



DeBlasio's "Youngstown"

A labor of love

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Donna DeBlasio, a professor in Youngstown State University's department of history, has authored books in the past including, "Youngstown; Post Cards from the Steel City" and "A Pictorial History of YSU." This year, DeBlasio has added to her list of published books.

DeBlasio's latest work "Images of America: Youngstown" is set to release on Oct. 7.

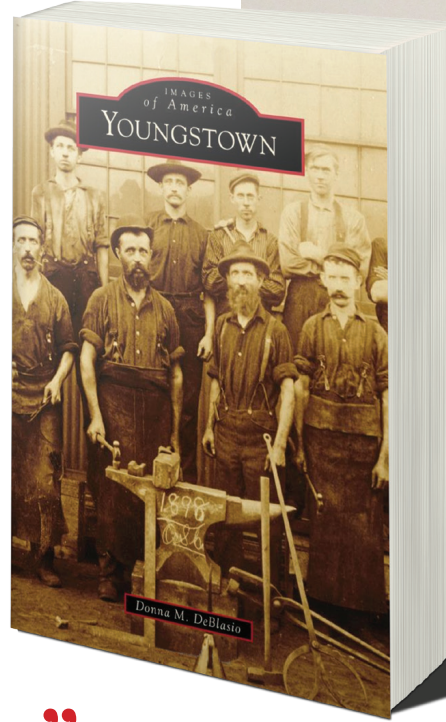
DeBlasio earned two degrees from YSU and worked as the first manager of the Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor in the '80s. She has dedicated much of her career to regional history, and has published scholarly articles on Idora Park and Youngstown worker housing.

As a Youngstown native, DeBlasio expressed pride in her publication and said she enjoyed writing "Youngstown."

"I am really happy with it. I like the way it came out," DeBlasio said. "It's a labor of love, but ... I guess I am prejudice, because I did grow up here, and it's home."

Arielle Lester, who graduated with a Master of Arts degree in History last May and who serves as adjunct faculty in YSU's History Department, helped DeBlasio collect pictures for her book. Lester

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Donna DeBlasio, a YSU professor, recently authored "Images of America: Youngstown" a pictorial history of Youngstown. Photo by Dustin Livesay/ The Jambar.

said she enjoyed working with DeBlasio.

"It was wonderful to work with Dr. DeBlasio. She is a great person to learn from and made the research process enjoyable," Lester said. "I am very proud of this book. ... It is rewarding to see my efforts as a part of a publication that is quite visually appealing."

DeBlasio's "Youngstown" is a picture book that depicts scenes from the city at various sages in its history, from the late nineteenth century to the end of the World War II. The book includes historical photos of downtown, Mill Creek Park and the steel mills. Most of these pictures were obtained through the archives of the Steel Museum and the Mahoning Valley Historical Society.

"There's a lot of wonderful images," DeBlasio said. "I think [readers] will learn a lot. Even if they're familiar with the story, they will like the photos. People really like photos. ... An image or a painting is worth a thousand words — I really think it is."

Lester said there is a lot to be learned from the book.

"People should buy this book, because there is so much to learn about the Youngstown area. The history of the steel industry tells how Youngstown made a huge contribution during America's second Industrial Revolution, as well as in supplying the war effort during The Great War and The Second World War," she said. "Many brands and entrepreneurs also got their start here, and it is still a great place for businesses to start."



Neo Baroque Steeple located in Uniejow, Poland. YSU professor Adam Fuller visited Uniejow while he was teaching in the Poland in the spring 2011 semester. Photo courtesy of Adam Fuller.

Politics and Poland

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Youngstown State University's Adam Fuller, a political science professor, was the only foreign guest at this year's Freedom Conference, a nationwide political theory conference that was held on Sept. 19 in Poland.

Fuller, who is now in his second year of teaching at YSU, spent a semester teaching in Poland in 2011. He was invited to the annual academic conference to present his soon-to-be published paper on Leo Strauss.

"I am affiliated with the Alexis de Tocqueville Cen-

ter at the University of Lodz, where I spent a semester in 2011 teaching," Fuller said. "That center was organizing the program for this year's conference, and they invited me to give a paper about a famous Great Books commentator of the 20th century of German-Jewish origin, named Leo Strauss. I was the only foreign guest."

The conference took place in Uniejow, the small Polish village on the Warta River. Like most Polish towns, it has a "historic castle and beautiful grounds."

At the summit, Fuller had the opportunity to speak with a variety of Polish scholars as well as reunite with some

of his former colleagues from Lodz. He said returning to the country after two years felt natural.

"When I first arrived in Poland in 2011, the place seemed really exotic to me, but getting off that plane in Warsaw on this second, short visit, I felt like it was only yesterday that I had been there, almost as if it was a home away from home," Fuller said.

He said he was welcomed with open arms and was happy to see old friends.

"The Polish people are very welcoming to me, as they are towards all foreign guests, especially

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The Tree of Islam

Yale professor lectures on roots of the Qur'an

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Students and scholars packed the Presidents' Suite of Kilcawley on Tuesday afternoon for a lecture on the Qur'an. Youngstown State University's Center for Islamic Studies hosted Gerhard Bowering, professor of religious studies and Islamic studies at Yale University, for the detailed lecture titled "God in the Qur'an."

Bowering, who has traveled the world and conducted extensive research on the holy book, began his lecture by introducing the key principles of the Islamic religion.

"The Qur'an is the absolute word of God, told through the prophet Muhammad," Bowering said. "It presented the idea of an afterlife, a concept not known to the Arab world prior to Muhammad."

Bowering provided a great deal of strong background information on the topic. He reiterated the story of Muhammad, and spoke about Islam in relation to Judaism and Christianity.

He then noted that in modern times, the Qur'an is not only interpreted mystically and theologically, but heavily politically, serving as a way of life for many Muslims.

"To obey God and obey God's will — a way of life. But the Qur'an does not provide all the details, they're left for man to find on his own," Bowering said.

Bowering shattered many contemporary controversial stereotypes surrounding the scripture.

"Scholars want to look back 1,400 years and bring Islam in its earliest incarnation into contemporary beliefs. Fundamentalists fail, ignoring key historical aspects. When natural development fails, violence erupts. Islam has naturally developed over time. Its roots have grown into a magnificent tree, branching all across the world," he said.

He concluded his lecture by stating that the words of the Qur'an must be remembered at all times while searching for the answers to its mysteries.

"There needs to be a peaceful search, not through violence. It needs to be constructive instead of destructive. Stick to the trust in God, because he is ready to show his face and never turn back," he said.

Moot court team preps in hopes of national tournament

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In preparation for regional competitions in November, the Youngstown State University moot court team continues to practice in hopes of another successful season.

The team, consisting of 19 YSU students, will compete in the Great Lakes Regional Tournament at Saginaw Valley State University on Nov. 8 and 9. They will also take part in the Midwest Regional Tournament on Nov. 22 and 23 at the College of Wooster.

Coached by Ron Slipski, Youngstown attorney, the team began practicing in early June and has increased its preparations as the competitions grow closer.

"There's a lot of practice," said team member Mike Goldthwait. "Over the summer, we met every week to study and practice. Once the school year started, we've had meetings twice a week for about an hour and a half."

At these meetings, the team began working towards this year's case problem. It deals with Article II of the Constitution and the fourth amendment.

"The first thing we have to do is read through real Supreme Court cases that have to do with the issue," said Catie Carney, a returning team member. "Basically all of our arguments and all of our research comes from those cases."

To further prepare themselves, the team will soon bring in guest judges to its practices.

"We have Akron law school professors that are coming to judge us," Goldthwait said. "We'll also have a number of different people from around the state legal community come in, and we'll go to the appellate court downtown to practice."

Last year's team was highly successful, sending four YSU teams to the national competition. And while Carney admitted that team was extremely talented, she expects more suc-

cess from this year's team.

"I'd say we're way ahead of where we were last year," Carney said. "It's a good thing, because we know what we need to do in order to get back to nationals."

In addition to Carney and Goldthwait, team members include Lindsey Harrison, Jacob Shriner-Briggs, Andrik Massaro, Stephanie Norton, Donald Schuler, Matt Stevens, Erik Glasgow, Phil Sarnowski, Paul Price, Angie Sortini, Melissa Wasser, Sean Varsho, Rob Miller, Greta Frost, Steve Tolfi, Nick Ramsey and Jen Reghetti.

If the team is successful at regional competitions, members can qualify for the American Collegiate Moot Court Association National Tournament at Arizona State University's Sandra Day O'Connor Law School in Tempe, Arizona on Jan. 17 and 18.

"We're very hopeful that a lot of us will qualify," Goldthwait said.

Another returner is Shriner-Briggs, who placed third in the nation in the individual oral advocacy competition last year.

"We all expect great things out of him as well as the rest of the team," Goldthwait said. "I think we're more prepared now than we've ever been."

While having success is at the forefront, Goldthwait said the sheer experience is priceless.

"It's a fantastical educational opportunity. We're all learning a lot," he said. "A lot of the team is planning on going to law school some day and we're really getting a step up on what we will be doing there."

Carney agreed, adding that moot court has more basic advantages as well.

"It teaches you the ability to speak clearly and with a purpose," she said. "It really teaches you how to speak in a professional manner. That's something that you can't traditionally learn in a classroom setting."

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Americans. As I already knew some of the conference participants, it was in some ways a reunion. Since teaching there in 2011, I developed good friendships with professors and graduate students there who I hadn't seen in person in two years, so it was nice to see them again," he said.

Fuller said that his understanding of the Polish language is limited, but he did gather a great deal of information from the conference.

"From living there, I picked up several phrases in Polish, but certainly not enough to hold a conversation or understand speeches. I did, however, learn a lot academically at this conference. Some of the pa-

pers were explained to me afterwards in English, and I had plenty of time to have good talks with colleagues and meet new people from other Polish universities," Fuller said.

He noted that the experience was very unlike those of North America.

"At one of the receptions, a graduate student was asked by the Tocqueville Center's director [Zbigniew Rau, a famous Polish scholar of John Locke] to give a violin performance in my honor. It should be noted that this is extremely unusual and something that we'd never see happen at a North American conference, but this is Poland, which has delightfully warm people," Fuller said.



Adam Fuller (right) talks to an attendee of the Freedom Conference in Poland. Photo courtesy of Adam Fuller.

At WWII Memorial, veterans pay tribute but question closure

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WASHINGTON — A half-dozen members of Congress clamored in front of cameras to push aside a barricade at the World War II Memorial, where nearly 200 veterans were waiting to enter Wednesday.

The veterans — most of them from Kansas City, many wearing medals won in battle and some in wheelchairs — shook hands and thanked the representatives for ensuring they could see the memorial despite the partial government shutdown. But some also pointedly questioned how Congress could let this happen.

"It's crazy seeing those people out there wanting to come in and not being able to come in," said Ted Gault, from Kansas City, Mo., who served in the Air Force during World War II. "And then you meet the senators or representatives who are out here and they're the ones who are causing the damn problem to start with."

It was Gault's first time seeing the memorial built to honor him and other WWII veterans. The 89-year-old and his son strolled through the granite plaza and reflected at the memorial's fountain, which has been turned off.

The memorial was among the 401 national parks closed because of the partial government shutdown, which began Tuesday. House Republicans have insisted on repeal or delay of the 2010 health care law in return for passing a bill to fund the government. Republicans proposed to appropriate money to reopen the parks and some other popular government offices and services but Democrats refused to agree.

The controversy over access to parks has sparked a backlash, prompting the White House to weigh in and calls for an investigation.

The House Natural Resources Committee on Wednesday



Members of the veterans organization Kansas City Honor Flight watch as a wreath is laid in their honor at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., Wednesday, October 2, 2013. (Keith Lane/MCT)

launched a probe into why the memorials were barricaded. Chairman Doc Hastings, R-Wash., sent a letter to National Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis criticizing the Obama administration's restrictions to the memorials.

"Park Service's decision to barricade the open-air memorials from veterans and other Americans flies in the face of common sense, given their interest in visiting memorials that honor their service and sacrifice to the country," wrote Hastings and Rep. Rob Bishop, R-Utah, chairman of the subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation.

Spokesman Jay Carney defended the White House against accusations that the administration was denying veterans access. Carney said the Department of Interior is making accommodations, likely on First Amendment grounds, to allow future veterans groups to have access to the memorials. He also said Republicans knew the consequences when they approved their budget.

At least two other sets of demonstrators marched and

chanted around the memorial on Wednesday. A former Marine held a large sign that read: "Mr. President/Congress: Tear down this wall," an allusion to President Ronald Reagan's famous Cold War-era remark to Soviet Leader Mikhail Gorbachev. An earlier Honor Flight group was escorted past the barricades on Tuesday, the first day of the shutdown.

More than 3,500 Honor Flights, which bring veterans to the capital to visit memorials, are scheduled for this month, according to the Honor Flight Network, which is funded by donations.

Concerns have grown that an extended shutdown could lead to greater outcry at the National Mall and other parks around the country. During the last government shutdown in 1995, which lasted 28 days, the outcry was so great over national park closures that the Republican governor of Arizona sent National Guard troops to the Grand Canyon in an attempt to keep the park open.

"I literally had hundreds of calls from all over the country from local groups, Boy Scouts,

school parties, which had planned on park visits and had to be turned away at the very entrance to the park," said Bruce Babbitt, who was U.S. Interior Secretary in 1995.

Babbitt added that the closures are likely because of concerns about damage to the monuments. No monuments were damaged in 1995, but concern was high because they did not have the needed security as they did before and after the fur-lough.

"We could not protect the monuments. The monuments are all kind of open, so the lack of protection to historic places of real value is certainly an issue."

The National Park Service said Wednesday it has not tried to stop the veterans from entering the World War II Memorial.

Spokeswoman Carol Johnson said she's unaware of any plan in place to arrest, or even stop, the veterans or any other groups from breaching the federal barriers.

"The memorial is legally closed," she said. "We're asking for cooperation. We're not seeking a confrontation."

The members of Congress on hand to greet the veterans included Reps. Vicky Hartzler, R-Mo.; Mike Pompeo, R-Kan.; and Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn.

Sen. Roy Blunt of Missouri, a member of the Senate Republican leadership who has been critical of the House Republican strategy, also attended. He avoided questions about who was most responsible for the shutdown.

"There is plenty of blame to go around here," Blunt said. "But the memorial, particularly the open memorials like this, could be available to people during the day without any danger to them or the memorial — particularly open to the very veterans who it was built for."

John Doole, president of the Kansas-City based Heartland Honor Flight, said he spent eight hours Tuesday ensuring that the veterans would be able to continue with their tour. He was confident that the group would be allowed on the memorial grounds. But he said Rep. Lynn Jenkins, a Kansas Republican, offered to give the group a personal tour of the Capitol if they were denied.

Many of the veterans had been looking forward to the all-expense-paid trip for months. Bob Butler, 92, of Olathe, Kan., who served on the USS Dayton cruiser, was happy to have the opportunity to come to Washington.

But he said the shutdown was a disappointment. He declined to cast any blame on either party.

He sees the shutdown, partly, as a consequence of living in a democracy where leaders have strong views. But that didn't stop him from poking a little fun at what he sees as Washington's dysfunction before he visited the wreath honoring Missouri veterans.

"They're probably doing a better job here than then they do in the Capitol," he said of the Congress members on hand, chuckling. "But we appreciate what they do for us. And thank goodness if we don't like them we can get somebody else in."

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He and his sister, Amy Sedaris, have collaborated under the name "The Talent Family" and have written half-a-dozen plays, which have been produced at La Mama, Lincoln Center, and The Drama Department in New York City. These plays include *Stump the Host*, *Stitches*, *One Woman Shoe*, which received an Obie Award, *Incident at Colber's Knob*, and *The Book of Liz*, which was published in book form by Dramatists Play Service. David Sedaris's original radio pieces can often be heard on *This American Life*, distributed nationally by Public Radio International and produced by WBEZ. David Sedaris has been nominated for three Grammy Awards for Best Spoken Word and Best Comedy Album. His most recent live album is *David Sedaris: Live For Your Listening Pleasure* (November 2009).

In recognition of the vital role played by the late Leonard T. Skeggs, Sr. in the formation of Youngstown State University, a lecture series was established in 1966 in his memory by the Skeggs Foundation. The late Mr. Skeggs first came to Youngstown in 1919 as Educational Secretary of the YMCA. In 1924, he became General Secretary, a position he held until his death in 1933. Leonard Skeggs believed that Youngstown should have its own college where its young men and women could further their education regardless of race, color, creed, or financial condition. Skeggs not only lived to see his dream realized, but also witnessed many changes in the university during his lifetime. It was Skeggs who prompted Dr. Howard W. Jones to become the first president of the University. He was also instrumental in raising funds for the fledgling school. Through his initial leadership, Youngstown State University has grown to become the large urban university that it is today. The Skeggs Lectures bring to the University outstanding speakers who are the authorities in their respective fields. Lecturers are chosen from any of the arts or sciences on the basis of their education and ability to inspire young people. The lectures provide a fitting tribute to a man who acted on a dream. Leonard T. Skeggs, Sr. brought to Youngstown the opportunity for higher education and helped to build a modern university serving the needs of the region.

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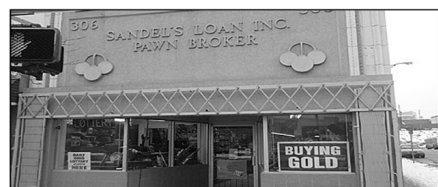
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For Youngstown State University music performance major Zack Weese, music means the world to him.

For the past 10 years, Weese has played the violin and has diligently practiced everyday, so he can fulfill his dreams of becoming a professional violin player.

Weese said he picked the violin for a reason of conformity.

"A group of my friends picked it, so I just went with it," Weese said. "I also picked it, because I like how they usually have the melody in pieces."

Once Weese entered high school, he began to get more serious about his music and earned assistant concertmaster in his high school symphony and chamber orchestras and also won the top senior solo placement for the spring orchestra concert in 2011.

"When I won the senior solo in high school, that's when I knew I wanted to make music for a living," Weese said. "I figured maybe I could make some money doing what I enjoy, and I already am!"

After enrolling at YSU in fall 2011, Weese has been involved in the Dana School of Music's Chamber and Symphony Orchestras, the "Music at Noon" series at the Butler Museum of American Art, and study abroad programs in Arcidosso, Italy and Russia to develop more techniques that he may use in his future.

Weese said that traveling to Arcidosso for a two-week

music festival was one of his favorite experiences so far as an aspiring musician.

"I loved every minute of it," Weese said. "I met so many amazing instrumentalists and worked with some awesome teachers."

Weese also said that some of his favorite experiences are when he has the chance to play with professional symphony orchestras such as the ones of Greenville and Warren and — most recently — the Akron Symphony Orchestra.

Weese said he wouldn't be where he was today without the motivation of John Wilcox, director of the Dana Symphony, Opera and Chamber Orchestras and

someone better," Strasik said. "But you don't do it for the money — you do it because there is nothing else you would rather be doing. I think Zack discovered that before a lot of people."

As for the future, Weese

hopes to either become a soloist, chamber musician or a symphonic musician. Since being accepted into the St. Petersburg Polytechnic University, he hopes to learn more technical aspects to his playing ability.

"I hope to better my musicianship by taking lessons at the Rimsky-Korsakov Conservatory," he said. "I feel like life over there [Russia] may even be a great place for me to go to grad school. We will see where that takes me

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Richard Smrek, his youth symphony conductor.

"They have both done so much for me," he said. "They do so much to keep me focused and couldn't thank them enough."

Patrick Strasik, a childhood friend and classmate of Weese, said Weese has worked tirelessly trying to pursue his goals and dreams of being a concert violinist.

"I think what makes him so successful isn't his musical talent," she said. "But it's his ambition and work ethic which are both limitless."

Strasik said that when Weese decided he wanted to study abroad in Russia, he began to study the Russian language. Within the course of a few months, Weese became proficient in Russian in both an oral and literary context.

"The future for a musician is daunting. No matter how fantastic you are at your craft, there is always



Zack Weese, a Youngstown State University senior, studied Violin in Arcidosso, Italy in summer 2012. Photo Courtesy of Zack Weese.

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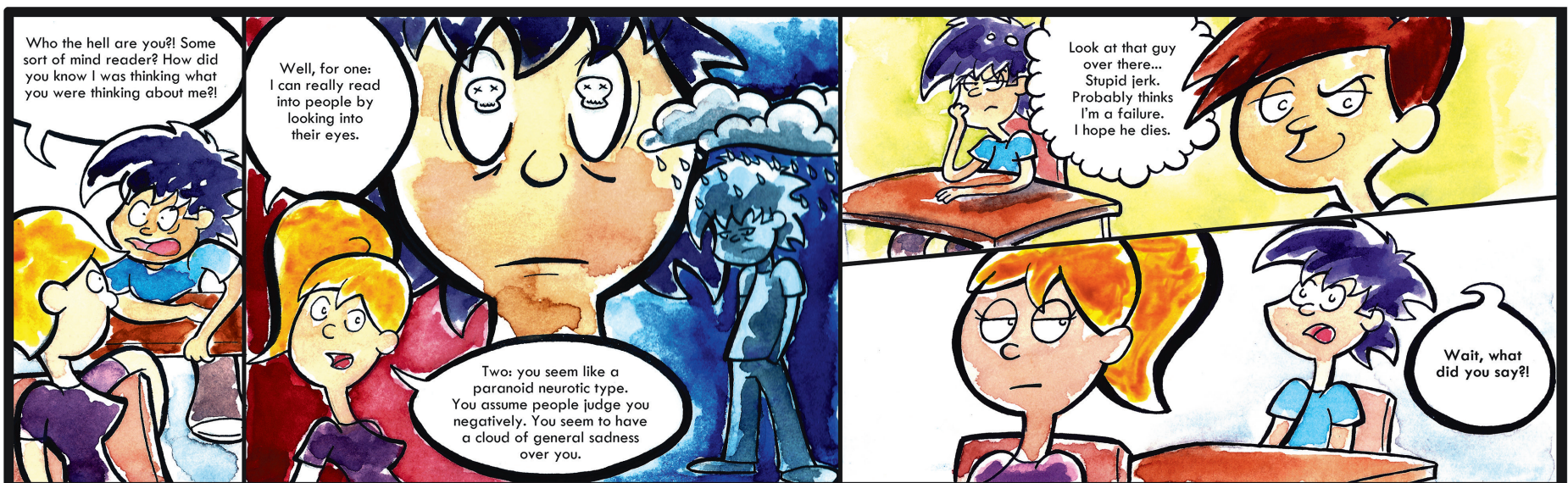
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EDITORIAL

Shut down this shutdown

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At midnight on Oct. 1, after Congress was unable to reach an agreement on a bill that would provide, in essence, funding for the federal government, a significant amount of government functions were shut down. Leading up to this shutdown, the Republican-controlled House added provisions to the bill that would either delay or defund the Affordable Care Act, and the Democrat-controlled Senate, none too pleased with these additions, removed the provisions and sent

the bill back to the House for approval. The House, of course, did not approve, and the battle pursues. Republican Party, man up. Don't get pushed around by a small group of extremist tea partiers. And tea partiers, the time for debate is over. The Affordable Care Act was passed in Congress and deemed constitutional by the Supreme Court. It is law! You are using misdirection and hyperbole to terrify the already nervous American people. Don't attempt to use this crucial budget bill for your own agenda under the guise that you are doing what the American people want.

It should be noted, that this government shutdown is not catastrophic ... yet. Around 800,000 employees are currently furloughed under the shutdown, but this is out of 2.9 million federal civilian employees. Essential departments such as NSA and most of the military are all still at work and nonessential sectors such as NASA are operating on skeleton crews. The more substantial impact of this shutdown is not so easily quantified. It was our ever so pristine ideals of democracy and fairness that took the proverbial bullet when the government closed its doors. Congress is no longer fulfilling its constitutional duty — to

represent Americans — when, according to a CNN poll taken after the shutdown, only 10 percent of Americans now approve of the job Congress is doing. It's this simple — political parties need to stop using money, people's jobs and the basic functions of our government to forward their own political itineraries. This should be a wake up call to everyone and, most importantly, people who think that their vote doesn't matter. When next year's congressional election rolls around, show that this sort of behavior is unacceptable and kick ineffective leaders out of office.

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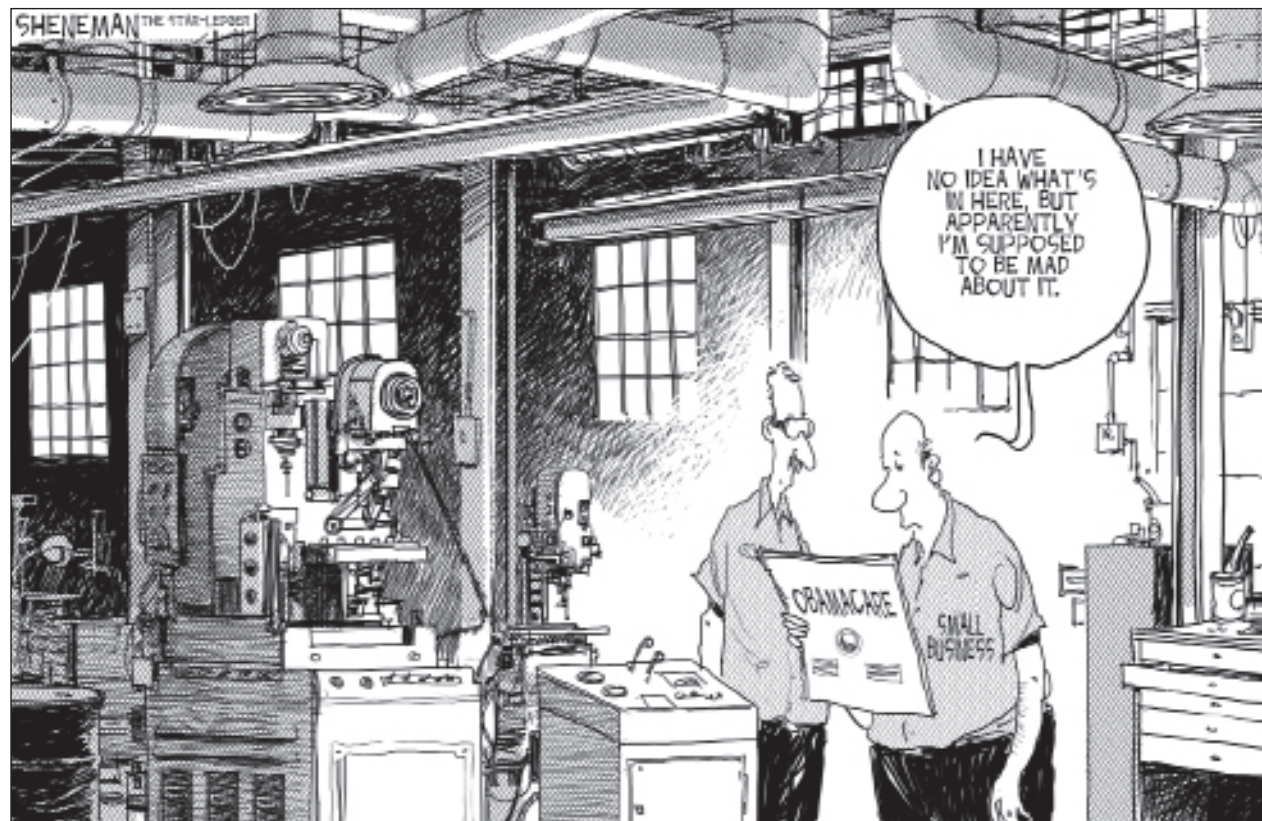
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Not another temper tantrum

The Miami Herald (MCT)

- The government of the most powerful nation in the world came to a standstill at midnight because Congress refused to fund its operations. A right-wing faction of the Republican majority in the House of Representatives insists on defunding the Affordable Care Act in exchange for keeping the government open. Herewith, the Top 10 reasons this is wrong:
10. Law of the land. Opponents tried every which way to kill health-care reform in Congress, but they failed. The bill was signed into law by President Obama in March of 2010. Then critics went the judicial route, saying it would never withstand judicial scrutiny. Wrong. Chief Justice John Roberts, a conservative hero, wrote the key opinion upholding the law.
 9. It actually helps people. The law's main objective was to assist 30 million Americans shut out of health-care insurance because of cost, pre-existing conditions, and a variety of other reasons. This is an undeniable advancement in terms of accessibility and fairness for all Americans.
 8. Defunding not popular. According to a Kaiser Family Foundation poll in August, more Americans have an unfavorable view of the law than those who favor it, by a 42-37 percent margin. But a majority of 57 percent say they disapprove of the idea of cutting off funding as a way to keep the law from being implemented.
 7. Hurts the economy. Some 780,000 federal workers will be furloughed indefinitely. Critical government services will cease. It costs more money to shut the government and open it again than to keep it open. Stock markets decline, personal spending dwindles, faith in the future is clouded.
 6. Waste of time. The Republican majority in the

- House can't impose its will on the government because Democrats control the Senate and the White House. The shutdown tactic amounts to a pointless tantrum, a fight for the sake of having a fight. The key elements of the Affordable Care Act take effect on Oct. 1 no matter what Congress does.
5. Dereliction of duty. Government has an obligation to pay its bills. Shutting it down represents an abject failure to perform a fundamental task by the branch that controls the purse strings. Lawmakers have a duty to try to improve government programs they failed to stop in the legislative process. By taking an all-or-nothing stance on the Affordable Care Act — demanding its elimination and refusing to negotiate on improvements — critics have defaulted on a basic obligation.
 4. No alternative. The ACA is not perfect, as President Obama himself has acknowledged. But what's the alternative? Republicans never made a sincere effort to come up with their own version. That's one big reason ACA is now the law of the land.
 3. Wrong procedure. The appropriate way to stop a law is to not pass it in the first place, or to repeal it. Using the budget process is not the way government should work — and not the way government has worked in the past.
 2. Distraction. The fight over funding healthcare reform has taken valuable time and attention that Congress needs to focus on other pressing issues, like immigration reform and finding a sensible way to reduce the budget deficit and national debt to grow the economy.
 1. Elections have consequences. Sen. Obama was elected in 2008 after campaigning for healthcare reform. Congress approved it in 2010. President Obama championed the controversial law when he ran for reelection in 2012. He won. Elections have consequences.



RINGING OF THE BELL

Penguins look to duplicate last year's performance

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Trailing by 13 points in the fourth quarter at Southern Illinois University on Saturday, Youngstown State University proved that they would never go down.

Whether it was Kurt Hess, senior quarterback, throwing darts or running to keep the game alive, or one defensive stop after another, the Penguins bounced back and won, 28-27 — the program's fourth-best comeback since 2000.

"That was obviously a good win for us, but that was a long time ago," head coach Eric Wolford said. "We talk to our players around here all the time. Are you spending time here or are you investing? We've got to invest today. What are you sacrificing today to make sure you'll have a good feeling on Saturday? Today's a workday."

The Penguins (4-1, 1-0) look to ride that momentum into Indiana State University on Saturday, the second consecutive conference road game for YSU.

When mentioning the Sycamores (1-3, 0-0), the first thing that pops to mind is senior running back Shakir Bell. He missed two games this season due to a separated shoulder. Yet, in the two games he's played, Bell has rushed for 314 yards, an average of 194.5 yards per game.

He ran for 201 yards on 25 carries and scored two touch-

downs (one rushing and one receiving) in a 38-37 loss at Tennessee Tech University on Saturday. Bell is also 228 yards from breaking the school record of 4,335 yards set by Vincent Allen from 1973-77.

"Offensively, we all know who Mr. Bell is," Wolford said. "I think the thing with Bell is that he's obviously very explosive. He's hard to find behind those big offensive linemen. When he gets to the second level, he's very good at making people miss in the open space."

Bell struggled against the Penguins last year. He rushed 18 times for 54 yards and no touchdowns in a 27-6 YSU victory on Nov. 17, the season finale.

"I'm sure he has a chip on his shoulder from last year, because we held him," Dom Rich, senior linebacker, said. "I'm sure we're going to get his best shot this year. He's shifty, he's fast and he works hard."

For the Penguins, their leading rusher is still freshman tailback Martin Ruiz. YSU rushed for 132 yards on Saturday against a stout SIU defense, and Ruiz had 87, including 46 yards in the fourth quarter. He has 350 rushing yards overall and eight touchdowns (seven rushing) this year.

"He's definitely somebody that I'm getting more and more comfortable with," Hess said. "He's a great young back, and I'm glad I'm with him."

Ruiz's performance against the Salukis helped fool the defense with play action, which allowed Hess to throw for 258

yards and four touchdowns. He was named the Missouri Valley Football Conference's Offensive Player of the Week. He also rushed five times for 27 yards.

"Kurt's playing at a really high level, and that's what we expect," Wolford said. "If we can give him some time, and if we run the right route, he can do some things."

Along with Hess, junior safety Donald D'Alesio was named the MVFC's Defensive Player of the Week.

With five school records already, Hess can break two — possibly three — more on Saturday. He stands six passing yards shy of Tom Zetts' record of 7,728 yards.

Hess is also 21 yards away from Zetts' career total offensive yards of 8,277. The third possibility is that Hess is 36 completions away from breaking another record set by Zetts (654).

Wolford was hesitant in saying that Hess could become the best quarterback in YSU history and will leave the decision up to the media.

"You guys are the judges. You guys hold that little hammer that you get to bang around," he said. "We'll see where he is at the end of the year. Records and all that kinds of stuff — he'll tell you that that stuff doesn't matter."

"Who cares about records? That's something you get to talk about when you're older with your kids. Right now it's about preparing today to beat Indiana State."



Kurt Hess, senior quarterback, leads the five captains on the field at Southern Illinois University on Saturday. Hess will lead the captains again against Indiana State University this Saturday. Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

Five for Fighting

Penguins ride momentum into conference play

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Sitting, and anxious to get back on the court, junior middle blocker Shannon Watson tried to stay as positive as possible, though it was never the easiest thing.

She missed the first six games due to a strained left abdominal injury and later tore it during preseason.

"It was hard mentally to just cheer from the sidelines," Watson said. "I think it helped me realize what I needed to do, and it just made me fight harder to get my spot back."

Watson got support from her Youngstown State University teammates, including senior middle blocker Nichele Johnson who is also her roommate.

"I think she's a big part of the team, especially being in the middle like me," Johnson said. "We're just power hitters and are able to block."

Watson made her debut against Arizona State University on Sept. 12 in the Illini Classic and admitted that she was rusty.

"Coming out in my debut against a big team like that, it was intimidating, but I knew it wasn't going to be my best game," she said. "It was hard not to baby it so much."

"At first, I was afraid that I was going to reinjure it, waiting for that pull again, but I never felt it. That just gave me the confidence to keep swinging away."

Not only did Watson play rusty, but the rest of the team did as well, losing 3-0 in the midst of a four-game losing streak. Then, Sept. 17 came.

The Penguins fell to Bowling Green State University, 3-0, and were embarrassed in every facet of the game imaginable. By that point, YSU lost its sixth game out of the previous seven and were 4-7 overall.

That one game has changed the entire 2013 season up to this point.

"I think they were so embarrassed by their performance [that] there was a different attitude in the gym the next week that we had practice," head coach Mark Hardaway said. "I really think Bowling Green was our worst performance of the year, and I think that really brought all of the points that we've been trying to make come together."

Since that game, the Penguins have won five in a row, including a 3-1 victory over Kent State University on Tuesday at Beeghly Center, YSU's final non-conference opponent.

The Penguins (9-7) cruised through the first two sets and looked to sweep the Flashes (7-8). Then, KSU rallied back and defeated the Penguins, 27-25, in the third set. Hardaway said he was worried about the third set going into the locker room at halftime.

"They were going to come out at some point and make a push," Hardaway said. "All of a sudden, they were digging everything and taking harder swings. You've got to be able to stand that, and we just didn't."

The Penguins kept their heads about them and defeated KSU, 25-20, in the fourth set to earn their ninth victory.

"I think the amount of seniors and upperclassmen that we have, the experience we have on this team, helps us in tight-game situations," Watson said. "I think that's what helped us tonight. We knew not to let up on them."



Junior Shannon Watson attempts a kill against Kent State University on Tuesday. Watson tied a team-high 12 kills in the Penguins' 3-1 victory. Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

During the five-game winning streak, the Penguins have won 15-3 overall heading into conference play. YSU got a taste of Horizon League play on Friday, defeating Cleveland State University, 3-0, at home. They will face new HL member Oakland University on Friday.

Throughout the shaking-off-the-rust stage, Watson started Tuesday night and tied senior Missy Hundelt with a team-high of 12 kills.

Watson has earned a spot back in the lineup, and that makes her teammates around her fight to regain their spots as Watson did during her rehabilitation stage. It makes practice more competitive, which was something lost during some of the early season defeats.

"We really missed that versatility," Hardaway said. "She was really rusty when she came back, and she's starting to get back into sync. I think it helps to have another attacker who's capable of making big runs."

"Another thing we're stressing is being very competitive in practice and having people on our team that can start for other conference teams is what's going to help us get to our goal."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Sophomore places at Cleveland State University Invitational

On Tuesday, sophomore golfer Brandon Pluchinsky placed in the top 10 for the first time in his career at the Cleveland State University Invitational. Pluchinsky finished ninth with a three-round total of 214, featuring a first-round of 67 with 73 and 74 in the second and third rounds respectively. As a team, YSU finished eighth out of 13 teams.

Hess one of 170 NFF Campbell Trophy semifinalists

Kurt Hess, Youngstown State University senior quarterback, is among 170 semifinalists for the 2013 William V. Campbell Trophy — an award in which an individual is recognized as the top scholar-athlete in all of college football. In his four years at YSU, Hess has 7,723 career passing yards, 8,206 yards total offense, 618 completions and 654 attempts. Hess is one of 46 FCS players who are a candidate for the award. The National Football Foundation chose the 170 candidates for the 2013 NFF National Scholar-Athlete Awards. Nominees are also on the list of semifinalists for the Campbell Trophy.

Tennis development clinic on Saturday

On Saturday, members of the Youngstown State University men's and women's tennis teams will host a development clinic from 10 a.m. to noon and again at 1-3 p.m. The clinic is for ages 5-18 and is open to the public, including children of YSU students, faculty and staff. The cost is \$30 per hour with all proceeds going to benefit the YSU tennis programs. Registration will be open until Friday and participants must bring their own rackets and shoes.