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# WEEKEND EVENTS

## Wedgewood

Wedgewood Entertainment Center: Sept Ohio State plays Cincinnati at noon, and there will be plenty to do a Wedgewood. It opens at 10 a.m. for cakes and eggs, and the game will be on a 30 foo screen TV. From noon to 5 p.m., USA dance studios are qualifying finals for Dancing With the Stars. Rock band Teeze will play 10:30-11:3( p.m. Join the 1,000 people who have partied at the Wedge in the last six weeks Www.Atthewedge.com

## Oakland

Oakland's production of "The Guys" runs this week end. The play is about for mer journalist Anne Nelsor and is based on her experiences helping a fire captair put together the eulogies for the men in the company he lost on Sept. 11. Show times are Friday and Saturday at { p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m Regular prices are \$15 for adults, and \$10 for students with a valid ID.

# Midamba breaks silence

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# Former head of the CISP plans to file suit against Sweet Administration

Maysoon Abdelrasul EDITOR IN CHIEF

Black Faculty Association at Youngstown State University is not remaining silent anymore.

For the past nine months after a complaint was filed against the university by former interim Director did not renew his contract because his contract was not renewed. of the Center for International of his race. Students, Noah Midamba said he gave the university enough time to around fairness but he cannot

resolve the situation.

The complaint was filed against university," he said. YSU President David Sweet, Provost Robert Herbert, Associate Provost Bege Bowers and former Associate Provost Ronald Chordas.

Midamba said he was mistreated by YSU President David Sweet and the administration and that they

Midamba said his attorneys are planning to file a lawsuit.

The Black Faculty and Staff Association spoke out in support of President of BFSA Midamba. Victor Wan-Tatah said he has not yet received an answer as to why

Wan-Tatah said the new director "Sweet can dance cha-cha of for the Center for International Students, Jef Davis is not as quali-

T.J. Peterson

celebrates

after a touch-

down durring

a game against

Maine held last

Stambaugh

Photo by Ron Stevens

at

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Stadium.

escape his responsibilities at the fied as Midamba is for the position. He said he has nothing personal against Davis he just has as "axe to grind with the administration."

The BFSA has met with the Sweet administration numerous times, Midamba said, and promises were made by the administration and not followed through regarding his case.

A message was left with

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YSU FOOTBALL

# Penn State showdown

YSU Football to Big 10 powerhouse

Jake Glavies SPORTS EDITOR

This Saturday the Youngstown State University football team will travel to Happy Valley to take on the 25th ranked Penn State Nittany Lions.

YSU will enter the game undefeated and looking to prove them selves on the national stage. With the game set to be televised on ESPNU, an ESPN network dedicated solely to airing college sports, all eyes will be on the Penguins.

Ignoring the hype surrounding game, the team has their focus on the most difficult opponent in YSU history.

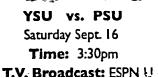
Reeling from a heartbreaking 41-17 loss to second-ranked Notre Dame, the 1-1 Nittany Lions will look to show the country what they are made of this Saturday.

Although this is the Penguins' biggest to date, some YSU players, like senior running back Monquantae Gibson, are looking forward to the challenge.

"For me, playing in this game is like a homecoming because I came from the University of Kentucky so I'm used to playing teams like Penn State."

Other players should feel at home against the Pennsylvania power house as well, specifically YSU's trio of Big Ten transfers: running back Marcus Mason, from the University of Illinois, defensive end Maurice Smith-Davis, from Michigan State





and tight end Louis Irizarry, from Ohio

Since joining the Penguins in 2005 the players' big-time talents have significantly contributed to the team's success. It will be up to these players, and a handful of others, to keep the game close at Beaver Stadium on Saturday.

Head Coach Jon Heacock said the upcoming showdown against PSU has had a positive effect on the team, motivating them to prepare harder for each game this season.

In addition to prompting better preparation throughout the year, this Saturday's game will also provide many YSU players with greater nationwide coverage.

This aspect of the game is not lost on Gibson, "It's great exposure for us. Not only will we be on national TV but a lot of NFL scouts will see us play."

The key to the for game the Penguins will be to establish their ground game early.

Marcus Mason and Monquantae Gibson who have run for a combined 327 yards and six touchdowns this season - must play the best games of their YSU careers if the team is to have any hope of running



GAME INFORMATION Students wanting to attend the match up between Youngstown State University and Penn State will have to travel to Beaver Stadium this weekend to root for the Penguins on their first road game of the season as they take on a Big Ten program for the first time.

 Remaining tickets have to be purchased for the price of \$55 at Beaver Stadium from the box office. The athletic ticket office is located near Gate "E" of the stadium.

· Penguin fans planning to tailgate on game day can do so in any of the "yellow" designated parking sections that can be found all around the stadium. Alcohol consumption is permitted in these lots during and after the game for those over 21 years of age. However, a new policy now in place bans any drinking inside the stadium itself.

· Officials át Beaver Stadium have several regulations in place for tailgaters to follow at their football games. Students should remember that no large tents, canopies or tarps will be allowed. No one is permitted to bring in kegs or portable generators.

•Parking officials don't take to kindly to tailgaters saving parking spaces for friends who have not yet arrived.

 If you're taking a backpack or any large bag or oversized purse, you will not be permitted to bring it in the stadium and must remain in your car.

• For a complete list of items that are permitted and not permitted in parking areas this Web to site: http://www.gopsusports.com/tickets/Football.html and click on the "Gameday Stadium/Parking" link for more information.

• If you're not planning a trip to Penn State, but would still like to watch the game, you'll be able to catch it on ESPNU at 3:30 p.m. Saturday. Most local Buffalo Wild Wings Grille and Bar locations (expect the Federal Plaza location near campus) will broadcast the game. Proprietors of The Youngstown Sports Grille in Boardman will also show the game on one of their many TVs if asked by a customer.

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the ball.

Not only will an effective running attack wear down the Penn State defense but it will also free-up the Penguin receivers as well. Another key for YSU will be to continue the aerial success between quarterback Tom Zetts and wide receiv- Nittany Lions are tal-

er T.J. Peterson, this ented on both sides of week's top Gateway Conference offensive performer.

For the passing game to be successful, Zetts and Peterson must pick up where they left off against Maine, in the end zone.

Although

the ball the Penguins may be able to catch them napping and put some points on the board.

Offensive guard Jamel Lee said, "All we [the Penguins] have to do is play YSU football at all the times and we will be successful."

# YOUNGSTOWN Arrest made at Staind concert

Ashley Tate REPORTER

White and black striped socks, black baggy shorts decked with green sculls, heavy metal chains and two-toned hair were all a part of the apparel for last night's show at the Chevrolet Centre.

Black Stone Cherry, Crossfade and Three Days Grace opened for the evening's featured band, Staind.

Frenzied fans crammed through the doors, yelling at each other to "C'mon, lets go, we're gonna be late!" as they ran past ticket takers who had to chase them down to scan their

tickets. The venue was heavily secured with security guards and the Youngstown Police Department, all making sure no one got too out of control, but it seemed inevitable for someone to lose control.

Fans inside were screaming their lungs out, oblivious to the goings-on outside. Someone was being arrested as he yelled at cops who shoved him into a police cruiser.

Nickolas Z. Byler was placed under arrest for assault on a police officer, according to a police report.

In the report, an officer said the Chevy Centre event security personnel approached him, escorting Byler and another male out of the concert for molesting females.

According to the report, Byler became agitated and tried to reenter the Chevy Centre, but a YPD officer stopped him. Byler responded by hitting the officer in the chest with his elbow.

As they struggled to the ground, Byler hit another officer in the stomach, then fled out of the Centre onto Front Street. An officer patrolling the outside area located Byler in the back of the Chevy Centre, missing a shoe and wearing the same T-shirt that

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STUDENT LIFE

# **Voices and Choices** to let students speak

Adrienne Sabo Asst. News Editor

To speak up in regards to Northeastern Ohio issues, residents should be at the University of Akron on Saturday.

Northeastern Ohio residents will have the chance to voice their opinion and make decisions on issues important to the region during the second Regional Town Meeting, Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the University of Akron in the James A. Rhodes Arena.

Rick Ellis, communications coordinator for Voices and Choices, said he and the organization plan to come out of the meeting with a plan of action ready to be implemented.

Voices and Choices is an initiative where residents. and local leaders work together to improve issues important to the region. During the meeting participants will solve key challenges to create a regional

agenda for Northeast Ohio. Six key challenges for the region were identified the online through Choicebooks and include issues like public education,

attracting more jobs and said. urban sprawl.

small groups and decide on solutions to these six key issues. Ellis said seven to 16 possible solutions have been identified for each issue and by the end of the day, they will have a draft of an agenda for participants to show the progress made.

Voices and Choices, a project from Fund for Our Economic Future, is run by theUniversity Collaborative. Youngstown State University is a part of the University Collaborative and manages, runs and organizes Voices and Choices events in the Mahoning Valley.

Gordon Mapley, director of operations at the Public Service Institute, said that

the role of the YSU staff participating in the University Collaborative is to get people from the Mahoning Valley to the events.

"The key issue in all of training for future jobs, this is education," Mapley

He said they hope to Participants will work in have 200 participants from the Mahoning Valley at the meeting, but only have 55 so far.

> One reason for low rates is the misconception that the event is a Cleveland project, not a Youngstown project, Mapley said.

> "We need to convince people that this is for all of us in Northeast Ohio," he said.

The town meeting is one of the final stages in the Voices and Choices project. To attend, participants must register either online at www.voicesandchoices.org or by calling 1-800-929-2319. Lunch will be provided and free transportation is available upon request.

#### **FACULTY SPOTLIGHT**

# Tenure is within reach for new journalism teacher

Ashley Tate REPORTER

Students scurry around Youngstown State University's campus as they rush to class because they're a few minutes late. Among those students, a new second floor of DeBartolo where she teaches journalism classes.

Mary Beth Earnheardt is the assistant professor of English and in a few years, she'll be able to apply for a tenured position at Youngstown State University, which means she could be a permanent face here.

Earnheardt said administration will look for certain expectations such as service, scholarship and teaching when they consider her for tenure.

According to Gary Salvner, chairman of the English department, a tenured position gives teachers job security and a continuing position, which would solidify their position to stay here.

"It's different from a term contract, which is year-toyear. In her fifth or sixth

year, she'll apply for a tenure-track and continue her job long term," said Salvner.

were 20-30 applicants from across the country and they were interested in someone with a Ph.D., which teacher rushes to the Earnheardt had almost English department on the completed when they interviewed her.

> Clarion, Pa., received her Ph.D. from Kent State University in communication studies and taught for seven years in the communication department at Clarion University.

Earnheardt is the National President of the Society for Collegiate Journalists, which is the oldest national organization honoring collegiate journal-

Earnheardt, who is the assistant professor of English, hopes to do some design work with the Web site and become accustomed with the students and curriculum.

Her husband Adam was hired last semester to teach in the Communication Studies program. "He instantly loved it here and when I had the opportunity

to teach as limited service faculty, I too thought YSU was a great place with good students and a strong jour-Salvner also said there nalism program. Ultimately Adam and I wanted to teach at the same university."

Mary Beth Earnheardt advised Clarion's student newspaper, The Clarion Call.

"One of the things she Earnheardt, who lives in has is a strong background in student journalism and she knows how to work with students very well," Salvner said.

Ceeairrah Vancobb, a junior majoring in professional writing and editing, enjoys Earnheardt as a teacher.

"She's pretty interesting, she makes it fun, she's lively, and I'm not bored when I come to class," Vancobb said.

Vancobb, who is in Earnheardt's American Iournalism class, said she likes the fact that she isn't formal in her teaching style, but she gives them the information like she's supposed to.

Earnheardt said she and her husband "plan to sell our house within the year and move out as soon as we

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#### News In Brief

#### Libertarian club

The executive committee of Mahoning Valley of Libertarian Party has announced that it is willing to sponsor a YSU Libertarian Club for YSU students. For more details call Ross at 330-533-1210, M-F between 2-5p.m.

#### Blackfriars to perform 'A Midsummer Nights Dream'

The Blackfriars Stage Company will perform Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream Monday, Sept.25 at 7:30p.m in the Chestnut Room Kilcawley Center. The performance is co-sponsored by the departments of Theater and English. Admission is free and tickets will be available next week in English and Theater Department offices and at Kilcawley Center the evening of the performance. For more information con-Dr. Timothy Francisco at 330-941-

tfrancisco@ysu.edu.

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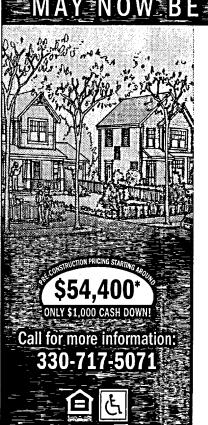
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Wanted: Ti-84 Calculator needed. Please call 330-501-5908.

# Police Briefs

## Tresspasing

According to a police report on Sept. 11, an officer observed two subjects, Tony Darden and Lamont Harmon, loitering/trespassing on Youngstown State University property. Both subjects, neither a student at YSU at the time, were issued written trespass warnings and released at the scene. A routine check for warrants revealed an active traffic warrant for Harmon in Columbiana County, which is out of the pick-up radius according to YSU



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**OUR SIDE** 

# Muslims deserve congressional representation

The U.S. Congress represents the people, or so we thought. But how can it represent the people when a large cross section of those people is not represented?

Keith Ellison, a politician from Minneapolis, Minn., won the state's 5th District primary on Tuesday. If Ellison wins the general election, he will be the first African-American congressman from Minnesota and more importantly the first Muslim in U.S. Congress.

The 5 to 7 million Muslims in this country are not nearly as visible in public office as they should be. Larry Shaw, a state senator from North Carolina, is the highestranking Muslim public official, according to a Newsweek article.

Muslims make up a large portion of the American landscape, but their representation in public office is minimal.

In an interview with Newsweek, the Chairman of the American Muslim Alliance, Agha Saeed said, "There's a fundamental crisis here."

According to a 2004 Congressional Research Service Report for Congress, Protestants make up the majority of religious affiliation in Congress. Roman Catholics, however, are the largest single denomination. Jews, Christian Scientists, Mormons and Greek Orthodox make up some of the rest.

In a Congress overwhelmingly run by Protestant Christians, there is room for some diversity. There are large groups of underrepresented denominations that deserve a voice in Congress, and Islam is one of them. This is a chance to integrate the Muslim denomination into our government in a time they are being discriminated against.

Discrimination is always present within cultures. Whether Americans will admit it or not, Muslims are the minority being discriminated against right now. The only way to overcome discrimination is through knowledge. Win or lose, let's hope other Muslims follow Ellison's example, and let's refrain from throwing obstacles in their way.

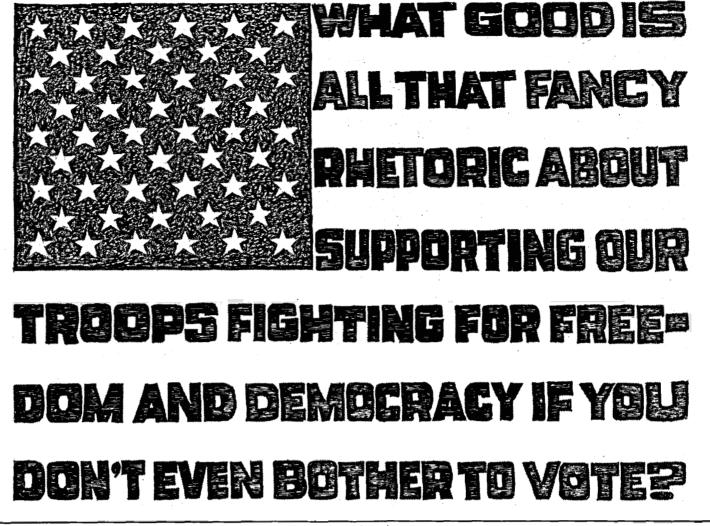
While public opinion of the culture changes during world events, what matters most is that a significant portion of American citizens are Muslims, and should have proportional representation in Congress and public offices.

Religion has a lot to do with people's decision making. They make decisions based on value systems, beliefs and what they feel is right. Religion is powerful culturally, and people of the major religions in this country should be represented in the lawmaking.

The Jambar editorials reflect the opinions of The Jambar and its Editorial Board members. Those wishing to schedule meetings with the Editorial Board should call the editor in chief.

We here at The Jambar apologize for overlooking the the address and phone number of certain letters to the editor in the previous issue.

It is not ourpolicy to do so. We still encourage you to write us with your responses and opinions.



COMMENTARY

# Moving from a global warming diet to a greener one

Michael F. Jacobson (MCT CAMPUS)

So you're using the air conditioner a bit less and you replaced your old light bulbs with high-efficiency ones. Perhaps you've traded in the Hummer for a Prius or, better yet, are giving public transportation a spin. Those steps, big and small, will all help slow down global warming and otherwise be helpful to the environment.

Stick with 'em.

But if you want to help even more, consider that you have three more opportunities every single day to do something for your planet: breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Americans eat more than a billion pounds of food each day. To churn out the grains, meat and poultry, and fruits and vegetables that feed the country, our agricultural system consumes enormous quantities of fuel, fertilizers, water and pesticides and enormous tracts of erodible land.

But much of those resources aren't feeding us directly they're producing the feed for the animals we eat, a terribly inefficient process that wastes

nonrenewable resources. Many 11,400 fewer pounds of animal of the 100 million acres of land and 17 trillion gallons of irrigation water used to grow animal feed could be put to more productive uses or not used.

The energy used just to produce fertilizer for feed crops could instead be used to fuel 1 million homes. Reducing the use of fertilizer to grow corn in the Midwest would bring aquatic life back to the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico, where there is now a New Jersey-size dead zone.

The standard American diet, relatively high in meat and dairy, might as well be called the Global Warming Diet. In the same way that reprogramming your thermostat can benefit the environment, so can reprogramming your diet.

Making even small changes can add up, as you can see on calculators available www.EatingGreen.org. Replacing one hamburger, one egg and a 1-ounce serving of cheese each day for a year with a mix of vegetables, fruit, beans and whole grains would spare the need for 1.8 acres of cropland, 40 pounds of fertilizer, and 3 ounces of pesticides. It also would mean dumping

manure into the environment.

Another benefit of eating fewer animal products is that fewer animals will need to be raised. Most livestock today suffer miserably when they are crammed together in small crowded cages, huge crowded sheds, or filthy crowded feedlots. Farm animals often spend their entire lives indoors; breathe foul air; and have their tails docked, horns burned off, beaks trimmed and hides branded with a hot iron.

If altruism isn't reason enough to eat a "greener" diet, consider the selfish reasons to switch from burgers and bacon to cantaloupe and carrots. Vegetarians and others who eat more-plant-based diets are simply healthier than the rest of us. They have much lower rates of obesity, heart attacks, strokes and diabetes, due partly to cutting out the animal fat and cholesterol.

Eliminating all the fats from beef, pork, poultry and dairy foods from Americans' diets would save about 65,000 lives a year. And adding lots of plant foods, with their dietary fiber, phytonutrients and other substances, would make arteries

more flexible, reduce rates of cancer, and save many more

The government's Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommends we eat more plantbased diets, but the government hasn't adopted supportive policies. At the very least the federal government should stop subsidizing foods harmful to health and the environment and start subsidizing healthy

Why not direct those billions to putting more fresh fruits and vegetables on the lunch trays of America's school kids? Also, the U.S. Department of Agriculture encourages the consumption of beef, pork, dairy and eggs via "check-off" programs, like the "Got Milk!" mustache ads or the "Other White Meat" pork campaign.

Why not do that for whole wheat bread and broccoli instead?

A greener diet won't stop all the glaciers from melting, but it protects hearts, cuts air and water pollution, and reduces animal suffering. Quite a bargain from eating delicious

# We've lost connection to the animal world

Macarena Hernandez

THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS (MCT CAMPUS)

I've been unexpectedly sad all week over the death of "Crocodile Hunter" Steve Irwin. I say unexpectedly, because I wasn't exactly a regular viewer of his show on channel. In fact, I'm not even sure I ever sat through an entire episode.

But even it you weren't an avid fan, you couldn't help being delighted by the exuberant Aussie, dressed in his trademark khaki shirt and shorts, cradling and cooing over creatures most of us wouldn't exactly call "beautiful," much less cozy up to.

Most Americans couldn't tell you the name of Australia's prime minister, but we knew who Irwin was: an ordinary bloke with blue-collar roots who loved to wrestle crocodiles. He made it easy to forget that he wasn't invincible.

"If I'm going to die," the 44year-old naturalist joked in a 2002 interview, "at least I want it filmed."

Tragically, he got his wish. On Sept. 4, while shooting a documentary called "Ocean's Deadliest" in the Great Barrier Reef, a stingray's barb pierced his heart as he swam above it.

Moments after he yanked it out, he was dead. Stingrays' an especially cruel twist of fate.

In the first public comments by Irwin's family since the tragedy, his father, Bob Irwin, who started the wildlife park that his son turned into a major tourist attraction, said they were aware of the inherent dangers of their work.

More natural celebrity than trained biologist, Irwin successfully built his career around a passion that stirred in childhood, when his father, a plumber at the time, taught him to catch crocodiles in the rivers of North Queensland.

"That's what my hand and my brains are designed to do," he once said. "That's what I

have to give to the world." We all know people who lovingly and skillfully connect

with animals, but generally not the type with giant jaws, claws and venom. In Irwin's risky exploits, we saw the rarest of gifts \_ the ability to understand and communicate with all varieties of creatures, especially the panic-inducing kind.

"If you love the snake, and if Discovery's Animal Planet strikes are rarely fatal, so it was you sincerely love it, it will ooze out through your hands," he once said. "If you can avoid being hit in the first 30 seconds, pretty soon the snake will understand that you're not trying to kill it."

Irwin's fearlessness and willingness to go anywhere were what won him so many fans. While more staid scientists and conservationists were solemnly lecturing about habitats and ecosystems and endangered species, he was off giving us a front-row look at wildlife.

Two years ago, he was criticized for being a little too wild when he dangled a piece of meat for a crocodile on one hand while holding his 1month-old baby boy with the other. He didn't think he did anything wrong. If his kids

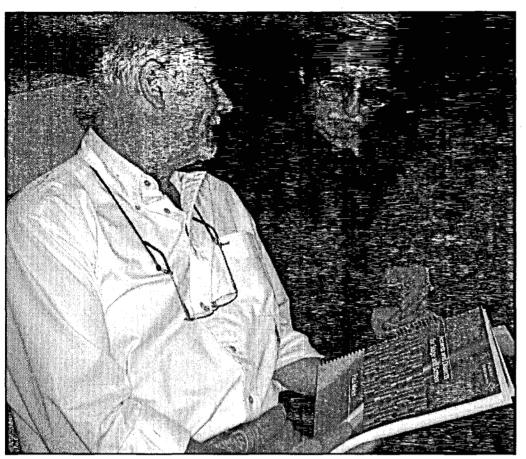
were going to live around crocodiles, he told "Today's" Matt Lauer, they needed to get used

Maybe what was so alarming to us about the baby incident was just how perfectly at home Irwin was with the wildness. Our own lives, for the most part, are predictably tame. Our boxed-in society has a way of moving us away from the natural world, making it too easy to lose our respect for the planet \_ and, even worse, to lose our awe.

But here was Steve Irwin, wrapping himself in an anaconda or cuddling a croc, putting us in touch with where the wild things are. We relied on him to move us beyond our fears and into the marvelous, complicated world around us.

Now that he's gone, we've not only lost this larger-thanlife character, we've also lost that connection. And perhaps that's what we're going to miss most of all.

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Dialect coach Paul Meier shows his book, "Accents and Dialects for Stage and Screen," to Communication and Theater Professor Dennis Henneman. Those interested are welcome to attend today's master class in Shakespeare text at 4 p.m., or tomorrow's presentation at 1 p.m.

# Dialect coach to the stars visits YSU

Cristina Cala COPY EDITOR

Youngstown State University theater students are in for a treat this week with visiting dialect coach and voice-over artist Paul Meier. Through the Cliffe Visiting Artist Program and Department Communication Theater at YSU, Meier has been visiting theater classes and teaching workshops since Monday. Dennis Henneman, professor of communication and theater, facilitated this week's

"He's doing what we call a master class," Henneman said to introduce Meier's Tuesday master class in dialects. "That does not mean you are masters, it means he is," he warned with a smile.

In Bliss Hall's rehearsal studio, 13 theater students gathered in chairs in an intimate circle with Meier, with a chance to listen to his impressive dialect repertoire and try some accents of their own.

He shared his thoughts on the power of actors' influence.

"I don't know about you, but I think the noblest thing an actor can do is [fuse] into other cultures. As theater people, we are influences in shaping the world's under-Actors have standing.

tremendous influence to terms of how they should think," Meier said.

As a Britain native, Meier himself is an example of fusion into other cultures he has been teaching European and American accents in the U.S. for over 25 years. He has coached big names like Tobey Maguire and is the voice of Wal-Mart's "Smiley."

But dialect is more than just pronunciation, Meier said.

"Anyone can learn how to pronounce. I can teach you that in 10 minutes. That's so very easy to do, but it's only the beginning of the story," Meier said in his own British dialect.

Meier demonstrated by rearranging his posture in his chair. He sat up straight, legs tightly crossed.

"British."

He loosened his body, leaned back in his chair and uncrossed his legs.

"American."

In American posture, he effortlessly surged into stressed cadences of his best John Wayne dialect and explained that cultures' value systems are background to the paradigm accents offer.

Americans value boldness, drive," junior Alyssa Connelly offered.

"Brits value self-control, dignity," sophomore Dan Poppke added in contrast.

"Unless you can illumiteach the rest of the world in nate for an audience the world view that underpins the accent, you're not going to do it right," Meier explained.

Too often, however, actors play into stereotypes, Meier said. To demonstrate, he fluently tossed around several more accents, playing the stereotypical cold, unsmiling German, the French sexual opportunist slow, stupid Confederate Southerner.

Instead of perpetuating stereotypes, Meier advises "to be a little ambiguous."

"Do not be a pimp to the audiences expectation of what an Irish person sounds like. Within minutes, the audience must listen to what you're saying, not just be amused by your

Meier explained another aspect of dialect: idiolect, an individual's characterizing personal language. Like people have different accents at different times our telephone voice, when we're drunk, speaking to a child, adult, at work or at home - actors must have variations of dialect within one character.

"Moment by moment, the dialect shifts. Do not trowel the accent on like a thickness, cookie-cutter accent," Meier recommended with good reason.

"It's boring if we're all the same."

# Conference celebrates Hispanic heritage

Jenny Boyce News Reporter

To mark the start of National Hispanic Heritage Month, Youngstown State University's Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity will have a Hispanic Heritage Conference Friday, Sept. 15, in the Chestnut Room in Kilcawley Center. The event is open to the public and will begin at 5:30 p.m.

"This is the third year we'll be celebrating Hispanic month on campus," said Susan Moorer, coordinator of Diversity Initiatives.

"It's free to anyone who wants to come," she said.

Conference highlights include a flag ceremony, achievement awards, cultural displays and a dance performance by Raices Latina.

In collaboration with the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity, Student

Diversity will be helping to organize the event, with students taking on the part of receptionists and ushers for the evening.

"There'll be a lot of community involvement," said William Blake, director of Student Diversity Programs. "We're awarding students from local schools for their achievements, and there'll also be vendors with art, clothing, food, and information on cultural activities coming

Keynote speaker Dr. Jesus "Chuy" Negrete, founder and director of the Mexican Cultural Institute in Chicago, will perform Mexican folk music for entertainment.

For more information on the event, or how to register for a vendor or display table, please contact the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity at 330-941-3370 or Diversity Coordinator Migdalia McClendon at 330-941-3243.

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# Constitution Day celebration to educate YSU, community

Renee Hardman REPORTER

To educate what the U.S. Constitution is all about, Youngstown State University will celebrate Constitution Day on Sept. 18.

Paul Kobulnicky, executive director of Maag Library, said Constitution Day is a federally designated day of education and celebration for the Constitution.

"It was a U.S. resolution that was passed. The day is actually Sept. 17, but

this year we are celebrating it on Sept. 18," Kobulnicky said

On Sept. 17, 1787 in Philadelphia, Penn., the delegates to the Constitutional Convention signed the U.S. Constitution.

"The purpose of Constitution Day is not only to celebrate our Constitution, which is one of the finest examples of a government document in the world, but to help people better understand it," Kobulnicky said.

Part of the goal of Constitution Day is to help people understand the basics of the U.S. Constitution.

"It is amazing how many people are really unaware of what is in it, and what is not in the Constitution," Kobulnicky said.

Constitution Day will be held on Monday in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center from noon to 1 p.m. The featured speaker will be Paul Sracic, political science professor.

Sracic will be addressing these ques-

How do we locate the guidance we seek

in the Constitution? Why did we need a Bill of Rights?

Who gets to interpret the Constitution? How is the difficult task of interpretation accomplished?

A Web site devoted to Constitution Day provides visitors with information about the event, along with a list of online resources and a quiz on the Constitution.

There is also a streaming video of an interview with some Supreme Court justices. The Web site address is http://www.cis.ysu.edu/~bobhogue/constitutionday.html

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regarding the Midamba case and he was unable to be reached.

Wan-Tatah said the two new people hired in what would traditionally be considered a minority position are caucasion: Davis and Steve Lucyjanksy, interim director of Equal Opportunity and Diversity at

Lucvjansky said the fact that a person is not a minority does not mean that they won't or can't support the cause of diversity at YSU. Lucyjanksy considers himself European-American.

Davis said the CISP does not focus on race, class, or ethnicity, but instead focuses on international issues, the exchange of ideas across international borders.

In response to these arguments, Wan-Tahtah said they are redundant. "We had somebody who was doing a good job and we moved to a person who is of lesser qualification than the black man that was there," Wan-Tahtah said.

In defense of the university according to Office of Equal documents Opportunity Midamba provided, Bowers said, "The fact that Dr. Midamba's contract was not renewed beyond August 31,2005, had absolutely

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President Sweet's secretary nothing to do with his race, color, or national origin. I didn't even know what his national origin was until I read the complaint."

Complaints filed with the Ohio Civil Rights Comission are forwarded to the office of Equal Opportunity if more than 15 people work for the employer.

According to the documents, Herbert said, "as interim in this position, Dr. Midamba was challenged to rise and show leadership, and provide direction and set priorities. We did not get that from Dr. Midamba."

Sweet said in the documents, "Dr. Midamba was somewhere between a caretaker of the program and achieving a few initiatives."

One faculty member resigned from his position because Midamba's contract was not renewed.

Salvatore Attardo, professor in the English department wrote a letter of resignation addressed to Herbert on Aug. 11,2005. The letter recognized Midamba's success of the sister city program with Salerno, Italy and the city of Youngstown.

"I have to say that Dr. Midamba has been the best director of the CISP in the 13 years I have been at YSU," Attardo said.

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He resigned from his position as

chair of the University Advisory Council on International Education.

With the new director of the center came a new location. CISP moved from Kilcawley Center to Jones Hall. Wan-Tatah it is "supposed to be the "center" for students and not many students go to Jones Hall on a daily basis.

"I have nothing personal against the new director but I have an ax to grind with administration," he said.

Wantah said the administration has "never been committed to diversity." YSU President David Sweet has continually maintained that the university is committed to diversity.

Noah Midamba said he has filed a case and is prepared to go to court against

"Dr. Sweet is not serious about diversity. He dances around it but, is not serious," he said.

For example he said, nobody in an upper level position is a minority. People that make the decisions are caucasion

The fact that the center has moved from Kilcawley Center to Jones Halls irks Wan-tah tah. He said it is supposed to the be the "center" for students and not many students go to Jones Hall on a daily basis.

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read "Not Mr. Right," according to the report.

The officer said, in the report, that as Byler was being put into custody and the report was being made, Byler said, "You're just mad because I smoked your old a\*\* running,"

Inside the Centre, fans continued to scream as Three Days Grace asked, "How you doing Youngstown?"

The place erupted with reaching hands, screams and cheers so loud the arena shook. Blue, pink and orange spotlights illuminated the stage as the band played one of their radio hits which sent screaming fans over the edge. At a blackout signaling the song's end, a thunderous applause erupted from the fans.

Three Days Grace began their next song and demanded fans to "Get your hands in the air!" Likely the same phrase that Byler heard from police earlier.

# Facebook users want about-face on tattle tool

Amy Rosenberg & Daniel Rubin

THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER (MCT CAMPUS)

Ben F. may have changed his relationship status to single, but, really, does every one of his friends on Facebook need to be informed of it in a headline at 4:35 in the morn-

Yes, this week, the hanging-allour-laundry-out-there generation got a little too much face in its Facebook as the popular Web site added a feature that, like a personal news ticker, chronicles every online move they and their friends make.

"It brings Facebook stalking to a whole new level," said Chris Favilla, 21, as he sat on a leather couch outside the Phi Delta Theta fraternity on Locust Walk on the University of Pennsylvania campus Thursday, where the already-epic Facebook news-feed controversy was a hot topic.

Nine million students hang out online on Facebook, each with his or her own Facebook "wall" of pictures and posts. The new feature allows users leaves them no choice,

been doing through "news feeds" and "mini feeds" that appear on their page automatically.

"It's so extreme," said Mike Carley, 22, a Penn senior from Los Angeles. "I don't really need to know my friends at USC are going to a party. It's really too much information. A bunch of people don't care whose wall I posted on at 3:45 a.m. What if I reject a friend request, will it say that too? That's ugly."So upset are users about the changes that as of yesterday more than a half-million of the sites' 9 million users had signed petitions against the change, or joined online groups against Facebook (actions which, of course, were instantly logged on all their friends' walls).

A Web site called A Day Without Facebook (http://daywithoutfacebook.blogspot.com) is calling for a mass boycott of the network on Tuesday which, given the addictive nature of the site, would be an impressively harsh protest strategy.

But Facebook users many of whom reject the more open-to-all MySpace \_ feel betrayed (Facebook

really to find out what friends have is the No. 2 social networking site know that?) after MySpace, owned by News Corp.) Facebook originally limited its membership to college students, but four months ago spread to the military, nonprofit organizations, and some corporations.

Facebook was that it was not as blatantly put in your face what everyone was doing," said Mary Calderone, a freshman at Penn. "MySpace was so stalkerish. People are joking and calling it MyFace

All this information was already available, but most of it was hidden deep within users' walls, accessible really only to people who had the idea to check out, say, how many friends had posted on someone's

Now, the news feeds automatically let users know when their friends have added photographs, changed their lists of favorite movies, or taken someone off their friends list because of a breakup. And stuff like: "Five of your friends have posted on Meghan's wall." (Should you? Do you really need to

This made personal news travel faster and more awkwardly through their network of friends than a lot of Facebook fans were ready for.

"I absolutely hate it," said "What was so great about Nawad Maalouf, 19, a junior at Penn. "I don't want every detail out. It used to take some effort to stalk someone. Now the stalking just comes to you. You see if people have declined invitations, updated their relationship status, written on other people's walls."

But isn't sharing information the whole point of Facebook.com? That you can know all about people when they're online, who their friends are, what music they're into before you've even gone out for cof-

The changes also brought up some serious privacy issues: Maalouf said she had friends who had accepted invitations to gay events who did not necessarily want their sexual orientation broadcast to a vast network of casual acquaintances.

Then again, the whole nature of as "the poke."

what is a "friend" which on Facebook means you have authorized a person to hang on your online wall may be at the heart of the controversy

The fury of the backlash led Facebook's founder, a former Harvard University student named Mark Zuckerberg, to post an e-mail assuring the angry crowd that the company was "listening to all your suggestions about how to improve the product."

Yesterday, Facebook spokeswoman Melanie Deitch said the company was "aggressively evaluating" the change.

But she stressed that the news feed addressed "one of the main reasons people use Facebook, which is to find out what's happening with their friends." She said privacy controls were available to screen out information among categories of people.

And she added that at least one of the signature Facebook interactions was still and would always remain private that nonverbal heyhowyadoin' known, affectionately,

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# Work is play for Sex Slaves

Rudi Whitmore FEATURES REPORTER

Going from a preacher's kid to a bassist in a band called the Sex Slaves took some work. Hard work that Sex Slaves' bassist "Del" was willing to put in.

"I think that's what's different now. It's all about work ethic. You can do anything with hard work. People just aren't willing to do that a lot of the time," Del says.

The band will be proving that punk-rock work ethic this Friday at Irish Bob's, continuing their hardcore tour, promoting themselves and their album "Bite Your Tongue."

"It should be totally bad-ass," Del assures, "we don't plan shit out or anything, we work with the environment, but it's always a lot of



With plans for a new album, debating a new label, finding a way to express themselves more maturely and going on three years together, the Sex Slaves are definitely putting their money where their collective mouth is. Coming off a 14-month tour with almost 300 shows, pressure to put out a new album is on.

"We want to do a solid set; we're working with like, 30 songs. And that sounds so daunting at first. And it is. But we broke it down into chunks and that makes it more manageable," Del explains.

The last time the Sex Slaves were in Youngstown, partying was near the top of the list. While they're not ruling out having some fun now, Del says the band is more conscious of the burn-out factor.

"You can't party all the time. I mean, if there are a couple of days between sets, why the hell not? But you have to be careful."

In their downtime traveling, their favorite hobby is sleeping.

"We drive ourselves, ya know? So there's not as much downtime as you'd think. We've gotta check out of hotels, get everything packed, get on the road, and when we get there, there's a new hotel, we have to get ready for the show... But I like doing things that keep my mind active. I like Sudoku puzzles, I read a lot."

He lists off Motley Crue's confessional, "The Dirt", but it takes a little more prodding to reveal the real estate books Del has been dipping into as well. Before getting serious about the band, he went to school for film editing, and he's "always working on some kind of project on my laptop."

When asked which venue was his favorite, Del went silent for a few moments.

"Well ... There are cool places. Places with great sound and a good stage and stuff. But it's really more about the town and crowd than the place, ya know?"

The Slaves joined the MySpace revolution, with almost nine thousand "friends," three songs availmain website.



Photo courtesy of www.sexslavesnyc.com

LEFT TO RIGHT: Del Cheetah, Eric 13, and J-Bomb

The Sex Slaves will be playing at Irish Bob's in Youngstown on Sept. 15 at 9p.m.

"It's really helped spread out the fan base. Some bands send out, like, 200 invitations a day, to jack up their numbers, but we never have. It's all word of mouth. And I mean, makes the all-ages shows f\*\*\*ing crazy. Plus, that kind of publicity is great for booking shows. Some bars won't accept applications anymore. You have to have a MySpace."

With influences as varied as the Sex Pistols, the Misfits, the Cult, Hank Williams, Guns N' Roses, and the Beatles, music the band listens to on the road is just as eclectic.

"Our drummer, Jay, he makes these crazy mix CDs. Our van plays able to download and a link to their mp3 CDs, so we can get, like, 200 songs on each one. They're all sup-

posed to have a theme, and they're we all used to work at. We would labeled really f\*\*\*ing obscenely. But there's a little bit of everything. We get '80s rock, AC/DC, AFI, Burning Brides, Buckcherry, Johnny Cash, the kids are totally into it, and that David Allen Coe, Mariah Carey, Avril Lavigne."

At the dead silence at the end of the line, Del laughed.

"I was joking. Those last two, I was joking. But you have to keep what you listen to varied. If all you listen to is AC/DC, all the music you make is going to sound like AC/DC."

As for the story behind the band name, Parliament/Funkadelic musician George Clinton was the Slaves' muse.

"George Clinton was at the bar

open acoustic jam night all the time, and he was there jamming too, and it was like this huge love-fest moment, ya know? And he was dancing around and said, 'I want you all to be my sex slaves!' And we went wow, we should name a band that."

This is the band's second time playing in Youngstown, and they hope to make it a regular stop. To learn more about them, hear samples of their music or to take a peek at their Jack-Daniel's inspired merchandise, check them out at www.sexslavesnyc.com

# "Too Soon" is Never Too Soon Enough

Bob Mackey

So here we are, five years after 9-11. Far greater than four and unthinkably better than three, being five years away from the World Trade Center attacks is significant if only because it marks humanity's love of remembering events where the amount of time passed between then and now is divisible by five. Perhaps in some horrible, base-8 world, we'd be concentrating on the wonderful fall programming network television has to offer, but currently in our horrible base-10 reality, we have our phasers set to "mourn." No doubt by now you've watched various specials on the disaster, including Anderson Cooper's CGI recreation of that fateful day where he uses his powers of 360ing to catch the falling towers in his bear-like grip and gently place them in a barren, unpopulated area, like New Jersey. We love to "never forget," as long as it's somewhat annual.

This motto is obvious just by looking at all of the 9-11 paraphernalia (which I have dubbed "terrorphernalia") the past five years. I had a feeling that this wave of merchandise was coming lowed, filthy piece of currency. Clerks and shop-



tear up a little and think, "Christ, is that tacky," and, "I wonder if those propane coupons on the back are still redeemable?"

Perhaps the tackiest example of this wave of terrorphernalia is the 9-11 commemorative coin. One of (probably) many, this coin depicts the World Trade Center towers in all their that's been produced over majesty. But unlike your common penny or nickel with their stationary presidents, the towers can actualthe second an issue of The ly be pulled up from the face Vindicator included its own of the coin for the purposes flag for home use- because of recreating that tragedy flags to terrorists are like inside your boot-fit Levi's. garlic to Draculas. To this Although, I wouldn't carry day, when I see that yel- this coin around with you as page. newsprint still tacked up on keepers get very upset when The Precious Moments

actual money, and even more so when you claim that the coin is worth thousands of innocent lives (which are priceless anyway, leaving the coin valueless).

But instead of going off on a tangent about why those who lived through the Pearl Harbor disaster don't carry around exploding battleships in their pants, but I feel that it may be more constructive to present 9-11 merchandise that may just be as idiotic (and profitable) as the 9-11 coin. Attention cheap plastic crap factories: I am taking offers and my contact information can be found at the bottom of the

Tragic Moments Figures: someone's wall or cubicle, I you try to use the coin as series of adorable figures ures' marshmallow-scented

can be found in the houses of large women who believe in angels and fairies, but who don't believe in abortions. Let me ask you this: without abortions, where are all of those little baby angels coming from? Yes, you should be terrified. But I digress. The new "Tragic Moments" figures will feature the same dewey-eyed little tykes as the Precious Moments series, except in adorable 9-11 related poses. You have your choice of Widdlest "The NYC Firefighter," "The Widdlest NYC Policeman," and the new, exclusive "Widdlest Pwesident." How can such widdle folks stop that big ol' disaster? Tragedy addicts will love 'em, and the fig-

heads will fill the air with memories of camping.

Ronco Home Eagle Sanctuary: Yes, bald eagles are our national symbol, but have you actually seen one outside of zoos or spare tire covers? There's got to be a better way! Using patented Ronco technology, the Home, Eagle Sanctuary will broadcast Toby Keith music on a wavelength that only bald eagles can hear. When these eagles try to kill themselves by crashing headfirst into your front yard - common behavior for any exposure to Toby Keith music - they'll be ensnared in the included Ronco front yard netting. Now you can enjoy all the pleasures of eagle adjacency; and these large, predatory birds will be too despondent to perform their usual face-

clawing behavior! The Flamplifier: It's happened to all of us. We think we have the biggest flag on the block, and then some joker down the street outdoes us by just a few square Let the Flag Amplifier (Flamplifier) be the solution to all of your patriotic competition needs! With its series of high powered 500-foot magnification lenses (sold separately), your neighbors will not only be amazed by the size of any household flag, but they will also be able to count thread after patriotic thread. Just be sure to remove any "Made in China" labels

before the flamplification!

Constitution Yule Logs: The holiday season is just around the corner, so why

not keep warm with the combustion of our inalienable rights? Each log is custom-designed to resemble that dusty old document full of bad ideas from bad men in bad powdered wigs; and no doubt you'll feel safe, warm, and secure from the burning of the Preamble all the way to the disintegration of John Hancock. Who needs rights when you can be safe? WARNING: Do not burn Constitution Yule Logs near pets, children, pregnant women, women, and non-Christian men.

Microsoft Flight Tragedy Averter 2006: Microsoft's Flight Simulator series has

been the leader in fake flight based action for decades. Unfortunately, it's possible for terrorists to use programs like these to learn how to fly planes, which has put all of us computer geeks on edge. The new MFTA 2006 expansion pack solves this problem by putting you in the shoes of a terrorist who makes the brave decision to go against his orders, fly around the buildings, and then turn himself in at the nearest police station. Play the 9-11 scenario in the rain! The snow! At night! During the day! The possibilities are endless. All four of them.

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#### FOOTBALL

# Key match-ups



Jake Glavies SPORTS EDITOR



Walker, #68



**Booth, #78** 



Posluszny, #90



Connor, #40

It seems as though the offensive line is bombarded weekly with high profile pass rushers and run stoppers and this week is no different. The only change in the scenario for this game is that the pressure will be comin from the linebacker spot not a down lineman. Penn State's duo of outside linebackers, Paul Posluszny and Da Connor, will be a major threat throughout the game. Posluszny, an All-American, has the speed and size to drol a running back for a loss and to make plays in the passing game. Connor earned Big Ten defensive player of th week honors in the Nittany Lions first game against Akron. He is a tackle machine and may make Happy Valle not so cheerful for the Penguins running backs. Pat Walker and Tyler Booth will have to play their best game of the season to keep two of "Linebacker U's" best players from disrupting the Youngstown State Universit



**Zetts #24** 



**Davis #11** 



King #1



**Johnson #6** 



**Scirrotto.** #7

Quarterback Tom Zetts will have difficulty seeing any daylight between his wide receivers and this Penn State secondary. After losing all four of their starters from last season's unit, this new group of players will have something to prove. With good size and speed cornerbacks Tony Davis and Justin King will cover the Penguin wide outs like a glove, giving Zetts no options on the outside. Safeties Donnie Johnson and Anthony Scirrotto will patrol the middle of the field waiting to lay a big hit on anyone who tries to go over the middle. Zetts will have to pick his targets carefully and put the ball where only his receivers can get it. That is, if he isn't under duress from the Nittany Lions outside linebackers. After four quarters of tight coverage, and 100,000 fans roaring in the stands, Zetts may be ready for this game to end.

# At a glance...

Ranking: 25th in the AP Poll

Record: 1-1

Points scored per game: 25.5

Points allowed per game: 28.5

Offensive set: Multiple

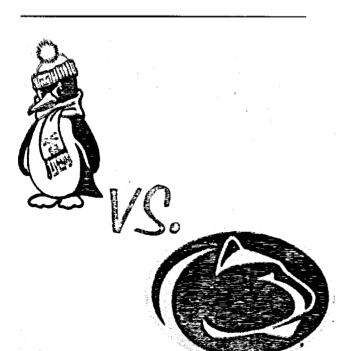
Defensive set: Multiple

Date: Saturday, September 16

**Time:** 3:30

Location: Beaver Stadium

Forecast: 72 degrees, partly cloudy



## one

If there is one thing the Penguins do well it's run the football, and that's exactly what they must do against Penn State. Although PSU's defense is a tower of strength, the power of the YSU running game should be able to put a crack in its foundation. The two pronged attack of Marcus Mason and Monquantae Gibson will have to be on point to get the offense moving. With seamless coverage downfield, the Penguin running backs may also be called on to catch a few passes out of the backfield. If the YSU ground game can establish itself as a threat early, the passing attack may have a chance to do some damage." Much like running back Monquantae Gibson said, "What it boils down to is that the run will open up the pass and the pass will open up the run."



#### Barbosa named Horizon League player of the week

Sophmore Ebony Barbosa, an outside hitter for the women's volleyball team, was named the Horizon League

Offensive Player of the Week. Barbosa helped the Penguins to a 4-1 record last week and a victory at the Chesapeake Challenge Championship. During the five match stretch she averaged 3.94 kills and 3.12 digs per game. The volleyball team, 6-6 on the year, played a tough match against15th ranked Ohio State yesterday at the Beeghly Center. The Penguins next match will be against Bowling Green at 11 a.m. Friday at the Beeghly Center.

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Penn State's strong point on offense is their passing game. With highly touted quarterback Anthony Morelli under center PSU's top two receivers, Jordan Norwood and Deon Butler, will be a force to be reckoned with. The Penguin secondary, which has faced potent aerial attacks all season, must work to limit the duo's receptions and yards after the catch. It may be impossible to shut either receiver out, but by limiting their productivity this group may be able to give the offense a chance to keep the game close. Watch for safeties Chris Goffer and Bob Perez to make their presence known.

# three

the game

Offensively success boils down to blocking. To complete a pass the quarterback must have time to throw, to rush for a first down the running backs must have holes to run through. It's a simple concept but one that is very difficult to carry out. Across the board the YSU offensive line must play one of its best games of the season. Coming off of a tough game against Notre Dame and eyeing next weeks match-up with Ohio State, the Nittany Lions' defense will be tired and preoccupied. If the offensive line can catch them napping the Penguins may be able to put up some points and give the boys from State College a run for their money.

# YSU SPORTS IN BRIEF

#### Golf teams kick off their season with varied results

The Youngstown State University women's golf team had four golfers place in the top 20 en route to a fifthplace team finish, out of 10 teams, at the YSU Fall Invitational on Tuesday. Leading the way was freshman Brittany Stillwagon who finished 10th in her Penguin debut. For the men's side junior Ryan McGraw placed 18th to lead the team to a 10th-place finish, out of 11 teams, at the Cleveland State Invitational. The women will continue Invitational and the men will head to the John Piper Intercollegiate tournament Sept. 18.



#### Soccer team to begin South Carolina road trip

The Penguins soccer team will begin a two game road trip in South Carolina with a match Friday against St. Francis and another Sunday against The Citadel. YSU, at 1-5 on the season, will look to improve their record before beginning a four match home stand Sept. 29. Leading the team in scoring with one goal a piece is freshman forward Jordan Gapczynski and junior defender Brittny Humphrey. Contributing with assists are sophotheir season Sept. 23 at the Elon more defender Keeley Rice and freshman defender Kate Bonn.