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YEC stimulus budgeted for counseling

Dan Pompili ASSIST. NEWS EDITOR

Youngstown City Schools will pay Youngstown State University more than \$211,000 from its two-year \$9.7 million federal stimulus budget.

The money will go toward specialized counseling for students enrolled in the Youngstown Early College program located in Fedor Hall. The \$211,502 will compensate for part of the \$600,000 in state grants that

expired this year.

A Vindicator article reported that 250 students are enrolled in the YEC program, a detail confirmed by Dr. Jane Kestner, associate dean of YSU's College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. YSU will receive \$846 per student for the year, or \$423 each semester.

Anthony Catale, president of the Youngstown Board of Education, said funding costs for YEC are split between the school district and YSU. Youngstown City Schools pays 53 percent of the costs,

with YSU making up the balance

Michele Dotson, dean of YEC, said all students are pursuing associate degrees through CLASS.

Juniors and seniors, who comprise the bulk of YEC students, register for full-time equivalent schedules of anywhere from 12 to 15 hours, while some freshman and sophomores take between three and six.

According to the 2008-2009 undergraduate bulletin,

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"I think that's for academic coaches. It's for the students who are not doing well in their high school classes."

Gregory Jones

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Campus memorials benefit beautification

Samantha Cavalier

Campus memorials in the form of bricks, trees and benches are available to purchase through the Campus

Beautification Initiative.

Development director Catherine
Cala said the idea for the project "came about after a series of severe storms in the summers of 2007 and 2008."

"President Sweet made the first contribution towards the trees," Cala said.

Cala said members of the initiative hope to accomplish many positive goals.

"The overall goal of the Campus Beautification Initiative is to help Youngstown State University sustain the extraordinary beauty of its campus landscape to be enjoyed by future generations of students and members of the campus and area communities," Cala said.

The Campus Beautification Initiative consists of many supporters, including biology and geography professors, Mill Creek Park staff and urban foresters who dedicate their time to help establish campus locations for

Cala said she desired future student

support.

"We encourage student involvement in the group and in future projects," Cala said.

Funds for this initiative will be earned by selling personalized bricks, trees and benches. The Centennial Circle Brick Campaign Program will

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I-680 construction is nothing new, students say

consecutive home openers.

David Boyer REPORTER

The time of year brings a jungle of orange cones and warning signs to the roadways around Youngstown State University. However, this year, some of the orange signs stand out with bold letters that read, "Putting America Back to Work: Project Funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act."

The treasury estimates \$62.5 billion in tax relief has been divvied across the country to create jobs and stimulate the economy.

Interstate 680 provides a prime example of the stimulus plan at work. Paula Putnam, a public information officer for the Ohio Department of Education, said \$4.3 million of 100 percent stimulus money is being used to resurface four miles of I-680 from state Route 11 to Steel Street. The project has an estimated completion date of late September 2010.

Kristen Erickson, a spokeswoman for the Ohio Department of Transportation District 4, said all projects "had the highest possible need."

"All projects presented to be considered for stimulus money were terribly important to be done," Erickson said.

Mike Reynaldy worked at the Lordstown General Motors plant for 20 years before he became a victim of the struggling economy and decided to come to YSU for a degree and chance at updating his resume. Reynaldy drives on I-680 nearly every day.

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Construction creates new parking area

Juliana Hull REPORTER

The construction on Spring Street and Fifth Avenue allowed for an additional 19 parking spots between Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center and Stambaugh Stadium.

These spots are not just for bookstore customers and there is no limit on how long you can park there. Any Youngstown State University student with a parking permit may park there without having to feed a parking meter as in recent years.

Athletes now have closer parking to the stadium, and bookstore patrons can park there anytime without a time limit.

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Campus Life presents Family Day

On Saturday, Oct. 3, The Department of Campus Recreation and Student Programming will be holding a "Family Day" for all YSU students and staff. The event is being held in Andrews Recreation and Wellness Center and Beeghly Center. The event is free, and gives guests all-day access to the pool and other facilities.

YSU enrollment soars

YSU's enrollment has increased this year by 25 percent since a decade ago. President David Sweet said the high numbers of new students are due to YSU becoming more affordable. The increased enrollment is expected to raise the general fund budget, but no exact amount has been determined.

Boehm receives "Excellence in Action" award

Senior respiratory care major Justin Boehm has received the Humility of Mary Health Partners' Excellence in Action award for his dedication and patient care. He is the first volunteer to win the award. Boehm was presented with the award on July 10.



Engineering degrees most valuable after graduation

Alicia Pattillo REPORTER

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, among the top 15 highest paid bachelor's degrees, 11 are primarily engineering majors.

Pharmacy, petroleum engineering, chemical engineering, mining and mineral engineering and computer engineering were the top five highest paying majors. Computer science and electrical/electronics and communications engineering took sixth and seventh respectively, while mechanical engineering and industrial/manufacturing engineering received eighth and ninth places.

Systems engineering, engineering technology, aerospace/ aeronautical/astronautical engineering, construction/science management, information sciences and systems and civil engineering completed the list. All degrees on the list began with average starting salaries of \$50,000, with some over \$100,000.

For some engineering professors at Youngstown State University, this news comes as no surprise.

"This is nothing new," said Dr. Jared Alam, a civil and environmental engineering professor.

Alam said all engineering majors are a good choice, but nursing majors are not far behind.

Dr. Darrell R. Wallace, a mechanical and industrial engineering professor, said "engineering job opportunities are still here.'

"They don't go away," Wallace said. "We still need engineers to build roads, cars and design things.'

Dr. Virgil C. Solomon is new in the field of mechanical and industrial engineering. Originally from Romania, Solomon said his background is in material science. He said he was surprised by the salaries of engineers.

"It's surprising to see that engineers make more than doctors, lawyers or dentists," Solomon said. "That's good news. Engineers make really nice money."

Civil engineering graduate student Steve Mangin is not shocked by engineers' salaries. Although civil engineers did not make the top ten list of the highest paid majors, it wasn't too far behind. Mangin said there is still a demand for civil engineers in the field, especially if relocation is an option. Mangin earned his bachelor's degree and has worked for two government agencies.

"By just typing civil engineering into Monster.com, you will find a ton of jobs,' Mangin said.

Chris Fenstermaker said salary was one of the main determining points in choosing his mechanical engineering major.

"I knew going into the major it was a high-paying job," Fenstermaker said.

Electrical engineering major Jonathan Groves said he is not shocked about the salary results, and said he wants to further his education after earning his bachelor's degree.

Sophomore Jamar Oliver said his industrial engineering major is "vital to the industry."

"Companies want us to compete against their competitors and increase their production; industrial engineering is one of the smaller aspects of the engineering industry," Oliver said.

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the average tuition cost for a full-time student enrolled with CLASS is \$2,682 per semester, plus a general fee of \$564, for a total cost of \$3,246. Adding the 3.5 percent tuition hike effected this semester, YSU and Youngstown City Schools are splitting an average cost of \$3,339 per student, or \$834,750 total per semester, and an estimated \$1.67 million per year.

That \$1.67 million, split 53/47, means Youngstown City Schools pays approximately \$884,000 per year. Adding \$211,502, it will pay YSU nearly \$1.1 million for the 2009-2010 academic year. The school district also pays \$1.3 million in subsidies, Catale said.

All of the students are afforded the same accommodations as regular undergraduates, including academic counseling.

Although no officials on either end could specify the scope of the counseling services in question or why they required funding beyond normal tuition, neither the superintendent of Youngstown City Schools nor the YEC staff counselor could be reached for comment in time for publication.

One student, however, explained his understanding of

"I think that's for academic coaches," Gregory Jones, a junior from Chaney High School and YEC student, said. "It's for the students who are not doing well in their high school classes."

No sources could confirm the reason why the counseling services in question fall outside the purview of regular academic advising made available to YEC students, either through CLASS or through the Center for Student Progress.

Catale said some of the counseling includes helping YEC students make the transition academically from a high school environment and curriculum to that of college.

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The Student Government Association said parking there might be temporary because "there are not any permanent mixed parking signs" on display

play.
"I didn't know you could park there, I thought they were parking meters like before," junior computer science major Stephan Mihlan said.

Sophomore journalism

major George Yanchick said it would save him time if he could park there because he frequently visits Fedor and DeBartolo Halls.

"I had no idea those spots were available. I would park there because it's so close to my buildings and I don't have to cross the street," Yanchick said

I-680 page 1

"It doesn't matter one way or the other," Reynaldy said. "There is road construction on I-680 every year at this time."

Reynaldy said he hardly ever runs into traffic.

"Only once did I have to wait more than five minutes on I-680," Reynaldy said. "Right there by the Wick exit was all backed up. But other than that, it really has not been that bad."

Freshman Darlene Moses lives in Youngstown and knows of the I-680 construction.

"They always do this construction, but this year I think there are more workers out there working more from morning all the way through the night," Moses said.

Sophomore Mike Cook commutes on I-680 to get to VSII

"Construction in Ohio is a given. Whether the Recovery Act provides funds or not, it does not matter; tax dollars pay for it. All I want is for winter to come a month late and for people to drive safely," Cook said.





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tree selection will be based on educational value for students as well as the northeast Ohio climate.

Cala said the goal is to earn \$100 from the initiative.

"All funds are dedicated to the campus beautification endowment, which will be used to support and sustain campus green spaces," Cala said. Cala said an inventory of campus trees had been conducted; there are approximately 1,500 trees on the campus core.

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Microsoft, Apple debut highly anticipated products

Lamar Salter. **ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR**

While a recession may be keeping our wallets closed, technology continues evolve.

The two major technology giants, Microsoft and Apple, have both been at work on optimizing their products to meet the growing trends in media distribution.

As perhaps one of the most important releases of the company's time, Microsoft is set to release a worldwide retail version of Windows 7. Windows 7 is an upgraded operating system designed to both improve and revolutionize the company's already strong platform in the software spectrum, according to the official website. The operating system is set for release Oct. 22.

After receiving mixed reviews from major critics such as Cnet and www.PCmag.com about Windows Vista, Microsoft said in a press release that it is working to "optimize how customers interact with Windows PCs, manage devices, access broadband and engage with wireless experiences.

Upgraded features include a "Desktop Slideshow" that allows users to change the desktop background in a given time automatically, an upgraded video editing and photo gallery program as well as technical upgrades to the system's solid state drive and boost

performance have been added. With these and other updates, Microsoft is placing its cards on the table with 7, hoping to score a winning hand.

The trendy, compact-friendly Apple has been placing its focus on meeting consumer needs with lowered prices for its famous line of media players, as well as adding some nifty upgrades.

After release of Snow Leopard, Apple's upgraded operating system for its Macintosh brand of computers, the company held a media event hosted by enigmatic CEO Steve Jobs, who stole the show by making his first public appearance after undergoing a liver transplant earlier this year.

The media event did more than reintroduce its co-founder, as it unveiled lowered prices for its line of iPod Touch as well as upgrades to iTunes, the company's media player.

The company's iPod touch announced price drops for its 8-gigabyte, 32-gigabyte and 64-gigabyte versions.

Probably the most interesting unveiling was the addition of a fully functional 640 by 480 pixel, 30 frame per second video camera to the fifth generation of the iPod Nano in addition to a built-in FM radio, all at a lowered retail price of \$149.

While the media race continues and competitions grow tenser, consumers are the big winners in terms of functionality and savings.





City savors country flavors: A look at the Northside farmers market

Gary Angelo FEATURES REPORTER

Since 2003, the Northside Farmers Market has been enhancing the Youngstown area, giving visitors and residents a taste of locally grown produce. The Northside Farmers Market, located on Market Street at Federal Plaza, occurs Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., and will continue until Sept. 22.

The Northside Farmers Market sells locally grown fruits, vegetables and baked goods. If you can't make it on Tuesdays, the market is also set up on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Universal Unitarian Church.

Jim Converse, market manager of the Northside Farmers Market said the business has started a healthy revolution in Youngstown.

"The concept of having a local farmers market came in 2003, when the Universal Unitarian Church had Kent State's urban studies program present an art lecture series about creating a farmers mar-

ket," Converse said Kent State University's urban studies program introduced the concept of bringing local produce from surrounding rural areas into the cities as a way of helping the community. Converse then met with officials from the Richard Brown Methodist Church and the Rodef Shalom Congregation to discuss ways to get people from the surrounding areas to come to



Various types of produce are available for purchase at the Northside Farmers Market.

Youngstown's North Side.

"We also started a flea market and yard sale along with the farmers market to attract more customers," Converse said.

Today, the Northside Farmers Market has five farmers who grow, distribute and sell their products.

"About 75 percent of our vendors grow their own food," Converse said. "Some examples are garlic, fresh greens, heritage apples and heritage tomatoes.

In addition to produce, there are also farmers who sell baked goods made from local ingredients. These include fruit pies, jellies, zucchini bread, salsa dips and sweet potato pie. The Amish also contribute to the farmers market by selling homemade cookies.

Converse mentioned that at times the farmers run out of inventory and have to get products from other sources to keep sales in balance. These places include produce warehouses such as the Amish Produce Auction in New Wilmington, Pa., and the Middlefield Produce Auction in Middlefield.

Being an active member of the community and developing Youngstown as a pivotal cultural marketplace is rewarding for Converse.

"The farmers market gives me excitement and enthusiasm in that it brings fresh produce to the city," Converse said.

Converse said he's astounded the farmers market attracts residents from Hubbard, Canfield and Liberty.

"It's a beneficial thing because the city has gotten a bad rap over the years, and selling locally grown food adds a positive touch to the city," Converse said, adding that he is confident independent farm markets will prosper in

"Agriculture is our number one industry, and some of our farmers would not stay in business without the farmers market," Converse said.

Converse said the farmers market will not only build up the Youngstown area, but could encourage residents to lead healthier lifestyles.

"With locally grown food, the quality is better because some supermarket produce comes from foreign countries who use chemicals on their produce that have been banned in the United States for many years," Converse said.

Ron Butch, Northside Farmers Market owner, was inspired by growing up on his father's farm. Butch is now retired from his previous job, and has more time to devote to the the Northside Farmers Market.

"Farming is a wonderful thing because you get your hands in the dirt and meet interesting people in your community who think alike," Butch said.

Follow tweet

A look at the relationship between Twitter and the news

Daniel Brown REPORTER

Twitter is a network full of celebrities and athletes tweeting about their day, but if users look past that they can find news stories posted by some of the most reputable news organizations and networks.

Everyone seems to be tweeting. Global news sources like CNN, ABC, NBC, CBS and BBC down to area news sources like WFMJ. The Vindicator even has a Twitter account that feeds news stories to its followers. Due to the 140 character limit Twitter imposes, most stories posted are accompanied with a link to the full story.

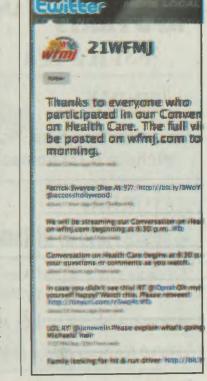
The variety of topics is what one might expect from a newspaper or newscast. The Twitter account for Cleveland. com, which houses The Plain Dealer, is filled with posts concerning sports. Jack Stevenson runs the WFMJ Twitter account, which has been active since late June, and agrees that more of an emphasis is placed on pop culture news because that's what the average consumer wants to see.

"We put out what people are going to look at," Stevenson explained.

Stevenson suggested that the average Twitter member following news feeds isn't your standard 6 and 11 o'clock news watcher. On Twitter, news is being produced for a younger, Internet savvy audience in an application most students can navigate. Twitter is a way for students to stay current and keep up with news they may be interested in. It's free to follow as many news organizations as you like.

Since the inception of their account, WFMJ has seen story and video hits for their website increase. As hits increase, news organizations are going to take the extra step toward branding their news product to the Facebook/MySpace/Twitter generation. Stevenson says WFMJ will adapt with technology, which is evident by plans the station has to launch an iPhone application at the end of the year.

"We're going to take it where people are going to consume it," Stevenson said.



OUR SIDE EDITORIAL Just the facts

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Youngstown State Uni-rsity's administrative and finance departments are frequent targets of editorial criticism, often con-cerning financial dealings we find questionable or at least worth analyzing.

Youngstown City Schools'\$211,502 payment to YSU for specialized counseling for Youngstown Early College students raises few red flags, if any. Yet a lack of clarity surrounds the scope of these services, and nobody has yet defined

Lack of information or understanding is precisely the sort of beast which draws predatory media attention. When answers seem scarce where they should abound, journal-iss—good ones anyway—

furrow their eyebrows. Who? What? Where? When? These are the com-mon questions addressed for a good news story. Yet our responsibility as jour-nalists and citizens within a society demands we ask further: Why?

That question perhaps holds the greatest weight. When there appears no clear answer, we hunt one. Thus we editorialize.

Never does humanity seek light more avidly than when we encounter dark-

Questions must always be asked or we grow lazy and assume there are no answers; we grow compla-cent in ignorance. So then, why must Youngstown City Schools pay YSU \$211,000 for counseling which ought to be available anyway? The Jambar does not as-

sume that either party is do-ing wrong. We simply seek answers, as journalists and members of a community.

These answers are likely available. Yet questions abound when money seems unsubstantiated. Knowledge is everyone's responsibility. That responsibility, when unmet, can suggest ignorance. Confusion can breed mistrust where none is warranted. The Jambar will only ever ask YSU to meet its responsibilities, just as we journalists are expected to meet ours.

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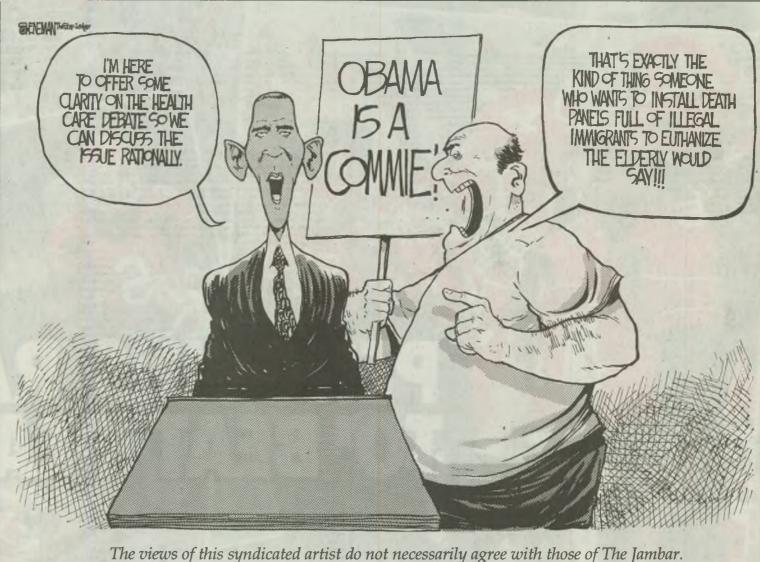
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Amanda George



"Would have said no, but I was won over when I saw him on Fox News. Great charismatic

speaker." Megan Arroil



"Yes, because he speaks his mind, and doesn't take s--- from no one."

Eric MacDougall

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This letter is in response to the drivel of articles covering the so-called controversy concerning the extramarital affair of South Carolina Governor Mark Sanford.

The modus operandi is always the same for these Bible thumping "moral" leaders. First, they preach to do as they say but not as they do. Second, they go get a concubine because many leaders in the Bible did so. Third, they get caught with their pants down. Then God intervenes to 'change him so that he can emerge from the scandal a more humble and effective leader." Excuse me, but if this guy doesn't resign, I think I'm going to puke.

Sanford says he found his soul mate "but said he would work to repair his relationship with his wife, Jenny, the mother of their four sons." Well that is very honorable of the governor to uphold his vow after being caught with that Bambina of Argentina. Who in their right mind would use state aircraft to fly all the way

down there when you can get the same family-wrecking cheap whore at the corner bar? She must be one hell of a performer. Where's Uncle Charley when you need him? Oh, wait a minute, that

was "three" sons. Per the article, he "cites scripture and his faith in God." OK, how about thou not commit tery? Further, "he admitted the session would offer him little chance of success in pushing a small-government agenda that sought to give his office more authority." Yep, in political parlance, they call it lame duck or lame something else.

soon-to-be-former Mrs. Sanford stated, "The person I married was centered on a core of morals. The person who did this is not centered on those morals." And that is why he should resign or face impeachment. It's over, governor. Now leave.

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A congressman's outburst shows disrespect for democracy

McClatchy-Tribune News Service Miami Herald

In an extraordinary breach of the decorum expected in Congress when a president comes to speak, Republican Rep. Joe Wilson yelled out "You lie!" when Obama made clear that undocumented immigrants would not qualify for any healthcare subsidy.

Truth is, all bills before Congress already make that distinction, and Obama was

Truth also is that anyone who comes in sick to a hospital today _ American or not, here legally or not _ must be, at the very least, stabilized. That's the law now, and only true immigration reform that would lead to legalizing the status of an estimated 12 million people would fix the problem.

The South Carolina Republican's outburst served as a reminder of the petulance and pettiness that have surrounded the healthcare debate. To their credit, several Republicans stepped forward to denounce Wilson's disrespect for the Office of the Presidency.

Wilson issued an apology, but the damage was done. As messy as democracy can be, and it surely is during campaigns, Wilson's outburst, as he admitted later, was "inappropriate and regrettable."

And even though his is a predominantly Republican district, the outburst also seemed to energize 3,000 Democrats and independents who within hours of Wilson's boorish behavior had committed online to send Wilson's Democratic opponent thousands of dollars for next year's election.

Obama was stern in his "that's not true" response to Wilson and went on to talk about the substance of his plan. The president took the high road while Wilson engaged in political guerrilla tactics unbecoming a member of Congress.



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PENGUINS KEY STATS

Brandon Summers
17-24 232 yards 4 TDs

Kevin Smith
20 carries 121 yards TD

Sir Demarco Bledsoe
15 tackles, 1.0 sack, 1.5 tackles for loss



Penguins finish strong in Bucknell Invitational

Chelsea Miller SPORTS REPORTER

Justien Cullen concentrates heavily and lines up for her drive onto the fairway. Although she is a junior at Youngstown State University, it is her first year on the golf team and she must prove herself if she wants to play at the YSU Invitational.

She has done very well apart from losing one of her balls and taking the penalty, which she will have to make up for with the next shot. Unfortunately, her next shot lands in the water. "It's a shame," coach Roseann Schwartz says. "Those couple shots could really mess up her chances of competing in the tournament, but you never know, someone else could do the same thing ... [in golf] every shot counts."

The YSU women's golf team takes these words to heart every time they step

on the course. With eight women on the team and only five spots available on the tournament roster, Schwartz must carefully select who will compete and bases those choices by how well the girls perform during practice the week before. Because of this, the girls practice hard to prove themselves and even strengthtrain with a trainer from the university twice a week for eight weeks.

"Golf takes more endurance than most people expect," Schwartz said. "You really have to be fit."

Working hard to lead the Penguins to victory last weekend was sophomore Samantha Formeck, who scored a 227 in the three-round Bucknell Invitational, which was good enough for fifth place. The Penguins as a team finished sixth. "Samantha led the team last year as well," Schwartz said. "She is a very dedicated player."

As a team, however, Schwartz said she believes there are still a few kinks that need worked out. "We did not play as well as we did last year, but it's still early in the year. We'll get it going again ... we need to get better on our short game with better chips and fewer putts," she said.

Cullen, who was a walk-on player this year said the switch from high school to Division I golf was a bit of a struggle, especially since she hasn't played competitively in a few years, but she's ready for the challenge.

"Coach called me and needed somebody and I missed playing," she said.
"I think we did pretty well for our first invitational, but I know they can shoot better. We have a solid five group of girls that are capable of a lot."

The golf team's next scheduled match is Sept. 28 against Bowling Green, Cleveland State, St. Francis and Niagara College of Canada at The Links at Firestone Farms in Columbiana. Schwartz said they haven't had a large number of spectators in the past to see the team, but said, "we would love to have people come watch."

Rob Harris

This time of year, the Midwest is dominated by football. Whether you're a Browns or Steelers fan, a Michigan or Ohio State fan, your eyes were likely glued to the television this past weekend. Many also ventured to Stambaugh Stadium to watch the Penguins prevail over Austin Peay in the team's home opener. In a season and region when most students and fans are obsessed with football, it's important to note the other reasons to be excited about Youngstown State University's athletics.

Here's a list of 10 sports and ath-

Here's a list of 10 sports and athletes to take note of:

Women's Golf [1]. The YSU women's golf team won the 2008-2009 Horizon League Championship, a year after a runner-up finish. In August, Katie Rogner [2], a junior on the team, won the TaylorMade-Adidas Collegiate Series Tour Championship. During the 2007-2008 season, Rogner was named Horizon League Player of the

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Samantha Formeck [3], a sophomore from Northern Cambria, Pa., followed in the footsteps of her teammate; she was the winner of the same honors in the 2008-2009 season. In addition to the team's success in the past two seasons, Formeck has had individual success. She won the individual Horizon League title, while two of her teammates also finished in the top five. Senior Brittany Stillwagon finished just two strokes behind Formeck as the runner-up, while Rogner finished fifth.

Men's Golf [4]. The YSU men's golf team hasn't had as much team success as the women's in the past two seasons, but senior Ryan Stocke [5] has made a name for himself. On July 17, Stocke finished fourth at the 2009 Ohio Amateur Golf Championships. He moved up 17 spots during his late push in the final round where he shot a 3- under 69, tying him for the best final round of the tournament. On Aug. 7, Stocke, an Elida, Ohio, native, finished in a tie for third at the Ohio Public Golf Association Publinx Golf Tournament. Stocke was named

Penguin Team MVP in the 2007-2008 season before being redshirted last

Women's Soccer [6]. Over the weekend, the YSU women's soccer team fell to The Ohio State University 6-0, dropping the season record to 2-3-1. However, the season has had some

bright spots. Kara Cooper [7] has brought a strong start to the 2009 season. Cooper, a sophomore from Youngstown, scored two goals and assisted on another in the team's 4-2 win over Howard University on Aug. 23. That performance earned her Horizon League Player of the Week honors. The next week, YSU took on Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne. With the game in overtime, Cooper scored the game-winning goal with one second remaining. It was her second goal of the game, the first coming on a breakaway with 15 minutes left in the first half. Cooper leads the team in goals (5), assists (2) and points (12).

Women's outdoor/indoor track [8]. The women's track and field program has been immensely successful under head coach Brian Gorby. The women's

indoor team won the Horizon League title in the 2007-2008 season. The outdoor team has taken home the league crown in the past two seasons.

One of the standout athletes on the team is Alisha Anthony [9], a sophomore from Van Wert, Ohio. Anthony is a two-time Horizon League Field Newcomer of the Year and a four-time champion. Anthony won the indoor long jump in the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 seasons. She owns the school records for the long jump and triple jump in the outdoor circuit.

Another sophomore, Breanne Romeo [10] from Boardman, has had an exciting start to her career. Romeo, a sprinter, was named the Horizon League Running Newcomer of the Year in the both the indoor and outdoor seasons in 2008. Romeo also became the fourth student-athlete in school history to qualify for the USA Junior Outdoor Track and Field Championships in 2008. She qualified in the 400m, the event she won at the 2008 Horizon League Outdoor Track and Field Championships.