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Kevin Alquist  
NEWS REPORTER

Research has resumed on the aluminum cable research project, after a state review of the \$1 million grant in the fall caused progress to stall.

It's a joint effort between Youngstown State University's College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics and Delphi, a Warren-based automotive systems company.

Aluminum cable is being tested with the intention of replacing copper cables used on cars for everything from battery cables to the wires connecting the radio to its power source.

"Aluminum is cheaper than copper, and it's lighter than copper, so it will make cars lighter and more fuel efficient," said Virgil Solomon, assistant professor of mechanical engineering and lead researcher on the project.

Barbara Barkley, a spokeswoman from Delphi, said the company is receiving a lot of calls from car companies about the project.

"Aluminum is very popular right now as an alternative to copper," Barkley said.

Solomon will be working with Brandon Hart, a student at Clarion University of Pennsylvania, to work out problems Delphi may run into.

"I'm pretty excited about working on the project," Hart said. "To me, the most attractive part is getting a chance to use all of the education I've received up to this point."

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## Prof reflects on life, shares words of wisdom

Adam Earnhardt takes audience members on a journey as he lectures in Kilcawley Center's Ohio Room as a part of the "Last Lecture" series, which was hosted by the YSU Student Government Association on Tuesday. Photo by Jordan D. Uhl/The Jambar.

Marissa McIntyre  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

When Adam Earnhardt first read "The Last Lecture," written by Randy Pausch, he found himself in tears. He was at his in-laws' house.

On Tuesday, Earnhardt, associate professor and basic course director of communication at Youngstown State University, spoke in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center as a part of the "Last Lecture" series, which is sponsored by the YSU Student Government Association.

The lecture series — based on Pausch's book — invites professors to speak to a crowd as if it were the last time they would ever lecture. Earnhardt took advantage of this premise, speaking of life's lessons and learning from mistakes.

SGA Executive Vice President Justin McIntyre said Earnhardt was chosen because of his involvement with students on campus.

"If we chose someone who could be the smartest professor on campus but have no student connection, this series wouldn't be as successful," McIntyre said.

Earnhardt started the lecture with a joke from "Seinfeld."

"Do you know what people fear the most in life?" Earnhardt asked the audience.

It's public speaking.

He said the second thing people fear most in life is death.

"That means at a funeral you would rather be the one in the casket than the one delivering the sermon," Earnhardt said.

Even though he has much experience with public speaking (and teaches it), Earnhardt admitted that he was nervous about speaking in front of students, peers and colleagues.

He reminisced about his childhood dreams. He wanted to be a race car driver, or the superhero Ultraman.

"How did I get here today?" Earnhardt asked. "I came to Youngstown with a burn-

ing fire. ... Just so eager for that chance to be in front of students, in the classroom lecturing, and the chance to change someone's life."

**'Just when you have your ducks in a row, you find out you have no ducks.'**

Earnhardt encouraged members of the audience to close their eyes and reflect on a time when everything seemed to be changing. For him, that moment was finding out he had heart disease at the age of 34.

"I ask you to look at the changes in your life and think of how they've made you stronger," Earnhardt said. "Good things can come of those changes. Don't go into a corner and cry, don't crawl up, don't fold up. Use it to move forward and run forward."

In the end, he said, the ducks don't matter; what matters is that you took the changes and made them work for you, Earnhardt said.

**'What the hell is wrong with you?'**

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## Board approves new master's degree

Sarah Perrine  
NEWS REPORTER

A master's degree combining professional writing, communications and marketing has been approved by the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees and awaits approval by the Ohio Board of Regents.

"This is the only master's degree program that draws upon the resources of three separate colleges in three academic departments in the state," said Bryan DePoy, dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts.

Collaborators from academic colleges across YSU are excited about the degree's wide appeal to multiple students.

"Being an urban research



Bryan DePoy, dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts, is one collaborator working to develop the interdisciplinary communication master's degree. Photo by Marissa McIntyre/The Jambar.

university, we do believe this will enrich the knowledge basin in the region and the regional workforce," said Cary Horvath, associate professor

of communications.

Horvath said the degree would provide students with strong research, professional writing and communication

skills.

The master's program will help students build skills in various communicative formats, including email, blogs and personal pages, as well as more formal formats, such as PowerPoint, multimedia pages and visual data.

The master's degree was designed around the current needs of the work force.

"We tried to find a master's level program that aligns with potential job growth. If you look at every one of the disciplines involved in this, they all forecast job growth," DePoy said.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported an estimated 24 percent growth rate for public relations specialists

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## Date set for hazing trial



Jordan D. Uhl  
NEWS EDITOR

Arrests in the hazing case were held Tuesday morning in the Mahoning County Court of Common Pleas.

Eight of the nine suspects involved in the alleged Kappa Alpha Psi hazing case entered pleas of not guilty in front of Judge Maureen Sweeney.

According to documents obtained from Sweeney's court, an initial discovery pretrial will be held Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

The trial, barring delays requested by defense attorneys, will commence on April 30 at 10 a.m.

All eight suspects saw their cases bound over to a grand jury on Feb. 27, which handed up indictments against the group on March 15.

Testimony by Breyton Stubbs, an

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## Student rocks the Hard Rock

Evan Houk  
REPORTER

Freshman Lauren Minenok has another name: Ren Capri.

Capri is her stage name and the name she signed to Jams Avenue Music, an independent record label based in Pittsburgh, at the end of August.

"It's nice to finally be able to do my original music and start to get it out there," Minenok said. "I've met with different producers before who I could have signed a contract to work with just in their studio. But this way, with the label, I have the freedom to go to whatever studio I want, work with whatever producer I want."

She created her stage name by shortening her first name and snipping her mother's maiden name, which is DiCaprio.

Andre Carter, owner of Jams Av-

enue Music, suggested the idea.

Minenok is coming off a performance at the Hard Rock Cafe in Pittsburgh's Station Square on March 10.

Carter planned the performance as a showcase of local music talent from around the Pittsburgh area. The event featured mostly R&B, rap and hip-hop acts.

Minenok headlined the show, the last of three shows that Carter promoted at the Hard Rock Cafe.

"I did two other shows, one in January that I headlined, and one prior to that in the fall," Minenok said. "The show in January was the first time I let anyone hear my first single, 'Game On.'"

Minenok has two other original songs completed so far: "Remember Who's to Blame" and an updated remake of a song by Tevin Campbell titled "Can We Talk?"

Carter said that, within the next cou-

ple of weeks, Minenok's three songs will be released on iTunes as singles.

"After that, we will start to release her new songs as they come out," Carter said. "We hope to have an entire album completed by June or July for the Rocket to the Stars music festival in New Castle, where we'll have a booth promoting her and her music."

For now, Minenok is focusing on writing lyrics to more songs for her upcoming album later this year.

"Hopefully, by the end of May I'll have all the songs I need. At least eight," Minenok said.

Last year's Rocket to the Stars festival in Minenok's hometown of New Castle, Pa., is where Carter first discovered her.

"I predicted she was going to win the competition, and when she did, I had one of those 'I told you so' moments and immediately wanted to sign her," Carter said. "How you perform,

your emotion on stage is always important. And her stage presence and her ability to engage the audience is what won me over."

Minenok said she remembers the event clearly.

"Lucky enough for me, they had these people from Pittsburgh come up and work with the different contestants," Minenok said of the festival. "Not too long after that, [Andre] contacted me and wanted to set up a meeting. We fit well together. We kind of have the same goals and views for where I want to go with my music, so it just seemed like the perfect fit."

Her songs have an R&B and pop feel to them, channeling two of her most prominent influences — Michael Jackson and Whitney Houston. But her biggest inspiration is Beyonce.

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## Professor researches technological advances in health care

Marissa McIntyre  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Music and medicine have fostered an atypical relationship at Youngstown State University that could benefit local hospitals.

Joseph Lyons, an assistant professor in health professions at YSU, has teamed up with sophomore music major Chris Palmer to conduct research on voice recognition software used in the medical field.

The two are conducting the study to see how age, gender and ethnicity can affect the accuracy and acceptance of modern voice recognition software, which is used sparingly in local hospitals.

Lyons said that radiology, being one of the first methods to diagnose injuries, has always been ahead of the technology curve.

"If someone wrecks their motorcycle, they're under a time crunch. They need to get

the patient's information as soon as possible," Lyons said.

The software has been used in the radiology departments at St. Elizabeth and St. Joseph health centers for a decade, but Lyons and Palmer want to know why the software, which they say has made significant gains in accuracy, is not used more often.

Linda McCaslin, a Picture Archiving Communication System — or PACS — administrator at St. Elizabeth, said the software prevents errors and expedites note taking, but widespread use has been limited because some doctors prefer not to use it, while others are concerned about accuracy.

She added that accuracy is a concern with any form of technology.

Lyons said Dragon, the voice recognition software in use, was more than 80 percent accurate when it first came out around 20 years ago. Today, he said, it is more than 90 percent accurate.

Still, nothing is perfect.



Joseph Lyons, an assistant professor in health professions at YSU, works with voice recognition software in his office. He's studying the use of the software and how age, gender and ethnicity play a role in voice recognition. Photo by Marissa McIntyre/The Jambar.

McCaslin said the position of the microphone, background noise and accents are among some limitations that prevent absolute accuracy.

And inaccurate information

can have dire consequences when it comes to medical treatment.

"I don't want to take my patient to surgery on a problem that isn't there," McCaslin

said.

McCaslin said voice recognition could easily fix mistakes.

HEALTH CARE PAGE 3

## Powder Puff football aims to tackle autism

Josh Medore  
REPORTER

Two years ago, Breanne Romeo's brother, Nicholas, was diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome.

"He was diagnosed at 12, which is very late for someone with autism," she said.

So, Romeo organized the Powder Puff flag football tournament, which will be held Sunday at Stambaugh Stadium. The tournament — in conjunction with Saturday's autism walk — is expected to raise \$10,000 for Autism Speaks, an autism science and advocacy organization.

"He was my motivation for doing this whole thing," Breanne Romeo said.

Tammy Romeo, the siblings' mother, said she "always knew something was wrong."

"He looked normal," Tammy Romeo said. "I never thought about it until I came to YSU."

Tammy Romeo said that before her son was diagnosed, she noticed that he had "compulsive issues" and problems with controlling his anger.

"Playing sports, he got angry about things that a child without autism wouldn't," Tammy Romeo said.

Nicholas Romeo attends Youngstown Christian School, where he is provided with a specialist who assists him.

"The specialist is there to help him though his meltdowns," Breanne Romeo said.

"So, if he gets angry and goes to throw a desk, someone is there to take him away to a separate room and calm him down."

Nicholas Romeo also receives grant money through the Autism Scholarship Program. The grant is awarded

by the Ohio Department of Education and gives parents who have children with autism "the choice to send the child to a special education program other than the one operated by the school district of residence," according to the ODE's website.

Despite the grant not coming from a charity like Autism Speaks, Tammy Romeo said she thinks that autism awareness organizations are helping.

"I think that they do more and more. Autism has many parts, and the awareness [of those parts] is rising," Tammy Romeo said.

Breanne Romeo said groups like Autism Speaks are important.

"They have the ability to provide specialists like that for my brother," she said. "They have the ability to provide programs for kids with autism."

The Powder Puff flag football tournament is garnering support from groups at Youngstown State University.

Billy Wheeler, the philanthropy and fundraiser chairman for the Sigma Chi fraternity, said a powder puff football game is "an awesome idea" and hopes it becomes a recurring event.

Wheeler said members of Sigma Chi are "definitely" excited. Additionally, Sigma Chi hosted a wing-eating contest on Monday, with all proceeds going toward the cause.

Breanne Romeo said planning for the tournament is going better than expected. Sixteen teams have verbally committed to playing as of March 22.

Registration for the event ends Thursday at 6 p.m. Team applications can be submitted to Breanne Romeo in the YSU Office of Housing and Residence Life.

## English Festival crowds Kilcawley Center, irks YSU students

Kacy Standohar  
FEATURES EDITOR

About 1,000 high school students flooded Youngstown State University on Wednesday, leaving Kilcawley Center frequenters navigating long lunch lines and enduring the commotion.

High school students from northeast Ohio and western Pennsylvania remained on campus until 4 p.m. The three-day event began Wednesday and will end Friday — but not before welcoming approximately 2,000 seventh, eighth and ninth graders.

The festival is designed to celebrate reading and writing, but some YSU students were less than amused.

Freshman Kellie Kesner and her friends were on a tight schedule. After waiting in line for food, they were late for class.

"It was way too busy in Kilcawley Center, and we didn't want to wait in line, so we went to Jimmy John's instead," Kesner said. "They could probably set up a picnic for [high school students] outside instead."

YSU faculty and staff acknowledged the issue, but said the crowd is unavoidable.

John Young, director of Kilcawley Center, said dining services did a quick-serve station for pizza.

"They do cash only, and they were actually able to expedite people through there," Young said.

While long lines of students wrapped through the hallways connecting eateries, Young said it was great to see the building busy.

"It's a great experience for these kids to actually see the university," he said.



High school students gathered for lunch in Kilcawley Center on Wednesday to take part in the English Festival. The crowd left little room for YSU students during the day. Photo by Chris Cotelesse/The Jambar.

Throughout the English Festival, Young will check to make sure the program runs smoothly.

"Basically, it's clean up, prep and get set for the next day," he said.

Gary Salvner, English Festival co-chairman, added that dining services is notified in advance to try to have food ready ahead of time.

"I know that it fills the place up, but it's been great for the business here also," Salvner said.

Lynn Haug, Kilcawley Center retail operations manager, said the Candy Counter staff prepares a month in advance and bags 500 to 600 bags of candy.

"We start ordering inventory in to have it ready from all our vendors almost a month ahead, and then about 10 days ahead, all the girls on the Candy Counter staff start pre-bagging all the candy," she said.

While all YSU students interviewed expressed concern about the crowd and the commotion, senior Heather Folkwein was the most vocal. She said the visit from the high

school students distracted her from her studies.

"Honestly, I feel like these little children are overbearing, and they shouldn't really be here because they take up so much space," she said. "We're in college, and we're trying to study and focus on school, but then we have the annoyance of high school children coming in."

Folkwein said she wishes the English Festival were monitored more frequently. She said the event would be tolerable if the students were quieter and more respectful of the fact that they're on a college campus.

High school English Festival participants also had to endure the swarm of fellow students.

Reynolds High School junior Chloe Diraimondo said she had fun during the book sessions, but felt lunch was annoying and crowded. Diraimondo had to wait in line 10 minutes for her food.

"More seating would be nice, considering I'm sitting on a stage right now," she said, as she perched in Kilcawley Center's Hub.

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"When she's on stage, she's just a completely different person. The energy she gives off is just unreal, and her choreographer's amazing," Minenok said about Beyonce.

Minenok has been singing since she was 5 years old, when she auditioned for, and was cast as, the part of Gretel in the New Castle Playhouse's production of "The Sound of Music."

She sang "L-O-V-E" by Nat King Cole, and she said everyone in the room immediately ceased talking and began looking around to see where that loud and powerful voice was coming from.

"I was always so loud, and from that moment on, I just loved singing," she said.

Rosanne Palladino, Minenok's former music teacher, said she thinks Minenok has a chance to go far. Palladino coached her in different musicals and showed her how to hit certain notes.

"She is very dedicated and always wants to be the very best she can be in anything she does. For that reason, I believe she can do anything she sets her mind to," Palladino said.

Carter agreed. "We are going to try and get her to open for some major acts this summer and get her in a lot of festivals to get her name out there. She absolutely has a future as a professional musician," he said.

Since then, she has performed in various shows around the area and sung the national anthem at Pittsburgh Pirates and Cleveland Indians games.

Her next performance will be at the Back to the '50s festival, held in New Castle in late August.

"They booked me for that, and it's actually going to be bigger than just having me there. There's some other stuff that I can't say yet that's in the works, but if it all works out, it's going to be a great show," Minenok said.

In addition to Minenok's pursuit of a music career, she commutes from New Castle to Youngstown State University as a telecommunications major. "I've always wanted to go into sports broadcasting. That's another passion of mine. I'm really obsessed with Erin Andrews," she said.

Trying to chase both dreams makes her life "a little crazy," she said. In the future, she would like to be a singer and a sports broadcaster at the same time, if possible.

For now, she said she has no regrets and is fueled by her love of music and sports.

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The software detects errors and prevents problematic notes from being filed. Doctors can also program the software to recognize common mistakes.

"Any failsafe you can have is there to prevent problems before the report is sent out," McCaslin said.

Brad Sloan, St. Joseph's PACS administrator, said he would like to see voice recognition incorporated into all areas of

the hospital.

Lyons met with representatives from area hospitals to discuss his research.

Lyons and Palmer are recruiting people of various ages, ethnic backgrounds and genders to participate in the study.

The older generation, Lyons postulates, may be less receptive to voice recognition. He also said the doctor's ethnic background could be a factor.

"If someone isn't as familiar with it, they're not going to be as accepting to it," McCaslin said.

"That's where our research comes in," Lyons said. "I definitely think that age could be a factor."

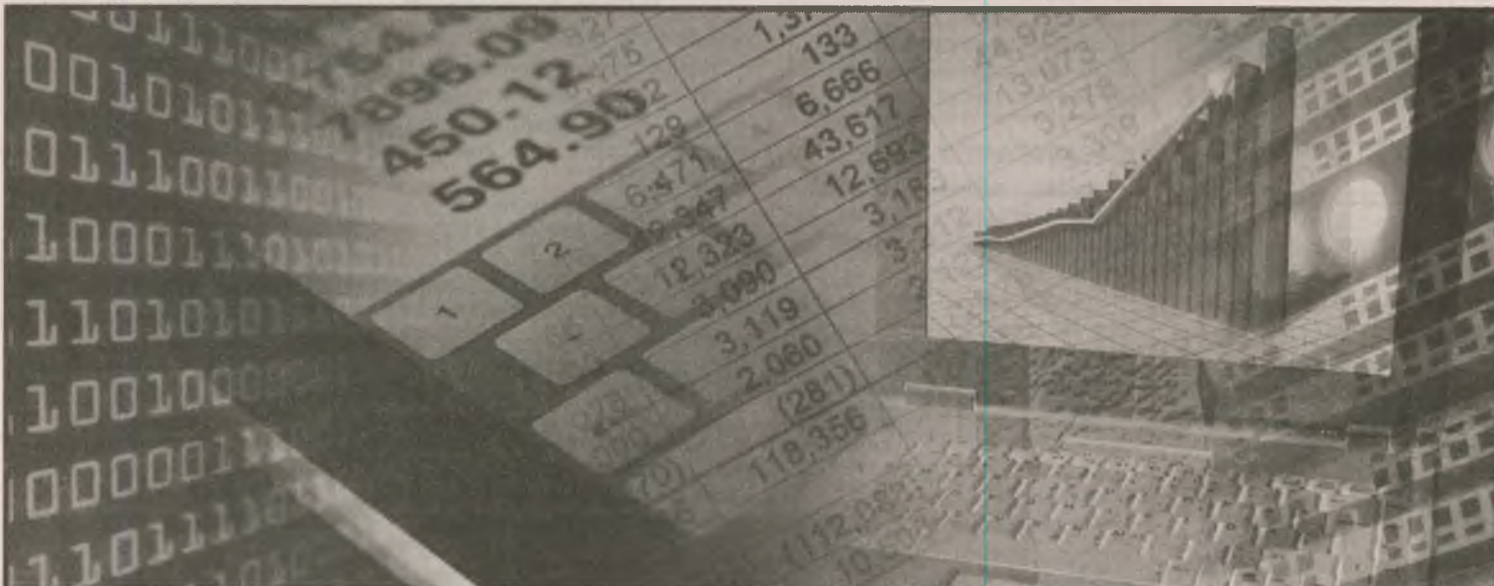
Lyons said they are on target with the hospitals and look forward to conducting more research.

Participants in Lyons' research will take part in a two-day session. The first

day they will make their profile, and the second day they will test the software and give their input.

Palmer said he believes that once people become more knowledgeable, they will be more likely to implement it.

"It takes some getting used to," Palmer said. "But once you do and you use it, you're going to wonder why you didn't use it before."



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**QUEST forum scheduled for Tuesday**

YSU undergraduate and graduate students will showcase their academic achievements at the 22nd annual QUEST Forum for Student Scholarship from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, with cash prizes awarded in several categories. The event — which includes research and scholarship in all forms — is free and open to the public.

POLICE BRIEFS

**Student employee reports missing debit card**

On Saturday, a student employee told YSU Police that after returning to Kilcawley Center's staff office after being in and out throughout the evening, he discovered that his wallet had been removed from his book bag and that his debit card was missing. The student employee added that he made sure the door was locked each time he left the office, emphasizing that no one else was in the room when he left the office. He noted that only cleaning personnel would have access to the locked room. The student employee told YSU Police that he had already canceled his debit card.



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Again, audience members closed their eyes — but were instead asked to think about a big mistake they've made.

"A mistake so big you still look back every once in a while and think, 'Oh, man. What was I thinking?'" Earnhardt said.

He then mentioned points in his life when he made major mistakes and ultimately learned from them.

From the age of 7, when he stole candy from a grocery store and learned not to steal, to the age of 21, when he was a radio DJ and didn't think twice about what to say or what to air after a messy breakup, he remembers his mistakes and has been able to move forward in a positive direction, he said.

"It was then I learned that words are powerful and impactful," Earnhardt added.

As adviser of Rookery Radio, YSU's student-run radio station, he tells student DJs this story, hoping they'll learn from his mistakes.

Next, he shared a lyric from one of his favorite musicians, Bob Marley.

**'Don't worry about a thing.'**

Earnhardt asked members of the audience one final time to close their eyes, thinking of their parents and the values they instilled.

He reflected on a day when he and his siblings awoke to realize that their father was missing.

Earnhardt's father, who died a few years ago after a short battle with cancer, had been battling mental illness for his entire life.

"People in our neighborhood didn't understand my father's illness, so we were shunned from our city," he said.

During that particular morning, his father was walking from Pittsburgh to Kentucky.

But Earnhardt's mom said, "Don't worry. Everything will be OK."

That's the message Earnhardt tried to convey: No matter what, everything will be OK in the end.

Freshman Katelyn Kridler attended Earnhardt's lecture. She said her favorite part was the way he concluded it.

"Don't worry about what the hell is wrong with the ducks because everything is going to be all right," was the phrase Earnhardt fashioned from each of the three quotes to which he alluded. He added that it represents the one lesson to take away from the lecture.

During the fall semester, Kridler attended the Last Lecture of Stephen Gage, professor of music and director of bands.

"You don't find many people who are really happy in their jobs, but look at him. He's so happy to be teaching college students," Kridler said of Earnhardt.

Bryan DePoy, dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts, was also in attendance.

"Given Dr. Earnhardt's dedication on student success, he was a great fit for this seminar," DePoy said. "It's a benefit to students and faculty alike."

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alleged victim, during cross-examination in February's preliminary hearing indicated Trey McCune, Wade Hampton and Edward Robertson as having larger roles in the alleged beatings that hospitalized Stubbs twice and left Resean Yancey on a ventilator.

Jerome Justice, Jairus Ford, Michael Charles, Lavell Sharp and Jason Anderson were also charged, but at the Feb. 27 hearing, they waived their rights to a hearing and had their cases bound over to the grand jury, which indicted the five.

Raheem Satterthwaite, the ninth suspect, has yet to turn himself in. A warrant for his

arrest was issued on Feb. 16. All nine defendants each face two charges of felonious assault, which carry anywhere from two to eight years in prison and up to a \$15,000 fine for each charge.

On Feb. 17, Youngstown City Prosecutor Jay Macejko said an additional charge would be pressed on a co-operating witness, but as of Wednesday, no foreseeable date is expected.

County Prosecutor Paul Gains, who is now prosecuting the case, said he was not aware of the city's pursuing any additional charges.

To avoid any pretrial publicity, Gains was reluctant to comment further, as the case

is in its early stages. However, he did mention that he's seeking justice throughout the process.

Fraternity leaders support Gains' quest.

"I just want to reinforce that Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity and its leadership at all levels takes hazing and other such egregious acts very seriously," Keith Hunt, executive director of Kappa Alpha Psi, said in an email. "We are continually working together to rid the fraternity of the remnants of this underlying behavior, and again we stand behind the efforts of the university and the Youngstown law enforcement in this matter."

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Hart was chosen after Solomon presented the project to a group of Clarion students.

Afterward, Hart contacted Solomon to express his interest in working with him.

"I guess my persistency paid off," Hart said.

The research duo will be analyzing the chemical analysis of the cables; they hope to find a reliable way to connect the cable to its source through ultrasonic welding.

"While universities specialize in research, Delphi brings the benefit of over 100 years of experience of taking automotive innovations from the laboratory to the production floor," Larry Groves, manager of materials and cable engineering at Delphi Packard Electrical, said in an email. "The STEM College and materials program remains on the cutting

edge of research and education. The high caliber of the YSU staff, students and equipment, coupled with Delphi's industry expertise, is what we feel makes this local collaboration a success."

Each of the of aluminum cable samples that have been sent to Solomon possess different chemical compositions. Though the cables are aluminum, the different impurities in each cable affect how the metal welds to its connection point.

"We will be finding out which one will give them reliable results when welding the cable," Solomon said. "How they are going to achieve that is the research part."

Groves added, "Aluminum offers a 48 percent weight savings, lower core material costs and increased fuel economy, all while offering a significant edge

against the volatile copper market."

Hart will graduate from Clarion with a physics degree in May. Along with researching the cables, he will begin pursuing a master's degree in mechanical engineering at YSU this summer.

Though Hart admits he has never worked on a project of this magnitude, and that he's nervous, he is glad to have a chance to apply what he has learned.

During his time at Clarion, Hart worked on an undergraduate research project involving zinc oxide nanostructures.

Michael Hripko, director of STEM research, said the timing of the project has worked out well.

Delphi hired YSU to conduct research on the project and will be monitoring Hart's progress throughout the summer.

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and an 18 percent growth for technical writers by 2018.

Overall, the fields of advertising, marketing, public relations and sales managers are expected to increase by 13 percent through 2018.

And the master's degree can be applied to any undergraduate major.

"The program is meant to either prepare people who are already in the workforce for career development for mana-

gerial kinds of work or as a stepping stone to the Ph.D. program," Horvath said.

The new degree is designed with seven core courses within the fields of English, marketing, communications and statistics. It then branches into two tracks: one for students who are going on to graduate school, and another for students who are entering the work force.

DePoy said another benefit of the master's degree is that

it has the potential to be cost neutral, and, if anything, will generate revenue in terms of tuition.

If the master's degree is approved by OBOR, it will be open to students in the spring of 2013.

"We think the program is unique because there's nothing else like it in the region," Horvath said. "I don't know any other programs that are interdisciplinary."

CORRECTION

In Tuesday's edition of The Jambar, we incorrectly reported in "Campus caught off guard by unseasonable heat wave" that YSU is under contract to wait until April 15 to turn on the air conditioning. The university is not under contract to do so, and April 15 is an arbitrary date that YSU's facilities department sets each year. We deeply regret the error.

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## Tax incentives for grocers should be encouraged

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Youngstown is no peach, and there are no peaches in Youngstown.

As the city grapples with crime, poverty and unemployment, there are attainable goals — like incentivizing businesses that could support locally grown and owned produce suppliers — that continue to elude local leaders.

The Youngstown food desert is an ever-green issue that stifles the quality of life in the city.

But it doesn't have to be this way. YSU's food services wants the produce. Youngstown schools can use it. Local vendors want to sell it. Residents and students living in the dorms want to buy it.

But no one has a coalescent plan to grow the area's fresh food supply. They just have scattershot community gardens and food markets that stamp out blight brushfires.

Yes, there were 16 farmers markets in 2008, and one currently operating downtown, but is it really enough?

So, we call on the city to act. While the city of Youngstown provides tax incentives for businesses that promise perennial jobs, nothing is done to garner support for perennial foods.

Jim Converse, director of the farmers market, is ready and hopeful to begin selling fresh produce to local grocery stores to expand, but that's just a mere start. There must be grocery stores to sell to.

It was reported in The Vindicator that 18 percent of Youngstown's nearly 70,000 residents live more than a half-mile from a grocery store.

A program should be established to partner local produces with local consumers.

Gas stations should be encouraged to provide these products. And beyond gas stations, which can only mitigate hunger, we need long-term solutions that will stabilize communities.

Coax the fruit and vegetable vendors in the outskirts townships of Liberty and Girard into our city, and revitalize the old Pyatt Street Market, and see how the South Side responds.

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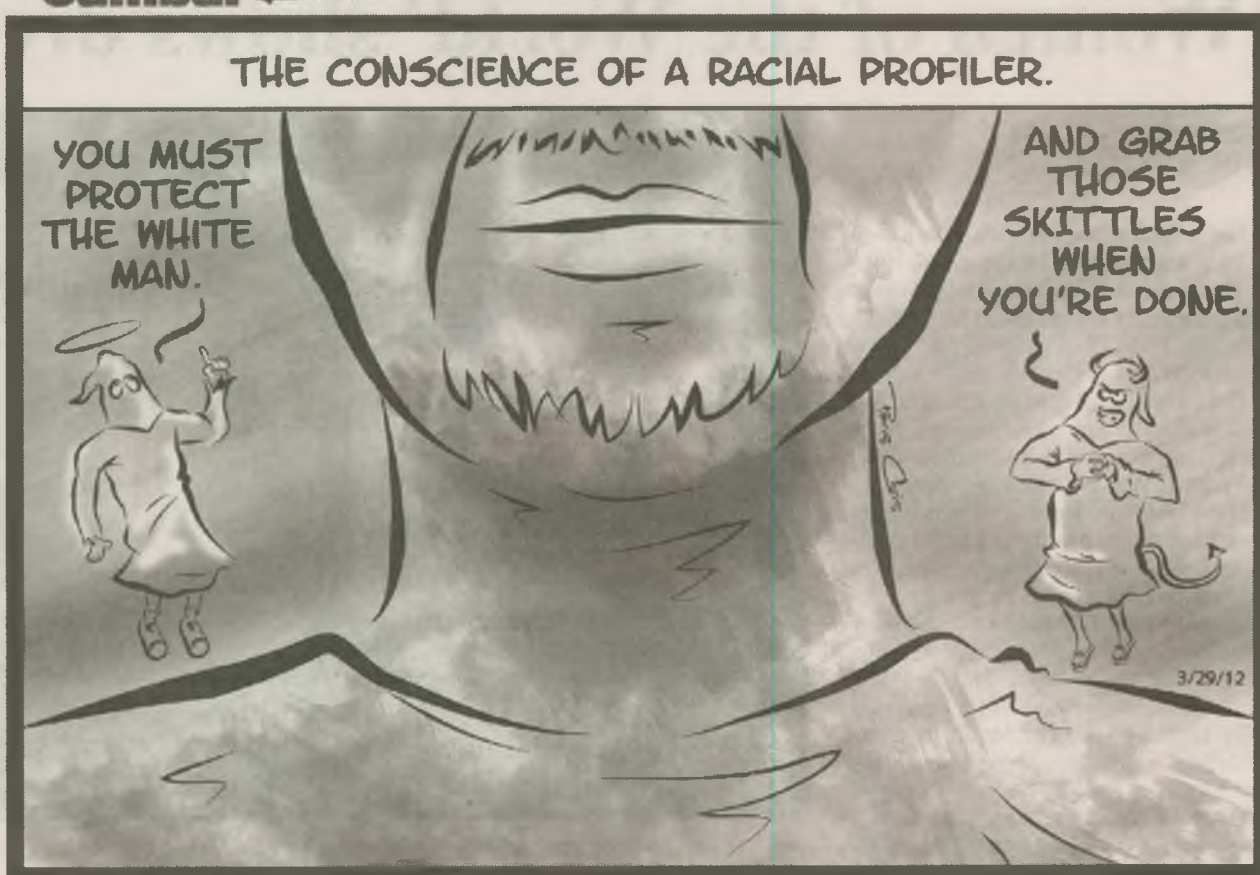
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Cartoon by Paris Chrisopoulos/The Jambar.

## Employers asking for passwords is just wrong

McClatchy-Tribune  
News Service  
(MCT)

Silicon Widgets Inc. doesn't want to hire a new VP for marketing who's all over YouTube with hilarious videos lampooning the uselessness of Widgets. We get that. So in addition to reference calls and record checks, HR departments would be crazy not to add a vigorous Internet search to check on what's out there for all the world to see.

But asking candidates for passwords to sites such as Facebook? No way. That's just wrong. The newly surfaced practice is an invasion of privacy and an invitation to all sorts of mischief by employers who have shown, just by asking, that they lack respect for employees.

Nobody is more appalled than Facebook, which has been trying to offer more privacy options. It sent out a reminder of its terms of use over the weekend, but company policies don't carry enough legal weight to stop this. And no website privacy system or instruction does any good if users are compelled to give up their passwords. It's like giving prospective employers a key to your house, or

at least your Post Office box.

Sen. Richard Blumenthal, a Connecticut Democrat, is writing a bill to stop the practice, which he sees as an "unreasonable invasion of privacy for people seeking work." California Sens. Diane Feinstein and Barbara Boxer should be out there with him. Two states are preparing legislation, but the practice crosses state lines.

It's really a case of employment law needing to catch up with the Internet age. Passwords give employers access to information they're prohibited from asking about, from relationships to political views. The laws also should apply to schools and universities. They'd never demand to open a student's paper mail.

On Monday the Federal Trade Commission came out with new standards for Internet privacy. Among other things, they will require clearer information on how consumers can achieve the level of privacy they want. People have been clamoring for more protection. It's a measure of their frustration that when Facebook sent out a reminder of its privacy policy over the weekend in response to this flap, it sparked outrage in Germany and some other quarters because people thought the company was

springing something nefarious.

Nothing on the Internet is guaranteed, or perhaps even likely, to be private forever, even if you're sure you only showed those racy pictures to your closest 500 friends on Facebook, Google + or the next new social media sensation due out in about five minutes. Students will learn that the hard way when, a decade or two from now, those provocative pictures or drunken rants that seemed so funny at the time resurface at high school or college reunions, in a search by the boss or, God forbid, on their own kids' computers. Ah, for olden days, when young people vented their innermost thoughts to their friends one at a time on the phone, which was attached to the wall for some reason.

Employers or schools Googling an applicant is fine. If anybody can see the candidate's sidesplitting Widget videos, then they're fair game. But asking for passwords to private sites is wrong and should be prohibited.

Even then, it will be generally wise to not post anything online that might cost you a job or relationship in the future. Particularly since today's kids are the job recruiters of tomorrow, and they'll know just where to look.

## Law grads get schooled in court

Newsday  
(MCT)

If you think the world is going to hell in a handbasket, let me introduce you to Melvin L. Schweitzer.

A state Supreme Court judge in Manhattan, Schweitzer on March 21 threw out a lawsuit by nine graduates of New York Law School claiming it misled them about their job prospects. They sought \$225 million in damages.

There is an important lesson in all this, which I'll get to in a bit, but first I want to describe the case, which offers lessons of its own about an over-reliance on the judicial system for salving life's disappointments.

Although its alumni appear amply endowed with chutzpah, New York Law School is not the nation's premier training ground for legal eagles. Not to be confused with the renowned New York University School of Law, New York Law has a "lackluster ranking and reputation," according to the plaintiffs. No dispute there. It also charges annual tuition of \$48,700.

Yet its graduates do go on to have careers in law — as many of the plaintiffs seem to have done, their complaint notwithstanding. By the time of the judge's ruling, four of them had found jobs practicing law. A fifth was a lawyer

on a contract basis, while a sixth was a paralegal. And two had yet to pass the New York bar exam. As the judge noted, moreover, seven of the nine graduated into the sharp teeth of the Great Recession, a time when things were pretty tough all over.

Schweitzer, who took the trouble to write a 36-page opinion, summed up his view of the case in words that should be chiseled over the doorway of every law school in the country: "Not every ailment afflicting society may be redressed by a lawsuit."

But what about the claim that New York Law School misrepresented how well its graduates were doing? In general, lesser law schools are notorious for massaging the numbers on this score, but the judge concluded the school's data wasn't misleading, at least not to students shopping for a law school.

Yet New York Law and America's other second-rate law schools aren't out of the woods. An appeal is likely in this case. Lawyers for disgruntled grads have brought at least a dozen additional such cases against law schools around the country, and have threatened 20 more with litigation.

There is something deeply satisfying about discovering that the law schools whose spawn have given us such a litigious society may yet be snared by their own devices.

But while it's easy to deride such lawsuits — as in the war between Iraq and Iran in the 1980s, it's hard to know whom to root for — there may well be some value in them. Maybe they'll force law schools to be more careful in representing their results — and to focus more on preparing graduates for the real world of legal practice. Deterring some applicants might eventually reduce the supply of attorneys, which is already more than ample. It would be great to redeploy some of this talent into other areas of the economy.

Much has been made of abuses by for-profit colleges that get students to borrow huge sums for degrees that have little value. The lesser law schools are increasingly susceptible to the same criticisms.

Which brings us to the real lesson of this column, one that should be written on the refrigerator of every family with kids looking ahead to college.

That lesson is: Don't pay top dollar for mediocrity. It's tragic to think of students saddling themselves with huge debts to buy a low-quality degree that confers little earning power in the marketplace.

Schweitzer's view from the bench is that students going to law school should know better. You should too.

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## 'Women of the World' shows diversity of Valley

Shannon Watson  
REPORTER

The influx of immigrants who passed through Youngstown in the early 1900s has given the area a history rich in diversity; these roots are reflected in "Women of the World: A Photographic Journey of New Americans in the Mahoning Valley."

The exhibit, featured on the fifth floor of Youngstown State University's Maag Library, has been on display since March 8, as part of Women's History Month.

The exhibit includes 15 women from around the globe who have settled in the Mahoning Valley. It shows a picture of each woman and a small biography.

Rosemary D'Apolito, associate professor of sociology, conducted research for the exhibit. She had help from students Sarah Lowry and Molly Toth, who were under the guidance of Mehera Gerardo, associate professor of history.

"The exhibit originally went up in September at the Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor," Gerardo said. "This particular event was actually Molly's idea."

But it was Toth who wanted to bring the exhibit to YSU.

"Even though the center is so close and free for students, she felt that not a lot of students had seen the exhibit because it was slightly off campus," Gerardo said. "That was essentially the birth for idea of bringing it here."

The women featured in the exhibit came from places all over the world, including Peru, Vietnam, the Ukraine and Palestine.

Eight of the women came to campus to talk on a panel, held in honor of International Women's Day, about their immigration experiences.

"Dr. D'Apolito and I interviewed the women on their stories beyond what was on the bio, and they were really remarkable," Gerardo said. "What amazed me was how each of these women went



Anita Gomez (left) and Ana Bobby stand alongside their portraits at the "Women of the World" exhibit, located on the fifth floor of Maag Library. Photo by Shannon Watson/The Jambar.

through such remarkably difficult circumstances, and how they all saw their own stories as something that wasn't as difficult as the women they were sitting next to."

Gerardo mentioned two women, who each told their story about fleeing from their respective country's oppressive regimes.

One woman, Irena Perlman, started her speech with, "I haven't gone through anything that is nearly comparable to these women; my story is much more subtle."

Gerardo disagreed. Perlman's story told of her going to the synagogue in Russia and the KGB, Russia's former secret police and intelligence agency, coming in with garbage trucks to circle the synagogue during services. Not only did it create a stench, it also deterred people from going to the synagogue. This was

due to the anti-Semitism being enforced through the Russian government.

"There was no sense of self-pity, no sense of self-aggrandizement," Gerardo said. "Just a beautiful sense of 'this is what I went through.'"

Even though the women came from different cultures, they shared hardships.

Ana Bobby came to the U.S. from Peru out of high school in the late '80s and landed in New Jersey. She then went to the University of Miami in Florida to study architecture for about two years. But after her father died, Bobby married young, moved to North Dakota and started a family. She later returned to Florida to finish her education. After remarrying, she landed in the Mahoning Valley.

"I think what's similar about our stories is leaving behind our families," Bobby said. "Sometimes they would have to leave their children and wait to have them

come later, or, with me being so young, leaving my siblings."

Bobby made a note of the Hispanic culture being very family oriented.

"You're close to your cousins, your relatives, your aunts and uncles," Bobby said.

Bobby is part of the access services at Maag Library. Originally, she was employed as a library assistant. Bobby is also president of the YSU Women's Club.

Though she is now acclimated to American culture, it wasn't always so.

"The hardest part was learning the English and then being submerged in the culture," Bobby said.

It's been 25 years since Bobby left Peru.

"In a way, we were able to put a voice to our stories and those of the women that have migrated here for centuries and still continue to migrate," Bobby said.

## Farmers market freshens Youngstown

Chelsea Telega  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT  
REPORTER

Local residents are joining forces to provide the city with naturally grown food that is fresh and ready for preparation — primarily because of a lack of access to full grocery stores in the downtown Youngstown area.

The Northside Farmers Market, two blocks from Youngstown State University's campus at the First Unitarian Universalist Church, provides an organic alternative to consumers who are trying to stay away from processed foods.

The market started in 2003 with four scheduled dates to see if the community showed an interest. After an overwhelming response, it expanded to 10 markets in 2004 and 16 in 2008.

Now, it's open year-round. It also expanded to the downtown area in 2008, but is open only during the summer at this location.

Every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the market sells items such as prepared lunches and dinners, pastries, fruits, vegetables and soups. The market is indoors from November to April and is moved outside during the summer.

Renee Mauk, a vendor at the market, has been involved for nearly three years. She said buying food at the market and supporting local urban farmers is a win-win situation for everyone involved.

"[The food] came from my backyard into my kitchen. It didn't travel on a truck where it loses a lot of nutrients," Mauk said. "The benefits are huge from that. The carbon footprint is less. You're doing better for the environment. You're doing better for this area in general."

Mauk grows and prepares pastries and treats of all kinds. She has an unwavering dedication to locally grown ingredients.

Her cheesecakes are derived from local goat cheese and eggs, and her cupcakes are made from lavender honey that comes from another vendor.

For Mauk's business, Can-Tastic, she cans different spreads as well — everything from peppers and salsas to jams and sauces.

Mauk said her mission is to go from farm to table and try to get people to realize that a wealth of great food exists in the area.

As a consumer, Mauk wants to be able to see the person who prepared the food she is buying and learn what ingredients were used.

Jim Converse, the market's manager, said approximately 300 people shop at the downtown market, and close to 700 people shop at the Elm Street location.

"It helps people all over the city realize the importance of local food, rather than having to buy it from local stores or have it shipped in," Converse said. "It also gives backyard gardeners the chance to sell their produce."

He said the market serves as a place for the community to get together and meet other locals while getting access to fresh food without having to drive to farms.

Natalia Lepore Hagan, an Ohio State University student and Youngstown native, is a regular shopper at the market and said she strictly supports local vendors.

"I think it's really important to be sustained locally. When I'm in Columbus, I'm completely sustained off of the farmers markets," Hagan said. "When I'm here, I like to do the same thing. It's just the way my parents raised me."

Hagan said the market ultimately supports a sense of community. Everyone there, she said, remembers the shoppers from week to week, and it gives the neighborhood a chance to try something new.

Bringing people from outside of the community is

an important aspect in the growth of the market as well, Hagan said.

"Not a lot of people know that things like this exist, and they like to stay where they are," she said. "If they could branch out, we could support all over. Environmentally, it's better, and just for a sense of community, it's wonderful."

Vendor Marla Herrmann got involved with the market five years ago after planting 300 tomatoes in her backyard. She said the locality of the market is essential.

The market, she said, gives consumers sustainable, healthful food that is easily accessible and right in the middle of town, rather than buying cookies and soda at a convenience store.

"There's a lot of food deserts around here where they've closed grocery stores down and people have to take the bus a long way to get food, and this is one of those areas," Herrmann said.

A "food desert" is an urban area with limited accessibility to fresh food supply.

The Food Research and Action Center reported that the Youngstown-Boardman-Warren region was rated the third highest metropolitan statistical area with food hardships in 2009 and 2010.

In the fall, The Vindicator reported that the "Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corp. shows that most of Youngstown's nearly 70,000 residents live more than a half-mile from a grocery store and that 18 percent of these people do not have access to a vehicle to drive them to stores."

Converse said the market and the Lake to River Cooperative are distributing fresh fruit and produce to Youngstown stores, such as Tom's Gas and Grocery and University Circle market.

The collaboration has also distributed fruit to local school districts.

Converse said he ultimately hopes to distribute locally grown food from the markets to larger grocers in the area.

## Professors attempt to revamp Irish music

Kacy Standohar  
FEATURES EDITOR

Youngstown State University English professors Philip Brady and Steve Reese are thinking beyond the traditional Irish drinking songs.

"Our music is — I think — powerful, poetic and lyrical. It's not just diddy-eye-dies, drinking and dancing songs," Brady said. "We like to have an audience that is prepared for a good listen."

In 2001, the two formed Brady's Leap, a Celtic band, along with YSU physics professor Jim Andrews, Kelly Bancroft and Istvan Homner. They've since produced two albums: "The Road to Killeshandra" and "Heart of the Stranger."

But the band's roots run deeper than a decade.

Since 1990, Reese and Brady would casually play music together while sitting in Brady's living room.

Brady, a vocalist and the band's front man, said he attended the same undergraduate school as Andrews and Reese; they didn't know one another then, however.

The band flourished under "a creative leakage" Reese had in 2002.

"He wrote at least 20 incredible songs — many of them based on lyrics or poems from old sources," Brady said.

Brady's Leap has used poems from 14th-century Welsh poets, English poets and an eighth-century Irish poet.

The band said it tries to use interesting juxtapositions to avoid the folk and Irish standard it says pervades the genre.

Reese said avoiding the Irish clichés is often difficult, but they do their best to remain authentic.

"One hardship is that there is not a real niche for this," he said. "We tend to stay away from the kind of stuff that people will shout for with traditional Irish music."

"People want to hear, 'When Irish eyes are smiling,' but we don't really do that," he added. "The cliché songs are fun to do, but not really what we play for."

Brady's Leap has performed at various venues, including Cedars Lounge, Irish Bob's and other local pubs. They have also played in Boston and Chestertown, Md.

Brady said the band feels most

comfortable at venues with smaller audiences. Their support from YSU faculty and students has provided them with a local flock.

One student drew a picture of the band from 20 years ago, and it still hangs on the wall in the English Department in DeBartolo Hall.

Karen Schubert, an English instructor, said she has been listening to Brady's Leap ever since she was an undergraduate student at YSU in the early 2000s.

"They're wonderful and lively, with a rich range of cry ballads and toe-tapping songs," she said. "When you listen to them, it's obvious that they care a lot about each other and their music."

Brady and Reese are poets by trade at YSU. They said the poems they teach often inspire them to sing.

"Steve's music brings together all these different strands and genres in ways that are really surprising," Brady said.

Reese added that the music brings out the rhythmic qualities of speech and accentuates them.

"We both spend a lot of time studying the sounds of written word. Harmonies and drum beats are a way of intensifying the music," Reese said.

Brady said a fair amount of work goes into the craft of writing and translating music.

"They are life-long activities, and I think William Stafford, an American poet, said you need to pick something for your life that you're not very good at so it takes you your whole life to get there," Brady said. "It feels like that with poetry."

Brady's Leap has 15 songs that have yet to be recorded.

Brady said the finished product of a song feels rewarding. Though they practice only once a month, Reese said practices are often laid back and driven by a surge of live performances.

Andrews, the band's bass player, said Brady's Leap has performed about 60 to 70 shows since he joined in 2003.

He said his most memorable experience was playing at Murphy's Pub in Alexandria, Va., on a stage that was six feet wide. There, the band played for Andrews' former professor.

"We spilled over a bit," he said. "It was just fun because it was the day before St. Patrick's Day."



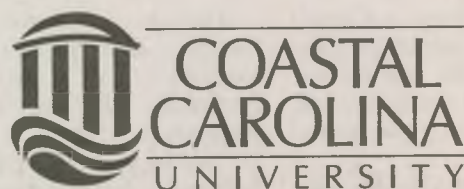
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## From the hardwood to the gridiron

### Basketball standout practicing with football team



Ashen Ward watches from the sidelines at Stambaugh Stadium on Wednesday afternoon. Ward, whose final year of basketball eligibility has passed, is trying the likes of football. Ward has one year of eligibility remaining. Photo by Josh Stipanovich/The Jambar.

**Steve Wilaj**  
SPORTS REPORTER

A month ago, Ashen Ward wore the Youngstown State University "Y" on his chest. On Wednesday, as the YSU football team continued its spring practice, Ward sported the "Y" on his helmet.

A four-year basketball player for the Penguins, Ward will take his athletic 6-foot-3-inch, 214-pound frame to the football field.

"When you got a great athlete walking around campus, you have to take a look at him," said head football coach Eric Wolford. "The thing I see with him is he's very athletic, very strong, very explosive and very smart."

Having never played football before, Ward participated in his first practice on Monday. He said putting on the pads and the helmet is something he has wanted to do.

"It's always been a dream

of mine," said Ward, a Cleveland native. "I wanted to play in high school, but was turned off by a football coach. I stuck with basketball to prove some people wrong."

Ward was a two-year starter for the YSU basketball program. As a senior captain, he led the Penguins to a 16-15 record while averaging 10.2 points per game.

"Now that my basketball career here is over, it's a great opportunity for me to play football," Ward said.

Ward will be seen as a project for the coaching staff. To take advantage of his size, speed and 41-inch vertical, Wolford said he wants Ward to play wide receiver.

"Just throwing the ball to him, you can tell he's got soft hands," said Shane Montgomery, YSU offensive coordinator. "The biggest thing for him is how quick he can pick up the offense. Going from a basketball system to a football system, obviously it's a big difference."

Though still early on in Ward's development, the coaching staff has been impressed with his football mentality.

"We've asked him a lot of questions," Montgomery said. "Every time there's a rep, we ask him what he's got, and he's been pretty good with it."

Ward said he's been surprised by the praise from his coaches.

"They tell me a lot of positive things I didn't expect to be doing that well so soon," he said. "They tell me I have a lot of natural talent that will really work out for me once I get a hold of [the offense]."

Known as a physical basketball player, Wolford said he thinks Ward's bullish style translates well to the football field.

"When I'm at receiver, I feel that every ball that goes up is a rebound, and I would pride myself on getting rebounds in basketball," Ward said. "Even separating myself on the field,

using a move I might have used on the court could help."

"He's a physical specimen," Wolford said. "Those Division I college basketball players are good athletes. We just have to get him out there and see what he can do."

Wolford plans to evaluate Ward for the first time in practice on Friday, then in the scrimmage on Saturday. He will line up at receiver as part of the second team.

"I'm not going to be too judgmental right now," Wolford said. "We got to give him some time and give him some practices to get his feet wet."

Still, Ward will not lower his expectations because of his inexperience. In fact, he has set a goal for himself: be ready to contribute for the Penguins in the fall.

"I'm going to grind out the rest of the spring and grind out the summer," Ward said. "Hopefully, I'll put myself in a position where I can go out and help the team in the fall."

## Penguins zipped in Akron

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With two outs and runners on first and second base, Youngstown State University sophomore Marcus Heath stepped up to the plate, representing the tying run in the bottom of the ninth inning.

University of Akron senior pitcher Scott Foster delivered a fastball on the inner half of the plate, just where Heath likes it.

Foster turned out to be the happier of the two, as Heath hit a pop-up to the pitcher, ending the Penguins' hope of a comeback in a 5-2 loss at Canal Park.

"Obviously not the result I wanted," Heath said. "I saw the pitch I wanted, and I just got under it. I just missed it."

Rich Pasquale, head baseball coach at YSU, said he had no problem with Heath's swinging at the first pitch.

"We tell our guys we want you to be aggressive in those situations," Pasquale said. "That guy is on the ropes. I was fine with him swinging at that because that was a pitch he could hit hard. I am all for that."

Through five innings, YSU freshman pitcher Russ Harless, in his first collegiate start, gave up one run and three hits.

But the sixth inning proved costly for the Penguins and Harless.

The Zips scored four runs on three hits in their half of the sixth inning to break the 1-1 tie.

A bunt down the first baseline by Akron freshman right fielder Joey Havrilak led to a miscommunication by Harless and senior first baseman David Leon, which started the Zips' rally.

Pasquale said a play like that could extend an inning.

"It is certainly going to do that," Pasquale said. "David has been playing the last couple of games at first [base] and is still learning the position. The guy has been a middle infielder all his life, and with JB



Freshman pitcher Russ Harless delivers a pitch to a University of Akron batter during Wednesday's game at Canal Park. Harless pitched five innings in the Penguins' 5-2 loss. Photo by Joe Catullo Jr./The Jambar.

[Jeremy Banks] being out, and he has done a great job."

Harless finished with 5.0 innings pitched, five runs, three strikeouts and a walk.

"All year, he does a great job attacking hitters," Pasquale said. "He really has done a great job to come in as a freshman. He has come in all year in some tight spots and minimized the damage and attacks hitters."

Harless said he just lost his touch in that sixth inning, but felt strong on the mound. He knows he will learn with experience.

"I was just hitting spots, keeping the ball low," Harless said. "I felt pretty good out there. The more I throw, the more experience I will get, and that will help a lot."

Heath said Harless pitched well in his first start.

"He kept them off balance for the first

five innings," Heath said. "He did a great job, so hopefully he can build off that for his next start."

The Penguins (3-20) split the season series with Akron (9-15), winning the first game, 8-4, on Tuesday. Heath said the Zips' pitchers did a solid job.

"We came into today with a lot of confidence," Heath said. "Akron did a good job keeping us off balance, switching pitchers with different velocities."

The Penguins are still without Banks in the lineup. Heath said his presence is clearly missed.

"It does hurt us, but we all believe in each other and we do the best we can," Heath said. "We still believe we can win without him, but it would be nice to have him back in the lineup, that's for sure."

### Sports Briefs

#### Penguins get win against the Zips

Eastwood Field played host to the Tuesday afternoon matchup between the YSU baseball team and the University of Akron Zips. The Penguins went on to win the game with a final score of 8-4. In his first career start, Ryan Krokos pitched five shutout innings. He got plenty of help from his teammates, especially in the sixth inning, when the Penguins sent 10 batters to the plate. This resulted in five runs scored. The Penguins are set to compete against Akron on Wednesday at Canal Park. First pitch is set for 3 p.m.

#### Senior Haley Thomas snatches record for career runs

The YSU softball team went head to head against the University of Akron Zips in Tuesday's doubleheader. YSU won the first game with a score of 7-6, and senior Haley Thomas broke the record for most career runs in the top of the sixth, when she sent a ball deep for a two-run shot. Freshman pitcher Kayla Haslett relieved starter Casey Crozier to earn her first career save. In the second game, the Penguins battled from the beginning, as they were down early. The game was called after the sixth due to darkness. The Penguins will take on Cleveland State University in a doubleheader on Friday at McCune Park. First pitch is set for 3 p.m.

### Penguin Spotlight



#### Haley Thomas

Year: Senior  
Height: 5'4"  
Hometown: Simi Valley, Calif.  
High School: Simi Valley  
Position: OF

Senior center fielder Haley Thomas led the charge for the Penguins in a doubleheader against the University of Akron on Tuesday. Thomas, the team's leadoff hitter, went 3-for-9 at the plate, with two home runs and four RBIs. When Thomas scored on her first homer, she broke the Penguins' all-time record for most career runs scored. She has 22 runs this season and 128 in her career. She also won Horizon League Softball Player of the Week honors.

### 'Jack Up The Rev'



Sports Editor Joe Catullo Jr. recaps the YSU softball and baseball teams' trips to the University of Akron. Also, check out a special Major League Baseball 2012 preview on The Jambar's website, <http://www.thejambar.com>.