work for us, [and] if what we have can't work for us, we'll keep changing until we find something that will. We need 100 percent effort," Burrows said.

Their next match will take them to St. Francis University, also winless this season.

"I expect to go in and win," Burrows said. "At practice we'll work on individuals and positions. We're [going to] come out aggressive."

After St. Francis, the Penguins will face Howard University, Niagara University and Central Michigan University all at home for the YSU Invitational.

Sept. 10 marks their match-up with Michigan University. Players and coaching staff agree this game will be their biggest challenge of the season, given Michigan's recent success.

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



ALLISON LUDWIG

POSITION: Forward
YEAR: Freshman
HOMETOWN: Centerville, Ohio
HIGH SCHOOL: Centerville
GOALS: 5
SHOTS ON GOAL: 10

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

- Sept. 3- HOWARD
- Sept. 5- UMKC
- Sept. 12- CANISIUS
- Sept. 17- @ Oakland
- Sept. 19- @ Michigan
- Sept. 24- MILWAUKEE
- Sept. 26- GREEN BAY

VOLLEYBALL

- Aug. 31- @ Saint Francis (Pa.)
- Sept. 3- HOWARD
- YSU Invitational
- Sept. 4 NIAGARA
- YSU Invitational
- Sept. 10- @ Michigan
- Michigan/Adidas Invitational
- Sept. 11- vs. Miami (Ohio)
- Michigan/Adidas Invitational @ Ann Arbor

Women's soccer slow start attributed to injuries

Keith Langford Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

In Will Lemke's first season at the helm for the women's soccer program, the Penguins have shown signs of positive progress to erase recent struggles.

Despite a 4-10-3 record last season, Lemke's squad played tough at home. The Penguins posted a 3-4-3 record. This record is nothing to be thrilled over, but compared to their 1-6 road record, it was an accomplishment.

Lemke's team returns 10 letter winners from a season ago but lost eight to eligibility due to graduation or transfer. A couple of key components to last season's team who have moved on are goalkeepers Mariah Snyder and Kara Cooper.

Snyder posted two shutout wins a season ago, which set a new school record for shutouts by a goalie with seven in her career. Also gone is leading scorer from a season ago, Kara Cooper. Cooper, with eight goals as a freshman, saw an



LUDWIG

opportunity to transfer to the University of Akron, which she did.

Lemke has replaced Cooper with another freshman who has more than filled Cooper's position in the first four games.

Freshman Allison Ludwig posted a hat trick in her first career game, which the Penguins won 3-1 against Robert Morris University in the season opener. Ludwig has five goals in just four games this season. Cooper had a similar start to last season but Lemke said he's more impressed with Ludwig.

"[Allison] has already eclipsed what Kara has done," Lemke said when comparing the two. Lemke added that in just four games he feels Ludwig has done more than any player has done as a Penguin.

"She's a threat against any player," Lemke said.

In four games this season, the Penguins are 1-3. Lemke attributes injuries to the slow start this season. Freshman Amanda Johnson and sophomore Brittany Dowd suffered ACL injuries.

Two other freshman defenders who were expected to play for Lemke but are not available are Taylor Sebring and Shawny Ehlers. Sebring's out with an injury, while Ehlers had some academic issues from home in Utah, which declared her ineligible for her freshman season. Ehlers would redshirt this season.

"Unfortunately because of that, we are back to square one," Lemke said.

Due to the injuries to two key defenders, Lemke has had to use a little creativity to shuffle his lineup and stay afloat.

Senior Lauren Brennan who normally plays up front in the forward position has been called upon to help out the defense. Lemke's rotation on defense has caused some confusion, which has led to an increase in opposing goals.

"We'll play well for stretches, but we would give up goals in our defense," Lemke said.

The Penguins have given up 11 goals in four games while just scoring six, and five of those goals have come from Ludwig.

With only two games in the next two weeks, Lemke sees this as an opportunity to right the ship and to work out the chinks on the defensive side of things. Lemke referred to this process as a "second training camp" for his Penguins. The second training camp builds up to two very winnable games against Howard University, a team the Penguins beat a season ago on the road, and the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

"It's a critical weekend for us; we have to play well," Lemke said.