

New exhibit reflects disasters the Valley has faced

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The Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor has opened a new exhibition that focuses on some of the hardest times the Mahoning Valley has endured.

The “Disasters in the Mahoning Valley History” exhibit was developed and directed by students of Youngstown State University’s Museum Curation and Interpretation class.

The free exhibit was opened in October and will continue until Dec. 31. The project features four significant disasters that left a scar on the area and was spearheaded by Donna DeBlasio, a professor within the university’s history department.

“The exhibit looks at four disasters in Mahoning Valley History: the 1913 flood, the 1950 snowstorm, the 1985 tornado and Black Monday in 1977,” DeBlasio said.

DeBlasio said that an enormous amount of information was gathered and sifted through before it could come to life.

“Photos are from the collections of the Ohio Historical Society’s Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor and the archives of the Youngstown Vindicator. Research was done using various sources, including newspapers and oral history interviews,” she said.

DeBlasio indicated that although all of the disasters took a considerable toll on the area’s economic development, it was Black Monday in 1977 that most significantly damaged the area’s economy.

“At the time these disasters occurred, they certainly impacted the community in terms of recovering from the damage caused by them,” DeBlasio said. “However, Black Monday, which is the day the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company announced the closing of the Campbell Works, was the most devastating in terms of the region’s economy, since it was the beginning of the end of the demise of the steel industry.”

Martha Bishop, a library assistant for the Youngstown Historical Society’s Office of Archives, worked with the



A statue of a steel mill worker outside of the Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor. An exhibit on disasters in the Mahoning Valley began on Oct. 23 and includes information on Black Monday, when thousands of steel workers in the Valley were laid off. Photo by Frank George / The Jambar.

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Jadun calls closing of ITC a ‘mistake’

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On Dec. 3, the faculty-assisting Instructional Technology Center in the Beeghly College of Education will be discontinued.

The ITC has been present for 16 years, providing Youngstown State University faculty members training and support with the use of educational technology. Specifically, the center provides guidance for Blackboard, the YSU online course management program.

Mohammad Jadun, director of the ITC for the past 11 years, called the decision “one of the biggest mistakes” YSU could make.

“As big as we are, it will have a terrible effect on the quality of instructions that the teachers will deliver to students,” Jadun said. “In a time where things are moving to digital work — to technology — pulling support from the faculty regarding technology will be the biggest mistake of the administration.”

The removal of the ITC is a result of the university’s recent budget cuts. Ken Schindler, YSU’s associate vice president and chief technology officer, said it was a difficult decision, but one that had to be made.

“I know Mohammed would disagree, and I respect his opinion, but I felt that the ITC and that position is not as necessary as some others,” Schindler said.

Jadun said from a technological standpoint, YSU will be digressing.

“Once they pull the center, they will be going back 16 years,” he said. “The result will be that all the effort we did in the past to bring instruction into technology levels that responds to all three learning styles will be eliminated. Eventually, the people will be frustrated because there’s no help, and they will waste tons of time.”

Jadun recently compiled statistics showing the importance of the ITC.

From Jan. 1 to June 30, the center dealt with 610 faculty emails, 427 phone calls and 273 Blackboard course requests. It also provided Blackboard workshops to 61 faculty members and served 39 one-on-one appointments.

“They’ll end up going back to the type of courses that only will be a minimum of uploading a syllabus or handouts,” Jadun said. “No multimedia stuff will be included. There will be no programs for the new faculty because workshops will be cut out.”

Jadun also predicts part-time faculty members will suffer the most.

“They use [the ITC room] as office space — printing, working and many other things — but that will be eliminated too,” he said. “There will be no place for them to prepare.”

However, Schindler disagrees that YSU will digress. As a solution for losing the ITC, technological services will be dispersed throughout

the university’s departments.

“I made those choices [of eliminating the ITC] based on where I thought we could shift some responsibilities around and still provide a good baseline of services,” Schindler said.

The Tech Desk will handle basic Blackboard questions, while Classroom Technology Services will address the more complicated concerns. Meanwhile, content development questions and training will be referred to the Office of Distance Education.

Furthermore, Information Technology Services will be the primary liaison between YSU and Blackboard, and training videos will be made available as well. Also, Blackboard will undergo upgrades and enhancements throughout November and December for easier use.

“I have my opinion that it will be effective,” Schindler said. “How effective is a qualitative measure that I won’t be able to tell for a semester or two afterwards.”

Jadun predicts it will take only three months for the administration to realize the negative effects of losing the ITC.

For example, he said the tutorial videos — which he created — will soon become obsolete because they won’t be continually updated.

“The problem is that Schindler is not faculty-oriented,” Jadun said. “He’s a technical person. He does not know how the faculty needs help — the type of needs.”

Shipka speaker captivates campus with ‘Doubt’

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On Tuesday, Jennifer Michael Hecht, author of “Doubt: A History” and professor of literature at The New School University, lectured at Youngstown State University on the concept of doubt throughout human history.

The speech was held in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center and was funded by the department of philosophy and religious studies. It was part of the Dr. Thomas and Albert Shipka Speaker Series at YSU, which brings two speakers each year to address issues central to modern living. The lecture Hecht presented focused on several different concepts from her book.

Hecht has authored three volumes of poetry and four books of history, and teaches creative writing at New York University and literature in the Masters of Fine Arts program at The New School University.

She started her lecture with an explanation on the beliefs of some of the ancient doubters throughout world history, focusing on the biblical stories of Ecclesiastes and Job.

“They were both taken as atheist tracts that could be read. Job was a story about fairness and the idea of a providential God, and a sense of right and wrong. He questioned human existence, how we all got here and how everything works. Ecclesiastes was dismissive of knowledge, and asked how a dog and a man die separately,” Hecht said.

She explained that Christianity was a “leap of faith” religion throughout the history of doubt.

“There is really no belief in Christianity. The idea is that you show up and do the right behavior. They call this the ‘leap of faith’ because you’re leaping over rational thought, and since the Christian religion has advanced, you never saw this in the ancient world,” she said.

Hecht also explained the concept of poetic atheism, and how it is not necessarily dependent on science.

“The climate in atheism right now has suggested a certain kind of tension. As I go around and give talks and meet different people, I’ve been talking about what I call poetic atheism. It’s an alternative, in a sense, to an atheism that rallies only to science. Science is profoundly cultural. It makes more sense to honor community,” Hecht said.

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students in helping to identify materials for the Society's collections. She said the exhibit is important because it preserves vital local history.

"There is always a new generation, or people from other geographic regions, who are interested and eager to understand the local history and roots of their community. Preserving this local history, and sharing the root stories of our community is our mission," Bishop said.

She also indicted that the exhibit already has people talking.

"This exhibit resonates with patrons. I have already heard conversations beginning, 'I remember...' or 'Where were you when...' and 'Wow, is this...?' Patrons are responding to the opportunity to share their stories with others, and this is the goal: to pass

on our stories and shared history," Bishop said.

DeBlasio said she enjoyed working on the project and is always working with museums on preserving the history of labor and industry.

"The topic was selected because Disasters in Ohio History is this year's theme for Archives month, which is selected by the Society of Ohio Archivists, so we decided to look at local disasters. We are always doing new temporary exhibits at the museums focusing on topics related to industrial and labor history," DeBlasio said.

On Wednesday November 6, DeBlasio and her class will be opening a traveling exhibit from the Smithsonian called "Journey Stories," which looks at the impact of immigration and migration.



A Dodge Stratus caught fire Wednesday across from Williamson Hall on Wood Street. The Youngstown Fire Department promptly extinguished the fire by 11:30 a.m. No one was present in the car when it ignited, no pedestrians were injured and no surrounding cars were damaged. The cause of the fire is not yet known. Photo by Dustin Livesay/The Jambar.

Pro-pot forces are out to legalize in 13 more states by 2017

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WASHINGTON — Buoyed by their success at the polls Tuesday, marijuana backers say they will now try to get the drug fully legalized in 13 more states by 2017.

They would join Colorado and Washington state, which voted last year to allow pot sales for recreational use.

The drive to legalize won considerable new momentum across the country on Election Day as voters in three states approved pro-pot measures.

Portland, Maine, became the first East Coast city to legalize marijuana. Colorado approved a 25 percent tax on pot. Voters in the Michigan cities of Lansing, Jackson and Ferndale decided to remove all penalties for possession.

Portland voters opted to allow residents to possess up to 2.5 ounces of marijuana. The campaign ignited controversy after proponents spent \$2,500 to buy pro-pot billboards on city buses and in bus shelters.

"Most Portlanders, like most Americans, are fed up with our nation's failed marijuana laws," said David Boyer, the Maine political director of the Marijuana Policy Project, a pro-legalization group.

While the measure won easily in Maine's largest city, it may be more difficult for pro-pot forces to win across the state. Legalization backers hope to get the issue on the statewide ballot in 2016.

Officials with Project SAM (Smart Approaches to Marijuana), an opposition group led by former U.S. Rep. Patrick Kennedy, D-R.I., said they planned to launch a statewide affiliate to gear up for the vote.

"Maine is on the brink of creating a massive marijuana industry that will inevitably target teens and other vulnerable populations," Kennedy, the group's national chairman, said in a statement. "Misconceptions about marijuana are becoming more and more prevalent."

Kennedy said it was time "to clear the smoke and get the facts out about this drug."

With a Gallup Poll released last month finding that 58 percent of Americans now back legalization, supporters are confident that more states will jump on the bandwagon.

Maine is among the 13 states targeted for full-scale legalization by the Marijuana Policy Project. The group said it would try to get legalization on the ballot in seven states and work to get state legislatures to pass it in the other six.

If a petition drive succeeds, Alaska

voters are expected to consider legalization first, in 2014. In 2016, the group will try to get the issue on the ballot in Arizona, California, Maine, Massachusetts, Montana and Nevada.

They'll try to get state legislators to do the job in Delaware, Hawaii, Maryland, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

Tuesday's votes were the first ballot initiatives since last November, when Colorado and Washington state approved tax-and-regulate sales plans that will take effect next year.

In Colorado, voters gave the green light to a 25 percent pot tax that comprises a 15 percent excise tax to pay for school construction and a 10 percent tax to pay for enforcement.

"Colorado is demonstrating to the rest of the nation that it is possible to end marijuana prohibition and successfully regulate marijuana like alcohol," said Mason Tvert, the communications director for the Marijuana Policy Project in Denver.

Tvert said the measure would raise millions of dollars each year for the state's schools, instead of having the money diverted to drug dealers. He said it was "only a matter of time" before other states would adopt similar plans.

Many cities in Colorado already are eyeing marijuana as a possible source

of revenue and are considering ballot measures that would impose local taxes on retail pot sales.

So far, nine U.S. cities or towns have voted to legalize marijuana or to remove penalties for possession, according to the Marijuana Policy Project.

In Michigan on Tuesday, voters in Lansing, Jackson and Ferndale joined Detroit and Flint, where residents decided last year to remove all penalties for adult possession.

In Colorado, the municipalities of Denver, Breckenridge and Nederland had voted to do away with penalties before the entire state voted last year to allow recreational use, beginning this Jan. 1.

To fight the efforts, Project SAM officials said they wanted to warn the public that legalization could create a "Big Marijuana" tobacco-style industry. They said it was time to have an "adult conversation" about health effects and the possibility of increased drug addiction among teens.

That discussion is already underway in Maine.

"This is not about demonizing or legalizing marijuana, but rather educating the public about the most misunderstood drug in the state," said Scott Gagnon, who will serve as Maine's coordinator for Project SAM.

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School Psychology program to host info sessions

The School Psychology program at YSU will be hosting information sessions in November for students interested in psychology. The sessions will be held at noon on Nov. 14 in the Bresnahan Suite and on Nov. 20 in the Gallery Room — both rooms are located in Kilcawley Center. More information can be found on the program's website at <http://web.yosu.edu/bcoe/schoolpsychology> or through Richard VanVoorhis, graduate program director, at extension 3266.

Hecht then focused on how Thomas Jefferson was one of the great doubters in history.

"He was one of my favorites. Jefferson said 'To fix reason firmly in her seat, and call to her tribunal every fact, every opinion, and to question with boldness even the existence of a God,'" Hecht said.

Hecht concluded her lecture by explaining that people are not individuals, and re-

quire rituals in their lives.

"I don't see a near end to faith. Our human experience is weird, and there are always going to be people who idealize that. Life requires some ritual; we don't exist as individuals. In all contexts, doubt can be a good thing," Hecht said.

The audience was captivated by Hecht's lecture, and many stayed to ask her questions. Dr. Keith Lepak, professor of political science at

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YSU, said that he enjoyed the speaker and offered some of his own views on top of hers.

"She wasn't what I would call a hard-boiled atheist because she made these distinctions about people at the beginning, and she also understands that doubt, even within a religious context, can be a way of engaging further in religion," he said.

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Supreme Court weighs whether praying before governing is legal

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WASHINGTON — Supreme Court justices who started work Wednesday with a public exhortation that “God save” the court wrestled with claims that legislative prayers violate the First Amendment.

In a closely watched case that tests government entanglement with religion, conservative justices bluntly showed support for public prayer. Liberal justices, while worrying about citizens feeling coerced by prayers conducted before public sessions, likewise voiced doubts about how the government can readily determine which prayers are acceptable and which are not.

“I don’t think this is an easy question. I think it’s hard,” Justice Elena Kagan acknowledged. “Part of what we are trying to do here is to maintain a multi-religious society in a peaceful and harmonious way. And every time the court gets involved in things like this, it seems to make the problem worse rather than better.”

The tenor of the hourlong oral argument in the case called *Town of Greece v. Galloway* suggested that the justices, although divided, are likely to reverse an appeals court and uphold the

town’s policy of starting legislative sessions with public prayers. The biggest question appears to be what guidelines the court sets for judging future prayer challenges.

“You hear the resistance of some members of the court to sitting as arbiters of what’s sectarian and nonsectarian,” Justice Sonia Sotomayor told the attorney who was arguing for more restrictions on prayers before public meetings, “and I join some skepticism as to knowing exactly where to draw that line.”

Greece, a town of 96,000 near Rochester, N.Y., has opened its monthly town board meetings since 1999 with prayers delivered by local clergy and volunteers. During the first nine years, every public prayer was led by a Christian.

Two residents — one a Jew, the other an atheist — sued in 2008. The two women, Susan Galloway and Linda Stephens, noted that town residents attending the board meetings must sit through the prayers.

“It coerces the people who are about to stand up and ask for something from the board,” attorney Douglas Laycock told the court Wednesday.

Conservative justices dismissed the idea.

“What exactly is coercive in this environment? Having to sit and listen to this prayer?” Chief Justice John Roberts Jr. asked rhetorical-

ly. “They’re asked to participate, but not in any tangible way. Everybody’s just sitting there.”

Justice Antonin Scalia, one of six Roman Catholics on the court, was even more explicit in articulating support for prayer.

“People who have religious beliefs ought to be able to invoke the deity when they are acting as citizens,” Scalia said. “It seems to me that when they do that, so long as all groups are allowed to be in, it seems to me an imposition upon them to stifle the manner in which they invoke their deity.”

Since Galloway and Stephens sued, the town has broadened its offerings, with one session opened by a Wiccan priestess. Nonetheless, an appellate court ruled last year that a “reasonable observer” would consider the town’s prayer program “an endorsement of a particular religious viewpoint.”

In 1983, the Supreme Court decided that opening legislative sessions with prayers didn’t violate the First Amendment. Under the ruling, called *Marsh v. Chambers*, legislative prayer is prohibited only if the government acts with “impermissible motive” in selecting prayer-givers or uses the prayers to promote one religion or denigrate another.

The Senate and the House of Representatives have opened their daily sessions

with prayers for more than 200 years. The court itself kicked off the oral argument with a public exhortation that “God save the United States and this honorable court.”

“The history of this country from its very founding has recognized the propriety of legislative prayer,” attorney Thomas G. Hungar, representing the town of Greece, told the court Wednesday.

Justice Anthony Kennedy, the potential swing vote, stressed doubts about the wisdom of requiring gov-

ernment officials to wade through prayer specifics to ensure that no particular sect or denomination is being promoted, warning that it “involves the state very heavily in the censorship and the approval or disapproval of prayers.”

Justice Clarence Thomas, as is his custom, was the only one of the court’s nine justices not to speak or ask questions during the oral argument.

A decision is expected by the end of June.

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University Theater 'revues' and celebrates 50 years



Performers from the Youngstown State University Theater sing and dance to the classic Broadway hit "Big Spender." Photo by Gabrielle Fellows/The Jambar.

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Each year, the Youngstown State University Theater produces a musical to open its musical theater season. However, this season, the department of theater and dance decided to dedicate a musical revue to the theater's 50 years worth of performances and history.

"A Musical Commemoration: Celebrating 50 Years of University Theater" will include songs from productions such as "How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," "West Side Story," "Guys 'n Dolls," and "Chicago."

Rebecca Anderson, assistant director of the anniversary celebration, said that she and three other seniors helped pick the theme of the fall play, which also doubles as their senior project.

"The thought started over a year ago," Anderson said. "Each of us were given a different decade to do, and then we made a complete list

of what songs we wanted to have featured in the show from that list."

The cast of 18 began preparing and rehearsing for this production at the beginning of the semester. Anderson said the process of producing the play was very different than other productions that she has directed.

"It is very different because everything in the play is out of context," she said. "Instead of acts, the show goes through different themes including friendship, romance, heartache, money and power."

The cast and crew have also had a different experience producing the play than they have with any production they have been in before.

Matthew Malloy, junior and cast member, said that putting together the play was a lot harder than other productions he has been in.

"We had a minimal rehearsal time and there are so many songs in the show to learn," Malloy said. "There are also a lot of big dance numbers, too, so not only do we have to know the song, we have to know the dance

too." Ashley Whited, junior and assistant lighting designer, said practices could be a challenge.

"It's a revue, so it's a compilation of different plays," Whited said. "Even though the characters have one set costume, they have to differentiate their characters, and it can sometimes be a challenge to portray the different characters with the same actors."

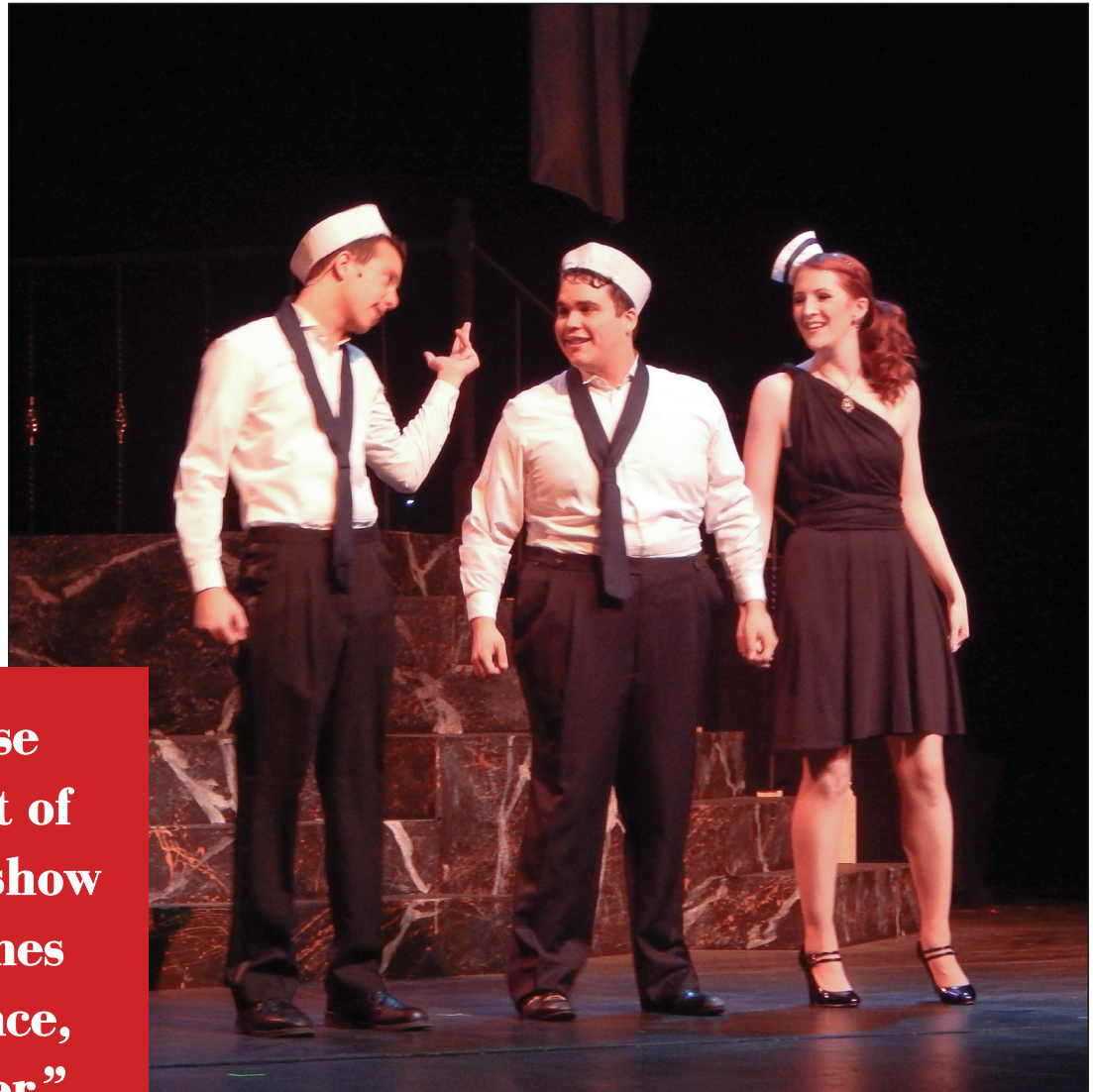
The goal of the play is to provide audiences with the joys University Theater has brought to the community and campus over the past 50 years and also to celebrate those who are graduating in the program.

Anderson said that directing the play was bittersweet for her.

"It's a nice send off for me," Anderson said. "It's good to see a big collaborative production like this. I

couldn't have asked for a better cast and crew, so I'm really excited for everyone to come see it."

"A Musical Commemoration: Celebrating 50 Years of University Theater" will premiere Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Ford Theater in Bliss Hall. The musical will run through Nov. 17 with matinee performances at 2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets for YSU students are free, and tickets to the public cost \$10.



(Left to right) Joseph Alvey, John Cruz, Kelly Sullivan practice for the revue during dress rehearsal. The salute to 50 years of theater will premier Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Ford Theater in Bliss Hall. Photo by Gabrielle Fellows/The Jambar.

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Veal and friends
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Knox Building

EDITORIAL

#Gameday2YSU

Tuesday night — or probably sometime during the day — the hashtag Gameday2YSU started popping up around the Twitterverse. Youngstown State University students — including football players — began tweeting at ESPN College Gameday, its hosts Kirk Herbstreit and Lee Corso and others. The goal is simple — to get ESPN's College Gameday to come to Youngstown and Stambaugh Stadium for the game against North Dakota State University on Nov. 16.

Why would the premier college football pregame show come to The Ice Castle?

Because this is a big game. This is the biggest game YSU will play this season, with perhaps the exception of a playoff game that is visible on the horizon.

NDSU is currently ranked No. 1 in the Football Championship Subdivision and — barring a loss to an Illinois State University team that lost to YSU, 59-21, in October — will be in that same position a week from Saturday. NDSU beat Kansas State, 24-21, in Manhattan, Kan. to start the season. If you remove that game against Kansas State and a 24-23 squeaker against Northern Iowa, their average margin of victory is 33.16 points. That's a lot. NDSU isn't just winning. For the most part, they

are dominating.

But this isn't just about the NDSU Bison — or, as they like to pronounce it, “bye-zin.” This is about YSU football. This is about the Red and White waving over the field. This is about YSU looking at their first playoff spot since 2006. This is about Eric Wolford returning to his hometown to lead them to the Promised Land. This is about the best team Youngstown has seen in a good while.

Right now, YSU is ranked eighth in the FCS Coaches Poll. With a win over Northern Iowa and a loss or two by teams ahead of them, that could be transformed into a top five ranking. A top five matchup is a lucrative prospect that should turn even the most casual fan into a raving lunatic.

To top it all off, it's YSU's Hall of Fame induction. Jim Tressel, the former coach who led YSU to four national titles in the 90s, will be there. So will former football players Darnell Clark, Tom Harder and LeVar Greene.

That's why College Gameday should come to Youngstown. A matchup between the defending national champions and a potentially top 5 team should be enough to get ESPN's attention.

But we don't care about NDSU's defense of the title they earned a season ago, do we?

Hell no.

We care about making our own case for being national title contenders. We care about avenging last year's “Failure in Fargo” and the heartbreak it brought to what was then the best shot YSU had at the playoffs in recent memory. We care about standing up to and beating the team that everyone has decided is the best in the land, from sea to shining sea.

This is your chance, YSU. Make your voices heard.

Tweet, Facebook, Instagram, Vine, email — whatever way you can tell ESPN that this game matters and is worthy of their coverage; Do it. #Gameday2YSU.

Do it now. Do it often. Grab ESPN by its metaphorical collar and tell it to its face that it should be at the Ice Castle on Nov. 16 to cover the YSU/NDSU game.

And if they don't listen, so what?

This is our moment. Show up to Stambaugh Stadium anyway. Be loud. Be the loudest noise that North Dakota State has heard in their lives. Fill those 20,630 seats. And when those are filled, be outside the stadium making just as much noise as the people inside. Make this a hostile environment. Show, not just NDSU, but this team and this city that we are a force to be reckoned with. Make the Bison afraid of what this team can do.

This is our year. Go ‘Guins!

Death by drone shows the enormous value of this high-tech warfare

Chicago Tribune
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Last week a U.S. drone strike killed Pakistan's Public Enemy No. 1, Hakimullah Mehsud, the vicious leader of the Pakistan Taliban.

Mehsud led a terror network blamed for the deaths of thousands of Pakistani civilians in suicide bombings. He was linked to the 2009 attack on a CIA base in Afghanistan that killed seven agency operatives. He was linked to the 2010 attempt to set off a car bomb in Times Square. The FBI had a \$5

million bounty on him.

The U.S. drone program has come under enormous pressure from critics who say it claims innocent victims. President Barack Obama has vowed to provide more transparency in how targets are chosen and more accountability for strikes. But the death of Mehsud shows the enormous value of this high-tech warfare. An international threat who was most likely beyond the reach of conventional troops has been felled. His predecessor met the same fate by the same means.

Pakistan's leaders de-

nounced the U.S. strike as a violation of their country's sovereignty. The drone campaign is unpopular in Pakistan, making it an easy target for Pakistani pols. But the politicians' outrage appears to be for public consumption.

The Washington Post recently reported that “despite all the denunciations, top officials in Pakistan's government have for years secretly endorsed the program and routinely received classified briefings on strikes and casualty counts. ... Pakistan's tacit approval of the drone program has been one of the more poorly kept inter-

national security secrets in Washington and Islamabad.”

Since the death of Mehsud, the world has heard too few Pakistani voices like that of Zafar Jaspal, a professor of international relations at an Islamabad university. “If criminals are being eliminated by drones, we should not turn them into heroes,” he told The Wall Street Journal. “The government is giving the impression that a disaster has happened.”

Case in point: Pakistan's interior minister, Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan, who accused the U.S. of sabotaging nascent government peace

talks with the Taliban via the drone strike. Khan described Mehsud's death as “the murder of all efforts at peace.”

A blow to peace? Since 2006, Pakistan's leaders have announced many peace deals with the Taliban terrorists in the volatile Waziristan tribal region. Over and over, these attempts have collapsed, each time giving insurgents a chance to regroup, rearm and replenish their ranks.

The Taliban vow revenge. They promise to anoint a new leader. The job is likely to come with a short-term contract.

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In the real world, everyone spies on everyone else

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I guess it's not surprising that nobody in Berlin got the joke Barack Obama told on his visit in 2008, when he pledged to a wildly cheering crowd that his election would mean a new era of “allies who will listen to each other.” True, the president's sense of comic timing needs some fine-tuning: It took five years for him to deliver the punch line — that he'd be doing his listening on an NSA tap of German Prime Minister Angela Merkel's cell phone. But give him a break — it took three seasons before anybody thought Seinfeld was funny, too.

Merkel, predictably, was a real crankypants about the whole thing. “Spying among friends is not at all acceptable against anyone,” she said stiffly. But she wasn't the only foreign leader to react angrily to reports of U.S. spying on its allies released by disaffected NSA computer jockey Edward Snowden.

In France, Spain and Mexico, U.S. ambassadors were called in to be administered 40 diplomatic lashes. Brazil asked for help from the United Nations. European Parliament President Martin Schulz said that American intelligence was “out of control” and British Prime Minister David Cameron agreed that was a “good and sensible” judgment.

Yet an odd silence surrounds some of the other disclosures from Snowden and his allies at WikiLeaks. The holier-than-thou-yanks Cameron had nothing to say about the news that the GCHA — the British version of the NSA — earlier this year launched a hacking attack on Belgium's British intelligence agency.

And mum's the word in Paris and Berlin when it comes to a leaked U.S. diplomatic cable in which a leading German aerospace executive declares that French intelligence is stealing Germany blind: “France is the evil empire in stealing technology, and Germany knows this.”

Plenty of genuine outrages have been uncovered by the blizzard of leaks about the rampant growth of the U.S. surveillance state. The fact that we spy on our allies is not one of them. Governments — all governments — have a voracious appetite for information about one another, one that is checked only by the availability of resources. If we collect more intelligence about our friends than they do about us, it's not because they aren't trying.

A Defense Department study of spies captured and convicted in the United States between 1947 and 2001 showed that 15 percent of them were working for countries that were considered either neutral or U.S. allies. Among them were Great Britain, France, South Korea, the Netherlands, Taiwan, Israel, Japan, Greece, South Africa, the Philippines and El Salvador.

And remember, those are just the spies who were arrested, only a tiny part of the intelligence landscape. Espionage — particularly commercial espionage, in which other countries try to steal sensitive technology — may be one of our biggest growth industries. A 2005 report by the National Counterintelligence Executive, an association of all the U.S. government agencies charged with protecting the nation from foreign espionage, showed that 108 different countries tried to steal American technology during the previous year. Nor are we talking about people

trying to get a peek at the next iPhone. The target technology included everything from laser sights for M-16 rifles to components for Hellfire and Hawk missiles. The spies significantly “eroded the U.S. military advantage by enabling foreign militaries to acquire sophisticated capabilities that might otherwise have taken years to develop,” the report said.

The United States has less need of five-fingered discounts on weapons than most of its allies. But there are other good reasons to keep a covert eye on your friends. For one thing, they don't always act like your friends. Had a suspicious President Eisenhower not ordered U2 spy planes to keep a careful eye on America's top three allies of the era — Great Britain, France and Israel — he would have been caught flat-footed by their secret plan to attack Egypt and seize the Suez Canal in 1956. Instead, he was prepared to apply quick pressure and force a withdrawal before the Soviet Union went nuts.

Despite all the faux-fierce rhetoric around the world the past few weeks, other nations understand this. Their loud complaints otherwise are partly an attempt to embarrass the United States into giving up its gigantic advantages in the espionage game, if only for a little while, and partly an attempt to convince their own citizens that they aren't powerless in this situation — no government wants to look like a 98-pound weakling getting sand kicked in its face.

That's why the headline over a satirical piece in the New Yorker last month was not only hilarious, but apt: N.S.A. PROMISES TO STOP GETTING CAUGHT SPYING ON ALLIES.

CHAMPIONS GALORE



The women's cross country team poses with their Horizon League Championship trophy on Saturday. The title is the first for YSU women's cross country. Photo courtesy of YSU Sports Information.

Women's cross country wins championship

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The Youngstown State University women's cross-country team hoisted their first Horizon League Championship trophy in pure exhilaration on Saturday afternoon.

The women's team had three runners finish in the top five at the Horizon League Championship in Boardman: senior Anna Pompeo finished second (18:02), senior Samantha Hamilton placed fourth (18:20) and freshman McKinsie Klim came in fifth (18:39).

Hamilton, Pompeo and Klim all earned Women's All-League First-Team honors while Klim was also awarded Women's Freshman of the Year.

Pompeo was brief when explaining how it felt to be an All-League First-Team representative. She said it was an honor to symbolize YSU.

"It feels great to be the first to do this for cross country," Pompeo said. "I think we are the best."

At first, Klim felt as if collegiate sports were going to overwhelm her. She didn't feel very comfortable coming to YSU as a freshman, but has now found her place.

"It was scary going into college sports because I didn't know how different it was going to be," Klim said. "But I really enjoy my team."

Klim said Brian Gorby, head coach and Women's Coach of the Year, knew she had the talent to go for the awards. She said she kind of just won the award and didn't set her sights on it.

"Gorby said I could, but I wasn't sure," Klim said. "I was really nervous going into it."

Klim said she was shocked that she won All-League First-Team honors and the Women's Freshman of the Year Award and that she hadn't even known that she won when the race was done.

"I didn't know I was Freshman of the Year when I finished the race," Klim said.

Even though individual awards are great, the Penguins really key in on how important teamwork is.

"This team is special," Pompeo said. "This race really wasn't about individuals; it was more about the team as a whole."

YSU had five athletes finish in the top 15. Besides Klim, Pompeo and Hamilton, junior Brittany Stockmaster finished 12th (19:12) while freshman Libby Rogenski placed 13th (19:14).

The Penguins will be up and ready to race for the Great Lakes Regional on Nov. 15 at 11 a.m. in Madison, Wis. The Penguins are ranked 14th in the Great Lakes Region. Gorby said that puts his team around 50th or 60th in the country overall.

Rupe wins, Men's take second



The YSU men's cross country team took second place at the Horizon League Championship. Junior Eric Rupe finished first. Photo courtesy of YSU Sports Information.

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Down to the final 1,000 meters in the 8k race at Boardman High School on Saturday, the countdown to glory began.

Eric Rupe, a junior at Youngstown State University, whispered softly to himself, "800 meters to go, 600 meters to go, 400 meters to go."

Glancing back, he then saw he had 100 meters left. That's when he knew he had it.

"30 meters, 15 meters," the crowd screamed.

Rupe crossed the finish line before anybody else, becoming the first YSU runner to win the race.

Rupe finished first out of 78 runners with a time of 25:41. The win helped the men finish second behind the University of Detroit Mercy by 39 points in the Horizon League Championship.

"When we found out we got second, it was such a huge upset for us," Rupe said. "We were ecstatic when we found out that we got second. It was just

a great feeling in front of the home crowd."

The next Penguin behind Rupe was sophomore Austin McLean (26:04) who finished fifth. McLean missed the top three by 10 seconds and fourth by less than a second.

"My goal going in was definitely top five, and I hit my goal," McLean said. "My goal was to just hang onto Eric because I knew that he was in great shape. I knew he was going to go for the title. My goal was to hang on to him and let the cards fall."

Saturday was also a special day for McLean in another aspect.

McLean had missed all of last year with a tibia stress fracture and was redshirted. He also never ran in high school because the program did not offer cross country.

"I got really injured, and my femur started to crack, so I was out all of last year," he said. "Eric was redshirted as well, so we didn't really have the team together until year."

Rupe said without McLean, the Penguins probably would

have finished where they were projected — fifth place.

Rupe and McLean made the First-Team All-League squad while junior Nick Gliha made Second-Team All-League. Gliha finished 12th with a time of 26:24.

Sophomore Jon Hutnyan finished 22nd (26:50) and freshman Jonathan Richmond placed 32nd (27:10). Sophomore Kyle Jones (27:28) and freshman Ethan Wilson (28:10) competed for the first time this season.

Next on the list is the Great Lakes Regional in Madison, Wis. The team will try to forget about Saturday for the time being, though it's not the easiest thing to do.

"We definitely have not forgotten about it, but we're refocusing our attentions," Rupe said. "We all know we have another race left."

The second-place finish is the first time ever the men have finished in the top two.

"It's not going to leave our minds," McLean said. "It was definitely a big day. Everything went right for us. We're proud of each other."

•• Five for Five

Brian Gorby



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While the stories to the left involve the athletes, this week's Five for Five asks Coach Brian Gorby on what he thought about his teams. The Women's Coach of the Year spoke over the phone on Monday and commented on his experience in our weekly Five for Five section.



Coach, my first question is overall can you just talk about being in the Horizon League Championship? What was going through your mind and maybe some of the players' minds before the championship began?



Well, going into the championship, the women were coming off of Pre-Nationals where they beat teams like Oklahoma, UIC and Texas Tech, beating some of the real powerhouse teams across the nation. They knew that they had a really good shot to do well in regard to the race and stuff. Our men were led by Eric Rupe. We figured our shot going in was about fourth or fifth on the men's side, and the women were trying to go up to the top two. Again, just like any other situation and stuff with YSU, our focus was to do well, we wanted to plan smart early in the race and execute well. Then, of course, pick a lot of people off and come home strong. We knew we had home course advantage up at Boardman High School, which we were hosting for the first time in eight years. We kind of knew the course pretty well and knew we had a crowd cheering us on, which we were hoping to have that as a big help to our kids.



You just mentioned Eric Rupe. Can you talk a little more about him? What did his win mean to you, your team and him personally?



Earlier in the year, we were ranked about fourth or fifth, so we've been beaten by four or five different teams at different points of the season. We had two injuries out of the gate, so Eric did a great job of keeping the glue together in regard to the team. He was kind of the leader, like a second coach out there and cheering on the guys. Even though he was running, he was keeping them inspired. The chemistry of this team is the best that we've had in probably four or five years. Going in, he just did a great job overall. He just hammered the last mile.



In all of your years coaching here at YSU, where does this past weekend rank among with any of your other experiences or any of your past events?



I don't want to say it was any better or any worse. For the men to come up and finish second was great. For the women, they physically looked great. To see the girls own that course, for that day to get a couple thousand fans out there to see all the kids step up was a tremendous accomplishment. Any time you bring home a championship is the hardest thing to do in this world. They don't come easy. It's definitely one of the top four or five championship performances we've ever had here.



You mentioned a lot of names already, obviously Eric Rupe and Samantha Hamilton. Men or women, who are maybe some of the athletes that surprised you or opened your eyes?



Probably one of the nicest surprises was Libby Rogenski who's from Poland, and, of course, McKinsie Klim from Poland. The two girls are freshmen who were running at high school last year. McKinsie Klim was Freshman of the Year, so what an awesome accomplishment for McKinsie. It's kind of neat to see the next generation come in. And Brittany Stockmaster was the key. She's the lady that peaks well at the end of the season.



That was big, and on the men's side, Jon Hutnyan from Canfield and Nick Gliha, both of them together probably passed us well into probably 25 people combined in the last two miles, which is a lot of people to pass. Those two and, of course, Austin McLean and the freshman Jonathan Richmond. Without him, we probably would not be in second. We would have been in fifth. Our guys are ecstatic for what they did.



Now that the championship is over, where do you go from here? What's next on your list?

What's next is regionals in a couple of weeks up at Madison, Wis. We just got ranked today at 14th in the region. I think we're ahead of seven Big Ten schools right now in the region. It's the highest ranking in program history to be ranked 14th in the region. That probably puts us in the top 50, top 60 in the country, and that's in Division I. We'll be going to regionals in two weeks, trying to keep climbing and keep improving. That's our focus all the time.