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Campus responds, widow of alumnus finds closure

Joe Giesy
NEWS EDITOR

In September 2001, the U.S. experienced one of the greatest attacks on American soil. An estimated 50,000 American deaths resulted from the initial attack and subsequent wars.

In September, the president of the U.S. received intelligence that a compound in Abbottabad housed a high-profile terrorist.

On Sunday, U.S. soldiers infiltrated the compound, killing the high-profile terrorist later confirmed to be Osama bin Laden, the man behind the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City; the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and the crash of United Airlines Flight 93 near Shanksville, Pa.

Terry Lynch, an alumnus of Youngstown State University, was attending a meeting at the Pentagon that day.

On Monday, Terry Lynch's wife, Jackie Lynch, said she could not be happier to finally have some sort of closure after her husband's death nearly 10 years ago.

"This is about as good of closure as we're going to get,"

Jackie Lynch said.

According to White House senior officials in an early morning conference call Monday, U.S. soldiers infiltrated the compound, killing four males and one female who was being used as a human shield before escaping by helicopter with bin Laden's dead body.

During the attack, one of the U.S. helicopters malfunctioned and had to be destroyed by the U.S. soldiers.

"The bottom line of our collection and our analysis was that we had high confidence that the compound harbored a high-value terrorist target," a senior administration official said. "The experts who worked this issue for years assessed that there was a strong probability that the terrorist that was hiding there was Osama bin Laden."

Sohaib Athar tweeted that he heard the helicopters and explosion around 1 a.m. and continued to tweet from his Twitter name ReallyVirtual as the events unfolded, leading up to the identification of bin Laden on Sunday night.

Jackie Lynch said she was home watching CNN when the news broke. At first, she thought the president's speech would be about another at-



Ted Carouso along with other revelers celebrate at ground zero after hearing of the death of Osama bin Laden on Monday in New York City. (Howard Schnapp/Newsday/MCT)

tack, but she was elated to hear that bin Laden had finally been found. Jackie Lynch was so excited that she could not sleep.

"I hope I get to meet these guys," she said about the soldiers who attacked the compound.

YSU students may recognize Terry Lynch's name from a memorial outside Kilcawley

Center that was erected a year after the events of 9/11 to remember victims.

"It's one of those days in history you will never forget where you were," said Greg Gulas, assistant director of student programming at YSU.

Gulas was at an eye doctor appointment in Cranberry, Pa., about two hours north of where Flight 93 crashed the

morning of 9/11.

"By honoring [Terry Lynch] we were honoring everyone affected that day," Gulas said.

Tony Spano and Sara Gray, then Sara O'Brien, came up with the idea for the memorial when they were students at YSU.

Spano said Gray came up

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Campus community adjusts to Covelli shuttles

Caitlin Fitch
REPORTER

When the M-2 parking deck closed April 18 for major renovations, some Youngstown State University students dreaded coming to campus, not sure of where they would park.

Junior Ciara Vaughn said she wasn't pleased with the deck's closing.

"I just recently bought a parking pass and parked in M-2 because it's close to Cushwa [Hall]. Now I have to search for parking and it's a pain," Vaughn said.

But Danny O'Connell, director of support services, said complaints have been minimal since some parking was redirected to downtown Youngstown's Covelli Centre.

"There has only been one complaint, and that was about the number of handicapped parking spots in the M-24 [parking lot] and addressing that we are required by law to have so many and they fill up," O'Connell said. "But that complaint wasn't about the shuttle, so I took it kind of tongue and cheek and am pleased that all the preparation

is working in our favor."

Although parking was previously available on both sides of Lincoln Avenue, one side of the street had to be closed due to renovations, O'Connell said.

"We couldn't run the shuttles down Lincoln efficiently if there was parking on both sides of the street. During the summer months, when the shuttles aren't running, the other side of the street will be open again," he said.

O'Connell said on any given day, 700 to 1,000 students park at the Covelli Centre and that the shuttles run every seven minutes to ensure that students get to campus on time.

Junior Chelsea Zoldan said she looks for parking in other decks before going to the Covelli Centre.

"I've had to park down here since April, [and] one time I had luck finding a spot only because I was early, but usually there are 10 other cars waiting for spaces too," Zoldan said. "It's frustrating to depend on other people to get you to class on time, and professors don't give much leeway to students late

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Student reveals thoughts through newspaper clippings

Chelsea Telega
REPORTER

A month ago, one box was placed next to the newspaper stacks on the first floor of DeBartolo Hall, requesting that students donate old newspapers.

Lezlie Thorndike, an art student at Youngstown State University, placed the box there with the hope of collecting newspapers to help bring her imagination to life.

Thorndike, who specializes in sculpture, subsequently created an installation piece formed entirely from newspaper.

Boxes were placed all over campus in an attempt to accumulate newspapers. However, Thorndike said most of the boxes got taken away. The box located in DeBartolo was the only one to stay.

The installation was displayed in the student art gallery in Bliss Hall. Her efforts to collect newspapers lasted from January until the end of

March.

After she collected what she felt was enough paper, Thorndike started constructing the periodical habitat. Once she started, she realized that she had more than enough paper to work with.

"Newspaper is one of those things that just accumulates," Thorndike said.

It took Thorndike about a month of free time to roll all of the newspaper into the intricate shapes that filled the area. She even recruited some help from her parents.

Thorndike's installation was on display between April 4 and 9. The gallery also featured her work from the week before: a sculpture in the shape of a cube, framed and full of fishing line and colored lights.

The vicinity was not filled simply with newspaper, but specific sculptures.

"I made the newspaper marsh and the newspaper cave. That's what I called them," Thorndike said.

CLIPPINGS PAGE 4

Nearly 1,500 gather for second annual Big Tap In

Patrick Donovan
REPORTER

Thirsty Youngstown State University students convened in Boardman with a crowd of roughly 1,500 Saturday at the Second Annual Big Tap In.

The event, which took place at the Shepherd Event Center, played host to 54 breweries from around the country and showcased more than 100 different craft beers.

YSU junior Nick Carrabbia attended the event for the first time and was surprised by the variety of food and drinks.

The event featured 11 breweries that operate in Ohio along with food from more

than 20 local restaurants.

"For anyone into beer, it was really awesome, but even if you aren't a beer drinker, there was still a huge variety. Whether you go for the real dark stuff or the lighter fruity beers, there was something there to try," Carrabbia said.

Students can purchase many of the craft beers they might have missed at Vintage Estate Wine and Beer in Boardman.

Ticket prices, which sold out for the event, ranged from \$40-\$65 and included all you can eat and drink from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., as well as live entertainment from various local artists.

Event planners estimate that the event will raise

\$15,000 to \$20,000 for the Hands On Volunteer Network organization on Market Street in Youngstown this year. The Tap In started as a charity event and donates all profits to the organization.

The sold-out crowd did not surprise YSU senior Cheryl Wormley who volunteered at the event last year.

"The event was so well attended last year and talked about after, I knew it was going to be even bigger this time. I actually talked to a group of guys that came in on a bus from Pittsburgh," Wormley said.

YSU students who may have missed the Big Tap In this time around can catch the event next year because, with

the success of the Tap In this year, event planners are hoping to continue the tradition.

The rarity of so many craft beers in one place at one time in a lively atmosphere is one of the draws of the Big Tap In.

"Craft beer is a little more expensive than your average beer and little harder to find. You have to go to Pittsburgh or Cleveland to find anything like this event. This is putting Youngstown on the craft beer map," Wormley said.

Although the Big Tap In is centered primarily on drinking beer, the main focus of the event is not inebriation.

YSU junior J.C. Kocjancic stressed the positive aspects of the event beyond just simply getting drunk.



"People enjoy partying, but the thing I enjoyed most was the large variety of people who attended. From newly 21-year old kids to grandmas and grandpas, everyone just seemed like they were having a good time. It brings the community together and also helps out local and regional businesses," Kocjancic said.

Student group wants Meatless Monday

Chris Cotelesse
COLUMNIST

The Youngstown State Environmental and Animal Rights Coalition in conjunction with People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals has initiated a campaign for more vegan-friendly food options on campus.

Meatless Monday is a movement that asks people

to abstain from eating animal products one day each week.

YSEARC President Michelle Gbur said the student group wants to bring the movement to Youngstown State University.

"We already have a strong vegan and vegetarian voice on the food committee," she said.

The food committee is a group of students and faculty who make recommendations to Dining Services about what kind of dining options students

want.

If Dining Services adopts Meatless Monday, it would only affect the dining halls run by Sodexo. Arby's and KFC will not be subject to the change.

YSEARC collected more than 600 signatures Monday in front of Kilcawley Center and expects to reach 1,500 by 3 p.m. on Tuesday.

Fiona Kelly, a member of YSEARC, said she is involved for the sake of the animals.

She said cruelty laws do not apply to animals that are killed for food.

"When most people eat KFC, or whatever meat eaters eat, they don't think about their beaks being cut off or animals being tortured," Kelly said.

Lucas Solowey, volunteer representative for peta2, the international animal rights group's youth division, has been a vegan for 11 years.

"When I found out about all the pus, blood and feces in milk, it really grossed me out," Solowey said.

He said the vegan lifestyle also has enormous health benefits. He added that removing meat from his diet cleared his skin, gave him more energy and helped him lose weight.

"It's a good way to lose that freshman 15," he said.

Celebrating
SLAA's
'Jenny'

VIDEO
online

Local musician Chris Splain performs for a crowd of more than 100 at the Oakland Center for the Arts on Saturday during a party celebrating the second issue of the YSU Student Literary Arts Association's "Jenny." SLAA President Chris Lettera (top left) and fellow "Jenny" editors and contributors spoke at the event. Photos by Doug Livingston/The Jambar.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Student organization celebrates Cinco de Mayo

YSU's Latino Student Organization will present "The Battle of Puebla Cinco de Mayo Celebration" on Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the DeBartolo Stadium Club. The event, which is free and open to the public, will feature food, music and student performances. The YSU Latino Student Organization, Los Buenos Vecinos, Sociedad Mutualista Mexicana and the Office of Student Diversity Programs organized the event, which was co-sponsored by the James Dale Ethics Center.

Tree to be planted in Jamail Johnson's memory

During a noon ceremony on Tuesday, an oak tree will be planted on the campus core in memory of YSU student Jamail Johnson. Johnson, a member of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity who was to graduate this month, died Feb. 6 in an off-campus shooting. Omega Psi Phi, Woodrow Wilson Middle School and the YSU Student Government Association will dedicate a plaque, which will be placed adjacent to the tree. The Campus Beautification Initiative and members of Omega Psi Phi donated the tree. A peace rally and reception will take place adjacent to the tree dedication site following the ceremony.

Student theater fraternity stages 'Cinderella'

YSU's student theater fraternity, Alpha Psi Omega, will present "Cinderella" on Saturday at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in Bliss Hall's Spotlight Theater. Tickets are \$1 and only available at the door. The show is directed by YSU student Nathan Beagle, and parking is available in the M-1 deck for a fee.

POLICE BRIEFS

Parking permit stolen from car

On Tuesday, a student reported a parking permit stolen from her car, which had been parked in the M-1 parking deck. When she returned to her car after class, she noticed that the driver's side door was not completely shut. There were no signs of forced entry, and the student said that she probably forgot to lock her car door.

Student reports unauthorized transactions on debit card

On Wednesday, a student filed a police report regarding unauthorized charges on his debit card. Although the card was still in his possession, several transactions had taken place in the past few days at local gas stations and convenience stores. When the student last used his card in Pittsburgh during a baseball game, he had approximately \$300 in his account, which had dwindled to \$30. The student said he suspected his roommate of taking his card, using it and then returning it.

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The newspaper installation is not the first endeavor Thorndike has taken on involving recyclable items. Before this, she spent a great deal of time constructing art from shredded paper.

"Last semester, I made an [8-by-8] cube on a tilt with shredded paper inside and a video inside as well," Thorndike said.

Thorndike worked with art professor Greg Moring for the preparation of her installation. During their meetings, they would focus mainly on the concept development and portraying specifically what Thorndike wanted.

"We worked together as partners to plan, but they are her ideas. She is the sounding board," Moring said.

Moring was impressed with Thorndike's ability to work with materials after their typical function was over. He said she took pride in the fact that the material she used was recyclable.

"She uses a variety of ordinary materials," Moring said. "Lezlie is doing a great job. She is very inventive."

Daniel Rauschenbach, a student who has worked around Thorndike for years, agreed with Moring.

"I think her stuff is really over-the-top. To do something as big as she did, you need to be very organized," Rauschenbach said. "When you see [her art] you want to know what will happen next."

Thorndike and Moring agreed that newspaper was a great material to work with because of the nonexistent cost.

"The materials were cheap, which was good because she is a college student," Moring said.

Thorndike said, "I like working with the newspaper, and it's free."

The Bitonte College of Health and Human Services has also worked with Thorndike in conjunction with its afterschool program for area elementary schools. There, she works with students ages 5 to 8, teaching them different art techniques.

The children that Thorndike works with enjoy simple art concepts, such as foreground, middle ground and background techniques, and mixing colors. She said she thinks teaching now is giving her great experience for the future.

"I'll probably end up teaching, but hopefully at a college level," Thorndike said. "It's good to do this now because you learn the challenges of making a lesson."

With only one year of her undergraduate career remaining, Thorndike is focusing on compiling her art for a portfolio and pursuing graduate schools.

Thorndike received an overabundance of newspaper for her latest project and is planning on expanding from leftover materials.

"I already started doing something else because I have so much left," Thorndike said.

The newspaper installation turned out to be exactly what Thorndike hoped.

"It was an awesome installation, and I had a lot of fun doing it. I'm glad it went so well," Thorndike said.

PARKING PAGE 1

because of the shuttle."

Sophomore Sandra Jack said she tries to find other parking spots but thinks it's a hassle.

"When I park at Covelli, I'm not as early as I used to be, and you can't be late for my classes," Jack said.

Jack said she is doubtful that construction on the M-2 deck will be done on time.

"I wouldn't be surprised if we still have to park at Covelli in the fall and I'm still riding the shuttle," Jack said.

However, O'Connell said he is confident that the renovations will be completed in the allotted time. He said M-2 deck renovations even began a couple of days early.

"At this point we feel good

about current deck construction and are working on a lot of the demo work now," he said.

Don Wolford, an English professor who parks at the Covelli Centre, said the parking accommodations and shuttles have been great.

"There aren't as many of people riding the shuttle as I thought there would be," Wolford said.

Wolford said he parks at the Covelli Centre every day and doesn't bother looking for other spots.

Debra Stamper, a Covelli Centre shuttle bus operator, said she doesn't have many riders during her 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. shift.

"Today I had 14 and that's the most I've ever had on my

shuttle, but usually each run I do only have a couple people each time," Stamper said.

Stamper said the five shuttles are necessary.

"There is at least two [shuttle buses] at either YSU or Covelli, and it's necessary to make sure people get to where they need to be," Stamper said.

If work is not completed by Aug. 28, O'Connell said YSU has measures in place to make sure parking is available.

"If for some reason we are not finished on time, we plan to continue the use of the shuttle. We have a good plan and system in place, and if we have to, we will push a lot of folks down to Covelli early because of the amount of students on campus early on in the semester," O'Connell said.

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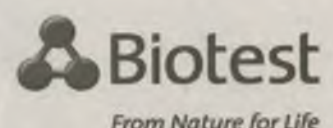
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President Barack Obama told the U.S. and the world on Sunday that intelligence leading to the whereabouts of Osama bin Laden originated in August. The attack was calculated and well executed.

However, the tactless manner in which bin Laden's body was handled and discarded has left the world wondering why. Why succumb to the traditionally Islamic last wishes of a man who sent so many Americans to a fiery grave under New York rubble? Why pander to a terrorist?

"After years of painstaking work," as Obama said in his address, the U.S. located and killed bin Laden.

And, after only hours, we committed his body, without yet confirming his identity, to the sea.

Providing a traditional Islamic burial, treating this terrorist as anything but a murderer, is beyond us. ABC's "World News" reported that bin Laden received a 40-minute ceremony, giving sanctity to the most ignoble figure in our modern history.

And now the White House quibbles over the release of the photos, which a source told CNN are not exactly irrefutable. The pictures are allegedly of a man shot through the side of the head, disfiguring the face and making identification difficult.

The DNA evidence was analyzed, and the results were released Monday by the White House. Conclusive.

With thousands of conspiracy theorists in America, why shroud the death of a man we have hunted since Bill Clinton's presidency in mystery?

Obama should have brought the body home. He should not have worried whether bin Laden's body was buried within the 24-hour Islamic custom. An autopsy should have been performed in the U.S. and results released to the public. Something else must have been done to provide another official document — a death certificate.

According to the Atlantic Monthly, no one wanted bin Laden's body, not even his native country of Saudi Arabia. Our president allowed the body to be wrapped in a white cloth and placed in the sea, as is Islamic tradition.

Obama has done the Muslim world a great disservice by lumping an insane man's actions with his religion. Bin Laden was first and foremost a murderer. And now, religious jihadists and suspicious Americans will always remember him as a Muslim, rather than the radical he was.

Obama hopes to avoid further retaliation and show Islam that the U.S. does not wish to anger the Muslim world, but, for many al-Qaida still fighting, any uncertainty of their leader's death would surely give them reason to keep fighting.

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Tear down your altars and lifeless idols



Vengeance is mine!

Chris Cotelesse
COLUMNIST

Justice is an attempt to set right what was made wrong. Unfortunately, some wrongs can never be fixed, and we're left to rely on vengeance.

Osama bin Laden is dead, killed by a special forces unit on Sunday. News stations across the U.S. boast video clips of celebrating Americans.

A youth pastor that I knew in my former life posted on his Facebook, "I would have loved to be on that special ops team that went in to Pakistan."

Are we celebrating justice or revenge?

Around 3,000 people died on 9/11. Thousands of American soldiers have died in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2001. Conflicting reports cite that the civilian death toll in those countries could be anywhere from tens of thousands to hundreds of thousands.

And none of them are coming back.

Don't misunderstand me. I am glad that a murderous psychopath has been neutralized. Maybe the families of victims can take some solace knowing that Osama bin Laden can't hurt anyone else. And if he had to be killed to stop him from escaping or to avoid risk to the men charged with his capture, then fine.

Perhaps his death was necessary. It was certainly justified.

But behaving as though anyone's loss could be diminished by bin Laden's death is just grossly inaccurate.

We're just as vulnerable as we were on Saturday. The battle isn't over. And friends and family are still dead. I'm stating the obvious in order to make a point.

Bloodlust is the reaction of the hurt and the frightened. It allows people to express rage and pain, but it can never satisfy.

Celebrate life! Celebrate the fact that America is stronger than those who wish to destroy us. Don't celebrate the death of any man, no matter how deserving he may have been.

Of course, it could have been worse. In a different century, people would have left his body in a tree for people to desecrate.

YSU SPEAK

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Is ignorance really bliss?

Kayla Hanuschak

On March 21 and 22, bomb threats compromised the lives of Youngstown State University students. A food service employee at YSU named Toya Scott called three different places, informing them that bombs existed somewhere on YSU's campus. One of the calls came from inside Ward Beecher Hall.

Props go out to the police's prompt capture. But the students, not really sure on whether the faculty and staff knew or not, were not informed that threats even occurred until they caught the "bad guy." Unaware of the situation at hand, scholars were walking around campus thinking their world remained safe (for the most part), but actually, many lives had the potential to fall to something fatal.

In most cases, bomb threats are just threats. Nothing substantial, just an excuse to cause hysteria to mass amounts of people, and no action or actual reason to be scared or frightened. More often than not, no bomb resides on the property. In high school, bomb threat practice runs happened about once a month. When an actual one happened, it lasted about an hour and was over with, but at least they actually explained what happened and took action.

In this case, what should concern the YSU community the most is that we were not informed immediately that the issue even existed. According to the YSU Police, the threats did not fit the criteria that deemed them "credible" so the campus was not informed until after the person was apprehended. They felt that sending out a text message or email would cause unnecessary chaos on the campus. While that may be true, students and professors still have a right to know since they pay to go to their school.

The students did not find out until Tuesday afternoon. By that point, people were just as shocked that they found the person let alone that there was a threat. The police need to figure out a better procedure and protocol to assess what is considered important and what is not. When someone calls three different places and tells them that a bomb sits on campus grounds that should qualify as a serious matter. Not notifying the people who go there is wrong. The police, acting on the rules and procedures with the best intentions for everyone involved, possessed the potential to cause more problems by keeping quiet.



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Student veterans give back

Chelsea Miller
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
EDITOR

To kick off Armed Forces Week, the Armed Forces Student Association will hold a car show on Youngstown State University's campus.

The AFSA was formed at YSU in December, but the organization already has more than 60 active members who are dedicated to giving back to the community.

The group participated in Valentines for Vets by visiting a local elementary school to make cards that were sent to troops overseas. Members were also involved in Relay for Life and Bowl a Strike Against Cancer.

Chris Dawson, vice president of the AFSA, said giving back to the community is a goal the veterans share.

"We already have volunteered to our country to serve and many of us have been deployed ... so [AFSA is] going to have a higher rate of people volunteering to help the community," he said.

The YSU AFSA Car Show will help raise money to finance other community service endeavors, and, if enough money is raised, to start a scholarship fund.

It will take place on the M-26 lot. Awards, T-shirt sales

and raffles will be available.

Paul Hageman, president of the AFSA, helped plan the event. After attending a car show in Hermitage, Pa., each year with his father, he said he believed the event would be fun for AFSA members and those attending.

He said he is worried about inclement weather, however.

"An event like this, it's all going to depend on the rain. It's going to be hit or miss on the weather," Dawson said.

"We're really hoping it doesn't rain whatsoever," said Anna Mancini, secretary of the organization.

Mancini is one of three members in the AFSA without military experience. She works in the YSU Office of Veterans Affairs.

"A lot of my friends are in the military, so this is kind of my way of giving back to my friends who are currently overseas and in the military," she said, adding that anyone can join the organization.

Hageman, however, joined the National Guard in 2003 after graduation. For two months, he was stationed at a site of Hurricane Katrina's destruction. In 2008, he was deployed to Kuwait where he was involved in missions in and out of Iraq.

"Until I got deployed, I really wasn't serious about school ... Spending a year over there gave me some time



The Armed Forces Student Association — (from left to right) Becca Lowe, Ronald Brogden-Aulet, Chris Dawson, Brittani Gregg, Anna Mancini and Paul Hageman — volunteered for Valentines for Vets in February by making cards for troops overseas. AFSA is planning a car show to help raise money for future community service opportunities, as well as a scholarship fund. It is the first car show that the group has planned. Photo courtesy of Anna Mancini.

to put my life in perspective," said Hageman, who is now a civil engineering major and graduating in December.

Hageman said the AFSA is important to YSU veterans who need help transitioning to a classroom environment.

"There's a lot of military

members on campus. A lot of them are older, and they have different needs ... That's why we have military only classes for a couple of GERs also," he said.

Mancini and Dawson added that the group is available to help veterans receive their

benefits for college.

The YSU AFSA Car Show will be held May 14 from 1-5 p.m. Mancini said slots are available for those who want to register cars for the show. Registration forms can be picked up at the Office of Veterans Affairs.

Dance Ensemble presents last performance of semester



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Jared Buker
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
REPORTER

The Youngstown State University Dance Ensemble will hold its annual spring dance concert in Bliss Hall's

Ford Theater.

Performances will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Directed by Christine Cobb, an associate professor in the department of theatre and dance, the concert will feature 13 dance pieces in the

style of hip-hop, tap and modern.

"Many of the students have never experienced modern [dance] before," Cobb said. "It's been very interesting seeing them change to see dance not just as a form of entertainment, but as an art form."

With the exception of guest performer Melinda Planey, a former YSU student now working at DANCE Cleveland as administrative coordinator, ensemble members choreographed the performance.

"They're stretching themselves," Cobb said. "It takes a lot of hours to teach movement and then perfect movement."

The ensemble, whose 25 members were selected in the fall, has been working every Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., since September. Student choreographers include Erienne Raib, Brianna Catheline, Mandi Fetty, Alexa Marino, LeAndra Cohen, Caty Moran, Katie Torba and Samantha Wilson.

Two months ago, Ohio approved a new dance major that YSU has added to its curriculum, Cobb said.

"I'm very proud of the kids," Cobb said. "Some of them are dance majors, some of them are dance minors and some are just students who en-

joy dance."

The YSU Dance Ensemble is a sanctioned student organization funded in part by the Student Government Association. Members elect officers, participate in activities and work to improve their performance and leadership skills.

Michele Lepore-Hagan, director of the Performing Art Series, said she believes the concert represents the culmination of a year's hard work.

"It's always a highlight of the year because it signifies the end of the semester and the start of spring," she said.

Lepore-Hagan said the elaborate costumes and lighting schemes make the performance "more than just dance." "It's very theatrical," she said. "The audience always enjoys themselves."

One featured performance is an oral interpretation called "Dance and the Spoken Word," which is based on Wallace Stevens' poem "Sunday Morning."

Choreographed by Torba, the dance shows the persona of the narrator in the poem as a woman trapped between sleepiness and breakfast time, contemplating the nature of supernatural religions.

Cobb said the concert typically draws about 200 attendees a night. Marino, one of the choreographers, said she is excited to reveal her talents and embrace dance.

"We worked really hard all year, and I know all the girls have put in a lot of work," said Marino, who choreographed hip-hop dance for YSU last year and has choreographed at dance studios in the past. "They deserve to show off their talents."

Marino said she enjoys working with Cobb and her fellow dancers.

"I think [Ms. Cobb] is great," she said. "She puts in a lot of time and a lot of hard work all year, and she is always there when we need her."

Tickets are general admission and are available only at the door. They are \$3 for YSU faculty, staff, students and senior citizens, and \$8 for the general public.

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Campus Connection

Where were you on 9/11, and what is your reaction to Bin Laden's death?



9/11: "I was in the elementary school library in fourth grade. I was one of the only people in the room who understood what was going on."
Osama: "I was watching TV in my living room. I was pretty happy."
Tom Patterson, freshman



9/11: "I was outside at recess. We got sent home early and I was confused."
Osama: "I was at work. I saw everyone's Facebook status on my phone, and at first I thought it was a big joke."
Gina Mastrianno, freshman

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with the initial idea to put a flag up, and then he got involved with fundraising. Other departments gave their input, too, resulting in the memorial.

Spano said the dedication was on the "quietest, clearest day," and Gulas said it was a beautiful sight to see a good portion of the campus show up for the dedication.

Jackie Lynch later established the Terry Lynch Foundation, now controlled by the YSU History Department, to raise money for YSU student scholarships.

Jackie Lynch, who now resides in Philadelphia, just welcomed a grandchild named Terry in April and plans to visit YSU in September for the 10th anniversary of 9/11.

Jackie Lynch said she wishes the war could end so the soldiers overseas could

come home, but she understands it isn't over yet.

"We still have a long way to go. We need to get rid of these people," she said about al-Qaida members.

Paul Sracic, chairman of the political science and pre-law department, said it is still too early to say what kind of impact bin Laden's death will have.

"People still aren't sure what kind of role he had in al-Qaida," he said.

Reports from senior administration officials reveal that bin Laden was found by following leads on higher-ups in the al-Qaida organization close to bin Laden.

Sracic said, in the short term, the U.S. might see some backlash from those who argue the U.S. violated Pakistani sovereignty. However, most understand the circumstances surrounding the events of 9/11

and America's hunt for bin Laden.

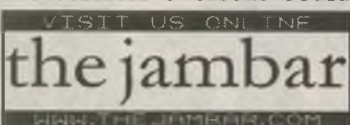
"You have to see this as a victory in the war between the United States and al-Qaida," Sracic said.

Sracic added that he believes Obama's declining approval ratings will see an upswing by Thursday, at least for a short amount of time, giving him some sort of negotiating clout that he could parlay into legislative victories.

"Historically, when there is some sort of national event ... Americans rally around the president," Sracic said.

Gulas said he has noticed a definite change in atmosphere from the somber mood of 9/11 to the celebrations of bin Laden's death.

"Some people are going to rest a little easier knowing the kingpin was brought down," Gulas said.



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Pound for pound: Student finds success in the cage

Jordan D. Uhl
SPORTS EDITOR

After landing a sequence of vicious blows, Youngstown State University student Ron Forte felt someone step between him and his opponent, pulling him off his victim.

Then, Forte was hit. However, it wasn't with a fist, but rather a wave of relief. He had just won his amateur mixed martial arts debut.

The sophomore environmental studies major had been training in boxing, Brazilian jiu-jitsu and shotokan karate for 15 months at Campbell Martial Arts with Team CMA.

Growing up, Forte developed a passion for the sport after watching old VHS tapes of Ultimate Fighting Championship fights.

"It sparked an interest that turned into an obsession," Forte said.

Always interested in sports, particularly football and baseball, Forte parted ways with competition in high school.

"I wanted to hang with my friends all the time and eventually get a job so I could do the things I wanted to do," Forte said. "I believe this also had a lot to do with getting into fighting."

After months of rigorous training sessions, Forte finally got the chance to test his skills on someone else.

On Saturday night at Yankee Lake Brawl Room XX-VII, Forte went toe-to-toe with Mike Hluhan, who was fighting out of Pittsburgh.

"I [felt] lucky in a sense that I didn't get too nervous before the fight because I went in feeling very confident due to the amount of time and energy I've spent preparing,"



Remaining confident and collected before his fight, Ron Forte shadowboxes an opponent to stay loose. Forte won by way of stoppage 1:52 into the fight. Photo by Jenna Medina/The Jambar.

Forte said.

Fighting in a comfortable weight class of 170, he wasn't required to cut weight, enabling him to eat properly in the days leading up to the fight. With this came increased

energy and focus.

"All I wanted to do was get in there and fight because, in my opinion, the worst part is having to wait. That's when the anxiety starts to kick in for me," he said.

Favoring his standing game, Forte planned on keeping his opponent on his feet.

This worked in his favor. Early into the fight, a right hook sent Hluhan to the canvas. Forte immediately

pounced on the downed foe and landed a couple of strikes before Hluhan was able to recover and get back on his feet, only to have his momentum used against him as Forte threw him back down.

Hluhan then had Forte in his guard, but it wasn't effective, bringing the fighters back to their feet.

After several blows from both, a huge overhand dropped Hluhan. Forte then landed a few dozen mild blows before throwing Hluhan against the cage, where he would meet his demise.

A few solid and unblocked punches from Forte forced the ref to stop the fight at 1 minute, 52 seconds.

"I felt a wave of relief, followed by a wave of exhaustion," Forte said. "I could barely stand up to talk to the announcer for the post-fight interview."

Forte plans on cutting weight safely and properly to fight at a lower weight class. He expects this process to take six to eight months.

Early in his career, there is definitely room for improvement, particularly cardiovascular, he said.

"One thing I was not prepared for was the adrenaline dump that happens to some fighters at the beginning of the fight," Forte said. "I felt exhausted immediately because of this."

He also encourages others to get involved in the sport because of its values and health benefits.

"Martial arts in general teaches discipline and the ability to set and achieve goals, which translates well into any situation life may throw at you," Forte said.

Rugby team ends season with bittersweet tournament

Jordan D. Uhl
SPORTS EDITOR

Trying its hand at another tournament, the Youngstown State University rugby club competed in the Ohio Rugby Classic in Columbus over the weekend.

In its 18th year, the tournament drew more than 70 teams from across North America.

In their first game, the Penguins were pitted against Wittenberg University.

After a Wittenberg score, the Penguins found themselves trailing 5-0.

Injuries plagued the team, as players were forced to play with one man down for the remainder. Despite this hindrance, the Penguins managed to post a try, tying the game at five, which held until the end.

Comparing it to a power play in hockey, Brett Grabman, rugby club vice president, said, "You really don't see four guys score on five guys very often. If we had

a full 15 squad we were all confident that we could have pulled that game out with a [win]."

Next, YSU met John Carroll University, which the Penguins have history with through division play.

"We hate these guys, and they hate us," Grabman said.

The team's detest for the Blue Streaks couldn't translate into adequate production on the field, and the Penguins fell 25-17.

Again, injuries played a part, but players from other teams "whored out," joining the Penguins temporarily.

Their final game wasn't one at all, as their opponent, Denison University, forfeited.

"[That] actually left a sour taste in our mouth," Grabman said.

Some players decided to stick around and "whore themselves out" for other teams.

As the squad's spring season comes to a close, players begin to reflect on how far they've come. Last fall the



In a game against the Canton men's club earlier this season, senior Brett Grabman takes down an opponent in a muddy patch. Photo by Jordan D. Uhl/The Jambar.

team went 2-6, which could discourage some, but the Penguins pressed on, improving to a 6-5-2 spring record.

"We can call it a successful season, [especially] with the majority of its roster being rookies," Grabman said. "It almost brings a tear to my eye to tell you the truth."

Improving their skills throughout the year, the Penguins developed their talent by competing against better teams whenever possible.

"If YSU rugby asked the team as a whole, 'If we played ourselves, at the beginning of the year, who would win?' The answer is, our team now

would absolutely win," Grabman said. "Every week we have gotten better. That's the sign of a maturing team."

The team has transformed, with Steve Bolton stepping in to fill the team's coaching vacancy.

A large portion of club members played their last game for the Penguins this weekend due to graduation. Roughly 10 of them plan on rebooting the Youngstown Steel Valley Rugby Club.

For Grabman, he plans on staying at YSU for the police academy and continuing to oversee the rugby club.

"It will require a lot of work and a huge recruiting campaign, but in the end it will all hopefully be worth it," Grabman said.

Penguins drop doubleheader to UIC, speculate future

Joe Catullo Jr.
SPORTS REPORTER

The Youngstown State University baseball team could not find a win in a delayed doubleheader against the University of Illinois at Chicago on Sunday.

Sophomore Neil Schroth hit an RBI triple in the bottom of the third inning to give the Penguins an early 1-0 lead in game one. However, YSU could not keep it.

Senior ace Phil Klein gave up two runs in the top of the fourth to blow the lead, even though both runs were unearned. Two throwing errors on the same play cost the Penguins the lead.

YSU kept the game close

throughout until the seventh inning when UIC unfolded and scored three runs to make the score 5-1. The four-run lead was too much for the Penguins, and they failed to score in the last inning. YSU looked to rebound in the second game.

Southpaw sophomore Bill Turosky took the mound for the Penguins in game two and quickly wound up in trouble. The first three batters all doubled as two runners touched home plate. Another run was tallied later in the inning to make the score 3-0.

UIC scored twice in the top of the sixth inning to extend the lead to five. YSU vaguely responded in the bottom half of the inning, avoiding the shutout on Schroth's sacrifice

fly that scored senior Armani Johnson. Nobody scored for the rest of the game, and for the second time in one day, the Penguins fell 5-1.

Sophomore Kevin McCulloh pitched out of the bullpen twice. He pitched four innings and allowed zero runs on two hits and one strikeout.

On his Twitter account — @YSUBaseball — head coach Rich Pasquale said, "Tough one today with 2 losses vs. [UIC]. We need to get after it this week."

With the season winding down, YSU will play five games in the upcoming week.

The Penguins will take on Allegheny College on Tuesday at Eastwood Field. After that, they travel to Ohio University for a makeup game

from April 26. They will wrap up the busy week at home with a three-game series versus the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee this weekend.

Although the Penguins have the second-worst overall record (11-30) in the Horizon League, they rank fifth in the conference (6-9). Six out of the seven teams will make the conference tournament, so YSU is almost automatically qualified.

Yet every spot is still available. The leading team is Valparaiso University with a 12-4 conference record. Cleveland State University ranks last at 2-16.

Depending on how the next few weeks turn out, YSU still has a shot at first place. With a sweep against Milwaukee, the

Penguins can move into fourth place.

In doing so, YSU will have to beat the odds. The Penguins lead the Horizon League with a .969 fielding percentage but rank last in almost all of the remaining categories. The Penguins rank fifth in strikeouts (242); sixth in batting average (.234) and hits (306); and last in home runs (2), RBIs (104), runs (116) and ERA (6.68). Junior David Leon hit both home runs.

Individually, Klein ranks second in the conference with 70 strikeouts along with a 3.99 ERA (ninth place). Two Penguins rank in the top 10 in innings pitched: Klein, sixth (65.1), and sophomore Robert Switka, seventh (63).