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Pavlik to fight at Beeghly Center

Keith Langford, Jr.
REPORTER

The wait for Kelly Pavlik to get back in the ring has come to an end. Pavlik's trainer Jack Loew said Pavlik will be back in the ring Dec. 19.



PHOTO BY JONAS HULL FOR THE JAMBAR

Pavlik will fight Miguel Espino at Beeghly Center on the campus of Youngstown State University.

Pavlik fought against Marco Antonio

Rubio earlier this year at the Covelli Centre in downtown Youngstown, successfully defending his title with a ninth round technical knockout on Feb. 21.

He was slated to fight perennial middleweight contender Paul Williams on Dec. 5, but Williams opted to take another fight against Sergio Martinez when Pavlik's left hand did not completely heal from a prior staph infection. Pavlik was not able to make a complete fist, and the fight was postponed.

"I wish we could fight Williams," Loew said.

After a 10-month layoff, "The Ghost" will finally return to the ring in front of his hometown fans.

"If you are going to come back to fight, why not fight at home?" Loew said.

SGA introduces final draft of student tax at meeting

David Boyer
REPORTER

On Monday, the Student Government Association introduced the final draft of a proposal that would add an SGA tax to student tuition. The proposal states that a "one dollar per credit hour, up to full time enrollment," fee would be assessed during the fall and spring semesters. If accepted, the proposal would yield approximately \$306,000 of additional funds for the SGA appropriations budget. With this kind of money coming in, SGA would become self-sustaining and would eliminate the \$30,000 line item from Student Affairs.

"We are asking for more money than we need because we most likely won't get what we ask for," said SGA president Zach Brown. The proposal states that it "is in no way intended to increase (or alter in any way) the Student Government office, operating, or staff budgets."

There are 132 registered organizations on campus, of which 58 request funding annually. Youngstown State University enrollment is above 14,000.

SGA members Tabitha Boyd, Charles Mankey and others will be rolling around campus in wheelchairs next Monday through Wednesday. Boyd said they are going to see what it's like to be in a wheelchair on campus for the Americans with Disabilities Act. Members are trying to find ways to improve campus accommodations for disabled students.

The general meeting on Monday also included the "green" feature of a PowerPoint, rather than handouts of the meeting's agenda. SGA saved 175 pages this meeting and hope to continue the practice for following meetings.

A health care reform panel will take place Nov. 18 at 12:30 p.m. in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center. The panel will feature members from Sen. Sherrod Brown's office as well as a video message from Brown. SGA members and students are encouraged to attend.

In an attempt to entice student senators to attend this Saturday's home game, SGA advisors Dr. Chet Cooper and Dr. Martin Manning will donate a dollar for each SGA senator in attendance. After hearing their advisor's offer, Brown and Vice President Abbie Twyford decided to match the offer.



Campus restrooms evaluated for safety, cleanliness

Juliana Hull & Gary S. Angelo
THE JAMBAR

The Jambar recently inspected restrooms on campus for water temperature, cleanliness and overall appearance. With the use of thermometers, the water temperatures in several restrooms were checked. The presence and condition of restroom supplies, such as toilet paper and soap, was also noted.

The best-kept women's restrooms on campus were found in Kilcawley Center. There are three separate restrooms in Kilcawley, and all three had water temperatures exceeding 100 degrees. All were fully stocked with toilet paper, soap and hand sanitizer. All toilets were clean. The main restroom on the second floor had a sitting room at the entrance, complete with two mirrors and two sofas.

The men's restrooms on the first floor of Kilcawley Center were fairly clean, with water temperatures ranging from 70 to 80 degrees.

The men's restroom in Maag Library was fairly clean, and water was in the healthy 108.9 degree range. Even though the water was at a safe, clean temperature, the surrounding facilities, including wet sink tops, were filthy.

Restrooms in DeBartolo Hall had hot wa-

5 Dirtiest Restrooms on campus

MEN

- Cushwa Hall
- DeBartolo Hall
- Kilcawley Center
- Ward Beecher Hall
- Williamson Hall

WOMEN

- Cushwa Hall
- DeBartolo Hall
- Ward Beecher Hall
- Maag Library
- Williamson Hall

ter, but poor cleanliness quality because of unflushed and dirty toilets. The water temperature in DeBartolo Hall ranged from 108 to 110 degrees.

All women's restrooms in DeBartolo Hall had hot water and soap, but half of the soap dispensers on the first and second floor did not work. One of the sinks on the fourth floor was filled with mildew and dirt, while on the fifth

development and planning. The meeting was in response to public outcry concerning recent fires in the area. Residents were involved during the meeting, asking what they could do to solve the problem. One of the suggestions presented was to have a neighborhood watch, which Swanson said would bring leadership into the community. To stop the spread of arson in the area, the city has a reward of \$5,000 for those who provide any information leading to the arrest of an arsonist. Crime Stoppers of Greater Youngstown, a nonprofit organization formed by citizens to stop crime, is also assisting the cause. By calling the group's number, a person witnessing a crime can leave an anonymous tip that may eventually lead to the arrest of the perpetrator. Ware also said the city must overcome the problem of gangs residing in vacant buildings. "Scrapppers" who steal metal from these buildings and sell them to scrapyards for money are also an issue. Some residents said they don't believe the city is doing enough to put a stop to these crimes, however.

Joe Issue, a Youngstown State University graduate student, said the community as a whole needs to make more of an effort to assist the police. "I believe YSU police are doing well ... they're doing their job. They just can't do it alone," he said. "I've been doing these meetings for five years, but I think all we do is meet. We didn't accomplish anything I didn't already know." Despite some residents' opinions, D'Avignon said the city is working hard.

Meeting responds to public's concern about area arsons

Chelsea Miller
SPORTS REPORTER

Youngstown CityScape, along with Defend Youngstown, called a meeting Monday to discuss the recent arsons in the Wick Park community area. Attending the meeting were Sharon Letson, executive director of Youngstown CityScape, Alvin Ware, Youngstown Fire Department arson specialist, and Sgt. Charles Swanson of the Youngstown Police Department. Also present was Bill D'Avignon, director of city

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News Briefs

Department of Health Professions hosts blood drive

A blood drive, sponsored by the Department of Health Professions in Youngstown State University's Bitonte College of Health and Human Services, is scheduled for Monday. The blood drive, which is in conjunction with the Central Blood Bank, will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in room 1103 of Cushman Hall. To donate, register online at the Central Blood Bank Web site. Although walk-in donors are permitted, registration is preferred.

YSU professor chosen as symposium participant

Hazel Marie, assistant professor of mechanical and industrial engineering at Youngstown State University, has been selected to attend the National Academy of Engineering's first Frontiers of Engineering Education symposium. The event will be held Nov. 15 to 18 in Herndon, Va. Participants were nominated by engineers or deans, and the pool of applicants was highly competitive. Marie is the only participant from Ohio.

Ohio Nurses Association awards scholarship to YSU student

Michelle Evans, a Youngstown State University senior nursing student, was awarded a \$1,000 Ohio Nurses Association scholarship. Evans, who is a registered nurse, full-time student and mother, was granted the scholarship after writing an essay about cancer. The essay was directed toward current nurses going back to school, and Evans said although the scholarship money has been helpful, her main objective was spreading her essay's message to the ONA. After Evans graduates in May, she will continue her education and eventually become a nurse practitioner.

Police Briefs

Cafaro House disruption results in altercation between students

On Nov. 3 at approximately 12:45 a.m., a YSU police officer was dispatched to Cafaro House after receiving a phone call from a concerned mother. It was reported that a female student was studying at a quiet zone inside Cafaro House when another student interrupted her while talking loudly to another female student. The student who had experienced the disturbance grabbed her belongings and proceeded to her room. Once back in her room, the upset female student showed up and knocked on the door, calling the other student a "b-tch" and saying she would "f--her up." No other altercations have occurred between the two since a resident assistant spoke with the suspect.

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YSU professor appears on TV Show "Clash of the Gods"

Alicia Pattillo
 REPORTER

After the success of the book "Myth & Knowing: An Introduction to World Mythology," author and Youngstown State University English professor Dr. Scott Leonard gained the interest of the producers behind the History Channel's televised show "Clash of the Gods."

Leonard was sent an e-mail by the producers of the show

expressing interest in his book. They wanted him to be a consultant for the show, and also requested that he fly to Manhattan for filming.

This came as a surprise to Leonard, who predicted that the "exchange of consultant interpretation would be through e-mail."

Leonard describes his initial reaction as "very surprised."

His first time on national television, Leonard stood for five hours on a mark in front of a camera, answering numerous questions related to what

he does best, interpretations of the interaction and teachings of the historical perspective in the world of mythology.

Leonard said he was "definitely nervous" on camera.

The aftermath was rewarding though, as public notice of the YSU professor on TV started to peak.

"It was astonishing to see how many previous students contacted me saying they saw me," Leonard said.

Leonard and his understanding of mythology ask the "big questions" pertaining to

our purpose in life or death, followed by many more. For Leonard, there are two kinds of truth. They can be categorized under the scientifically factual truth and the abstract ideas, or the myth.

While Leonard has no promise for any future shows with the channel yet, he hopes to revise his book.

Leonard said it "has been amazing how the book has opened up so many opportunities and social network possibilities."

Obama's job as 'consoler in chief' to be tested at Fort Hood

Todd J. Gillman
 THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

When President Barack Obama stands Tuesday before the mourning children, spouses and comrades of those cut down last week at Fort Hood, he will confront one of the most delicate and painful duties a president undertakes.

Only a president can offer the condolences of a nation. In a moment of crisis and sorrow and anger, only a president can soothe the raw emotions, allay fears, elevate a senseless act into a call to action, and offer the assurance that — as his aides put it Monday — no stone will be left unturned.

This is by far the biggest test of Obama's ability to fulfill the role of consoler in chief.

The Fort Hood massacre is the worst single tragedy on his watch. And — because the victims and the shooter were soldiers, and because the suspect is Muslim and Obama has put such a premium on repair-

ing relations with the Muslim world — the expectations on him, as commander in chief, are especially high.

"He's taking a message from the American people as a whole to the victims and their families," said Martha Joynt Kumar, a Towson University professor who studies presidential communications. "He represents the American people and can express the feelings of pain and tragedy and put it into words."

Standing before a sea of grieving Americans, acknowledging communal pain, is a task presidents have always undertaken.

George W. Bush, more than most, was called on to flex his empathetic side — rallying the nation and its allies after the Sept. 11 attacks. Bill Clinton captured the nation's dismay after the Oklahoma City bombing. Ronald Reagan offered comfort after the space shuttle Challenger exploded.

The military tragedies seem to have particular poignancy

for White House residents.

After the bombing of the U.S. embassy in Nairobi, Kenya, in August 1998, Clinton stood before a convoy of black hearses at Andrews Air Force Base, tears streaming down his face.

"We will never know them as you did or remember them as you will: as a new baby, a proud graduate, a beaming bride or groom," Clinton said.

Then, as presidents do in such moments, he pivoted from an acknowledgement of grief to an effort to seek meaning and inspiration in tragedy: "We must honor the memory of those we mourn today by pressing the cause of freedom and justice for which they lived."

An explosion aboard the battleship USS Iowa killed 47 sailors in 1989. In Norfolk, Va., a week later, the first President George Bush fought back tears as he spoke to mourners.

"Your men are under a different command now, one that knows no rank, only love;

knows no danger, only peace," he said, hurrying through the lines in an apparent race with the tears. He was so overcome with emotion he abruptly left the lectern without delivering the final lines of his text.

Reagan became tearful at the memorial for the 248 soldiers killed in the crash of a chartered DC-8 in Newfoundland on Dec. 12, 1985, telling families: "In life they were our heroes, in death our loved ones, our darlings. You do not grieve alone."

Much of Obama's efforts Tuesday will be out of public view. Shortly after arriving at Fort Hood, he and First Lady Michelle Obama plan to meet with families of those killed, at III Corps Headquarters. They'll also meet with some of the wounded and their families before the memorial service that starts at 1 p.m. CST.

Before returning to Washington, they'll stop by Darnall Army Medical Center, where the suspect had worked, to visit other wounded soldiers.



How do you feel about the House passing the health care bill?



"I don't even know what that is."
 Kayla Brabant



"I think it's a step in the right direction."
 Julie Iudiciani



"I think it's bulls---."
 Alex Kutsko



"I'm all for it."
 Alex Otero

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Credit card regulations are coming, in a while

Jeff Gelles

THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

If a teacher learns that a student has been re-writing Wikipedia entries instead of doing the assigned research, how long should the teacher give the student to quit her deception and start earning grades the old-fashioned way?

How about a parent who sees a child cheating at a game? Should he be given a few months to learn to play by the rules, or told to start playing fair right away?

Over the last year, Washington has faced those kinds of questions with the nation's credit-card industry — and given an answer that would make the most lenient teacher or parent cringe.

Yes, card issuers such as Citibank and Chase will have to quit a set of practices that regulators and lawmakers have finally outlawed as unfair or deceptive.

But not right away. In a concession to the arguments of the card industry that it needed lots of time to adjust, most of the new rules were delayed until February. Some won't take effect until August.

The result? According to a new study by the Pew Charitable Trusts, the nation's dozen largest card issuers — led by banks that taxpayers have spent billions to bail out — have doubled down on the practices that got them in trouble in the first place.

Pew, a Philadelphia foundation that lately has taken a leading role in some of the nation's great policy debates, has been studying the credit card industry for 2 1/2 years.

Last week, researchers from Pew's Safe Credit Cards Project said every bank credit card they had looked at, nearly 400, bore at least one of the terms that will soon be outlawed as unfair or deceptive.

"Any time, any reason" interest rate increases

that apply to existing balances as well as new purchases? All but one of the cards make that possible — up from 93 percent in a similar survey in December.

"Hair-trigger" imposition of penalty interest rates? Nine out of 10 cards allowed rates to rise, often to 30 percent or more, based on one or two late payments in a 12-month period, even if payment is just a few hours late.

"Over-limit" fees, typically \$39, for transactions that the issuer could just as easily deny? Eight of 10 banks still would impose them.

Nick Bourke, a lawyer and former consultant to Visa Inc. who now runs Pew's project, says consumers pay a high price for these practices. Just two of them — penalty interest and anytime, any-reason rate increases — cost cardholders at least \$10 billion a year and affect nearly a quarter of all accounts, he says.

It's important to remember that Pew was looking at terms being offered online to new customers — borrowers the lenders are trying to lure.

Though it's impossible to see the whole picture, evidence abounds that card issuers are imposing worse terms, including higher rates and new annual fees, on swaths of existing customers.

Citibank, for example, recently raised rates on some cardholders to 29.99 percent — not penalty rates, but basic rates for purchases. Annual fees were a relative rarity in the new-card offers Pew examined, but some issuers are notifying existing customers to expect them.

If you get such a notice, don't assume you're stuck. No matter what the lenders may say, Bourke says, they aren't necessarily repricing accounts based on risk. They may just be using a "test-and-learn" system for finding out what the market will bear.

"The big companies are going to pull out 10,000 or 100,000 accounts at a time and start trying new things with them," he says.

The good news is that resistance may not be futile. It paid off recently for George C. Brown Jr. of Moorestown, a retired teacher and library director.

Brown was upset at a new \$79 annual fee on his Chase Prestige Card. But when he called and complained to a supervisor, Chase backed down. "What they're really hoping is that we don't pay attention," Brown says.

In a broader sense, that's been the problem with the entire credit card marketplace.

Card issuers built a business model that seemed to work happily for the four in 10 cardholders sufficiently disciplined and well off to be "convenience users."

If you paid off your card every month and never missed a hoop, you got more than the basic bargain: a convenient cash alternative and access to short-term credit. You were likely showered with kickbacks in cash, frequent-flier points, or the like.

But that card came with an ugly flip side. Those who missed hoops — including some who were usually convenience users — got penalized with extra fees and rates that many considered usurious.

At its worst, the system resembled a bait-and-switch scam: With the acquiescence of regulators who trusted the market to police itself, card issuers crafted terms that allowed them to lend thousands of dollars to a borrower at a reasonable interest rate and then triple or quadruple the rate for flimsy reasons, or no reason at all.

Sadly, that's what passed for "financial innovation" in the credit card industry, and Washington is wisely putting a stop to it. The question is: Why are we waiting until 2010?

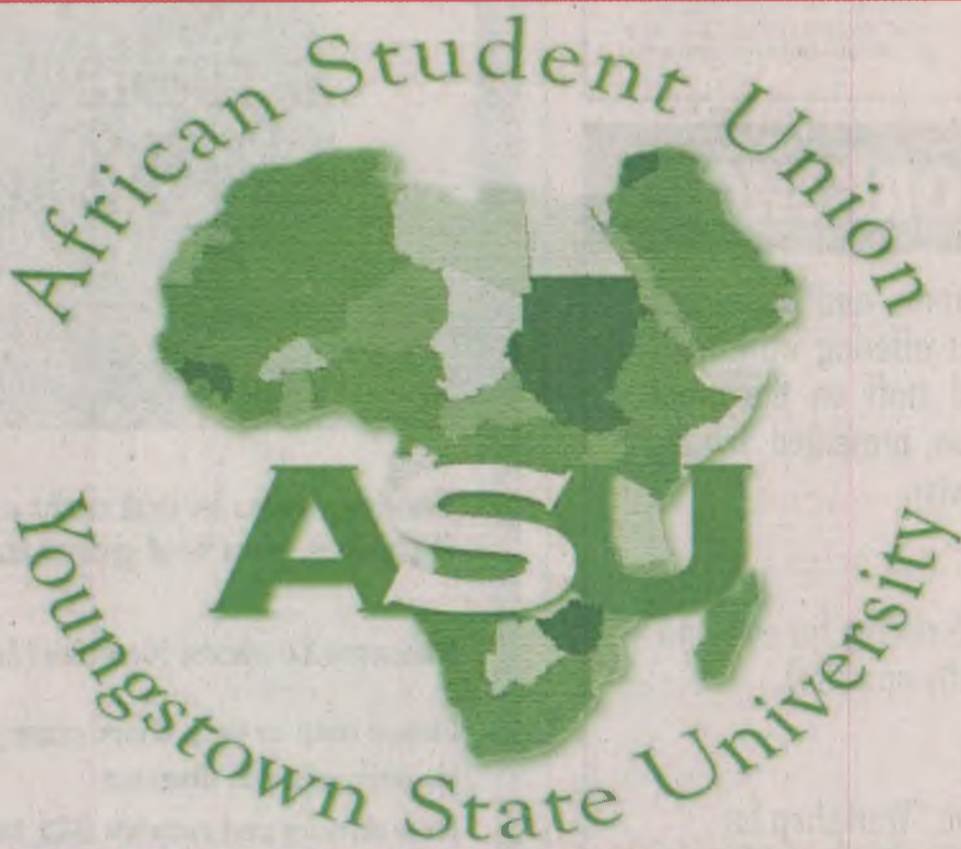
Pew is pushing for an immediate halt to the worst practices. Congress should heed its call.

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floor sinks were caked with a brown substance. In all of the restrooms, at least two toilets had waste or were clogged with toilet paper.

In the Ward Beecher Hall men's restroom, the water was cold and the counters were soaked with water. The toilets were moderately clean, with some unflushed exceptions. There was enough toilet paper and soap to make the restroom feasibly clean.

In the women's restroom of Ward Beecher Hall, all three toilets were clean and the water was 100.5 degrees. The restroom had soap, toilet paper and towels, but there were wads of toilet paper on the floor and in all three stalls. The sinks and the main floor were exceptionally clean, but the stall floor was very dirty.

The worst women's restrooms on campus were found in Cushwa Hall. In the first floor restroom, there were four stalls and two sinks. All four toilets were not flushed or looked like they had not been cleaned in a while. In one of the stalls, a dark liquid was spilled on the floor alongside a wad of toilet paper and a sanitary napkin. Crumpled pieces of newspaper were found in the corners of the other stalls. Although the restroom had hot water, toilet paper and working soap dispensers, the overall cleanliness was poor.

The second floor restroom had four stalls, but two out of four of them were clogged with toilet paper. The water temperature did not exceed

100 degrees in either sink, but each stall had toilet paper and each sink had a functioning soap dispenser. In the third floor restroom, all three sinks had no hot water, while one of the four toilets appeared to be clogged with waste.

In the basement restroom of Cushwa Hall, there were seven stalls. One toilet was dirty, while two out of the three soap dispensers were functional. Each stall had toilet paper, but the overall cleanliness of the restroom was poor. Cushwa Hall was the only building on campus that had consistently dirty restrooms throughout.

All restrooms on campus had toilet paper and soap, along with either paper towels or a hand dryer, yet the worst restrooms on campus were the women's restrooms in Cushwa Hall.

The men's restrooms in Cushwa Hall were also poorly cared for. Even though the restrooms in this building had working soap dispensers, the water temperature ranged from 65 to 100 degrees. The toilets were unflushed and water appeared on the countertops. Waste was caked on the toilet seats, while paper objects were found on the floor.

Restrooms in the Andrews Wellness and Student Recreation Center were clean, yet the water temperature was cold and mostly around 70 degrees. Toilets were sterile and clean, as were the sink, countertops and floor.

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"The city does take this seriously," he said during the meeting.

D'Avignon added that his department had started testing buildings for asbestos two weeks ago to begin the demolition project on vacant homes that cannot

be salvaged. He said two of the homes that were tested will be torn down by next week, while vacant houses in the Historic District will be secured and eventually brought back to productive use.

"We want to protect

assets around the park," D'Avignon said.

Letson is most concerned about the historical structures in the community. Letson said that due to public interest in the meeting, more will be held in the future.



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
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OUR SIDE EDITORIAL

Rest-room for improvement

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After viewing the results of a Jambar inspection on the state of bathroom cleanliness on campus, a trip to use the newly installed hand sanitizer stations may be more important than you think.

The suggested hygiene practices we are supposed to be implementing with the threat of the H1N1 flu virus, such as the simple act of washing your hands with hot water, is not possible in some restrooms on campus. Many students are stepping up to sinks to find only cold water.

This is a building maintenance issue that cannot be overlooked. If we want to be proactive during flu season, or just be plain hygienic, then keeping our hands clean is likely the first step.

The university has taken some initiative to thwart disease and educate students on the threat of infection. Although warning signs have been posted and hand sanitizer dispensers conveniently placed in common, oft-frequented areas, if the environment around you is already a breeding ground for germs, you will need to do more than rub on some ethyl alcohol.

The responsibility for the cleanliness in campus bathrooms isn't just in the hands of the university, but also resides with students, staff and faculty who regularly use the facilities. After all, we are the ones creating the disgusting mess in the first place.

So lift up the seat, throw away your paper towels and alert someone if a restroom needs attention or a sink needs repaired.

It's a dirty job, but in the end someone has to deal with it.

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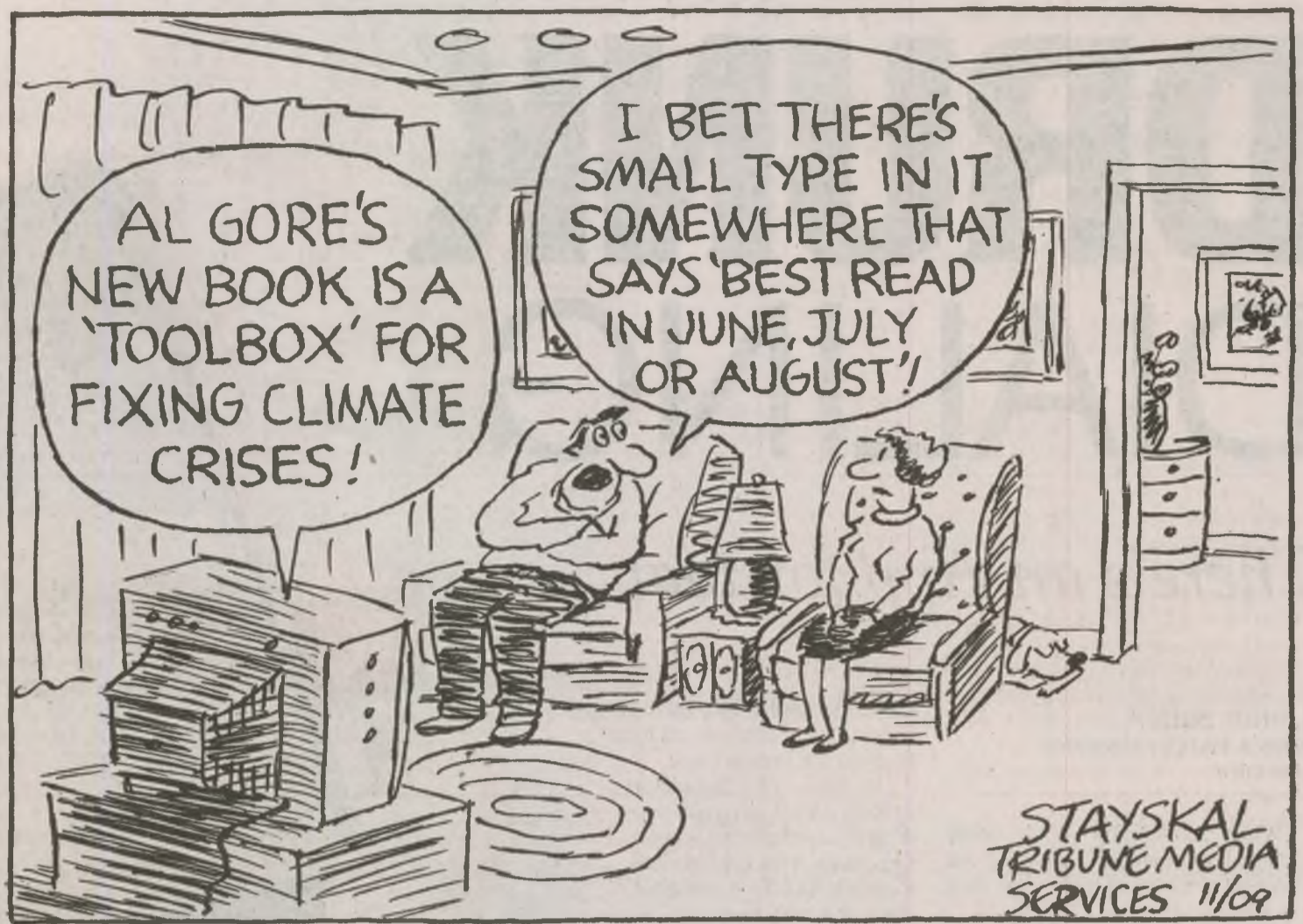
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COMMENTARY

Massacre at Fort Hood

McClatchy-Tribune News Service

When soldiers die on the battlefield, it's a tragedy, but a normal one, if violent death can ever be thought of as normal. And then there are war-zone outrages, such as this week's murder of five British soldiers in Afghanistan at the hands of a treasonous Afghan police officer, which are particularly shocking. But Thursday's massacre at Fort Hood was a tragedy of another magnitude entirely.

Could there be a safer place for American soldiers than an Army base deep in the heart of Texas? If that weren't astonishing enough, the two score dead or wounded at Fort Hood were shot by an American soldier. The horrific irony of this act is hard to comprehend. An obviously stunned Bell County Commissioner John Fisher went on national TV to ask for prayers for soldiers, saying that nobody expects soldiers thousands of miles from the front lines to face this kind of thing at home.

As of this writing, the killer's motive is not known — and depending on how much he can or will cooperate with investigators, it may never be — but his name is Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, believed to be in his late 30s. It obviously could prove significant that the murderer was believed to be a Muslim, suggesting the motive might be

ideological or religious anger, as opposed to post-traumatic stress disorder or some other psychiatric distress. This wasn't the act of a young and traumatized enlisted man; the mass murderer was an officer — and, indeed, a psychiatrist himself, one about to deploy to Iraq or Afghanistan.

It is tempting, in our collective grief and anger, to jump to furious and intemperate conclusions. Given that this country has been engaged in a war on Islamist terror for most of this decade, it's natural to focus on the killer's religion. ("I wish his name was Smith," an unidentified Army officer's wife told ABC News, and who wouldn't agree?)

Be careful here, and let the FBI and military investigators do their careful and deliberate work. If there was any sort of conspiracy, they will find it — but don't assume the worst.

The Pentagon estimates that roughly 3,000 American Muslims serve in the U.S. military, though they don't have a precise count. Islamic soldiers no doubt get lots of grief serving in a military that's occupying and fighting in Muslim countries, but serve they do — and by choice. They don't deserve to have their patriotism and loyalty questioned because of this.

What they do deserve, as do the rest of us, is a complete examination of this criminal act and a clear resolution on what led to it.



Petting Zoo

This Bud's for me? No thanks
Melissa Mary Smith
COLUMNIST

Ever since I got my license last month, I've been going out and meeting new people, but guess what? I'm not drinking. Not even so much as one drink. That's right: I'm completely sober.

I don't expect an award or admiration or anything, but I've discovered something about myself: I don't have patience for drunks when I'm sober.

Some people do and I call them saints. Why don't I drink when I go out? Because I live in Cop land, also known as Poland.

If you've ever been pulled over there, you'll know they don't mess around with handing out citations and tickets.

Two drinks, and I'm legally drunk. That said, I'm not going to risk getting a DUI.

I don't mean to bash people who get drunk at bars and concert venues and whatnot.

I understand that some people have hectic work weeks and busy schedules and need a means of unwinding, so they have a few (hundred) and enjoy themselves.

All I'm saying is when those people are around me, I have a difficult time holding a decent conversation with them as I can barely understand what they're saying. Slurred speak isn't a language I am fluent in.

I'm no angel, though. I have had my embarrassing moments in the past while intoxicated and I look back on them and cringe. I've realized that I don't always need to drink to have a good time.

Motherly Instinct

Most of the time, the people getting drunk are those I know and am friends with.

This silly maternal urge in me turns on and I worry about how they're going to get home.

It ends up ruining my evening. A lot of drunks I don't know weird me out, and they're mostly men.

Drunken men: please, don't ask me to dance with you. At this point in your drunkenness, you've lost your basic motor skills and all I want to do is punch you in the face for irritating me.

Drunks, both men and women, also make physical contact with me a little too much. Look, I know you're impaired, but it doesn't make it right to put your hands on my shoulders, hips or any part of my body, for that matter.

For my birthday in past years, I've wanted to be taken out to get obliterated, but I have no desire to do that this year. I'm afraid of turning into what I've recently grown to hate: just another drunk.

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DRUNK DIALING

There's an App for that

Lamar Salter
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
EDITOR

When people turn to the bottle during an extreme time of stress, the affects of alcohol can leave more than just a hangover in the morning.

Drunk Dialing is a social phenomenon that turns every phone against its user and has been plaguing adults who dare answer for years.

Whether it be a booty call gone wrong or a twisted plea for a reunion, alcohol causes people to lose control and act more on their emotions,

come a subject of interest in studying drunken behavior and its affects on the human mind.

In 2008, two instructors at Kent State University presented a scholar-to-scholar presentation for the National Communication Association about this very topic.

Amber Ferris and Erin Hellenbaugh wrote a 38-page paper about who drunk dialers are, why they do it and the people who take the calls

The duo sampled over 400 college students around the age of 20.

According to their study, women were more likely to engage in the behavior for "confidence, relational maintenance, confession of emotion and reconnection" and men for "sexual purposes."

As if public drunkenness wasn't bad enough, as technology grows so does our ability to communicate.

Cell phones, more specifically smart phones like the BlackBerry, iPod and the Palm lineup allow a lot more opportunities to connect. People can now text, instant message, and e-mail, allowing more ways to contact that certain somebody and let them now exactly how you feel, even if you don't remember it in the morning.

Students at Youngstown State University shared their experiences about drunk dialing.

Jessica McDermott, a sophomore, talked about a heart-breaking conversation she thought she had with her then boyfriend while she was drunk, only to realize exactly who she was talking to the next day.

"I woke up and looked at my phone and saw that I spent the entire night talking, crying, fighting and arguing with myself," McDermott said.

Drunk dialing has be-

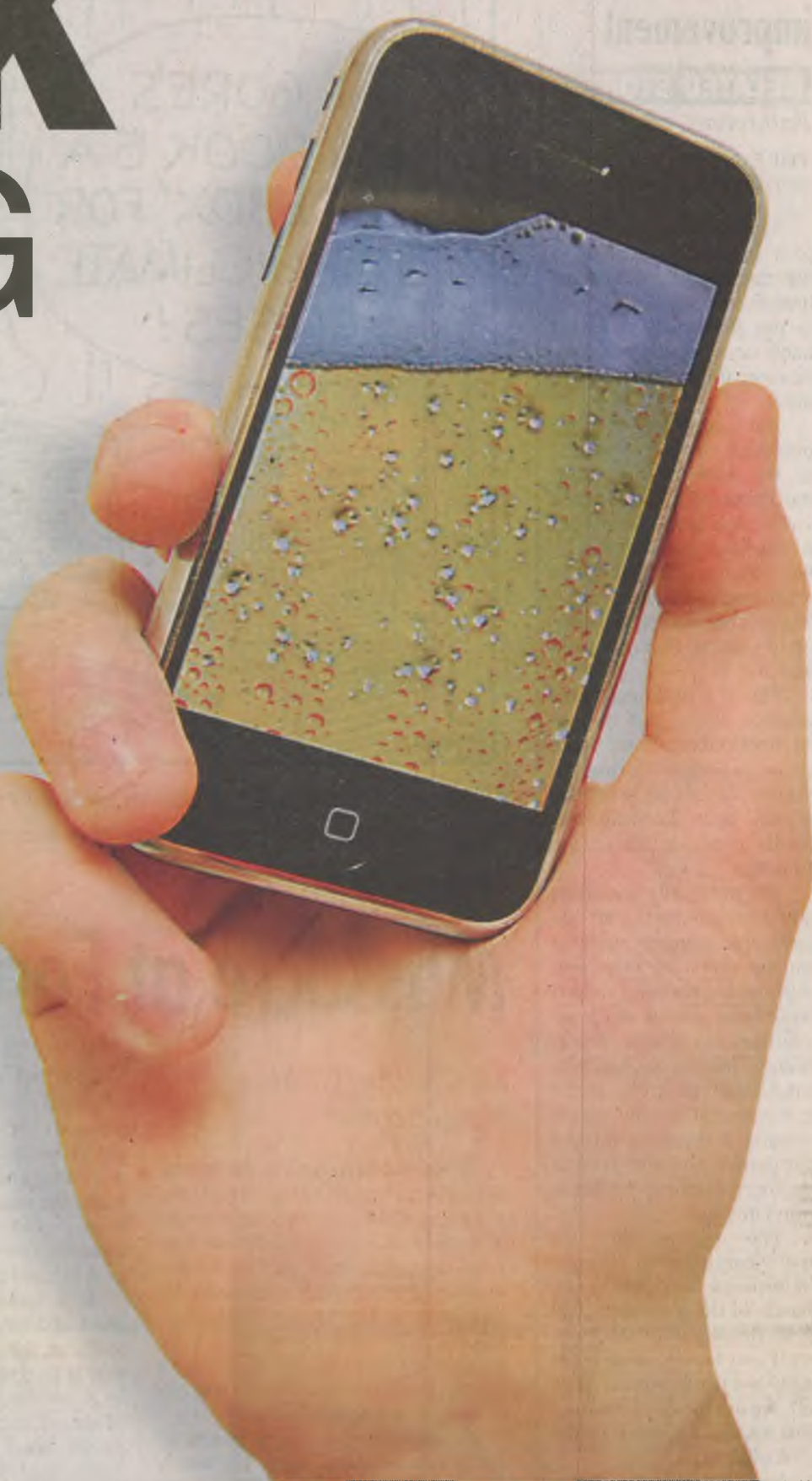


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come a popular subject on the internet too.

Web sites like www.drunkdial.org, where users can call a hotline number that records their call for the public and www.textsfromlastnight.com where people post texts made during intoxication, are popular examples.

Social networking sites such as Facebook and MySpace have user-created groups dedicated to sharing stories about drunk dialing.

There are also applications for the iPhone that both prevent and promote drunk dialing.

"Ringrr Roulette" is an app that plays on the risks of drunken dialing. Users who have the app shake

their iPhone in and a random contact number pops up. The app then "dares" the user to call the number or "chicken out."

Another popular app works to prevent drunk dialing. "Don't dial" allows users to block certain numbers from being called before a they start drinking.

Popular e-mail sites like Gmail have also created preventive measures for drunken behavior.

When set, the filter subjects the drunken person to a math sobriety "test."

If the person cannot answer the questions correctly, their account is automatically locked out.

Xbox partners with social networking Web sites

Dan Brown
REPORTER

Xbox LIVE is updating with a convergence mentality, combining their already popular service with massively popular social networking sites Facebook and Twitter.

In 2008, Microsoft reported Xbox Live had 17 million users and over half of that had gold memberships. On the Xbox LIVE Marketplace, over \$1 billion has been spent since 2005.

"We are always asking ourselves how to make the TV more social," said John Schappert, corporate vice president of Interactive Entertainment LIVE, Software and Studios at Microsoft through a release on Xbox.com.

At the E3 Expo 2009, Microsoft announced partnerships with social networking giants

Facebook and Twitter. After months of speculation, Xbox LIVE has finally unveiled how they incorporated Facebook and Twitter to select members of a preview program.

Twitter functions as it regularly would with only a few minor things removed. Users can't check out TwitPics and can't check follow/following lists. Users can still search, check trending topics, send direct messages, choose to follow users and tweet about whatever they want.

Facebook's functionality isn't as true to form. Applications can't be played or even looked at on Xbox LIVE, which means YSU-favorite Farmville is unavailable through the service. You can still check friends' status updates and update your own. You can look at friends' pictures regularly or in a full screen slideshow, which can help the viewing of smaller photos. You can

also find friends on your Xbox LIVE buddy list and add them on Facebook.

On Xbox LIVE both are much more colorful and user friendly than they are on the Web, complete with big buttons that make navigation easy. Obviously updating your status on either Facebook or Twitter or typing anything in can be difficult. However, Xbox allows the use of USB keyboards if you plug them right into the ports on the Xbox. Xbox also released a messenger kit, a small cell phone sized keyboard that plugs right into your controller that retails for \$29.99.

"By bringing Twitter, Facebook and Last.fm to Xbox 360, we're not only extending the walls of your living room beyond your home to your friends all over the world, we're creating the definitive social network, uniting more than 300 million people to

share thoughts on music, play games and tweet," Schappert said.

Currently, only those 18 and older can use Facebook or Twitter. However, Xbox LIVE Director of Programming Larry Hryb has reported on his Website that those 13 to 17 will be able to use the feature with parental permission.

In addition to Facebook and Twitter, Xbox has added Last.fm. With Last.fm users can listen to their favorite bands complete with video slide-shows to enhance the listening experience. But to receive no ads, the ability to play your beloved tracks on their own station, exclusive access to new features and more users will have to play \$3 a month. \$36 more a year is a hard sell for gamers already paying \$50 for the Xbox LIVE service.

The update's rumored release date for all users is Nov. 17.

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Senior DeAndre Mays

Mays averaged 10.7 points a season ago. Along with his points, Mays averaged 3.5 assists per game. Mays shot the three-pointer well as season ago as he shot 36.7 percent from behind the arc.

Bright led the team in scoring with 11.4 points per game last season. Bright led the team in scoring in six games a season ago. His 27 points in a game at Butler was the most points anybody on the team scored for a single game the entire season.



Senior Kelvin Bright

Martin provided an inside presence last season with an ability to step out and knock down an 18-foot jump shot. Martin averaged a team-high 7.3 rebounds and registered four double-doubles.



Senior Sirlester Martin

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Keith Langford Jr.
SPORTS EDITOR

For the Youngstown State University men's basketball team, the next season looks promising as most players from a season ago return, joined by some freshman additions to the roster. The Penguins are picked to finish seventh out of 10 teams in the Horizon League, according to the Horizon League preseason poll.

"We are looking for some great things out of this group," said head coach Jerry Slocum.

A season ago, the Penguins finished tied with the University of Illinois-Chicago Flames for the No. 6 seed in the Horizon League with an 11-19 record overall and a 7-11 record in the Horizon League.

Because the Penguins won both regular season meetings with the Flames, they earned the home game in a No. 6 versus No. 7 seed pairing in the Horizon League postseason tournament. Unfortunately, the Penguins lost to the Flames before a packed house at Beeghly Center on March 3, ending their season with the 73-68 loss.

Some key losses for the Penguins are Jack Liles and Mikko Niemi. Liles averaged 8.0 points and 5.3 rebounds per game last

season. The Penguins will miss the intangibles Liles brought to the table, such as his hustle, defensive presence and shot blocking. Niemi, a solid player off the bench, brought toughness at the guard position; the Penguins will miss his tenacity.

One key addition to the team is a local prospect, freshman Sheldon Brogdon. Brogdon played basketball at Warren G. Harding High School. Freshman Lamar McKnight, who played his high school career at St. Peter Chanel High School, adds another forward to the team's mix. Freshman Eddie D'Haiti will look to contribute this season after a redshirt 2008-2009 season.

Returning this season are three junior college transfers who helped the Penguins to 11 wins last season. Seniors DeAndre Mays, Kelvin Bright and Sirlester Martin were all junior college players before they made the switch to play ball at YSU. All three were instrumental in the success the team had in winning 11 games.

Bright led the team in scoring a season ago when he averaged 11.4 points per game. He led the team in scoring in six games last season and scored more than 20 points in three of those games, which included a season-high 27 points at Butler University.

Mays stretched the defense out with his ability to knock down the long ball. Mays averaged 37 percent from three-point territory. Martin provided an inside presence alongside former Penguin Liles. Martin led the team with 7.3 rebounds per game last season.

Junior Vyatas Sulskis has contributed since his freshman season at YSU. Sulskis' overall game and versatility allows him to play several different positions for the Penguins.

Other key contributors from a season ago were junior Vance Cooksey and his 1.7 to 1 assist-to-turnover ratio, sophomore Ashen Ward's 38 percent three-point shooting and junior Tom Parks' 40 percent three-point shooting.

The team's biggest hurdle for the upcoming season may fall in its ability to win crucial road games. A season ago, the Penguins finished the season 4-10 on the road and 3-6 within league play. The Penguins won against the average teams or the teams below them in the Horizon League standings, but could beat the elite teams in the conference.

The hype for the season to begin draws nearer as the Penguins return to court for their first game at Xavier University on Nov. 13 with their first home game coming two days later against Hiram College.

Women's Basketball Team Looking Forward to Upcoming Season

Rob Harris
REPORTER

The Youngstown State University Women's Basketball team experienced a lot of adversity last season. The Penguins finished the year only 3-27, the first losing season at any level for first-year head coach Cindy Martin. The Penguins return only five players from last season's team but the five are an integral part of the success of this year's team.

"It's great to have five returners who all understand the program so well. Rachel [Manuel], Kaitlyn March, Makala [Gasperek], Macey [Nortey], and Kenya [Middlebrooks]. Having all five of them who know what we expect in practice, the effort level in pre-season or what to expect with film. They've really helped all the newcomers with the little things. Whenever you have returners, it makes a big difference on how well you can communicate and get things done," Martin explained.

The season's team is experiencing a large turnover to their roster. The Penguins will be among the youngest teams in the county with only six players on the roster having Division I experience. The top five scorers from last season are gone, as is 74.4 percent of the scoring, 75.3 percent of the rebounding and 62.9 percent of the minutes played. Three junior college transfers and four freshmen in Martin's first full recruiting class will help with the transition, as will senior captains Manuel and March, and sophomore captain Nortey.

"We actually do completely anonymous voting," Martin

said of the captain voting. "All 12 of the ladies get an equal voice. Anybody can be voted a captain and they are allowed to circle up to three names."

Despite her young age, Martin feels the team made the right choice in picking the sophomore Nortey as captain. "Her playing time last year as a freshman made a big difference," Martin said.

Nortey started 25 games at point guard and played in all 30 last season as a true freshman. She is the top returning player in points with 5.6 points per game, rebounds at 2.7 and assists at 2.7 from last season. Manuel is the most experienced of the Penguins with 85 career games played. March appeared in a career-high 23 games last season as a junior after playing in 14 contests her first two seasons combined.

Coach Martin believes the team will show great improvement in her second season. "I think we're going to push the tempo a lot better this year, we'll score a lot of points in transition. I think another where we'll show improvement is our half court execution offensively, knowing when to make an extra pass or how to set your teammate up," Martin said.

"Our number one goal is to execute better as a team," she said. "We want to try and finish in the top six of the league in order to get a bye in the first round [of the conference tournament.] But overall, we want to get better everyday, taking one day at a time, everyday making some kind of improvement."

The Penguins open the regular season with a trip to North Carolina to take on the Elon University Phoenix Friday.

INTRAMURAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK



James Sforza

Sforza, a senior forensic science major, was nominated as intramural player of the week by Joe Conroy, coordinator of intramural sports. Conroy said Sforza, who plays racquetball, is dominant in tournaments and exciting to watch.

COMMENTARY

A job won and lost by numbers

Josh Stipanovich
NEWS EDITOR

Since becoming the head coach of the Youngstown State University football team nine seasons ago, Jon Heacock has been anything but extraordinary.

Prior to Heacock's arrival in 2000, the Penguins were coached by the Youngstown legend Jim Tressel, who, to some, may have been one of the greatest, if not the greatest, coaches YSU has ever seen.

Tressel was able to bring home four national championships in the nineties during his tenure before leaving for Ohio State University.

That's a pretty big shoe to fill.

But Heacock has achieved one thing Tressel did not—leading the Penguins to back-to-back conference titles in 2005 and 2006, including a Football Subdivision playoff semifinals appearance in 2006.

Despite posting an overall record of 54-39, including success in 2005, 2006 and 2007, Heacock has only won eight games since.

And after starting this season off to a 3-1 start, with the lone loss coming to a team predicted to win the Big East Conference in the University of Pittsburgh Panthers, the

Penguins have lost four out of five making their record (4-5.)

Heacock has yet to prove he can beat ranked, FBS teams, and has posted a record of 0-9 and 1-6 currently, against the top two ranked programs in the Missouri Valley Conference.

But another thing that must be kept in mind is the level of difficulty the MVC brings. Heacock was able to succeed in 2006 while coaching in a what, some would think was a much weaker Gateway Conference. He earned five wins over top-25 ranked teams while still in the Gateway Conference in the never-to-be-forgotten 2006 season.

That number led the Penguins to their first outright Gateway title, since Tressel, in 1997 and also gave YSU their first automatic bid to the playoffs since 1987.

During those three years prior to 2008, Heacock was able to post records of (8-3) in 2005, (11-3) in 2006 and (7-4) in 2007.

Those numbers may be forgotten though, and the reality is YSU was supposed to be competing for a conference championship and even a national championship since coming off of a 2008 season which was plagued by injuries and drama.

The campus community

is well aware of the fact that Heacock is currently in a contract year.

According to Sports Information Director Trevor Parks, fans have not been shy to express their feelings and as a matter of fact, during the Fifth Quarter Show following Saturday's game, of eight callers, five were for getting rid of Heacock and exploring other options for next season.

Maybe it's better off for Heacock as he is known for his defensive strategist skills. Before the start of this season, he took over the defense as a coordinator, and has proved that this is one of his specialties.

But whatever decision is made at the end of the season, Heacock should know he has done a lot for a team that some would say could have never been as successful as it was under the reign of Jim Tressel, and his care for his players, especially his seniors, has been accounted for.

The number one thing that Heacock should keep in mind is he was able to achieve something Tressel wasn't able to and the season isn't over. He has two very important games yet to play, and winning both may change the minds of the Youngstown faithful.