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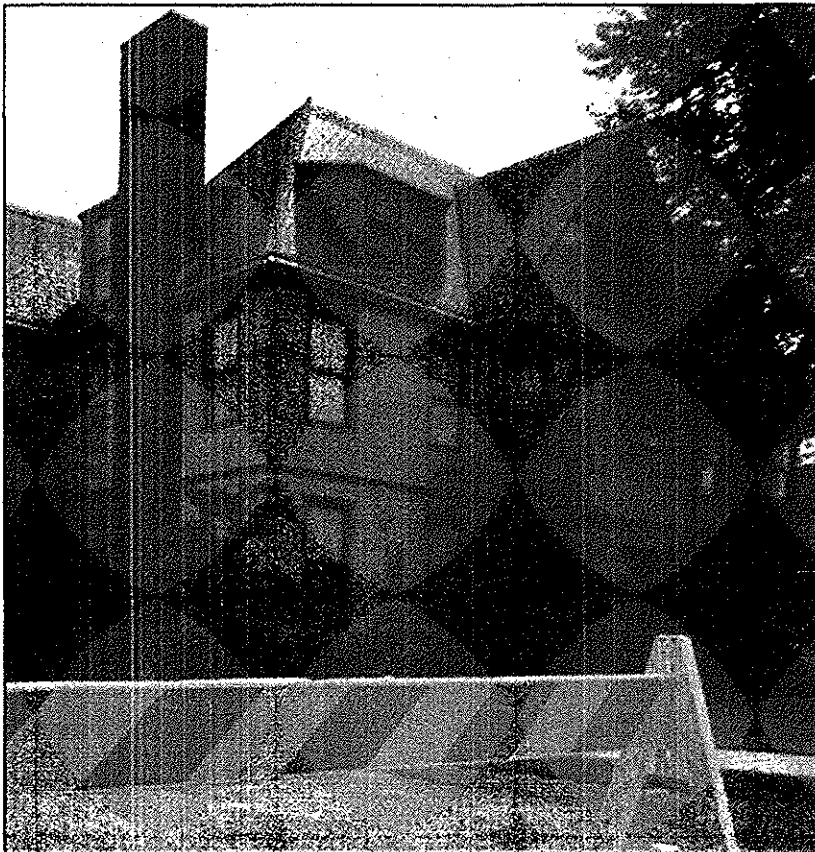
YSU officials say the historic inn could be re-opened by 2005

LEONARD CRIST | The Jamban

The Wick Pollock Inn, closed for business since 1998, may soon re-open its doors to overnight guests.

Youngstown State University announced Friday it has reached an agreement to pay \$500,000 to First National Bank of Pennsylvania for leasehold interest, personal property and other assets FNB has in the Wick Pollock Inn, freeing the university to pursue other development options for the inn. YSU owns the building and surrounding property. FNB holds a lease to the building.

YSU President David Sweet said the inn is likely to reopen in late 2005 or early 2006. The uni-



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▲ The Wick-Pollock Inn may re-open its doors as early as 2005. Financial problems caused the hotel close in 1998.

versity will work with the city of Youngstown to create a detailed plan and seek developers for the inn, which requires extensive refurbishing.

YSU has owned the property, located on the corner of Wick Avenue and Spring Street, since 1950 when it was known as the Pollock House.

In 1986, YSU leased the house to a private partnership that converted it into an inn.

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## Chakos' past unknown at time of hire

Chair says conviction info would have halted the felon's hiring

CHRISTINA POE | The Jamban

University officials are rethinking hiring practices as the background of another faculty member of the Youngstown State University College of Health and Human Services has been called into question.

Chair of the Health Professions department Joseph Mistovich said he did not know of the felony drug charges Kevin Chakos was convicted of in 2001 when he hired him to teach a pharmacotherapeutics class during the spring 2004 semester.

"If we had known, we never would have hired him,"

Mistovich said.

Mistovich, who oversees hiring practices in his department, said only academic credentials must be considered when reviewing an applicant for a part-time position. He added that no university officials have requested he check references when hiring a candidate.

"In terms of his academic credentials Chakos was extremely well qualified," Mistovich said.

According to Chakos' resume, he received his doctor of pharmacy degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 2000.

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## Racial issues focus of 2010 discussion

LEONARD CRIST | The Jamban

On live television, anything can happen.

A few minutes before the community forum "Race and Division?" was to air live on PBS channels 45 and 49, moderator Jay Williams said he had no concerns about mishaps, even though the meeting was open to the public and the topic to be discussed was race.

"There is no tape delay," Williams said. "Certainly, with an issue of this nature, it can be very emotional and very volatile. But I think that in the context of this community that it's important to address the issue."

Williams proved to be correct. During the hour-long meet-

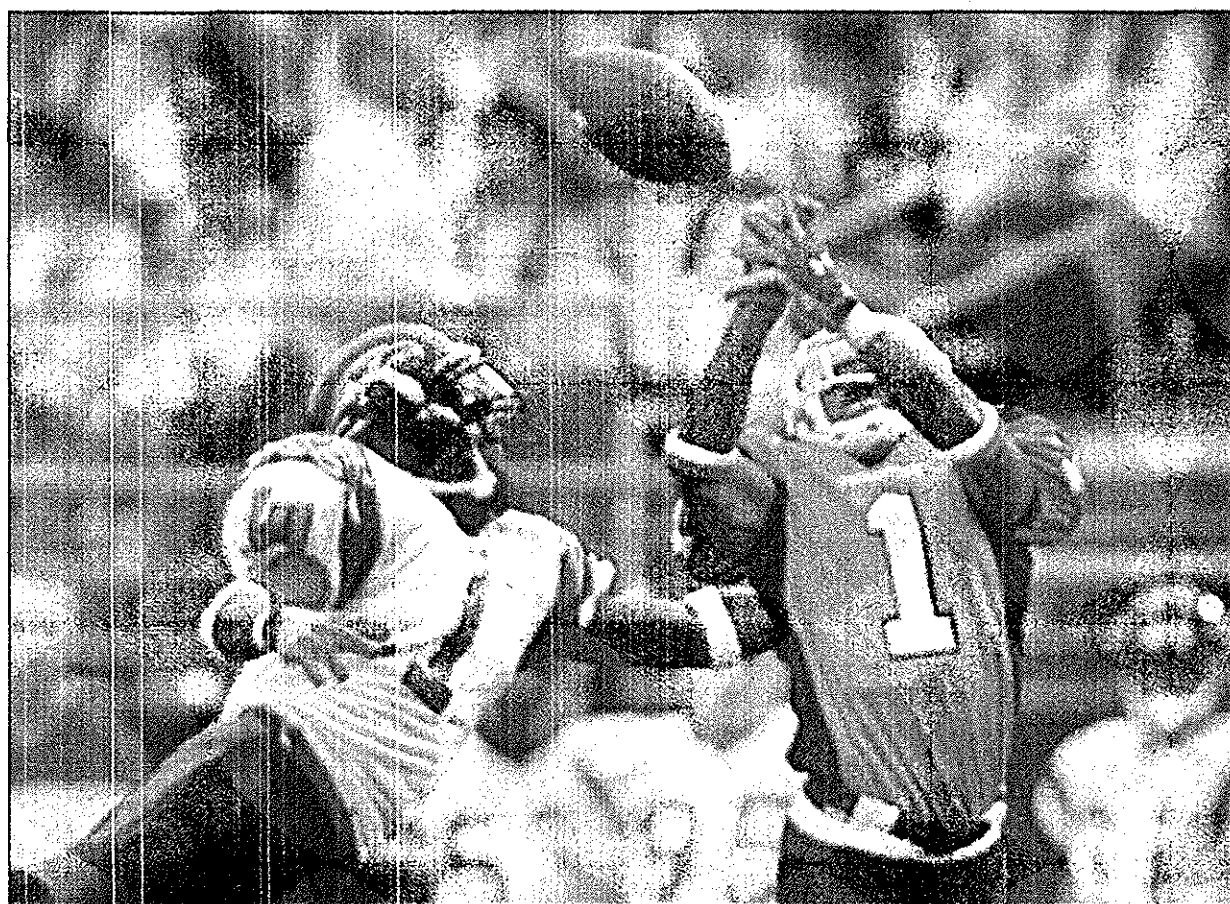
ing in Kilcawley Center that was attended by more than 100 people, nobody shouted, cursed or had a microphone quickly taken from them. Instead, a civilized conversation about race in the Youngstown area occurred.

As the show opened, Williams asked the audience to respect each other's opinions and to hold realistic expectations about what could be accomplished in the meeting.

"We have 57 minutes," Williams said. "We're not going to solve racial issues in this community in 57 minutes." He said he hoped the forum would raise the level of discourse on race relations within the Youngstown 2010 planning process.

During the show, such topics

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▲ YSU corner back Jason Perry foils Liberty wide receiver Wynton Jackson's catch early in Saturdays game. The Penguins racked up 17 points in the first quarter and defeated the Flames with a final score of 27-17.

## Board of Trustees grant Sweet limited real estate authority

LEONARD CRIST | The Jamban

The Youngstown State University Board of Trustees approved changes to their land acquisition policy at Friday's meeting, granting YSU President David Sweet the power to authorize preliminary approval in university real estate purchases.

The board formerly held the

responsibility of granting preliminary approval, which allows the university to begin talks with property owners. The board still must grant final approval before any real estate transaction is finalized.

Sweet's control extends only to the campus boundaries as laid out by the Ohio Board of Regents, University Counsel Holly Jacobs said during a special meeting of the Finance and

Facilities committee held before the full board meeting.

"I think what this does is, it takes out some of the hurdles that the university has to get over to make a property purchase," Jacobs said.

Sweet said the change was a "tweaking" of the old policy and that it was an effort to "streamline the process."

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## YEC dean expresses satisfaction with start

MAYSOON ABDELRAUL

The Jamban

After six weeks of classes, the dean of the new Youngstown Early College says university support is strong and the students are adjusting well.

"I think things, for the short time here, are going extremely well," Dean Larry Johnson said.

The campus has been overwhelmingly supportive and most of Youngstown State University's other deans have contacted Johnson offering help, he said.

The students, freshmen from

Youngstown City Schools who have shown academic potential on test scores, will take high school courses in addition to college courses. By the time they graduate in 2008, they will have accumulated up to 60 college credit hours.

The majority of the YEC students will be first generation college students. Six classes, English, reading, health, social studies, math and science, are all held on the second floor of Fedor Hall.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

### Physical Therapy meeting Oct. 5

An informational meeting for students interested in Physical Therapy will be held in Cushman Hall, room B046 on Oct. 5 from noon to 1 p.m. The Department of Physical Therapy is hosting the meeting.

### "Chicken Soup" tour coming to YSU

An onstage video production by Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen will provide the audience with a tour of the fourth installment of their "Chicken Soup for the Soul" books. Space is limited. Call Rita Roberts in Human Resources at ext. 3470 or e-mail her at rroberts@ysu.edu to R.S.V.P.

### Metal beverage can recycling drive

YSU Recycling Center is partnering with Habitat for Humanity and having a Habitat House at the YSU Recycling Center. Any empty metal beverage cans should be placed in plastic bags and put near the Habitat House. For more information, call YSU recycling at ext. 2994.

### Annual Craft Show

The Annual Craft Show is being held on Saturday, Oct. 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Saint Charles Church Social Hall, located at 7345 Westview Drive, one block west of the Southern Park Mall. Local crafters' creations will be on sale along with baked goods, concessions and raffle tickets for various gifts and crafts. Proceeds go to St. Charles School.

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**CHAKOS**

FROM PAGE 1

His resume listed work experience in both pharmacy and research. His last listed job was as business manager of Special "T" Billiards.

As reported in The Vindicator, Chakos was convicted of felony drug charges in Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court in 2001 and placed on probation. In 2002, he was brought back to court for failure to comply with probation.

In 2001, Chakos' pharmacy license was "indefinitely suspended" by the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy.

He is now facing charges of possessing oxycodone, however, he did not appear for his court date at Mahoning County Common Pleas Court. A warrant was issued for his arrest.

Mistovich said Chakos'

course in pharmacotherapeutics was an informative class that taught the dynamics of various pharmaceutical drugs and had "nothing to do" with dispensing them. He added that a pharmacology license was not required to teach the course.

Chakos could not be reached for comment.

The process of hiring part-time faculty is a joint effort, Mistovich said. When a resume is received for a particular position, Mistovich sends it to the corresponding program. The chairman of that department then reviews the applicant's qualifications. After requesting the applicant's college transcripts and other documents relevant to the position, the program chair will draft a contract that is review and signed by Mistovich.

Dean of Health and Human Services John

Yemma and University Provost Tony Atwater have final approval of the contract.

Mistovich said he alone hires about 50 to 55 part-time faculty members per semester and said it would be difficult and time consuming for he and Yemma to interview each applicant.

Yemma declined comment.

University Spokesman Ron Cole said a review is already underway regarding full-time faculty hiring processes. Recommendations for hiring part-time faculty may also be included in its report, due later this week.

"Everyone is concerned about some of these things that have come to light in the past few weeks," Cole said. "The administration is very adamant about correcting them."

CHRISTINA POE | 330-941-1913

**NEWS IN BRIEF**

**Parliamentary Law Unit meeting**

The Greater Youngstown Area Parliamentary Law Unit will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2004, at 365 McClurg Road in Boardman. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. followed by a workshop/lesson. New members are always welcome. The workshop is free and open to anyone interested in learning parliamentary procedure and effective meeting leadership.

**POLICE REPORTS**

A male begging for money in the F-7 parking lot on Sept. 21 was issued a minor misdemeanor, a police report stated. The man was identified as Joe Carter, a worker at University Foods. Police also issued Carter with a written trespass warning.

An intramural Frisbee game on Beede Field led to an injury on Sept. 23. John Mark Izzo sustained an injury to his right knee area, according to the police report. Izzo was removed from the field by stretcher and transported by Rural Metro ambulance to St. Elizabeth Health Center.

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Students to assist with YSU Fall Job Expo on Thursday, September 30, 2004 in Kilcawley Center Chestnut Room. Employers will need help transporting their display materials and equipment. Must be able to lift 50 pounds. Hours: 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Stipend \$50. Interested: Apply in person in the Office of Career Services, 1034 Jones Hall

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# opinion

- an editorial -

## Yemma needs to speak up

For the third time in eight months, questions have been raised about the hiring practices of the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services. This time, criticism is focused on the selection of Kevin Chakos, a formerly licensed pharmacist, to teach a class during the spring 2004 semester on drug interactions.

The problem - Chakos was convicted of a felony for abusing one of the drugs he was paid to teach students about.

The university community has seemingly agreed that greater accountability is needed to protect the reputation of our college's faculty. Current policies are being examined, important questions are being asked, and for the most part, answers are being given.

However, the one man ultimately responsible for all decisions made within his college is remaining noticeably silent.

When a Jambor reporter attempted to contact Dean John Yemma about Chakos' hiring, the dean's secretary informed the reporter that Yemma had instructed her to direct all questions to Health Professions Chair Joseph Mistovich and that the dean would not comment at this time.

What troubles us is that this is that this practice is not new for Yemma. Consistently, when the reputation of the College of Health and Human Services has been challenged, he has neglected to assume his role as the primary representative for his college.

This is not to say that Yemma is to blame for all of the problems that have come to light within the walls of Cushman Hall. However, with Yemma remaining silent, we can't say he's not responsible either.

It's time for Yemma to speak up.

As we see it, two options are available.

First, Yemma could defend the hiring decisions made by the Health Professions department. Though Mistovich said he would not have hired Chakos if he had known about his past, Chakos still possessed the academic qualifications needed to properly teach the course. An argument could be made that his previous conviction did not impact his ability to teach a course on drug interactions - a setting in which he had no access to the pain-killing drugs tied to his legal problems.

Or, Yemma could acknowledge the mistakes that were made and a need for change in hiring policies within the College of Health and Human Services. Arguably, a few simple phone calls to check candidate references could have eliminated a whole lot of headaches and hassles.

Either way, one thing is certain - Yemma's silence is doing nothing to help restore faith in the academic integrity of Youngstown State University.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Young voters must not drop the ball

Editor -

As of late, there have been many students across campus registering prospective voters. While this is an excellent cause, several things need to be aired for the students' information. First of all, if a student's home of record is NOT Youngstown State University, in other words, if a student receives mail at a parent or guardian's address, that is the place where a student votes. This makes either a trip home or absentee ballot request necessary. A student should contact either a parent or guardian or the county elections commission where the student's home of record is located. For example, if you live in Cuyahoga County, you must request from that county. This needs to be

done very soon. Some counties have deadlines that must be met for the request of absentee ballots and to ensure that the student's registration has been received.

Take the time to inform yourself about candidates. Name recognition is a bad reason to vote for a person, but it happens. The League of Women Voters usually has a website containing a biography of each candidate and where they stand on particular issues. While this may take a little research on the part of the student, it is time well spent to cast an informed ballot.

Finally, voting demographics count on the fact that the 18 to 24-year-old population does not vote in large numbers. Remember that. You are being relied on NOT to turn out to vote. If a woman or African American in this nation fails to vote, they should be completely ashamed, considering the struggles to allow each group to vote. It is a right, a privilege and an honor to vote. It is a civic

function and duty. Not voting allows someone else you may not agree with to speak for you. As a citizen of the United States, there is no more important function than voting.

-Joan Izzo  
Secondary Education

### YCHC best option for health care

Editor -

Kudos to The Jambor for its reporting of the campaign visit to the primary care Youngstown Community Health Center (YCHC) by Elizabeth Edwards, wife of Democratic VP hopeful John Edwards. Why is Democrat Mrs. Edwards actually agreeing in a campaign season with President George W. Bush, who boosted the very same Community Health Center here in Bliss Hall in May?

The answer's easy. YCHC is the only primary care medical practice in the Mahoning Valley that offers cash patients 100 percent medical purchasing parity with fully insured patients.

YCHC accepts "most private/commercial health insurance plans" from working-age folks with employer-paid health insurance, according to its newsletter, and Medicare from qualifying participants. Cash patients receive a government subsidy and pay at a rate directly proportional to income.

Quality of health care? Uninsured after a 30-year career as a medical lab tech and lab manager, my sister was referred to Dr. Douglas Lewis at YCHC after suffering a heart attack. She recuperated fully and is pleased with her treatment.

Ronald Dwinells, M. D., a nationally recognized advocate of Community Health Centers, is CEO; Angela DeJulius, M. D., is Director of Medical Services. YCHC is at 726 Wick Ave., Youngstown, OH

44505, Ph: (330) 747-9551.

Make an appointment today—you'll be a believer again.

-Jack Labusch  
Support Services

### Conservative viewpoints not welcomed

Editor -

I would like to reply to the letter written by Joel M. Lewis in the Sept. 23 issue regarding the insulting political cartoon lampooning the NRA.

While not a member of the NRA, I am a registered Republican, a Catholic and a conservative; I too have felt the pain of being slammed by the liberal element not only on campus and in The Jambor, but also in our area at large.

I would just like to say to Mr. Lewis that, while I fully

understand what you're feeling, there's really no point in complaining to the liberals about it. You see, I've learned the hard way that there is absolutely NO room WHATSOEVER in "diversity" for conservatives. Those of us who do not believe that absolutely anything and everything goes (with the exception of conservative viewpoints, that is) are absolutely not wanted nor are we welcome in a "diverse" society.

So, my advice to you, Mr. Lewis, is to not waste your time complaining to the deaf ears at the Jambor...rather, join me in speaking out against liberalism and moral relativism on Tuesday, Nov. 2 at the ballot box. According to the polls, our candidate is leading and starting to pull away...although I'm sure the liberals will cry foul when their candidate loses, just like they did when we beat them four years ago.

-Don Rudolph  
YSU Alumnus

## EDITORIAL CARTOON



## Costly textbooks an investment

DAN WELSH | Guest opinion to The Jambor

I love the first week of school. I took the summer semester off from classes and by July, I was really missing school. The way I see it, every idle semester puts me 15 weeks farther from graduation. I was really looking forward to coming back to school, resuming classes, meeting my instructors, getting my syllabi and sizing up the semester. I love everything about the first week of school. Well, almost everything.

There is the dreaded trip to the most unholy of all places - the bookstore. I know that it's going to hurt, but I go anyway. Why? Because I know that it's a worthwhile investment. Education costs. I know, because I'm paying for it. Sure, I get student loans, but there's a funny thing about loans - The people who lend you money, they expect you to pay it back, with interest.

When the cashier gives me my total, which I know means macaroni and cheese for dinner for four out of the next seven nights, I take a deep breath, smile at her and say, "it's an investment!" I know not everyone shares my point of view. Some students feel book publishers, authors, wholesalers and retailers, are gouging them. Some of the conspiracy theorists go so far as to cast a suspicious eye upon their professors and universities. I don't have the time or the energy to entertain these theories. I'm confident that I'll make a better living with a degree than without one.

There is of course no guarantee that I'll land good jobs with a fat salary as soon as the sheepskin hits my hand. We live in a society that rewards risk. With risk, there is the potential to fail. If there wasn't the potential to fail, we wouldn't call it risk. We'd call it something else. The people who started publishing companies took a risk.

They have the right to make a profit and they deserve to make money.

I've heard the argument that having new editions of the same textbooks every few years is evidence that publishers are taking advantage of students who will be required to purchase their products. Scientific and technological advances could easily explain the need for updated textbooks in many subjects. More recent case studies and research reports can't explain new editions in many more subjects.

While I'll admit that geometry hasn't changed much since the time of Pythagoras, our language, teaching methods and the way in which we absorb information have changed. When was the last time you heard someone use the word "swell" as an adjective other than on a "Leave It to Beaver" rerun? They stopped using the "See Spot Run" type tract books to teach children to read years ago. Newspapers of today have fewer columns and a lower story count per page than they did 50 years ago and they are easier to read. Often, new editions of textbooks reflect these types of changes.

Constantly changing the editions of textbooks drives up the cost of producing them. It would very likely be more profitable to mass produce the same edition for 20 years and sell them at a much lower cost. The quality of our education would suffer, but we'd save a few bucks at the bookstore.

The next time you experience sticker-shock at the bookstore, remember: it's an investment. It's an investment in you, it's an investment in your education. It's a degree, not a guarantee. There is risk involved. If you don't believe in that investment, if you are not willing to take that risk, maybe you don't belong here.

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**YEC**

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The YEC students are allowed everywhere on campus except the dormitories and the Beeghly Center facilities. The students are usually in class on time and they do not walk aimlessly around the campus, Johnson said.

So far, Johnson said he has not encountered any significant problems between the high school kids and the college kids.

"Student populations and the students we see in

this building made a good adjustment," Johnson said. He said the diversity committee on campus helped the students adjust to the change of atmosphere.

Some students have expressed a desire for more activities outside the classroom. One student said physical education courses and art courses would be a nice addition.

Johnson said he is aware of the need of extracurricular activities and the issue is being addressed. But overall, he

is pleased with YEC's accomplishments.

Students have expressed that they like YEC better than their old school because they have more freedoms, such as not having to wear a uniform to school.

With only 74 students in the school, the class sizes are smaller and more integrated. Students feel they get more help from teachers because of the smaller class sizes.

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**TRUSTEES**

FROM PAGE 1

"If a parcel becomes available that we did not know was going to become available and the owner wants to sell, then we can move forward with the conversation much more expeditiously, rather than seeking the approval, in advance, of the board," Sweet said.

At a Finance and Facilities committee meeting earlier this month, the board had asked university administration to review YSU's real estate acquisition policy and see if anything could be done to

make it easier to buy properties, especially at sheriff's sales.

The request was prompted by a private investor's August purchase at a sheriff's sale of 10 tax-delinquent properties in Smoky Hollow, an area the university has expressed interest in developing.

Jacobs said at Friday's committee meeting their review determined the Ohio revised code prevents YSU from spending money on land without prior approval from the Ohio Board of Regents and YSU Board of Trustees.

"That is what is really

binding us and preventing us from going to a sheriff's sale and sort of spur of the moment making a land purchase," Jacobs said.

The university can protect their interests, however, by relying on organizations that have community interests in mind, like Wick Neighbors and the YSU Foundation, to acquire sheriff's sale properties, Jacobs said.

"It's better to have someone like that make a purchase of property rather than somebody who has only their own interests in mind to make a profit and undercut us," Jacobs said.

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as neighborhood decay, loan denial to black people, the possibility of a black mayor and stereotypes were discussed.

Local radio host Kenneth King said economic factors strongly influence racial problems.

"Black folks on the lower income level continue to get marginalized," King said. "I think the issue comes down to economics. Who controls the economic pie in this city? How are wealth and resources distributed?"

Youngstown resident Melvin North agreed. He added the community needs a transformation.

"We have been unable to talk about racism, deal with it and look at the underpinnings, which is economics," North said. "We tend to stay divided in groups."

Rev. Joseph Rudjak of SS. Peter and Paul Croatian Roman Catholic Church said one way to relate across the community's color barrier would be by electing a black mayor, or a white mayor in tune with the needs of the black community.

"But I would enjoy and probably feel liberated by the fact that we could elect an African American woman to be

mayor," Rudjak said.

Williams interjected, saying that if a black mayor were elected, he wouldn't necessarily have black interests at heart.

Audience member Ron Miller said both whites and blacks deny the problem of racism in Youngstown.

"The fact that when you go down to municipal court any day, you're going to see a long line of black youth marched into the court room, when you go to our public housing projects you are going to see by and large black people, which means that the poverty rate and so forth is way out of skew," Miller said.

The community needs to address that reality and come up with public policy and business policy aimed at those problems, he said.

YSU theater instructor David Vosburgh said the biggest obstacle he noticed when he first came to Youngstown was a lack of trust blacks have for whites.

"That is because of our history of what we have done to black people. I think the onus is very much on we of the white race to prove that we are trustworthy. It takes a long time to build that trust and you can lose it in one single act," Vosburgh said.

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**DEAL**

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Upon entering the lease, the partnership took out a loan from FNB. A six-story addition was constructed before the inn's opening in 1988.

The Wick Pollock Inn stayed open for the next 10 years, hosting visiting sports teams, conferences and other overnight guests.

Declining business led the bank to foreclose on the partnership in October 1998. The inn shut its doors the next month and has remained unused since.

Subsequent lawsuits were filed on both sides. FNB sued, claiming YSU had blocked their plans for new student housing. YSU sued, claiming FNB had not maintained the property. The deal announced Friday settles all pending litigation.

"I think we came to the conclusion that it would be in all parties' interests to move forward, and we were able to reach an agreement," Sweet said.

Sweet said he does not anticipate that YSU would operate the inn once renovations are complete.

"The preferred plan would be to hire an experienced firm that does this for their business," Sweet said.

The university also plans to include a partnership between the inn and the hospitality management department where students can gain firsthand experience, Sweet said.

Though the inn proved an unprofitable venture during its initial 10 year run, Sweet said he has confidence the reopened Wick Pollock Inn would prove successful.

"The fact is, there is not an inn or a hotel in the area," Sweet said. "We have an arts and entertainment district that attracts 700,000 people to this downtown core area. I believe that with the convocation center coming online, you'll have an even greater population."

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# entertainment

## Published Penguin poets perform at SMARTS Center

BILL RODGERS | *The Jambor*

Friday night at the SMARTS center, the Youngstown State University Poetry Center celebrated the work of poets published in the Penguin Review and the Artful Dodge, a national literary publication.

The event started a little later than scheduled. Karen Schubert, editor of The Penguin Review, Philip Brady, adviser to the poetry center at YSU and some others involved with the event rushed into the room, late from their meal at a restaurant.

"Sorry we're a little late," Schubert said breathlessly, smiling. "The problem was that half of us were in the restaurant while the other half of us were in the bar. We had some problems finding each other."

The rest of the night, however, went smoothly. About 10 poets from both publications participated in the event, reading their favorite works to the audience.

Senior Jaryl Altomare read three of his poems that were published in The Penguin Review this year. One of his favorite poems he read that night was "The Coliseum Under Friday's Moonlight," a poem about former high school football players — now blue collar workers — playing a football

game together.

"I think that poem is a good example of how my writing evolved from what it was when I was in high school to what it is today," Altomare said.

The poems read by the writers for The Penguin Review covered a wide spectrum of topics from the very serious, to the idyllic and the humorous.

Schubert's poem "I Remember a Garden" was about her remembering the last days of an elderly relative. "Pebble Throwers," read by Richard Hahn, described schoolboys daydreaming about skipping rocks across a pond.

Larisa Pwitorak's poem "Spork" mourned the loss of the famous half-spoon, half-fork utensil of the same name.

After the Penguin Review writers finished their readings, the poets of the Artful Dodge took their turns at the mic.

Most notable out of the Artful Dodge readers were Nin Andrews and Carolyne Wright.

Andrews read a series of three poems dealing with a woman her grandfather was romantically involved with when he was younger. The first poem, "M," was about how her grandfather couldn't remember the girl's name, only that it started with an "M." In the next poem, titled "Obituaries," Andrews' grandfather remembers the girl's

name when he comes across it in the obituary section of the newspaper. The last poem in the series, titled "Maureen," describes how Maureen lived on in Andrews' head.

Wright read a couple of her poems that night, but the most powerful was "Round May 4th, 1970," her dramatic account of the Kent State shootings. Wright delivered the poem while expressing defeat, horror, sadness and rage. She ended it simply and quietly with: "We think of you when the dogwoods bloom."

Brady said he thought it was important to incorporate the Artful Dodge publication into the YSU English community, explaining that the publication is used in classroom activities.

"Some YSU students have helped edit some of the poems appearing in the Artful Dodge, so they get recognized as assistant editors in a national literary publication," Brady said.

The poetry reading on Friday was the first of eight that the Poetry Center plans on conducting through the 2004-05 school year. All of the readings are free to the public. For a schedule, visit the Poetry Center's web site at: [www.ysu.edu/poetry-center](http://www.ysu.edu/poetry-center).

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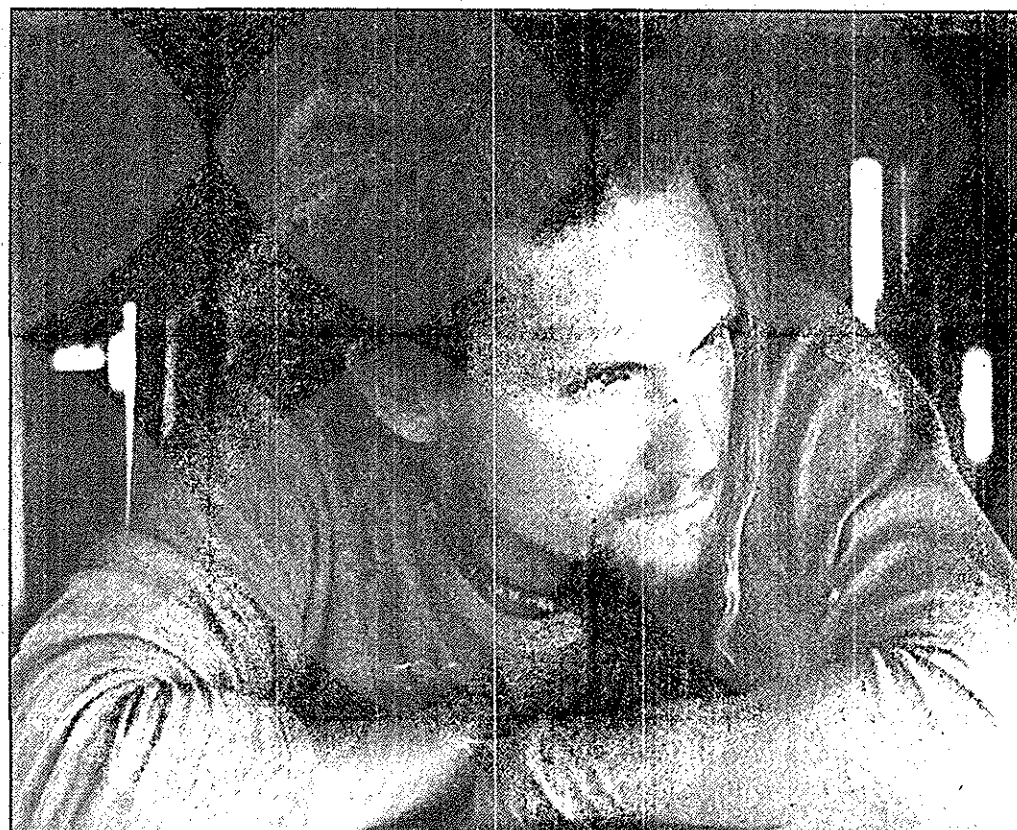


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## Top Australian trio tours U.S.

BILL RODGERS | *The Jambor*

John Butler, of the band The John Butler Trio, is currently Australia's No. 1 performing artist.

If an ounce of justice exists in the world, he will be at least half as nationally recognized in America.

The John Butler Trio is a folk-rock band from Australia. Their music sounds vaguely like folk-rock legends O.A.R., only with a grittier, soulful quality.

Fueled by Butler's almost godlike powers of songwriting and raw, unrestrained guitar talent, it's not hard to envision a future in which the John Butler Trio will be blaring out of every other college dorm room on a Friday night.

The John Butler Trio kicked off a tour of the United States that began in mid-August by releasing a six-song EP titled "What You Want." The CD contains five original songs and a cover of The Beatles' "Across the Universe."

The EP showcases not only Butler's musical talent, but also his musical versatility. Throughout the CD, Butler uses several different musical styles. There are samples from genres like Appalachian folk, reggae and even elements of hip-hop. While some artists are influenced by musical styles and are rigidly set within their chosen genres, Butler instead uses styles as tools in his songwriting.

Tying the entire album together is impressive acoustic guitar playing by Butler. In an interview with Rolling Stone, Butler said his first guitar was inherited from his deceased grandfather.

"Apparently my grandmother said, 'Well, whoever learns to play gets the guitar,' I learned how to play. Not because I wanted the guitar, just because I was interested," Butler said.

Butler's interest spawned a plethora of great songs. His new EP features many strong guitar songs. Most notable of these is the shortest song on the CD, "Pickapart." This is the song that seems to embody all of the musical strengths of the band. "Pickapart" begins with some impressive fast guitar licks before settling into a pattern of an upbeat, ultra-gritty folk-rock song.

Butler's singing blankets quite a range of pitches and styles. At times, he's rambling as fast as Bob Dylan on "Subterranean Homesick Blues." Other times his voice is low and guttural and on others still he is wailing into the microphone.

Butler began his career as an independent artist. His first recording, "Searching for Heritage" was sold on cassette tapes on the streets of Fremantle, Australia. Butler was offered a venue to play at by a local promoter who liked what he heard.

Butler continued along the independent artist route, gathering what money he could from album sales and gig money to release more albums and pay his rent. Butler's most recent album release in Australia, "Sunrise Over Sea," debuted at No. 1, a feat never before achieved by an independently released artist.

Butler recently signed on with Lava records to release the

"What You Want" EP and a follow-up album scheduled to be released in the states in Spring 2005.

The John Butler Trio are making their rounds of the United States in concert halls, music festivals, clubs and bars. They'll be stopping by Pittsburgh on Oct. 3rd at Mister Smalls.

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## It's all about the baby

RUDI WHITMORE  
*The Jambor*

Walking into the McDonough Museum of Art, I had no idea that I'd be stepping into some twisted, two-hour mind game that made me totally and completely confused.

Now, a few days later, I'm still hoping that no one asks me to describe the play in detail, because I really don't know how I'd do it. That's not to say, however, that the play wasn't thought provoking.

Edward Albee's "The Play About the Baby" turns from being about a couple with a baby and two strangers they encounter to a semi-commentary on whom someone can be, and whom they are not. Unrepentantly confusing, the play twists the characters' minds, making them question everything.

The play's small stage was set only with four chairs and four stands for the actors to read from their scripts. The actors themselves, Boy and Girl, Man and Woman, appeared in simple dress and makeup. Rest assured those were the only uncomplicated things throughout the performance.

The audience is not immune to the psychological effects that ensue but instead are thrust into an active role of examining what they believe along with the cast of characters.

Beautifully and passionately acted, it was obvious the actors loved the content, giving it all their energy and letting their own confusion spill into that of their characters.

You could see the questions building in the audience as the play progressed, each wanting to shout out a, "What are you talking about?" at the same time as they were theorizing what it must mean.

The end of the play in the second act brings nothing to a close. Instead, the floor was

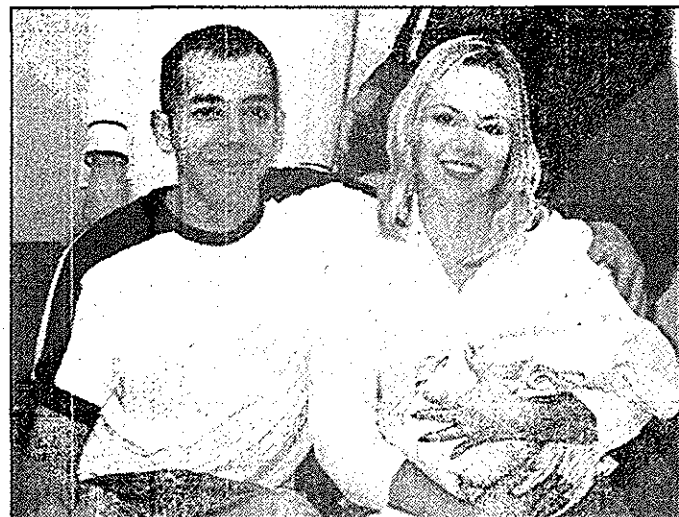


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Joseph Nahhas (left), a YSU alumnus and junior Rachel Peteritis (right) are the parents in Edward Albee's "The Play About the Baby."

opened for the audience to ask questions of and philosophize with the actors.

The actors Molly Galano, Rachel Peteritis, a YSU alumnus, Joseph Nahhas, a YSU junior, David Vosburgh, an adjunct professor in the theater department, all seemed excited to hear the audience's insights, as well as share their own.

It was impossible to leave the theater the same as when

you stepped in. The feeling was as enigmatic as the play that promoted it and found a way to question what you thought you knew and what you needed to have.

And you'll find it's hard to answer the play's main question: Who the hell are you?

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# sports

## Penguins extinguish the Flames

YSU defeats Liberty 27-17, Western Kentucky next opponent

JUSTIN SMOLKOVICH  
The Jambor

Everything came together Saturday night for the Youngstown State University football team as they rebounded from a two game losing skid to douse the Liberty University Flames 27-17.

The Penguins' offensive unit provided the spark for YSU (2-2) as they scored on their first possession of the game to start the night off. Sophomore Monquatae Gibson burst through the Flames' defense and then proceeded to scamper 53 yards to pay dirt.

After exchanging punts with the Flames (1-3), the Penguins were once again threatening. Wide receiver Matt Rycraft took a reverse pitch and went untouched into the end zone, however, a holding call brought the ball back. Behind the solid running of Gibson, the Penguins marched down to the Liberty 25 yard line, where kicker Nick Terracina booted in a 42-yard field goal to take the lead to 10-0.

The defense then flexed its muscle as James Terry knocked the ball out of the hands of the Flames offense and senior Mike Bracken fell on the loose pigskin deep inside Liberty territory.

It only took two plays before the Penguins once again reached the red zone. On third down, quarterback Tom Zetts,



who was 11 of 16 on the night for 158 yards and two touchdown throws, found Gibson on a screen pass. Gibson raced 27 yards untouched into the end zone.

The Flames offense came to life in the second quarter as they drove the length of the field and added a field goal to make the game 17-3.

Unfortunately for the Flames, the Penguins had an answer. Scrambling to his left, Zetts looked to be throwing the ball away as Liberty defenders surged toward him. Zetts' pass fell into the hands of Rycraft who happened to be

Johnny on the spot. Rycraft then cut back and followed several downfield blocks

little over 3 minutes. The drive culminated with a three-yard touchdown dive

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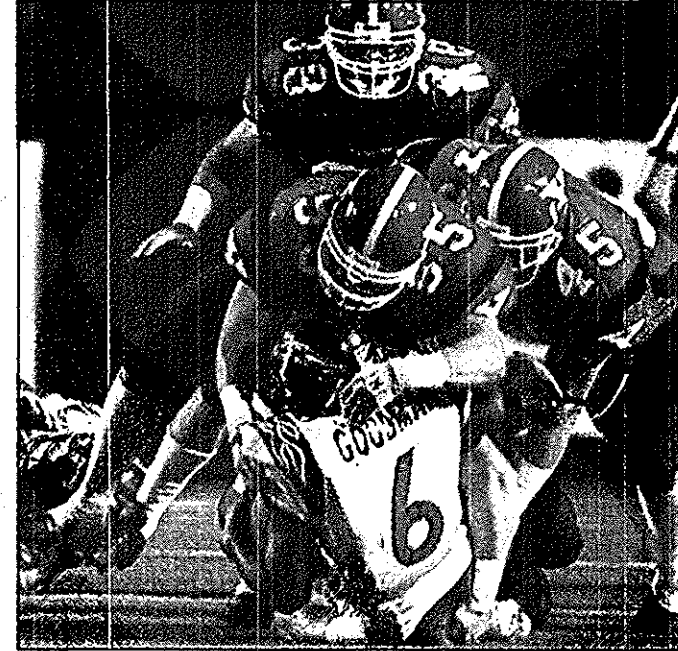
- Jon Heacock

into the end zone for a 53 yard score, which put the Penguins ahead 24-3.

The flames were not done yet, however, as they put together an 80-yard, 15 play drive that only lasted a

to keep the Flames within striking distance at 24-10.

Following a Zetts interception, the Flames started the third quarter in the same way they finished the half, on the offensive. The



▲ (Left) Tailback Monquatae Gibson outruns a pack of Liberty Flames defenders. Gibson picked up 169 yards rushing. (Bottom to top) Running back Eugene Goodman falls under the triple

flames put together a four play, 64-yard drive that was capped off by a 21-yard touchdown run.

The final score of the game for either team came late in the third quarter as Terracina booted his second field goal of the night, this time connecting from 35 yards out to finish the scoring at 27-17.

Despite the win, coach Heacock still realizes that to win games in the Gateway Conference, things need to change.

"We need to get better. We allowed them to play their game in the second half," said Heacock following the game.

Heacock also praised the play of wide receiver Kyle Smith, who, despite only catching three passes, recorded 51 yards that helped maintain YSU

drives.

"Kyle made some tremendous plays tonight. He made some plays that were beyond great," said Heacock of the junior wide receiver.

Leading the way for the Penguins on the ground, Gibson recorded yet another 100-yard game. Gibson however praises others for his success.

"My credit goes to my offensive line. I expect to run for 100 yards in every game with that line," said Gibson.

The Penguins look to extend their winning streak next week as they travel to Western Kentucky to battle the Hilltoppers and bring their conference record to 2-0.

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▲ The new Mitsubishi Diamondvision screen shows close-ups and instant replays for YSU fans.

## Fans see game in new light

JUSTIN SMOLKOVICH  
The Jambor

Penguin fans attending Stambaugh Stadium have been given a whole new perspective on the game—Penguin vision.

This Saturday, as the Penguins football team scored a victory over Liberty University, Youngstown State University's new Diamond Vision scoreboard was put to the test, passing with flying colors.

The scoreboard, 17 feet wide and 12 and a half feet tall, was purchased through a recent contract with Coca-Cola. The scoreboard, manufactured by Mitsubishi, was flown halfway around the world, from Nagasaki, Japan, to Chicago, finally arriving last week at its new home at YSU.

The contract granting Coca-Cola Inc. exclusive

pouring rights on the YSU campus will last 10 years.

YSU becomes only the second school in the Gateway conference, along with Northern Iowa University, to have this type of hardware present at their stadiums. With the technology comes tough training for those who must run the scoreboard, said Executive Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Ron Strollo.

"We have actually been able to train a couple of students because this is all a learning experience and you want to be able to teach these kids," said Strollo.

Senior Kristin Jones, who said she really enjoyed the scoreboard's new look, said the new scoreboard has added a major league feel to the Ice Castle. She added that she noticed the board got plenty of attention from

the stadium, especially when they showed the crowd on the "penguin vision."

"I liked the instant replay the most because it lets you see what just happened," Jones said.

Before kickoff, the stadium crowd was treated with a player profile of former Penguin and national champion quarterback Mark Brungard.

But during the game is when the board was utilized to its full potential. Following each play, an instant replay was shown in stunning clarity to the crowd allowing everyone a second chance to see a big play.

Among those excited about the new addition is Strollo himself.

"I'm really excited, I'll be eagerly looking at it the whole game," he said.

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## Penguins drop two in weekend contests

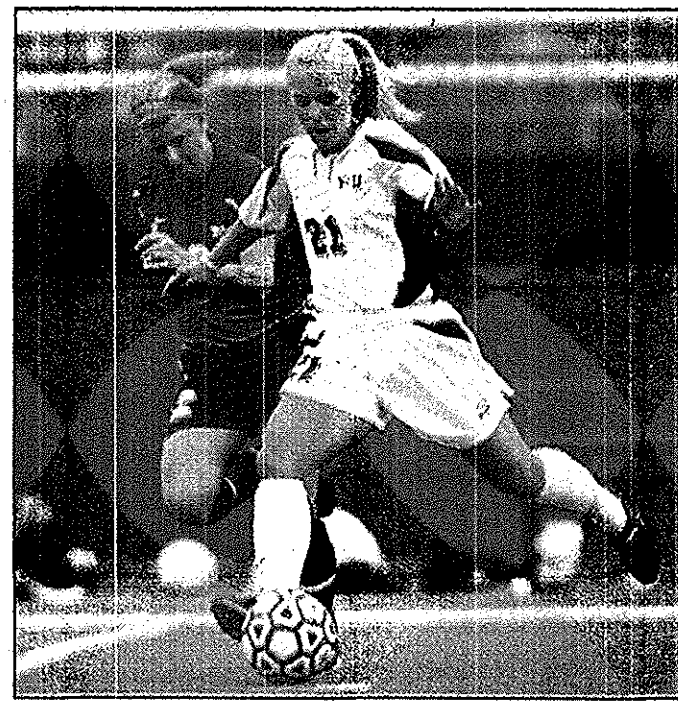
SHAWN BUSKIRK  
The Jambor

The setting was perfect for Youngstown State University's women's soccer team: a beautiful, 80-degree Friday afternoon, home field advantage and the team psyched and desperately searching for its first tally in the win column.

The Penguins came out Friday fired up and drew blood first. In the first half, freshman middle fielder Tessa Brookman notched her first assist on the season when she passed to junior middle fielder Jessica Yarter, who unloaded for her first goal of the year. The Niagara Purple Eagles (4-3-0), coming off a three game losing skid, would match the Penguins less than 20 minutes later.

Purple Eagle freshman Natalie Frost scored her first goal as a collegiate soccer player to bring the game to a 1-1 tie. With the score matched at one a piece, the Penguins looked to edge out Niagara in the final 45 minutes.

The Penguins were out shot in the game, 20-13, but 13 shot total was far better than its seven shot average per outing. Sophomore forward



▲ Maddie Lawther outraces Niagara University mid fielder Emily Montgomery. Lawther attempted 4 goal shots against the Purple Eagles at Friday's match. crush of Justin Martin, Joe Jubj, and Marty Hutchinson.

Maddie Lawther led the Penguins with four of those shots, all of which were on goal. YSU also led in corner kicks, taking six while NU had only five shots.

However, as first year coach Anthony James stated, "We didn't finish the opportunities we were given," and it was the Purple Eagles who would do so.

NU would finish off the YSU women's soccer team in the second half when the Purple Eagles' Emily Montgomery slipped a header past YSU senior goalie Mia Railing, defeating the Penguins 2-1.

In only her third start, and fifth appearance, Railing racked up 12 saves

in the contest to give her 52 on the year, leading the Penguins.

Coach James commented, "It was a tough loss. We came out and thought we could have won. It's hard to be up one, and then give up two. However, it's a step-in the right direction. Yeah we lost, but as a program we're getting better."

In a second match up in Chicago on Sunday, the Penguins (0-8-1) gave up three goals in the first half and three more in the second half en route to a 6-0 loss against Loyola (4-3-1).

Loyola outshot YSU 22-8. Railing recorded eight saves for YSU.

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