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Interactive map guides viewers through campus

Alicia Pattillo
REPORTER

Youngstown State University's executive director of Marketing and Communications Mark W. Van Tilburg has partnered with Mapformation to create what may be one of the year's biggest tools at YSU.

Specializing in the development of campus maps, Mapformation, LLC, one of North America's largest custom cartography firms, has contracted with YSU to rebuild and construct a 3D campus map.

Located on YSU's Web site, the interactive map displays a 3D layout of campus buildings and objects.

The map also provides additional information for stu-

dents, faculty and visitors; this information can be accessed by clicking on any particular building. Short video clips from professors and students in the chosen department will be available.

"As we strive toward a new destination of an urban research university, we need to showcase some of our capabilities that have not been highlighted as well as they should have," Tilburg said.

Though the interactive map is available, Tilburg said this process is ongoing, with much more to add.

In its final development phase, the project plans to accommodate all students, faculty, recruiting and market-

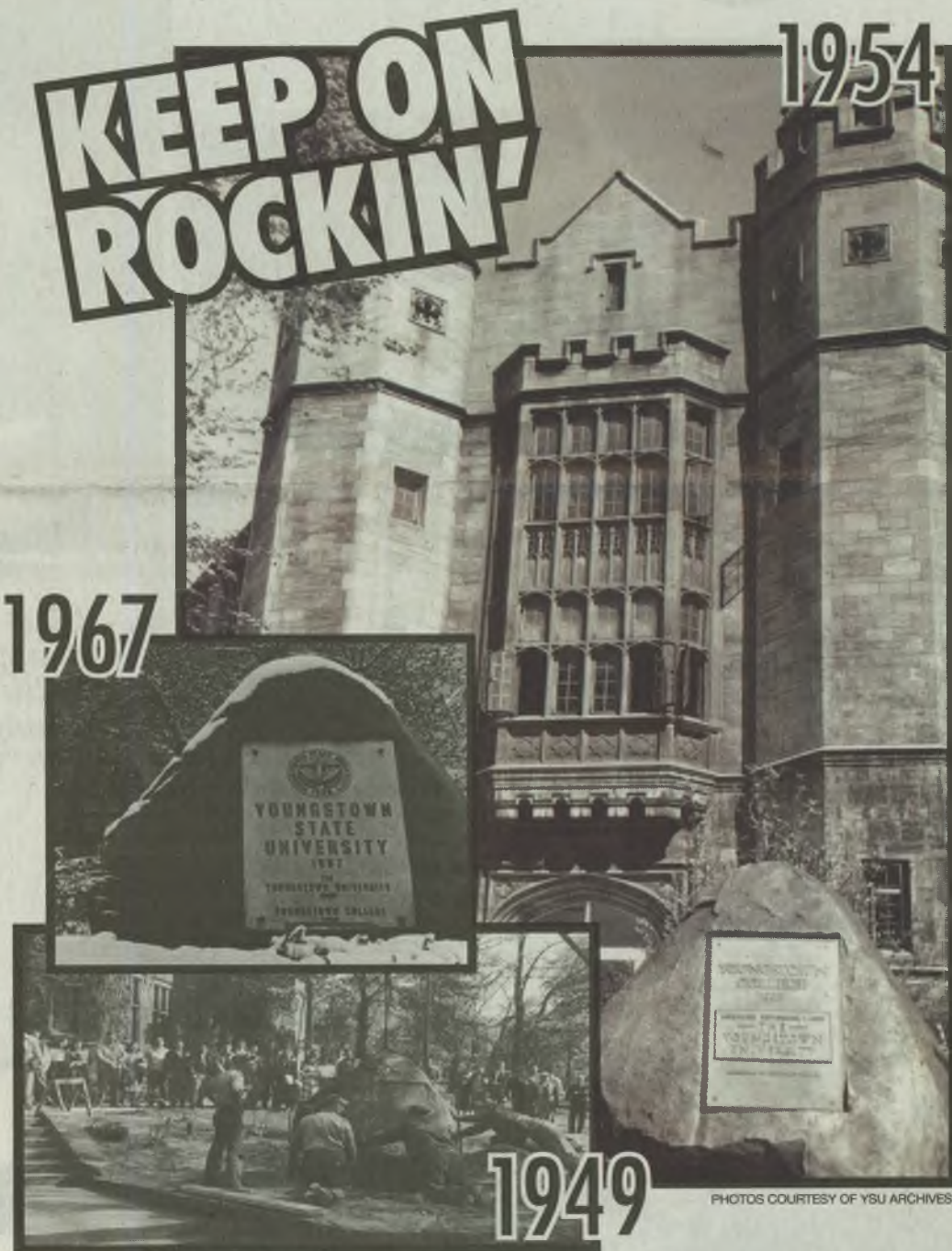


ing for YSU. With hundreds of new videos, zoom-ins and a full interactive experience soon to be added, the YSU 3D campus modeling project will benefit the university.

"Our Web site is the single

most systematic tool that we have for branding, recruiting and marketing YSU, and the Web site is the best place to do that," Tilburg said.

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Jennifer Tomerlin
REPORTER

The Rock in front of Kilcawley Center is not the only geographical marker on campus. Youngstown State University's other rock marks its 50th anniversary on the opposite side of campus, in front of Jones Hall.

The rock was a gift from the class of 1949. It was given by Youngstown Sheet and

Tube Co., and the class paid \$500 to have it transported to Youngstown and to have a bronze tablet put on it stating to students that they'd arrived at "Youngstown College—1908."

As the university developed over the years, the plaque has also been changed. In 1955, a new plaque was placed underneath the original with the name Youngstown University. In 1967, a third plaque

was placed with the name Youngstown State University.

Brian Brennan, certified archivist at Maag Library, recalled seeing the rock for the first time.

"When I was a freshman, it was the first thing I saw. It's a symbol that exemplifies the college's connection with the community," Brennan said.

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Students divided on Obama Prize

Dan Pompili
ASSIST. NEWS EDITOR

Former Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer said Sunday that the Nobel Prize was discredited if President Obama could be nominated after only 11 days in office and win the prestigious award nine months later.

Youngstown State University students, it seems, would agree.

Of 30 students polled, two-thirds said they do not feel the Norwegian Nobel Committee's decision to award Obama with the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize was justified.

"I don't know if he deserves it yet," said freshman John Stanko. "He could have done a little more first."

The committee said their decision was based upon Obama's "extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples." They specifically cited the president's work toward nuclear non-proliferation.

Dr. Keith Lepak, associate professor of political science at YSU, said the prize is a momentary political award that soon loses its luster.

"I doubt any student could name the last five people to win the award," Lepak said.

Lepak said he believes the award says more about the politics and aspirations of the committee than it does about the accomplishments of the recipient.

The press release from Oslo, Norway, on Friday appears to back up Lepak's impression, stating that, "For 108 years, the Norwegian Nobel Committee has sought to stimulate precisely that international policy and those attitudes for which Obama is now the world's leading spokesman."

Among other considerations, Lepak mentioned jokingly that the award was bestowed upon the president simply because he is not George W. Bush.

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Parking meters put in next to Rec Center

Julianna Hull
REPORTER

The 19 new permit parking spaces between the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center and the Stambaugh Stadium recently had parking meters erected.

"We always intended to have them there; they were just back-ordered," said Director of Support Services Danny O'Connell.

O'Connell said a certain number of parking meters were set to be located outside of Kilcawley

Center, but they weren't ready when construction was completed.

"I didn't want to waste parking spots, so students with a permit could park there for free for a while. That's why we had temporary permit parking signs out," O'Connell said.

Even though the meters have been installed, President of the Student Government Association Zach Brown approached O'Connell about turning the meters off at 6 p.m. so students, who are on campus late, won't have to pay.

"The city stops ticketing people at 5 [p.m.] and we still ticket after 5 [p.m.]. It's a concern of mine that students are getting ticketed at night," Brown said.

Brown and O'Connell said they are concerned about students who need to visit the YSU Bookstore or want to work out at the Rec Center at night because they do not want them to be ticketed.

Students who have a valid YSU parking permit can park there for free after 6 p.m. Students without a parking permit will have to pay the meter to park there at all times of the day.



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News Briefs

U.S. Census seminar will be held Thursday

The YSU Center for Urban and Regional Studies will host the seminar "U.S. Census 101" on Thursday, Oct. 22 from 9 a.m. to noon in Kilcawley Center's Ohio Room. The seminar is free and open to the public. The seminar's purpose is to inform the public about the 2010 U.S. Census and its impact on the Mahoning Valley.

Director of Armenian Forests to present at YSU

The YSU Department of Biological Sciences will sponsor a presentation by Nazeli Vardanyan, director of Armenian Forests NGO in Yerevan, Armenia. Vardanyan's presentation, titled "The Armenian Environmental Situation: Problems and Ways to Solution," is scheduled for noon Friday in Kilcawley Center's Bresnahan Rooms.

Brazilian MBA students visit YSU

MBA students and faculty from the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil, will be visiting the YSU campus until Saturday. As part of their annual business study tour, the students will attend lectures and seminars, as well as visit local businesses and retail chains, such as Best Buy, Home Depot and Sam's Club. Their tour is part of YSU's Center of Excellence in International Business, which partners with universities from other countries.

WYSU donations aid local residents

The Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley, Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley and WYSU 88.5 FM have partnered to aid those in need in Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull counties. The Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley will donate \$2 per pledge of support WYSU-FM receives to the Second Harvest Food Bank, who will distribute \$30 worth of food for every pledge made this fall. WYSU-FM's 40th Anniversary Fall Fund Drive will run from Friday to Oct. 23.

Police Briefs

Adult magazines found in Jones Hall office

On Wednesday, an officer was dispatched to Jones Hall. The officer met with a victim who found adult magazines in an office. The victim said she found the magazines stuffed behind some files that hadn't been touched in six months. The owner couldn't be identified, and the magazines were taken and secured in an evidence locker.

Robbery occurs on Michigan Avenue

On Thursday, a robbery occurred between 816 and 826 Michigan Ave. The victim was walking on the sidewalk when four males pulled up in a white sedan. The victim was then hit in the head with a revolver and his book bag, which contained a few notebooks, was taken.

SGA meeting discusses funds allocation and new policies

David Boyer
REPORTER

The Student Government Association held an open meeting Monday, where 30 members were in attendance, as well as the entire rugby team. The rugby team was present to support their funding request for uniforms and Ohio union fees.

Guest speaker Paul Kobulnicky introduced a new library circulation policy in order to receive feedback from SGA members. The new policy would eliminate late fees for all books checked out from

Maag Library. The policy does not include books from OhioLINK.

"All books would be due the last day of the semester, which will create one common due date," Kobulnicky said. "There will then be 15 days to return the book without a fine. The idea is to get the message out before you lose the book."

Kobulnicky said students who lose or do not return a book will be charged the retail cost of the book as well as a \$21 processing fee. Students who check out books the last two weeks of the semester will be able to keep them until the end of the next semester.

SGA members voted on

and passed with a majority the bill SB F 2009-04, which details the funding for several organizations.

Also during the meeting, several SGA members voiced their concerns for the allocation of funds to YSUUnity to pay for the cost of an advertisement in the Jambar. YSUUnity is a program on campus primarily for educating people to be more gay or lesbian friendly.

Chief of staff Donovan O'Neil addressed the issue.


"Why are we publicizing professors who are gay or lesbian friendly when we do not do it for ethnicities or anyone else?" O'Neil asked.

Justin McIntyre, member


of YSUUnity, said, "The advertisement will enable students to know who is available for them on campus by providing a list of faculty members in YSUUnity."

The meeting concluded in an announcement of the Meet the Reps event Oct. 28 at Buffalo Wild Wings; 32 representatives will be present. Meet the Reps will be open to all students. SGA president Zach Brown announced that the T-shirts for the homecoming tailgating event will be finished this week.


"The shirts are really cool, so hopefully everyone will show up," Brown said.




Why do you think Obama won the Nobel Peace Prize?



"'Cause he was the first black president."
Kelly Chaffee, senior



"Obama as president of the United States is doing a good job. We cannot depend on him for everything. The country has to come together. We gotta help him out."
Alisha Finney, sophomore



"He is making America a great place with health care and its coming along good."
Victoria Petway, sophomore



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Though the university and Mapformation have worked on this project for approximately six months, Tilburg said, "It would have cost the university more than half of what it did if we did not have the geography department sketch up files."

Tilburg said he was grateful for the geography department's sharing of their 3D campus map; Dr. Bradley A. Shellito, along with YSU undergraduate and graduate students, designed the map several years ago.

"We could have not accomplished what we have today without all the groundbreaking work that the geography department has done," Tilburg said.

Tilburg said the map will showcase the campus and assets YSU offers to students and faculty.

ROCK page 1

In 1949, YSU was a different campus. Classes were held in houses and army barracks that former President Howard Jones had acquired from Camp Perry, a prisoner of war camp on Lake Erie. Fewer than 1,000 students were enrolled in the college, and each class had elected officers, such as president and vice president.

Jones and his wife are said to be the only presidential couple who lived on campus. Classes were held in the house's basement, and stu-

dents were sometimes invited for dinner or tea.

Jones Hall was specifically built for the university. The placement of the rock at Jones Hall is an example of the heritage held within its walls. It is a small piece of history that reminds students of what YSU used to be and what it has become, Brennan said.

"The class of 1949 wanted to leave behind a legacy," Brennan said. "There are very few things that last longer than a 10-ton granite boulder."

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However, Joe Perry, a junior art education major, agreed with that very point.

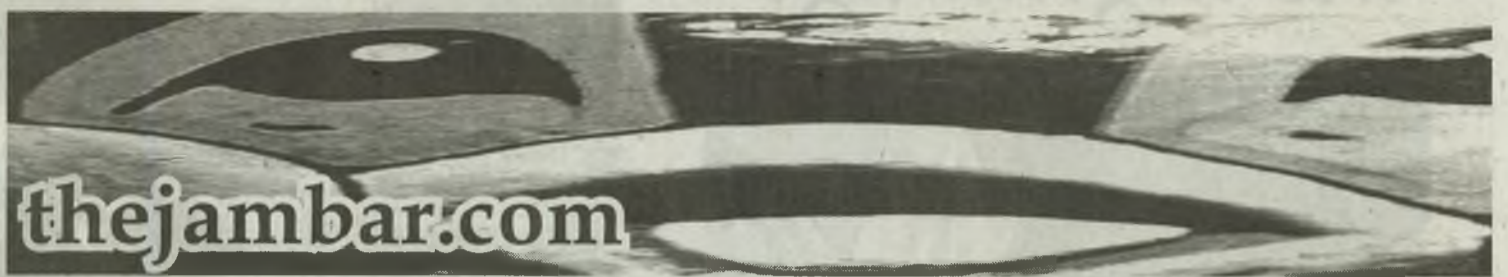
"Right now, I think [Obama] is doing more in his attempts than Bush did in eight years," Perry said.

Lepak said America is suffering from a very bad case of celebrity politics, and how people feel about the award

depends upon how they view the president's celebrity status.

"I can see how some people would be upset by it," Perry said.

The president will be formally presented with the award on Dec. 10 in Stockholm, Sweden.



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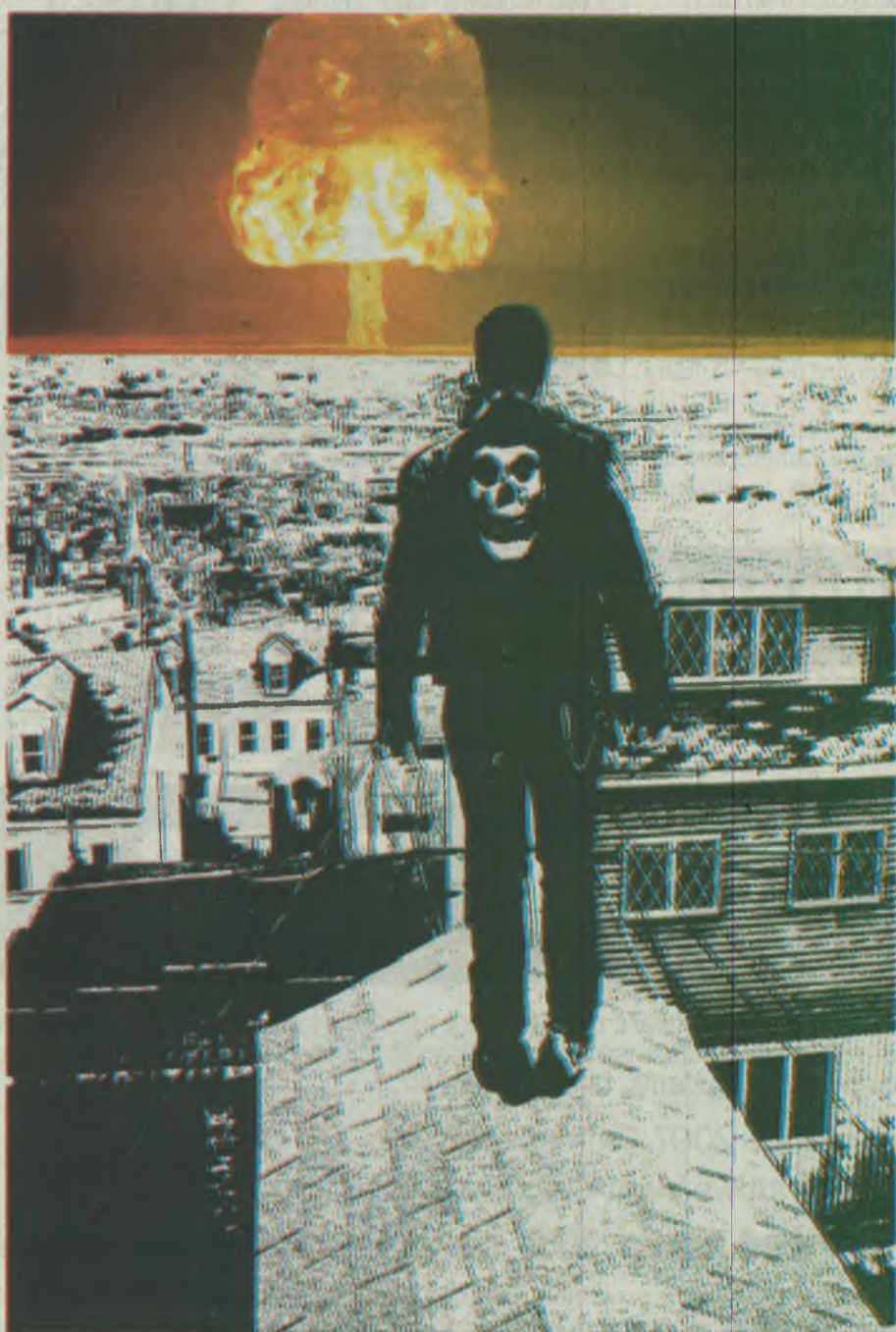
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A new look for the digital age



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"People talk about how Youngstown has nothing, but I found out if people learn to use the resources they have, they can make something big."

Bill Youngman

Digital artist encourages Youngstown to move forward

Gary S. Angelo
FEATURES REPORTER

Local digital artist Bill Youngman splices Youngstown's rich historical images into his artwork.

His mission is to encourage Youngstown residents not to mourn their history, but to embrace their past.

Since the late 1980s and early 1990s, Youngman has experimented with digital art and Photoshop. In each of his pieces, he uses Youngstown-related images and materials from Youngstown industries.

Youngman has had art shows at the Oakland Center for the Arts, the Ward Bakery Building in Youngstown and the Art Speaks Gallery in Pittsburgh. He has also showcased his work at the Artists of the Rust Belt and the Grey to Green festivals.

Youngman owns an independent art business called imageManifest, which is an online art gallery that promotes local artists Jason Van Hoose, Nea Bristol, Jeff Puccini, Patrick Hyland and James Pernotto.

"I wanted to do something to promote the edgier artists in Youngstown," Youngman said. His digital photography and digital art can be viewed on his Web site, <http://www.atrijata.com>.

Youngman's most commercial art is his Idora Park poster series; these are replica posters of Idora Park's major rides.

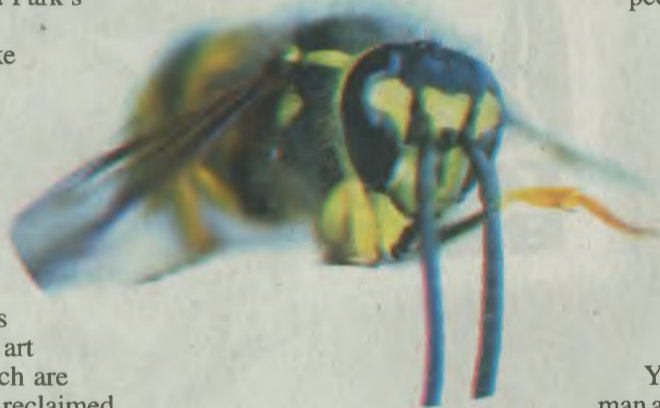
"I try to make Idora Park images as historically accurate as possible," Youngman said.

Favorites at Youngman's shows are his art notebooks, which are made out of reclaimed paper from past Youngstown-area businesses. These notebooks are bound in vintage record covers.

"I have so much paper just piled up in my garage," Youngman said.

Youngman said Youngstown has a rich history, and that residents should

never be ashamed of their past. He said that out of all the cities in the Rust Belt, Youngstown residents have the most negative outlook about their history; this is keeping the city from moving forward. Youngman said "Youngstowners" dwell



too heavily on the lost of their city's industry and jobs.

"People talk about how Youngstown has nothing, but I found out if people learn to use the resources they have, they can make something big," Youngman said.

Youngman's artwork is

made out of pure Youngstown materials. By doing this, Youngman is conveying the message that individuals have to work with what they have. Through his digital images, Youngman wants to encourage individuals to have a better attitude about Youngstown.

Youngman mentioned that people from Europe who want to purchase his art are in awe of Youngstown.

"I tell people that I am an artist from Youngstown, and that is just the perfect conversation starter," Youngman said.

In addition to his Youngstown art, Youngman also has a series of high-end digital art he showcases at art shows. He has three different exhibits: Exhibit A is titled "Sugar and Spice," Exhibit B is called "Light" and Exhibit C is called "People." Youngman's piece titled "Curiosity" is a part of his "Sugar and Spice" exhibit; it was displayed at the Art Speaks gal-

lery in Pittsburgh for an autistic charity, Autism Speaks.

Youngman said Autism Speaks is one of the most acclaimed autistic charities in the world, and celebrities such as Yoko Ono have done work for the charity.

"My piece 'Curiosity' is an image of my daughter who is severely autistic. It's about how my wife and I do not understand how she sees the world and how people see her and do not understand her condition," Youngman said.

Youngman's piece "Long Walk Home," which is a part of his "Sugar and Spice" exhibit, is a pure digital image.

Youngman's piece "Reaching Out" is an image of a bee who has two minutes of life.

"I took a photo of a bee flying in my garage last winter. The bee was flying really slow and landed on a canvas and lied there for two minutes and then died," Youngman said.

Youngman pointed out that this piece is symbolic of current events with the disappearance of the honey bee population.

Festival offers a modern look on a long history

Lamar Salter
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

From the true story of a courageous female paratrooper who defied odds for her people, to the tale of a complex relationship between a Jewish hit man and the homosexual grandson of a Nazi war criminal, this year's Youngstown Area Jewish Film Festival will showcase a contemporary look at the rich and complex history of the Jewish people and the problems they face.

Helene Sinnreich, director

of the YSU Center for Judaic and Holocaust Studies, said the festival's purpose is to present the artistic efforts of Jewish culture.

"We're trying to expose the community of both Jewish and non-Jewish population to Jewish filmmaking," she said.

Now in its seventh year, Sinnreich said the festival provides the opportunity to offer unique perspectives.

"We use the film festival to explore the more interesting issues of Jewish culture," Sinnreich said.

Jewish filmmakers from around the world have submitted their works for the fes-

tival. Some of the films this year will include contributions from filmmakers in Israel and India. The festival offers a competition-like structure with the winning films chosen to premiere.

YSU instructor Chaya Kessler said the festival will "touch upon different aspects of Jewish life including contemporary lifestyles and religion."

Included this year is "Blessed is the Match," an award-winning independent documentary by Roberta Grossman. The film chronicles the life of Hannah Senesh, a poet turned paratrooper who

became involved in a mission to rescue Hungarian Jews during the Holocaust, only to be eventually captured and executed by the Nazis.

Sinnreich said it was important to always include a movie about the Holocaust and uses it as a main category every year. The festival will also feature some of the more contemporary controversies including homosexuality and a generation coming to terms with the past.

"Walk on Water," a 2004 feature film by Eytan Fox, is a complex and emotional drama about Eyal, a Mossad hit man who begins a complex

relationship with Axel, the grandson of a Nazi war criminal. Posing as a tour guide in Israel, Eytan's growing friendship with the grandson of his target becomes even more unbalanced as he discovers that Axel is gay.

While the ideas and conflicts can relate to a larger audience, Kessler said the films presented would offer a new outlook on Jewish life.

This year's festival will be presented at both the USA Cinema in Niles and at the Butler Museum of American Art in Youngstown.

OUR SIDE EDITORIAL

Too much, too soon

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Like President Barack Obama or not, few would argue that he possesses great charisma. He has addressed with great eloquence and impressive candor issues like racism, health care and Middle East relations.

The president undoubtedly knows how to captivate audiences and is regarded worldwide — albeit not always here in America — as a transformative figure. Remember those 200,000 people in Berlin during the campaign? Foreigners love him.

Maybe a little too much.

While his personality and diplomatic endeavors are certainly laudable, the Norwegian Nobel Committee's decision to award Obama the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize is premature.

Alfred Nobel himself established that the prize should be awarded for "achievements during the preceding year." Obama was nominated after only 11 days in the Oval Office during the year of award.

Nobel also said the winner "shall have done the most ... for fraternity among nations, abolition or reduction of standing armies, and for the holding and promotion of peace congresses." The president was busy campaigning.

While we should all want success for the president and our nation, we should also seek fairness in the accolades our leaders receive.

President Obama's efforts have yet to bear fruit, and some might argue that aspects of his agenda show little promise at all.

While the award is flattering for the president and pleasing to those who support him, those who make rational dissenting arguments have more than one leg to stand on.

What is done is done, but now President Obama must prove his mettle or the delicate prestige of this award will be replaced with justifiable ridicule, and America will pay the price.

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Petting Zoo



Melissa Mary Smith
COLUMNIST

No time to lose

What is it that inclines us as to do things at the last minute?

Homework, studying and projects all seem to be things I feel like starting and finishing mere hours before they're due.

I've found that my best work is done when I'm rushed. Because of this, nervous breakdowns complete with crying and brattiness occur, yet it's the only way I've accomplished work for most of my education.

I've known people who pace themselves, intelligently

utilizing the time given to them for accomplishing their assignments, and end up successfully meeting the deadlines with no hassle. Or health problems.

Boring. I abuse my body and mind because I'm an idiot. The night before something is due, 90 percent of my body's composition is coffee. I'll get two, maybe three hours of sleep and pump out the product until it's done. The next day, I usually look like a zombie out of a George Romero movie.

While I understand that at some point all of the stress will wear me down and require at least a year-long nap, I'm going to continue with what works.

Don't get me wrong; this formula has also burned me a few times.

When rushing to do anything, we might overlook important details. Like spelling and doing a Works Cited list. Where I might have gotten an "A" on an assignment, I instead received a "B" because of my poor planning and equally poor attention to detail.

I always tell myself that I should start working in advance in order to meet all the assignment's requirements, but it's a vicious cycle. Once we get in the habit of doing something a certain way, it's hard to deviate from that.

I told myself I would finish my column last Friday, but you can bet even this was written at the last minute.

Obama's Nobel a prize for America

MCT
KANSAS CITY STAR

Barack Obama has inspired. He has elevated. He has brought hope to people around the world. He has reinvigorated dialogues that seemed long dead, or hidden on back burners.

For that, on Friday, he was awarded the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize.

Obama's work for peace is still promise. Critics, even some supporters, suggest it's too early to hand this young president the world's most prestigious award. After all, it's a frighteningly exclusive club; it doesn't, for instance, include Gandhi.

But Obama does share something with many who have accepted this award before him including Nelson Mandela, Elie Wiesel, Desmond Tutu, Mother Teresa, Martin Luther King Jr. and Lech Walesa: The ability to lift eyes upward, to prompt dreams of a better future.

The prize is only sometimes given out for accom-

plishments. As commonly, it is awarded to give strength to a position, to provide gravitas for a noble individual struggling for peace against a corrupt system.

Obama was chosen as a way to welcome the United States back into the global community after years of unilateral policy. This award is therefore not just to the man, but his nation. And it's focused as much on what we can do, and what with Obama as president we seem to have the will to do, as on what he's already accomplished in the short time he's been in office.

He humbly acknowledged that in his acceptance announcement.

Already, his administration has reopened discussions with Iran, addressed nuclear disarmament and confronted the Western-Islamic divide, the source of so much that is wrong with the world today.

So maybe Obama, to date, hasn't earned a Peace Prize for sealed deals. But he brings hope.

And, sometimes, hope is worth rewarding.

Rejecting reform again would be folly, Dole says

Barbara Shelly
MCT

Fifteen years ago, Bob Dole decided it was better to kill health care reform than to hand a Democratic president a historic victory. Since then, praise be, he's reformed his thinking.

In Kansas City last week, the former Republican Senate majority leader and presidential candidate added his voice — still strong at age 86 — to the push to help all Americans afford good health care.

"This is one of the most important measures members of Congress will vote on in their lifetimes," Dole told an audience at the Liberty Memorial auditorium.

Dole and Tom Daschle, the former Democratic Senate leader, have been collaborating for months on a set of health care principles they think can achieve bipartisan consensus. Their efforts have earned him a rebuke from Senate Republicans, Dole said.

"We're already hearing from some high-ranking Re-

publicans that we shouldn't do that (because) "That's helping the president," he said.

Later, Dole identified one critic as a "very prominent Republican, who happens to be the Republican leader of the Senate."

That would be Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky.

Dole, to his credit, is tuning out the interference. "I don't want the Republicans putting up a 'no' sign and saying, 'we're not open for business,'" he said.

Good for him. But if McConnell is myopic enough to lean on an elder statesman, one can imagine the pressure on members of the caucus.

In their statement, Dole and Daschle said they had each "worked for years to reform the health care system and watched with frustration as efforts failed time and time again."

That claim is misleading in Dole's case. As Senate majority leader, he worked to achieve a compromise health care bill during Bill Clinton's first term and then abruptly reversed course. "There is no

health care crisis," Dole asserted, and declared the GOP caucus off-limits to White House proposals.

Clinton pegs the change of heart to a memo written by Republican strategist Bill Kristol, who warned party leaders that a health care victory would empower Democrats "for a generation."

Dole, asked recently by reporters about Clinton's contention, doesn't deny it. He obliquely blames "politics" for the failure of health care reform in 1994.

Today, Dole is promoting the bill up for a vote in the Senate Finance Committee as the most promising vehicle to achieve reform.

"I want this to pass," he told the Kansas City audience. "I don't agree with everything President Obama is proposing, but we've got to do something."

His good advice to Congress today: Get something done. Give more Americans affordable access to better care. Change the incentives in health care to reward value, not volume. If you can't fix

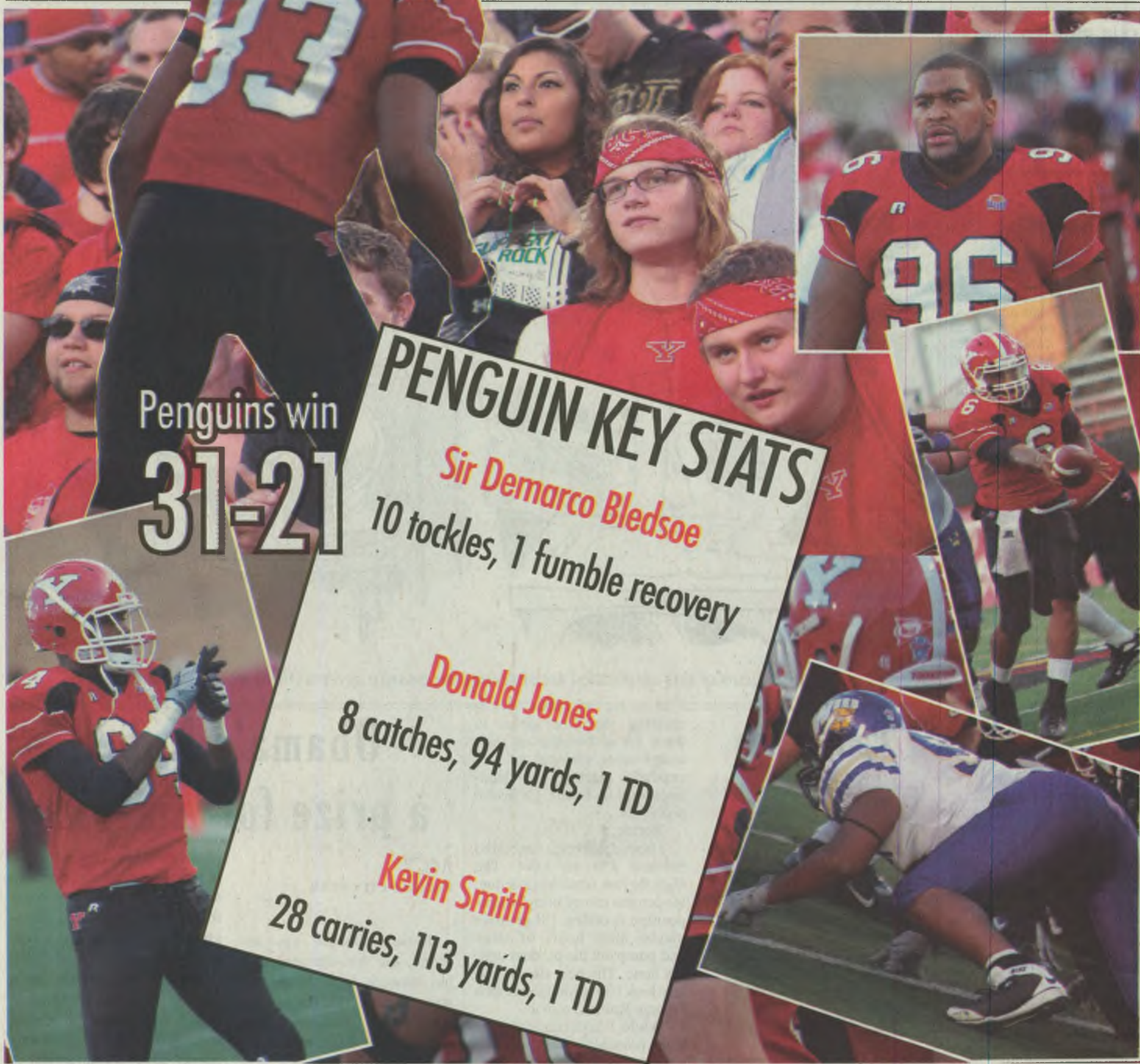
everything in one bill, get 70 percent done and take on the rest later.

Since 1994, when Dole and others allowed politics to derail reform, the amount the average American spends on health care has risen an average of 5.5 percent a year — more than twice the rate of inflation over those 15 years. The ranks of the uninsured have increased.

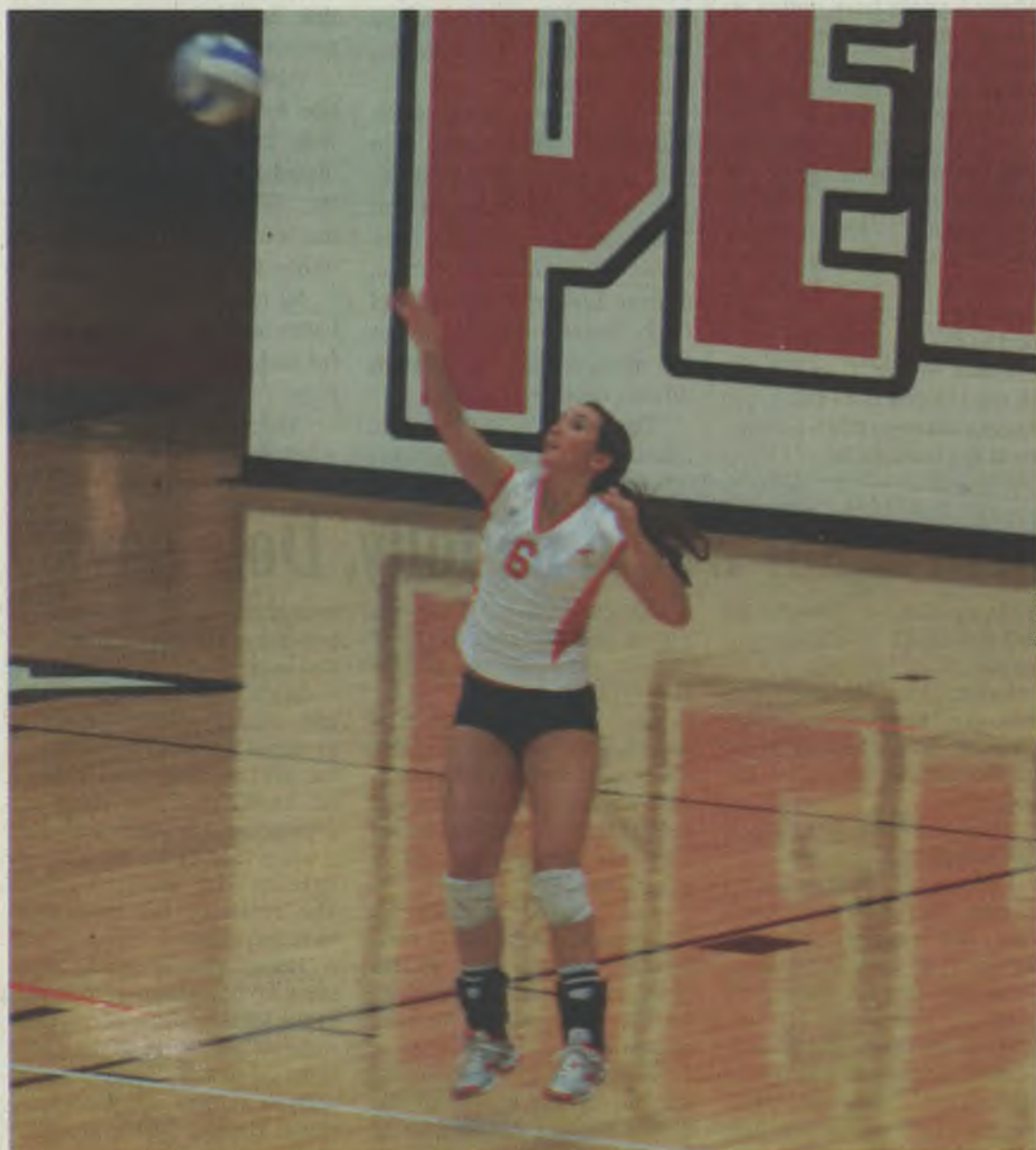
Health care spending now takes up more than 17 percent of the total value of goods and services produced in the U.S. If we go an additional 15 years without reform, the Congressional Budget Office predicts we'll be spending a whopping 25 percent of our gross domestic product on health care.

Which aging senator will step to the podium then to express regret for letting "politics" ruin a historic opportunity in Barack Obama's first term? Mitch McConnell maybe?

Spare us. Americans have paid dearly for Washington's folly of 15 years ago. Refusal to act now would be a tragic repeat, at an even greater cost.



Laurie Shives leads the Penguins' defense



A rock on defense, Laurie Shives serves the ball in a match against Cleveland State. PHOTO BY SAM MARHLUK/THEJAMBAR

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After coming off an unusual home back-to-back stretch last week, a long night of Guitar Hero relaxes Youngstown State University junior libero Laurie Shives.

Shives said she thought college was unattainable without volleyball. Without her parents' and coach's encouragement, she said she wouldn't be able to play Guitar Hero in her University Courtyard apartment and head the Penguins' defense.

"Ever since I started volleyball in 6th grade, my passion for the game grew every day I practiced, played, etc. My club coaches encouraged me to play at a collegiate level. I was also inspired to play Division I volleyball by my parents. But ultimately I knew I wanted to play in college because I couldn't see going to school without volleyball," Shives said.

Volleyball was not the only sport Shives enjoyed as a teenager.

"I played softball and basketball way before I started volleyball, and I had a real love for softball. But once I started volleyball, I instantly fell in love with the faster pace and constant movement compared to softball. I naturally have to drive to get better and better at things I love," Shives said.

The progression from her freshman season to defensive stalwart this season doesn't faze Shives. In fact, she embraces her team leadership role.

"This is what I came here to do and it feels good to finally be accomplishing things I have had my eyes set on. I love being that rock for the team. Their faith and support has

helped me become the player I am and I couldn't do it without any of them," Shives said.

As a freshman, Shives led the team in digs with 437. That total ranked her third in YSU history for a single season. Her place as a stud for the Penguins was firmly planted as a freshman after she was named Horizon League Defensive Player of the Week on Oct. 15, 2007.

Fast forward to 2009, and Shives pulls off her own version of *deja vu*. Earlier this month, Shives was named Defensive Player of the Week again. In her stellar week, Shives accumulated 38 digs in two matches, including 25 digs in four sets against the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

"It was part of my season goals to be named [Defensive Player of the Week] and I am very excited I got it. It also helps push and motivate me to show off all the hard work I put into volleyball," Shives said.

The Penguins' record stands at 4-4 in conference play, but a dismal 1-6 road record lingers as they prepare to take to the road.

"We have to keep the same energy as at home. We also have to keep the same unity on the court, communicating and flowing the way we have been lately. As long as the defense keeps putting up their numbers, the offense will have plenty of opportunities to finish it off," Shives said.

Choosing her most memorable moment as a Penguin was a difficult decision because there were so many that came to mind. Still, she settled on the moment she officially became a Penguin.

Fav food: Sweet potatoes with butter and brown sugar

Fav movie: Ghost and the Darkness

Fav music artist: Dwayne Michael Carter

Fav athlete: Misty May-Treanor