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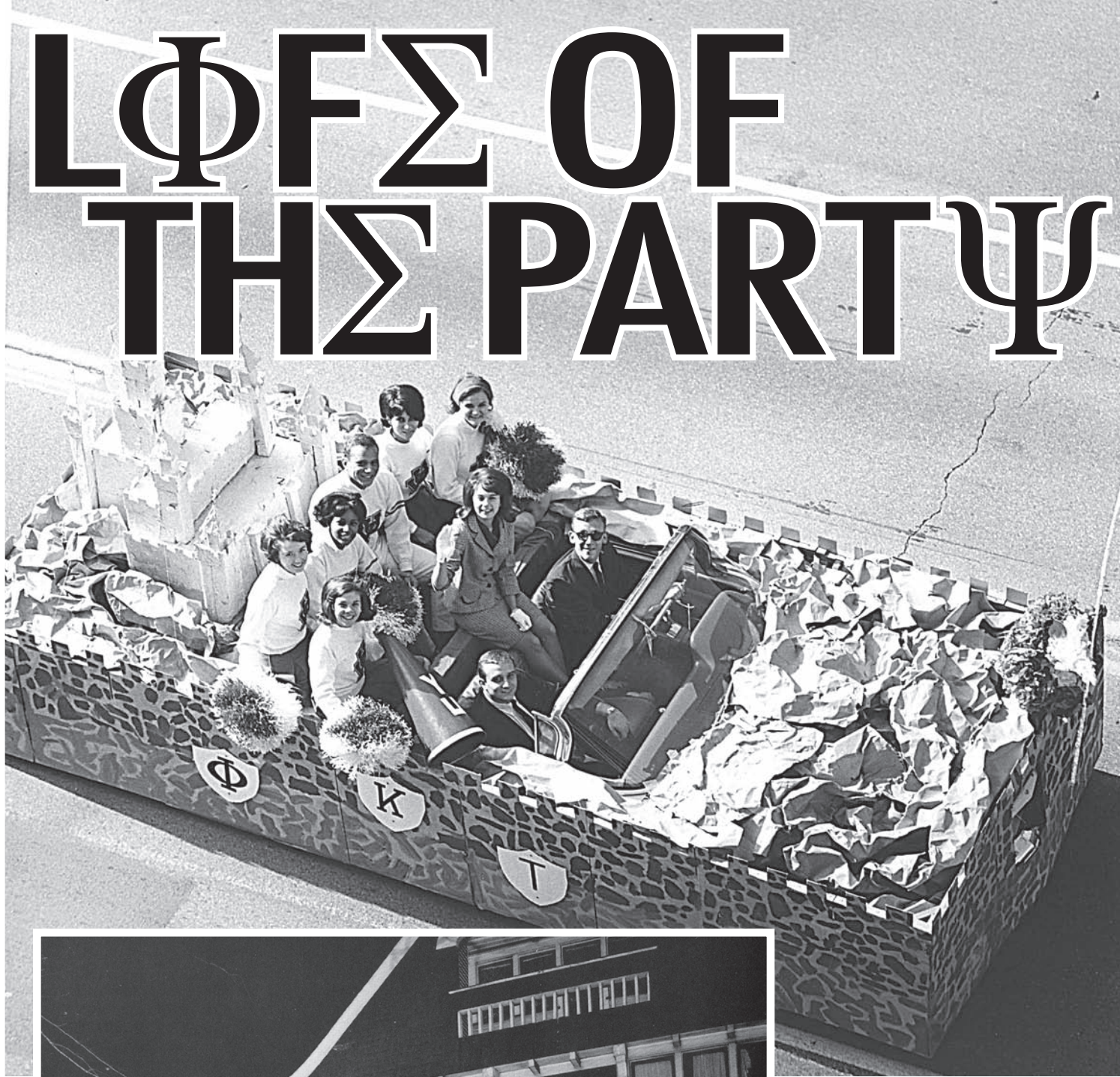
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ABOVE: Phi Kappa Tau Homecoming float.



ABOVE: Members of Alpha Phi Delta fraternity rally outside their fraternity house.



ABOVE: Members of Kappa Sigma Kappa fraternity painting classrooms, on May 9 1952.

LEFT: The Sigma Delta Beta homecoming float.

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Sun always shines for alum

Jeanette DiRubba
REPORTER

At 3 a.m., there's a good chance that the average college student is asleep or out partying.

Frank Marzullo was giving the weather. The Youngstown State University alumnus, however, describes the time as well spent.

"Waking up at 3 a.m. to give the weather and then take classes part time was probably the most difficult but rewarding part of my college experience," Marzullo said.

Marzullo, a 2003 YSU graduate, spent seven years working at the NBC station WFMJ 21 in Youngstown before moving in August 2007 for his current employment at WXIX TV Fox19 in Cincinnati.

After transferring from the Ohio University during his sophomore year, Marzullo first got started in Youngstown after sending out resume tapes to different stations.

The first station to contact him was WFMJ 21, and Marzullo started working as the weekday morning and noon weather forecaster in January 2001.

Marzullo said he was trying to juggle classes while also maintaining his position at the station. "It took me five years instead of the normal four to get through college since I was working so early and taking classes.

I also had a tough time in Spanish class. I had to take it three times before passing which made my graduation date even longer and in the summer instead of the spring," Marzullo said.

The YSU events Marzullo said he remembers most are the Homecoming Festivities, the Forte on the Fifty and the Sum-

mer Festival of the Arts.

"I remember the arts aspect of YSU. I liked the McDonough Museum the best. I went there to look at the student art and clear my mind of tornadoes and such," he said.

Marzullo said YSU is an excellent school, especially for those wanting to get back into education. He also said the university is very supportive and gives a great background for understanding. "Plus," he said, "a penguin mascot is kind of cool."

Marzullo said he really enjoyed going out into the city and being with different community organizations during his time as weather forecaster in Youngstown.

Now stationed in Cincinnati, Marzullo said he still loves the morning weather hours, but even after eight years of forecasting he never became accustomed to the early morning.

"I'm sick of napping all the time. I get home at 9:15 a.m., which is nice, but I waste my day sleeping. That's the only drawback with this career," he said.

Even though Marzullo said he loved Youngstown, he left the area to "try new things."

Marzullo said he learned that Youngstown is an area "rich in personality" and full of good people. "I surrounded myself with close friends and family during my stay in Youngstown, and YSU gave me the true definition of a family-oriented school community," he said.

Marzullo, also a member of the National Weather Association, said his career involves a lot of work and dedication, but he advises that if anyone pursues meteorology, the experience "is worth it."

"Don't be afraid to take little town jobs to work your way up," he said. "Don't be afraid to move around and develop your skills."

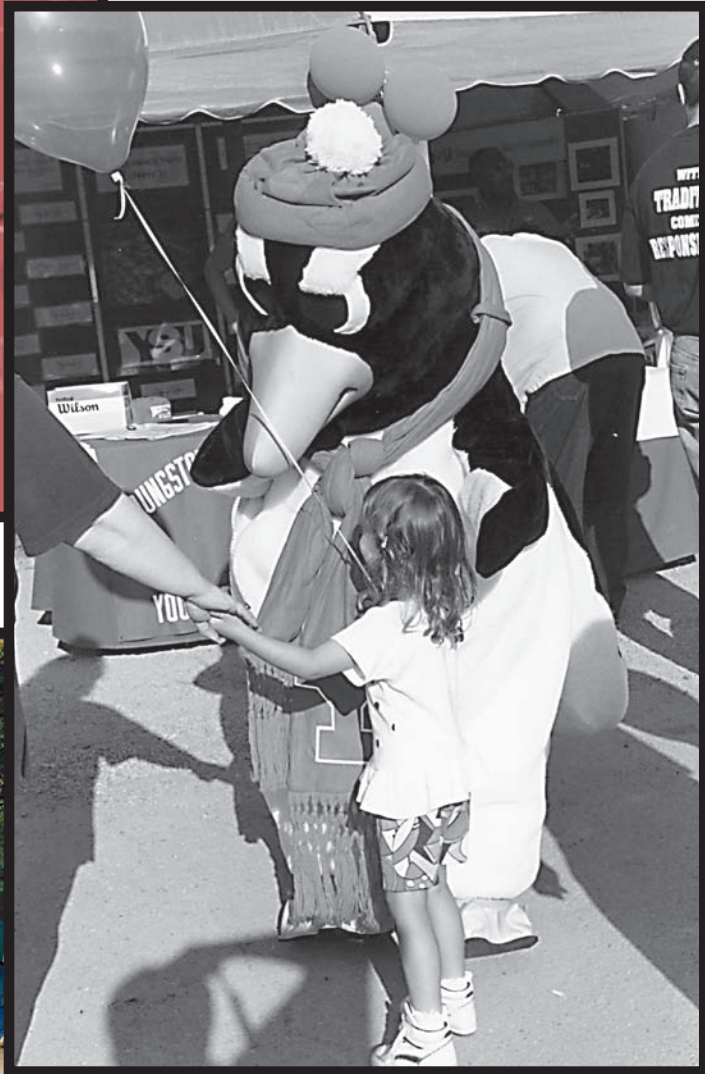


ABOVE: The original YU mascot, Pete the Penguin, going for a walk.



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PENGUIN POWER



ABOVE: Pete the Penguin in 1995.

LEFT: Students took time to paint the rock in 1995. The rock, first painted in 1965 and located between the amphitheatre and Kilcawley, moved to its current spot in 1970.

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OUR SIDE EDITORIAL

YSU to aid in rebirth of Youngstown

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In the process of putting this issue together, we were going through pictures from the different generations of students to pass through Youngstown State University.

There were pictures of students looking proper as they attended May Queen ceremonies.

There were pictures of protesters, angry over the war in Vietnam or the shootings at Kent State.

We saw images of the civil rights movement, women’s liberation and the changing face of the YSU student body.

Above all, we saw history.

For a hundred years, YSU has been at the epicenter of the history of Youngstown. The students who have come up through this university have gone on to shape the city, as well as other areas around the country.

Without YSU, one shudders to think of where Youngstown may be. Through the boom of the city’s heyday to the crushing bust of the steel mills, YSU has been a constant. It serves as a source of hope for those who otherwise may not have any, and it serves the same purpose for the city.

Youngstown, a city once considered a lost cause, stands poised for a rebirth in the generations to come, and this is largely due to the partnerships it has with YSU.

We face uncertain times, locally and nationally. Institutions such as YSU are all the more important as we navigate our way through the rough terrain ahead.

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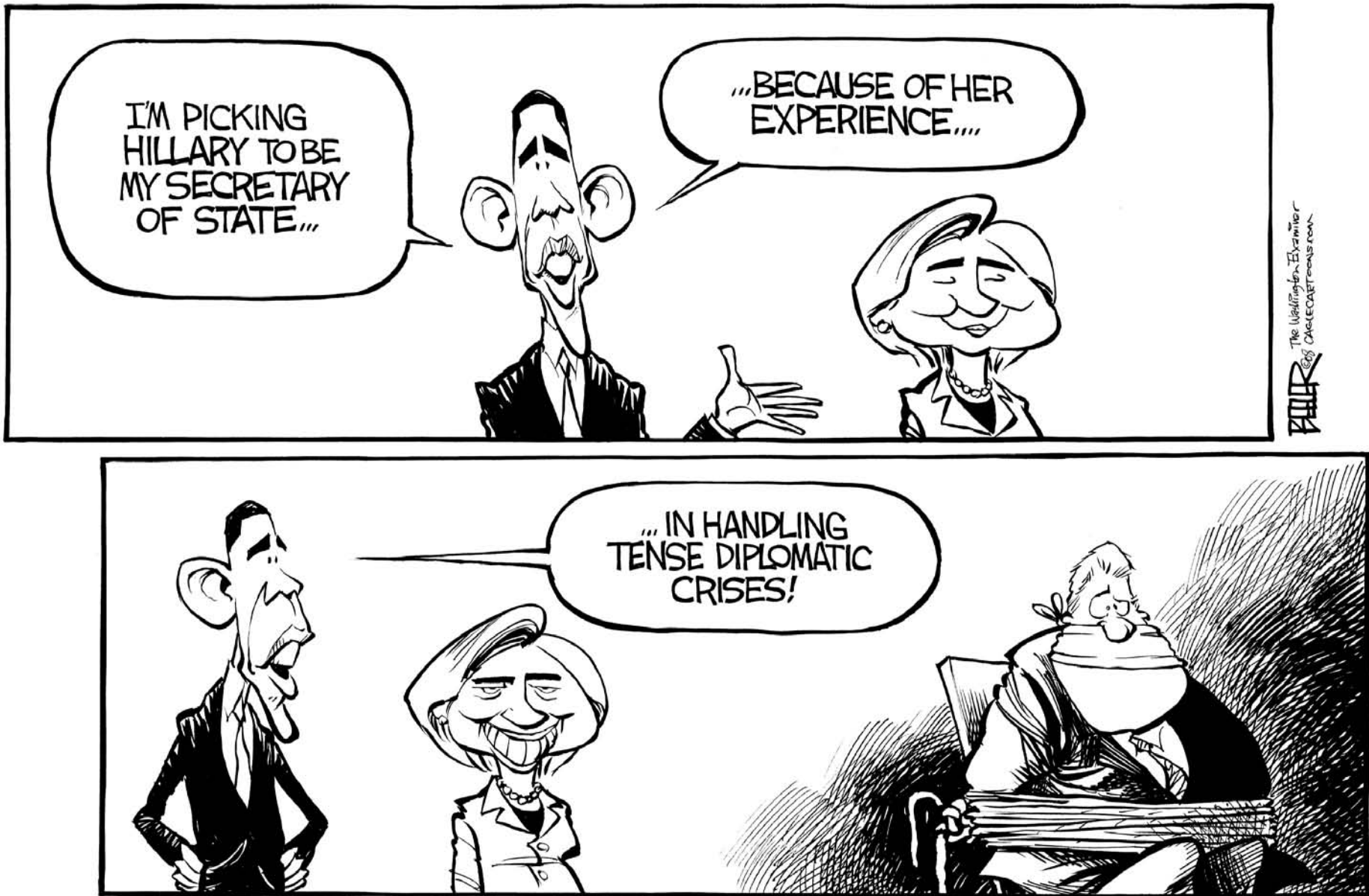
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The year was 1908 ... and what a year it was. Admiral Robert Peary began his conquest of the North Pole. Wilbur Wright flew an airplane for nearly two and a half hours, the longest flight ever up to that point. Henry Ford produced the first Model T. For the first time, a ball dropped on Times Square in New York to mark the New Year. Mother’s Day was first observed. And in 1908, the Chicago Cubs won the World Series. They haven’t won one since. It was in that context that Youngstown State University was established. From the YMCA in downtown Youngstown, with the vision and ambition of men like Leonard Skeggs, James Wick and Howard Jones, Youngstown College became Youngstown University, which later became Youngtown State University. Through these 100 years, the Mahoning Valley has been trans-

formed by the university itself and the accomplishments of its graduates, faculty and staff. We have spent much of the past year recognizing and celebrating our proud past. From the unveiling of the new sculpture honoring Howard Jones to the opening of the university’s archives and the groundbreaking for the new building for the Williamson College of Business Administration, the activities that made up our Centennial Celebration reflected YSU’s transformation from a small, private college to a burgeoning urban research university. Today, YSU boasts an enrollment of nearly 14,000 students. We are located on a beautiful 145-acre campus with nearly 50 buildings, including four residence halls and the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center. We offer more than 30 degree programs in more than 100 majors, in addition to 35 master’s programs and two

doctorates. Our students and faculty come from around the world. Dozens of our faculty members are global experts in their disciplines. We have more than 85,000 alumni – police chiefs, mayors, business owners, nurses, teachers, doctors, lawyers, scientists, engineers, musicians – you name it. The university is at the center of nearly everything that happens in Youngstown and the surrounding region.

We have – indeed – come a long way.

Now, we look to the future. It’s a future, like in 1908, that is filled with opportunity, as well as uncertainty. It was clear in 1908, as it is now, that these are unusual times. The country is heading into a new era, with new leadership and historic economic challenges. Abraham Lincoln once said the best thing about the future is that it only comes one day at a time. Hour by hour, day after day,



year to year, YSU has worked for the past 100 years to serve the educational needs of the northeast Ohio region. All of us at YSU are part of that legacy.

As the challenges and opportunities come, we will continue to build on that proud past and commit ourselves to building a promising future for those in the century ahead.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor,
I would like to thank Doug Dierkes for referencing one of my favorite works of obscure cinema: Six-String Samurai. It’s good to know that I’m not the only person in this fair city with a liking of little-known movies. This brings me hope that more people will enjoy movies like this, despite their lack of blockbuster status. I would also like to extend a few recommendations. If you enjoyed Six-String Samurai, you should also try Zardoz (a relatively young Sean Connery with a Fu Manchu moustache and two gunbelts; I have nothing more to say on the matter), Buckaroo Banzai, The Lost Skeleton of Cadavera, Killer Condom (which, despite its risqué title, is not a pornographic film), and Death Bed: the Bed that Eats People (seriously, that’s the title of that last one. It’s not at all a good movie, but well worth watching, nonetheless.)

Thank you once again, Doug Dierkes, for renewing my hope that the people of this city will wake up and find out what they’re missing, and that maybe they were better off missing it.

Vijay K. Welch

SENIOR GOODBYE

The one time I’m not on the sports page

Andrew Berry
SPORTS EDITOR

Ready to be jealous? I’m graduating, and you’re not. I’m attending class for the last time this week, and come Dec. 12, never again will I have to go through the ridiculous regiment of a college student.

No more excessive note-taking, all-nighters, term papers, finals, 90-cent Doritos, technology fees,



the Banner system, and (my personal favorite) no more buying overpriced text books that I’m required to open maybe three times a semester.

The time is finally here. After four years and five semesters at Youngstown State University, my hard work has paid off and I will finally get that coveted piece of paper from the university that simply expresses my awesomeness in print.

No, really, the word “awesome” will appear on my degree. I had it custom made.

But regardless of what words they actually decide to print on it, the diploma itself will always help me remember the hard work that I put forth during my time at YSU, and by hard work I mean ridiculous shenanigans coupled with the unforgettable adventures that taught me more life lessons that I could never put a price tag on.

Working for The Jambar for the last two and a half semesters opened many doors that I had originally thought had an American Gladiator standing behind waiting to knock the hopes and dreams out of me. Originally, I signed up for the journalism program because I had confidence in my writing ability and the degree only required one math class. Trust me when I say there is no cure for calculator dependency.

The most glorious part of being a journalist is that no matter what I write, you have to read it. Seeing as how I do not venture away from the last page of this publication too often, I’m going to take full advantage of my opportunity to write this letter for the

editorial page where I have the freedom to say whatever I want and get away with it. And since this is my letter, I’m sneaking it past the copy desk disguised as an MCT story.

Before my authority as sports editor runs out, I cannot leave YSU without thanking those that meant the most to me during my time here. Enough cannot be said about the people in the English department and journalism program that have helped since the beginning. I’ll never forget the invaluable words and wisdom of Alyssa Lenhoff, MaryBeth Earnhardt and Tim Francisco especially, as their presence in my college career made it that much better. But be warned, you have created a journalistic monster with an out-of-control ego.

Then there is my family at The Jambar. Sure, they are obnoxious and have poor musical taste, but they are the best friends I ever could have and would not trade for anything. Except for maybe a Fender Stratocaster and half a meatball sub.

The Jambar staff consists of many colorful characters. There are my best friends, Brian Cetina and Sam Marhulik, who have furthered my passion for music and causing mischief. The countless hours at The Jambar watching YouTube videos, arguing about sports and sharing distasteful jokes over this past year would have been dull without them. And just think, had I never met you two clowns, I never would have found out what the inside of a Kansas City emergency room looks like.

Although I would rather repeat the entire college process over again than watch a single game of the NHL season, Chelsea Pflugh

will always be one of my Jambar pals. Mispronouncing your last name never gets old, and even if I ever get to visit Paris, I will not be taking any more pictures of the Eiffel Tower. Just promise me I can have some cookies when I visit the office in the future.

I have firm belief that he is in fact a robot programmed to give everyone a hard time, but Adam Rogers is one in a million. Your quick wit may have inspired me to take you on as my religion, but its not going to help the Browns win anything anytime soon.

And I can’t forget Richard Boccia, Justin Mitchell and Sarah Sole, my three favorite figures of Jambar authority. Actually, I have a big problem with authority, but these people made my life easy and no revolution was required. Richard, I leave you perfectly tagged XML on my last page for this edition ... or did I? I’m giving my good friend Justin my autographed 8x10 of Charlie Weiss. And Sarah, I’m sorry to inform you, but I’ll always remember how you fell for the “Brian in the cabinet” prank. That I’m taking with me.

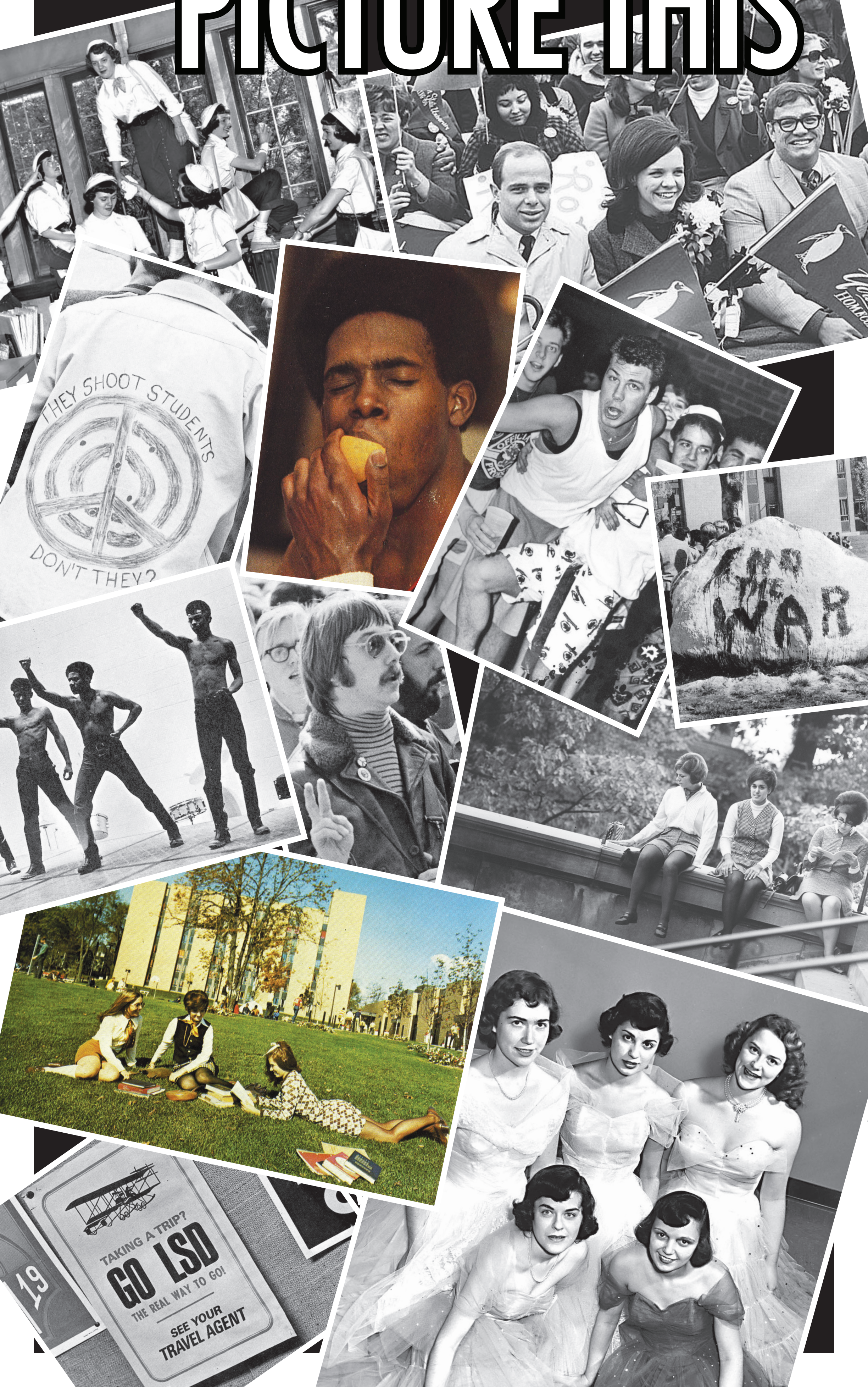
To all of my coworkers at The Jambar, I wish you the best in future endeavors. My byline on page 12 of this edition is the last one that will appear in the student publication, but won’t be the last byline you ever see of me. If my rock and roll dreams fall through, I have my journalism degree to fall back on.

I can’t believe I’m saying (or, typing?) it, but it is truly hard to say goodbye. Despite my absence at YSU next semester, I am asking Brian and Sam to carry on my legacy. The next time you come across a revolving door, give it a good slam for me.

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Centennial Celebration

Tracilyn Tsamas
CONTRIBUTOR

Youngstown State University's Centennial Celebration kicked off during Homecoming 2007 and was full of festivities for the following year. The Centennial theme, "Proud Past, Promising Future" encouraged students, staff, faculty and alumni alike to acknowledge both the origins and goals of what was once called Youngstown College. Twelve public service announcements, each one minute in length, were aired across the Valley to promote the centenary events.

Ron Cole, the Manager of News and Information Services

at YSU said, "[YSU] would not be a thriving urban research university without the influence of a vast array of people through the past 100 years."

People like Howard Jones, the university's first president, Dom Rosselli, a YSU coach who passed away last month after 35 years of service and Dana School of Music graduate Sean Jones were honored by this year's festivities. To start the celebrations, the 2007 Homecoming game boasted a special Centennial halftime show.

This show featured the marching band playing a selection written specifically for a composition contest sponsored for the show. It also included the unveiling of a yearlong clock that counted down to the Centennial Anniversary Ball.

Cole said he believes in the importance of educating students in the heritage of YSU's beginnings. To this end, several new additions can be seen across campus, including the statue of Howard Jones that stands near Maag library.

Less visible is the newly revamped fifth floor archive section in Maag. Soon to follow these additions is a new building to house the Williamson College of Business Administration.

One event held in honor of this special occasion was a national symposium that examined the culture of the automobile and its role in the past 100 years. During this conference a special focus was placed on the automobile industry's impact on the Ma-

honing Valley.

Other events boasting the "Proud Past, Promising Future" theme included a Centennial Ball, a Veterans Day gathering and a special Centennial Commencement.

In honor of the 100th anniversary, the spring 2008 graduates received a special Centennial diploma. Speakers for this singular ceremony included graduates to represent the past and recent graduates to represent the potential of the university's future. This commencement ceremony also introduced the use of a mace designed by YSU art professor Greg Mooring.

This symbolic staff, first used during YSU's 100th year, is the future of YSU's commencement ceremonies.



Photograph of the 10-ton boulder donated to Youngstown College by the YoCo Class of 1949. A bronze tablet was placed on the boulder, emblazoned with the words "Youngstown College" and the year of founding, 1908.

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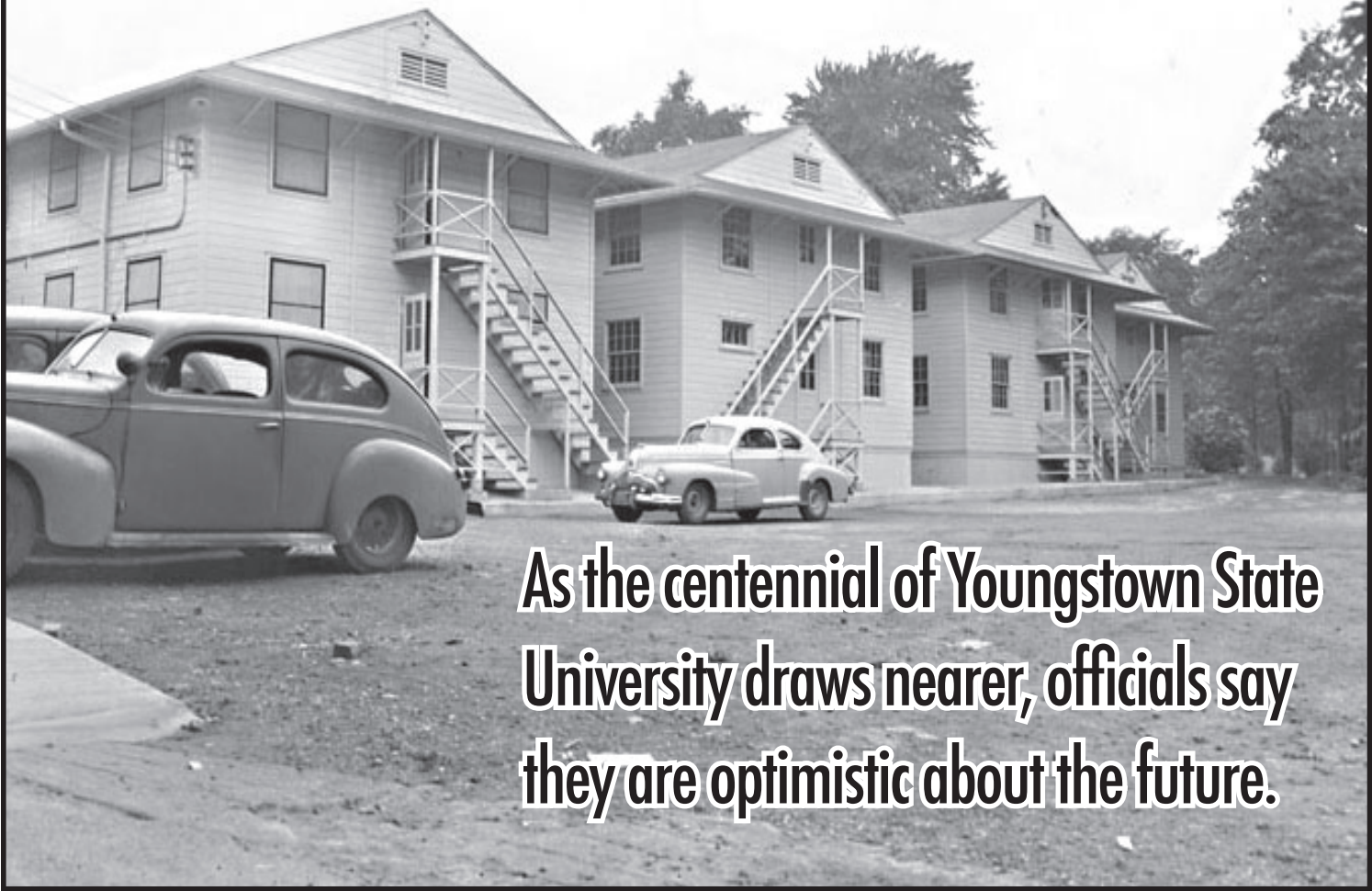


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As the centennial of Youngstown State University draws nearer, officials say they are optimistic about the future.

Sam Pysher
REPORTER

"The future of the university has never looked brighter in playing a critical leadership role of the future of our region and state," said President David Sweet.

Congressman Tim Ryan has obtained \$2 million dollars for the Center for Transportation and Engineering Research, Sweet said.

Sweet said his hope is that Youngstown State University will celebrate a bicentennial.

A century from now, Sweet said he believes that YSU will also continue to strive for excellence with teaching, research and service.

"The methods of teaching, topics of research and the types of services and outreach will dramatically change just as they have in the past 100 years," said Sweet. Another prediction of Sweet's is that YSU will continue to expand the economic revitalization that YSU already has in the surrounding areas.

"One of our proudest moments as a university is providing the students with an education where they have become leaders with business and government," said Sweet.

For example, Mayor Jay Williams is a YSU alum, said Sweet.

"What we're trying to do is to develop the academic pro-

grams that prepare our students to compete in a global economy," he said, adding that he hopes for students to be active in their communities.

YSU is also rich with history, said Brian Brennan, librarian to technical services.

Starting out as a YMCA that offered a few classes 100 years ago, YSU was not as big as it is today, said Brennan.

"It started from very humble beginnings, with a law class in 1908 and has become a very important institution in today's system," he said.

Later on, a couple of mansions had been leased as well and eventually Jones Hall was built in 1931, he said.

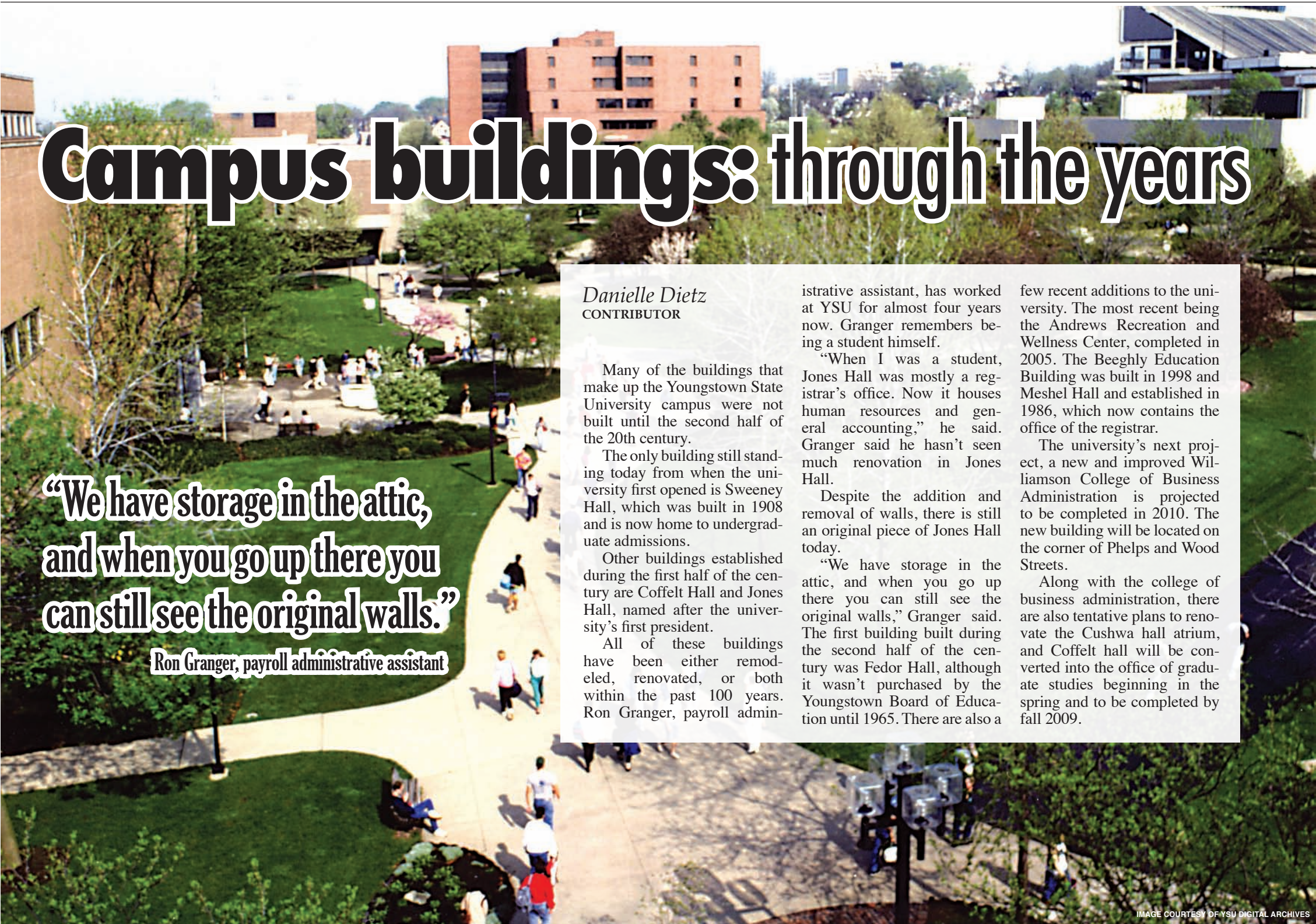
Jones Hall became known as Youngstown College, and more buildings were being leased and sometimes purchased, said Brennan.

With the growing number of students, YC President Howard Jones bought three army barracks from Camp Perry after WWII, said Brennan.

One of the barracks was used for single faculty occupancy, one as a classroom, which was used as a cafeteria until Kilcawley Center was built, said Brennan.

Furthermore, in 1967 YSU became a state university, said Brennan.

Over the century long span, YSU has had six presidents serve, where Jones served from 1935-1966, he said.



"We have storage in the attic, and when you go up there you can still see the original walls."

Ron Granger, payroll administrative assistant

Danielle Dietz
CONTRIBUTOR

Many of the buildings that make up the Youngstown State University campus were not built until the second half of the 20th century.

The only building still standing today from when the university first opened is Sweeney Hall, which was built in 1908 and is now home to undergraduate admissions.

Other buildings established during the first half of the century are Coffelt Hall and Jones Hall, named after the university's first president.

All of these buildings have been either remodeled, renovated, or both within the past 100 years. Ron Granger, payroll admin-

istrative assistant, has worked at YSU for almost four years now. Granger remembers being a student himself.

"When I was a student, Jones Hall was mostly a registrar's office. Now it houses human resources and general accounting," he said. Granger said he hasn't seen much renovation in Jones Hall.

Despite the addition and removal of walls, there is still an original piece of Jones Hall today.

"We have storage in the attic, and when you go up there you can still see the original walls," Granger said. The first building built during the second half of the century was Fedor Hall, although it wasn't purchased by the Youngstown Board of Education until 1965. There are also a

few recent additions to the university. The most recent being the Andrews Recreation and Wellness Center, completed in 2005. The Beeghly Education Building was built in 1998 and Meshel Hall and established in 1986, which now contains the office of the registrar.

The university's next project, a new and improved Williamson College of Business Administration is projected to be completed in 2010. The new building will be located on the corner of Phelps and Wood Streets.

Along with the college of business administration, there are also tentative plans to renovate the Cushwa hall atrium, and Coffelt hall will be converted into the office of graduate studies beginning in the spring and to be completed by fall 2009.

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Women at YSU in the early years



Candidates for Pan-Hellenic Sweetheart

Jumal Andre Brown
REPORTER

Even in the early years, there were gradual seeds of diversity rooting their way into the very lineage of Youngstown State University.

In 1908, YSU, known then as the Youngstown Young Men's Christian Association, was offering postsecondary classes. By the 1920s, women demonstrated a near equal number of occupancy at YSU when compared to their male counterparts, even participating in classes that were deemed male-oriented.

The 1900s were the initial start of the country's shift from a predominantly agricultural nation to a more industrialized homeland that required the attention of both men and women. As times changed, so did opportunities for minorities.

Martha Pallante, professor and chair of the YSU history department, has done her own research on YSU's history, co-authoring two books with Donna DeBlasio, associate professor of history.

"This was a period where if you finished high school, you were considered lucky. Finishing

eighth grade was considered an accomplishment ... at this time, women were more expected to be married than attend school," Pallante said.

YSU, still called the YMCA, had begun offering night classes in the 1880s with an emphasis on technical training classes. It's goal was to reflect the interest of the working class in response to the nation's desire for technical skills and educational training, coinciding with the introduction of steel mills to the Youngstown area.

"The working class saw an opportunity for their kids and took advantage of it, and that also opened the door for more women to attend," DeBlasio said.

In 1916, YSU began admitting women. Its technical program was gender and racially integrated during a time when "separate, but equal" was still in effect in most places.

DeBlasio said there were more males than females at this initial setting because of the gradual shift from the mindset that women were expected to be married and stay at home. She added that it was so gradual that there wasn't much conflict between male and female students.



Nick Young
REPORTER

While Youngstown State University Police Department staffs 22 full-time and 140 part-time officers, until the 1970s, however, there were only three security officers on campus.

As YSU has grown, its police department has done the same, evolving from campus security to a force with full police powers.

Rather than carrying pepper spray like some other campus security programs, YSUPD carries side arms. Previous to 1994, the jurisdiction of the police on campus ended at the start of the city sidewalk. Today, however, the campus police have a mutual aid agreement with the Youngstown Police Department which gives them the ability to patrol within two miles of campus and sometimes back up the YPD on some its calls.

Rosemary Marsco, a sergeant with the YSU Police in her 23rd year of service with the depart-

ment, has seen the shift in powers of the campus police firsthand.

As a sergeant with the force, Marsco's duties now mostly include supervising less-experienced officers in the field.

"Our policing is very public relations oriented," Marsco said.

Though YSU has one of the lowest crime rates among universities in Ohio, the department still has the occasional busy day.

Marsco was on the call for the recent robbery of Subway on Fifth Avenue in which the guilty party escaped into the woods.

"Our biggest obstacle is the time it takes people to call in and report the crime," said Marsco.

Most of YSUPD's suspects aren't usually students, faculty or staff.

"Most of our problems come from people who wander on campus and aren't supposed to be there," Marsco said. "Since they've closed a lot of group homes in the area, a lot of people that should be supervised aren't."

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Parking woes nothing new

Todd Mounce
REPORTER

Some students on the Youngstown State University campus may think the current parking system is appalling. However, current students are not the first generation that has experienced parking problems at YSU, and they certainly won't be the last.

As early as November 1948, Youngstown College sent proposed legislation in order to improve traffic in parking conditions to Youngstown City Council.

The college tried to ease the parking problem by purchasing property directly across from Wick Avenue for \$40,000 from the Jewish Foundation of Youngstown in April 1952. The property had a frontage of 180 feet and was 300-feet deep. It could accommodate 150 parked cars.

In 1955, Youngstown College became known as Youngstown State University, and that same year the university added more parking spaces by adding a parking lot on the corner of Bryson and Spring Streets.

The parking problem still remained even with new lots being added. In a Nov. 22, 1957 article by The Jambar, the first line read, "Question: how can 5,638 students squeeze 1,700 automobiles into 500 spaces provided for parking area?" In 1957, YSU was considered a commuter school and students would park anywhere they could find space, even if it meant blocking in another car. In a November 1957 issue from The Jambar, students who blocked in cars would leave their keys in their vehicles so drivers who were blocked in could move the blocking car.

At a cost of \$2.3 million, the university planned to open M2



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Photograph of the dedication of the \$2.3 million parking deck on Lincoln Avenue. Included in the photograph are Youngstown Mayor Jack Hunter (far left), YSU President Albert Pugsley (second from right) and YSU Vice President John Coffelt (first from right).

deck on Arlington Avenue by January 1971.

As a result of the deck's cost, the university increased parking rates from \$5 to \$15, but eliminated the 20-cent entrance fee at parking lot gates.

In the same year, the city of Youngstown gave YSU control of sections of Bryson and Arlington Streets so the university could ticket cars that were illegally parking on the streets.

It was reported in 1974 that 6,800 students at YSU were searching for a total of 3,600 spots. YSU President Albert Pugsley was quoted in The Jambar as saying, "The university maintains a policy of selling twice as many parking stickers as there are available parking spaces."

However, Pugsley may have been out-done by security chief Paul Cress who claimed, "There is no parking problem at YSU,

only a people problem." Cress recommended that students should "start a new trend - ride a horse."

Construction began in February 1978 for the M1 deck located on Wick Avenue and was scheduled to be ready for fall quarter 1978. The new deck would provide 2,150 spaces for students and faculty at a cost of \$5.5 million.

YSU also implemented an electronic parking system to cut down on waiting lines for parking in 1979. The system ran off of electronic gates that were triggered by the Kontrol Kard that needed to be used to go in and out of the lot.

During the 1978-79 school year, parking had a net of \$41,000 in fines due to parking violations, as reported in the April 1, 1980 of The Jambar.



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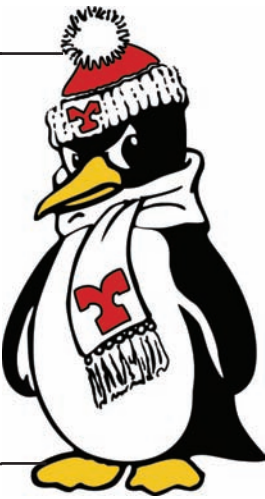
Looking back at the roots and accomplishments of Penguin athletics



1927 – Athletics begin...
The men's basketball program was the first organized sport at Youngstown College. Al Fairfield was the first coach in the program's history and the team has over 900 wins in school history.

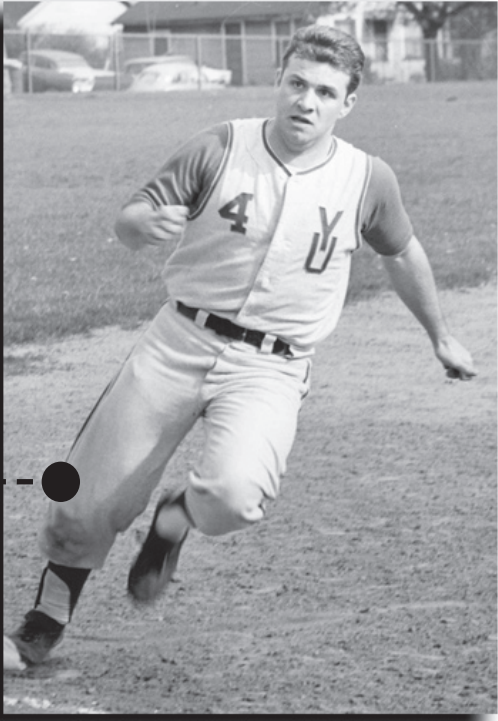
The story behind the nickname

Believe it or not, Youngstown State University was without a mascot until the 1933 men's basketball season. Maybe it was the freezing cold, harsh winter weather that year, but the players of the team kept coming back to "Penguins" when discussing a nickname. At the end of the school year, the nicknames was accepted unanimously without the need of a school-wide vote. The nickname Penguins was formally introduced to the school in Dec. 15 issue of The Jambar (Vol. IV, No. 3) at the beginning of the 1933 season.



1938 – Football is born
YSU football played its first season in 1938 with former head coach Dwight "Dike" Beede at the helm. The team went 4-5 in its first season and won its first ever homecoming game defeating Clarion 46-0. In 67 seasons of action, the team has played in over 700 games posting more than 400 wins.

1948 – Penguins play ball
The first head coach of the Penguin baseball team was Dom Rosselli, who doubled as the men's basketball head coach. The program was defunct between 1950 and 1958 and hasn't missed a season since returning. During the 1966 season, in a span of seven days, four Penguin pitchers pitched a no-hitter.

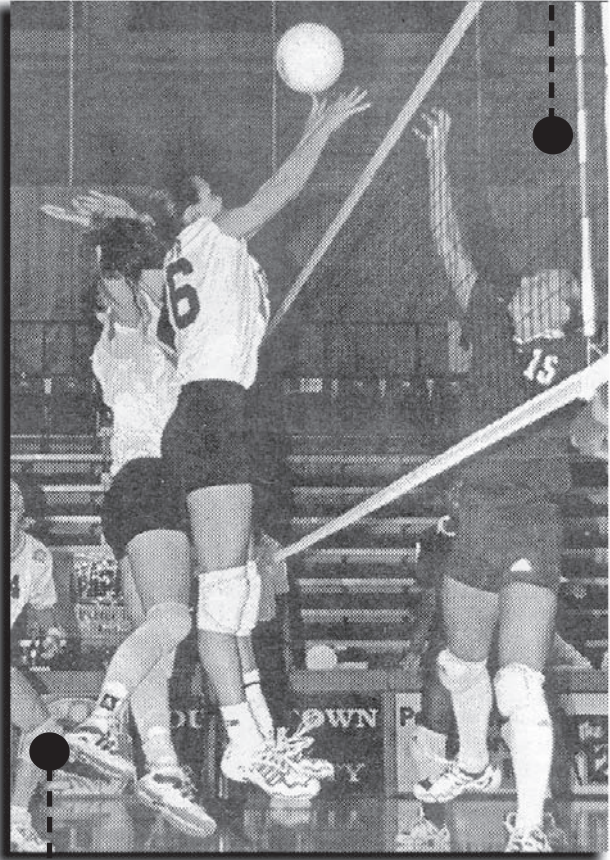


1946 – Dom Rosselli takes over
After coaching two seasons from 1940 to 1942, Dom Rosselli returned to the helm of the Penguins basketball program for 1946. Rosselli would go on to win 598 games and remains the winningest coach in YSU history. Under his guidance, the Penguins would post 24 winning seasons between 1940 and 1982. YSU lost a true great in October as Rosselli passed away at the age of 93.



1975 – Women's basketball joins lineup
Joyce Ramsey was the first coach of the women's basketball and also the head coach for the volleyball team. During their time in the Midcontinental Conference, the Penguins won five championships and three postseason tournament titles. The program has had seven 20-win seasons. Coach Ed DiGregorio won 319 games from 1983 to 2002.

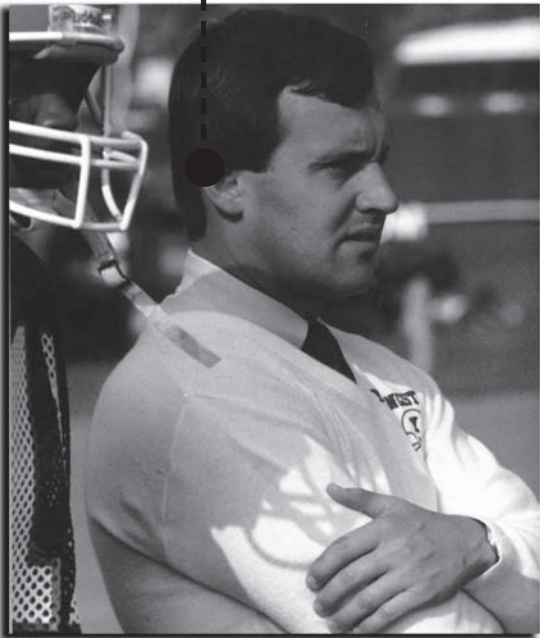
1975 – Volleyball team forms
Youngstown State University began the volleyball tradition with the first season in 1975 under head coach Joyce Ramsey. The program prospered during a strong stretch in the 90s under head coach Joe Conroy who was named Coach-of-the-Year in the Midcontinental Conference four times. The Penguins have played in three tournament matches in 1999, 1998 and 1994 but were unable to claim victory.



1999 – The dream season
The Penguins captured their first Midcontinental Conference championship going 27-5 in the regular season with a 13-1 conference record.



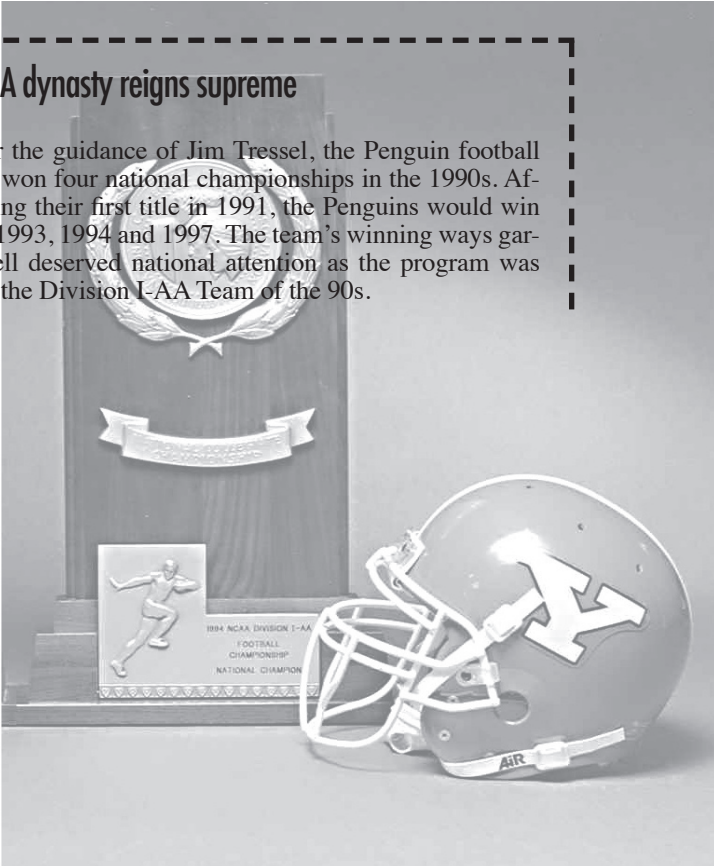
1972 – Beeghly Center dedicated
The first basketball game at the Beeghly Center was Dec. 23, 1972 where the Penguins played host to the Ohio University Bobcats. Since its inception, the Beeghly Center has been the home court for the volleyball, men's and women's basketball teams. Beeghly Center was built at a cost of \$5.5 million in 1972 and was dedicated in the memory of Mr. and Mrs. Leon A. Beeghly, founders of the Standard Slag Company in Youngstown.



1982 – Penguins call the Ice Castle home
The Youngstown State University football team has played its home game for the last 26 seasons at Stambaugh Stadium. The first game at Stambaugh Stadium was played on Sept. 4 between Youngstown State and Akron in front of a sellout crowd of 15,833. The Penguins scored the first touchdown at the new stadium on a 65-yard run by Paris Wicks. Paul McFadden made four fields goals including two from 42 yards. Akron won the game with a 48-yard field goal.



1991 – A dynasty reigns supreme
Under the guidance of Jim Tressel, the Penguin football program won four national championships in the 1990s. After winning their first title in 1991, the Penguins would win again in 1993, 1994 and 1997. The team's winning ways garnered well deserved national attention as the program was declared the Division I-AA Team of the 90s.



Penguins head west to ground Falcons

Andrew Berry
SPORTS EDITOR

Games away from the Beeghly Center have been against rigorous opponents in the early portion of the Youngstown State University women’s basketball schedule. Saturday when the Penguins return to action, the trend of traveling into unfriendly arenas continues against the Bowling Green State University Falcons.

Despite having some struggles to open the season, the team caught a spark at the University of Pittsburgh Tournament after kicking off 2008 with a tough loss to Kent State University and a disappointing defeat against the University of Niagara.

The team picked up its first win of the season against Weber State University and is starting to fit the mold new head coach Cindy Martin has brought with her to the Penguins’ program.

With the transition into a new regiment, the Penguins are finding the comfort zone with the new coaching staff and have shown progress in each game as the communication between player and coach continues to develop.

Martin said the players are buying into her philosophies and believes the team has come a long

“Our basketball IQ has definitely improved. Learning terminology is the first step and getting everyone on the same page is a whole other realm.”

Cindy Martin, head coach

way since preseason.

“Our basketball IQ has definitely improved,” Martin said. “Learning the terminology is the first step and getting everyone on the same page is a whole other realm.”

The Penguins will certainly need to be on the same page heading into the Anderson Arena Saturday. The Falcons have made a quick turnaround to their season winning their last four contests after starting the season 1-3.

During the four-game stretch, the Falcons have held all but one opponent under 55 points and scored a season high 98 against the St. Francis Red Flash.

Having already dropped two contests to Mid-American Conference team this season and another one around the corner

in Central Michigan University Sunday, the Penguins will want to look to formulas of last season. In 2007, the Penguins went 3-2 against MAC constituents, claiming victories over Central Michigan, Akron University and the University of Toledo.

Despite the stiff competition, Martin and her team are looking forward to the challenge.

“I think we have a lot of heart. They want to win and the ladies have a lot of pride,” Martin said.

Hindering the chances of the Penguins making a statement against the Falcons could be the health status of the YSU lineup.

Martin hinted that a few players are suffering nagging injuries five games into the season meaning that the coaching staff has had to play it by hear when filling out a starting lineup come game time.

The hardest part for the Penguins in getting around the injuries is scripting defenses and game planning for opponents. As different players offer different skills, injuries have forced Martin to adjust every step of the way.

“Not knowing game to game who we can count on to be 100 percent, that’s tough going into a game not knowing what players you’ll be able to utilize,” Martin said.

Martin has been able to count on seniors Tiara Scott and Nikita LaFleur this season. Scott leads the team with 45 points and nine points per game while LaFleur is not far behind with 44 points and 8.8 points per contest through five games.

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BACK ON THE ROAD — The Penguins will play their next three games on the road. The team has the tall task of posting more wins before the squad returns home to the Beeghly Center Dec. 20.

Horizon League schedule opens for men’s basketball

Penguins host Valparaiso and Butler, face Crusaders in first home league contest



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HOME COURT ADVANTAGE — The Penguins open their first two Horizon League contests in the confines of the Beeghly Center. YSU takes on Valparaiso Crusaders today followed by a meeting with the talented and tough Butler Bulldogs Sunday.

Keith Langford Jr.
SPORTS REPORTER

So far this season, the Youngstown State University men’s basketball team has been inconsistent.

The Penguins are 1-4 in the early part of the season but could have won two other games in which they loss. The Penguins blew a 23-point lead in the second half against Robert Morris University to lose 74-72 and against St. Francis, the Penguins lost by one point due to a lackluster first half of play.

Coach Jerry Slocum feels his team can compete which just about anyone on the schedule. “Other than five game on our schedule, all 26 games are going to come down to the end,” Slocum said.

The Penguins now have to contend with the beginning of

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Jerry Slocum, head coach

the Horizon League part of their schedule. It is not an easy start as two of the top teams from last season invade the Beeghly Center this week. Valparaiso comes in on Thursday and the Penguins play host to national powerhouse Butler on Saturday.

Coach Slocum focuses on his team rather than his opponents. “For us, we are more concerned about ourselves and getting better than anyone we have to play, to tell you the truth,” Slocum said.

Valparaiso comes into the contest against the Penguins with a record of just 2-3 this season. The Crusaders come into the contest averaging more points then their opponents but do not have wins to show for it. Last season against the Crusaders, the Penguins lost both meetings with the closest game being a 67-61 loss to the Crusaders home.

Butler comes into the game against the Penguins this Saturday with an unblemished record of 5-0. The Bulldogs already have an impressive win under their belt as they beat Big 10 opponent Northwestern 57-53 earlier this season. The Bulldogs so far this season have looked impressive as they beat an overmatched Indiana University-South Bend team by 44 points as well as the huge win against Northwestern.

The Penguins have their hands full this week with Butler always being a tough school to beat and a Valparaiso team the Penguins have had trouble figuring out the past couple seasons. If the Penguins want to win either game, they will have to play 40 minutes of solid basketball.

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Summers, Keys earn top honors in Valley Football Conference

Junior quarterback Brandon Summers and redshirt freshman tailback Kamryn Keys gave the Youngstown State University football team a rare sweep as both captured the Missouri Valley Football Conference’s Newcomer and Freshman-of-the-Year honors, the league announced on Wednesday.

Joining Summers and Keys on the All-Newcomer squads were junior wide receiver Donald Jones sophomore safety Andre Elliott and junior defensive tackle Crispin Fernandez. YSU led the conference with five players named to the all-newcomer squad.

A YSU player has been tabbed Valley Football Newcomer of the Year three of the past four seasons. Marcus Mason earned the award in 2005, Ferlando Williams was the recipient in 2007 and Summers in 2008.

Summers, a transfer from Toledo, threw 18 TD passes, tying for the most in a regular season in YSU history, while playing in just 10 games. He completed 122-of-195 passes for 1,540 yards and ran for 190 yards on 77 attempts with three touchdowns. He set a YSU record with a pass efficiency of 152.18.

Keys, meanwhile, is the first YSU freshman to earn the top honor as Freshmen of the Year. Keys started six games and set a Youngstown State record for rushing yards by a freshman with 804 on 136 attempts.

Source: Sports Information

Horizon League Standings		Penguins Stat Leaders	
Team	Record	Points	
Butler	5-0	Vytas Sulskis	76
Cleveland State	4-2	Kevin Bright	52
Green Bay	3-2	Sirlester Martin	49
UIC	3-2	DeAndre Mays	46
Loyola	3-4		
Milwaukee	3-4	Rebounds	
Detroit	2-3	Sirlester Martin	36
Valparaiso	2-3	Jack Liles	31
Youngstown State	1-4	Vytas Sulskis	25
Wright State	0-4	DeAndre Mays	22