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Giving to Annual Fund hits record high

YSU's Annual Fund is again reaching record highs.

The campaign, which raises money for a variety of college and departmental programs and initiatives as well as student scholarships, brought in \$1.6 million from more than 4,000 donors in fiscal year 2011, according to preliminary counts by the Office of University Development.

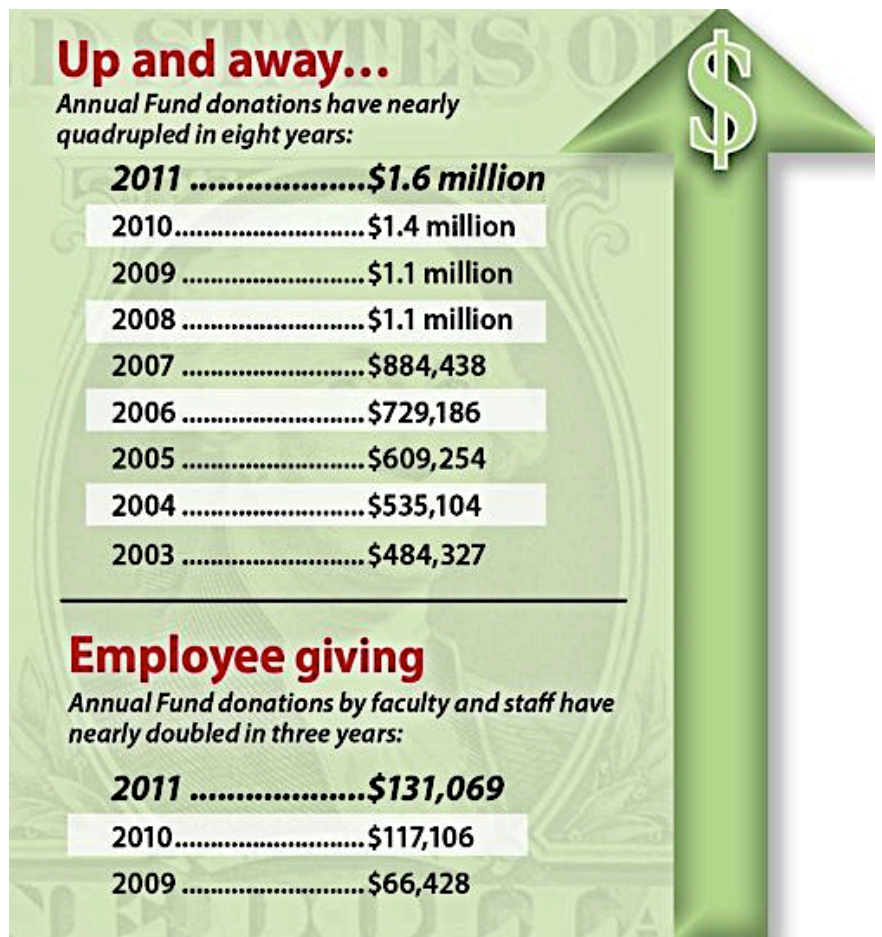
That's an all-time high for the university and represents a 12-percent increase over the previous year. In the last eight years alone, the fund has nearly quadrupled.

"People throughout the campus and the community believe in the mission of YSU, and they want YSU to succeed," said Jacci Daniel-Johnson, coordinator of annual giving. "When it comes to donations, people want to give to successful and positive ventures. Success follows success."

It is the fourth consecutive year that the Annual Fund has surpassed \$1 million, a mark that Daniel-Johnson said seemed unattainable only a few years ago. "Now, and going forward, we see \$1 million as our base – something we can build on," she said.

The Annual Fund solicits contributions from alumni and supporters throughout the state, region and nation.

"Our donors are encouraged to direct their philanthropy to the programs of their choice, and they take full advantage of this opportunity," said Catherine Cala, director of University Development. "More than 95 percent of YSU's annual gifts are donor-designated."



Money is used to fund scholarships and dozens of various campus programs and initiatives, from the English Festival, the Center for Judaic and Holocaust Studies and ROTC to the Steel Bridge/Concrete Canoe teams, Center for Nonprofit Leadership and the SMARTS program. It also provides money to various athletics teams, including track and field, golf and tennis.

Contributions by YSU faculty and staff alone accounted for nearly 10 percent of the total giving in fiscal year 2011 at \$131,069. That's nearly double the amount donated by faculty and staff just three years ago. Daniel-Johnson said one reason for the increase in faculty/staff giving was the establishment of a scholarship by new YSU President Cynthia E. Anderson in memory of her parents. In all, the Annual Fund raised \$52,165 for the scholarship.

Daniel-Johnson said increasing Annual Fund giving – and hitting the \$1 million level – was a major goal of the Centennial Capital Campaign that started in 2005. That, she said, made the Annual Fund a priority and has led to the impressive increases.

“Our message is clear and consistent,” she said. “We don’t over-solicit, so we don’t experience donor fatigue. We have a good fund-raising philosophy. We have a great team in place, and, most importantly, we have loyal, generous alumni and friends.”

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YSU retirements

Memories...From the corners of their minds

Forty-five YSU staff members retire during the summer months of June, July and August under the university's early retirement incentive program. We asked the retirees to share their fondest memories. Below are comments from 12 of the retirees.

Joanne Gallagher, coordinator, Career & Counseling Services, 27 years

When I was first starting to think about retiring a few years ago, my husband, Larry, bought me a Youngstown State wine glass to be used for a toast on the day of retirement. We put the wine glass in

our china cupboard as a reminder of all of the wonderful advantages YSU has given us over the years. The glass would also serve as a symbol of something to look forward to in the days to come. Larry and I met here on the YSU campus. We have always had a deep appreciation



Joanne Gallagher toasts her husband and YSU.



Olga Ziobert

for the great education we received from so many very capable teachers. Unfortunately, Larry was diagnosed with cancer and died suddenly in September 2009. Although he is not here to join me in the celebration of this milestone in my life, I plan to have my family members gather with me as I raise that special glass in a toast to him and all the memorable times we shared at YSU. YSU has been a huge part of my life for over 40 years. I am very grateful for all the good things YSU has given me as both a student and a professional employee.

Olga Ziobert, office manager, *The Jambar*, 30 years.

One of my fondest memories was learning the history of YSU through the eyes and experiences of Mr.

Burke I. vden *The Jambar's* founding editor. Every

so often, Mr. Lyden would make his rounds on campus, always stopping by the Jambar office to meet new staff and reminisce about the good old days. I never knew what a “jambar” was or how it looked until Mr. Lyden explained its significance to Youngstown. He actually had a jambar shipped from Wales that is still hanging in our office. Through him, I gained a greater appreciation for the paper, university and community. His legacy will live on through the words of our future editors and staff.

Carl Leet, photographic specialist, Media and Academic Computing, 32 years.

The greatest memory of my time at YSU will have to be the story that I tell to my son – “How I Met Your Mother.” My son’s future mother, Donna, was working as the librarian in the College of Education’s Curriculum Resource Center and a part time media instructor in



Carl Leet

Cushwa Hall, where I have worked for all of these years. One day she asked if I could help her move a few books. How was I to know that her library in Fedor Hall was being moved to Cushwa while a renovation was to take place. It turned out to be a whole library’s worth of books, but I was young. During all of this book moving, we got into a fight over whose laminator was better – her pocket laminator or my roll laminator. Twenty-six years have passed since we have been married.

Patty Seachman, assistant budget director, 32 years.

I tried to pinpoint only one "greatest" memory from my years at YSU, and found it to be impossible. I have *many* wonderful memories. Where else might I have learned about “Irish measles” if I hadn't worked with Tom Kane? Or the fact that two people cannot



Pat Taylor

simultaneously get through a doorway no matter how persistent if it hadn't been for Beth Kushner? The friendships formed over the years have created the best memories.

Pat Taylor, administrative assistant, Kilcawley Center, 37 years.

Some of the fondest memories I have are of the staff parties that we had at the end of the school years back in the 1980s. One year, Phil Hirsch played the drummer of the girl band, the Go Go’s. Another year, we imitated the Singing Raisins and sang, “I Heard It Through the Grapevine.”

Nancy Davidson, programmer/analyst, Computer Services, 18 years.

Because I had lost a 15-year job due to a merger, I was extremely happy to find a job at YSU and anxious to begin a new adventure in my life. That first morning I pulled into the M-1 parking deck, filled with excitement and anticipation. I rolled down my window, and with much enthusiasm said to the student working in the booth, “Good morning! This is my first day!” He just smiled, a little lost for words, then replied, “Good morning..... and good luck,” and then proceeded to lift the gate.



Nancy Davidson



Claudia Hritz

Claudia Hritz, administrative assistant, Campus Rec, 37 years.

The most memorable event was the dedication of the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center. That was a very special day. Working for Campus Recreation for 19 years, I experienced the journey from the beginning concept of the Rec Center to what it is today.

Debbie Withrow, administrative assistant, Provost, 35 years.

I am thankful for the educational and career opportunities I have been granted at YSU over the years, and I am honored to have had the opportunity to have served the University, the community, and the

students. I have many great memories to take with me of the staff and students I've had the pleasure of meeting and working with over the years.

Pam Horvath, customer service assistant, Student Affairs, 31 years.

I've just always been proud to say that I work at YSU and have been very fortunate to have worked with so many wonderful people. I've always felt that YSU is the best place to work in the Mahoning Valley.



Pam Horvath

Sandie Arnold, secretary, Management, 31 years.

Too many important things have happened while I have been working for YSU to select just one event as the most memorable. I love helping students and our alumni. Part of my joyful memories is when alumni have come back for a visit and mention how much they enjoyed their years at YSU, and I am touched when they remember me.

Julia M. Lloyd, administrative assistant, Community Counseling Clinic, 30 years.

My fondest memories revolve around the people I met and associated with throughout my years at YSU. From the help I received when I began my employment here, to the students I've worked with over the years, and the many people who I consider my friends across campus have all helped to create an emotional bond with the university that upon retirement will not be broken.



Dee Texter

Dee Texter, administrative assistant, Undergraduate Admissions, 23 years.

My greatest memories are my years meeting all the new students that began their college years - they became my family away from home. It was great to see them graduate and how much they had matured.

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Garg elected board chair; Deibel named trustee

Sudershan Garg of Canfield, a hematologist/oncologist at St. Joseph Health Center in Warren and St. Elizabeth Health Center in Youngstown, is the new chair of the YSU Board of Trustees.

Garg, who joined the trustees six years ago, was unanimously elected by the board at its June meeting. John Jakubek of Canfield, an anesthesiologist and a member of the board since June 2009, was elected vice chair.

Garg said the greatest challenges facing the university are budget and financial restraints, as well as ongoing labor negotiations.



Sudershan Garg visits during a reception after being named the new chair of the YSU Board of Trustees.

He replaces Scott Schulick, who served as chair for three years. Schulick will continue on the board until his term expires in 2013.



Dave Deibel

President Cynthia E. Anderson praised Schulick for his service, calling him an “engaged, active, wonderful chairperson.”

“He has absolutely put his heart and soul into the work of the Board of Trustees,” she said. “Scott’s life and career have been a YSU life and a YSU career.”

Meanwhile, Gov. John Kasich appointed David Deibel of North Lima as a new member of the board. He replaces Larry DeJane, whose term expired.

A native of Warren, Ohio, Deibel attended Ursuline High School and earned his engineering degree from YSU. His

father, Jerry, founded Boardman Steel in 1963. David assumed the position as owner and president in 1999.

The Deibel family and Boardman Steel have contributed labor as well as monetary support for area businesses including Powers Auditorium, Stambaugh Auditorium and part of the YSU stadium and the Chapel at Camp Fitch.

Deibel is the president and past board member of the Greater Western Reserve Council Boy Scouts of America, YSU Penguin Club, YSU Ice Castle Scholarship Fund, Youngstown Air Reserve Base Community Council and the Western Reserve Village Foundation. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, racing, motorcycles and dogs.

His term on the YSU Board of Trustees expires in 2020.

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In memoriam...
Helen Stambaugh

The President's Loge at YSU home football games just won't be the same.

Helen Stambaugh, 92, a YSU alumna, long-time donor and the only person with a "reserved" seat in the loge, died June 13.

Born in Campbell and a graduate of Lowellville High School, Mrs. Stambaugh earned an associate degree in business from Youngstown College in 1944.



Helen Stambaugh

Stambaugh Stadium is named after her husband, Arnold, founder of Stambaugh Hardware Lumber Co. The Stambaugh Room in Kilcawley Center is also named after Mr. and Mrs. Stambaugh.

Mrs. Stambaugh was a member of the President's Council and the College of Fine and Performing Arts Visiting Committee. She received YSU's Friend of the University award in 2004, was named Penguin of the Year in 2005 and was inducted into the YSU Athletics Hall of Fame in 2009. She endowed a football scholarship, provided a lead gift in the campaign to construct the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center and, in 2007, donated \$150,000 to purchase new uniforms for the Marching Pride.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John Lutheran Church, 1429 Mahoning Ave., Youngstown, OH 44509 or the donor's choice.

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WATTS Y

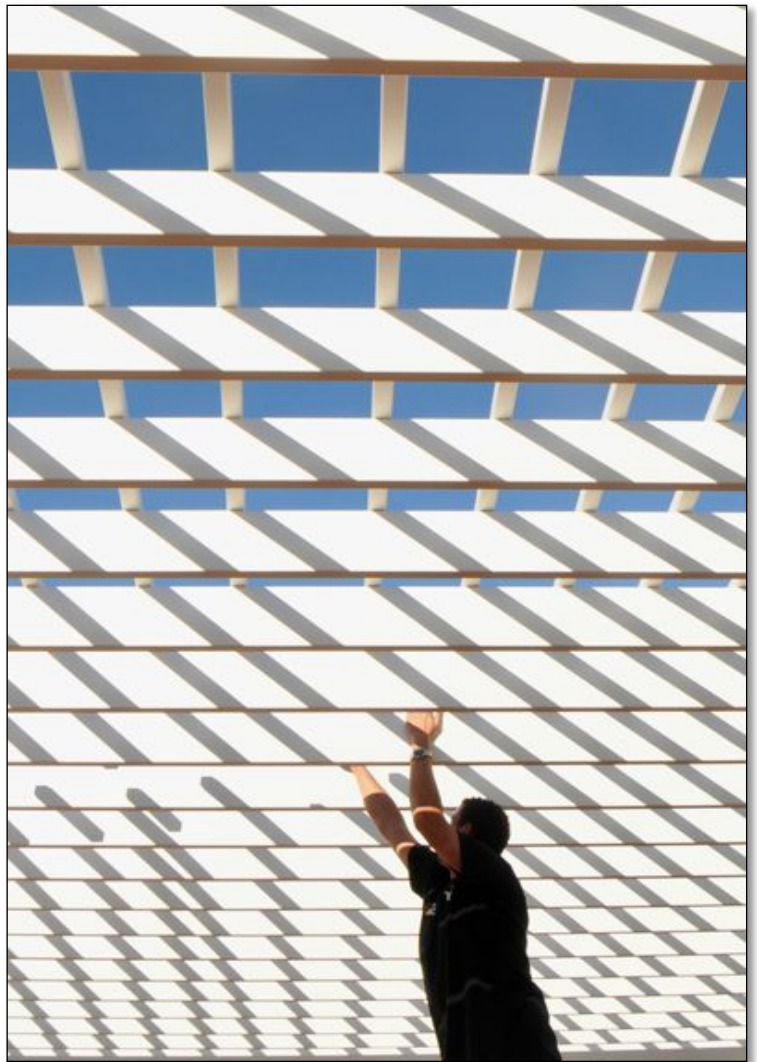
Work crews recently placed the YSU “Y” on the WATTS center on the north side of campus. The indoor facility, which opens this summer, features a full-length football field, a 300-meter track, batting cages and a training room. The center will be used for team practices, intramural sports and other campus-wide activities.

Festival of the Arts highlights 'biggest weekend of the summer'

YSU's 13th annual Summer Festival of the Arts on Saturday and Sunday, July 9 and 10, is the centerpiece of what is being billed as the "biggest weekend of the summer" in the Mahoning Valley.

The weekend also includes the Youngstown Jazz Festival in Smoky Hollow adjacent to the YSU campus, the Smoky Hollow 5K Run and Family Fun Walk, the Tour of the Valley Bike Race and other activities.

The Summer Festival of the Arts on the YSU campus core runs 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday and features the work of more than 70 local, regional and national artists selling their original, hand-crafted pieces such as jewelry, paintings, sketches, sculptures, glass, wood and textiles. Also featured are family activities, including the popular hands-on art tent, as well as dozens of music, theater and dance performances. The event also includes the Festival of Nations, featuring more than 20 ethnic clubs and churches that provide ethnic memorabilia, performances and food. Also featured is "Here Comes the Sun," a public arts project between Art Youngstown Inc. and the Summer Festival of the Arts. Under the project, artists have been invited to decorate a metal ring in a sunshine theme. More than 100 finished garden art pieces will be displayed at the festival.



The pergola is one of the features at the new Harrison Common in Smoky Hollow. A grand opening of the park is set for 11:30 a.m. Saturday, July 9, and the site will host the Youngstown Jazz Festival later that day.

At 11:30 a.m. Saturday, July 9, the ribbon will be cut on Harrison Common, a new park in the historic Smoky Hollow neighborhood. The park, which includes a brick paved plaza, a decorative pergola and a historic flat man of the Hollow is a cornerstone of the Wick

District-Smoky Hollow Redevelopment Plan led by Wick Neighbors Inc. The Common is located on Walnut Street near the MVR restaurant.

The Youngstown Jazz Festival starts at 6 p.m. Saturday, July 9, at the new Harrison Common. Among the featured performers are vocalist Antoinette Manganas from Pittsburgh, the Phillip K. Jones Quartet from Cleveland, Chico's Quintet from Pittsburgh, local group Sounddoctrine, and a musicians' jam session to conclude the evening. Jere B, local musician and recording artist, is producing the concert. The concert is free and patrons are permitted to bring in picnic baskets containing food and non-alcoholic beverages. Parking is available in the Wick Avenue parking deck at YSU for a nominal fee. In the event of inclement weather, there is no rain date or indoor facility scheduled.

In addition to the Summer Festival of the Arts and the Youngstown Jazz Festival, many arts and cultural groups near the YSU campus will be open, including the Butler Institute of American Art, Arms Museum, Youngstown



This year's Smoky Hollow 5K Run and Family Fun Walk starts at 7:45 a.m. Saturday, July 9.

Historical Center of Industry and Labor (Steel Museum), Oh Wow Children's Museum, YWCA Women's Art Show at the YWCA, Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County Main Branch, St. John's Episcopal Church and First Presbyterian Church of Youngstown. The North Side Farmers Market will be open on Saturday, July 9, 9 a.m. to noon on Elm Street. A free shuttle will take arts festival patrons to and from the market.

Other activities on the weekend include the Tour of the Valley Bike Race, July 8-10 (www.tourofthevalley.com); St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Summerfest, July 7-10, 220 N. Walnut Street; and the Smoky Hollow 5k Race slated for Saturday, July 9 at 7:45 a.m.

For more information on the Summer Festival of the Arts, visit <http://ysu.edu/sfa/>. More information on the Youngstown Jazz Festival is available at www.youngstownjazzfest.com.

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Wean awards grants to NewsOutlet, Urban Studies

The Raymond John Wean Foundation has awarded more than \$45,000 to two programs at Youngstown State University.

“We are excited about the work that these organizations have been doing in the Mahoning Valley and are pleased to be able to help support their efforts,” said Gordon Wean, chairman of the board of directors of the foundation.

The NewsOutlet.org, a partnership between YSU’s journalism program and professional media organizations, is receiving \$30,000. TheNewsOutlet.org reports and then offers to area media important issue stories that legacy media often do not have the time or staff to

develop. Recent stories have included an investigation of living conditions in an adult group home for mentally challenged individuals. Funding from the Wean Foundation will allow TheNewsOutlet to seek national foundation support and to secure the program’s future.



The NewsOutlet, including YSU journalism faculty members Alyssa Lenhoff and Tim Francisco, was recently featured in a story in the *Columbia Journalism Review*. “What started as an experiment modeled after similar collaborations in large media markets is growing quickly and providing northeastern Ohio with in-depth journalism with a new media flourish,” the article says. Read the full article at

http://www.cjr.org/the_news_frontier_database/2011/05/the-news-outlet.php.

The Wean Foundation also awarded \$15,395 to YSU’s Center for Urban and Regional Studies for its effort to expand the Mahoning County Regional Property Information System to Warren and Trumbull County. The system collects data about vacant properties, crime rates, property ownership, foreclosure, tax liens and basic census data. The information is important in assisting local government agencies as well as non-profit organizations in understanding needs of various neighborhoods and developing plans for how to best address the issues.

The Wean Foundation is committed to helping the Mahoning Valley become a healthy place to live, work and raise families. The Foundation awards between \$3.5 million and \$4 million to organizations that are working to help the area become known for equity, innovation and collaboration.

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Students travel to China on two-week study tour

Nineteen YSU students are in China on a study tour to learn about international business.

The trip during the first two weeks of July is part of the YSU Williamson College of Business Administration's mission to promote an international dimension to business education.

Students, joined by three faculty members and a high school instructor, are traveling to Hong Kong, Shanghai and Beijing. In addition to stops at popular tourist destinations such as the Great Wall and the Forbidden City, students will visit General Motors Shanghai, Microsoft, Ralph Lauren Asia, United Bank of Switzerland, Maersk, and the U.S. and Pakistani embassies, as well as a law firm and a small investment bank.

The tour is partially sponsored by the WCBA Center of Excellence for International Business and the U.S. Department of Education Emerging Markets Initiative. The purpose of the trip is to augment the theoretical understanding of international business provided by YSU with a hands-on experience of international travel (visas, immigration, customs, foreign currencies), international businesses and non-U.S. cultures.



Wang Ying (center), assistant professor of Marketing for the Williamson College of Business Administration at YSU, teaches (from left) Jill Martin, instructor from Austintown Fitch High School; Derek Smith of Lowellville, junior in accounting; and Mike Houser of Poland, senior in accounting, how to eat with chopsticks as they prepare for the international study tour to China.

“The change we see in our students before and after the trip is enormous,” said Ying Wang, assistant professor of Marketing. “Study abroad tours are a unique educational experience, focusing on not just knowledge and skills, but more on perspectives and ways of thinking. In today’s competitive marketplace, we need to equip our students with open minds and a global perspective.”

Students attended a series of pre-trip sessions that included lessons on how to speak basic Chinese and use chopsticks, as well as tips on international travel.

“We design the study tour with rigorous academic content,” said Peter Reday, assistant professor of Marketing and one of the faculty members leading the tour. “Students are expected to apply what they have learned about international business in the classroom to real world projects.”

Jill Martin, economics teacher at Austintown Fitch High School, is also participating in the study tour. She is being supported by the Emerging Markets Initiative from the U.S. Department of Education

The China trip is one of the regular study abroad tours organized by the Williamson College of Business Administration. Others include study trips to London/Dublin, Brazil and India.

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YSU gears up for 2011 football season

Season tickets, Penguin Club memberships and chairback seats, tailgate passes and hospitality tents for the upcoming 2011 YSU football season are available for purchase through the athletic ticket office.

Season ticket prices for the 2011 campaign are \$84 for reserved seats and \$60 for general admission. Individual game ticket prices for the season are \$16 for reserved and \$12 for general admission.

Reserved seats are in sections 2 through 6 on the west stands and 14 through 18 in the east stands. General admission seats are located in sections 1 and 7 of the west stands.

Fans are encouraged to purchase game tickets in advance. The cost for all reserved and general admission tickets on game day will increase by \$2.

The best seats in the stadium are in the

chairback sections in 3, 4 and 5 at midfield. The only way to purchase chairback

seats is through membership in the YSU Penguin Club. Chairback seat availability starts at the \$200 Royal Level of the Penguin Club. Penguin Club memberships are available for as little as \$75 and will allow fans to purchase tickets for the Michigan State game.

The 2011 home schedule features six games, with non-conference matchups against Valparaiso and Saint Francis (Pa.) and conference tilts versus Illinois State, South Dakota State, Western Illinois and Missouri State.



Eric Wolford starts his second year as head coach of the YSU Penguins.

The Penguins' home contests in September - Valparasio and Illinois State - are highlighted by State Farm Kids Days in the tailgate lot – featuring bounce-a-rounds, games, prizes, clowns and activities for all young YSU football fans. In addition, those two contests feature “Special \$5” general-admission ticket prices for fans.

For the Valpo game, fans will receive a schedule magnet courtesy of Coca Cola, 27 WKBN and State Farm. The Austintown High School Marching Band will perform at halftime against the Crusaders.

In the MVFC opener against Illinois State, a full slate of game day activities is planned. The House Band will be live in the M-7 Tailgate Lot and the Gia Russa “Taste of Italy” will be held in the M-24 Lot prior to the game. Fans will receive a Pete & Penny Activity Book courtesy of State Farm and MyYTV while the Champion High School Band will perform at halftime.

October will feature three games at the “Ice Castle” in the season's busiest home month. YSU



Homecoming, featuring the annual parade up Fifth Avenue, is Oct. 29.

opens the month against South Dakota State on Oct. 8. The Guins' final non-conference game of the season is Oct. 22 vs. Saint Francis (Pa.), and the annual Homecoming Game is on Oct. 29 against Western Illinois. That contest will be highlighted by the pre-game Homecoming Parade, Hall of Fame ceremonies and the announcement of King and Queen at halftime.

The contest against South Dakota State is YSU Football Alumni Day. All former Penguins are encouraged to attend the contest and the players from the 1991 National Championship squad will be honored in a special ceremony. A set of 1991 Trading Cards will be given to fans courtesy of Farmers National Bank and myvalleysports.com.

The game with Saint Francis (Pa.) is Penguin PRIDE Day where all fans will be encouraged to wear their YSU red to the game. A tailgate Koozie courtesy of Coca Cola, Farmers National Bank and WFMJ TV 21 will be given to fans. The game features the annual Car Coach Display while the North Allegheny High School Band will perform at halftime.

Fans attending the Homecoming, Hall-of-Fame Game will receive an Ice Scraper courtesy of Lyden Oil and WFMJ TV 21.

YSU plays host to Missouri State on Nov. 19 in the annual Senior Day game in its lone November home contest. Fans will receive a team photo courtesy of Farmers National Bank and WBCB “The CW”, and the game starts with the YSU Football Alumni Senior Tunnel.

YSU students receive free tickets to each home game with a valid student ID while faculty and staff can purchase half-price tickets in advance of home games.

Individual game tickets for football season will go on sale Monday, August 1 at the YSU Athletic Ticket Office located inside Stambaugh Stadium.

Hospitality Tailgate Tents for each home game are available. For pricing information, contact the Athletic Marketing Office at 330-941-7227.

MICHIGAN STATE PURCHASING INFORMATION

Tickets for the Sept. 2 season-opening game at Michigan State will be available for Gridiron Club members of the Penguin Club and for season-ticket holders, based upon availability. Each ticket is \$55, which includes a processing fee.

The Ticket Office will hold a one-day sale of Michigan State tickets for YSU students in August. That date will be announced in the near future.



There will be no sale of Michigan State tickets to non-season ticket holders or non-Penguin Club members. It is the best opportunity to guarantee tickets for YSU's first-ever trip to Michigan State. Former Penguins assistant coach Mark Dantonio coaches the Spartans, who were Big Ten Conference champions in 2010.

YSU Traveline is offering an overnight round-trip motorcoach transportation for \$150 per double occupancy (game ticket not included). The cost includes lodging at team hotel, bus transportation and lunch on Friday. The trip will leave from the YSU campus at 9 a.m. on Friday and return to Youngstown on Saturday. Information on this trip is available at 330-941-2391.

For more ticket or football game day information fans may call 330-941-1YSU (1978).

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Summer Honors Institute

John Manhollan, left, an instructor in the Dana School of Music, works with Elizabeth Whetstone of Girard during the Summer Honors Institute hosted by YSU the week of June 20. Gifted and talented high school students from throughout the region attended the Institute that featured an array of courses taught by YSU faculty, including classes in portrait drawing, international business, engineering design and rapid prototyping, crime scene investigation, the ever-popular Potato Cannon and even a course in Harry Potter. Manhollan led a course called "Working with Digital Audio: Today's 'Electronic' Music" that gave students hands-on experience in how technology is changing music.

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Students, faculty teach archaeology to Girl Scouts

Students and faculty in YSU's Sociology and Anthropology department spent three Saturdays this spring to help teach archaeology to a group of nearly 60 Girl Scouts from throughout Northeast Ohio.

Loren Lease, assistant professor, and Thomas Delvaux, instructor, led the program that included a day of classes in DeBartolo Hall followed by two Saturdays of field excavations at Camp Sugarbush in Trumbull

County. After picking a site area, the students started out clearing the brush, set up a transit to set cardinal points, run strings and excavated.

YSU students participating were Ryan Steeves, Amanda Pischotti, Ron Madeline, and Molly Toth. Dave Parker, a YSU graduate currently studying at the Mercyhurst Archaeological Institute, drove down from Erie and helped as well.



YSU student Amanda Pischotti, wearing the red hat, shows Girl Scouts how archaeologists define sides of every unit – or pit – that they excavate.