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Reports confirm rapid response on elevator scene

Dan Pompili
NEWS EDITOR

The Youngstown State University Police Department and the Youngstown Fire Department have confirmed official response times for Sept. 10, when the elevator in Kilcawley House dropped five stories.

Despite a perceived lapse in response time expressed by student witnesses and victims, the dispatch tapes confirm that a university police officer was on the scene within two minutes.

At 6:27 p.m., the emergency call button in the elevator was accidentally pressed. When the button is pressed a call is routed directly to the YSU Police dispatcher. The dispatcher at that time inquired about the nature of the emergency, only to learn that it was an accidental call.

However, the intercom system remains patched in to the police dispatch-

er for one minute after the call ends.

Within that minute, the dispatcher heard the students begin screaming as the elevator lurched, then dropped into the basement. At that time, 6:28 p.m., the dispatcher immediately radioed to officers in the field.

"The dispatcher was very keen to keep her ears tuned in," said YSU Police Lt. Mark Adovasio.

Unit 918, Sgt. Samuel Oliver, who was patrolling campus at the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center, arrived, according to the dispatch tapes, at 6:30:41.

At 6:31:07, Oliver radioed — after several static-laden attempts — to confirm that the elevator had dropped into the basement, and he requested a "55," or an ambulance. Rural Metro Ambulance Co. could not confirm any times or personnel information due to Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act regulations.

Adovasio, however, said he saw

three ambulance units on the scene, usually staffed by two medics each. Adovasio said there were probably five or six medics on scene, including a supervisor.

Adovasio arrived sometime after 6:35 p.m. At the same time that the first call went out regarding the accident, YSU Police personnel were also responding to a fire alarm in Stambaugh Stadium, where numerous officers were running security for a high school football game. Adovasio was among them at the time.

According to the police report on the fire alarm incident, the fire alarm was turned off and the scene cleared by 6:35 p.m. Adovasio departed immediately thereafter from the stadium to attend to the elevator scene.

At 6:31:40, YSU Police units 901 and 904, David Benko and Sgt. Dennis Godoy, arrived on the scene.

The city fire department said it received the first notification at 6:48 p.m.

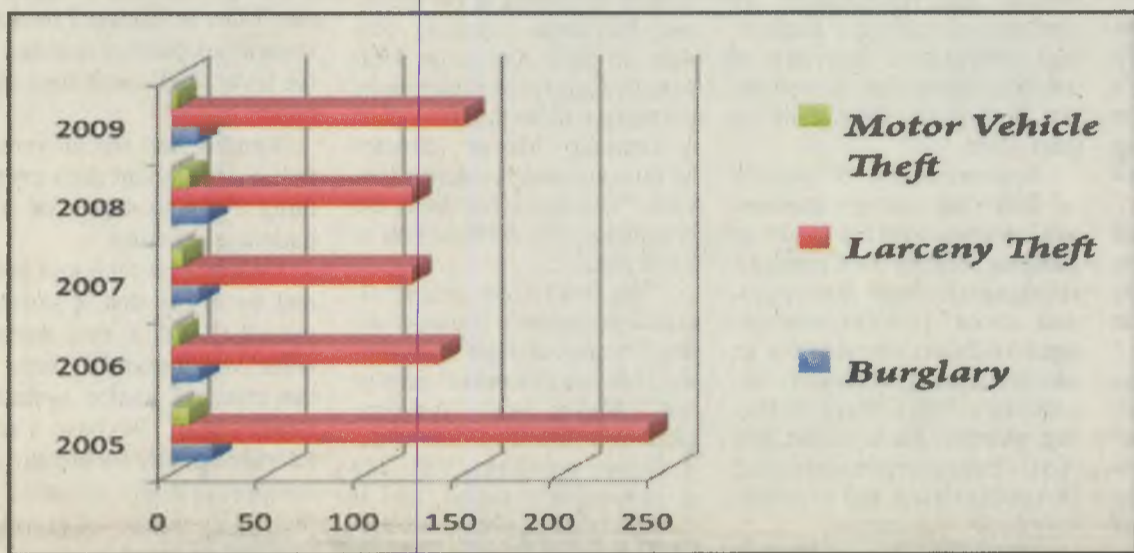
Fire Department Station 1, Squad 33 sent Engine 7, which arrived on scene at 6:49 p.m.

Chief Gary DiTullio of the Youngstown Fire Department said that squad is usually sent to all elevator emergencies because they have elevator keys and handle rescue situations. Members of the shift that responded to the scene were not available for comment in time for publication. However, according to a police report, the fire unit turned off power to the elevator in order to secure the scene, allowing paramedics to attend to injured students.

The Youngstown Fire Department confirmed that six firefighters and one chief were on the scene.

By the time Adovasio arrived, officers Oliver, Godoy, Benko and Gary Minnie were on scene. Officers Joseph Carbone and Kris Russell also responded at some point, as is evidenced

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This is a visual representation of the top three reported crimes by Youngstown State University Police Department according to the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting program from 2005 to 2009.

FBI releases campus crime statistics

Joe Giesy
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

According to a press release published this week by the FBI, national crime rates declined during the 2009 calendar year, but crime rates at Youngstown State University rose.

In 2009, the YSU Police Department reported three violent crimes and 164 property crimes. This is an increase from zero reported violent crimes and 148 property crimes in 2008.

The FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting program is divided into seven categories. Murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery

and aggravated assault are considered violent crimes; burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft and arson are considered property crimes.

Larceny-theft has seen the greatest increase from 122 reported in 2008 to 149 reported in 2009.

Sgt. Bryan Remias of the YSU Police Department said this is only a small increase that doesn't raise too much concern. He said opportunity thefts are the main type of theft seen on campus, so the police try to preach the importance of securing items and attempt to help locate stolen property.

Although theft increased between 2008 and

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YSUnity retains focus, despite transitions, changes

Christine Darin
REPORTER

YSUnity faced challenges in the spring semester during the transition of officers but members of the organization are committed to not losing focus of their purpose.

Nicholas Iacobucci was elected as the president of YSUnity last spring during the rough transition.

"The last officials of the organization didn't leave us anything to use for this year, including the checkbook for the club," Iacobucci said. "We aren't even sure what sort of activities or protests our group can hold on campus yet."

Brian Wells, YSUnity adviser, said a number of transitions within the group have occurred in the past few years. He is the fifth or sixth adviser for the club.

"I believe the trouble with transition occurs be-



cause people graduate and they still have to pass things on to the next group," Wells said. "For example, a past member of YSUnity moved out of state, and it was a matter of when she would be back in Ohio to drop off the items to the new members."

YSUnity also changed the name of their organization from YSUnity: A Gay Straight Alliance to YSUnity: LGBTQIA this semester.

"LGBTQIA stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersex and allies," Iacobucci said. "We wanted people on campus to know that our organization is not just for gays."

Wells said, "Our group decided that they wanted the most inclusive and appropriate title for YSUnity."

"Gay-straight alliance was not as inclusive as it could be, and we wanted people to identify better with our organization," Wells said.

YSUnity had an increase in members this semester as compared with past semesters.

"Last spring we only had about 15 active members, and this semester 45 members signed up," Iacobucci said.

YSUnity changed roles from being a support group to being more of a social club for members.

The national average for people choosing to disclose their sexuality changed from an average age of 19 to ages 13-16, although the Mahoning Valley is behind the national average, Wells said.

"Most LGBTQIA people coming to college are already out," Wells said. "It is less important for them to need support because they have already developed their personal identity."

Wells took the unofficial role of Safe Zone coord-

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Icebreakers host fundraisers to fight cancer

Andrea DeMart
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

A Youngstown State University campus organization is giving a foundation some high-profile attention.

The Penguin Icebreakers, an organization consisting of student ambassadors within the admissions office, are working with Alex's Lemonade Stand to fight childhood cancer.

The foundation began when 4-year-old cancer patient Alexandra "Alex" Scott (1996-2004) held a front yard lemonade stand to raise money for a cure for all children with cancer. The foundation, now in its 10th year, has since evolved into a national fundrais-

ing movement. To date, the charity has raised more than \$30 million for pediatric cancer research.

The Icebreakers have been working with this foundation since March under the supervision of Monica Mastran-Czopor, assistant director of admissions at YSU and Icebreakers adviser.

Mastran-Czopor said the Icebreakers have raised \$2,456 so far with "100 percent of the profits going to the charity."

In addition to accepting donations in exchange for lemonade at the stands, the Icebreakers are offering lemon-shaped rubber bracelets for a \$1 donation.

The first Icebreaker-sponsored stand will be held Friday from 6-9 p.m. during Truck Night at Yankee Lake in Brookfield. Mastran-Czopor said students will be able

to receive \$1 off admission with a student ID at the gate in conjunction with the Lemonade Stand fundraiser.

The second stand will be held Saturday at the Mall at Robinson in Robinson, Pa. from 12-5 p.m. to coordinate with "Twilight" saga star Peter Facinelli's autograph signing. A portion of the money raised during the signing is donated to the foundation.

Mastran-Czopor said that Facinelli has a long-standing relationship with the foundation and her local connections have given her and the Icebreakers priority when he looks to host a Lemonade Stand locally.

"I feel passionate about the foundation itself," she said. "It raises awareness for the need for research for cancer."

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NEWS BRIEFS

Homework Express begins its sixth season

Tuesday marked the beginning of season six for "Homework Express," a homework assistance TV show broadcast from Bliss Hall. Telecommunications students write, direct and produce the series that airs Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 to 5 p.m.

Pulitzer Prize winner lectures at YSU

Chris Hedges, former New York Times foreign correspondent and 2002 Pulitzer Prize recipient, will give a lecture at YSU titled "Empire of Illusion: The End of Literacy and the Triumph of Spectacle." The lecture will be held in Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room on Sept. 30 at 12:30 p.m.

POLICE BRIEFS

Harassment on campus

A victim filed a police report claiming that the suspect screamed obscenities and yelled profanity at the victim. The victim said there had been issues in the past with the suspect and nothing had been done with reports previously filed. The complaints were given to the Youngstown Police Department and the victim was given the number to escort services on campus in case of future problems.

Recently released psychiatric patient disturbs peace

Police responded to a call reporting a suspect who was standing outside of the Taco Bell drive-thru on Fifth Avenue and refusing to leave. Upon arrival, YSU Police determined the suspect needed emergency services. The suspect became resistant and police had to use handcuffs. Police were informed the suspect was recently released from a psychiatric ward weeks earlier, and the suspect was turned over to protective services.

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AmeriCorps awards history department grant money for two positions

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The Youngstown State University History Department has been selected to receive a grant for two AmeriCorps positions.

One position involves digitization, or uploading parts of the department's collection online, while the other is responsible for community organization and promoting upcoming Civil War commemoration, said history department Chairwoman Martha Pallante.

"This has been in process for about six months. The Ohio Historical Society wrote the application to AmeriCorps, and they have \$260,000 from the Ohio Community Service Counsel," Pallante said.

The deadline for the AmeriCorps positions is Sept. 20. All individuals over the age of 17, including YSU students, are welcome to apply. Hiring students would be difficult, Pallante said, because the positions are full time. However, she encourages students to apply.

"We would like to do interviews and hire about Sept. 20,

[and] we have to have the people in place by the first of October," Pallante said.

Pallante said a considerable amount of applications have been received.

"The Ohio Historical Society is running a base camp for applications, and there has been a significant number come into to that base camp," Pallante said. "I would urge anybody who is interested to go online to the Ohio Historical Society site and make an application through the base camp."

Pallante is "ecstatic" about the program for several reasons.

"I'm excited about being part of the program. I think it serves an excellent purpose, [and] I am excited for the young people that get to participate in it," Pallante said.

Pallante said another advantage it offers is employment for a year along with health benefits.

"If the AmeriCorps personnel meet all of the requirements for service, they have \$5,000 at the end to either pay for more schooling or to forgive student loans," Pallante said. "That I find a really good thing."

Pallante said she is also looking forward to opportunities to do more programming and create more activities at the Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor.

Off-campus drinking could leave students paying a price

Caitlin Fitch
REPORTER

Students under the legal drinking age who become intoxicated off campus and are caught after arriving back are still legally responsible.

Sgt. Bryan Remias of the Youngstown State University Police Department said it's not uncommon that students reported for underage drinking have consumed the alcohol elsewhere.

"The drinking happens off campus, and then they come back under the influence, and that's when we deal with the problem," Remias said.

Since July, five cases of underage drinking have occurred; two involved open containers.

Open container laws prohibit any person of any age from having an open container of alcohol in any public area.

However, it is a state law, rather than a federal law, so it is different for each state. It's illegal in Ohio.

According to the College Drinking: Changing the Culture website, created by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, 31 percent of college students met criteria for a diagnosis of alcohol abuse and 6 percent for alcohol dependence in the past year.

Approximately 5 percent of four-year college students are involved with the police or campus security as a result of drinking alcoholic beverages, and about 110,000 students ages 18-24 are arrested for an alcohol-related violation, according to the College Drinking website. Each of the five YSU Police reports resulted in a public arrest and a mandatory court appearance.

The police reports showed

that one case occurred on Michigan Avenue, one at Lyden House and three at the University Courtyard Apartments.

Carol Seawood, property manager of the University Courtyard Apartments, was unable to comment on the issue. Residents drinking outside of their rooms on University Courtyard Apartments property will be fined.

Danielle Meyer, director of housing and residence life, said, "Our residence halls are completely dry whether you're 21 or not."

"We don't allow empty alcohol containers because we don't want our staff questioning if it was consumed here or not," Meyer said. "Anytime alcohol is found in one of the residence buildings, YSU PD is immediately called, and if they're under 21, they are cited. If they are 21 they are sent

to student conduct."

If the student is underage, the Office of Student Life sends a notification to the student's parent/guardian notifying them of the situation, Meyer said.

Harriet Reed, a secretary in the Office of Student Life, said sometimes parents respond to the letter, and sometimes they don't.

Remias said the university police department does everything it can to reduce or stop underage drinking.

"We enforce all liquor laws, and by doing that it sends a message, and if that doesn't work we introduce them to the criminal justice system," Remias said. "We have a zero tolerance policy for alcohol on campus, and any violation of that policy will result in a citation and an arrest."

Students, staff contribute to blood drive

Chelsea Miller
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

After the American Red Cross announced its urgent need for blood, members of the YSU community offered help Wednesday.

The blood drive was held in Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room and was organized by Danny O'Connell, director of support services, and the University Scholars.

Denise Brindle, the Red Cross' donor recruitment representative, described the urgent need status as being low on blood after the summer months.

"When high school is out, through the summer ... it's always low. People are out and about and busy, but we still need that blood every day,"

Brindle said. "Every two seconds, someone needs blood. So the urgent need is in effect now, until we get the shelves stocked back up."

To persuade students to donate blood, the Red Cross offered Chipotle coupons to those who donated.

Jacklyn Giels of the Red Cross said 94 donations were made.

Brindle said the Red Cross has collected thousands of pints since it began coming to YSU in the 1970s. The goal for the blood drive was to collect 65 pints.

According to the American Red Cross' website, from a donation of one pint of blood, red cells, platelets, plasma and cryoprecipitate can be used. Each donation of blood can help save up to three lives, but red blood cells have a shelf-life of only 42 days and plate-

lets last for five. Brindle said because of this reason, there is always a need for blood.

"[The donated blood] can be used for accidents, surgeries, transfusions ... cancer patients when their counts are low, they get platelets," Brindle said.

A person can donate every 56 days, Brindle said, but he or she has to go through a health-screening process beforehand. Blood is then tested before it is distributed.

Erin Greihs, a junior accounting major who is interning through the Red Cross, organizes the event each year along with the University Scholars. Although she is anemic and can't donate blood, Greihs said it is a way for her to help out.

"There's so many people who need [blood]. There's cancer patients and burn vic-

tims and little babies in the hospital who need blood. It's a really worthy cause," Greihs said.

Kristi Spataro, a freshman music education major, donated blood Wednesday. Although she said she hates needles, the free Chipotle coupons brought her out to donate.

"It doesn't hurt that bad, but I kind of psyched myself out because I don't like giving blood," she said.

Junior Shantal Edwards said she gives blood every three months, or about four times a year.

"You never know who's going to need it," Edwards said. "You never know when you're going to need something from someone, so it's always good to help."

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by their signatures on at least four witness statements taken at the scene. Adovasio said that as many as five of his officers were out sick that day, suggesting the response might have been greater otherwise.

By 6:50 p.m., 19 or 20 police, fire and paramedic responders were on the scene.

According to the report filed by Benko, ambulances transported the injured students to St. Elizabeth Health Center and North Side Hospital for treatment.

Fire dispatch said Monday

that the scene was cleared by 7:20 p.m.

"Our campus police, dispatchers are very well-trained and have a stellar reputation for responding, responding quickly and doing a fantastic job," said Director of university communications Ron Cole. "We should count ourselves fortunate that no students were significantly, severely injured, and we should move forward and as a university do whatever we can to ensure the safety of everyone on campus."

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2009, property crime rates are still down from when there were 271 reported property crimes in 2005.

"A lot of it's because of education, [and] we've preached to these kids about securing their property," Cretella said. "We think of these kids as our kids."

The education Cretella spoke of is speeches given by Chief John J. Gocala during university orientation and fliers released by the department advising students of crime activity.

Remias said the "number one" stolen items are books. He stressed the need for students to be aware and not leave their property unsecured in areas where opportunistic thieves can easily take things.

Remias said he recently created a page on Facebook for the university police department. The page sends out crime alerts to anyone who has become a fan of the page. Currently, 468 people "like" the

page.

Burglaries and motor vehicle thefts have declined on campus from 18 reported burglaries and eight reported motor vehicle thefts in 2008 to 13 reported burglaries and two reported motor vehicle thefts in 2009.

Remias and Cretella attributed the decrease in motor vehicle thefts to the capture of a man who has been linked to at least four of the thefts in 2008. They also said two of the reported thefts in 2008 were attempted thefts but are reported the same as a successful theft.

"When [repeat offenders] are locked up, our thefts go down," Cretella said.

The university police department is normally alerted when these repeat offenders are released again.

The YSU Police Department reported all known violent and property crime offenses for their jurisdiction in 2009 and previous years to the FBI.

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dinator when he accepted the position of YSunity adviser.

Safe Zone is a training session held on campus for faculty, administrators, staff and anyone interested in becoming a Safe Zone supporter for the LGBTQIA community.

"Most universities operate the Safe Zone through the university, but here it has been left up to the student organization," Wells said. "I believe the university should be responsible for the Safe Zone program."

In the spring semester, the

organization "completely revamped the Safe Zone training session in the spring semester," Wells said.

"Before, the program lasted about an hour and a half, and the session included a student panel that shared personal experiences," Wells said. "Now, we hold a four-hour session that includes the student panel, but also a terminology session as well as laws."

Safe Zone helps people relate to the LGBTQIA community, Wells said.



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Larceny theft accounted for more than 90 percent of reported crime on campus by the YSU Police Department to the FBI. Larceny is the wrongful taking of personal property with the intent to keep it.

Who is to blame?

Our answer is students' irresponsibility.

Sgt. Bryan Remias of YSU Police said most thefts on campus occur because there is an opportunity to do so.

For example, if a student goes to the Rec Center, leaves an iPod, cell phone or book on the bench in the basketball gym, another student there may see it and take advantage of the opportunity.

The Rec Center isn't the only place theft occurs, however. Textbooks and book bags are prone to theft when their owner looks away.

Remias couldn't identify one specific place as being the worst area for theft because it changes all the time depending on where the opportunity arises for thieves.

"Crime has no boundaries," Remias said.

The Rec Center provides free locks for students to use lockers while in the facilities, yet many students do not take advantage of this opportunity. Instead they create an opportunity for thieves to steal items left out in the open.

Students need to keep in mind the risks at hand when they leave their personal property unattended for anyone to take.

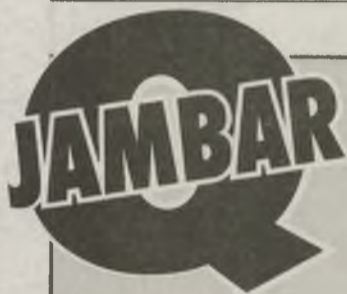
Let us not allow irresponsibility and neglect to elevate campus crime rates any higher, playing into the stigma of crime surrounding the university.

Don't be a victim of opportunity; lock up any personal property and avoid leaving items unattended.

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



Do you plan on voting in this year's general elections? Why?



"I guess I don't know anybody, but I usually do [vote]. I'll just bubble in anything just to be supportive."

LaToya Fornore, freshman



"Yes, for many reasons. Most of all because I want to get an independant in office."

Joe Bobby, sophomore



"I am voting against Jim Traficant. I don't want someone like that in office."

Maria Monroe, freshman

CEOs claim jackpots amid huge layoffs

Kansas City Star
MCT

A new report from the Institute for Policy Studies says that "CEOs of the 50 firms that have laid off the most workers since the onset of the economic crisis took home 42 percent more pay in 2009 than their peers at Standard & Poor's 500 firms."

If true, that is a troubling finding. In tough times, expenses must be cut and executives have a duty to shareholders to ensure the survival of the enterprise. Were they to do otherwise, the nation's long-term economic prospects would suffer dramatically.

Yet the pay raises reported by the study were tacked onto salaries already stratospheric. S&P chief executives' median pay is \$1.025 million, or around \$7.5 million with bonuses and benefits. Meanwhile, their workers are getting median packages of pay and benefits worth about \$40,000.

As the Financial Times recently pointed out, a provision in the financial reform package that Congress just passed is causing nightmares for some at the top by requiring comparisons of top wages to workers' average salaries.

Currently, mean CEO compensation is about 20 times the pay of the U.S. president and 187 times the pay of the average worker.

Two big questions: Where are the boards of these companies? And what can they be thinking?

A Steve Jobs or Bill Gates, not to mention a Warren Buffett, can mean the difference between profitability and stagnation, or worse.

But at the same time, widening pay disparities can undermine the economic system by causing many to question its basic fairness. Boards should recognize that lavish pay raises for chiefs overseeing the firings of work forces do not play well in the court of public opinion.

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Three weeks and \$2,800 each is what it took for 14 Youngstown State University students to travel to Israel, accumulating pictures and memories to last forever.

History professor Helene Sinnreich and archaeology professor Matt O'Mansky led the trip that ran from Aug. 5-29. The experience was open to all interested students.

Spending almost two weeks in Jerusalem, they weathered one of the hottest summers in more than 150 years. Temperatures reached upwards of 100 degrees most days.

They went to the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem and participated in an archaeological dig, where they helped find remnants that had been lost in the sand.

Students also visited Petra, a large city in Jordan, and an old Roman province. They traveled to the Dome of the Rock, rode camels and slept

in the desert in a Bedouin tent village, where they had a traditional desert meal. A few were baptized in the Jordan River, and everyone went to Mitzpe Ramon, a town overlooking a 28-mile-long, 5-mile-wide crater in the desert.

They toured museums to learn the history and culture of the area and traveled to a zoo that houses desert animals.

Senior biology major Britany Brocker first heard about the trip last year in her history class. Out of her fondness for

archeology, history and extra elective hours, she saw this as "the best way to get the full experience of Israel, with two Ph.D.s."

With so much time spent in Israel, Brocker had a hard time naming her favorite part of the trip.

"Seeing all the religious sights, where some were the center of so much conflict, and how they were radiated on everyone's faces was a highlight," Brocker said.

Brocker added that riding camels was a fun, exciting part of the trip, and that the

food everywhere they went was "amazing."

O'Mansky began his trip two weeks early so he could go to Egypt first.

"The trip is a great experience. A lot of money and difficult to put together, but worth it," O'Mansky said. "With three weeks, what we did is extraordinary."

Sinnreich, who has been to Israel before, described Ein Gedi, one destination on the trip, as "a beautiful oasis" where they took a boat tour on the Dead Sea, the lowest point on Earth.

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Arabic students experience YSU

Jared Buker
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
REPORTER

They have been at Youngstown State University for almost five months, traveling from Riyadh City in Saudi Arabia to receive a college education.

They are each 20 years old and in their freshman year of college. With them they brought a sense of community, something they believe Americans do not always have.

Even though these three Saudi exchange students met each other only a year ago, they have decided to stick together until they return home after graduation.

Here, they feel like "outsiders."

"Here in America, it's like individualism," said Ebraheem Alqarni. "[In Saudi Arabia], we help each other and we're happy about that."

Ammar Almuqaybil, who is more reserved and soft-spoken, agreed that making friends in America is harder than in Saudi Arabia.

"If you say 'hi' for anyone [in Saudi Arabia], that means he is your friend," said Almuqaybil. "You start your friendship from that moment."

YSU has a partnership with Saudi Aramco, a Saudi Arabian oil company. The company pays for room and board and tuition for several Saudi students. In return, they must sign a contract saying they'll come

back and work for them.

The three are studying to become emergency medical technicians.

"In Saudi Arabia, jobs are less than people who want the jobs," Alqarni said. "What I'm interested in is that [Saudi Aramco] said come here, study for us, we will pay everything, and you will come back as an employee of our company."

Saudi Aramco, which is Saudi Arabia's largest company, sends thousands of students to American colleges every year, but the students do not decide where they will go. Alqarni said students can be sent anywhere from New York to Seattle.

Saudi Arabia views the role of women differently than the United States. Yasir Alorabi said it hasn't been strange seeing women at public events, even though in Saudi Arabia they are not allowed to go out.

Alqarni said, "In Hollywood movies, things like that, we see America."

"We've seen women before, and even in Saudi Arabia, sometimes you see them, and it's OK," Alqarni added.

The three have adapted quickly to American campus life, making friends and going out on the weekends. They speak fluent English and love to learn, though the amount of homework has proven to be a challenge.

Almuqaybil said Saudi Arabia is often perceived as the safest country in the world because alcohol, drugs and firearms are illegal in all

forms. Abuse of these laws is considered a high-end crime punishable by imprisonment, even if the violation is nothing more than being caught in possession of alcohol.

"[Americans] have an idea about Iraq," Almuqaybil said. "They see war there, so they have those thoughts about all the Middle East, but Saudi Arabia is the safest place."

Even with such cultural differences, Alorabi feels safe in Youngstown because he has not seen anything dangerous or illegal happen. However, Alqarni, who lives with Alorabi and Almuqaybil in the Flats at Wick, said he feels much more comfortable leaving his door unlocked in Saudi Arabia.

Alqarni has a problem with how often his fellow YSU students wear clothing that shows the school's penguin mascot.

"Most of the Americans wear this penguin, and that's it, every day," Alqarni said.

Almuqaybil suggested that the reason for this is probably because they are always on campus.

The three agreed that leaving their new friends would be the hardest thing about returning to Saudi Arabia. Although they keep in touch with their family and friends in Saudi Arabia through Skype, they are still eager to return home.

"If you go to Saudi Arabia, if you go to anywhere in the world, you will feel the same thing that I'm feeling now," Alqarni said. "You can't live all your life away from the place you were born in."

YSU welcomes new foreign exchange students

Zachary Humphries
REPORTER

Youngstown State University provides education for locals, individuals from outside the state and also students from outside the country.

Lynn Greene, director of the Center for International Studies and Programs, said foreign exchange students from the Middle East overshadow the overall number of foreign exchange students at YSU this semester.

Halic Kusco, a 24-year-old from Turkey, attends YSU and is working toward a master's degree in political science. Kusco made a trip to the United States in 2005 and decided to come back in 2008. He's been here since.

"I came here because education is more valued here than my home country," Kusco said.

Kusco has already earned his bachelor's degree in economics and hopes to be back in Turkey after graduation working as an economist.

"I want to be an economist back in my country because it pays very good money," Kusco said.

Khaled Alazhari, a 19-year-old from Saudi Arabia, has been in the United States for four months, and he plans to stay at YSU for at least three more years while he finishes school. Upon graduation, Alazhari said he plans to become a paramedic in his home country.

"My country needs these kinds of people because there are not a lot of people in this field," Alazhari said.

Alazhari said he was hesitant in believing that Americans would treat him with respect.

"I thought people would hate me because I am from the same place as Saddam Hussein," Alazhari said.

Khaled said he's beginning to realize that his previous assumptions are false and that Americans aren't what he expected.

"I want to learn perfect English," Ammar Almuqaybil said.

That's why Almuqaybil chose to come to the U.S. He's studying to become an emergency medical technician.

Almuqaybil said taking an American culture class in his home country of Saudi Arabia prepared him for the U.S.

"Each country has its own culture and ways of doing things, so these classes were helpful," Almuqaybil said.

Music At Noon

The YSU Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble

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September designated as Suicide Prevention Month

Keith Stinson
REPORTER

Since the 1950s, suicide rates for those ages 15-24 have more than doubled, and, in the U.S., someone commits a suicide every 15 minutes, according to the American Association of Suicidology. The AAS reported that in 2007, suicide ranked as the third leading cause of death among young people 15-24; only accidents and homicides occurred more frequently.

Mark Termine, a Youngstown State University junior majoring in psychology, lost a close friend to suicide one week ago.

"I feel both angry and sad," Termine said. "I'm angry because he ended his life so short, leaving his family and friends behind, and on the other hand, I'm upset because I wasn't

there in time to stop him."

September is designated as National Suicide Prevention Month. At YSU, there are options to help students who may think the only way out is taking their own lives.

One option is the Help Hotline Crisis Center. The Help Hotline operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week and serves Mahoning and Columbiana counties, along with portions of Trumbull County. Full-time staff and volunteers go through an extensive training process, completing at least 68 hours of classroom and on-line training. Duane Piccirilli, executive director of the Help Hotline, stressed that suicide is not the only option.

"We can help you get through this time," Piccirilli said. "You're never done; there's always someone here to answer your call, and it's OK to ask for help."

On any given day, the Help Hotline receives 12-13 suicide-related calls and about 5,000 calls a year dealing with suicide. Piccirilli said that callers may remain confidential at all times.

An on-campus option is the Student Threat Assessment Team. STAT consists of YSU staff members who provide information to faculty and staff, training them on how to handle a situation involving a student that may be disruptive, distressed or even threatening. STAT member Judy Gaines, executive director of student life, said any YSU staff member has the chance to receive training.

"Anybody who is a staff person at the university has the opportunity to receive training twice a year," Gaines said.

When all other options seem to diminish for a troubled student, the YSU Police

Department has the authority to intervene in the situation.

YSU Police will first determine if the student is a threat to himself or herself or other students. Depending on the escalation of the situation, the student may be taken to either counseling services on the first floor of Jones Hall or transported to St. Elizabeth Health Center for future evaluation. YSU Police also have the option of taking a troubled student to Turning Point Counseling Services on Belmont Avenue to receive treatment.

Lt. Mike Cretella of YSU Police said officers have an opportunity to partake in suicide prevention training, which is offered annually by the university police department and the Mahoning County Mental Health Board.

"The program teaches officers how to deal with a crisis and how to de-escalate the

situation," Cretella said.

Currently, 25 percent of all full-time YSU Police officers have completed the training, and Mahoning County officials hope to reach that same percentage for their county of officers.

Keith Baker, a YSU freshman majoring in computer science, dealt with a friend who was going through depression and contemplating suicide.

"College life can really get you down," Baker said. "It's great faculty and staff are becoming aware of these issues and can reach out to people to different ways."

If you know someone who needs help, you can contact the Help Hotline by dialing 211 in Mahoning County or 1-800-427-3606 from any other location.

Chef talks vegan and vegetarian options, future of dining services

Joe Giesy
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Clint Kifolo, executive chef for Youngstown State University dining services, is looking to win over vegans and vegetarians with new menus on campus.

"I've made it a point to create a meatless meal that's beyond steamed vegetables," Kifolo said. "Something that's more exciting, something that's more enticing."

Kifolo oversees ordering and menu planning for dining services. As an Orthodox Christian, he knows the importance and convenience of having meatless meal options available on campus.

Kifolo said vegetarian options are available at every dining services location on campus. Some of the locations, however, offer more options than others.

Tom Totterdale, dining services general manager, said, "Pennyquin's was a new location at the start of last year and we added that as a healthier choice."

Totterdale said Christman Dining Commons has started doing rotating stations in order to make more options available to students. Christman's menu can be found on the dining services website, along with nutrition information for foods served.

"You're going to see a totally new food court,"
-Tom Totterdale, dining service general manager

"We're trying to add more and that's probably the one thing in the past few years that you can see a lot more of is your vegan, vegetarian, organic, healthier options," Totterdale said. "That's pretty much what Pete's Place has turned into for us."

Kifolo said his first challenge was Pete's Place.

"Pete's Place is my baby. Pete's Place is my concept. Everything that has to do with Pete's Place is my brain child," Kifolo said.

"When I got here, my challenge was to create a dining destination that was a quick serve ... because they were having timing of service issues," Kifolo said. "The dietitians from Campus Rec had a lot of suggestions to try and create a healthier option venue on campus."



Clint Kifolo (pictured), executive chef for YSU's dining services, strives to create meatless meal options on campus.

He said the drive to create better vegan and vegetarian options is not based on his personal preferences.

"I was starting to see a shift and customers were ordering more and more vegetarian, meatless meals," Kifolo said of his time working in country clubs during his start as a chef in the early-90s.

Now it seems as though he has brought that people-pleasing attitude to Youngstown where he and Totterdale are attempting to shape YSU into a place where students can find dining options to suit what they want and need.

"We cater to not only vegetarians and vegans, but people with allergies," Totterdale said. "We are the contact people on campus for any students that have dietary needs or restrictions or dietary issues."

Sophomore Jacquelyn James said adding more options for vegans and vegetarians is a good idea.

"That way the menus at YSU fit the needs of everyone," James said.

With the contract up for renewal, Totterdale and dining services plan to work with the Student Government Association to send out a survey that would allow feedback from diners, just as they did when the contract was in negotiation five years ago.

The KFC in KC Food Court, which Totterdale said is one of the more popular choices on campus, was a result of that last survey.

"The Grill [155] and KFC are usually the two busiest locations," Totterdale said.

"What we see is people go to the grill and grab something, then grab a side of mac 'n' cheese or mashed potatoes and gravy to go along with their meal."

Junior Martin Reinkemeyer said KFC is his usual dining choice on campus.

"I mostly just hang out there in Kilcawley [Center] because it's convenient," Reinkemeyer said.

Totterdale said major renovation plans for Kilcawley Center are planned.

"You're going to see a totally new food court," Totterdale said. "The initial plans, and they're not solidified yet, is to open the downstairs into more of a mall-type food court where you have all your locations then just general seating."

Along with Kilcawley's building renovations, dining services is also likely to introduce menu changes or new programs, Kifolo said.

"Every semester, I dream up something new so that we can roll something out in August and we roll something brand new out in January," Kifolo said.

This year, some new food options were introduced and hours of operation were adjusted to ensure there was a place for students with meal cards to get food.

Although he wouldn't reveal his plans for January, he did talk a little bit about the monthly international food nights he began last year.

"With the diversity of the campus comes the ability to use my background with the many travels I've taken around the world," Kifolo said. He has spent time as the chef for an oil exploration company and even got to spend a day cooking with monks in the Dalai Lama's kitchen.

He said right now the international food nights are concentrated on the meal options, but he would like for international studies or a diversities group to become involved.

Totterdale and Kifolo recalled one night when the dinner theme was Indian and some of the international students took part.

"[They] were standing at the line explaining the food as the kids go through," Totterdale said. "They took it upon themselves because they were so happy with what we were doing, that we included them in the diversity of the campus."

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Penguins seek second consecutive win



Senior cornerback Brandian Ross gives the incomplete signal as he makes a solid play in the game against Butler on Saturday.

FCS TOP 25

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

MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL

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

PENGUIN SPOTLIGHT



JAMAINE COOK

POSITION: Running Back
YEAR: Sophomore
HOMETOWN: Cleveland
HIGH SCHOOL: Midpark
2010 Season Stats
Carries: 28
Yards: 124
Avg: 4.4
Long: 19

SCHEDULES

FOOTBALL
 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. 17- @ Oakland
 Sept. 19- @ Michigan
 Sept. 24- MILWAUKEE
 Sept. 26- GREEN BAY
 Oct. 1- @ Cleveland State
 Oct. 3- @ Wright State
 Oct. 8- DETROIT

VOLLEYBALL

Sept. 17- @ UIC
 Sept. 18- @Northern Illinois
 Sept. 21- @Eastern Michigan
 Sept. 24- GREEN BAY
 Sept. 25- MILWAUKEE
 Oct. 1- @ Cleveland State
 Oct. 5- WRIGHT STATE
 Oct. 6- BUTLER
 Oct. 9- @ Loyola
 Oct. 10- @ Valparaiso
 Oct. 16- UIC

Penguins battle Blue Devils in first ever meeting

Keith Langford Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

After an impressive home opener against the Butler University Bulldogs, the Youngstown State University football team hopes to keep momentum on its side.

More than 18,000 fans packed the Ice Castle on Saturday to watch Wolford's Penguins debut against the Bulldogs.

Kurt Hess, a redshirt freshman, was excited about the 31-7 win.

"We knew we needed to come out and give Youngstown something to cheer about, give Coach Wolford his first win of course. Personally, it was my first win as well, so it

was very exciting," he said.

The aura the Ice Castle seemed to have in the 1990s, and sparingly throughout the 2000s, appeared to be in full effect. The Ice Castle was rocking in a way it hasn't since the 2006 season when the Penguins won two home playoff games.

This win for the Penguins showed a power running game. The Penguins rushed for 286 yards. Three different Penguins rushed for more than 60 yards with sophomore Jamaine Cook leading the pack. Cook rushed for 93 yards on 18 carries.

It seems head coach Eric Wolford is bringing back the blue-collar approach this region has become accustomed to.

"I think having good running backs takes pressure off

of the quarterback so that way you don't have to put him in situations where you are always asking him specifically to win a game," Wolford said.

The defense looked solid in the win against Butler. Butler gained a substantial amount of yards but could only score seven points as the Penguins displayed a bend but don't break defense.

The next opponent for the Penguins, inside of a three-game home stand, will be the Central Connecticut State University Blue Devils. The Blue Devils went 9-3 last season and were the 2009 Northeast Conference champions. The Blue Devils are 1-1 with a home win and a road loss just like the Penguins.

However, the Penguins' loss was at Penn State University while the Blue Dev-

ils road loss was at Football Championship Subdivision opponent No. 8 New Hampshire University.

Wolford has his eyes solely on the task at hand: beating the Blue Devils. Many fans may be looking ahead to the huge clash against conference opponent No. 5 Southern Illinois next Saturday, but Wolford said otherwise.

"I assure you that we will not be looking ahead to league play. We have talked about with our players that this is a 9-3 football team and we have another conference champion here," Wolford said.

Wolford added the Blue Devils are a resilient team as they were a season ago. CCSU was down six times at halftime but found a way to win all six of those games last season.

Pete-on-a-stick makes his return in home opener

Jordan Uhl
SPORTS REPORTER

There once was a time when Youngstown State University football was recognized across the country as a symbol of success.

This time period is commonly referred to as the "Tressel Era." The Ice Castle was regularly packed to capacity with fans eager to see the Penguins defeat whatever foe came to battle.

High above the congregation, seemingly floating stood Pete the Penguin ... on a stick.

A tradition carried on throughout the "glory days" of the program: A group of fans would bring a stuffed Pete mascot, attached to a large pole. "Pete-on-a-stick" would then be passed around from fan to fan, rallying the crowd.

But one day it all came to an end.

Campus police felt it was similar to an umbrella, some-

thing forbidden from Stambaugh Stadium because it obstructed the fans' view.

Head coach Eric Wolford knew of Pete's legacy and was befuddled at his removal.

"He's won a bunch of ball games for us. They took him away, and we stopped winning," Wolford said.

In an effort to bring back something students once rallied around, Wolford, after being contacted by some of the originators of the custom, worked his magic, and once again Pete is permitted to enter the stadium.

"He's back. He's here to stay," Wolford said. "We're going to keep Pete-on-a-stick in there. He's got his own little home down there in his igloo. Pete will be with us."

Although Pete's retired from his former residency in the student section, he now resides in the south end zone and can be seen standing tall during home games.



Pete-on-a-stick has returned to the Ice Castle this season.

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Two players leave football team



DAN BANNA



VINNIE PATELLA

Keith Langford Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

Two Youngstown State University football players have decided to leave the football team.

Redshirt freshman linebacker Dan Banna and sophomore safety Vinnie Patella made their decisions based on

“personal reasons.”

“It was their own choice,” said Trevor Parks, director of sports information.

Neither Banna nor Patella saw action in the season opener at Penn State University. They left the team before the home opener Saturday against Butler University.

Banna, younger brother to senior fullback Kyle Banna, signed as a running back but

coaches moved him to linebacker near the end of training camp.

Patella redshirted last season and played in six games in 2009.

“Patella had an injury and a doctor recommended that he shouldn’t play football anymore,” head coach Eric Wolford said.

Wolford said Banna no longer wanted to play football.

Coach Smith balances family and football with stride

Jordan Uhl
SPORTS REPORTER

Rollen Smith wakes up every morning at 5 a.m. and prepares breakfast for his son, then himself. He takes his son to school before heading down to the Juvenile Justice Center, where he is the director of programming.

This is a job that takes him to schools all over the county, which usually entails giving warning-laden talks to students, then back to JJC for various group counseling and therapy sessions.

Smith maintains this busy schedule, one that doesn’t end until around 10 p.m., with nothing more than a daily hour-long workout, and his position as assistant defensive line coach for the Youngstown State University Penguins football team.

“People say, ‘When do you have time for yourself?’ I don’t think about self, I’m always thinking about others. I feel that we’re all given a gift, a talent,” Smith said. “I believe I’m doing what I’m supposed to be doing. Trying to do for others, especially with young kids and the way things are today.”

Growing up in a blue-collar family of seven, both of his parents worked, his father usually working a second job. Regardless of personal interests or activities, Smith had no choice but to adapt to his parents’ work ethic.

“When you’re old enough to do work, you work. From sun up to sun down,” Smith said. “I remember when I was doing two-a-days in high school. I’d come home in the afternoon, [and] my dad had me out cutting grass, doing something.”

A graduate of the now non-existent Woodrow Wilson High School, he went on to play college ball at Arkansas University. Head coach Eric Wolford and Smith came in contact at Ursuline High School, where Smith was a coach, Wolford’s coach. Upon Wolford’s recent hiring, he extended a job opportunity to Smith.

Smith expressed hesitancy when Wolford contacted him.

“When he came on board he asked me if I’d want to coach with him. I said, ‘My son is just a junior up at Ursuline, I kind of wanted to see him out.’ But Wolf made one of those offers, ‘I’m not taking no for an answer.’ And it was time,” Smith said. “I figure this would benefit my son because I can prepare and tell him what college life’s about as far as athletics.”

One could imagine there are many parallels from Smith’s perspective, between counseling troubled youth and coaching football.



Coach Rollen Smith looks over some plays to run on defense at practice on Wednesday. PHOTO BY NICK YOUNG/THEJAMBAR

“You got to challenge them, be hard on them, then show them that love, a lot of times they’re not getting,” Smith said. “On the football field it’s the same way. You [have to] yell, scream, challenge them, be hard on them. [In counsel-

ing] I use the analogy of football because it’s a lot like life. Life’s not fair. If you’re the better team, you should win, and you lose.”

Although he didn’t grow up in a broken home and had a pretty good life, Smith said

he believes he can identify the root of a majority of problems troubling today’s youth.

“What I’ve seen with a lot of young people, especially around here, what they don’t have is that ‘family’ family,” Smith said. “Espe-

cially with football, it’s about family, it’s about team. These individuals, these young kids want to run with gangs, run in the streets. They think they’re finding family in the streets but they’re not.”

Hockey club hits the ice anticipating a better season

Jordan Uhl
SPORTS REPORTER

Co-head coaches Brad Patterson and Marcus Hernandez have been working the Youngstown State University Hockey Club every night to improve last year’s less than stellar season.

Former Penguin hockey players Mike Poljak and Kevin Pawlos are the coaches’ right-

hand men, and all four have been working together to create a chemistry-rich environment for the players.

After losing 10 one-goal games last season, the Penguins are looking forward to working on conditioning, hoping the team chemistry will flourish.

Leading the pack of young talent is Alex Arnold, who Poljak describes as a “good leader on and off the ice.”

Arnold, originally from Naperville, Ill., envisions the team playing deep into the

postseason. “[We’re] putting it together and making it to nationals,” Arnold said.

If the team wins the Conference Hockey Mid-America league, it automatically receives a bid to nationals.

Surrounded by an abundance of talent, Arnold said he feels the Penguins have a “pretty good team.”

“I need to do my job and lead the team. Another part is keeping up with school and making sure the team is keeping up. I have the coaches to

help me out, so I need to push the team as well,” Arnold said.

Other players to watch are senior forward Mike Stokar, freshman Joey Czekaj and sophomore Nick Walters, who Poljak said the team is fortunate to have.

Poljak describes this season’s schedule as “challenging,” with notable opponents such as John Carroll University and rival Kent State University. The University of Michigan-Dearborn will also prove to be a worthy foe, as it

is consistently a top-15 team in the nation.

The organization is anticipating the upcoming American Collegiate Hockey Association showcase, which transpires in early October. The top 20 teams will be in attendance, and it brings with it the most difficult challenges.

Arnold said he is anxiously awaiting the match-up against Robert Morris University, not to enact revenge against a team the Penguins struggled against last year, but to play on his home ice.