





Honors students attend NCHC in New Orleans

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A group of Scholars and Honors students represented Youngstown State University at the 2013 National Collegiate Honors Council conference in New Orleans from Nov. 6-10.

Consisting of 13 sophomore students, the group - advised by YSU geography professor Ron Shaklee — gave five presentations at the national

"They were all based on things they've done with and through the honors organizations," Shaklee said. "They did exceptional jobs. It's pretty amazing we had that high of a success rate.

The presentations were approximately 20 minutes each. Ashley Orr, one of the students that attended, was part of a group that presented YSU's Penguin Pen Pal program.

Orr said the program, which links Warren City School District elementary students to the YSU Honstudents, ors was a hit. "It was re-

significant and making a difference ally eye opening to realize in our community this project is significant and making a difference in our community," she said. "Three other universities asked for contact info to start similar projects. So it's exciting there's something we're doing here at YSU and it's working so well that other schools are going to do it, too."

In addition to presenting their work, Shaklee said a major benefit of the conference is to learn from other universities.

"They get to compare what they're doing to other colleges and campuses to show them where they are in overall status and honor," he said.



Orr said she found a public relations presentation particu-

larly interesting. "We have this great Honors and Scholars program, and although it's great as a single entity, we can make it better by sharing our greatness across campus," she said.

-Ashley Orr

Orr hopes to implement some of the learned tactics into the YSU Scholars and Honors program.

"Just making sure all the professors know what the program has to offer is really important," she

said. "If people can hear about all the great things we're doing and how we're improving by using PR to shed a more positive light, we can have a growth in the program."

Alana Lesknansky (left) and Kayla Zitello (right)

Photo courtesy of Ashley Orr.

represent Youngstown State at the National Col-

legiate Honors Council conference in New Orleans.

In an added effort to promote the program, some of the 13 students will participate in a fireside chat in January detailing what they did and what was learned.

"We hope that more students will want to attend next year," Orr said. "I feel it was an amazing experience and I think everyone who attended would second my opinion."

A 'Frosty' celebration

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To celebrate the one-year anniversary of Wendy's opening in Kilcawley Center, the restaurant will give away free Penguin Frostys to the first 300 customers starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

Ester Reed, resident director of Wendy's, said Youngstown State University's student support has worked well with the national restaurant chain.

"We have almost all student employees and they're all great. We just want to celebrate this year, and say thanks to all the employees that have been working here, and we really appreciate them," Reed said.

Wendy's came to YSU in the fall of 2012, replacing Arby's. Reed said the Kilcawley Wendy's has experienced success.

"We'd get about 500 to 600 customers a day since we opened back in October,"

Reed is happy with Wendy's coming to the univer-

"We chose Wendy's to come to campus because they have fresh food, produce and their core values

are strong," she said. "We couldn't be happier with the turn out and the response of our employees."

Wendy's offers a variety of items to students, and has even incorporated the school mascot into the name of its popular ice cream dessert the Penguin Frosty.

"We wanted to be specific to the students, and it's cool to see your own school mascot brought into the restaurants. We hope people come down because we plan to stay," Reed said.

> She said that she wishes to see everyone come back and celebrate the reunion with enthusiasm.

"I would tell everyone it's nice to see you again and thank you for a great year. We hope everyone comes back out and we want to go back to that place just a year ago when the line was out the door. Come down and enjoy the Frostys and come back again," she said.

Students said that they value the hard work of the employees and enjoy the food. Alex Learn, accounting major, said that she likes to eat at Wendy's, and the prices fit her budget.

"Wendy's is a great place to eat. The service is fast and the workers are very kind, and the prices are great for a college student's budget," Learn said.

Mary Wike, special education and early education major, said that she also enjoys the service and food at Wendy's.

"The service is excellent, and they handle the rush very well. The food is really good," Wike said.

Military reunion honors Cincinnatus recipient

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Youngstown State University's Office of Alumni and Events Management

will welcome military alumni back to their alma mater weekthis end when it hosts the annual YSU Veterans and ROTC Alumni Reunion.

The reunion celebration will begin on Friday at 5:30 p.m. with a

dinner in Williamson Hall's atrium. Dinner attendees will then watch Saturday's football game against South Dakota State University in a block of reserved seating.

Maj. Rick Williams, coordinator of the Office of Veterans Affairs, helped plan

this year's reunion. "It's an exciting event. Probably more so for the alumni that come because

they get to see old friends,

old buddies, and just catch up on how things are being

done today as opposed to the way it was done when they were here," Williams said. "We try to get as many alumni to come back to YSU to celebrate the achievements of both the ROTC and the

veterans office here at YSU." During Friday's dinner, Jim Olive, former and founding coordinator of the Office of Veterans Affairs, will receive the Cincinnatus Award for the services he provided veterans working toward a college educa-



tion. Olive said he struggled to make the transition from active soldier to college student when he began school in 1968. He, therefore, wanted to make YSU a more welcoming place for its veteran

"I had just returned home from Vietnam and I wanted to use my benefits because I didn't know what I was going to do. So I used my

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YSU employee to run for Ohio House seat

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Michelle Lepore-Hagan, Youngstown State University's director of the Perform-

ing Arts Series, is running as a Democrat for the 58th Ohio House District seat in fall 2014.

"It was humbling because I was encouraged by a lot of people," Hagan said. "I realized that I have a lot of passions for a lot of issues, and I felt like our state government is failing."

Hagan, a YSU employee of 27 years, puts the state's treatment of public education on the top of her list of issues that need to be confronted and resolved.

"I think we need to renew our commitment to public education at every level," Hagan said. "I have dealt with budgets for the whole 27 years. So I have watched the allocation of money from the state level, which has completely flip-flopped. When I started 27 years ago, the majority of the money that we work with in higher education came from state-funded support, and now it has flipped around to where it is on the backs of students."

Hagan said that she will also focus on cutting-edge technology and resources that will give Ohio an advantage as the country's landscape changes.

have natural gas resources. I want to make sure that when it is extracted, it is done safely and it generates good paying, Ohio jobs. I want to invest in high tech. I think that is the new way of the future," Hagan

Over the next year, Hagan will launch a campaign across the district to bolster support and familiarize herself with the mood and wants of her dis-

"I really think I can make a difference in the lives of the people in Ohio and in this area. I plan on meeting as many people as I can," Hagan said. 'I want to hear what people think are the issues that need to be dealt with at the state

If elected, Hagan will replace her husband, Rep. Robert Hagan, who will reach his two-term limit at the end of 2014. Hagan said that by observing and participating in her husband's campaign and office time, she has grown experienced in the world of

"I have had a front row seat to everything that he has been involved in. I have always been involved in his issues with him, and I have worked on his campaigns for the entire time," Hagan said.

Hagan said she will not be merely a carbon copy of her husband, and her experiences both as a woman and an edu-

"I want to make sure we cator distinguish her ideologically.

> "I'll take a different approach because I am a woman and in education," Hagan said. "I think that a woman's perspective in the legislator is very important right now... extremists want to drown out woman's voices at the state level. Right now women need a strong voice to defend issues that concern women's health."

> Though her workload will increase once her campaign begins, Hagan will continue working three-quarter time at the university. She does not know if she will continue at YSU if she is elected.

> Kevin Reynolds, chief human resources officer, said he is unaware of any official rule or policy that would prevent her from continuing to work

> Harry Meshel, former Ohio Senator and board of trustees member, said that Hagan could continue to work at YSU during campaigning, but it is unlikely, due to time restraint, that Hagan can continue to work at YSU and serve as a representative simultaneously.

> "Coming out of a political background and wanting anybody to run who wants to run, I don't have a problem with allowing people who work in a public institution to run for public office," Meshel said. "I don't think she can continue to work there [if she were to win a seat]."

Six of 14 new states on U.N. Human Rights **Council called abusers**

CAROL J. WILLIAMS Los Angeles Times (MCT)

Member states of the United Nations on Tuesday elected 14 new countries to serve on the Human Rights Council, drawing fire from rights advocates critical of six of the incoming delegates for their dubious national track records in respecting personal freedoms.

Most criticized were the elections of China, Russia, Cuba and Saudi Arabia to the 47-member body, on which states sit for rotating threeyear terms. But some groups also questioned the choices of Algeria and Vietnam.

Other new members chosen to represent geographic regions were France, Macedonia, Maldives, Mexico, Morocco, Namibia, South Africa and Britain, the U.N. General Assembly office reported after the secret balloting at its New York headquarters.

"This is a black day for human rights," said Hillel Neuer, executive director of the independent Geneva-based rights group U.N. Watch. "Today the U.N. sent a message that politics trumps human rights, and it let down millions of victims worldwide who look to the world body for protection."

The six new members in question are responsible for "massive violations of the freedoms of speech, press, religion and assembly," Neuer's group reported after what it called a comprehensive review of the countries' response to opposition, protest and ethnic and religious minorities.

Outside the U.N. building, a group of protesters demanding Tibetan freedom unfurled a banner declaring "China Fails Human Rights," in an attempt to spotlight their complaints of abuse at the hands of China's communist authorities, the Associated Press reported.

"Allowing China to become a member of the U.N. Human Rights Council calls

into question the council's credibility," said Edward McMillan-Scott, European Parliament vice president for human rights and democracy. "China's human rights record is well-documented. Numerous reports by the U.N. itself have highlighted degrading and inhumane treatment that is routine in China: forcible abortions, religious persecution, the oppression of minori-

Philippe Dam, who monitors the Geneva-based rights council for Human Rights Watch, questioned the suitability of Saudi Arabia to sit in judgment of human rights matters when it "massively cracks down on migrants: 33,000 arrests, 14,000 deportations in 8 days," he said on Twitter.

Saudi Arabia's election to a seat on the more influential U.N. Security Council last month drew similar protests, but the kingdom took the unusual step of rejecting its selection. In a statement from the Foreign Ministry, Saudi officials denounced the Security Council as ineffectual because of its failure to halt the civil war in Syria or to bring peace between Israelis and Palestinians.

Jordan, which had been a candidate for the rights council, withdrew its petition for that body in what was seen as a maneuver to get the Saudi seat on the Security Council when the General Assembly addresses how to fill the unexpected vacancy.

The U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Samantha Power, issued a statement on the selection of new Human Rights Council members, regretting that the list included "some that commit significant violations of the rights the council is designed to advance and protect."

She said the new panel choices served as "a reminder that the council's important work remains unfinished."

Emerson College to rename communications school after Ron Burgundy

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Los Angeles Times (MCT)

You stay classy, Emerson College, and maybe pour a glass of scotch.

Legendary (fictional) TV anchorman Ron Burgundy is coming to the Boston school on Dec. 4 and, in his honor, the college is renaming its communication school. Granted, the Ron Burgundy School of Communication will be in business only one day, but it's what Burgundy might call kind of a big deal.

"A visit from Ron Burgundy is a chance to engage with someone who understands the power of media, as well as hairspray, firsthand," Emerson College President Lee Pelton said in a statement.

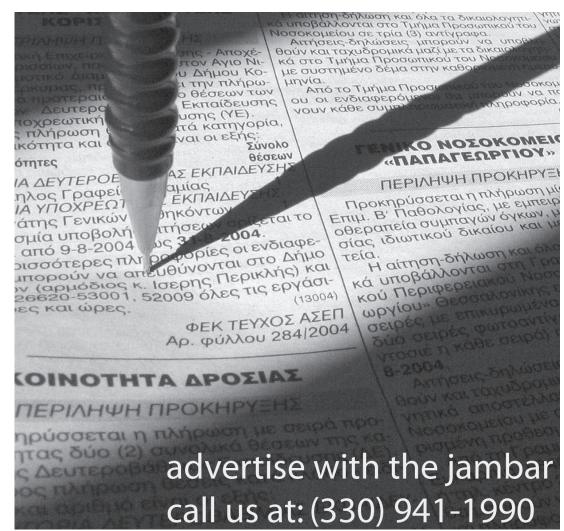
Will Ferrell, who plays Burgundy on screen,

will participate in a morning news conference, attend a naming ceremony and introduce a screening of "Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues," which opens in theaters on Dec. 20.

This is not the only publicity Burgundy has seen in the last several weeks. The Newseum in Washington, D.C., recently opened an exhibit dedicated to the film that features original props and a replica of Burgundy's anchor desk. There's also an underwear marketing partnership with Jockey.

Ferrell's Burgundy character plans to use the daylong Emerson visit to "share his path to journalism greatness," according to the state-

Best of all, perhaps this will finally pave the way for the "Derek Zoolander Center for Kids Who Can't Read Good and Who Wanna Learn to Do Other Stuff Good Too."





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"Last Lecture" with Chet Cooper

As part of the Last Lecture Series, Chet Cooper, professor of Biological Sciences, will speak at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 19. The lecture series is sponsored by YSU Student Government and asks university faculty to give their "last lecture" - what they would want to tell their students if it was their final lecture to give. Cooper's lecture will be in the auditorium of Williamson

"Things You Won't Learn in College"

John Osborne, former executive with Apple Computer Inc., will speak at YSU on Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 2 p.m. The lecture, titled "Things You Won't Learn in College," will be held in the auditorium of Williamson Hall and is free and open to the public. For more information, call Christine Shelton at 330.941.3068.

War crimes expert discusses book

Lawrence Douglas, specialist on war-crimes trials, will present a lecture on Wednesday, Nov. 20, on his upcoming book "The End of Something: Demjanjuk in Munich." The book discusses the recent trial in Germany of John Demjanjuk, who was tried as an accessory to murder of 28,000 Jews at the Sobibor killing center. The lecture will start at 7 p.m. in the James Gallery in Kilcawley Center, and is free and open to the public.



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benefits, my GI bill, to enroll at YSU," Olive said. "Let's just say the first few years were challenging. They were rough. They were very rough. There was nowhere to go who understood veterans' issues and concerns."

As someone who does understand veterans' issues and concerns, Olive devoted his time as coordinator to help better their educational experience at YSU. He established general education classes that were offered exclusively to veteran students as well as counseling services and study and social lounges.

"YSU is a great place to be now that we are veteranfriendly," Olive said. "It's a great honor to see that we've come so far in about 45 years, and it is a great honor to be a part of that.'

Williams commended Olive for the work he has done for veterans.

"We thought it was right to recognize [Olive] for this award," Williams said. "Jim Olive did so much as far as putting together the Office of Veterans Affairs here at YSU. ... There are a lot of benefits that he put in place for veterans at YSU, and I'm going to try to carry that on having succeeded him."

The Office of Veteran Affairs will look to expand its operations next fall when the Veterans Resource Center opens.



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John Osborne

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"Things You Won't Learn in College" Wednesday, November 20 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. WCBA Auditorium in Williamson Hall-YSU

Osborne, previously senior director of worldwide server marketing for Apple's various server organizations for 16 years, served in a variety of executive positions for Apple Computer, Inc. including Director of Finance for the Enterprise Systems Division; Director, US Financial Planning; and Director of Sales.

He has a passion for education and preparing students to be successful in their careers. His presentation will focus on how to be successful in business and his years with Apple.

Earlier in his career at IBM, Osborne was among the top 10 marketing reps in the US and received industry marketing awards five times. He also served as vice president of Essential Solutions, Inc. specializing in placing CEOs and VPs for venture-backed pre-IPO companies. Osborne is currently a professor of economics and part-time director of career services for Bethany College.



The Yo Magazine, a subdivision of The Jambar, welcomes your involvement and involvement from all YSU students, faculty and staff.

A meeting to discuss this semester's issue of The Yo Magazine will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, November 22, in the basement computer lab of Fedor Hall.

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Deadly storms spawned more than 80 tornadoes in Midwest



A multi-unit building and cars destroyed by the tornado in Washington, III., near Peoria is seen on Monday, Nov. 18, 2013. **Zbigniew Bz-dak/Chicago Tribune/MCT.**

Chicago Tribune

The scale of Sunday's deadly storms became clearer this morning: Six people dead in Illinois, hundreds of homes flattened and splintered, 81 tornadoes sighted through the Midwest, 358 reports of damaging winds, 40 reports of large hail.

Since 1986, there have been 194 tornado warnings issued in the month of November in Illinois: More than half of them — 101 — were issued Sunday, according to the Chicago Weather Center.

As crews fanned out from the National Weather Service to assess the storm's impact, WGN-TV meteorologist Tom Skilling said it may go down as one of the most powerful to hit the region in decades.

"It appears the storm may have produced the most powerful Illinois November tornado on record outside of St. Louis (and possibly elsewhere) and may be one of the four most intense Great Lakes storms of the past five decades," he said.

Hardest hit was Washington, a town

of 15,000 people east of Peoria hit by an EF-4 tornado packing winds of 170 to 190 mph. Whole blocks were leveled, prompting the Illinois National Guard to send a 10-person firefighting and search and rescue team. Officials were still trying to determine the extent of injuries Sunday evening, but at least one death was reported and nearly 80 people injured.

The one person who died was identified Monday by the Tazewell County coroner as Steve Neubauer, 51, of Washington, who was found near his home on School Street in Washington.

"The devastation is just unbelievable," said Mayor Gary Manier, estimating as many as 500 homes may have been damaged in his town. "I can't imagine people walked away from these places."

Farther south, a powerful tornado ravaged Washington County, obliterating farms and livestock and killing Joseph Hoy, 80, and his sister Frances Hoy, 78, according to Coroner Mark Styninger.

Joseph Hoy's body was found in a field about 100 yards east of his farmhouse. His sister's body was found inside the home beneath debris, he said.

"(Joseph Hoy's) house was blown away by a tornado," said Styninger, who knew the siblings personally. "They were just very nice people."

were just very nice people."

The National Weather Service said an EF-4 tornado slammed into the county with winds of 166 to 200 miles

Three other deaths were reported in Massac County at the southern tip of the state. The small town of Brookport was hit hard, with hundreds of homes damaged, officials said. Buildings were smashed into piles of rubble. Power lines were strewn through the town. A curfew has been issued from 6 p.m. to

"We opened the door and started looking around. My friend had come over and a tree had landed on top of his car, broke out a couple windows. The house next to us, a tree fell through their roof," one man said.

Closer to Chicago, in Grundy County, an EF-2 tornado touched down in the Coal City area near Joliet with wind speeds of 111 to 135 mph, the National Weather Service said. Hundreds of homes were damaged, and a subdivision in the community of Diamond was ordered evacuated.

Lisa Glisson rushed to a dance studio to check on her two children in Diamond. Then the tornado sirens went off. She said one teen at the studio invited everyone to her house to seek shelter in its basement, so about 30 children piled into cars and sped off for safety.

"You could feel the change in the air," Glisson said. "You could hear the wind going over and it just felt heavy, surrounding you."

Gov. Patrick Quinn has declared seven counties disaster areas: Champaign, Grundy, LaSalle, Massac, Tazewell, Washington and Woodford counties.

Ouinn plans to visit the communi-

ties of Washington, Diamond, Gifford, Brookport and New Minden, according to a statement from his office.

The Illinois Emergency Manage-

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency is coordinating efforts with other state agencies to help affected areas, according to Quinn's office.

About 19,000 customers still lack

About 19,000 customers still lack electricity following the storm, according to ComEd. Only 1,300 of those customers are in Chicago. The rest are mostly in the utility's southern region – 11,200 – with about 1,000 down in the north region and 5,400 in the west region.

Appeals panel grills UT lawyers on viability of race-neutral admissions criteria

By Chuck Lindell Austin American-Statesman

(MCT)

AUSTIN, Texas—Weighing whether the University of Texas may continue considering race for undergraduate admissions, a federal appeals court panel Wednesday pressed school lawyers to explain why a diverse student body could not be achieved via race-neutral criteria.

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UT lawyer Gregory Garre said the school spent seven years without considering race, and by 2004 its black American enrollment had fallen by almost half, while Latino enrollment was stagnant at best. Recognizing that diversity helps all students prepare for life in the workforce, UT began applying a limited consideration of race in its admissions process, he said.

"The University of Texas concluded ... that it was not achieving its educational objectives and additional measures were warranted," Garre said during oral arguments in the Austin courtroom of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The lawyer for Abigail Fisher, a white woman who sued in 2008 after being denied ad-

mission to UT, argued that the school improperly injected race into its admissions process.

"You don't tailor a means of solving a problem by throwing race into ... the admissions system," lawyer Bert Rein told the three-judge panel.

According to the U.S. Su-

According to the U.S. Supreme Court, Rein said, UT must prove that its race-based standards are necessary and are narrowly drawn to achieve a specific goal. But UT's policy, begun in 2005, had a minimal impact on student diversity, suggesting alternate methods could have achieved the same goal, he said.

"Race changes the equation," Rein said. "If you are going to use race as a tool, as a visible tool ... then you have certain obligations that the U.S. Supreme Court imposed." UT's admissions policy had already been found constitutional by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in 2011. The U.S. Supreme Court, however, returned the case last June, directing the intermediate court to examine the policy under a different standard to determine if it is "narrowly tailored to obtain the educational benefits of diversity." Under state law that was last changed in 2009, high school graduates gain automatic admission to UT if their grade point average ranks in the top 7

percent of their school.

In recent years, those students have accounted for 67 percent to 77 percent of UT's freshman class. The rest of the applicants undergo a review that includes race as a factor.

Specifically, race is one of seven "special circumstances" that make up one of six factors constituting a "personal achievement score." That score, in turn, is one of three factors, along with two personal essays, that generate a "personal achievement index." That index

and an "academic index" based on test scores and class rank are plotted on a matrix, with each cell on the matrix containing all applicants with the same combination of scores.

All applicants within a cell are admitted or rejected based on the capacity of the major or college for which they had applied.

UT calls it a holistic admissions plan designed to foster a diverse student population. Fisher calls it a gratuitous use of racial preferences and is asking the court to strike down the practice.

After oral arguments, UT President Bill Powers said the university has not wavered in its commitment to defend the admissions policy.

"To suggest we have not tried race-neutral admissions policies ignores the university's history," Powers said. Minority enrollment fell despite targeted recruiting, increased scholarships and other programs, he said.

Fisher, who has since received a bachelor's degree from Louisiana State University, said she also remained committed to pursuing a case that had begun in 2008.

"I'm going to fight for other people's rights," she said.

The appeals court panel — Judges Carolyn Dineen King, Patrick Higginbotham and Emilio Garza — has no deadline to issue its opinion.



Supporters of the University of Texas demonstrate at the Homer Thornberry Judicial Building during a hearing in Austin, Texas, on Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2013. Abigail Fisher, a white high school graduate, was turned down by the University of Texas at Austin. She claimed she lost her spot because of an unconstitutional use of race as a factor. Jay Janner/Austin American-Statesman/MCT.

The perfect arrangement

Dana Guitar Association brings in guest artists



The Dana Guitar Association members pose with their guitars in The Butler Institute of American Art. Many events promoting classical and jazz guitar will be held this year courtesy of the group and its sponsors. **Photo courtesy of Christopher Mrofchak.**

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The Youngstown State University Dana Guitar Association is making the promotion and awareness of talented individuals who play classical and jazz guitar its main rift. By bringing underground art to the surface, the group crescendos toward success.

The Dana Guitar Association is a nonprofit organization run by students, and its mission is simple: bring classical and jazz guitar to the people of Youngstown, Northeastern Ohio, and Western Pennsylvania. The association hosts free concerts, guitar clinics and master classes that allow students and community members to immerse themselves in the art of classic guitar.

Christopher Mrofchak, president of the Dana Guitar Association, said that joining the group his freshman year was a decision that impacted his following years at YSU by giving him opportunities he would not have otherwise.

"When I was a freshman, the Dana Guitar Association hosted the Guitar Foundation of America international artist competition winner, Gabriel Bianco. Mr. Bianco's concert absolutely astounded me. Until that moment, I believe that I was unaware of what the classical guitar was capable of accomplishing in terms of musicality and expression," Mrofchak said. "It has had a profound impact on the rest of my undergraduate experience."

Phillip Monrean, vice president of the Dana Guitar Association said that for the three years he has been involved with the group, he has gotten to experience many things that would not have occurred had he not joined.

"The Dana Guitar Association brings in world-class musicians each year, and I feel that being around them is a once-ina-lifetime opportunity to learn and grow," Monrean said.

The 2013-14 concert season does not fall short of the group's high standards and boasts a winning arrangement of artists on

On Monday, students and several Dana guitar groups jammed in a two-hour master class with Dan Wilson, a YSU alumnus from Akron, Ohio who received his bachelor's degree in Music and Liberal Studies from Hiram College. Wilson teaches jazz guitar and improvisation at Cuyahoga Community College and leads a group of musicians from the northeast Ohio and Pittsburgh area. Tracks from "To Whom it May Concern" − Wilson's CD − can be pur-

The group also hosted classical guitarist Jeffrey McFadden of the University of Toronto in Canada for a recital on Nov. 15

chased on cdbaby.com.

and a guest artist master class on Nov. 16. McFadden has been a featured performer at international music festivals and was awarded a silver medal in the Guitar Foundation of America Competition in 1992.

In the spring, in addition to Dana Guitar Studio in Recital events, the Dana Guitar Association will be presenting a guitar clinic/ master class by jazz guitarist Bruce Saunders from the Berklee College of Music in Boston and the University of Texas-Austin. The group will also present a recital and master class by classical guitarist Andrew Zohn from Columbus State University in Georgia.

Two of the group's students, Mrofchak and Benjamin Dague, have been chosen to play in master classes alongside classical guitarists Manuel Barrueco and David Russell to showcase their talents.

Many of these events are expensive, but the group has many loyal sponsors that help fund some of its master classes, concerts, showcases and travel expenses.

Francis Fowler, the Dana Guitar Association adviser, said that the YSU Student Government Association has been extremely supportive of the group in the difficult economic times.

"The Student Government Association and YSU students' organizations are very important to YSU students' undergraduate experience," Fowler said, "and I hope that YSU continues to support these important student endeavors and community outreach efforts."

Dana Guitar Association meetings take place on the last Friday of every month at 2 p.m. in Bliss Hall. More information on events the group will host can be found at www. danaguitarassociation.org.

A dream on Elm Street

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Youngstown State University students will get to enjoy fresh fruits, vegetables and health foods in spring 2014 when Common Wealth Inc. opens the Elm Street Cafe.

The Common Wealth Kitchen Incubator of Youngstown has been working hard for the past few months to turn an old bar on Elm Street into the Elm Street

In order to help make the cafe open in spring, the Common Wealth Kitchen Incubator made an Indiegogo fundraising website account to help defray the costs of repairs and furnishings for the new cafe.

Christina Perry, a worker for Common Wealth Inc., said that raising money toward the cafe is very important to the Common Wealth, since they are a nonprofit organization.

"The money raised from Indiegogo and other activities will be used to construct the actual cafe. The cafe space is really the only portion of the building that needs renovated," Perry said. "We had an event in October that raised a little over \$7,000, and between Indiegogo and cash donations, we have raised about \$2,500 so far."

The coffee shop was specifically designed for YSU students to study, hangout and enjoy the "rust-belt chic" north side of Youngstown.

Perry said that when they brainstormed the idea to open the cafe, they kept YSU students in mind.

"It's a terrific location — just blocks from the YSU campus dorms and historic Wick Park," Perry said. "The Elm Street Cafe will be perfect for community members, college students and folks who work nearby to grab a drink, pick up prepared foods from the adjacent shareduse kitchen and support locally sourced, healthy fair trade eats and drinks."

Emily Diorio, sophomore political science major, said she is excited about the opening of the cafe in the spring.

"I love going to coffee shops to study and get work done," Diorio said. "The atmosphere of a little coffee shop will be a change since it is different than everything else we have on campus. I know I will definitely try it out."

Perry also said they wanted to open the cafe to help local vendors have a

place to sell their products. "It builds on our other food projects and our effort to promote the vendors and get the word out to the community about the unique products they have," Perry

As for the decor, Common Wealth decided to keep the art from the bar that used to reside there to make a cool atmosphere for customers.

Perry said that when they were deciding what to keep, the bar stood out to them.

'We decided to keep a vintage art deco bar that will be transformed into a cool coffee and smoothie bar," Perry said. "It'll be really cool to see how it

The goal for Common Wealth Inc. is to help new businesses; cooperative opportunities and organizations flourish with their businesses. They also have worked with efforts such as the Northside Farmer's Market to help bring a wider variety of foods to Youngstown.

Perry said bringing fresh fruits and vegetables for the cafe will be beneficial not only Youngstown, but also YSU stu-



Terry Fusco (left) and Vince Trinckes (right) are just two of the many people from Common Wealth Inc. who have worked on the construction of the Elm Street Cafe that is anticipated to open in spring 2014. Photo courtesy of Christina Perry.

"There really isn't a place to buy fresh foods on campus so we will be selling them here," Perry said. "We just want to help out in any way we can to those on the YSU campus and in the community."

Liz Furman, sophomore business finance major, said that the Elm Street Cafe will be perfect for her since she is a vegetarian.

"I love eating healthy, and I go to school straight through the day and not having a lot of options for healthy foods is hard," Furman said. "This will be great for students to have a healthier option than eating greasy food."

Jamie Stahl, freshman biology major, said that although she is a commuter student, the cafe would be beneficial to students that live off campus as well as those who live on campus.

"It'll be good for student to have a place to go for fresh and healthy food instead of all the fast food places around us," Stahl said. "It's really hard for college kids to eat healthy, and if a place like this is one campus, it will be a healthy alternative."

EDITORIAL

Tragedy strikes the nation and the world

This past week has been tragic to say the least, beginning Nov. 6 with Typhoon Haivan making landfall in the Philippines and culminating Sunday with more than 80 reported tornadoes throughout the Midwest.

Since Typhoon Haiyan — nearly two weeks ago — authorities have confirmed at least 4,000 people died in the disaster and the Philippine energy secretary is trying to get power to the affected areas by Christmas Eve.

Think about that. Christmas Eve. That's 48 days with no electricity. People have to carry on, hospitals have to operate in crisis mode and relief efforts must be organized, all without a functional electrical system beyond the generators that are being brought in by humanitarian aide groups.

While death toll estimates are already beyond 4,000, there are still thousands of people that are displaced and the damage estimate is currently around \$1.08 billion.

On Thursday, four Marines died

while clearing undetonated ordnance at Camp Pendleton located north of San Diego. The Marines were sweeping the range to make it safe for future training exercises. According a Chicago Tribune report, the Marines were all ordnance disposal technicians, while Fox News reported that one of the Marines did not follow proper procedure while handling a 60 mm mortar, which caused the detonation.

In Colorado two miners died and another 20 were hospitalized due to carbon monoxide poisoning. A representative for Star Mine Operations said that the gas was caused by a "powdersmoke incident." Both miners that died were wearing respirators that did not seem to be malfunctioning. As of Monday, all but two of the hospitalized miners had been released.

Sunday, a Boeing 737-500 crashed at Kazan Airport in eastern Russia, specifically the Republic of Tatarstan. During landing, the plane's nose hit the ground. All 50 people on the flight, including two children, a British education consultant, the head of Tatarstan's Federal Security Service and the son of Tatarstan's president, perished. A doctor on-scene said that nothing was left but ash and rubble. A loud bang and a trembling was reported by a man on the airfield before the crash. Authorities are still investigating the source of the tragedy.

Perhaps the most heard about event of the weekend was an outbreak of late-season tornadoes throughout the Midwest. There were four tornadoes confirmed, with an additional 81 reported in Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio. One tornado, that touched down in Washington, Ill., had winds between 166 and 200 miles per hour, ranking it as an EF4 tornado. In that town alone. 120 people were injured and between 250 and 500 homes were destroyed. In total, six people died as a result of the

It's never easy to have this many

tragedies this close together. In short, it was a bad weekend, obviously much more so for those personally affected by the events. But it makes us think. It makes us realize that a freak weather event or a mechanical malfunction or a slip up by someone else is all that is standing between us and what — if anything — is beyond this life. It can be a wakeup call, a moment of clarity or whatever you want it to be - if you want it to be anything at all. But at the very least, consider that you do not have as much as control as you may think over what happens to you.

The American Red Cross is taking up donations for victims of both Typhoon Haiyan and the Midwest tornadoes on their website, Redcross. org, and also through text message by texting "redcross" to 90999 for a \$10 donation. Please also keep in mind that not all alleged charity organizations are sending donation money where they claim and to double and triple check where you donate.

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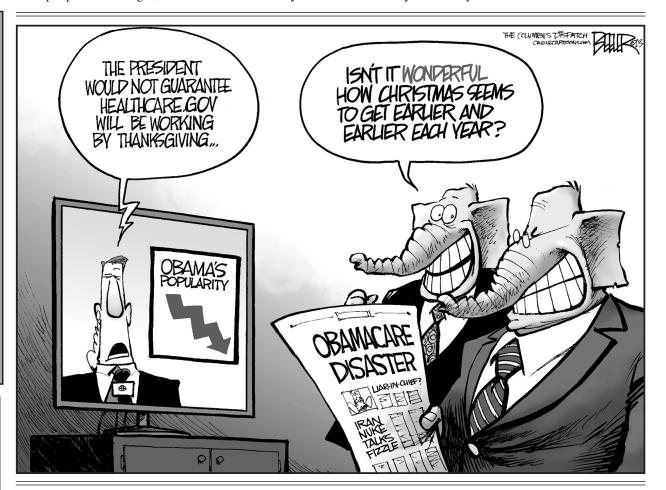
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JFK, a presidency on a pedestal

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Fifty years after the death of John F. Kennedy, there's no mystery about why his brief presidency remains an object of fascination: It was glamorous, photogenic, and cut short by an assassination that still seems an insoluble puzzle. Compared to the full-color images of Kennedy and his wife on our television screens this month, other figures of his era seem gray.

Still, it's remarkable that Kennedy's iconic stature in the eves of most Americans has weathered half a century of assaults, some of them from his own archives, as the less savory side of Camelot has slowly come to light.

We've learned the details of his relentless womanizing, which extended to plying a 19-year-old White House intern with daiquiris

and then having sex with her. We've learned more about the perilous health of a man who in 1960 declared himself "the healthiest candidate for president," including that he had Addison's disease, a serious disorder of the adrenal gland, and that he relied on cocktails of painkillers injected by his physicians.

And we've learned that historians don't think Kennedy was such a great president. As early as 1973, Harvard's Richard Neustadt, who was not only a Kennedy fan but an occasional adviser, concluded sadly that JFK's tenure had been undistinguished.

"I don't think history will leave much space for John Kennedy," Neustadt said then. "History is unkind to transition figures.... He will be just a flicker."

A 1988 survey of historians named Kennedy the most overrated figure in American history. Since then, the verdict hasn't improved

'Most historians think of him as

an average or even below-average president," said Robert Dallek, author of a widely praised (and largely admiring) JFK biography, "An Unfinished Life," and a subsequent book on Kennedy's Cabinet, 'Camelot's Court."

"He never got any of his legislative initiatives passed. He was the architect of a failed policy in Cuba. It's possible to look at his record and see it as a real misery."

But that's not how most Americans see it.

In a succession of Gallup polls, Kennedy is regularly ranked alongside Abraham Lincoln and George Washington in the pantheon of great presidents — joined in recent years by Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton.

Part of Kennedy's outsized stature can be attributed to his having been photogenic and witty, undeniable virtues in a chief executive.

But the public also seems to give JFK credit for accomplishments that weren't actually his, such as the civil rights laws that Lyndon B. Johnson got passed. At the same time, he is not held responsible for the failures of his successor in Vietnam, even though he laid the foundation for an increased U.S. role in Southeast Asia. "(Kennedy) himself didn't know what he would do" in Vietnam, Dallek told me. "He might have tried bombing."

There's at least one important issue on which Kennedy may deserve more credit than the public gives him: He helped remove nuclear weapons from the military options that presidents consider using. He took the first steps toward mutual arms reduction with the Soviet Union at a time when a nuclear war seemed plausible and arms control was politically risky.

As Dallek has written, the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Kennedy's day routinely included nuclear bombs in their recommendations to presidents in conflicts including Korea, Laos, Vietnam and Cuba.

Kennedy's resistance to his generals' pressure for escalation. especially in the 1962 Cuban missile crisis, and his decision in 1963 to negotiate a test ban treaty — the first significant arms control agreement with the Soviet Union should be remembered as his most enduring legacy.

But that's not what most Americans remember about JFK; the Cold War, all-consuming at the time, seems like ancient history now.

Instead, Kennedy is revered for his image and his ability to deploy stirring language of destiny and determination.

Look at those other names alongside Kennedy's atop the Gallup poll's list of most-admired recent presidents: Reagan and Clinton. What do they have in common? Not much, except that they cast their presidencies in terms of hope, not retrenchment. (Indeed, Reagan and Clinton consciously borrowed from JFK's rhetoric.)

And in a sense, they all got lucky: Their successors didn't fare as well. When we evaluate past presidents, we reconstruct our opinions retroactively. Kennedy wasn't universally popular when he was in office, Reagan and Clinton even less so.

"Kennedy is remembered as a success mainly because of what came after," Dallek noted: "Johnson and Vietnam. Nixon and Watergate."

When we mourn Kennedy, we mourn the lost promise of the early 1960s, when the American economy delivered a good middle-class living to many and when American power believed itself capable of pacifying the world.

Kennedy's tenure turned out to be the hinge between an age of optimism and an age of chaos.

"And it didn't hurt that he was assassinated," Dallek said. "He's frozen in our minds at the age of 46."

'Keene' to SUCCESS

Penguins return home for two non-conference opponents

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For those that attended Thursday's game at Beeghly Center, they saw a possible future.

During Youngstown State University's 104-58 victory over Warren Wilson College, new and young faces showcased their talents. One was freshman Marcus Keene.

"Marcus is a very gifted offensive player," Jerry Slocum, head coach, said. "He's probably as far along as a freshman in terms of offensive skills that I've coached in a really long time. The concern with Marcus is that he's just got to get better defensively.

"You can't score 20 and then give up 20. But, with freshmen, that's always the case. He brings a lift to us in every game that we played this year."

Keene scored seven points on Wednesday and topped that at the University of Massachusetts on Sunday with a career-high 20 points in 23 minutes off the bench while shooting 50 percent from the field.

"He's a big energy guy coming off the bench," sophomore Bobby Hain said. "I mean, for a point guard to come in even with his size: he can score the ball, he gets into the lane and he's a great shooter."

Keene averaged 25 points, plays first. our rebounds and four as-

School in San Antonio, Texas last year.

Despite his impressive performance, YSU (4-1) fell to UMass, 85-69. The Penguins shot 36.8 percent from the field but only 19.2 percent beyond the 3-point line. YSU also forced 19 turnovers and attempted 18 more fieldgoal attempts.

Slocum said the game was 70 percent a disappointment and 30 positive.

"I think the 70 percent of it was that I thought it was a lost opportunity," he said. "I thought we had enough offensive looks to really be in there until the last possession. We didn't shoot the ball very well at all. I think it was the 30 percent positive side to it because as bad as we played, we were right there."

Hain recorded his second straight double-double with 14 points and a team-high 10 rebounds. Senior Kendrick Perry also tallied 14 points and collected seven rebounds. The Minutemen (3-0) shot 55.2 percent from the field.

"We definitely went out there and competed," Hain said. "It showed that we can hang with teams like that. I feel like if we would have hit at least half of our shots, we would have won the ball game."

Next for the Penguins are two home games. The first is on Wednesday against Thiel College in the second game of a doubleheader. The YSU women's basketball team

The Tomcats (1-1) will



Senior Kamren Belin attempts a jump shot over Warren Wilson College on Thursday at Beeghly Center. The Penguins return home for a game against Thiel College on Wednesday. Photo by Ron Stevens/YSU Sports Information.

since 1989. Thiel is also the first program the Penguins played in program history back on Dec. 14, 1927.

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Penguins fight through injuries in preparation for Wednesday



Senior Karen Flagg attempts to drive inside against Buffalo on Wednesday at Beeghly Center. The Penguins look to win their first game this season on Wednesday and coach John Barnes' first career victory at YSU. Photo by Ron Stevens/ YSU Sports Information.

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The injury bug has been flying around Beeghly Center in the early stages of this season, mainly with the Youngstown State University women's basketball team.

As the Penguins prepare for their third game this year against Northern Kentucky University on Wednesday, they are preparing to do so with nine healthy players out of 14 on the roster. They may have a 10th in uniform depending on senior Melissa

Thompson's status. "It's tough. It's hard to practice," head coach John Barnes said. "We really don't have enough players to practice with at this point. Everyone's in different positions and trying to get used to that, but the players are staying positive. They're continuing to work hard."

Thompson started in the season opener on Nov. 9, but did not play on Wednesday against the University at Buffalo, which YSU (0-2) lost 72-65. Instead, sophomore Ashley Lawson started in her place. Lawson scored a careerhigh 10 points and was named the Player of the Game by Radio Talent.

Lawson was redshirted as a freshman two years ago because she tore her left shoulder in two places. The injury also held her to only 10 games last season. She is listed as a probable starter for Wednesday based off of the last game.

"It really is difficult, especially [because] the game is not a short game," Lawson said regarding the team's injuries. "It's very long, and it's very up pace. We get tired, but we have to try to get through it, and that's what we're trying to do at practice."

With all the problems during the first two losses, two positives have been the inside game. Junior Heidi Schlegel, a Preseason Second-Team All-Horizon League selection, has scored 50 points in two games. Junior Latisha Walker is averaging 12 points and 9.5 rebounds per game.

"[Latisha] has been doing a nice job. She's really been rebounding well," Barnes said. "She's taken some of the load of scoring. You know, it's just tough because those two, Heidi and Tish, have been playing very well on the inside scoring quite a few points. And that's with not shooting well at all from the outside."

The YSU team that loved shooting 3-pointers under former coach Bob Boldon last year has taken a turn for the worse so far, shooting 11.1 percent from beyond the 3-point line this season.

"I go back and watch our films," Barnes said. "We're getting open looks; they're just not going down. But once we start putting that outside game together and making those shots, they're [Schlegel and Walker] even going to be that much more affective."

Wednesday's contest against Northern Kentucky begins at 5:15 p.m. The game is the first of a doubleheader with the men's basketball team playing Thiel College. The Penguins began last season 4-0 before falling at NKU, 66-64, on Nov. 27. NKU scored four points in the final two seconds to steal the victory.

"We definitely want revenge on them," Lawson said. "They're supposed to be a team that's just like us, so I think it's going to be a good challenge.'